

Enjoying the Sweet Sounds of Success

By: Ruth Ferguson George Tease has enjoyed a love affair with music for over forty years. As a teen he was what a player needs to Home Remodeling. One of their even offered a

scholarship. Although he enjoyed playing the guitar, he decided to study electronics because he preferred the stability. Tease landed a job at Rockwell International (acquired by Alcatel), where he worked for twenty-five vears before he was laid off in 2002. Yet as it is often said, when one

door closes, another one opens. For Tease, the second door was the music studio Searchlight Productions, which he founded with his wife, Terri Janelle.

Tease met his wife Terri in 1973 and although she is not a musician, Terri is an avid

listener. He admits, "I learned an Tease was also laid off and he important lesson. A listener is as important as the musician. That is business with his son called All music understand."

started a home improvement projects was

building Searchlight, which is located in the Tease home. Even Tease's mother, Louise Doakes in Tulsa encourages the pursuits of her sons.

Fueled by the desire to see all of life savings lost overnight in the stock market, he decided, to take a chance on himself and start his own business.

Tease spent \$50,000 from his retirement to

pay off all debts except his mortgage, for remodeling and quality-recording equipment. Financing the studio this way Tease avoided a loan and the stress of monthly payments. Tease realized, "with a loan, I

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Konor By: James E. Clingman On February 25, 2005, I had the privilege and honor of visiting a place about which I have read, taught, and written. The emotions I experienced during my visit, as I walked through the corridors of the commemorative Cultural Center, reading the information and viewing the historical photos, was nearly overwhelming. So many faces, so many memories, so much property, so many businesses, and so many lives, all lost in one of America's holocausts. The photos of Black men lying dead in the streets, a Black woman and her son lynched and still hanging from a bridge over the river, and Black people being herded off to concentration camps were nearly too much to absorb.

Tulsa, Oklahoma. A feeling of anger was followed by remorse, and that followed by pride, as I stood on that hallowed ground and remembered, through the news clippings, photos; homes. videotapes, and personal accounts of the survivors, what took place in the Greenwood District of Tulsa, on May 31, 1921.

I wondered how something so heinous, something so dastardly and cowardly, something so blatantly illegal was not only suppressed by the media, but also never prosecuted by the authorities The Greenwood holocaust was the worst tragedy to take place on American soil since the Civil War, the worst riot in our history, and the largest case of destruction and theft of personal property.

and to many more essential Black owned businesses. After all of that circulating, those dollars finally found their way to the funeral

More than 80 years later, Black people are trying to get our dollars to circulate just once, and with Black funeral homes being bought out (or should I say, "sold out"?) by White conglomerates, even those dollars are less likely to end up in Black cash registers.

That tragic event in Tulsa shows now important it is for Black

Democrats and Republicans in Agreement on the Black Press

By: Hazel Trice Edney WASHINGTON (NNPA) -Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill in Washington rarely agree on anything. But last week both parties gave high praises to members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) on the 178th birthday of the Black Press.

"Over the years, NNPA has remained a voice of conscience and reflection, gauging the progress and fairness of our nation's laws and cultural values," said Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada)in a statement after a Capitol Hill meeting with NNPA publishers. "The community papers that make up the NNPA have also served as a forum for issues that were, and continue to be overlooked by other media venues."

Reid thanked the NNPA for "continuing to call for a fair and responsible judiciary, for economic development and security, and for creating

opportunity for African-Americans and all Americans to succeed."

On the opposite side of the aisle, Republican leaders issued a resolution congratulating NNPA on its 65th anniversary.

"The Senate commemorates the 65th anniversary of the Black Press of America by recognizing the significant contributions all African-American newspapers have made from the time of slavery and segregation to today; and the continued contributions African-American newspapers make to the ideal of equal opportunity for all Americans," reads Senate Resolution 83. "The African-American press has operated as an instrument of social change for decades as it has protested inequality and spotlighted the achievements of African-Americans.

The sessions with Black publishers were not always smooth.

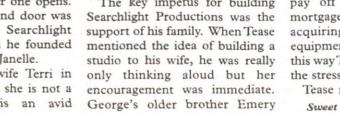
During a breakfast meeting, Dem. & Rep. Agree Page 3

Basketball Great Marques Haynes Named Honorary Chair Of The Links, Incorporated "Day At The Races" Fundraiser Well known basketball Hall Magicians (1953-72, 1983-

of Famer, and Dallas resident 92). He has also enjoyed Marques Haynes will serve as international fame as a

Plano

honorary chair of the basketball entertainer and



The key impetus for building

acquiring

during a series of upcoming schools tours to encourage enrollment of three- and four-year old learners in the schools' tuitionsupported program. Parents are invited to tour the campuses. For more information, visit the district www.pisd.edu/ web site: early.childhood.

On the Homefront:

held at the Plano Centre located at

2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway

March 24- 26, 2005

m or call 972-699-8886.

www.ci.plano.tx.us.

in Plano.

The following events will be

The Life Enrichment Boot Camp is an interactive workshop

that uses experiential games, drills

and competitions to improve

relationships (for adults).

Admission Charge: \$700.00. For

more information log on to:

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The Plano City Council accepts nominations for "Volunteer of the

Month" on a regular basis. The

deadline is the first of every

month. The final selection is made

by the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and

the Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. For

more information visit:

Collin County Community

College District (Collin) will show

off its international flair with a day

of events beginning March 31,

2005. International Day will

feature a wide variety of activities,

which showcase the college's

melting pot of students and

faculty. All events will be at the

Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E.

Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

Events are free and open to the

public. For more information call

the Collin International office at

972-516-5012 or by email at

Plano ISD's early childhood

schools are "Serious About Having

Fun," and they are sharing that

message with the community

iso@ccccd.edu.

For over twenty years the Collin County Committee on Aging has been delivering nutritious meals and smiles to the frail elderly of Collin County. Please take the time to help out the much needed organization. Your donation will truly change lives. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at Collin County Committee on Aging at 600 N. Tennessee Street, Mckinney, TX 75069. All donations are tax deductible.

Collin County Community College District hosts Ambassador Antoino Lulli former Peruvian ambassador for the Organization of American States. He is now the CCCCD Honors Institute's 2005 scholar-in-residence for spring. Lulli will hold a public forum and present a selection from his more than 400-piece collection titled "Folk Art of Peru: A Melding of Two Civilizations." The forum is set for 1 pm, Thursday, March 24 in the CCCCD conference center at 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. To RSVP, call Lisa Vasquez at 972-758-3894.

