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People In The News



Dr. Vera Hughes invites you to her book release party Monday, July 11.

The book release party will be held at Kathleen's Art Café, 4021 Preston Road, Plano, Texas 972-312-0011. The event will take place from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Hughes, a Plano resident, had no idea that a dream she had when she was a teenager would one day be a diverse assignment to write a book. As a teenager, Dr. Hughes had a vision that puzzled her and her family. "I dreamed that I was in heaven."

In 1983 Dr. Vera's life was changed forever as she saw for herself the reality of hell. Through her life, death, and life again experience following the birth of her son all questions were banished about the existence. "I knew I did, says the author. I knew I was in a place where there was no hope or help."

This experience heralded the author's first release, "From the Gates of Hell to the Gates of Glory." Dr. Hughes talks freely and candidly about spiritually experiencing both heaven and hell. Also included is a chapter written by her husband, Dr. Charles Hughes, for those who are currently caring for someone who is ill or facing death.

If you cannot attend, you can buy the book at www.amazon.com or at www.jyndarpublichangar.com.

Robert Clark, the former San Jose State College president credited with keeping the campus calm during the tumultuous 1960s, died Tuesday at a Eugene hospice. He was 95.

He was a brother, a great friend and an even greater mentor. Clark was a professor at San Jose State when Clark was president. "I don't think there is any question that Dr. Robert Clark is going to be remembered as a man of tremendous integrity, courage and vision."

From 1964 until 1969, Mr. Clark was president of San Jose State, where he was known for his support of the civil rights struggles of black athletes. He supported sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos following their protest on the medal podium at the 1968 Olympics. After Smith and Carlos gave their black-glove salute at the Olympics in Mexico City and lost their medals, Mr. Clark praised them.

"My father was always opening his door to the angry and saying 'You may be right,' his daughter, Suzanne Clark, said in a statement. "This was true whether the rebellious one was an 8-year-old or Vietnam protesters carrying torches."

She said Smith recently sent her father a picture and a message about the support he gave Smith and Carlos while he was president of San Jose State. According to Clark, the message said, "You are my hero."

Erykah James has turned a local dream of uplifting and educating African American women into a national reality with her *Sistas Connect* website.

Sistas Connect is a national online forum for women of color based in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex. The company was founded on October 10, 2001, by radio personality and Jersey City, New Jersey native Erykah James.

Sistas Connect features information that is relevant to women of color and highlights "sistas" who are making a positive impact in their communities. The website features include sections on Professional Sistas, Sistaspreneurs, Sistas Soldiers, Literary Sistas and Sistas in the Spirit.

The website also features perspectives of health, beauty, relationships, finance and entertainment.

According to Ms. James unity is key to the mission of *Sistas Connect*.

"*Sistas Connect* also strives to unify women as they collaborate, educate and celebrate each other's unique gifts and talents," she said.

An example of this mission of unity are certain such as the one co-sponsored by *Women In Business Today*. They are looking for innovative business plans and contestants must submit a 10 page business plan that outlines your business and its goals. The competition begins on April 15, 2005 and ends on July 25, 2005. For more information contact Audrey Beek-Kearney at Audrey@WomenInBusinessToday.com or log on to www.womeninbusinesstoday.com.

"The Erykah James Show can be found on 94.5 K Soul from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The website can be accessed at www.sistasconnect.com."

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Garland Police Boxing Gym- Training Youth to Deal with Life

By: Paul Halley

Turn on your television on any given evening and watch the news, it won't take very long for you to be bombarded with images of a generation gone wild. You'll see accounts of out of control youth committing all types of crimes and generally being disrespectful to everyone around them. Those images make the things happening with kids at the Garland Police Boxing Gym even more amazing and uplifting.

Boxing gyms in the inner city have long been havens of rescue for troubled youth. Things are no different at the Garland



(L-R) Boxers Elias Duran, Jordan Martinez, Terry Dunn, Rodene Harris, Corey Dun

Police Boxing Gym. For the past six years, the gym and the coaches at the gym have provided kids with a positive alternative to aimlessness.

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New Jack Slavery

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist

Many of us know that Abe Lincoln and his Emancipation Proclamation did not free our relatives. On the other hand, many of us believe slavery was abolished when the 13th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified in December 1865, even though it took 100 years more to give us our "civil rights." But how many of us know that there is an exception in the 13th Amendment that allows slavery in cases of those "fully convicted" of crimes? Maybe that's why we see all the private jails and all of the money being made on the stock market on prisons. Yes, slavery is alive and well, and I saw a glowing example of it last month in Morgan, Ga.

I was in that small town for the Habeas Corpus hearing for William Mayo, the brother who was sentenced to two life sentences, plus 40 years, "for a robbery he did not commit. It took 13 years for William to get his hearing, and tens of thousands of dollars, a thousand of which was spent to bring the two men who committed the crime to Morgan to exonerate Mayo. They were not even brought into the courtroom, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

That morning in the remote town, dozens of supporters came hundreds of miles to stand with William Mayo, to see justice finally rendered, to share the moment with William's mother, his family, and friends, as the judge would listen to the arguments and deliberate, and finally decide that William should have another trial. Despite an overabundance of police officers, prison officers, and court room officers (You would have thought Smith was a serial murderer or worse), we were full of positive anticipation and didn't think much of it when the judge had to be reminded to "bring the petitioner" into the courtroom. Just an oversight, you know.

