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On the Homefront:

In an effort to provide citizens with vital information in the event of an emergency, Collin County has created an emergency preparedness hotline. The number is 972.548.4114. You can also visit www.co.collin.tx.us.

The Mesquite NAACP is hosting its 5th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on April 25, 2003 at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Mesquite. To sponsor the event and book a table, call Rodney Harmon at 972.288.0281.

Volunteers are needed to advocate for residents in nursing and assisted living facilities throughout Collin County. No experience necessary. 36 hours of training is provided. Volunteers work 2-3 hours per week. Please contact Lisa at 1.800.272.3921, ext. 1172.

Samaritan Care Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to terminally ill patients. Call 972.690.6632 to register for the next training session.

Birthday Angels, a non-profit agency is seeking board members and volunteers. This agency provides birthday parties for children in shelters due to abuse, neglect and homelessness. They need people experienced in event planning, grant writing, fundraising, culinary design, donations, sponsorships, and memberships. Submit a letter of interest to: P. Barnes, P.O. Box 363, Frisco, Texas 75034, or email to: happybirthdayangels@yahoo.com

Plano Repertory Theatre opens its 2003 season with CYRANO, playing through Sunday, May 4. Cyrano tells the story of a poet saddled with a tremendous nose who loves Roxanne (adapted many times, perhaps best known for Steve Martin's recent adaptation). Tickets are \$22 to \$42. For show times call 972.422.7460, or visit www.planorep.org. Located at 1104 Capital Ave, Suite 100, Plano.

2nd Annual Hamilton Park Annual Clean Up Day, May 3, 2003. Join residents and other volunteers help clean up vacant lots and property of elderly and other residents needing help. To volunteer or sponsor the event, email Gregory Lyons at: netwplanningcorp@sbglobal.net

Night of a Thousand Stars: A Safari Adventure. Plano Independent School District invites you to honor the Teacher of the Year, and Beginning Teacher of the Year, May 8 at 6:30 p.m., at Plano Center, corner of Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. \$22.50 per person. RSVP to PISD Communications Department at 469.752.8141.

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Boys & Girls Clubs Celebrate with the Community



Enjoying the evening: left to right Diane Akers, owner of Love and War Over Texas; Brenda McDonald, director of Operations, Boys & Girls Clubs; Annette Cramer, of the Boys & Girls Clubs

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Shiloh's Youth Share a Night of Fun At 2003 Youth Lock-In



Youth sing "Let it Shine"

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Friendship Baptist Church Brings Health to the Community



L/N Pamela McGee of Plano Medical Center checks Mr. Penn's blood pressure

By Belinda G. Alexander
The atmosphere was fun, the crowd was eager and the event was a success. Although health is a serious subject, Friendship Baptist Church (FBC) of The Colony showed the community how to turn it into an enjoyable time when the church hosted its first annual Community Health Fair on Saturday, April 5. And from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., the church was the place to be in the Colony, as people of all ages visited to celebrate 'Oasis of Health'.

Many businesses set up booths and tables to showcase information and provide education on the importance of health screenings and tests. Presentations and workshops were also held in an all community effort to teach church and community members how to be pro-active in their health care. Topping off the day's activities was massage therapy, nutrition and fitness information, and prize drawings.

The Health Fair was the fruition of an idea that came to church member, Elaine Reeves, in the Fall of 2002.

"I had just returned from a women's retreat

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Susan Taylor -

"Tailor-Made" for Cincinnati

By James Clingman

I had the distinct pleasure, once again, to see and hear one of this country's true treasures, Susan Taylor, the essence of "Essence" magazine. The last time I was in her company, she spoke at the Cincinnati Black Expo in 1995. I interviewed her, not in a huge banquet hall or public venue, but in her hotel room during which time she impressed me as a truly genuine and special person, so much so that I wrote a dedication to her called, "Susan's Song" (thanks for the title, Al Jarreau). From that day on I see Susan everyday; there is a picture of her, my wife, and me on a table in our home that constantly reminds me of how special she has been and continues to be.

Taylor came back to Cincinnati to serve as keynote speaker for the Sankofa Educational Enrichment Program's Fourth Nguzo Saba Awards Ceremony, and she was just what the doctor ordered for this town. As a matter of fact, she said some things to us that are applicable to everyone, no matter where you live. But, at least for now, I am going to claim what she said as a special message just for us.