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I did absorb it though. I took it all in, and although I have spent many hours studying this tragic event, I learned much more in far fewer hours as I toured the Greenwood Cultural Center in

The Greenwood District was a bastion of economic success where Black dollars circulated from the local barber shops to the restaurants to the newspaper to the grocery stores to the doctors to the nightclubs to the drug stores to the hotels to the taxicabs to the theaters

people to own their communities, to own self-sustaining businesses, and to support one another economically. If White folks were willing to go into Greenwood and set fire to the buildings, steal the belongings of Black citizens before they torched their homes, conspire with the rich oil barons to use their airplanes to drop nitro-glycerin bombs on the district, shoot down men, women, and children, even as they surrendered, and then dig **Blackonomics** Page 4

Two Great Teen Events To Be Held In Garland

On Saturday, March 26, 2005 from 3 pm to 5:30 pm, two great events for teens will be presented by Ruff 'N' Entertainment at the Granville Arts Center 300 North Fifth in Garland, TX. The 5th Annual Achievement Awards "Honoring Youth Committed to Success" will honor seventh through twelfth grade students possessing educational success, outstanding character and community involvement. The 1st Annual Gospel Music Fest will also take place on Saturday and will include a Talent Showcase Expo, Easter Concert and Compilation CD recording. Diamond Entertainment Consultants and Texas Talent Association will host the Talent Showcase which will feature R&B, Gospel Rap, Spoken Word and Praise Dance performances by local teens. D'Town Records will be on hand to observe the performances. Teens will also have the opportunity to win V.I.P. passes from Texas Teen Summit to see Raven Simone and Bow Wow on April 8 and 9, 2005.

To close out the day, Ruff 'N' Entertainment along with Faith Movement Media, will present "Recognize the Resurrection '05" Gospel Music Fest from 7:30 pm to 11 pm at the Granville Arts Center. Some of the entertainment for this 1st Annual Gospel Music Fest will include the Lava Girls, Kiera Wade and Stellar Award winning recording artist Temetreon.

Hosted by the Black United Fund and City of Dallas Deputy Mayor Don Hill, the proceeds from these events will benefit Texas Teen Summit's Adopt A Senior Program - a program that helps defray graduation costs for disadvantaged high school seniors.

Texas Teen Summit is an agency of the Black United Fund of Texas, a private philanthropic foundation which has historically provided educational opportunities through a variety of scholarship programs. Talented, highly motivated, junior high and high school students who participate may earn special gifts, monetary prizes and scholarships.

For additional details and ticket information for these 214-703-0816 or email call events info@faithmovement.com. All donations to support these events are tax deductible. MON-The Gazette along with the other local sponsors greatly appreciate community support for these events.

North ne Lin Metroplex Chapter, The Links, Incorporated annual fundraiser, "A Day at the Races VI, Le School, where he led the Chapeau Affaire". This event school to a high school will be held at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie on Saturday, 1941 and was named a April 23, 2005 beginning at Second Team scholastic All-11:30 am.

Haynes is widely regarded as the world's finest ball handler during his 40-plus-year career in basketball spent with the Harlem Globetrotters (1947-53. 1972-79) and the

athlete. A native of Sand Springs, OK, Haynes Incorporated basketball career began at Booker T. Washington High

national championship in America that season. Haynes then started as a collegiate at Langston University (1942-46), where he was a four-time All-State, All-Conference and team MVP selection. Haynes "Day At The Races" Page 5

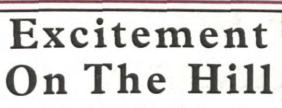
Focus for the Future

Club SuccessTM will hold its annual Focus for the Future be held at 1:30 pm. Teen and Parent Seminar on Saturday, April 2, 2005 from 8:45 am - 4:00 pm. This year's seminar will feature a basketball skills camp conducted by the Top Achievers Foundation. Students will participate in a 1/2 day of workshops and a 1/2 day of skills camp. The workshops for teens include Team Building/Time Management, Making Right Choices: Avoiding Drugs and Gangs and Interviewing/Resume 214-455-4575 or visit Club Writing. The workshops Generation will be conducted by Frito-Plano Police Lay, Department and Plano ISD Student Services. A Parents

Generation Only Workshop for parents and/or guardians will also

> The seminar and skills camp will be held at Plano Senior High School located at 2200 Independence Road, Building B, in Plano, TX. Registration will begin at 8:00 am. There is a \$20 admission charge per student and includes continental breakfast and lunch. There is a \$5 per person charge for parents/guardians. To reserve a space or find out more about the event call Success' website at www.clubgs.org. The deadline for reservations is March 29, 2005.

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Recently two Prairie View A & M

University Alumni Chapters (Dallas and

North Dallas, Denton and Counties

(NDDC)) joined together to provide

transportation for high school students

from across the Metroplex and

surrounding cities go to Prairie View for

an exciting and enlightening day on

The mission was to take as many high

school students to Prairie View for

Pantherland Day 2005. Team work was

the name of the game, and Dallas and

NDDC Alumni Chapters combined to

take a record 152 high school students

High schools represented were

Lincoln, Madison, South Oak Cliff,

Kimball, Trinity, Lake Highlands, and

the Yvonne Ewell Town View Magnet

There were two pick up stops. One at

New Mount Zion Baptist Church, 9550

Shepherd Road at 4:30 am and the

other at the Excitement On The Hill Page 3

and Corsicana, Ennis, and Arlington.

using three chartered buses.

"The Hill."



On Going

Eyecare America urges seniors to call the Seniors Eye-care Hotline: 1-800-222-EYES (3937). The help-line is intended to remind the senior community about the value of sight and the eye care program is available all year round. For more information log on to: www.eyecareamerica.org.

The African Chamber of Commerce DFW chapter hosts weekly business luncheons every Wednesday from Noon - 1 pm, featuring guest speakers, networking, technical assistance, etc. Location: The Farmers Market Resource Center, 1010 S. Pearl Street—Dallas, TX. For more information call 214-670-5880.

PIP Productions, distributors of the new multi-station show, The Valder Beebe Show, announces The Valder Beebe Show broadcast on "KXVI FM The Bridge Network" each Sunday, from 6 - 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 972-727-0195. Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972-548-4114. You can also visit the web at www.co.collin.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@teensreachingteens.org.

Jobscekers

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Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking of Collin County. The non-profit group oversees several chapters, group meetings from 11:30 am to 1 pm every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. For more information, log on to the Plano Chamber web site at www.planochamber.org.

DISD is looking for qualified teacher applicants to begin employment in FALL 2005. If you are interested in becoming a teacher, job fairs will take place in April. Call 972-925-4238 for more details.

General Information

The Urban League of Garland 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.

PEAK Leadership Development – Information Luncheon--PEAK Leadership is an executive development program for corporate leaders and managers. Lunch is \$5 for individuals interested in an executive leadership development program. For more information contact Wm. Jan Daehnert at 214-808-0849.

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

The work of artist Annie Lee, "Annie Lee: The Artist, Her Life, Her Work " will be exhibited at James E. Kemp Gallery at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL) January 16 - May 14. The artwork may be viewed Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday, Noon - 4:00 pm.