The judge was also reminded by William's attorney that there were

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Garland Input on New Campus Sought

Garland-area residents have an opportunity next week to affect development of a downtown college campus near the DART rail and bus centers on Walnut Street.

Officials of the Dallas County Community College District, or DCCCD, will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 7 in the Atrium at Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St., to discuss plans for the campus.

"It all begins here," Jesus "Jess" Carreon, DCCCD's chancellor, said last week as he unveiled a red, white and blue sign on Glenbrook Drive, about 200 yards northeast of its intersection with Walnut.

The sign says: "Growing with Dallas County. Future home of Eastfield College

North Campus. Completion date 2007."

Dr. Carreon said district officials are eager to share their vision for the new campus. But, he added, officials also want to hear from area residents as to what courses and programs should be offered.

Jerry Prater, DCCCD chairman, said the new facility's "impact on the black community, Hispanic community, Asian community,

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Jazz Camp Scheduled For Summer Performance

July 1, 2005 - Young musicians can really get into the swing of summer at the Collin County Community College District (Collin) Texas All Star Jazz Camp.

The camp is scheduled for Sunday-Friday, July 17-22 at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. Sessions will run from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and include jazz theory, jazz band rehearsal improvisation, master classes and sectional rehearsals.

Students must be at least 13 years old with one year of experience on their horn.

Students interested in solo jazz vocals can take advantage of a vocal track and can perform with a big band at the camp. No prior jazz experience is necessary for vocalists and musicians.

This years camp guests are Bobby Militello and Jeff Jarvis. Militello is currently playing saxophone with Dave Brubeck and Jarvis is a

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Supreme Battle Looms Over Court Appointments

By: George E. Curry

NNPA Columnist

The unexpected resignation of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor creates a vacancy that, once filled, can radically shift the court to the right on social issues. And that can ultimately spell disaster for such issues as affirmative action, women's rights, civil liberties, the death penalty and employees' rights.

O'Connor, the first Supreme Court appointment made by Ronald Reagan, was the court's swing justice, with her vote helping constitute a 5-4 majority on many important issues. Court watchers had expected acting Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist to retire after this session and that's still a possibility - but he was expected to be replaced by another conservative, meaning the 9-member court would remain evenly divided, with four liberals, four conservatives and O'Connor darting back and forth between each camp.

However, the resignation of the court's swing vote means that George W. Bush's first court appointee could instantly shift the balance of power, creating a conservative majority.

This appointment will force Bush,

who has tried to have it both ways on some issues, to choose between his rhetoric of compromise and cooperation and his pledge to appoint Supreme Court justices in the mold of Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, the court's most conservative members.

To understand O'Connor's impact, all one has to do is examine some of the 5-4 Supreme Court decisions. She cast the deciding vote in:

- *Gruiter v. Bollinger*, affirming the right of universities to use affirmative action admissions.
- *Brown v. Legal Foundation of Washington*, maintaining legal funding for the poor;
- *Rush Prudential HMO v. Moran*, allowing people enrolled in HMOs to seek a second medical opinion;
- *Hunt v. Cromartie*, upholding the right of states to consider race as a factor in redistricting and
- *Brentwood Academy v. Tennessee Secondary Athletic Association*, affirming a lower-court decision that civil rights laws apply to associations regulating

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Irving Celebrates July 4th; Rain or Shine



Clowns along parade route.

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Community Credit Union July Free Seminars

Plano Community Credit Union continues its Free Seminar series with a pair of consumer-oriented events focusing on debt elimination and management of personal credit reports.

The first seminar is entitled "Make the Most of Your Credit Report", and will be held on Thursday, July 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Red Griffin of Experian, one of the top three credit reporting agencies in the United States, takes attendees inside the secret world of credit reporting. The seminar will cover what's in the reports, how your credit score is calculated, when you should contact the credit reporting agencies and how to get a free copy of your credit report. There will also be a question and answer period at the end of the presentation. The event is free, but an RSVP is requested.

The seminar will be held at

Community Credit Union Dallas Room, third floor, 1201 W. 15th St., Plano. RSVP to 972-758-1554 or marketing@communityccu.org

The second seminar is entitled "Nail Down Debt-Saving, Tracking and Planning", and will be held on Thursday, July 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn the truth and true formula for getting out of and staying out of debt. Bonnie Peterson of Consumer Credit Counseling Service will share some of the bedrocks of financial planning and debt reduction.

This seminar will be held at the Carrollton Public Library, 4220 N. Jossey Lane, (at Hebron Parkway) Carrollton. RSVP to 972-758-1554 or marketing@communityccu.org.

Garland Star Spangled Fourth



Akugbe Association Dancers perform "The King's Wives Dance" (Ugho).



Female dancers portraying tribal "wives" performing "The King's Dance" (Ugle).



Singer prepares the crowd for the entrance of the Royal Court of dancers.

