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On the Homefront:

Collin County Community College District is celebrating African American History Month with a variety of activities including an art gallery exhibit, a speaker, moderated film with panel discussions and displays in the college in the college's libraries in Frisco, Plano and McKinney. All events are free and open to the public. For more information about African American History Month at Collin, visit the website at <http://www.ccccd.edu/aah> or contact Cathy Donald-Whitney at cwhitney@cccd.edu or 972-548-6717.

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

This spring, Collin County Community College District is offering a new advanced-level Java programming class at its Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. The new class, Java Web Application Development II, for more information, call continuing education at 972-965-3750.

Plano Chamber of Commerce Women's Dinner Luncheon will be held monthly at Glenside Country Club 5401 West Park Blvd, from 11:30 am to 1 pm. For more information regarding future guest speakers and ticket pricing call 972-424-7547.

Plano ISD's early childhood schools are "Serious About Having Fun," and they are sharing that message with the community during a series of upcoming school tours to encourage enrollment of three- and four-year old learners in the school-tuition-supported program. The child-centered pre-kindergarten program reflects the belief that children are active learners. The schools provide hands-on learning opportunities rich in language, literacy, math, and science, led by degreed/certified teachers who prepare students for the expectations of the district's kindergarten program. Parents are invited to tour the campuses. For more information, visit the district web site: www.pisd.edu/earlychildhood.

Beginning March 3-5, 2005 Quad C Theatre will continue their 2004-2005 season with *Bar Mitzvah*. The Musical, by Keythe Farley, Brian Flemming, and Laurence O'Keefe. Based on a "true" story from the *Weekly World News*. The Musical will be presented by the Quad C Theatre at Collin County Community College, the John Anthony Theatre, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75074. Tickets are \$15 for General Admission, \$10 for Students and Senior Citizens (\$5+). Group rates are available. Free admission with a donation of a large brand new (with tags still on) stuffed animal for Adam's Animals, a local non-profit agency that donates new stuffed animals to children in the pediatric ward at Medical City in Dallas. For tickets, season subscriptions and other information call the Quad C Theatre Hotline at 972-881-5100 or visit the web at www.quadtheatre.org.

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Mesquite NAACP Hosts 7th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

By: Justin Jones
MESQUITE - Who is telling our story, and are they telling it correctly? That was just one of many thought-provoking questions guest speaker Patrice K. Walker asked during her motivating speech at the NAACP Mesquite branch's seventh annual Freedom Fund Banquet at Eastridge Park Christian Church on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Focusing on the banquet's theme, "Building on our history," the author of "When Water Was Free" moved the packed crowd. The attendees also witnessed a short film of the groundbreaking history behind what led to the Brown vs. Board

Education decision. "An oppressed people will tell you stories of oppression, distressed people will tell you



Guests enjoy the inspiring keynote address by local author Patrice K. Walker.

stories of distress but a blessed people will tell you how blessed we are," Walker, who currently lives in Forney, said during her speech.

"How we look at our history will determine how we tell our history."

In continuing her speech, Walker stressed the importance of African-American history. She said Black History Month has to go past Feb. 28 and is not all about color. People like John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln also have a lot to do with Black history.

She also strongly stressed the importance of the NAACP.

"The NAACP has to rightfully regain its place in the African-American community. So many of us think that it was

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Revolutionary Voices from the Past

By: James Chigian
There comes a time in the course of human events for persons who have been mistreated to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with those who mistreated them. In the interest of self-respect and to claim the respect of others, after a long train of abuses, such persons have the right and the duty to throw off those who mistreat them and provide new guards for their future security.

In case you have not read it in a while, the Declaration of Independence contains the italicized phrases in the above paragraph. This country was established on the simple fact that people were being mistreated, they were tired of it, and they were not going to take it anymore. One cannot help but admire people who come to the end of their rope and defiantly proclaim the truth about their condition, and then do something about it.

I long for the day when Black

people finally get so tired of the abuse we suffer all over this country that we will decide to spend much more of our time, not trying to hurt someone else, but to use our resources to help ourselves. The plight of African Americans in 2005 is similar to that of the founders of this country. The biggest difference is that they were fed up and determined to make a change; we are just fed up. They had to go to war, as we must go to war if we want change. Our war must be revolutionary as well, but it must be fought with dollars rather than musket balls.

Our resolve must be the same as the Patriots. We must "admit" our problem and then "commit" to doing what we have to do to get what we want. Why would we continue to hope and wish for change from people who have demonstrated no indication of their willingness to do so? Check out how Patrick Henry put it: "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of

experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past. And judging by the past, I wish to know what there has been in the conduct of the British ministry for the last ten years to justify those hopes with which gentlemen have been pleased to solace themselves."

Henry knew he had to fight rather than hope and wish for change. He asked his compatriots what would make them believe their captors would change. "Is it that insidious smile with which our petition has been lately received? Trust it not, sir; it will prove a snare to your feet."

Patrick Henry continued, "They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But what shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed... Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by

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Texas Legislative Black Caucus Postpones 2005 Legislative Conference

Members Choose to Focus on Caucus' Legislative Priorities, School Finance Debate

Council of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus (TLBC) Regional Conference in Austin on Same Weekend

Austin-Citing the magnitude of issues in front of the Legislature, including the upcoming school finance debate, the members of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus (TLBC) have decided to postpone this year's Legislative Conference until after the legislative session. The conference was scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 17 and Friday, March 18.

A series of bills to overhaul the state's school finance system is scheduled for the House floor debate during the first few weeks of March. With this in mind, Black Caucus members chose to prioritize their legislative duty to protect and promote the interest of African American schoolchildren over expending their limited time and conference. Although the conference is a worthy endeavor, creating a school funding system that provides every Texas child with an opportunity for an excellent education is a once in a generation opportunity. The Black Caucus believes that African American schoolchildren deserve their undivided attention at this critical time.

