

session, College 101, for returning or potential students' insight into the

There are many soldiers who Wilmington Journal

Special to the NNPA from the that because Blacks live shorter

overall college process on Feb. 9th. Highlights will include a campus tour, tips on how to choose a major, information on financial aid and advice on filling out applications. This program is free and open to high school students and parents. Sessions are from 5:30 - 8 pm. To register, please call 972-377-1750 or email orientation@ccccd.edu.

CCCCD students can get a sneak peak at their Spring classes on February 10th. The event is free, but attendees must register by calling 972-985-3711 because space is limited. Courses included in the open houses are Getting Started with PC or Mac, Computer Programming C to Java, Microsoft IT Academy Certifications and Solaris/Oracle Sun NET, Certification, Engineering and Technology, and Digital or 35mm Photography. The event will begin promptly from 7 - 9 pm.

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: www.ci.plano.tx.us The Allen Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12 Noon at the First Methodist Church on South Jupiter. For more information, call Randy Sandifer, 972-396-1118, or Grif Moore, 972-727-9945.

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fearless, outspoken personalities on television. He has called some very important people some very nasty names - and I just sit there with my mouth open, wondering how he gets away with it and, admittedly, smiling inside at his willingness to do so.

I am not naïve to the fact that Imus is well connected and is providing a certain level of entertainment, but I also believe he is secure in his core beliefs, grounded by his daily work and his contact with suffering children. While I have never met him, I think

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political slant of the bashee. I like that. What I have heard him say over the past four years or so has led me to start this campaign.

guy, regardless of party affiliation or

Oh ves, there is another reason. I figure since the U.S. presidency will continue to be an exclusive club for White guys, Barack Obama notwithstanding, I may as well find a White guy that I can support. You da man, Imus!

Here's what convinced me to start campaigning for Don Imus. Do you remember when soldiers were coming home to Fort Stewart,

The NAACP -

Garland Branch to host

5th Annual Winter Ball

Garland-The NAACP - Garland

Branch will host its 5th Annual Winter Ball

"Celebrating Accomplishments of Our City

Employees" on Friday, February 11, 2005. This

upscale, black-tie event will be held in honor of

Each year the NAACP-Garland Branch

recognizes a special category of African

Americans in the Garland, Sachse and Rowlett

tri-city area that have made positive

contributions in their communities. This year the

organization will honor employees of local

municipalities. The 2005 Honorees are:

Brandyce Drane, Lemuel L. Green, Denish

Wilson-Owens, Carolyn Ross, Gregory Hunter,

Margaret Hart, Larry D. Daniels, Charles Rene,

Barbara A. Johnson, Lonnie R. Banks, Michael

The Winter Ball will be held at The Castle at

Canyon Creek located at 2700 Custer Parkway in

Richardson, Texas from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

The evening will include: Live Entertainment by

Pyramid, a Buffet Dinner, and presentation of

Tickets are \$35.00 per person and \$280.00 per

table (seats 8 people). For tickets, send a check

or money order to: NAACP-Garland, P.O. Box

Reservations will be accepted for tables only

(seats 8); all other individual ticket purchases will

be general seating. For more information: Call

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the 2005 Honorees.

come home from Iraq, maimed and crippled, having to live under horrid conditions, with little or no financial support, and receive a pretentious, patronizing, compassionless response from our government.

Dick Cheney The Oil Slick and I-couldn't-find-a-pen Donald Rumsfeld always look like they couldn't care less about the men and women who fought in a war the administration so eagerly and gleefully promoted. And Condi?

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HBO presents Lackawanna Blues

Review By: Camika Spencer

LACKAWANNA BLUES is based on the critically acclaimed autobiographical one-man show by Ruben Santiago-Hudson, who also wrote, executive produced and stars in the film adaptation.

Set against the henna hued backdrop of a New York boarding house, Lackawanna Blues is the coming of age tale of Ruben Santiago-Hudson, a young man with unstable parents who ultimately ends up being reared by the owner of the boarding house, Ms. Rachel Crosby (played by S. Epatha Merkerson), known affectionately by Santiago as Nanny and the many colorful characters that reside there.

Like many of the boarders, Santiago is somewhat of a lost and abandoned soul. Yet, unlike the borders, he is born into the spastic world of the Lackawanna boarding house with struggling parents too young to take on the responsibility needed to raise a child. Santiago's mother was a waitressturned-addict, and his father was simply not around like he should have been when Nanny took on the responsibility of raising young Santiago and it here the story **HBO** presents Page 5 begins.

WILMINGTON, N.C. (NNPA) - When the Social Security Act was signed into law on August, 1935 by President Franklin Roosevelt, it was designed to "...frame a law which will give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family against the loss of a job and against poverty-ridden old age."

Almost 70 years later, when President Bush met with his Black supporters and the Congressional Black Caucus last week, he made it clear that the Social Security System will have to be changed.

African-Americans should support his efforts to privatize Social Security (SS), he said, because they are allegedly being cheated. Bush and several

life spans than Whites, they end up paying more into the system than they get out.

Bush wants younger workers, Black and White, to invest part of their payroll taxes in the stock market, thus giving up some of their guaranteed benefits down the road. Nothing would change for those retired or disabled who are currently receiving benefits.

The president says this reform will save a Social Security system that is going bankrupt fast.

"S.1," the designation for the president's SS reform Senate bill to be introduced this session, "is probably the most important domestic legislation we will address in this Congress, and that is modernizing and strengthening the Social Security

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JPMorgan Chase & Co. admits link to slavery

WASHINGTON (NNPA) -A 2003 Slavery Era Disclosure Ordinance that requires companies doing business with the city of Chicago to disclose whether they had profited from slavery forced JPMorgan Chase & Co. to acknowledge that its roots are linked to the 19th century slave trade and it profited from the free labor of more than 13,000 Africans.

"Recently, JPMorgan Chase completed extensive research examining our company's history for any links to slavery to meet a commitment to the city of Chicago. Today we are reporting that this research found that between 1831 and 1865 two of our predecessor banks-Citizens Bank and Canal Bank in Louisiana-accepted

approximately 13,000 enslaved individuals as collateral on loans and took ownership of approximately 1,250 of them when the plantation owners defaulted on the loans," the company wrote in statement.

Public records in Louisiana indicate that Citizens Bank and Canal Bank- which eventually became Bank One-merged with JPMorgan Chase in 2004. It provided credit to plantation owners and accepted mortgages from them.

Records also indicate that both banks often initiated foreclosure on mortgages and took over the property, which usually included enslaved Blacks

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(Left to Right) Pat Evans - Mayor of Plano, Cylinda Chapman - Director of Expressions of Dance & Arts Company & Erma Spencer - Plano Community Forum Vice President of Public Relations in background.



(Left to Right) JoAnn Brown - Consultant to Dallas Black Dance Theater, Susie Bell - City of Dallas Culture Arts Center Commissioner, & Bessie Coffer.



Members of Plano Community Forum.



(Left to Right) Dr. Myrtle Hightower, Sister Tarpley, Tatum Rodgers, Johnnie Hightower Burns, Robin White - Board Member Dallas Black Dance Theatre, & Denise Upchurch - MON-The Gazette Advisory Board Member.



(Left to Right) Saundra Lohr-Robinson - Columnist to MON-The Gazette, Pat Evans - Mayor of Plano, Clifford Robinson - Husband of Saundra Lohr-Robinson.



(Left to Right) Charles W. Eisemann, George McDonald - husband of Brenda McDonald, & Brenda McDonald - President of Plano Community Forum.