The City of Garland celebrated its "Star Spangled Fourth" this past weekend with a series of events and concerts that began on Friday, July 1 concluding on Monday, July 4.

The event featured food, crafters, three stages of live music a carnival complete with games and rides. Fireworks filled the skies on four consecutive nights.

Sunday, July 3 was Jazz Night, sponsored by 107.5 The Oasis, KOAI-FM.

Award-winning jazz guitarist and Jefferson Starship alumnus Craig Chaquico performed and was followed by R&B artist Jeffery Osborne.

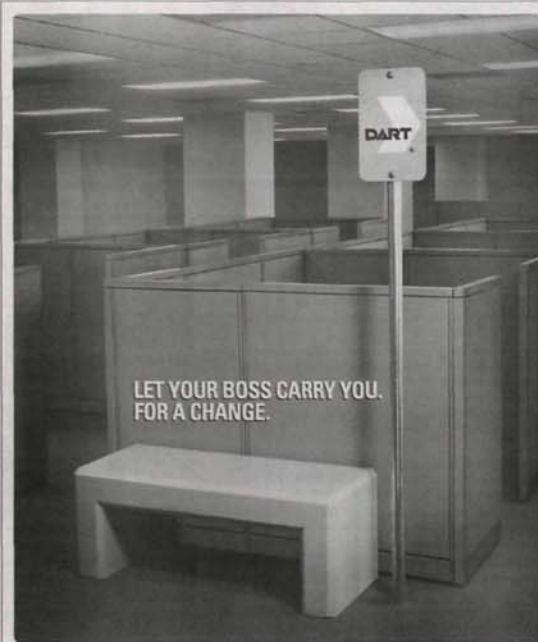
The City of Garland's Community Multicultural Commission sponsored the Mosaic Multicultural Festival of Art and Dance. This interactive, art, dance and music exhibit was held at the Plaza Theatre. Among the talent featured at the Festival was singer and songwriter Eli Browning, who performed original songs

she had written. The hit of the Multicultural Festival was Akugbe Association dancers from Nigeria. They presented dances from their culture which included "The King's Wives' Dance" (Ugho), "The Chief's Dance" (Eakpalde), and "The King's Dance" (Ugle).



Dancers performing "The Chief's Dance" (Eakpalde).

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Around The Town

On going
The North Dallas Business Professionals Networking After Business Hours - Wednesdays at Django on the Parkway, Addison, 5100 Beltline Rd., 6p.m. - 9p.m.

The Collin County Multicultural Business Network Referral Luncheon meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at Texas Land & Cattle, 3191 Preston Rd., Frisco. For more info visit www.ntheknow.com

The Collin County, Plano and Frisco Bar Associations with Legal Aid of Northwest Texas sponsor clinics providing free legal help to residents. Second Monday of each month at the Salvation Army, Plano, 3528 E 14th St., 6 p.m. Second Thursday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave., Allen, 6 p.m. Call 1.800.906.3045 for more information.

Through July 28
Cool Thursday Concert Series-Dallas Arboretum presents performances from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Martin Ruchik Concert Stage

overlooking White Rock Lake. Call 214.515.6594 or visit www.dallasarboretum.org

Through July 30
Family Fun Festival at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates, 2 p.m. every Saturday on July 9, 16, 23 & 30.

Off the Beaten: an eclectic summer student photography exhibit, abstract to documentary, modern and traditional photography. Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, Call 972.881.5873 for gallery hours.

Through August 30
Anne Lebovitz Exhibit presented by The Women's Museum., 3800 Parry Ave., Dallas. Features 37 large-scale portraits. Call 214.915.0860 or visit www.thewomensmuseum.org

Through September 4
Corcoran Gallery of Art presents the Gordon Parks Half Past Autumn Exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art.

July 7 - 31
Plano Repertory Theatre's 10th Annual Summer Children's Series, with Cinderella. For showtimes and tickets call 972.422.7460, or visit www.planorep.org. At the ArtCentre Theatre, Avenue

K @ 15th St.

July 8
The Epitome of Business Networking at the Double Tree Hotel, Campbell Centre, 5 - 10 p.m. With speakers, vendors, business opportunities info on top tax breaks. 8250 North Central Expressway, Dallas. Visit www.ntheknow.com for tickets and information.

Off the Beaten student photography exhibit reception, 6 p.m. Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano.

July 8 thru July 17
Plano Children's Theatre presents the musical Little Mermaid at 7:15 July 8, 9, 14 and 16 and at 2:15 p.m. July 9, 10, 16 and 17. 1301 Custer Rd, Plano. Tickets: \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. Call 972.422.2575.

July 9 & 10
5th Annual Art Connection Member's Exhibition. Main Gallery 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd, Irving. Free. Call: 972.252.ARTS

July 8, 9 & 10
The Taste of Dallas in The West End, the largest outdoor food festival in Dallas with restaurants, retail booths, three music stages and fun for the whole family, in the West End Historic District, 208 N. Market. For more information,

call 214-741-7185 or visit www.tasteofdallas.org

July 9 thru July 30
Saturday Jazz-July 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly. Esplanade Park, 5044 Addison Circle Drive.