Black Caucus members are encouraging their constituents to attend the NAACP Regional Conference scheduled for the same weekend the TLBC event was to take place. Of course, participants in the NAACP conference are encouraged to drop by the State Capitol to share their thoughts on how to improve Texas schools. TLBC members will be participating in the NAACP conference as time allows.

The NAACP Southwest Region Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute will be held at the Omni Hotel at Southpark, Austin TX, March 17 - 19. For more information contact Georgia Noone, NAACP Regional Director at 713-662-2727.

Traffic Cameras In Texas or Law Enforcement?

Cameras at stoplights are downright unfair and un-Texas... The thought of the notion should have never been introduced to House lawmakers.

In a 109-90 vote this past Thursday, the Texas House of Representatives gave preliminary approval to a bill repealing a cities' ability to use the cameras to photograph the license plates of drivers who run red lights. The strong bipartisan vote was cast as a blow for privacy, but it also grew out of mounting resentment over a maneuver in 2003 that allowed for the cameras even though the House had voted against them.

The bill faces one more vote before it goes to the Texas Senate. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said it is likely to pass there. A spokesman for Gov. Rick Perry declined to say whether he would sign the bill.

Garland, Texas currently is the only city in Texas that uses the cameras. A lot of citizens agree and disagree on the matter. One individual on the website BroadBandReports.com stated, "As far as I know Garland is the only place to implement this. They (cameras) are set up at three intersections, Centerville at LBJ, Northwest HWY at LBJ and Jupiter at Shiloh. As I recall they cost 20k and have resulted in a couple million dollars in fines."

Eastfield College African American Read-In....

By: Justin Jones
MESQUITE - Throughout the course of history, African-American leaders - both past and present - such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Oprah Winfrey, Bill Cosby, Booker T. Washington and

As a way to promote reading and celebrate Black History Month, Eastfield College held its annual African-American Read-In on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

"I'm really, really excited with the diverse group we had,"



Jason and Maston Porter of the Wondering Mimes.

Langston Hughes have impacted America.

Although their approach was and is often different, these Black leaders and those alike all have one thing in common: They each knew how to read, and the importance behind the written word.

event-coordinator Brynndah Hicks-Turnbo said following the Read-In. "Knowing our history and how African-Americans contributed to it is very important."

Keeping the history and legacies of those who played a

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Confidence And Grace At Christian Chapel Temple Of Faith

Brother Warren Brooks, Media Director at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith, welcomed Sister Tarpley, Religious Editor for **MON-The Gazette**, Le Von Campbell, Associate Director for Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT), professional dancer William Gill, and thanked other guests for attending their worship service on Sunday, February 20.

Gill showed exceptional, high eminence in execution of a dance presentation that the internationally renowned Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) Ensembles are known for when he danced to "Change My Name." And from the enthusiastic reaction from the congregation, one would guess that many individuals in the audience had witnessed the entire DBDT Company perform at

their Annual Cultural Awareness Series, "Ice Cold Fire Dance Celebration" held at the Majestic Theatre on February 18 - 19; and was expecting Gill to continue where the full company had left off the last two days; the audience was left wanting more.

At the beginning of the routine Gill gradually and humbly walked down the outside aisle to the church alter in front of the dais, he slowly knelt and bowed his head; this act alone left the congregation breathless. As the audience seemed to hold their breath, Gill reverently lifted his head toward Heaven in a sobering posture and then he lifted his body as he walked on the dais to begin his presentation. The audience seemed to exhale their

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Greenspan Discusses Social Security, Medicare, and the Deficit

NEW YORK - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Wednesday the U.S. economy is growing at a "reasonably good pace" but urged Congress to move quickly to fix the country's budget deficits and its Social Security and Medicare problems.

the government's own imbalances will require scrutiny of both spending and taxes. However, tax increases of sufficient dimension to deal with our looming fiscal problems arguably pose significant risks to economic growth and the revenue base," Greenspan said in

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part in shaping it also is important. That's why the African-American Read-In was there was "Go tell it, we've got a story to tell." And telling stories is exactly what happened. Whether it was reading a favorite poem or an



Carla Ranger and Dr. Vivian Davis, two of the three founders of the Eastfield College Read-In, share a conversation before the event.

excerpt from a book, a packed house eagerly enjoyed numerous inspiring readings from African-American authors.

"We can never, never learn enough," said Turnbo, who throughout the Read-In gave prizes to those who answered Black History questions. "I think this is something that must continue. Our history and reading is very important."

The Read-In started with the elegant voice of Patricia Jacobs and "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Following Jacobs were readings from Michael Morris and Laretha Davis who respectively read poems

entitled "Where Is Here Coltrane Is" and "I'm Not Giving My Black Back."

Eastfield student Godofredo Ortiz later followed those readings with an excerpt from an author he said helped change his life, Dorothy Heigh. After Ortiz's reading, which came from Heigh's "Open Wide the Freedom Gates," he expressed how much she inspired him to continue his education.

"This is an experience that I won't forget," the sophomore Eastfield College student said. "This helped me to learn about

the people that inspired me to continue doing what I'm doing." Also reading about an author that influenced his life was area poet John L. Mack. However, Mack's readings had more of a personal touch. Considering Mack once toured with Nikki Giovanni, he felt it was only fitting to read something about her.

Reading from his original work, Mack read a letter "A Note to Nikki" he wrote to Giovanni (in a poem format) on how she has impacted his life.

He then read a letter "I Love You" Giovanni wrote back to him. "Reading is everything. It's the only thing, and we sometimes take it for granted," Mack said. "We need events like this to teach Black history and the importance of reading. This was tremendous."

Other readers included Patricia Jacobs, Maria Caratini-Prado and Dwayne Gibson of MON-The Gazette.

Aside from the readings, the event also featured memorable performances by W.W. Sammuell High School, Booker T. Washington Performing and Visual Arts School vocalist "La'Shonda," Keith Price of the Soul Rep Theater, and Jason and



Students of W.W. Sammuell High School performing their rendition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Mason Porter of the Wondering Mimes.

W.W. Sammuell High School's drama class featured 14 students who read their rendition of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. "They all knew who Martin Luther King Jr. was, but this was a way for them to see what was in his head ... what he was thinking and going through," W.W.