T.J. Johnson - Mistress of Ceremony



Charles W. Eisemann shares some remarks



(Left to Right) Tatum Rodgers -Marketing Director for DBDT, & Dr. Myrtle Hightower - MON-The Gazette Advisory Board Member.

associated with this worthy event.

Dr. Hightower was very excited that despite the heavy down pour of rain, so many people ventured out in the bad weather to attend the reception. Sister Tarpley told the audience of the warm and great response that DBDT and the individual dancers were receiving at the local churches; and how the dance company is getting requests from other pastors and churches to

perform for their congregations. Since this is the first time MON-The Gazette and DBDT have partnered with the local churches it vas very gratifying that there has been an overwhelmingly positive response to DBDT and the dancers. This has been especially evidenced by the high praises and standing ovations the DBDT Ensemble has received at the conclusion of each of the church performances during the month of January.

Ms. Tatum Rodgers of DBDT said that they were very happy to be

performing in the local churches. Mr. Bill Brown, Director of Development of DBDT, had high praises for MON-The Gazette, Sister Tarpley and the DBDT Ensemble.

Ms. Ann Williams, Founder/Artistic Director of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre was not able to attend the VIP

Reception due to a previously scheduled 12-day sold-out tour in California, but will return prior to their performance at the Eisemann Center next month.

Before the conclusion of the early evening reception, Ms. Johnson, MC and a long-time admirer of DBDT invited the guests to purchase a group of 10 tickets to be distributed to senior citizens at a nursing home in Plano.

The out pouring of generosity among the guests and the enthusiasm for next month's performances was clearly evidence by everyone in attendance. These two days performances are expected to be sold out and judging from the high level of interest and the number of tickets purchased at the reception, it will be.

For up to date information about the DBDT Ensemble Church Tour in log February on to www.monthegazette.com and click on the DBDT link. To purchase tickets contact the Eisemann Center of Performing Arts ticket office at 972-744-4650.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre Ensemble Church Performance Schedule JANUARY 2005Church January 2005 Pastor Contact Church Service Person & No. Address Time Bishop Miller Johnson, Jr 219 Bunche Drive in H. . Dallas, 75243 2nd Sunday New Life Ferowship, Hamilton Park Church Receptionist 972-671-1097 10:30 am 1-09-05 Your Sunday Rev. Derrick Wight 2nd Sunday hon Parl Cha 861 Schreeder Rd 11:00 am UviC, in 1-09-05 Recept nist 972-235-4633 Dallas, 5243 Youth Day Hamilton Park Rev. Larry J. 3227 Keller Springs **3rd Sunday** Keller Springs **Ruby Sanders** 11:00 am 1-16-05 You Bapt st Church 972-73 - 122 Roa Carrollte TX Day 75006 Mt. Olive Chur n of Plan (MOCOP) Elder Hoyd 4th Sunda 140 Avenue F, Suite 11:00 am Ret Sam 303 Plano, 75074 Sperce 972-633-5511 Fer coroy 1-23-05

RY FΕ RU A 005 February Church Pastor Contact Church Service 2005 Person & No Time Address Mechelle Tucker 6710 Webster 1st Sunday Bethany Rev. Albert 10:00 am 2-06-05 Missionary Haynes, Sr. 214-352-3552 Avenue **Baptist Church** Dallas, TX 75209 Westside Baptist Church 802 Bellaire Blvd. 2nd Sunday Rev. Kenneth 11:00 am 2-13-05 Church. Blake Receptionist Lewisville, TX 7506 Lewisville 972-221-5668 Same Sunday @ Saint Mark **Rev.** Charles S Ms. Delores 1308 Wilcox Street In the a later time. Missionary Wattley Murray McKinney, TX 75069 afternoon, 2nd Sunday **Baptist Church** 972-542-6178 3:30 pm 2-13-05 Black In McKinney History Program Rev. Linda 14120 Noel Road **3rd Sunday** Christian Dr. Jerome 10:45 am Chapel CME McNeil Dallas, TX 75254 2-20-05 Curry 972-239-1120 Temple of Faith Pilgrim Rest BC 1819 Washington 4 th Sunday Dr. Curtis W. Jackie Robinson 10:45 am 2-27-05 in Dallas or John Adams, Avenue Dallas, TX Wallace Dir. of Worship 75204 214-823-7308

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Around The Town

Jaxon are hosting an education and awareness event. This event is scheduled to take place from 2 pm-5 pm at the Martin Luther King Ir. Center located at 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Dallas, Texas 75208 For more information call 214.754.5900.

to 10 pm. For more information contact Sportsradio 1310 The Ticket at 214-526-7400 or visit

Ongoing Eyecare America urges

Jobseekers Job seekers can attend weekly

PEAK Leadership Development -Information Luncheon-- PEAK Sweetheart Dance" presented by The seniors to call the Seniors Eye- meetings held by TeamNetworking of Leadership is an executive City of Garland Parks and Recreation development m for corporate progr 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's needed 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

are 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, visit 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.

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 web City 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.

El Centro's Spring Career Fair, February 10th, will be in the lobby of the new Student and Technology Center at 801 Main Street in Downtown Dallas. Employers include Blockbuster, Children's Medical Center, United States Postal Service, FedEx Ground, Neiman Marcus, and a host of other companies. For more information, call 214-860-2066.

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.

During the month of February, Walmart will begin a nationwide program in celebration of Black History Month. Walmart shoppers will have the chance to take home free copies of unique, inspiring and educational publications. "Profiles in Pride," and "Milestones in History," Timeline will be available at any Walmart store. For more information log on to: www.walmartstores.com.

February 4-20, 2005

Dallas Children's Theater proudly presents one woman's journey to freedom on the Underground Railroad in "A Midnight Cry" at El Centro College Performance Hall. Location: 801 N. Main St., Dallas, TX 75202-Box Office 214-740-0051 for reservations and ticket information.

February 5, 2005

Dad, uncles, and grandfathers... celebrate Valentine's Day with your Little Sweetheart. Dance the night Department and Garland Power and Light from 5 - 9:30 pm at The Atrium at The Granville Arts Center, in downtown Garland. Space is limited! For more information, call Holford Recreation Center at 972-205-2772.

away at the annual "My Little

The University of North Texas Dallas Campus will provide a workshop on applying for college admission and acquiring financial aid. The workshop, named Las Llaves del Exito (The Keys to Success), will be from 8:45 am to 12 pm at the UNT Dallas Campus located at 8915 S. Hampton Road. Registration will occur from 8 to 8:45 am. For more information in English call (972) 925-3970 or for Spanish call (214) 860-2432.

The African American Read In 2005's theme "Go Tell It - We've Got a Story to Tell," celebrating family reading and storytelling will feature Lisa Nichols, Motivational Speaker and author of Chicken Soup for African Americans and Tisha Crear, David Butler, Camika Spencer, Keith Price, Jessica Williams, and Joshua Smith. The production will take place from 2 - 4 pm at the Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm Street in Downtown Dallas. Albertson's is partnering with Coca-Cola to celebrate Black History Month by teaming up with Hope Flood from 105.7 FM and Ronnie

Crayton for an in-store event, preparing tasty recipes made from featured African-American products. All of this will take place from 11 am 2 pm at 2225 West Ledbetter, Dallas, TX 75216.

February 7, 2005

In recognition of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness & Information Day and the surging new HIV infections among Blacks, AIDS Arms Inc. and 97.9 The BEAT's Action

Feburary 14, 2005

The Plano Symphony Orchestra presents A Valentine's Day Gala Tribute Henry Mancini: His Music and His Movies with Monica Mancini including such favorites as Moon River and the Pink Panther at 8:15 pm. The performance will be held in the Charles W. Eisermann Center located at 2351 performance Dr. in Richardson. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 972-473-7262 or visit www.planosymphony.org.