St. John First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, TX is sending local youth on a Black College Tour. The church is asking for donations from all who can help in the DFW Metroplex with the \$2500 that needs to be raised. The trip will take place in March. For more information on how you can help, contact the program coordinator, Candace Tuck at: ctuck@EISD.org.

The National Black Marathoners' Association (NBMA) has launched its website. This is a not-for-profit organization that promotes distance running to African American adults and offers scholarships to Black high school distance runners. For more information and to see the new website log on to: www.blackmarathoners.org.

The City of Garland is encouraging neighborhood improvements through a Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant program. This program is designed to provide assistance to specific neighborhood projects that provide a public benefit by promoting a stronger, safer, and healthier community. The next application deadline is April 1, 2005. Applicants may contact Felisa Conner, Neighborhood Vitality Manager, at 972-205-3864 or by email fconner@ci.garland.tx.us.

The Foston Adolescent Workshop Inc. is sponsoring its first national oratorical contest for two and four year college students, 10-12th graders, 6th-9th graders, and K-5th graders. To enter this competition the participants must submit a videotape of themselves reciting a poem. All entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2005. For more information and official rules log on to: www.drfoston.com.

Girls, Inc. (Dallas) will be taking their participants West Africa in June 2005 for the Rites of Passage. The cost of the trip for each individual is \$3500.00. The group is in need of extra volunteers and funds. If you are interested in supporting the organization it will greatly appreciated. Contact Emma Rodgers, Co-Owner of Black Images Book Bazaar at 214-943-0142 or by email at esrodgers@aol.com.

March 24-April 3, 2005

The Mesquite Arts Center will host and exhibition of recent work by local artist Diane Walker-Gladney. A public reception will be held for the artist on March 19, 2005. The show entitled Road Art and Discontinuity Series is a collection of mixed media paintings reflecting the artist's interest in the Japanese aesthetic called, "Wabi-Sabi: finding beauty in the imperfect, impermanent and incomplete." The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway, Mesquite, TX. 75149 Log on to the website at www.mesquiteartscenter.org. For more details call 972-216-8132.

March 25, 2005

Black Cinematheque Dallas invites you to the Black Woman's Film Festival featuring the movie: Stranger Inside, a bittersweet drama about one young woman's unconscious struggle to bring the downward cycle of her own situation to a head. Come out and be enlightened and visit the African Women's Market with distinctive specialty items for purchase. For more information call 214-939-2787.

The Angelika Film Center-Plano will be showing two new films Walk on Water and You I Love. For students who don't have much money to spend they have a great deal on Tuesdays—a \$5.50 special with a free large popcorn. Location: The Shops at Legacy, 7205 Bishop Rd, Plano, TX 75024. Log onto the website at www.angelikafilmcenter.com or call 972-444-film for more information.

March 25-36, 2005

The Irving Arts Center will be presenting Selections For Spring by the Momentum Dance Company beginning at 8 pm. Tickets are \$10-15. The event will take place in the Carpenter Performance Hall. For more information call 972-252-7558 or log on to their website at www.irvingartscenter.com.

March 26, 2005

The 6th annual Community Mother & Daughter Pageant will be hosted at the Sweet Fellowship Church located in Dallas at 2106 Shellhorse Lane at 7:30 pm. This pageant is the perfect tool when it comes to appreciating the relationships between mothers and daughters solidifying a healthy family structure. For more information contact Sakina Jackson-Glenn at 972-283-9665 or visit www.thegospelguide.org.

The 5th Annual First Ladies Luncheon will be hosted at the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters. This annual luncheon recognizes the spouses of Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area religious leaders for their interest, work and support in helping to continue the cultural development and preservation of TBAAL's purpose and mission in arts and education. For more information call 214-743-2449.

March 29, 2005

The March 2005 meeting of the NAACP Garland Branch and the Political Forum for City of Garland City Council and Mayor Candidates has been rescheduled for 7:15 pm. The location remains Women's Activity Center, 713 Austin Street@Glenbrook, Garland (downtown). If you have questions regarding the Political Forum, please contact Mr. Ricky McNeal, Political Action Chair at 972-381-5044, ext 5.

April 1, 2005

The University of North Texas Rare Book Room in Willis Library will participate in the annual International Edible Book Festival. The event begins at 2 to 4 pm. For a \$2 entry fee contestants can enter their tasty book creations. No open flames are allowed on entries and the edible books can have non-edible parts, but must be mostly eatable. While there is no entry deadline, please notify the Rare Book Room staff of plans to enter an item the day of the festival. To find out more about the UNT event, contact Mary Durio, department head and curator of the Rare Book and Texana Collections, at 940-565-2768.

April 1-2, 2005

The state-mandated prekindergarten program serves children who are four years of age on or before September 1 and who are limited-English speaking or from families that qualify for free or reduced lunch. The program serves Spanish and Chinese bilingual children, other English-Language Learners, and children from families that meet the income guidelines. Eligible students attend this program at no cost to the family. If you believe your child may be eligible for this program based on limited English proficiency or income

eligibility please call for West Plano area: 469-752-4202, Central Plano area: 469-752-4303, and East Plano residents call 469-752-0203.

April 2, 2005

The Irving Arts Center proudly presents Spring Fling "Art and Adventure." Kids of all ages will discover their love for the arts at the 2005 Spring Fling Art Adventure! This FREE family fun event will take place from 2 to 5 pm in the beautiful outdoor Sculpture Garden located at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 North MacArthur Blvd. in Irving, one mile north of HWY 183. For more information call 972-252-7558 or log on to website their at www.irvingartscenter.com.

Jazz fans can hear the cymbal

splash, the trombone slide and the trumpet blast at the 13th annual Collin County Community College Jazz Festival. The event is slated for performances starting at 8 pm at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. Performances will be on the John Anthony Theater and the Black Box Theater. Tickets for the shows will be available at the door for \$8. For more information or to reserve tickets, e-mail Collin Music Professor Kris Berg at kberg@ccccd.edu or call him at 972-881-5108.

Support Groups

"Healing Matters" Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to 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 Civil Rights Commission On Life Support

By: James W. Breedlove

The unexpected resignation of Russell Redenbaugh from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights appears to be the opening volley in the Administration's efforts to discredit, denounce, dismantle and pull the plug on the critically ill Commission. Redenbaugh, a 15-year member of the Commission, said he isn't sure the panel even has a purpose anymore.

Perhaps clearest the indication that the writing is on the wall for the Civil Rights Commission is the Administration's reaction to the release of the controversial staff report, Redefining Rights in America: The Civil Rights Record of the George W. Bush Administration, 2001-2004, that was highly critical of the Bush Administration's civil rights policies. While the report was completed prior to the 2004 presidential election the full Commission delayed considering the document until after the election and then split 4-4 on its adoption. However, the beleaguered outgoing chair, Mary Frances Berry, forwarded the unendorsed report to President Bush.