Samuelli High School drama director Willene Lupers said.

"This (program) really adds so much to their lives. They were very energetic and excited throughout the program, which was good because it showed them that reading is fun."

Demonstrating that was Price, who to the tunes of popular Hip-Hop songs rapped lyrics that the high school students were still singing as they left to go back to school.

"We should be able to communicate and teach each other and this is just one way to do that," said Price, who performed two of his favorite hits "Book Worm" and "Read for Life." "Reading the word of those African-American leaders who are long gone is very important, especially during these times. Reading is critical and important."

So important, 15 years ago Carla Ranger, Rose Bud and Dr. Vivian Davis started the Eastfield African-American Read-In where only eight people attended - a far cry from Feb. 23.

Thanks to their vision and knowing how important reading is to the future and education, the Read-In has continued and been successful.

"This was just exhilarating, uplifting and moving," said Ranger, who was in attendance along with Davis. "We felt a need

to join the national movement back then and it's been nothing but an honor and a blessing to see since then. There are many opportunities through reading."

And considering Davis is currently an English teacher at Eastfield, she couldn't agree more.

"Writing is important but what's the use if you don't know how to read what you write," Davis said. "That's why we thought it was a great idea to start here and try to expand into homes and communities. If you want to be successful, you have to know how to read, and this Read-In teaches the importance of that."



Keith Price of the Soul Rep Theater performing Hip-Hop songs that prompted readings by other participants.

DEPRESSED AGAIN?

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas is conducting research sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health on cognitive therapy for depression. **Treatment is free.** The symptoms of depression include:

- Depressed or sad mood
- Loss of interest in activities
- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much
- Feeling slowed down
- Feeling tired or having low energy
- Feeling guilty or worthless
- Changes in weight or appetite
- Difficulty concentrating

If you have experienced these symptoms more than once in your life, are drug free and not currently in psychiatric treatment, please call the Psychosocial Research and Depression Clinic at 214-648-5351.

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Around The Town

Ongoing

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

The American Chamber of Commerce DFW chapter hosts weekly business luncheons every Wednesday from NOON - 1 p.m. 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.

PJP Productions, distributors of the new multi-station show, The Valder Beebe Show, announces The Valder Beebe Show broadcast on "KKVI FM The Bridge Network" each Sunday, from 6 - 7 p.m.

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@teengraffiti.com

Jobseekers Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking of Collin County. The non-profit group

oversees several chapters, group meetings from 11:30 am to 1 pm every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. For more information, log on to the Plano City web site at www.planochamber.org

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

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

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

The Dance Academy of Pathway of Life Church is registering applicant 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 Metrolplex with the \$2500 that needs to be raised. The trip will take place in March. For trip information on how you can help, contact the program coordinator, Candace Tuck at cuck@EISD.org

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

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

March 4, 2005 During Women's History Month, the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society will be hosting an event to honor Dr. Fannie Reese Morrison. The event will be held at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center at the Will Rogers Complex at 7:00 p.m. An exhibit featuring Dr. Morrison's personal memorabilia, which she generously donated to the TCBHGS, will be on display in the rounds of the art center throughout the day. For more information and ticket prices please contact Sara Walker, President at 817-492-0011 or Pearl Hunt at 817-543-5197.

March 3, 2005 Joyceline Elder, former U.S. Surgeon General and the first African American woman to hold that post,

will share her views on "Health Care in the 21st Century" at Richland College on March 3. The free lecture will be from 11 am to 12 pm in Fannin Performance Hall. Richland College is located at 12800 Abrams Road in Dallas. For more information, call Student Programs and Resources at 972-238-6130.

March 5, 2005 Betty Culbreth-Lister, a community trailblazer will be honored by the Dallas Chapter of the Black Social Workers during their annual Ezekiah Jerry Scholarship Luncheon at Noon. The event will be held at the Sara Ellen and Samuel Weisfeld Center, 15085 Cadiz at Browder. The Honorable Helen Giddings, State Representative of District 109, will be the guest speaker. The theme for the luncheon is "Continuing to Make a Difference." For ticket and sponsorship information please contact Audrey Brown at 214-670-6739.

Dr. Roslyn A. Walker, the Senior Curator of the Arts of Africa, the Pacific, and the Americas and Margaret McDermott Curator of African Art at the Dallas Museum of Art will present the 2005 Thelma Daniels Distinguished Lecture at 3 pm in the AT&T Auditorium in the African American Museum in Fair Park. Her topic is "The Image of Women in African Art." The event is free to the public. For more information contact Ms. Kendall Ferguson at 214-565-9026 ext 304 or go to the Museum's website at www.aamdallas.org

March 5, 2005 The Mesquite Arts Center will host an exhibition of recent work by local artist Diane Walker-Gladney from March 5 through April 3. A public reception will be held for the artist on Saturday, March 19, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. The show, entitled Road Art and Discontinuity Series, is a collection of mixed media paintings reflecting the artist's interest in the Japanese

New Fire Station to Open in Garland

The Grand Opening of Garland Fire Station number 11 will be at 10:00 am Thursday March 3, 2005. It is located at 1940 Beltline Road, 75043. Truck 11 which is assigned to this station is manned by a four person paramedic crew. It is capable of

performing all of the duties of a fulltime ambulance except transporting. Paramedics can start treatment and have the patient ready to go when an ambulance arrives. If you have any questions please contact at 214-232-5056.

Lucky you! DART's taking you to all the fun this March.

DART to a healthier you at the ADA Diabetes EXPO.

- Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Dallas Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A
- diabetes.org • 972.392.1181

Red or Blue Line to Convention Center Station

Reading and riding go hand in hand at the Plano Book Festival.

- Sunday, March 6, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- planobookfestival.com • 972.633.9603

Red Line to Downtown Plano Station

Join DART for its next public scoping meeting to discuss DART Rail expansion through North Irving into DFW Airport.

- Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
- Irving Arts Center, Suite 200 (3333 North MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75062)
- www.DART.org • 214.749.2543

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DART over to Greenville Ave. for good luck!