February 17, 2005

Dr. Kalman Narayan of the Plaza Medical Center will host a patient seminar to discuss various aspects of acid reflux disease, including when acid reflux is considered serious enough to be considered GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease), potentially serious complications of GERD and medical and outpatient treatment options to treat symptoms. Burning Questions will take place in the main conference room of the Plaza Medical Center beginning at 7 pm. Location 900 8th Avenue, Ft. Worth, TX 76104. Space is limited, so please RSVP to reserve your spot at 1-866-GOT GERD (1-866-468-4373).

February 18-19, 2005

Ticket stock 2005 Join Sportsradio 1310 The Ticket for two days of Peace, Love and Sports! We will broadcast live from the Plano Centre. Free activities for the kids! Free celebrity autographs for the whole family! Over 60 vendors in one place just for you! This is a free event for all! Times for the event are from NOON

February 23, 2005

Eastfield College is hosting an African American Read-in from 11 am to 1 pm in room 100. This FREE event is part of Eastfield's celebration of Black History Month and is open to the public. Too sign up to read or for more information please contact Brynndah Hicks-Turnbo at 972-860-7076, or via e-mail at bht4323@dcccd.edu.

February 26, 2005

Prairie View A&M University will be hosting Pantherland Day on the Hill from 9 am - 3 pm. There will be activities and regarding presentations Financial Aid, Scholarships, Campus Tours, and Student Activities. Fee for students is \$10 and \$20 for adults. Cash or check must be received by Thursday, February 17, 2005. For more information contact Bill Heath at 972-669-0261 or Walter Gerard at 214-375-9700.

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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Publishers' Roundtable

THE TRUTH CLINIC Sen. Thurmond's Black Daughter Rewrites History

Editorial

By: James W. Breedlove

Essie Mae Washington-Williams, the black daughter of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond, has released her autobiography, Dear Senator: A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond in which she reveals the truth regarding the rumors of her mixed parentage.

The biracial child of the longtime U.S. Senator and a 16-year-old black maid who worked in the Thurmond home, developed a limited relationship with her famous father and in spite of his high profile she remained closeted in the background during his life.

Black and White Americans are so deeply intermixed by blood that racial categories are meaningless yet race is still used as a primary determinant in our culture. Black people understand this racial ambiguity because they have lived with it and suffered for having inadvertently inheriting the wrong skin color.

White families, by contrast, are terrified by the thought of any blackness in the family tree. The racial stigma they created now haunts them because of their own hypocrisy. The segregationists and racists have long tried to hide their proclivity for interracial intimacy. When relationships did come to light they were deliberately buried to protect the lie of white superiority and preserve the accepted social order.

The cover story created 200 years ago to shield Thomas Jefferson from being connected with Sally Hemings was blown when DNA evidence proved he fathered at least one of her children.

Ms. Washington-Williams'

thousands of times during the discussion of the illegitimate course of American history but interracial off spring of Strom hers has its own unique stamp. Her powerful father was a segregationist kingpin and a presidential candidate who privately acknowledged her as his child but never did so publicly.

Like most miscegenation stories, this one would have died long ago had it not been verbally passed on by black South Carolinians, who recognized the affair as another chapter in the common practice of powerful white males sowing seeds with powerless black women then while slithering away proclaiming the need for strong family values.

Over the decades, Williams wrestled with reconciling the vitriolic racial segregation public rhetoric with the man who treated her kindly and provided money for her and her family. "It's not that Strom Thurmond ever swore me to secrecy. He trusted me, and I respected him, and we loved each other in our deeply repressed ways, and that was our social contract".

Historians will dig deeply into the Essie Mae Washington archives in an attempt to explain how Strom Thurmond could have lived publicly as a racist demagogue while secretly supporting a black daughter. Even with the release of her autobiography this 80-year saga is not finished.

There will be many questions and speculation on how history might have been changed if Ms Washington had spoken out years ago when she became aware of her father's conflicting public and secret life. These socio-political what ifs will be the basis of discussion and debate for many years.

But there is a current human side to the autobiography that is story has been duplicated lost in the sensationalized public

Thurmond. Essie Mae Washington-Williams did not get to spend much time with her biological father. She met him when she was 16 and they had face-to-face meetings about once a year. Their well-defined relationship developed over the years as she matured as a high school student, college student, young married woman, mother, widow, and grandmother.

When asked why she waited so long to speak out she responded, "Well, because I didn't want to do anything to harm his career. And it wouldn't have been any advantage to me. So, I didn't talk about it. And I didn't want it to be known. I didn't want people to know that he was my father".

But as a daughter she saw in him a thread of decency different than the fiery public racism he espoused. In her tortured search for an identity, she held on to a child like hope that he would become a real father. She recalled at their infrequent meetings he would greet her with a hug and bid her farewell with a warm embrace. She states, "I did love my father. He was very good to me".

However, the one thing that would have meant more than the assistance, money, advice, phone calls, presents, and kindness he provided she never got. Over the span of a 63 year relationship Strom Thurmond took to his grave the most important thing she wanted from him and that was to hear the words, "Essie Mae, I love you".

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com.

Email Comments to Politics a MonTheGazette.com

Of 33,000 counties in the United States, Collin County is 5th in terms of voting for President Bush in last year's Presidential Election. While 30% of the population in Collin County is minority, (i.e., African-American, Asian-American and Hispanic) no minorities hold elective office. African-American business Collin County consistently people and professionals, some votes 70% for Republican candidates. These stark statistics begs two questions. are minorities in Collin County

welcome at the Republican table? Is inclusion in local Republican politics by minorities actually possible?

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The answers to these questions are a resounding YES according to Rick Neudorff, County Chairman of the Collin County Republican Party. In fact, for over six months local businessmen Neudorff and Fred Moses, have been hard at work to form the first African Republican American Committee in Collin County. According to Mr. Moses, "the changing demographics in opportunity for Africaninvolved as elected officials, volunteers or as individuals who are interested in good the Southfork event and to

government". The initial meeting of the African-American Collin County Republican Committee met last Thursday night at Republican Headquarters to discuss strategy and identify resources available to make their plans a reality. Local of whom are retired, met and began the planning necessary to build the Committee. They also discussed plans to

the President Lincoln Day

Celebration to be held

Saturday, February 26, 2005 at

Future goals of the African

For more information about

American Collin County

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learn more about the African-American Republican Committee, MON-The Gazette readers are invited to call or stop by the Collin County Republican Party Headquarters at 2520 Avenue K, (972) 424-2122 or visit their website at: www.collincountygop.com. MON-The Gazette will also begin a local Publisher's Roundtable in coming months to offer

our readers a forum for meeting face-toface with local, statewide and national elected officials. This Forum will provide a unique opportunity for citizens of Collin County to connect with elected officials on a variety of important topics. Chief among these are Educational Crime, Reform (Public School Finance), Healthcare, Social Security and quality of life in our committees.

I invite you to email me a publisher@monthegazette. com with your questions or comments about the Publisher's Roundtable.

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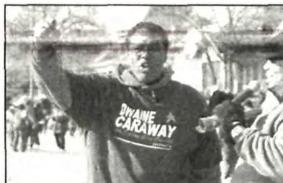
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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas

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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Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill being interviewed by Smokin Kevan of 94.5KSOUL



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AIRPORT - Building on its reputation as a strong mentor to small and emerging businesses, DFW International Airport is hosting a Small Contractor Development program in partnership with QUOIN, A Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America.