July 11
Meeting of the 4th Annual NAACP-Community Health Fair vendors, providers and co-sponsors, Gale Fields Recreation Center, 9:00a.m.

July 12
Housing Crisis Center of Collin County offers free legal education and representation to renters and landlords. 6 p.m. Douglass Recreation Center, 1111 Ave H in Plano.

July 13 - 16
The Life Enrichment Boot Camp, Wednesday - Friday 6pm to 11pm, Saturday, 10am-11pm. An interactive workshop that uses experiential games, drills and competitions to improve relationships. \$700 per person. Plano Convention Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. Call 972.699.8886, or visit www.lifeenrichmentbootcamps.com

July 14
A Beka Book Home School curriculum and text book sale. Free. 10 a.m.-noon, and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. For more information

contact Mickey Pierce: 877.223.5226. At the Plano Convention Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

4th Annual NAACP Community Health Fair Steering Committee meeting, 7 p.m. (Health fair is August 13.) Nicholson Memorial Library, Garland (downtown).

July 14- 16
Friends of the Plano Public Library 22nd Annual Book Sale - Over 150,000 new and gently used books. Hardbacks \$1.50, paperbacks \$.75. Audios, videos, CD's \$1.50. Proceeds benefit the Plano Public Library System. Friday 9am-9pm, Saturday 9am-3pm, free admission. First Nighter Sale, Thursday 6pm-10pm: \$10 per family, \$5 for individuals. Call 972.208.8382. Plano Convention Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

July 15
The Reebok Heroes Celebrity Draft Dinner - "Friday Night Live" at the Frontiers of Flight Museum, featuring three comedians from Saturday Night Live. Tables \$3,000 to \$15,000 and individual tickets are \$350 per person. Call Lara Beth Seager at 352.686.6040 for details and reservations.

July 16
Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game benefits the children charities of the Mike Modano and Todd Wagner Foundations and Little Heroes Baseball Foundation.

Featuring sports and television celebrities. At the Dr Pepper/Seven Up Ballpark, Frisco. 2 p.m. tailgating party in the parking lot - family activities, inflatables, games. Celebrity autograph sessions at 4:30 and 6 p.m. Home Run Derby starts 5 p.m., the celebrity all-stars "big game" at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$5, \$10, \$12 and \$15. Call 214.373.8000, or visit www.ticketmaster.com, or at the Dr Pepper/Seven Up Ballpark Box Office. For more information, visit www.heroesbaseball.org

Meeting of the NAACP Garland Branch Youth Council, 12:30p.m., Gale Fields Recreation Center, Dairy Road, Garland.
The Texas Rhythm and Blues Festival 2005 at 7 p.m. at the Smirnoff Music Center, 1818 First Ave., Dallas. The Festival stars: The Temptations, Millie Jackson, Marvin Sease and more. For more information call 214.421.1111

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Oprah Styling While Hermes Is Profiling

By: James W. Broadlove
There is an old saying that money can't buy love. It seems in the case of billionaire celebrity media mogul Oprah Winfrey money can't even buy a little respect or the special privilege normally extended to the rich and famous.

Currently, there are conflicting stories on why Oprah and her party were denied an after hours shopping spree at the exclusive Hermes boutique in Paris, France.

The initial tabloid version of the incident stated that Hermes staffers failed to recognize Oprah since she was not in full TV makeup and denied her entrance because there had been recent problems with "North Africans". The implication being that Oprah without makeup looked like a potential troublemaker. (Perhaps she was using her Sofia disguise from the Color Purple)

A later—supposedly based on definitive research—version described the conflict as a simple misunderstanding caused by Oprah's arrival after the store had closed. Even though Oprah explained her need for special accommodation she was refused entry because preparations were being made for a private public relations event that evening.

Hermes officials have since apologized for the rebuff in a statement that in part said, "Hermes regrets not having been able to accommodate Ms. Winfrey and her team and to provide her with the service and care that Hermes strives to provide to each and every one of its customers worldwide. Hermes apologizes for any offense taken due to such circumstances."

Suffice it to say that what

should have been a minor innocuous incident has taken on international notoriety because of a potential face off between two world-renowned celebrities.

A Winfrey spokesperson said Oprah "will discuss her 'crash moment' when her show returns from summer hiatus." "Crash moment" is an outgrowth of the film "Crash" and relates to situations where a person feels discriminated against because of skin color. Some media commentators have speculated that Oprah's goddess status and wealth that normally serves as a shield from the everyday discrimination faced by average blacks has helped foster her outrage over the Hermes snub.

Winfrey wields enormous influence worldwide. Her daily talk show is beamed to 111 countries and viewed by an audience of some 22 million die-hard fans. Forbes magazine recently named her America's most powerful celebrity. Hermes must be trembling in its handmade boots.

Hermes is a family-owned business that was founded in Paris in 1837. It is known for its luxuriously printed silk scarves and its signature Birkin and Kelly handmade bags. Hermes is one of the most exclusive brands in the fashion world thanks to its high prices and the limited supply of its Birkins.