- Saturday, March 12, beginning at 11 a.m.
- Parade starts at Blackwell St. and continues south to Yale Blvd.
- dallasobserver.com/promotions/stpats

Red Line to Park Lane or Lovelace Lane Station

Red or Blue Line to Mockingbird Station

Change the world one step at a time.

- Saturday, April 2 on Market St. in the West End, beginning at 9 a.m.
- marchforrespect.org • 214.634.9810

Red or Blue Line to West End Station

Put your best foot forward in the fight against premature births at WalkAmerica 2005.

- Saturday, April 30 at White Rock Lake, beginning at 8 a.m.
- Starting point is Norwalk Park (SE corner of Buckner Blvd. & Northwest Highway)
- marchfordimes.com/texas
- 972.669.3463

Free shuttle bus from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Mockingbird Station (Red or Blue Line), White Rock Station (Blue Line), South Garland Transit Center or North Irving Transit Center



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214.979.3111

March 14-19, 2005

The Irving Arts Center is excited to present the 5th annual Kids Arts Spring Break Camp featuring the acclaimed Missoula Children's Theater at the Irving Arts Center. The Irving Arts Center is located at 3333 North MacArthur Blvd., one mile north of Highway 183. In addition to this the Irving Arts center will offer a limited number of Kids Arts Spring Break Camp scholarships. For more information and registration or for ticket details log on to www.irvingartscenter.com or call 972-252-ARTS.

March 17, 2005

The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas announces the March meetings of Senior Connection, Dallas' first support group dedicated to older adults looking for a job. The Senior Source, 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas, TX 75204. The meeting topic will be: Marketing Yourself. The group meets twice a month. All meetings are free. Open to adults 50+. RSVP is required. Please contact Renee Perry or Judy Burk at 214-823-5700 or SESD@TheSeniorSource.org

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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Blacks Riding The "Nigger" Merry-Go-Round

By: James W. Breedlove

There is probably no word in the American English language more powerful than "Nigger". It can ignite an emotional personal, political, social or cultural firestorm whose embers smolder long after the fire has died. One civil rights activist stated that just thinking about the word makes him want to go to war. The word is so potent that it is usually referred to as the N-Word to shield us from its venom.

The N-Word seems to have had negative connotations from its birth around 1440 when the Portuguese explorers roamed the western coast of Africa seeking Negro slaves. The word has taken on different meanings over time ranging from the dehumanizing, derogatory and demeaning to friendship, affection and comradeship.

"Nigger" and siblings such as "Niggah, Nigga, and Nigra" have permeated the American landscape for centuries and created a "Nigger Merry-Go-Round" that periodically shocks America with a polarizing racial earthquake.

Not only does the spoken "Nigger" have the potential to instantaneously inflame and incite but the seemingly innocuous definition of the word in the dictionary can also trigger a reaction.

In the fall of 1997 a young computer technician in Michigan out of curiosity looked up the dreaded N-Word in the dictionary. The definition: "a black person - usually taken to be offensive." This was followed by other usages and a long paragraph noting that the word is one of the most offensive in the English language.

Outraged and personally offended by the definition found in the Merriam-Webster

dictionary (tenth edition published in 1993), and not getting a satisfactory response from the company, she initiated a local petition drive to have the word redefined or removed.

The drive soon garnered support from the Museum of African American History in Flint, Michigan. Interviews with the press, radio shows and television provided additional publicity and on October 17, 1997 The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) through its president, Kwame Mfume, added its muscle to the campaign by threatening to boycott Merriam-Webster if the definition of "Nigger" was not revised.

In response to the complaints from the NAACP and thousands of petitioners, Merriam-Webster in early 1998 established a task force to review offensive definitions and determine if the practice of listing definitions in historical sequence should be changed.

Merriam-Webster in explaining their position states in part, "As reference-book publishers, we know that it is our responsibility to make ourselves understood. If better methods can be found, we will adopt them as soon as our manufacturing processes permit. Some people have suggested that we remove the word from the dictionary entirely, but that is something that we don't feel we should do. This word is a part of the language, and as such, it is our responsibility as dictionary-makers to report on it."

We don't believe we can make offensive words go out of existence by leaving them out of the dictionary, any more than a newspaper can make racism go away by failing to report about it. People don't learn these words from the dictionary, nor

would they refrain from using them if we left them out. To remove the word from the dictionary would simply mislead people by creating the false impression that racial slurs are no longer a part of our culture; and that, tragically, is not the case."

In June 1998 the following chain e-mail was circulated: "I have just had the pleasure of hearing Kwame Mfume, president and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) speak at Virginia Tech. We all were informed that a landmark decision was made last week with the people at Merriam-Webster Dictionary. They have recognized the error of their ways. So beginning with the next edition the word 'nigger' will no longer be synonymous with African-Americans. Along with this all racial and religious slurs will finally be vindicated for what they really are, cruel and evil slurs to degrade people. This is a great victory." The e-mail was reissued in February 2005.

The energy and resources expended in attempting to define or delete "Nigger" in the dictionary amounts to a meaningless gesture in the bigger struggle to remove racism from the souls of mankind.

The great "Nigger" victory that Blacks are so elated about is simply the relocation of the "usually offensive" notation from behind the definition to a italicized insert preceding the definition. The definition, however, will not be rewritten. If the "Nigger Merry-Go-Round" is to stop then the racist thoughts that give sustenance to the word must first change.

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Question: My daughter, a college freshman, is headed to a Spring Break vacation to Mexico next month and I am terrified by news reports of travel related illnesses, especially intestinal germs. What advice can I give my daughter since I never traveled to Mexico myself?

You might consider this: Avoiding travel related illness starts with some common sense observations. Most germs originate from food and water. The federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention and American College of Emergency Physicians give these tips:

First, don't swim in stagnant (usually in small coves or sometimes marinas) or polluted water, or after a heavy rainfall. Use goggles, nose plugs and earplugs, and

don't swallow water. Shower before and after swimming whether in a pool, in the gulf, or at the beach. Wash any skin abrasions, cuts and scrapes with clean water and soap.