The program is designed to assist small contractors in understanding the basic elements of running a commercial construction business. The 10week course focuses on both technical and administrative skills, as well as how specifically to do business with DFW International North Texas.

"We're proud to be working with QUOIN to assist small and minority companies become better businesses and win contracts at DFW. There are literally hundreds of success stories about companies that have used their experience here as a springboard for the future," said Don O'Bannon, Vice President of DFW's Small & Emerging Business Department.

"The Basics" began January 25, 2005 and will run every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at QUOIN's Dallas office at 11111 Stemmons Freeway (between Road). Small business owners interested in taking part can call Kristi Arnold at 214-647-0697.

"This program provides valuable insight on creating successful business relationships with DFW and other organizations in North Texas. It is an important investment in the business community, not only for

Passing on Black History? Page 1 LaToya Williams, 22, remembers being unarmed throughout high school.

"My grandparents always referenced the Civil Rights Movement, but they never sat down with me and explained recalls.

"Before I got to college, I only culprit. barely learned anything about Black history aside from the came to Howard [University]

Partnership With QUOIN our Airport, but for the other be a part of it." Trains 'How To Do Business At agencies who have partnered with DFW and QUOIN," O'Bannon increased and our knowledge of

An economic impact study released in 2004 showed that DFW INTERNATIONAL through small and emerging businesses, DFW has created more than 9,000 local jobs and is responsible for an estimated \$358 million in wages and salaries. The study also showed DFW's commitment to small and emerging businesses is unprecedented in North Texas, with more than \$770million already paid to local minority- and women-owned businesses for their work on Airport expansion and infrastructure projects such as the new International Terminal D, the Skylink people mover and the Central Utilities Plant expansion project. MWBE firms account for over 30% of the work done on Airport and the University of DFW's \$2.8 billion Capital Development Program.

> Companies such as Dallas-based Azteca-Omega and Phillips/May have seen their businesses grow after working at DFW Airport.

"Azteca has enjoyed a close working relationship with DFW Airport and its people since beginning work there in 1986," said Luis Spinola, president of Azteca.

"Azteca, years ago, was able to participate in the Small Contractors Training Program which not only educated Azteca in doing business at the airport but it also helped the company in developing procedures such as safety guidelines, quality control and performance. We Royal Lane and Walnut Hill consider DFW Airport as our mentor and look forward to a growing relationship in the future."

"Working at DFW has made us a better company," said Chris Escobedo, Phillips/May contract manager.

"Because of the high-profile project we're working on at DFW, we've been able to attract high quality staff because people want to

Rights Movement. Young women can't be denied athletic scholarships - that's the Civil Rights Movement. Blacks can vote - that's the Civil Rights Movement. It's a bit absurd for one to say they don't know about the Civil Rights the true importance of it," she Movement. You ought to know." Bond says parents are not the

"Education systems do a very poor job of teaching American little they taught about history," says Bond, a college desegregation. It wasn't until I professor. "If I ask my students to be a small percentage of what they know about the civil young people that will be very rights movement, they tell me, 'There used to be segregation, learned more about the King came along, people marched, some got killed and segregation ended.' That's like saying World War II started, people fought and then it ended. It's true, but it doesn't tell you anything."

"The quality of our staff has working on projects like this has grown. Working on a project like this has improved our management abilities with the daily reporting, project meetings and contractual obligations and requirements, everything that goes along with working on a highly regimented project," Escobedo said.

"It is part of our vernacular now." Phillips/May has worked on a variety of projects and is currently working on the signage program for DFW.

"DFW prides itself on working with small and emerging businesses and our Capital Development Program is a perfect example," said Clay Paslay, Executive Vice President for Airport Development. "Many small and minority companies have had the opportunity to work on this project, which will position them for future successes."

Sponsoring partners of the program are DFW International Airport, the University of North Texas, the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Development Council and QUOIN, A Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America.

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enough to teach the young generation about their struggles.

"It's funny because people always say that you should never forget where you came from, but sometimes I feel like that is exactly what some leaders in the Black community have done. They settle into high-paying positions, and become so greedy for attention and money they forget about the mission," he savs.

"There is automatically going active in learning about Black History, but what about the and they seek the information. A people that have never been lot of people in my generation exposed to it?"

Congresswoman Johnson Announces More than \$7.6 Million in HUD Grants for Dallas Metroplex HUD grants aimed at homeless programs and transitional housing

Washington, DC-Congresswoman Care Plus 94 Eddie Bernice Johnson recently announced more than \$7.6 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funds will go toward the continuum of Care Homeless

Assistance competitive programs which provide funding for a range of assistance to the homeless, transitional housing programs as well as permanent housing and a variety of supportive services.

"I am encouraged that the programs so critical to the homeless and those less fortunate will benefit from these federal funds," said Congresswoman Johnson, "I urge the Bush administration to take a closer look at just how important these funds are to Dallas and other communities that suffer from a high instance of homelessness.

Earlier this month the Bush administration announced plans to drastically cut HUD by \$8 billion dollars, which would purge dozens of economic development projects, scrap rural housing programs and fold highprofile anti-poverty efforts into the Labor and Commerce departments.

HUD grant breakdown: \$149, 913 City of Dallas Transmonal Supportive Housing

\$976,567 - The Family Place The Family Place Supportive Housing

Program \$547,639 - Central Dallas Food Pantry On TRAC Transitional Housing \$182,252 - Housing Crisis Center Transitional Housing SAMI

\$166,441 - Dallas Jewish Coalition \$257, 737 - Rainbow Days, Inc. Family Connection

\$63,611 - Community Council of Greater Dallas \$150,701 - Family Gateway, Inc.

\$22,932 - Legal Aid of North West Texas The Homeless Law Project-Dallas \$188,007 - Housing Crisis

Center Transitional Housing Program (single adults) \$250,598 City of

Dallas Transitional Housing for Singles \$146,633 - Dental Health Programs, Inc. Dental Care for the Homeless \$874,200 - City of Dallas/Shelter

we seek it and those that think equality hasn't been reached should be seeking information. Most young people I talk to see [the movement] as a it continuum. We've achieved a lot of goals, but we have a long way to go."

Brian Lewis, 22, a senior at the University of Maryland, agrees that student's have to play an active role in their education

"It's unfortunate that a lot of White people know more about Black history than Black people

\$42,440 Family Gateway,

Inc. Family Gateway Center \$103,194 -Housing Crisis

Center Permanent Housing \$1.218,185 - Dallas MetroCare Services Dallas Safe Haven

\$219,538 - Promise House, Inc. Supportive Housing for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

\$455,400 - City of Dallas Shelter Plus Care 90

\$1,555,202 - Housing Crisis Center Permanent Housing Partnership for Veterans (HPV) \$23,095 - LifeNet Community

Behavioral Healthcare Permanent Housing for Homeless

\$85,560 - City of Dallas/Shelter Plus Care for Vets \$7,679,239 - Total

HUD is the nation's housing agency committed to increasing homeownership, particularly among minorities; creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans; and supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and those living with AIDS. HUD also promotes economic and community development as well as enforces the

nation's fair housing laws. More information about HUD and its programs is available at www.hud.gov and www.espanol.hud.gov.

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According to the Census Bureau, 57.5 percent of African-Americans were born after 1970. That means they were not alive for the 1963 March on Washington, passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act or the 1968 Fair Housing law.

Collectively, those laws changed the face of America, especially in the Deep South.