The Hermes mystic is such that it does not have to beat the bushes seeking customers. It creates demand for its products like DeBeers does diamonds. Even the wealthy put their names on waiting lists for the \$6,000 Birkins and other trinkets that even Oprah relishes.

At this point the Hermes incident has been fueled by the

major media, tabloids, Internet chat rooms and bloggers. Response has ranged from "Ho-Hum" to racism to egotism. But no matter what the truth is regarding this matter there are imbedded lessons to be gleaned even from the speculative scenarios.

The underlying irony in this incident is Oprah has often plugged the exclusive Hermes products in her magazine, on her show and on her Web site. Oprah knows the truth and should react according to that truth.

If it was racism the hammer should drop full force on Hermes. The powerful leverage that can turn an unknown book into an over night best seller should be brought to bear as a lesson not only to Hermes but to all merchants that discriminate while pretending to be equal opportunity money takers.

If it was celebrity ego then Oprah should apologize for not diffusing the issue sooner. "P. Diddy" Combs described during an Oprah appearance a tactic that "A List" celebrities use to avoid poor treatment at retail establishments. His staff arranges a time period with the store can be shut down so he can shop privately. Oprah did you call ahead and alert Hermes management that you were coming? If not, don't do a show on this incident just to capitalize on the huge TV ratings it would bring.

After-hours shopping is a favor, a perk and not a right. There's nothing wrong with a store rationing the perk as long as the reason is not skin color. It's okay to say no to a celebrity, even if she is the reigning Queen of television.

Email Comments to: Comments@MonTheGazette.com

Mexican Officials Must Come Clean On Racism

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson, BlackNews.com columnist

The Mexican government's sale of the racially offensive cartoon characters Memin Pinguin as a commemorative stamp is an outrageous sign that top Mexican officials still refuse to deal with the country's racism. But it's just that a sign. Racism goes much deeper in the country. Even while Mexican writers and politicians rail in articles against American racism, many Mexicans are quick to boast of differences in skin color among their own family members.

A few years ago, a Mexican-American friend made me acutely aware of the racial differences in the country. When I told him that I'd be traveling extensively in Mexico, he urged me to pay close attention to the workers doing the hardest and dirtiest work in restaurants and hotels, and who the beggars and peddlers on the streets were. They were overwhelmingly dark, and in most cases with pronounced Indian or African features.

Many Mexicans refer to dark skinned persons, both Mexican and non-Mexican, as *negritos* or little black people. This is not seen as racially offensive, but rather as a

term of affection even endearment. A popular afternoon telenovela has a comedian in blackface chasing madly after light complexioned actresses in shiny outfits. Ads have featured blacks in Afro, black face, and distorted features. The most popular screen stars in film and on TV, and the

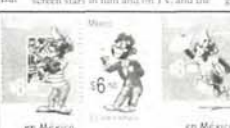
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Eastfield Hosts Upward Bound Knowledge Bowl

Eastfield College will host the second annual Upward Bound Knowledge Bowl on July 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Performance Hall.

The Knowledge Bowl is a college bowl-style question and answer competition among students in all Upward Bound projects in the Dallas County Community College system. Eastfield UB students will compete against Richland College, North Lake College and Cedar Valley College students; there will be three teams from each college with six students on each

team. Questions come from the "Game of Knowledge" and cover categories such as fame, science, nature, media, our world and sports.

Movie passes, trophies and medallions will be given to the first place team.

The purpose of the Upward Bound program is to generate the skills and motivation necessary for students to complete their secondary education and to enroll in and complete a program of post-secondary study.

Eastfield College Upward Bound provides academic, coun-

seling, social, and recreational activities designed to build the academic skills, motivation, and self-confidence necessary for success in college. Students from Skyline Magnet High School and W.W. Samuell High School are served by Eastfield's UB program.

For more information contact Romilio Castillo at 972-860-7284.

Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.

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witnesses in the courtroom that would be called and she requested they be sequestered in another room. Oh yes, she also suggested to the judge that they be sworn in collectively, which the judge did. More overights, but no problem, right?

Judge Cato asked the attorneys to begin William's attorney spoke for a few minutes, setting up the case and recounting two major points: the men who did the crime perjured themselves and would disclose that fact, as they had done several years ago, although no one listened, and the prosecutor in the original case acted in a corruptible manner as he cut deals with the real perpetrators to implicate William. That, too, was disclosed years ago, but no one listened. This time we had the "honorable" Judge Cato, he would listen.

After the prosecutor spoke for a few minutes, it was time to ramble. We settled in for a long day in that southern courtroom, in that quaint little town. The defense attorneys, armed with so many files they had to be carried in by hand truck, were ready to go to war. They had the evidence, the witnesses, and they had the hearing they had fought so long to obtain. Justice. What a sweet sounding word.

After both attorneys spoke, Judge Cato clasped his hands and began to speak. (By the way, Mayo was shackled hand and feet, and his handcuffs were never taken off, but why was he dressed in clothes that are specifi-

ly for persons being released? Humm.) Cato started to cite points. "What we saw that day reminded me of that little word in the 13th Amendment, 'except'." My daughter was traumatized by what she saw; her heart went out to William and his mother. "Why was that judge so mean, daddy?" "Why did they push William the way they did?" "They would not even let him see his mother, why, daddy?" We talked about it on our way out of Morgan, Georgia, a town that, now that I have written this, I had better stay away from for fear that Judge Cato will make a slave out of me. Pray for William's release, and send some money to his defense fund. See www.freemayo.com for more information.