Second, drink only canned or bottled beverages or those made with boiled water. Don't use ice, especially in frozen drinks unless you can verify that the ice comes from bottled water. Dry the outside of wet cans or bottles before drinking from them. Use bottled water to brush your teeth and to rinse your mouth and toothbrush.

Third, avoid raw food such as salads, uncooked vegetables, and unpasteurized milk and milk products, such as cheese. Instead, eat food that has been cooked and is still hot, and fruit that you have peeled. Don't eat undercooked or raw meat, fish or shellfish. A popular college initiation when newcomers visit Mexico is to eat raw sea urchins and chug beer. Needless to say, you are inviting stomach viruses by engaging in such practices.

Fourth, don't buy food or

unpackaged drinks from street vendors. Try not to eat cold food and drink unboiled water on the airplane home. Remember, it came from the country you visited, not where you are going.

Finally, spring break is a time to exhale and think about all the possibilities of summer, make plans with friends, relax and have a good time. A few common sense behavioral modifications can make your first trip to foreign soil a pleasant one by just thinking twice about the food and beverages you consume, your excursions to the beach and forays off the beaten path.

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sends the strong message that if you break the law you should pay, and continue to pay dearly. The argument might make sense if all or most of the disenfranchised ex-felons were convicted murders, rapists, or robbers.

Civil liberties groups and civil rights organizations must fight harder against the bans. That means filing court challenges and mounting a sustained lobbying campaign in Congress or state legislatures to get the discriminatory voting laws changed. The denial of voting rights to thousands of Black's decades after the end of slavery and legal segregation is a travesty of justice, and a blot on the democratic process. It will also cost the Democrats thousands of votes and maybe even the White House in the next presidential election.

Felon Ban Continues To Hurt Blacks and Democrats

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson, BlackNews.com Columnist

During the last presidential campaign Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry tepidly spoke out against the ban by some states on ex-felon voting. He should have shouted out against it. The ban hurts Democrats far more than the Republicans. Blacks make up a huge percentage of those barred from voting because of a prison stint. They are far more likely to vote Democrat than Republican. The ex-felon vote in Florida 2000 did much to snatch the White House from Al Gore. The ban on ex-felon voting also may have deprived Kerry of thousands of potential votes in Ohio.

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just in the civil rights era, but we still have so many of the same issues," said Walker, who was a 18-year travel industry veteran prior to becoming a best-selling author.

"And we need strong organizations such as the NAACP to be a voice for the community."

In addition to Walker, the banquet also consisted of a silent auction and singing performances from Master of Ceremony Sedric Dinkens and Rodney Bourdon, who also gracefully played the piano.

"To know that you are a part of a great organization that got you where you are right now, and that people actually suffered, actually died and gave their lives to make sure your civil rights and opportunities stay alive is a very important," Mesquite branch president Denise Upchurch said of the NAACP's importance.

"I really believe in the purpose of the NAACP, and if we don't except people for who we are we will die."

Accepting a few of the Mesquite branch's annual awards were Director of Harvest Outreach Ministries Pastor

Frank Schindler, long-time Boys and Girls Club employee Bernita Aldridge, Toni Johnson Simpson and Rodney Harmon.

Schindler was named Community Champion of the Year while Aldridge received Business Person of the Year. Johnson and Harmon both received the Presidents awards.

"This banquet was encouraging. It had a wonderful speaker and it made you look back and think ... give you a drive," Mesquite resident Frankie Colborn said.

"The NAACP is community-based and it's important that you support it."

Dinkens echoed that while he addressed the crowd during the banquet.

"We are here to build on history and to move on. It's important that everyone join in," he said. "It's not just for the advancement of colored people. If your skin isn't dark, that doesn't mean you don't have color."

The Mesquite NAACP branch, which has been around since 1992, currently has around 60 members and meets every third Monday of the month at Evans Recreation Center.

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lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot!"

Black people must ask ourselves those same questions. Henry reminded the people of their full rights, their arguments against oppression, their entreaties and supplications to the King. He reminded them of their demonstrations, their protestations, and their humility, all rejected by the power structure. He told them it was time to take things into their own hands and stop begging their oppressors to come to their rescue. He said, "There is no longer any room for hope. If we wish to be free... we must fight! I repeat it, sir, we must fight!"

Until Black people, who occupy the bottom of every economic category and the top of every incarceration category, who suffer from the lowest education levels among males and have the highest percentage of female-headed households, until we decide to fight not only against white folks who mistreat us but against our own

internal demons as well, the words of Henry, David Walker, and Maria Stewart will continue their hollow ring.

If we cannot see the historical irony between what David Walker said and what Patrick Henry said, and act upon those words, we are doomed to permanent underclass status. We must use our intellectual capacity to improve our situation in this country. We must use our tremendous economic capacity as a hammer against banks that discriminate against us and corporations that treat us like afterthoughts. And, we must combine our intellectual and financial resources to build our own political, economic, educational, and social independence. The King is not going to do it, brothers and sisters.

Since I have been writing this weekly column for more than a decade, I figured I'd let a white man do the talking this time; maybe more of our people will listen and act, because if a white man called for a revolt, it must be all right for a Black man to call for one. So I leave you with Patrick

James E. Clinegan, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald-Examiner and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African 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- Stuff We need to know." Clinegan's books are available at his Web site, www.blackonomics.com. He can be contacted there or by telephone at 513-489-4132.

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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 parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north...

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ASAE Seeks Nominations for 2005-2006 DELP Scholars

WASHINGTON, DC—The American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) is currently seeking nominations for the 2005-2006 Diversity Executive Leadership Program (DELP). Now in its fifth year, this one-year program offers individuals from underrepresented segments of the association community an opportunity to advance into the ranks of leadership in association management by providing networking opportunities, educational programs and career guidance.