It is well known that this Administration does not tolerate opposing views or questions about its policies. Almost immediately after release of the report the well-oiled PR machine that willfully vilified General Eric Shinseki, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, and Joseph Wilson when they dared question the Administration's war justification began to undermine and smear the Commission.

Evidence for termination focused mainly on such items as a lack of accountability, no financial audits, partisan management, boorish behavior, absurd rhetoric, lack of purpose, and misuse of public funds during the tenure of Mary Berry. The political hacks don't commensurate headaches. There

descriptors apply to the among the various protected Administration's conduct of the Iraq War, the only difference being \$300 billion unaudited tax dollars instead of \$9 million.

Before making judgment, an abbreviated history on the Commission's evolution is appropriate. The United States Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan, factfinding agency established under the Civil Rights Act of 1957. Born just two years after Dr. King's Martin Luther Montgomery bus boycott the Commission initially highlighted egregious voting rights violations and repressive racial discrimination practices.

While the Commission had no authority to enforce civil rights laws it effectively used its subpoena powers to force reluctant local officials to testify under oath. It then issued hardhitting factual reports that clearly demonstrated the failure of existing laws and proposed remedies the government should impose.

During its first decade of operation the Commission was effective in appealing to the Nation's sense of fairness and was instrumental in Congress passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

In the early 1970's the Commission spearheaded a "disparate treatment" model that avoided the lengthy process of proving intentional discrimination by using statistics to demonstrate resultant unequal utilization of Blacks in employment, federal contracts, education and housing.

The newly mobilized and energized social movement garnered addition civil rights gains with an expanded agenda that included women, the physically and mentally handicapped, the aged, and nonnative speakers of English. But the expanded agenda had

seem to realize that the same were special interest conflicts

groups now included under the Civil Rights banner. Simultaneously, the nation was being divided over "quota" charges and "reverse discrimination" claims.

The election of Ronald Reagan marked the beginning of a concerted conservative attack on the civil rights measures supported by the Commission. Capitalizing on the growing resentment of Whites to minority preference policies, Reagan attempted to stack the Commission with conservatives. Congress, feeling the President was taking over an agency they created, balked and the resultant compromise reorganized the Commission by expanding it to eight members, four appointed by the President and four by the Congress.

Even with the Reagan Civil Rights counteroffensive Congress passed the Civil Rights Restoration Act in 1988 over Reagan's veto. In 1990 President Bush signed the American's With Disabilities Act and the following year the new civil rights law that expanded protections for women.

Michael Yaki, a new member of the Commission, testifying before the House Judiciary Subcommittee said that he disagreed with Redenbaugh's assertion that the Commission had run its course.

"The Jim Crow era may have ended, but anyone who believes that we have become a nation completely without malice towards people of color, towards new immigrants, towards those who believe or worship differently is deliberately hiding their head in the proverbial sand."

There is still a need for a Civil Rights Commission. In a nation as economically and socially diverse as America, the issue of civil rights is ongoing and must remain on the permanent agenda.

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Consumers' Corner

and eating in arthritis patients by as much as 50%.

Here's what they recommend: before performing an aerobic pain and prevent injury, apply before and after exercise.

Another study encourages seniors to boost their daily intake of Vitamin C and D to slow the loss of cartilage due to osteoarthritis. Doctors discovered that patients who ate a diet high in Vitamin D, or took Vitamin D supplements, reduced their risk for worsening arthritis by 75% during an ongoing Framingham Heart Study. The Arthritis Research Campaign in England found that a low intake of Vitamin C, may actually increase the risk of developing arthritis. They recommend at least 500-1000 milligrams (mg) of Vitamin C and 400 units (IU) of Vitamin D daily.

have been documented by scientific

At noon they were provided a free lunch that consisted of Bar-B-Que

Saundra

Lohr -

Robinson

My sixty year-old Grandmother

suffers from arthritis and is

convinced that moderate exercise,

like walking, will only make her

condition worse. What can I do to

convince her that walking for

about 20 minutes per day will

actually help her arthritis

You might consider this.....

Medical doctors who specialize in

pain-related diseases such as

arthritis, rheumatology and

geriatric medicine have published

research that consistently shows

that exercise helps to alleviate

arthritis symptoms and improves

strength and flexibility. Exercise

also prevents weight gain, which

has been shown to worsen arthritis

In fact, researchers at the Wake

Forest University School of

Medicine found that aerobic or

resistance exercise reduces the

incidence of disability for key daily

Flying J Truck Stop,

Bonnie View Road & I-20

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at 5:00 am.

pain.

symptoms? Dianna R.

Question:

chair, with a student and one of the bus drivers.

started at 9:30 am with important Financial Aid, designation about: Scholarships, Admissions, points THEA, Community Life, 8:00 pm with Academic Programs, very favorable Career Counseling, & comments Student Activities.

Other activities included day. University presentations, Pantherland Financial Aid Seminars, a Day college fair, campus tours, Committee

activities such as dressing, bathing

Stretch at least 10 minutes daily activity such as walking. Start off with a moderate stroll, say perhaps 15-20 minutes, gradually walking up to 30 minutes per day, at least three days per week. To minimize warm, moist heat to arthritic joints or sore muscles for 15 minutes

Also, the benefits of Green Tea

and other campus officials.

They also filled out admission and financial aid applications while touring the Student Service Building and meeting with the Dean of Student Services.

The students arrived at information their drop off at Housing/ approximately about their The 2005

a mini step show, the PVU was headed by Walter procuring the students,

research that identified the polyphenols, or chemical compounds in this tea that help suppress a key gene involved in arthritis inflammation and reduces bone deterioration.

So here's to your health drink one to two cups of hot or cold green tea daily, stretch and warm up those muscles and take grandmother on a nice, leisure walk. I am sure she will love the company and the chance to get out of the house. Try to get your grandmother interested by walking through your local mall, visiting a garden center or arboretum, or simply go for a stroll through her neighborhood or park. Make it a weekly occurrence and invite other family members to join you as well. You may not be able to say good-bye to her heating pad and Ben-gay just yet, but practice makes perfect. You might consider this......

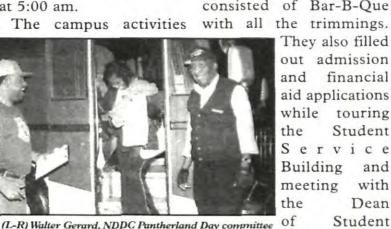
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Billy C. Heath, NDDC Alumni Chapter president.



Students lining up for bus ride to Prairie View A&M University for Pantherland Day 2005.



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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano. Texas

and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true



to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parody outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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Gerard, Class of '72 from Band with a variety of performances. and the NDDC Alumni



Students unloading the buses at Prairie View A&M University.

complimentary food for the day. Students had opportunity to converse with Department Heads

Jesse Chapter and Fontenette, Class of '63 an from the Dallas Chapter. Thanks to these two men and their tireless efforts in

Dem. & Rep. Agree Page 1

James Belt, publisher of the Dallas Examiner urged Senate Republicans to stop supporting federal judges that are insensitive to civil rights. Sen. Majority Leader Bill Frist responded, "I would never support a judge that would support discrimination."