According to Rainbow/Push Coalition Founder and President Jesse Jackson, everyone has a responsibility to that came before them.

"If young people don't lack of knowledge. appreciate the Civil Rights Movement, it's their parents' fault," Jackson says.

"Young people can go to any public park or library they want to go to -that's the Civil

Blackonomics Page 1

Well, Condi is always her unflappable, stiff, my hair isn't moving is it? self. And then there's Georgey Boy. He is too busy threatening Iraq, Syria, Iran, and Korea, well maybe not Korea, to attend the funerals of the fallen and to use his bully pulpit to add money to Veterans' benefits rather than cut their budget.

Well, Imus comes on one morning, outraged at the hundreds of amputees sent from Iraq to Walter Reed Hospital for rehabilitation. After finding out about the soldiers having to pay for phone calls to their relatives, Imus went off! He let the administration have it. I mean he ripped Bush, et al, from one end to the other. He spoke to a Republican congressman on his show and put him on the spot by making him baseball team owners to public

He adds, "A lot of us have to take it on our self. We need to make sure we are making this knowledge available. You don't have to have a Ph.D. to introduce your child to books and things of the past."

Despite countless books and documentaries, such as Eyes on the Prize, a critically acclaimed 14-part series dealing with the appreciate the struggle of those movement, some young people still blame older people for their

> Jonathan According to Thomas, 25, a Maryland resident and community outreach specialist, people who were directly involved in the fight for civil rights didn't do

commit to doing something about

the abomination at Walter Reed

Hospital. That's when Imus

the millions being spent on things like the inauguration and all the

other frivolity, why not use that

money to help our maimed and

broken soldiers? That makes more

sense than just about anything this

government has done in the past

decade. If we cannot and will not

provide the very best of care, no

matter the expense, for our crippled

warriors, what does that say about

why we are in this stupid war in the

first place? More importantly, what

does it say about our "morality,"

something we like to talk a lot about

If we can elect movie stars, TV

actors, athletes, pop singers, and

these days.

'The "I Man" suggested, instead of

captured my vote for 2008.

Jesse Jackson, who has been very active in the civil rights movement all of his adult life, is disappointed in young people who haven't attempted to learn about the movement.

"What has happened has been written, it is on film, and there is a national holiday celebrating Dr. King. Each of us has an obligation to become serious about what matters," he says.

"Each generation must shape the world in which it must live. If you want more Pell grants and economic strength you must choose to join organizations that are committed to the cause."

Hilary Shelton, director of the Washington bureau of the NAACP, agrees.

"Information has to be sought. It's a two-way street," he says.

"When we want information,

office, there is no reason why Imus cannot win the presidency. Just imagine. No child would ever be left behind, really, and those in most need would get all the care they require, especially terminally ill children. Men and women who put their lives on the line for the U.S. would be some of the highest paid and most respected employees in the land, with the best benefits ever. Who knows? Maybe we would have Walter Reed Hospital branches all over the country so the soldiers wouldn't have to travel so far to get the best care available.

The best part would be when President Imus wakes us up in the morning with his haranguing, stinging, irreverent shots at everybody, from Oprah to Falwell to Ted Kennedy to Limbaugh to Michael Moore to Ann Coulter. Why he might even give me shot or visit www.blackonomics.com.

do, but it's because they read are guilty of sitting back and waiting for things to come to them," he admits.

"If you have a sincere desire to learn, you need to go out and get the information."

According to Bond, today's youth enjoy unprecedented advantages.

"I don't think this generation's lack of knowledge is any greater than the lack of knowledge their parent's had at their age, but these days we're lucky that there are libraries full of books written on the subject," he explains.

"If you do not remember history, you are doomed to repeat it. Especially now, when we have an administration who wants to take us back to the time before the 60s, and a large percentage of White people who think racism has disappeared. That is a deadly combination."

two for getting him into politics. Maybe I could be the Secretary of Defense, and defend the children, wounded, and the the disenfranchised. Hey, I'm sold. Imus for President! Imus for President!

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 Cincinnati African Greater American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and has written several books, including: Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement - We have a Choice; Blackonomics; and the recently published Black-O-Knowledge. Contact him at 513/ 489-4132 or

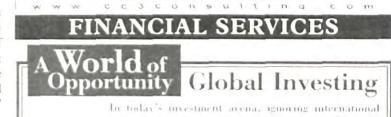
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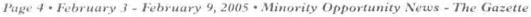


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About the artists:

Me," and the audience

Rhodessa Jones is Co-

Artistic Director of the San

Cultural Odyssey. She is an

actress, teacher, singer and

writer. Ms. Jones is also the

Founder and Director of the

award winning Medea

Incarcerated Women, which

is a performance workshop

that is designed to achieve

and

Venus Opal Reese, Solo

Performer, Playwright, Director,

Choreographer and poet, is a

scholar/performing artist who

has performed nationally for

over 15 years. Her latest solo

performance work, Split Ends, a

piece about Black women and

their hair, was featured on the

cover of the Palo Alto Weekly in

California this past August and

will be showcased at the

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Wilson's Women

Reviewed By: Kymberly Keeton Wilson's Women premiered on stage at UTD's Jonsson Performance Hall this past Friday sending messages of heroism and faith told by one woman's historical journey of liberation through storytelling, dance, singing, and visual conception.

Students, professors, and guests packed the intimate performance hall to see Wilson's Women conceived by Rhodessa Jones-in collaboration with Venus Opal Reese.

A trip in to Wilson's Women...

Individually, each of his (August Wilson's) nine plays construct different aspects of a woman in this production: a Nigger woman, a Negro woman, a colored woman, a Black woman, an Afro-American woman, a girlwoman, a Godly woman, a good woman, a sexy woman,

a sassy woman, a bitter woman, an old woman, a wise woman, an angry woman, a sad woman, a lost woman... and an American woman.

When these various pieces of womanhood are placed next to each other and connected through the living memory of Rhodessa Jones who offers herself-her memories, her stories, and her essence in response-we saw August Wilson's whole woman come alive!

The stage was set in motion with young black women in the background wearing white dresses dancing and laughing-representing and

telling the past of this woman's who portrayed her in sink but courageous journey. Rhodessa, Jones herself was caught up in dressed in black was standing in the moments that she performed the present telling her story as if and made them as real as it had just occurred. understood and didn't.

In each scene/story, Jones creatively makes them her own, giving the audience a clear minutes ending with the words picture of the black woman's

struggle. Works sampled by August Wilson include: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom; Joe Turner's Come and Gone, The Piano Lesson, and the Seven Guitars.

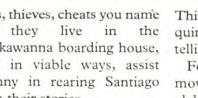
Jones' words are painted beautifully as well in Trickster, There Was Mama, What Did Daddy Did, and Losing one's Flowers all written by her. Rhodessa's voice and theatrics demanded attention. Her style and passion for the stories that she shared were compelling, painful, thought provoking, cheerful, and uplifting.

This production indeed was all it was preempted to be. Not only were the young actresses

HBO presents Page 1

Nanny possesses only a third grade education with their stories.

upholding her, she exhibits more common sense,



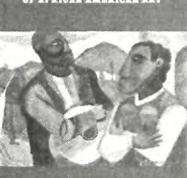
This movie also captures the quintessential spirit of storytelling with Santiago as griot. For the most part, this movie is entertaining and elaborate in nature.

more information.