She talked about the power of the spirit, the power of prayer, the power of self-reliance, the power of persistence, the power of endurance and the power of collective work. She took us on a trip back in history, both on our way to this country and during our early days on these shores. She took us with her to the Motherland, and made us feel the pain of our ancestors as they languished in the slave dungeons. She reminded us of our glorious past and encouraged us

regarding our bright future. She was a blessing to us.

Taylor then said something that made me do the church thang. She was referring to our responsibilities toward one another and admonished us that we are our brother's keeper and there are things we should—and must—do for ourselves and for one another. She used the Sankofa School as the example and cited the fact that Sankofa, like similar schools and programs around the country, is run by volunteers and struggles each day to survive, despite doing great work for Black youth of high school age. She reminded us of Sankofa's continuous work in our community, the results of which have been hundreds of youngsters traveling to Africa, during Sankofa's relatively short existence.

Oh yes, she laid it on us. She opened closed eyes and closed minds; she swept in and left a piece of herself, a piece that would elevate us to a higher level of mutual support. How? Well, here's the best part, the part that I screamed about. She told the crowd it is up to us to see that Sankofa not only survives but thrives. She told us Sankofa is our responsibility, just as our children are our responsibility. "What you should do tonight is pass the collection baskets and raise some money for Sankofa," She said. All of a sudden a couple of sisters grabbed some baskets and the money started to flow. I was as proud as I was when we did the same thing at the Million Man March.

Here's the crux of the matter. In my book, Economic

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KIDNEY DISEASE - The INSIDE Story

By:

Belinda G. Alexander

They're the size of a fist, but when they're not working properly, the kidneys can pack a mighty punch of disorder into your life. Tucked just below the rib cage in the back, the kidneys main job is to filter waste products and excess

produce a hormone—Erythropoietin, or EPO, which stimulates the production of red blood cells. And the kidneys even synthesize the hormones that control tissue growth.

When the kidneys malfunction, fluids and waste products build up, causing swelling and

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fluid from the blood. They filter about 200 quarts of fluid, with about two quarts leaving the body in the form of urine, and the remainder being retained in the body.

The kidneys also help regulate blood pressure, maintain a balance of salt, potassium and acid, and help regulate calcium metabolism. The kidneys

uremia, an overload of toxins in the body. And if not brought under control in time, kidney failure can occur.

According to the National Kidney Foundation (NKF), more than 20 million Americans have chronic kidney disease and another 20 million are

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Networking The Key to Opportunity



Cheryl Jackson and David Stephens



Left to Right-Phelicia Bryant, Club Life; Cheryl Jackson, Columnist; Wallace Bryant, Club Life

Last weekend, NTheKnow.com and Millennium Jaguar joined together to create the "Ultimate Upscale Networking Experience". Several hundred

professionals attended to mingle, network, and visit with dozens of vendors from around the Dallas metropolis. The evening included sounds of jazz, complimentary cuisine,

drinks, and a fashion show.

The vendors were as diverse as the patrons, exhibiting candles, make-up, mortgage companies, financial consultants and many more.



Left to right- David Muir, General Manager, Millennium Jaguar; Teresa Taylor, CEO NTheKnow.com; David Stephens, Owner, Millennium Jaguar



Left to Right- Cheryl Jackson, Columnist, MON-The Gazette; Jimmy Porch, Publisher, Eclipse Magazine; Solona Givens

The Links, Inc. Gather from All Over the State for Annual Texas Cluster Conference



The Links, Inc. Executives- (Left to Right) Loren Parker-Jackson, Vice President; Norma Jean Tucker, Western Area Director; Floristene Johnson, President of Trinity Chapter



Members of the Plano Chapter of the Links, Inc.

The Trinity Chapter of the Links, Inc. was the host to organization's annual Texas Cluster conference, held Friday, April 4 at the Renaissance Hotel. The Texas cluster consists of chapters from all over the state. This year's theme was "An Era of Excellence and started Friday night with a denim and diamond dinner. Malin provided entertainment. The second day completed the conference with a breakfast, workshops and a lunch. The Links, Inc. an international organization containing over 10,000 women who focus is social change.