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Collin Announces President's Circle Members

Collin County Community College District (Collin) recently announced the inaugural members of the prestigious President's Circle, which honors businesses and individuals who have generously supported the college. This group was recognized at a celebration dinner hosted by Larry Eagan, chair of the college's Foundation, Sam Roach, chair of the Collin board of trustees and Gary A. Israel, college president.

"It was such a pleasure to honor our long-term donors for their generous support," said Eagan. "We look forward to the circle expanding as donations to the foundation continue to increase."

President's Circle Members include: Richard and Jill Abernathy, Harry and Cindy Bauge, Baylor Healthcare System Foundation, Norman Brinker and Cindy Brinker-Simmons, Chartwells, EDS, Emerson Process Management-Fisher, Regulator Division, Exide Technologies, Hall Financial Group, Mac and Sherry Hendricks, JCPenney Co. Inc., Steve and Libby Maus, Medical Center of Plano, Fred and Mizzie Moses, ONCOR, Robert and

Paula Ouellette, Sam and Anita Roach, Gregory and Florence Simpson, Stan and Judy Woodward.

"We applaud these community leaders for their foresight and commitment," said Sam Roach, chair of the Collin board of trustees. "Their generosity means that we will continue to have a positive impact on the quality of life in our community for years to come."

Also recognized for their contributions to the college were Legacy Guild members. Legacy Guild silver members include: Milton and Mary Kate Buschhorn, Collin County Fireman's Association, Collin County Healthcare Foundation, Shop Foundation, Smokey and Vivian Commons Estate, Richard and Diane Dill, Hoblitzelle Foundation, Emma Lou Lancaster Estate.

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"We very much appreciate the support shown by these business and community leaders," said Gary A. Israel, Collin president. "Affordability of higher education is a big issue facing students and parents. More and more of our students depend on

scholarships or financial aid to help pay for college."

The honorees were the "cast of stars" at a command performance, held on stage at the John Anthony Theatre. They enjoyed a formal dinner accompanied by the college's guitar musicians.

Foundation Chair Larry Eagan ended the evening by asking all attendees to participate in a curtain call.

For more information about the newly established President's Circle, call the CCCCD Foundation.



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Richardson Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Dr. Mike Moses, CEO of WestMark Systems, will be the keynote speaker at the Chamber's 47th Annual New Teachers Luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 4, at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Moses served as the Texas Commissioner of Education under George W. Bush and was previously superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District. He will discuss "The Challenge of 2085." Call (972) 792-2800 for details.

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between Indian groups and government officials in other parts of the country have drawn national and international attention. This has forced the government to make minimal reforms to deal with the economic and racial ill treatment of the Indians. But the government has not shown the same level of sensitivity and enlightenment toward its black population. They remain invisible, and the lowest of the low on the country's social and economic totem pole. They are crammed into enclaves in the states of Guerrero, Oaxaca, and Veracruz, where the schools are underserved, the roads and public services are poor, and they are subject to harassment by police.

Then there's Pinguin. An entire generation of Mexican school children (and many adults) has grown up delighting in the zany frolics of the popular comic hero. Pinguin has grossly distorted monkey-like features, a baldhead and big ears. His mother is a grotesquely fat, bandanna-wearing mammy. The black mammy domestic was the stock racist image of black women in countless 1930s and 1940s American movies. But Pinguin's mother isn't a domestic. She routinely wears her bandanna around their house, and it's a ramshackle house in a poor barrio.

The Pinguin series ran in Mexican newspapers and magazines during the 1960s and 1970s. It was created by Sisto Valencia Burgos, one of Mexico's top creative artists. In 1998, Burgos became president of the Mexican National Association of Comic Artists. The Pinguin series is so popular that decades after Burgos discontinued the series, fan clubs still sprout up on both sides of the border. The comic books are still widely popular collector's items in Mexico, and other parts of Latin America, and continue to be much discussed and much read.

Gilberto Rios, President of the National Council to Prevent Discrimination, noted that a report on racism in Mexico was released prior to Fox's racially loaded quip in May about blacks and immigrant jobs. That was a small sign that top Mexican officials gradually realize that race does matter in Mexican affairs. Now Mexican officials can take another small step and dump the Pinguin stamp. Then they can take the bigger step and fully come clean on the country's racism and do something about it.

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Car Review Chrysler Pacifica

By: E. Dwayne Gibson Jr.
The 2005 Pacifica has been defined as a "sports tourer". Now I bet you are saying, "along with my spell checker," "What exactly is a sports tourer?" Well, as the world turns and evolves, so does the traditional sedan, minivan, station wagon, and SUV. I personally would describe this automobile as a crossover sports utility vehicle in competition with the Volvo XC 90, the Lexus RX 300, Ford Freestyle, and the BMW X5. Interestingly, Chrysler wants this vehicle to compete with the likes of minivans and crossover SUVs.