However, I walked away wishing for more of the stories of

Dallas Museum of Art Presents Something All Our Own: The Grant Hill **Collection of African American Art**

SOMETHING ALL OUR OWN TRE GRANT HILL COLLECTION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ART



For the last eight years, star NBA basketball player Grant Hill has collected paintings, collages, sculptures, and works on paper by many of the major African American artists of the 20th century. Forty-six works from his collection will be on view in the exhibition Something All Our Own: The Grant Hill Collection of African American Art through April 17, 2005, in the Dallas Museum of Art's Tower Gallery.

This impressive collection includes important works by Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, John Biggers, John Coleman, Arthello Beck, Jr., Lee-Smith Malcolm Brown, and Phoebe Beasley. The exhibition, which has toured museums throughout the United States, is intended to increase awareness and appreciation of the American African

Cowboys running back artists of the 20th Calvin Hill, Grant grew century, along with up in a household that some artists who are blended an emphasis on lesser known but who sports with a love of also art," said Walker, who is struggles and hopes of the organizing curator humankind. Alongside of the exhibition for the collages, Dallas Museum of Art. sculptures,

collection, collection is composed moody, African

artists. exhibitions of collection in museums, he hopes to sketches and paintings increase awareness of by late Dallas native African American artists Beck. who are less well known

African than athletes American and entertainers.

'He really wants to share his collection and his enthusiasm for art with young people," Walker said. addition 'In to sharing his collection with the public, he provided has scholarships to enable young people to study art." The exhibition was

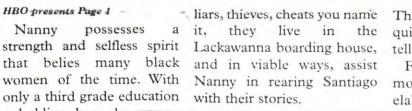
organized by Hill and by Dr. Alvia J. Wardlaw, traveled for the last year Edward Jackson, Hughie Director/Curator, to venues throughout University Museum at the United States. They Texas University, and Curator of Museum of Art; the Modern Contemporary Museum of Fine Arts, University Museum, Houston. support provided by Sue Lewis Museum of Art at and Jim Gragg, Hollis Morgan

express the prints, and 'While his parents paintings by celebrated have an eclectic art artists such as Bearden, Grant's Catlett, and Biggers are solitary entirely of works by paintings by Hughie American Lee-Smith; naïve, Through Grandma Moses-like his paintings by self-taught art artist Coleman; and

The exhibition has



Southern include the Orlando and New Orleans Museum Art, of Art; Texas Southern Exhibition Houston; James E. State Greenlaw, Steve Hartnett University Art Gallery, and the Hartnett Group, Baltimore; and the Staubach In the future, the Springfield, Mass. and the Nasher at Duke



compassion, and street wit than the average urban scholar. Nanny keeps her boarders, for the most part, on the straight and narrow. She is the calm at the center of the storm.

However, it is indeed the characters surrounding Nanny and Santiago that bring this flowering story to bloom. With an all-star cast including Terrence Dashon Smits, Saul Williams, Louis Gossett Jr., and Carmen Ejogo, young Santiago finds himself exposed to ordinary people with not so ordinary situations: mindless Vietnam vets, hard-shelled lesbians, lovers who fight as violently as they love, murderers,



The movie itself is colorful, charming, and quick paced. Never boring this one-man narrative boldly and without fault exposes a life that in today's time seemingly would be unfitting for a child. There are moments of extreme Howard, Rosie Perez, Jimmy laughter (pick any scene with Macy Gray) and then there are the moments when one is living in the boarding house as opposed to sitting in the comfort of theatre seats. Lackawanna Blues is a reminder of what life used to be and what life still is for people of color and culture.

Music, Poetry & Dance

The Denton Parks & Recreation presents the 10th Annual Black History Month Celebration on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. This year's theme is "Music-Poetry-Dance." The celebration will be held at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center located at 1300 Wilson Street, Denton, TX. Professor N. Barnett of Texas Woman's University will be the keynote speaker. For more information call 940-349-8575.

Also, in celebration of Black History Month Denton Parks & Recreation will present a Movie Celebration. On Monday evenings at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center during the month of February the following movies will be shown: Ruby Bridges (February 7th), Remember the Titans (February 14th), Tuskegee Airmen (February 21st) and The Rosa Parks Story ((February 28th). The movies will begin promptly at 6:30pm.

the supporting cast. These were engaging characters that in each their own way had a book inside him or her. If you can sustain self past the succinct and time

sensitive storylines and subplots, Lackawanna Blues is a cultural gem and right on the mark for February.

The premier will run on HBO February 12 at 8 pm.

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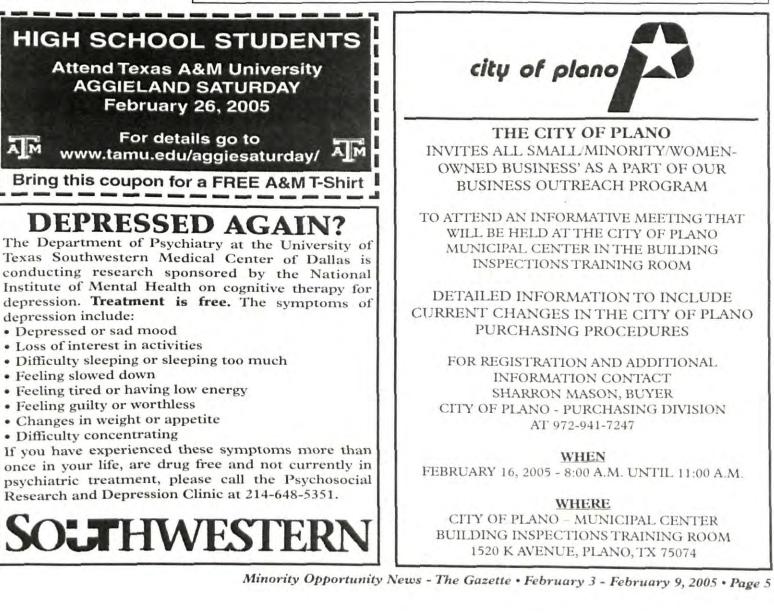
experience in the visual arts and to encourage investment in culture, according to Roslyn Adele Walker, Senior Curator of the Arts of Africa, the Pacific, and the Americas, and The Margaret McDermott Curator of African Art of the Dallas Museum of Art.

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Ltd., Oak Farms Dairy, Dallas Museum of Art. The and Company. Promotional exhibition will travel to support provided by The the Basketball Hall of Dallas Morning News, Fame, and Dallas Weekly.

The collection of art Museum assembled by Hill and his University, Durham, wife, Tamia, a four-time N.C. Grammy nominee, includes works by some of on the best known and most log on to: www.dallas beloved African American museumofart.org

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will be provided. February 12, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm You are invited to attend a special Valentine Workshop for Husbands and Wives to educate and encourage couples. The workshop, "Things That Lovers Do" will feature Reverends Joe & Ramona Bailey at New Light Church, 9314 Elam Road, Dallas, TX 75217, Rev. Shaun Rabb is the pastor. All couples are invited. Child care and food will be provided.

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Social Security Reform Page 1

program," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist told reporters.

But Senate Democrats disagree. They counter that the system is financially solvent for at least the next 50 years, and recent studies show that the stock market is not as stable as Republicans would like people to believe.

So why the urgency?

"This is no crisis, so why should we be lurching forward?" Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid [D-Nevada] asked.

Bush supporters are making a special pitch to African-Americans.