Sponsored by the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), there will be up to 10 scholarships awarded. Selected DELP scholars will receive a complimentary one-year membership in ASAE and an appropriate local allied society, free registration to professional development programs and the 2005 ASAE and Center

for Association Leadership Annual Meeting being held in Nashville, August 13-16. Travel and lodging to the annual meeting will be covered for DELP scholars as well as two education programs offered by The Center for Association Leadership. The tenure of the program begins July 1, 2005 and ends June 30, 2006.

"With thanks to the Detroit Metro CVB, we are pleased to offer the Diversity Executive Leadership Program once again this year," said ASAE President and CEO John H. Graham IV, CAE.

"This program will not only provide DELP scholars with the opportunity to advance their careers in association management, but it will benefit the association community as the scholars put the knowledge acquired during the program into practice."

"My experience with DELP has afforded me the ability to meet and network with individuals with whom I would

not have otherwise had the opportunity to associate. I have gained valued insight and an inimitable perspective on the mission and objectives of one of our industry's leading associations and through my experience with DELP, I have been able to increase my knowledge and expand my reach and influence within the meetings industry," said Dvorah A. Evans, CMP, Director of Conventions/Tourism, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce.

Evans was nominated to participate in the 2004-2005 program by the Dallas/Ft. Worth Association Executives.

Successful candidates must be a member of a racial/ethnic minority group, or gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender or a person with a disability; currently employed in an association in at least a mid-level position with at least three years of experience in association management or at least one year of experience as an

association CEO (as of the date of application) and has demonstrated professional, volunteer, civic/community leadership experience. Participants are selected by the ASAE Diversity Committee from applications received *from eligible candidates.

The application process includes not only information about the candidate, but also a letter of recommendation from the local allied society or an association executive who would be willing to serve as a mentor to the prospective DELP scholar. The deadline for application submissions for the 2005-2006 Diversity Executive Leadership Program is April 15, 2005. For more information about eligibility criteria, the program structure, a list of allied societies or to obtain a nomination form, please visit the ASAE Web site, <http://www.asaenet.org/awards/diversity/>.

Additional questions and inquiries should be directed to Marilu Morada, 202-326-9527 or mmorada@asaenet.org

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Certification Agency. This is the eleventh year for this outreach event. The goal is to attract as many area businesses as possible to participate in the purchasing process.

The mixer will be held at the Granger Recreation Center (inside the Annex Bldg) at 1310 W. Avenue F in Garland, TX 75040.

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testimony prepared for delivery to the House Budget Committee.

"The exact magnitude of such risks is very difficult to estimate, but, in my judgment, they are sufficiently worrisome to warrant aiming, if at all possible, to close the fiscal gap primarily, if not wholly, from the outlay side."

Greenspan again endorsed the key part of President Bush's Social Security overhaul to set up private accounts, but he stressed that much more needed to be done to put the giant retirement program and Medicare, which he said faced even more severe financial strains, on a more sound footing.

Last month, the Fed chairman had urged a go-slow approach on the narrower issue of allowing younger people to put a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal retirement accounts.

The influential central bank chief urged Congress anew to reinstate lapsed rules requiring tax cuts and spending to be offset.

He said the deficit should narrow somewhat as the economy expands and incomes rise, noting that the ramp-up in defense and homeland security spending

is not expected to continue indefinitely.

"But, as the latest projections from the administration and the Congressional Budget Office suggest, our budget position is unlikely to improve substantially in the coming years unless major deficit-reducing actions are taken," Greenspan said.

According to the latest CBO estimates, the budget will still be in the red a decade from now.

The Fed chief also said solid growth in productivity—or worker output of goods and services per hour—would help ease budget strains.

"But unless productivity growth far outstrips that embodied in current budget forecasts, it is unlikely to represent more than part of the answer," Greenspan said, adding he could not rule out the possibility that productivity growth will fall short of projections.

Greenspan reiterated that he supports President Bush's push for setting up personal retirement accounts by diverting up to 4 percentage points of payroll taxes into the new accounts.

Diverting the payroll taxes into the Social Security trust fund, he said, had merely allowed the government to run larger budget deficits. Greenspan said that switching to the private

accounts would be a way to bolster the nation's low savings rate.

Greenspan warned Congress that every year it delayed would make fixing the problem harder, especially after the baby boomers begin retiring.

"The one certainty is that the resolution of the nation's unprecedented demographic challenge will require hard choices and that the future performance of the economy

will depend on those choices," Greenspan said.

The Fed chief said that unless growth in the huge benefit programs is restrained, these programs will require more and more government resources, rising from about 8 percent of the total economy currently to 13 percent by 2030.

"In the end, the consequences for the U.S. economy of doing nothing could be severe," he said.

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Alicia Keys & John Legend @ Nokia Live!

Alicia Keys, John Legend and Keisha Cole, will all be center-stage at Nokia Theater at Grand Prairie this Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 8 pm.

Keys' official website says she possesses an "old soul," and the hard facts seem to back up the implied claim of wisdom and experience that transcend Alicia Keys' youth. Barely in her twenties Keys is responsible for an extremely hot debut album, *Songs in A Minor*. The release, which she wrote and produced for

In 1998, she signed a deal with Arista Records when the company triumphed in a bidding war over other labels. When Davis left the company for J Records in 1999, Keys went along. Davis promoted the careers of such artists as Carlos Santana and Whitney Houston, and part of his

launch strategy for Keys was to secure exposure on BET and MTV, as well as on The Oprah Winfrey Show. Her 2001 major label debut, *Songs in A Minor*, went multi-

platinum, and was followed in 2003 by the Grammy-winning smash, *Diary of Alicia Keys*.



John Legend's consummate album *Get Lifted* is his major label debut on Columbia Records. Legend demonstrates a rare ability to fuse the "feel" and vibe of classic old school soul music with the edgy flavor of 21st century hip-hop. While the romantic themes of traditional R&B permeate John's *Get Lifted*, there's also

street-worthy hipness and confidence: the sensuality of Marvin Gaye and the sincerity of Stevie Wonder merging with the directness of Snoop Dogg and the wit of Kanye West. Yet, John Legend is very much his own artist, gifted with singular talents and a unique sensibility.