Under the hood, The Pacifica reaps the benefits of Mercedes-Benz engineering. The rear sus-

pension comes straight from a Mercedes E-Class sedan. The Pacifica indeed handles well. The sports tourer handles curves with ease. I felt high off of the ground while driving, yet the Pacifica is virtually 3 inches closer to the ground than most minivans. On

the inside, five can seat comfortably, with enough room for six. Cargo space is a little tight. However, the cargo space has been compensated by second-

row seats that fold down 50/50. Don't take the Pacifica's meek size for weakness. It has a wheelbase of 116.3 inches and sits 66.5 inches high. Chrysler opted to install the most robust V6 engine that the company has ever made, which is reflected in a towing capacity of 3500 pounds. The Pacifica comes in five models ranging from base to Touring, Limited, All Wheel Drive, and Front Wheel Drive pushing out 210 horsepower and 250 torque. The major selling point on the Pacifica is the manufacturers suggested retail price. Chrysler brought the price down substantially from its initial offering in 2004 from around \$40,000 to about \$25,000. Ultimately, The Chrysler Pacifica can suit minivan needs with a full size sedan price tag.

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Sister Tarpley

"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of My hands..."

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You may be called to a ministry of prayer and intercession. You may be called to a ministry of healing in your own neighborhood. No matter what your calling is, it's important that you be about the business of walking in the path that God has for you.

Don't allow your life to become so overwhelmed with other things that you don't have time to pursue "your calling." Have a talk with God, then discipline yourself to stick to what you are called to do. Make up your mind to preferentially turn away the things that you may be tempted to add to your life that will hinder you from "your calling." Think about it, "your calling" is vital to God's plan. "Your calling" is Holy, and it is yours alone.

What Is Your Purpose (Gift)?

Ms. Bethany McDade-Stidum is a young lady that seems to be in the right path of her purpose in life. The daughter of Ms. Brenda McDade and Mr. Johnnie Stidum, Jr., is a 2005 Graduate of South Oak Cliff High School. Bethany has plans to attend Texas A & M University (TAMU) at



Picture of The Week
Ms. Bethany McDade-Stidum, a 2005 High School Graduate.

College Station in the Fall and major in Psychology with a minor in Pediatrics.

Bethany's accolades and awards: She was in the Top Ten Percent of her class, ranking #7 out of 255 students. She received several scholarships: The TAMU Regents, and the Black State Employees Association of Texas. She also received scholarships from the University of Houston, from Stephen F. Austin College, from Texas State Schools District Five, and a William H. Cotton Scholarship.

She was the German I, 2001-2002 and German III, 2003-2004 Student of the Year. Bethany was a National Honor Roll Student and a Who's Who

Among High School Students all four years. She was a World History Advance Placement (AP) Student of the Year, 2002-2003, and the English III AP Student of the Year, 2003-2004. She was the Business Computer Information Systems Student of the Year, 2002-2003, and Bethany was voted the Most Intellectual Student of her graduating class.

While maintaining her high school class ranking, Bethany's Extracurricular Activities were in her math's Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, the German Honor Society, a Junior and Senior Class Executive Board Member, an All-Star Cheerleader, a Peer Assistance Leadership Student (PAIS) and a SPICA Club Member. And if she wasn't busy enough, Bethany found time for Community Service. She was involved in the Carter Care Blood Drive, a Methodist Hospital Junior Volunteer, the Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure, the North Texas Food Bank Can Drive, the SPICA Animal Shelter, and she made 500 Baby Caps for Parkland Hospital. She was a loving granddaughter and assisted her mother in taking care of her maternal grandmother, the late Mrs. Lila Jones. She was the church Service Announcer at Lifeworks Bible Church. She did volunteer work for the American Heart Association and the American Kidney Fund, and she was a volunteer for the March of Dimes Fundraiser group. You go young lady!

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Church Happenings

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY
July 10, 4:00 pm
For a Holy Spirit Service and a great time in the Lord, we invite you to join us for the beginning of our Pastor's Second Appreciation. Our special guest will be Pastor William O'Neal from New Life in Christ Church; and Pastors Cedric & Tonya Adams from Hope of Glory Church.

July 15, 7:30 pm
You don't want to miss this powerful service with guest speaker Prophet Kevin Valentine. The message will be "Understanding The Move of God."

July 17, 4:00 pm
You are welcomed for the conclusion of Pastor Tarpley's 2nd Appreciation Service. Our guest churches will be: Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church with Pastor Darin Floyd, Sr. and his congregation; Word of Faith Cathedral Center with Pastors Bennie & Tammy Myers and their congregation; and Faith Evangelistic Temple with Pastors James & Rachel Killingsworth and their congregation.

July 31, 4:00 pm
We invite you to our Family and Friends Celebration honoring Community Christian Church in Midlothian, TX. Pastor Lisa Tarpley will be the Inaugural Service for Community Christian Church at the Midlothian Civic Center, 224 South 11th Street (off of U.S. Highway 287), Midlothian, TX 76065.