According to a study several years ago by the libertarian think tank, the Cato Institute, and more recently, Heritage conservative the Foundation, because Blacks have shorter life spans than Whites, they collect fewer Social Security benefits for fewer years than Whites. Because they make less money, Blacks aren't able to invest as much as Whites to secure their futures. A study, conducted by Michael Tanner, even goes as far to say that this should be a "civil rights issue"

for Blacks. Other conservatives agree

"There is a direct correlation between economic status and average life span," Rich Lowery, columnist for the National Review

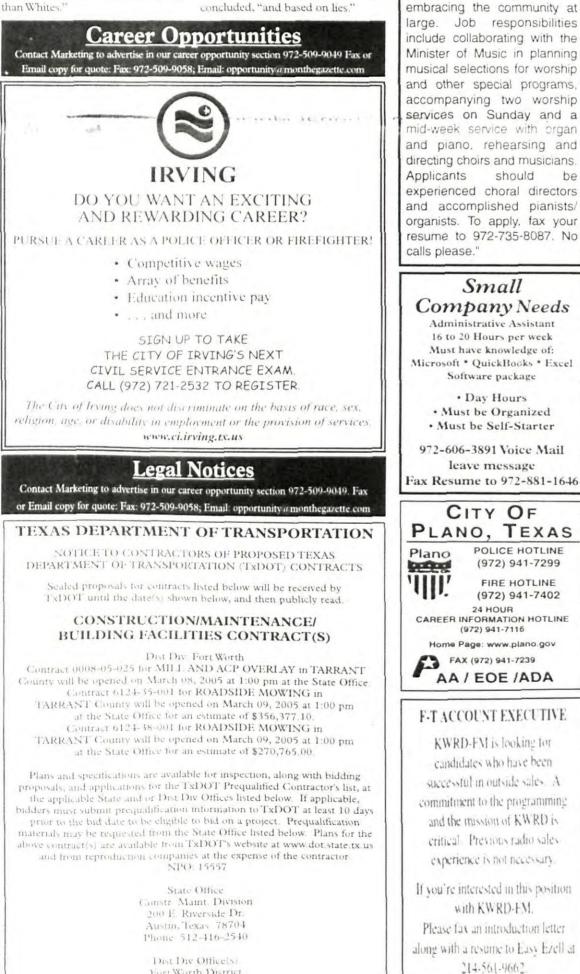
disproportionately from the disability and survivor benefits than Whites. Social Security actuaries told the newspaper, "results from more careful research reflecting actual work. histories for workers by race indicate that the non-White population actually enjoys the same or better expected rates of return from Social Security than for the White population."

The federal government's General Accounting Office agreed, saying, "Inthe aggregate, Blacks and Hispanics have higher disability rates and lower lifetime earnings, and thus receive greater benefits relative to taxes [paid] than Whites.

Online columnist Nathan Newman takes on the point of Blacks living shorter lives

"Even the argument that Blacks collect less than their share is based on assuming that Blacks will continue to live less long than Whites," Newman writes. "If we had a decent universal health care system, that difference would rapidly change. Essentially, you have conservatives refusing to fund decent health care for all Americans, leading to Blacks and other poor minorities dying off early, then using this as justification for further eroding the social safety net." "It's a neat trick," Newman

concluded, "and based on lies."



Online, wrote, "This means that Blacks are proportionately poor, partly for historic reasons, tend to have shorter life spans, especially Black males. The average life expectancy of a Black male is roughly 68.6 [years] The retirement age of Social Security is set under current law to eventually rise to 67. You do the math this cannot be a goud deal.'

Lowery goes on to assert that 60 percent of African-Americans actually favor privatizing Social Security, but their leadership and the Democratic Party oppose the Bush plan

"They should think of the accounts as financial affirmative action, or any other government initiative meant to benefit Blacks,' Lowery wrote. "According to the ideology of Black victimhood, Blacks are apparently owed everything except a better opportunity to save and own their own retirement assets.

An editorial in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune observes: "Of all the hes let's call them by their right that the Bush name administration is spreading about Social Security, none is as vile as the canard Bush repeated last Tuesday, when he said, "African-American males die sooner than other males do, which means the [Social Security] system is inherently unfair to a certain group of people. And that needs to be fixed.

"That is an entirely phony assertion; it has been debunked by the Social Security Administration, by the Government Accountability Office and by other experts. Bush and those around him know that. For them to repeat what they know to be a blatant lie is despicable fearmongering," the editorial stated.

There 376 Serious methodological flaws and numerous bad assumptions" in what the conservatives propose, the Suar-Tribune went on

Because Blacks make less money than Whites, they get more Social Security benefits. Blacks also benefit

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LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACTS

politics, Marcus Garvey was calling for Black self-reliance and identification with African heritage. W.E.B. Du Bois was fighting against segregation and for civil rights for people of color. This much energy, talent, and creativity infused the whole nation with a unique new vigor and originality.

Reading this column today, it is good to know that The Stone Churches of Lalibela in Ethiopia are one of the



Picture of The Week Sister Tarpley and her grandniece, Antonia Curlin, a Junior at the University of North Texas in Denton, with a major in Special Ed. and a minor in Spanish. "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

architectural wonders of the world. A group of eleven buildings, they are hewn from volcanic rock. But they are not carved from stone standing above ground. Astonishingly, they were cut into the earth, so that what one first sees is their roofslevel to the ground. It is said that the churches date from the twelfth century. Their original purpose is unknown, but the network of underground passages suggests they could have been either palaces or fortifications. The religious tradition is that they were built by angels in one night during the reign of King Lalibela, one of

Black dance called the "Charleston". In the early members of the Zagwe Dynasty. They now house Ethiopian Orthodox monks and a collection of Christian art

> treasures. On January 18, 1958, Willie O'Rec (a brilliant right wing hockey player) became the first African American to play in the National Hockey League (NHL), playing with the Boston Bruins. John Brown Russwurm was one of the earliest African Americans to graduate from college, receiving a degree from Bowdoin in 1826. With Samuel Cornish, he founded the first African American newspaper, "Freedom's Journal." The first issue appeared on March 16, 1827 with a strong civil rights stand.

> In the spring of 1721, when a smallpox epidemic erupted in Boston, killing nearly 1,000 people; Africa born Onesimus, a house slave owned by Cotton Mather, one of the leading ministers of colonial New England, told his master about "buying the smallpox," the inoculation he remembered from Africa, in which people infected themselves with the disease in order to create immunity. Does this remind you of our "Flu Shots" of today? In 1992, Annie Onieta Plummer, with \$50 she bought 30 dictionaries and handed them out to children on the street corner. In each book she wrote the motto of the United Negro College Fund, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." Plummer became known as the "Dictionary Lady".

Henry T. Sampson invented the Cellular Phone on July 6, 1971. G.T. Sampson invented the Clothes Dryer on June 6, 1862. Alexander Miles invented the Elevator on October 11, 1867. T. Grant invented the Golf Tee on December 12, 1899. Sarah Boone invented the Ironing Board on December 30, 1887. Paul L. Downing invented the Mailbox on October 27, 1891

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On-Going Mentor Program Our host church, True Lee Baptist Church, 3907 Bertrand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210, 214-421-9435 where Rev. Donald Parish is the Pastor, is working with a mentor program for children of parents that are incarcerated. Come or call to find out how to get involved. For more information, please

call Carolyn Johnson @ 972-235-6432.

Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry Rev. Isaac Johnson, Coordinator P. O. Box 225863 Dallas, TX 75222-5863 972-235-6432 or 214-632-6519

COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

On-Going Hope Preschool, ages 2-5 has begun pre-registration for 2005. Call the church office on Tuesday through Thursday @ 972-424-8989

February 12, 7:30 pm

Bohemian Night sponsored by the Music Department. There will be fun for the entire family. We will feature music, poetry, and artwork.

For more information and ticket prices, please call the church office @ 972-424-8989.