Many Black lawmakers and civil rights advocates have objected to some of President Bush's nominees to the federal bench, some of whom were rejected in the last session of Congress or held up in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Bush did not endear himself to civil rights leaders when he said he would appoint federal judges in the mold of ultraconservatives Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia.

And Reid, the Democratic leader, was criticized for saying he could support the elevation of Scalia to become chief justice, but not Clarence Thomas. The two are the most conservative members of the High court and have almost

voting records.

In his meeting, Reid told the Black publishers why he opposes President Bush's proposal to privatize Social Security, which provides 44 percent of the total income and is the only source of income for one in three African-Americans 65 and older. The president's plan is risky because "Social Security is not really in a crisis, and will remain solvent for decades," Reid said. Many Republicans are also leery of the privatization of social security.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson of Texas hosted the breakfast with Republicans sponsored by the Republican National Committee. Texas Sen. John Cornyn also appeared.

While Frist spoke to the publishers about initiatives to increase funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and technology for inner-city schools, none mentioned President Bush's Republicanbacked budget proposal to cut funding for Pell grants, a cut identical opposed by Black

the buses and coordinating the activities when describing their activities on "The Hill" that day, students used adjectives such as "fantastic, very impressive, and awesome" to name a few. C. Billy Heath, president of NDDC Alumni Chapter and Clever Lewis, president of the Dallas Chapter were advisors and said they are looking forward to the same excitement and high level of participation for Pantherland Day 2006.

right organizations.

Sen. George Allen (R-Va.)made a point of telling the Black publishers about his bill to apologize for the Senate's having never passed antilynching laws. Replying to a question, he said he is against reparations for the damages done to Black people by lynching, Jim Crow laws or enslavement.

Member of the Congressional Black Caucus gave the publishers a copy of their legislative agenda for the 109th Congress, listing many issues on which they disagree with President Bush, including a ban on racial profiling and seeking to close racial disparities in health, economics and criminal justice.

CBC members favored an alternative budget that passed the Senate 52-48 during Black Press week. Said Del. Donna Christian-Christensen (D-VI) told the publishers, in comparison, "It's the civil best budget."

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Dallas Business Leaders Briefing Series

The North Chamber of Commerce will hold a Dallas Business Leaders Briefing Series on Tuesday, March 29, 2005. The briefing series will begin at 7 am will be held at the North Dallas

Preston Road, 10707 Dallas, TX 75230. Former cost for chamber members Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk is the featured speaker. Mr. Kirk will discuss proposed changes to the Dallas City Charter and other issues

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mass graves to hide hundreds of bodies, Black business ownership and self-sufficiency must be important in this country.

Greenwood, although it was ravaged by a jealous, envious, bloodthirsty mob of White folks bent on destroying the economic success of Black citizens, literally burned to the ground, it was rebuilt and then once again suffered from upheaval by a new destroyer: "Urban Renewal."

Every Black person in this country who has an ounce of consciousness and pride, everyone who values history and anyone who acknowledges the horrendous treatment of Black people in this country, from slavery even to this day in some areas, should visit the Greenwood Cultural Center in Tulsa, You will, see and feel, the history of a city built and sustained by determined brothers and sisters who understood what economic empowerment was all about. Yes, they "had" to buy and sell among themselves because of segregation; they had no choice.

Today we have a choice, and we choose to do just the opposite. How can Black people in this country, after all we have been

in the minds of our children the memory of Greenwood and, as other folks say, "Never Forget" what took place there. And we must not only concentrate on the negative things that took place, hundreds of businesses and homes completely destroyed and hundreds of people slaughtered. We must always remember the very positive things that took place there prior to and after the riot. Memories of our past are already filled with negative issues; the Greenwood District and other Black economic enclaves across this country speak to the positive characteristics of our people vis-à-vis economic empowerment. We must tell that story too.

I strongly encourage you to plan a trip to Tulsa to walk on the hallowed ground of the Greenwood District, and I urge you to do whatever you can to support the Greenwood Cultural Center, that's right, with your dollars. Add the center to your annual donations list and let's keep the hallowed ground on which the center was built forever in our hearts and minds. Peace.

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald

Newspaper and founder of the

Greater Cincinnati African

American Chamber of Commerce.

He hosts the radio program,

"Blackonomics," and has written

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Stuff we need to know. Clingman's

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Dallas Chamber of Commerce impacting business and the city. There is not additional and there is a \$15 fee for non-members. RSVP to by March 24 to Corey Hill at 214-368-6991 or email chill@ndcc.org.

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would have been responsible for a \$300 to \$400 payment each month."

He also recognized that was an unaffordable burden. Tease graciously gives his wife praise for not only her emotional support of his vision but also her financial support. Terri's job as an administrative assistant at a telecommunications company provided the income they relied on until the business began to grow.

Considerable time was devoted to researching equipment options. Tease felt Pro Tools System was the best on the market, in his price range, with their turnkey studio system. The satisfaction of his clients and requests from larger companies to rent out his equipment confirm he made a good selection.

Fans and even some musicians are unaware that the extensive process of finalizing one song occasionally involves four to six hours of work by the engineer. There are many steps taken to produce a song track containing the perfect balance of instruments and lyrics. He adds, "You just do not flip a switch, and get a song."

His roster of clients includes the children of musicians he has

business. Tease advises business owners to recognize the importance of networking and letting everyone know you have a business. For instance, when he shared with cashiers at a local store about the studio, even they began directing interested musicians to Searchlight.

Tease points out, "It is important to learn why customers come back. Anyone will try something once, but will they return?"

He works at making the atmosphere an enjoyable Searchlight experience at Productions with little touches like firing up the grill for ribs while the musicians spend hours fine-tuning their songs. While ambience is nice, the level of recording quality the studio provides results in repeat customers.

"I always get good feedback about the studio," Tease shared proudly.

Approximately 70% of the clientele are hip-hop artists, but country artists, gospel singers and rock bands also utilize Searchlight. His clients include out of town artists, such as Big Shag from Denton, TX and Lost Cause from Tyler, TX.

Tease hopes to attract local

ministers wishing to record their sermons or agencies seeking to create audio books for the visually impaired. He is also seeking partnerships with film studios to record audio tracks for their projects. His latest alliance is with the music publishing company, Hannah Publishing.

The Ipods, MP3s and downloading music off the Internet has changed the music industry. These technological advances allow small companies such as Searchlight to compete with larger studios.

"Today an artist can lay a track and have bulk copies of CDs to send to studios or sell from the back of their car within four days."

Tease advises other business owners and musicians that, "The first step is conquering your fear of failure. Get smart people around you and stay on top of the marketplace."