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Around The Town

On-going

The Arts Gallery at Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus, displays works by students and professionals. Visitors and new artists are welcome. For more information call: 972.881.5154. Open Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center (LBJ and Preston Rd) - interactive activities including a hospital fantasyland underwritten by Presbyterian Healthcare, a miniature grocery store by Kroger Foods, a farm (where you can milk a cow!), a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit, complete with rain forest, and arts and crafts. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Children 2-10 years \$4/Adults \$3. Call 972.386.6555.

Young Adult Writers of Allen, a self-directed group for teens ages 13-18 who like to write and would like feedback on their writing from their peers in a relaxed environment. New writers always welcome. Contact Debbie Vavra at dvavra@ci.allen.tx.us or 972.727.0195. Meet Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Allen Library, 301 Century Parkway, Allen, Texas 75013.

Join the Allen Seniors for monthly activities, including luncheons, table games, line dancing, business meetings and more. Contact the Allen Senior Center at 972.727.0155, or mandelman@ci.allen.tx.us.

International Library of Photography announces that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be

awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Beginners and seasoned photographers welcome to enter, entry is free. Deadline is June 30. Visit: www.picture.com for details.

Through April 19

Wingspan Theatre Company, with the Bath House Cultural Center, presents 'Old Times', by Harold Pinter. Friends meet again after 20 years, and the action shifts back and forth in time. Intimations of a frightening past, a battle of the 'psyche and soul' reigns. At the Bath House Cultural Center, White Rock Lake, 521 E. Lawther Road. Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., matinees Saturday at 2 p.m. For ticket prices call 972.504.6218, or visit www.home.attbi.com/~wingspanthco

April 4 through 19

The furry orphans of the SPCA of Texas will be at 'Primavera at the Galleria', in hopes of getting a new family. The Dallas Galleria, LBJ at the Tollway, SPCA Pavilion, first level, south end. Monday - Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday noon-6 p.m. Call 214.651.9611, ext 143 or 118 for more information.

Through April 27

Dallas Children's Theater presents 'Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day,' at El Centro College, Main and Market Streets, Downtown Dallas. Tickets: \$18/adults, \$15/children. Call 214.740.0051 for times and

reservations.

Through April 30

Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary presents 'Here's Looking at You!' A new 2,000 square-foot award-winning interactive traveling exhibit sees nature through different eyes. Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission to exhibits and grounds: \$8 adults, \$5 children 3-12 and senior citizens. Admission to grounds only: \$5 adults, \$3 children 3-12 and senior citizens. Call: 972.562.5566, or visit www.heardmuseum.org.

Through May 24

Saturday art classes at the Dallas Children's Museum - Learn the art of Adinkra stamping, how symbols in African textiles were developed, how to make your own stamps and print them on various surfaces. Different topic each week. \$5. Times are: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.; 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Call 972.586.6555.

April 19 & 20

Fort Worth's Omni Theater celebrates its 20th anniversary. In honor of this milestone, the theater turns back time and offers 1983 prices for all Omni tickets April 19 and 20. Adults \$4/children 3-12 and seniors 60+ \$2.50. Visit: www.fortworthmuseum.org, or call 817.255.9300.

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RCT A Repertory Company

Theatre presents "Cinderella" at the Eisemann Center Theatre Tickets: \$14 adults/\$10 children 12 & under. Friday at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday performances at 2:00 p.m., followed by an Easter Egg hunt outside the theatre.

Call 972-690-5029 for tickets

Web Site: <http://www.rcttheatre.com>

April 20

The first time the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary has been open on Easter Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Take advantage of the opportunity to let your children run off their Easter candy! Located at One Nature Place, McKinney. For directions visit: www.heardmuseum.org.

Dallas Symphony Orchestra annual free Easter Concert in Lee Park, Turtle Creek, Dallas, at 3:00 p.m. Bring your picnic baskets and blankets. Enter the Easter Bonnet parade. Procession of adoptable dogs from the SPCA at 12:45 p.m. Jicks of the annual "Pooch Parade". For more information call 214.871.4082.

April 25

The Achievement Center of Texas holds its annual Spring Gala at 7:00 p.m., at the Omni Hotel, Richardson. This year's theme is 'Celebrating a Home of Our Own'. Radio personality Mitch Carr will Emcee, sports legend Gene Stallings is the keynote speaker. All proceeds benefit children of the Achievement Center. For information or to become a sponsor call Rosa Williams at 972.495.5384,

moladallas@aol.com, or Amy Jahnel at 972.495.9466, amylaw@aol.com

April 26

Arbor Day Celebration, Warren Park Sports Complex, 11225 Rogers Road, Allen, 10 a.m. - noon. Keepin' it green! Join us as we plant trees during Frisco's annual Arbor Day Celebration.