August 6, 10:00 to 3:00 pm
We will have our Back-2-School Rally in Ft. Worth, TX. There will be FREE Food, a Bounce House, Health Fair, Music and more. Greater Mt.

Moriah Baptist Church will be the host church and it will be held @ 5552 E. Rosedale Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76112.

For more details and to donate supplies, please contact Bridget @ 817-451-8458 or Chelyon @ 940-206-4843.

August 13, 2005
We will have our Back-2-School Rally in Irving, TX. There will be FREE Food, a Bounce House, Health Fair, Music and more. The time and place TBA (will be announced in a future "Church Happenings" Section.)

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InfoGov Online launches Faith-Based Community Development Series

InfoGov Online, a national company that focuses on educating organizations on how to do business with the Federal Government, announced the launch of its Faith-Based Community Development Series. The series is scheduled to launch with two Audio and Online conferences to be held on July 12th, 2005. The classes are in response to churches across the country desiring to know more about funding programs with their Community Development Organizations (CDOs).

The series is formulated to give clergy and their staff information on how to locate and obtain funding through Federal Faith-Based Initiative and the ten Federal Departments with Faith-Based offices. In order to reach organizations across the U.S., the classes are held in audio and eConferences which

allow registrants to call into a conference line to hear speakers and log on to the classroom site to view the presentation.

Sandra Long, Former Deputy Secretary of Commerce for Maryland will moderate both classes. On July 12, the two online classes that will be held are Fundamentals for CDO's and Faith-Based Federal Funding. The online panel will consist of Federal experts from the Faith-Based Centers such as the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the Small Business Administration.

Congressman John Mica, a representative of the committee on government reform, recently stated "there are a number of government programs that are unobserved by the general public. It is important and vital to our com-

mercial industry that organizations utilize federal contracting programs".

InfoGov Online has been successful with their online educational series because participants do not have to travel to obtain much needed information on Federal programs. In addition, participants hear directly from the federal experts that run the funding programs within each Department. The company has a reputation of working with many Federal agencies in order to "get the word out" about how to do business with their agencies.

The Faith-Based Community Development series is scheduled to expand in August and September 2005 to include specialized classes on CDC Housing Development and CDC program development.

For more information call 800-939-0409 or visit www.infogovonline.com.

Supreme Battle Looms Page 1

intercollegiate sports.

Even before O'Connor announced her decision, the battle lines were drawn and multi-million dollar campaigns had already been launched. Progressives were campaigning to persuade the public - and President Bush - that only mainstream jurists should be appointed to the lifetime appointments on the court. Conservatives were eager to avoid a defeat similar to 1987 attack that blocked the elevation of Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court and the narrow (52 votes) and bitter confirmation of Clarence Thomas in 1991, formed Alliance Defense Fund, a consortium of conservative Christian organizations.

Even more important, they set in motion a campaign aimed at making sure the next Supreme Court selection will consistently side with conservatives. Upset that Justice David H. Souter, a Reagan appointee, consistently votes with the more liberal wing of the court, conservatives have developed a rallying cry: "No more Souters."

Bush's conservative base is pushing for a strong conservative who will not disappoint them.

A research paper by People for the American Way observes: "...Right-wing activists have turned their fiercest fire not on the Court's more moderate justices but on two conservative justices who frequently forge majorities on the most important cases before the Court - Justices O'Connor and Kennedy. A number of far-right leaders have harshly criticized these two justices, going so far as to call for their impeachment."

"In an April newsletter, Focus on the Family's James Dobson called Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy "the most dangerous man in America," and demanded that he be impeached "along with [Justices] O'Connor, Ginsburg [sic], Souter, Breyer, and Stevens."

Despite such radical views, White House officials have acknowledged that they are sharing the names of several potential nominees past Dobson and other conservative group for their review.

Some Senators are urging Bush to select a nominee who will enjoy broad bi-partisan support. They note that Sandra Day O'Connor was approved 99-0 in 1981, Anthony Kennedy, 97-0 in 1988, David Souter 90-9 in 1990, Ruth Bader

Ginsburg, 96-3 in 1993 and Steven G. Breyer 87-9 in 1994, the last time there was a vacancy.

So far, Bush does not seem to be striking a conciliatory tone.

"The nation deserves, and I will select, a Supreme Court justice that Americans can be proud of," Bush said. "The nation also deserves a dignified process of confirmation in the United States Senate, characterized by fair treatment, a fair hearing and a fair vote."

Whether the nominee gets that kind of reception, will depend on whether Bush is able to break the hold the Far Right has on his administration and nominate a mainstream candidate acceptable to both Democrats and Republicans.

George E. Curry is editor-in-chief of the NNPA News Service and BlackPressUSA.com. He appears on National Public Radio (NPR) three times a week as part of "News and Notes with Ed Gordon." In addition, his radio commentary is syndicated each week by Capital Radio News Service (301/588-1993). To contact Curry or to book him for a speaking engagement, go to his Web site, www.georgecurry.com.

Church Happenings

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For more information contact Lynette or Dr. Hughes @ 214-289-4802 or Janie @ 214-924-0177.

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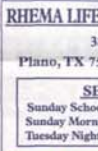
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