His goal for the studio is to hang a gold record plaque on his wall symbolizing the achievement of a Searchlight Productions' client.

For more information about Searchlight Productions contact George Tease at the studio at 972-727-6816 or via his mobile phone at 972-754-1232.



through, after all of the suffering our elders endured, not make the choice, the right choice, of mutual support? Maybe it should be mandatory for all of our schoolaged children to take a trip to the Greenwood District and study the Greenwood model. If we don't teach them what happened there, who will?

You know our schools will not do it. Maybe we should have annual pilgrimages there, just as we do in Selma, Birmingham, Atlanta, and other historic sites.

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Rapper Lil' Kim May Face Years in Prison

(AP) - Grammy-winning hip hop star Lil' Kim could face years in prison when she is sentenced in June for lying about a shootout outside a radio station.

Her convictions Thursday on three counts of perjury and one of conspiracy each carry terms of up to five years in prison, but as a first-time offender she was expected to receive far less than 20 years. Any term would make her the first major female rapper to do time.

29-year-old The performer, known for her raunchy raps and revealing outfits, was acquitted of obstruction of justice.

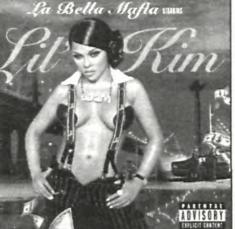
She and her assistant, who also was convicted, shook their heads as the verdicts were delivered, and supporters broke out in sobs.

Lil' Kim declined to comment outside court, but in statement issued later, she said she was "disappointed" by the verdict.

"Throughout my life, I have always lived with adversity and

will continue to have faith and do good for my family, friends and fans," she said.

Both women remained free on bond and will be sentenced June 24.



The former sidekick and girlfriend of the late Notorious B.I.G had testified that she didn't notice two close friends at the scene of the 2001 gun battle - her manager, Damoion Butler, and Suif "Gutta" Jackson. Both men have since pleaded guilty to gun charges.

Queen Latifah

Beauty

The shootout occurred outside WQHT, known as Hot 97, when Lil'Kim's entourage crossed paths with a rival rap group Capone-N-Noreaga. Kim's entourage confronted them about the song

"Bang, Bang" from a Capone-N-Noreaga album, which contained a scathing insult to Kim from her longtime rival, Foxy Brown. A shootout erupted, leaving one man injured and more than two dozen rounds fired.

Hot 97 is the same station where the possees of 50 Cent and The Game traded bullets last month. No arrests have been made in that shooting, which left one of The Game's henchmen wounded in the leg.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Cathy Seibel told jurors that the 4-foot-11 Lil' Kim, born Kimberly Jones, had repeatedly lied to them, just as she did to the grand jury. The prosecutor belittled the defense claim that the sunglasses-wearing Lil'Kim didn't notice her two close friends at the scene of the crime.

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led Langston in scoring all four years and led the University to a 112-3 record, a mark that included a 59-game winning streak.

In 1953, due to a contractual disagreement with Saperstein, Haynes left the Globetrotters and started his own team, the Magicians. He toured with the Magicians for 18 years before rejoining the Globetrotters as player/coach in 1972. Along with the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Haynes has been enshrined into six Halls of Fame, including NAIA (1985), Jim Thorpe (1993)Langston and University (1995). Although the Hall of Fame has elected persons with Harlem Globetrotter affiliations (Abe Saperstein, Wilt Chamberlain, Connie Hawkins, Pop Gates), Haynes is the first Globetrotter player elected into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

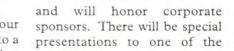
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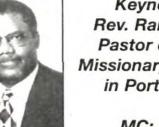
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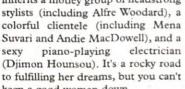
Beauty Shop Starring Queen Latifah Opens Next Week

PG-13 rating

Gina Norris (Queen Latifah) is a by Billie Woodruff. Beauty Shop opens long way from the Barbershop - she's in theatres March 30, 2005. It has a moved from Chicago to Atlanta so her gifted daughter can attend a prestigious music school and made a name for herself at a posh salon with her cutting-edge hairstyles. But when her egotistical boss (Kevin Bacon) takes credit for her work, she leaves the salon, shampoo girl (Alicia Silverstone) in tow, to open a shop of her own.

Gina buys a rundown salon and inherits a motley group of headstrong stylists (including Alfre Woodard), a colorful clientele (including Mena Suvari and Andie MacDowell), and a sexy piano-playing electrician (Djimon Hounsou). It's a rocky road to fulfilling her dreams, but you can't keep a good woman down.

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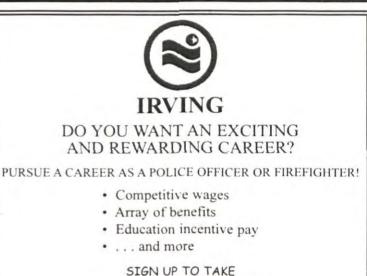
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African Americans, mostly Black men.

In the spring of 1892, a white mob

destroyed the newspaper and ran her

directly off "an African slave ship, in

1761" by affluent white Bostonians.

She was taught to read and write by

the Wheatley family and published

Poems on Various Subjects, Religious

and Moral, the first book of poetry by

an African American woman in 1773.

the National Council of Negro Women

(NCNW) now personifies "the

defense of the Black family." She was

one of the founders the Black Family

Reunion Celebration in 1986, and

encouraged millions of African

Americans to refocus on the Black

family and its positive role in the

struggle for equality in American life.

Texas was elected to Congress in

1972. She became the first Black

Reconstruction. Carol Moseley

Braun of Illinois was elected the

nation's first Black female Senator in

Hamer, a self-described "grass-root"

person, she came to symbolize the

Black woman as the venerable "spine"

of the ongoing Black struggle for

freedom and equality in the 1960s and

the 1970s. She courageously exposed

her body and soul to the violence and

from

November 1991.

Texas

since

Fannie Lou

Barbara Jordan from Houston,

Dorothy Irene Height, through

Phillis Wheatley was purchased

out of town.

elected

Ruby Dee and her husband Ossie Davis distinguished themselves as artists and activists. She is influential to the protracted struggle of Blacks to be. She fused her artistic talents with her historic perspectives of, and commitments to the Black struggle for



Picture of The Week Sister Tarpley and Sister Mechelle Tucker, secretary for **Bethany Missionary Baptist** Church in Dallas, Rev. Albert K. Haynes, Sr. is the pastor.

freedom and equality. She established the Ruby Dee Scholarship in Dramatic Arts to encourage and support young Black women in the arts.

Johnnetta Betsch Cole, in 1987 became the first Black woman president of the 111-year-old Spelman College. In May 1992, she announced a gift of \$37 million to her institution to bring more of the nation's most talented African American women to Spelman. Camille Cosby, along with her husband, Bill Cosby in 1988 gave Spelman College a gift of \$20 million. At the time, it was the largest single gift to a historical Black college, and the largest single philanthropic gift by African Americans.