April 26 and 27

In recognition of April's National Child Abuse Month, Angel Faces, Inc. is presenting its annual weekend Health & Safety Fair for families with children. Hosted by YMCA Oak Cliff Branch, 6701 S. Hampton, Dallas. Free rock climbing, swimming, galaxy jumping, and more. To participate as a vendor or for more information contact Ms. Stone at 214.372.5080, or Clay Ward at 214.330.6321. Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

April 29

The Plano Chamber of Commerce, The Chamber Education and Workforce Committee, North Central Texas Workforce, and PISD are sponsoring a job fair for students ages 14 - 21 interested in finding summer employment. Tables (provided) assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and for companies not requiring a table, the Chamber will provide a Job Board. Held at the Plano Chamber Offices, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Free. For more information call 972.424.7547,

or e-mail Mike Agnew for a registration form at mikea@planocc.org.

May 1

The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas (a support group for job seekers 55+) will host 'Getting the Most From a Job Fair', 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Located at 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas. RSVP is required. Contact Renae Redwine at 214.823.5700, or visit: www.seniorsource.org.

May 2

Together We Soar, Inc. is hosting its 2nd annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Wyndham Arlington Hotel, 7 pm - 10 pm. Speaker: Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Dallas. Mothers with extraordinary contributions will be recognized, special tribute to mothers with children serving in Iraq. Surprises for children and teens. Tickets on sale at Black Images \$30 each/\$55 mom and daughter. For more information: www.mdbanquet.com or call (817) 253-6786.

May 10

African American Museum's 19th Annual Gala, at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Entertainers and singer-songwriters Nickolas Ashford and Valerie Simpson, auction, glamour and pizzazz. Cocktails and silent auction begins 6 p.m. For sponsorship and tickets call the museum at 214.565.9026 ext 302

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Overlooking Iraqi War Collateral Damage

By: James W. Breedlove

The announcement last week that coalition forces had overwhelmed Baghdad gave many Americans a euphoric belief that Iraq has now been freed and America has been made secure from terrorism. A three-week lightning military campaign with only a couple of hundred coalition dead and media photos of Iraqis dancing on fallen Saddam statues led to a collective sigh of relief.

As coalition forces advanced, the grander military drama has overshadowed the toll the war has inflicted on Iraqi civilians. The number of casualties in Baghdad is so high that hospitals have stopped counting the number of people killed or wounded according to the International Committee of the Red Cross. U.S. Commander Tommy Franks says they will not tabulate body counts, especially of Iraqis. The bulk of the U.S. media, fearful of Pentagon sanctions, will not report details of civilian casualties.

This nonchalant attitude appears to lend credence to the perception that American leaders are indifferent about the killing process. Some coalition casualties were to be expected and are reported with respect and honor. Iraqi civilian casualties are deemed just so much "Collateral Damage" and a small price to pay for freedom. Recent statistics indicate a count of 1,270 Iraqi civilians killed and more than 5,000 wounded. Does anyone honestly believe that the staggering bombardment of Iraq, televised live throughout the Arab world, has made Britain or America safer from the threat of terrorism?

And as the president's approval ratings climb because of

expectations that the soldiers will be coming home soon, little thought is given to the dangers posed by less obvious aspects of the war's Collateral Damage: the curtailing of civil liberties.

The concept of sacrificing civil liberties in time of war is not new. Marcus Tullius Cicero, a Roman philosopher wrote, "In times of war the laws are silent." We are in a period of national danger and must rely on the government for protection. Even though some may argue that criticizing the government is unpatriotic, well thought-out objective criticism of the government is patriotic. It shows that we care about how our government is run and that the Bill of Rights and the Constitution are more than words inscribed on aged parchment.

Meanwhile, courageous, concerned protesters have to deal with U.S. radio disc jockeys who urge listeners to run over peaceful protesters. Americans who question this war are called traitors and told to leave the country and threatened with bodily harm.

The state of Oregon is considering a bill that would define war protesters as terrorists and subject them to possible life imprisonment. As currently written, anyone convicted under the bill would get an automatic life sentence with a 25-year minimum before being considered for parole.