Community UU Church Rev. Pricilla Richter, Minister

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BELIEVERS MINISTRIES February 12, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Marriage Retreat 2005 @ the

Comfort Suites, 2287 W. Northwest Highway @ I-35, (Behind the Waffle House), Dallas, TX 75220, 972-350-4011. The theme is 'Lord, Revive and Restore My Cracked Rib"

For more info and registration fees, contact Evangelist Evelyn Crawford @ 214-372-3624.

Fellowship of Believers Ministries Bishop Gregory Crawford, Servant 2130 56th Street Dallas, TX 75241 214-372-3624

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

February 6, 5:00 pm Men of Purpose and Promise will host a Super Bowl Fellowship. Call Bro. Kevin Davis @ 972-735-8122 for more details.

February 11 - 12, 2005

The Marriage Ministry will host a Marriage Retreat at the Marriott Quorum Hotel in Addison. The final day to register for the retreat is February 2, 2005. February 19, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Women of Grace and the Youth Ministry will host a Resume and Interview Workshop. There will be breakout sessions and hands-on assistance to update and prepare your resume. This event is opened to all youth and adults.

For more information on the above events, please call the church @ 972-735-8077.

Keller Springs BC Rev. Larry J. Sanders, Senior Pastor 3227 Keller Springs Road Carrollton, TX 75006 972-735-8122

MORSE STREET **BAPTIST CHURCH** February 11 - 13, 2005

It's our Jubilee 20th Church Anniversary; and we are looking for former church members, family and friends; please join us in a celebration of Worship and Praise. Guest speaker will be Rev. Don Hayes. Celebrations will be held at the church and at the Doral Tesoro Hotel and Golf Resort.

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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February 25 - 27, 2005 Men's Encounter 2005. Call Elder Lucas for more information and registration @ 972-633-5511.

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

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This is the start of Black History

Month; and again I will highlight

some facts and accomplishments of

African Americans. Some will be

facts and accomplishments that

talked about from last year; some

learned a lot of Black History

facts from reading my columns

during the month of February.

(By Tom Joyner, Renowned Radio

Since the "Entertainment World"

how many nominations there are in

each category, and speculating who

first Black woman to have a

screenplay produced, "Georgia,

Georgia," which she also directed. In

1970, she was the first Black woman

to have a non-fiction book on The

New York Times Best Seller List;

it was the first volume of her

autobiography, I Know Why the

Caged Bird Sings. And she was

the first Black woman to be a

conductor on a San Francisco

The Harlem Renaissance was a

flowering of African American creativity

that exploded in America in the 1920's.

Langston Hughes (a postal stamp was

made to honor Hughes) and Countee

Cullen wrote poems, Nella Larsen and

Jean Toomer wrote novels, and Zora

Neale Hurston wrote about Black folk

extraordinary pictures, and sculptor

Augusta Savage turned stone into

portraits. Broadway was open to Black

musical theater with zestful singing,

dancing, and comedy. The whole

country was moving to the rhythm of a

Aaron Douglas painted

streetcar

life.

Personality and Dr. Henry L. Gates,

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JPMorgan and slavery Page 1 Dorothy Tillman proposed the ordinance.

"It's [reparations] much more than businesses acknowledging they received profits from slavery. This is about Black labor and White wealth. Wealth was passed down to Whites and poverty was passed down to Blacks," said Tillman.

"JP Morgan was ordered to disclose any information regarding their ties to the slave

trade and at first they lied about it. When we found out they lied, we demanded they do a thorough search of their records and apologize," she explains.

The ordinance, which was passed by the Chicago City Council Finance and Human Relations committees, requires record searches of banks, agriculture

industries, railroads, textile manufactures and others. According to Tillman, the ordinance wasn't designed to bar companies that have links to slavery from doing business with the city, but was designed to get information for possible reparations lawsuits in the future.

"We want our community to mobilize and organize so we can hold the government and businesses accountable. Financial institutions wouldn't be anything without the backs of Black people," she explains.

"We are using all of this information to evaluate the impact on the Black community. We are gathering information so reparations in the future."

JPMorgan Chase apologized to the American public and especially to African-Americans in a letter to its employees. They

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have also agreed to establish a \$5 humanity and suggest how they million college scholarship program called Smart Start Louisiana, but reparations activists say that is not enough.

"The scholarship fund is an insult," says Viola Plummer, national co-chair of Million for Reparations. She says the company must do more if it wants to help kids in Louisiana.

"If they are trying to repair the educational system as they claim,

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from pre-school through college. They need to rebuild the infrastructure and the curriculum. Every student in Louisiana should be able to attend school for free from pre-school to Ph.D." According to lawsuits filed on behalf of all slave descendents other companies, such as financial institution, FleetBoston, insurance companies, Aetna and New York Life, railroads, Norfolk Southern, Union Pacific and CSX, tobacco companies R.J. Reynolds and Brown & Williamson, and a textile manufacturer WestPoint Stevens,

all have ties to slavery. Plummer says the reparations movement will continue to pursue JPMorgan and other companies we can make a case for that have profited from the free

labor of enslaved Blacks. "Reparations are in fact owed to those descendants of slaves, but JPMorgan can't admit to committing a crime against

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will remedy the crime," she says. "Ultimately, the federal government must take the

responsibility. Corporations absolutely because they benefited economically, but the government because they benefited from the labor. Reparations are due on our terms."

The ordinance in Chicago is credited with being the first law making companies admit their we're saying rebuild the system history in slavery and because of

the law's success, other states, including New York, are considering similar regulations.

"I have legislation in the city calling for disclosure," explains New York City Council member Bill Perkins (D-N.Y.)

"New York has a substantial history of slavery and this legislation will be a

giant step to getting the truth

Perkins says that it's time for America to hold itself accountable for the wrong they've done to the African-American community.

"These laws allow for us to face the truth, which is very often hidden. It also allows for there to be some accountability," he said.

"The money will never be enough. How do you put a price on the kind of abuse and exploitation that was imposed on slaves and our people?"

Plummer agrees.

"Our next battle is mobilizing our people across the country," she explains.

"We say that the roots of slavery and racism are economic; therefore, the battle has to be in the economic sphere. We have to mobilize the masses and we will. They stole us. They sold us. They owe us. Not on their terms, on our terms."

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NEW LIGHT CHURCH February 5, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm We will host an informative workshop, "Singles Moving Forward" featuring Joe & Ramona Bailey of Abide in The Word Marriage Ministry. All singles are invited. Child care and food will be provided.

February 12, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm You are invited to attend a special Valentine Workshop for Husbands and Wives to educate and encourage couples. The workshop, "Things That Lovers Do" will feature Joe & Ramona Bailey of Abide in The Word Marriage Ministry. All couples are invited. Child care and food will be provided.

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New Light Church Rev. Shaun Rabb, Senior Pastor 9314 Elam Road Dallas, TX 75217 214-391-3430

PILGRIM REST

BAPTIST CHURCH February 8, 10:45 am Installation of Officers February 15, 2005

Junior Brotherhood Program February 17 - 18, 2005 Evangelical Conference at the church

February 22, 10:45 am African American History Program, and an Old Fashion Dress-Up Day;

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

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Saint Mark MBC Rev. Charles Wattley, Pastor 1308 Wilcox Street McKinney, TX 75069 972-542-6178

ST. LUKE AME CHURCH This Saturday February 5, 10:00 am Stewardship Workshop

February 13, 2:00 pm Taste of Black History & Silent Auction

February 26, 9:00 am Reaching Out To The Community (ROTC)

February 27, 2005 Stewards Program

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