Keshia Cole who debuted on the single, "Changed My Mind," will accompany these talented artists and put down her claim to fame on the stage.

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Clive Davis' J Records, blends diverse influences, including R&B, hip-hop, classical, and jazz. The day the album went on the market, it sold more than 50,000 copies. Label executives confidently predicted similarly favorable numbers for the first week's tally.

DBDT at Christian Chapel Page 1 breath at the same time as they gave Gill a thundering applause. With each step, leap, and movement the audience was drawn into intimate participation with Gill. His presentation was fitting and Heavenly dignified as he honored God in his dance. At the end of Gill's routine it seemed the entire audience stood and applauded; and Gill acknowledged their applause with numerous head and waist bows.

This was Youth Day at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith and Rev. Anna Lisa Butler and the children lead the congregation in praises and worship to God in the highest. The audience was truly moved in the Holy Spirit with each scripture reading and song that the youth executed. One of the songs that brought the audience to their feet with applause was "Hallelujah, He is Wonderful." The

congregation responded with numerous applause and standing ovations for the youth as they had for Gill, the dancer. Rev. Butler said that the youth were a wonderful group to work with; and all the glory goes to God.

This was also a sprinkling of water and oil Baptismal Service. The large group of candidates for Baptism was only the youth in the church in this time. With family and friends proudly looking on, Pastor McNeil, sprinkled each youth, first with water then anointed each one with oil. He told the audience that when Jesus baptized a large group, he would ask the people to circle around Him, and then he would take a hyssop branch, dip it in water then sprinkle the crowd of people.

Pastor McNeil said that this was a special time in the life of the child and the family. It was a "New Birthday" and that receiving the sprinkling of water and oil were signs of consent and commitment

from the youth and the family that they are making a covenant with God, and in complete reverence to Him. It was beautiful to witness several young ladies in white dresses with white head coverings. They were brought to the church altar by several Stewardesses in the church.

Pastor McNeil preached another soul stirring sermon according to one lady in the audience. She was heard saying that Pastor McNeil had the Word of God for her. She wasn't a member of this church, but said that God lead her to Christian Chapel Temple of Faith this day for her to hear His Word through Pastor McNeil. She said, "I must get a tape of the service and message," and she did.

Pastor McNeil thanked Thurman Jones, Publisher of *MON-The Gazette* and DBDT for bringing the spiritual presentation to the Temple of Faith and their other guests for worshipping with them.

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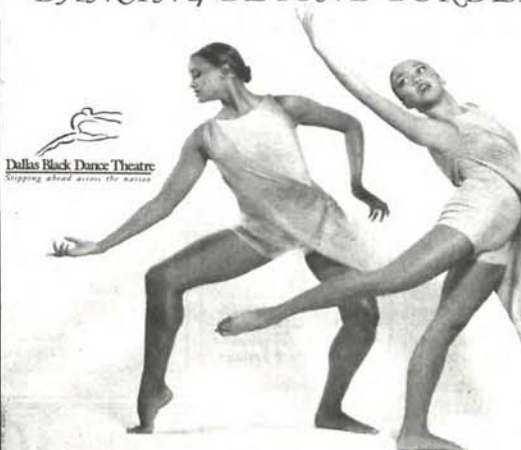
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Car Review

2005 Chrysler 300

By: E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.
If their ever were a breakthrough product for an auto manufacturer, the 2005 Chrysler 300 has broken records and barriers. For the first time in fifteen years, Chrysler revisits the rear-wheel drive powertrain for a full size sedan. The 300 has been heralded as "the rejuvenation of the great American full-size sedan", according to MOTOR TREND Magazine.

The 300 is available in both rear-wheel-drive and all-wheel drive. Real-wheel-drive powertrain options hosts a 2.7 liter V6 engine with a four speed automatic transmission. The 300 Touring and 300 Limited trim lines both have a 3.5 liter High Output V-6 with four-speed transmission. The 300C has a 5.7 liter HEMI V8 engine with a five speed automatic transmission with AutoStick®.

All-wheel-drive powertrain options for the 300 Touring and 300 Limited are a 3.5 liter

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the engine is running on four or all eight cylinders. The allocation is an almost even 50/50 front to rear weight distribution.

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2005 Church Tour Closed @ Pilgrim Rest

The Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) Ensemble closed its two months 2005 Spiritual Tour of North Dallas area churches at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church on February 27th where Dr. Curtis W. Wallace is the pastor, with a grand performance by dancer Sade Dorton to "The Blood" by Kirk Franklin.

Brother + Carl Long articulated, quite well, his welcome and introduction of Sister Turpley, Religion Editor of *MON-The Gazette*, Dorton, and Thomas M. Jackson, another poised and powerful dancer from DBDT.

Dorton danced divinely across the front of the church with agile turns and leaps. The audience enjoyed the presentation and was left wanting more of the same as she gracefully completed her presentation, bowed, and made her exit from the sanctuary.

This was Pilgrim Rest's Annual African American Heritage and Old Fashion Dress-up Day as well as Youth Day. Church

members and guests were eloquently dressed in African American attire, and prizes were given for several categories of dress.

The youth of the church conducted the majority of the Praise and Worship Service, including praying, singing, and in the Ministry of Giving. The "Guiding Light" dynamic Children and Youth Choirs were great as they sang high praises to God in Heavenly tones. One song that had the audience standing and applauding was "I Love You Lord."

Pastor Wallace's powerful message, "Encouraged to Pray" came from Jeremiah 33:1 - 3. He pointed out that there are three main points that the text has for us: 1) God encourages us to

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Sister Tarpley

First I would like to pay a great tribute to my highest honor to Black women that I know or have known in my life. These women have not done things that have made great changes for mankind, but they have made a big difference to me, I thank God for each of them, and what they mean to me. The names are not in any particular order, except the first two names. Each lady is very precious and beloved by me.