Mary C. Terrell played an influential role in helping Black and white woman "throw off the yoke of oppression" of white racism and sexism in America. Terrell's commitment to eradicating the Jim Crow effects of Plessy v. Ferguson led her, as one of two Black women (the other was Ida B. Wells-Barnett) to help found the Niagara Movement in 1909, which was the forerunner of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She was also an active member in the National American Woman Suffrage Association, whose activities led to the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote in 1920.

Lorraine Hansberry was a prominent voice crying for the "total liberation of African peoples all over the world," especially the liberation of African Americans in their protracted struggle for freedom and equality. Hansberry's controversial play, A Raisin in The Sun (1959) (it was the first play on Broadway by a Black female playwright; it had 538 performances which indicated its acceptance by white society, the patrons of Broadway theater). It also signaled a new era for the role of the Black artist in the American civil rights struggle.

Marian Wright Edelman is recognized for her outstanding contributions to the "fight for freedom and equality" for Blacks and non-Blacks as a civil rights activist and for her "fight for the moral and political health of America." A prominent advocate for America's neediest children, among them a disproportionate number are Black and poor.

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Let MON-The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of Jabez, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."

Church Happenings

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST **CHURCH (THE MOUNT)** Wednesday Nights, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

FREE Tutorials. SAT packets are available, and with 1 to 1 help.

March 26, 8:00 am

The Mighty Men of The Mount will have our monthly Brotherhood Breakfast. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Don O'Bannon, Vice President of DFW International Airport. All men are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call 972-276-5218.

Mt. Hebron BC (The Mount) Rev. Leonard Leach, Pastor 901 Dairy Road Garland, TX 75040 972-276-5218

MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO

April 9, through May 22, 2005

You are invited to a churchwide "40 Days of Purpose" the studies on a Purpose Driven Life conducted by Pastors Sam and Gloria Fenceroy. Come and join the congregation for these wonderful services.

Mt. Olive Church of Plano Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Pastor 740 Avenue F, Suite 303 Plano, TX 75074 972-633-5511

NEW MOUNT ZION **BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS**

April 10, 3:00 pm The North Dallas, Denton and Collin Counties (NDDC) Alumni Chapter of Prairie View A&M University (PVA&MU) will present The PVA&MU Concert Chorale at the New Mount Zion Baptist Church, 9530 Shepherd Road, Dallas, TX 75243.

The concert is FREE and opened to the public; however, donations will be generously accepted to benefit the Music and Drama Departments with academic scholarships.

For more information, call Ada Raglin, Publicity Chair @ 214-381-1790 or Bill Heath, President @ 972-669-0261 (HM) or 214-341-6459 (WK).

New Mount Zion Baptist Church Dr. Robert E. Price, Senior Pastor 9530 Shepherd Road Dallas, TX 75243 972-341-6459

NORTH DALLAS **COMMUNITY BIBLE** FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

On-Going Mentor Program Operation Oasis sponsors a program that assists youth that are at-risk, and ex-offenders returning to society. The program's goals are to change lives of the formerly incarcerated person, to increase safety, and to spiritually fortify our communities. For more details about this wonderful project, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant at 972-437-3801 or call Toll Free at 1-800-37Oasis (376-2747). March 25, 2005

Easter Play April 2 through May 7, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

NDCBF's Christian Education Department will start their Session 2, Saturday Morning Courses: 1) Evangelism and Discipleship 2) Advanced Bible Study Methods 3) Proverbs and Ecclesiastes: Wisdom for the World, and 4) FDIC Money Smart.

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CONCORD CHURCH March 25, 7:30 pm Free admission to see the Resurrection Celebration Easter Production: Another Chance

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March 27, 8:00 am and 11:00 am Free admission to see the Resurrection Celebration Easter Production: Another Chance For more information, contact Candy Bradshaw @ 214-331-8522.

Concord Church Rev. Bryan Carter, Pastor 6808 Boulder Drive Dallas, TX 75237 214-331-8622

DALLAS AREA INTERFAITH (DAI) April 17, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

The DAI is expecting 2,000 leaders at its regional convention at the Dallas Convention Center, Ballroom A. Topics of discussion will be on education, health, neighborhood security, immigration, and Dallas Southern Sector renewal. The public is invited.

For more information, call Pearl Caesar @ 214-689-5988.

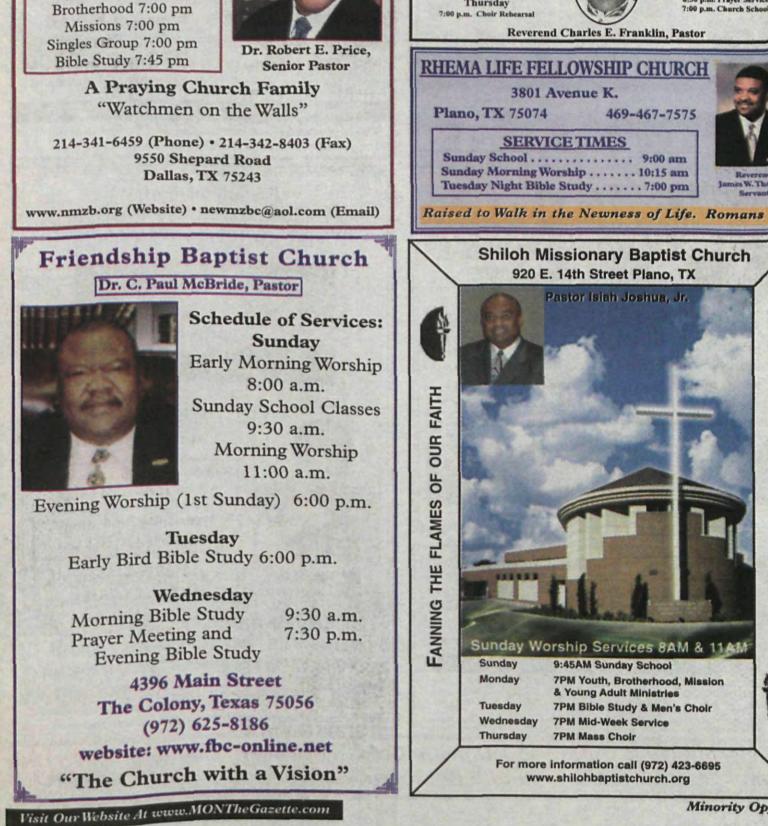
Dallas Area Interfaith (DAI) 1104 Lupo Drive Dallas, TX 75207 214-689-5988

MORSE STREET **BAPTIST CHURCH**

April 4 - 8, 7:00 pm Our Annual Spring Revival with guest Undra Johnson & Company. Wednesday is College Ministry Night. For more information, please call 940-320-5364.

Morse Street Baptist Church Rev. A. R. Stokes, Pastor 921 Morse Street Denton, TX 76205

940-320-5364



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The Votes Are In!