Mrs. Cordelia Baker Demus, my beautiful mother. I have written about her in past columns and to this day, I thank God for every day He allowed her to live on this earth and the wonderful memories that she left behind. Mrs. Jessie Baker Green, my wonderful aunt and a great mother and wife. She is my mother's sister and was her best friend in their childhood and until her death. Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott, my daughter. She is a beautiful and great mother and wife. Mrs. Jewel Price McKenzie, my teacher and mentor, in high school, college, and my working career. Mrs. Phenela Solomon Tinner, my beautiful friend. She is and has always been a great Godmother to my daughter, she is also a wonderful mother and wife and she has been a great friend. My sisters, Nurse Elay Demus Avery, Cosmetologist Billie Ivette Demus Daye, Evangelist Ida Demus Egleon, and Teacher Rose Demus Fielding; they are the greatest and can't be beat. I will list more of my favorites each week in March.

Bessie Coleman, the first Black American woman aviator, born on January 26, 1893. She had a U.S. postage stamp issued in her honor on April 27, 1995. Rosa Parks, known as the "Mother of the Montgomery Bus Boycott" in Alabama was born on February 4, 1913 (the same year as my mother). And on December 1, 1955 she refused to yield her seat, initiating the famous bus strike. Figure skater

March is "Women's History Month;" I will highlight African American Women and their contributions to mankind.

Debi Thomas, on February 27, 1988 became the first Black American to win a medal in the Winter Olympics. Aretha Franklin, known as the "Queen of Soul" was born on March 25, 1942. Harriet Tubman, on April 20, 1853 started organizing the Underground Railroad, and on June 2, 1863 leads the



Picture of The Week
Standing: Mrs. Jewel Price McKenzie, Sister Tarpley's former teacher and current mentor; and her sister Mrs. Iris Price Carr

Union Army guerrillas into Maryland and freed more than 700 slaves. Tubman was also the first woman to be honored on a postage stamp, the 13-cent stamp on February 1, 1978 and the 32-cent stamp issued June 29, 1995. Hattie McDaniel, first Black person to win an Oscar, *Gone With the Wind*, on June 10, 1940. Dr. Mae Jemison on June 5, 1997, became the first Black female astronaut.

Graceland Brooks on May 5, 1950 became the first Black person awarded a Pulitzer Prize for *Amos & Allen*. Leontyne Price, a world renowned opera singer, on May 24, 1966, opened the Metropolitan Opera Season. Toni Morrison on

October 7, 1993 was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature. The Honorable Shirley Chisholm on November 5th became the first Black woman elected to Congress in 1968. Sojourner Truth, an abolitionist and orator, was born November 18, 1777. Madame C.J. Walker, the first known African American woman to become a self-made millionaire was born on December 26, 1867. She developed and marketed a method for straightening curly hair.

Marian Anderson in 1939 performed at the Lincoln Memorial before an audience of 75,000 after the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to allow her to sing at Constitution Hall and this year has been honored with a U.S. postage stamp. Althea Gibson, tennis player, in 1956 became the first African American to win a major title—the Wimbledon doubles, as well as the French singles and doubles and Italian singles. Bessie Smith, known as "Empress of the Blues," made her first recording in 1933. Lena Horne, singer, in 1943 started in the wartime all-black musical film *Stormy Weather*.

Patricia Roberts Harris, a long distinguished career as a lawyer, education, and public administrator. She later served as the U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg and as an alternate delegate to the United Nations General Assembly and Economic Commission for Europe had a U.S. stamp issued in her honor on January 27, 2000. Singer Billie Holiday, known as "Lady Day" was one of the most influential jazz singers of all time, had a U.S. postage stamp issued in her honor on September 17, 1994.

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For more information, please call the church @ 940-484-0963.

Denton Full Gospel Holy Temple
Elder Floyd H. Daniels, Pastor
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March 13, 2005
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For more information about ticket prices and the above event, please call 972-484-1185.

North Dallas Community Baptist Church in Carrollton
Rev. Billy R. Robinson, Pastor
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pray by telling us to, "Call unto Me." 2) We should expect God to answer our prayers. 3) It is God's desire to show us his mystery; and that God will show Himself and His "hidden things" with His awesome and Mighty power.

He said that there are things that you will never get from God unless you

pray; and he cautioned the audience to never go to sleep without talking to God in prayer because the distance between God and your answered prayers is approximately 18 inches; which is about the distance between your knees

in prayer and the floor. In the invitation to Christ, Pastor Wallace asked the audience to come down front in three groups, 1) Individuals that wanted to be saved; and/or wanted to join the church. 2) Christians that wanted God to do something special in their life, and 3) Christians that wanted to rededicate their life to God. He prayed separately for each group of individuals.

Pastor Wallace thanked Thurman Jones, Publisher for MON-The Gazette and the quality of news that is covered in the Northern and Eastern Sector of the Dallas Metroplex. He also thanked Ann Williams, Founder/Artistic Director of DBDT for partnering with the DBDT Ensemble to bring the DBDT to churches in the North and East part of Dallas. He encouraged his members and guests to see the entire company at the Eisemann Center and to support the DBDT in all of their performances.



(L-R) Nicole Oliver, Assistant Dance Ministry Director, Pastor Curtis W. Wallace, Sr. Pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, and Sister Turley, Religious Editor of MON-The Gazette.



DBDT dancer Sade Darton performs to "The Blood" by Kirk Franklin.

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PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

March 6, 2005

State Ushers & Nurses Planning Meeting
March 12, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
FREE Praise Dancing Workshop, for more information, please call Stephanie Cook-Jones @ 214-564-7860.

March 13, 5:00 pm

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March 19-20, 2005

Deacon's Ministry Workshop, and Dallas area Ushers and Nurses Workshop

March 27, 5:00 pm

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Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

Dr. Curtis Wallace, Pastor
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March 12, 2005

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March 26, 11:00 am

Easter Carnival and Egg Hunt; the community is invited.
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Rev. Charles Franklin, Pastor
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March 13, 6:00 pm

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Sunday 8:45am Estudio Biblico En Español

Sunday 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. 6:15pm Prayer Meeting

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