MON-The Gazette receives 1st Place for "Best Religious Section"

at the 19th Annual African American Texas Publisher's Association Conference. The contest was judged by the University of Texas at Tyler.

Local Seniors Program Celebrates the Past and Highlights Important Issues Related to the Future

A group of students from

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talked about the

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Sunday

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Midday Service: 11:00 a.m.

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more information Models in the Fashion Parade about the AIDS Front Row - Shirley Jones and Mary DeLois Nelson. virus or Coalition Back Row - Rosie Hall, Rosie Jones, Stella Johnson, of Life, call and Mertise Mabors. Georgia Thornton

The Dallas County Older or Edith Lang at 214-848-3840. Adult Senior Program (OASP) The West Dallas Thomas A. Edison and Multipurpose Center (WDMC) presented their Annual Black History Program, A Celebration with plenty of of Black History: "Keeping The energy to "King Dream Alive" last month.

Stella Johnson was the Mistress of Ceremony; Tozi G. Tijerina, energized WDMC Manager, welcomed the audience. crowd and Rosie Hall gave the audience responded Invocation for the program. Charlie Nelson, OASP Instructor, lead the audience in a young dancers. praise song.

The "Coalition of Life" entertained and educated the MON-The audience via a play, "There's Gazette was the Nobody Like Jesus," that taught guest speaker. She the audience real life information; how the AIDS virus is passed from

one individual to another and how a person should act toward an individual with AIDS. It was a lesson well acted out. After the program there was a question and answer period for the audience. For

senior citizens discussing Black History Facts with the younger generation, and how each individual can help spread the word, including buying Black Heritage Stamps year round, to every individual in the community and with their circle of friends.

Donald Williams and Ella Thompson each entertained the crowd with a solo. Each one had the audience singing alone as each electrified the crowd. Rosie Jones did a special reading about "The Black Woman," and Virginia Smith, OASP Manger, gave special thanks to all of the attendees. Refreshments were served after the program.



Coalition of Life "Actors" Forefront - "Madame" Estella Beck. Middle Row - Barbara Hunter, Georgia Thornton, Brandi Anderson, and Linda Freeman. Back Row - Mansour El-Amin and Isaac Henry. Not pictured - Edith Lang, Program Manager, and Sharhonda Williams.

Alpha Kappa Alpha offers scholarship opportunity

of

who are high school Education. seniors in Collin County cornerstone

PLANO, Texas - The sorority since its inception choice. Determination of

academic scholarships, during a scholarship must enroll in of the university of the winner's fall 2005.

Tuesday

Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

Service: 7:30 p.m.

Chi Zeta Omega chapter in 1908 and supports one winners will be based on of Alpha Kappa Alpha of Alpha Kappa Alpha's grade point average, Sorority, Inc., is inviting top international program community involvement African American girls targets for 2002-2006 -- and a two-page essay on "The Value that Freedom Two \$1,000 academic Brings to America and to schools to apply for awards will be presented the World." Contestants an Recognition of scholastic luncheon on April 23, for accredited university or achievement has been a use at the college or college in summer or

Church Happenings Church Happenings Page 7 NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON April 5 through May 10,

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm NDCBF will start their Session 2,

Tuesday Evening Courses 1) Issues & Answers: A Biblical Perspective 2) Biblical Business Development Christian Ethics 3) The Book of Acts: From Religion to Relationship 4) Bible Study Methods (formerly named How to Study the Bible) 5) The Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John 6) The Origin and Development of the Black Church: 1600-Present.

For further information about NDCBF's Christian Education Department and registration fees, please contact Associate Pastor T. Roche Coleman, Th.M. at RColeman@ndcbf.or or call 972-437-3437, Ext 102.

April 16, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Operation Oasis will sponsor its Annual Banquet with a Silent Auction at the Oakridge Country Club at 2800 Diamond Oaks Drive in Garland, TX 75044. Please join us for an evening which should prove to be a fantastic and very valuable event.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Juanita Lee at 972-437-3801.

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Richardson 1010-1020 South Sherman Street Richardson, TX 75081 972-437-3493

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH March 27, 5:00 pm Easter Sunday and Musical

For more information please call the church @ 214-823-7308.

BAPTIST CHURCH March 26, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm please call



APTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

St. John MB Church Rev. Leroy Armstrong, Jr. Senior Pastor 2600 South Marsalis Avenue Dallas, TX 75216 214-375-4876

> ST. LUKE AME CHURCH (SLAME) March 26, 11:00 am

Easter Carnival and Egg Hunt, the community is invited. For more details about the above

events, please call RaQuell Thirdgill, Church Administrator, @ 972-487-9703.

St. Luke AME Church Rev. Charles Franklin, Pastor 521 West Avenue E Garland, TX 75040 972-487-9703

ST. LUKE "COMMUNITY" UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 1, 7:30 pm

Family Conference - Reclaiming the Village: Living in the Liberty & Unity of Christ. We will have a Worship Celebration and the Opening Session in the church sanctuary,

April 2, 8:00 am Family Conference - Reclaiming the Village: Living in the Liberty & Unity of Christ. We will have Workshop Sessions at the Zan W. Holmes, Jr. Community Life Center, 6211 East Grand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75223.

Keynote speakers for the family conference and workshop sessions will be Rev. Martin L. Espinosa, Founder & Senior Pastor of Ray of Hope Community Church in Nashville, Tennessee; and Dr. Renita Weems, Associate Professor of Old Testament Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

For more information about the family conference, workshop and registration fees, please call Jeanna Davis @ 972-943-1297 214-821-2970. St. Luke "Community" UMC

Rev. Tyrone Gordon, Pastor 5710 East R.L. Thornton Dallas, TX 75223 214-821-2970

THE INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST CHURCH (IBOC) Sign Up Now

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Mondays, 7:00 pm Monday School with Holy Spirit Bible Teachings.

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church (IBOC) Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Pastor 7710 South Westmoreland Dallas, TX 75237 972-572-IBOC (4262)

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Sign Up Now Reynolds Wood Ministries is now conducting FREE GED and ESL Classes, Mentoring Program, and Dance/Ballet/Karate Classes (scholarships are available). For more information and

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Trinity Prayer Chapel Rev. Reynolds Wood, Senior

Pastor 406 N. Tennessee McKinney, TX 75069 214-544-1886

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Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Dr. Curtis Wallace, Pastor 1819 N. Washington Avenue Dallas, TX 75204 214-823-7308 ST. JOHN MISSIONARY

for all young people. For more information,

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt



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Hawthorne

Hill Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church 1113 I Ave. Plano, TX. 75074 (972) 423-4090 Rev. James E. Larry, Pastor

Sunday School: Sunday Worship Service: Wednesday Night-**Community Bible Class:**



Saint Mark Missionary **Baptist Church**

9:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

7:30 P.M.



1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX Pastor Charles S. Wattley



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