"This bill chips away at the very freedom we profess to enjoy in the face of terrorism," said Sen. Charlie Ringo, D-Beaverton. "I would not want our servicemen in the Middle East and elsewhere to return and find that the freedoms they risked their lives for overseas have been damaged while entrusted to the care of the Oregon Senate."

A New Mexico teacher was

recently disciplined for permitting his ninth grade students to openly express their views about the war as a lesson in free speech. Because some of the resultant posters had anti-war content the teacher was suspended for letting them hang in the classroom.

In response to the passing of the USA PATRIOT ACT the Associated Press offered this partial list of changes to our legal rights that give the government the right to: Search and seizure without probable cause; jail indefinitely without a trial; jail without presenting charges or permitting the accused to confront hostile witnesses; monitor religious and political institutions without suspecting criminal activity; monitor federal prison conversations between attorneys and clients, and deny lawyers to Americans accused of crimes.

Charles Haynes, a senior scholar at the First Amendment Center said, "The irony is that we claim to be fighting for freedom. The reality is that... we often show how superficial our commitment is to the very principles we're defending."

Voltaire wrote in 1767, "Anyone who has the power to make you believe absurdities has the power to make you commit injustices." The quotation is sometimes presented with the wording, "As long as people believe in absurdities they will continue to commit atrocities."

America we must be diligent to both the external forces that want to destroy us and to misguided internal forces that left unchecked will destroy us.

James W. Breedlove
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: jaydubub@swbell.net

Literary Café Continues Its New Season

The Literary Café, which was created eleven years ago as part of Arts & Letters Live, the popular literary series at the Dallas Museum of Art, will continue its new season with Hot Newcomers: 1 on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Club Dada, 2720 Elm St. in Deep Ellum. The second of this years Literary Cafés, which is a series of three FREE, informal, and off-beat evenings with writers and poets, will feature poetry and short fiction by Creative Writing Students from Area Universities. Travis Blair (UTA), Aimee Brown (UTD), Peter Hyland (UNT), Joshua Weber (SMU), La Tonya Willis (SMU). FREE.

The remaining Café is May 7 (Hot Newcomers: Published Texas writers) with Craig Clevenger, Sophia Dembling, Farnoosh Moshiri, Camika Spencer and Dao Strom. Call (214) 922-1220 for more information.

The Literary Cafés, which are produced and hosted by Lisa Taylor, are sponsored in part by grants from the Writers League of Texas. Books are on sale courtesy of Paperbacks Plus. Special thanks to Club Dada for providing the venue.

www.AllPoetry.com under the name of RollingStone. He travels to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico every year where much of his writing has its setting and its influence.

ABOUT THE PARTICIPANTS

Travis Blair is a native Dallasite educated at South Oak Cliff High School, Dallas Baptist University and the University of Texas at Arlington. He worked in the motion picture industry (distribution, marketing, and exhibition) for 30 years. He has taught Motion Picture Exhibition and Distribution at SMU. Last year he returned to UTA to study creative writing and poetry. Some of his work has been published in UTA's Literary Anthology "I Might As Well Walk and Think" and in the January issue of UTA's "Znine" web magazine. Fifty of his poems appear on

www.AllPoetry.com under the name of RollingStone. He travels to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico every year where much of his writing has its setting and its influence.

Aimee Brown is a PhD student studying literature at the University of Texas at Dallas. In the past, she served as the Pearl Hogrefe Fellow for creative writing at Iowa State University and as the Goldtrap Fellow for Flyway Literary Review. She is currently working on her novel entitled Fortune Cookies at the Grease Bag Café.

Peter Hyland received a B.F.A. from the University of North Texas in 2002 and has studied there in the creative writing program. He has been writing poetry for the last three years in addition to producing work as a visual artist. He lives in Dallas and teaches English as a Second Language at North Lake College in Irving.

After several years spent touring the country in various rock bands, Joshua Ewing Weber now lives in Dallas and is a senior English major Southern Methodist University. He has written a number of short stories, and has recently begun work on his first novel, The Fallout Shelter for the Trees. After graduation he plans to pursue an MFA in Creative Writing. He recently received the Margaret Terry Crooks award for most outstanding creative writing student at SMU.

LaTonya Willis is a senior at Southern Methodist University. She works at David Mandt & Associates, a behavioral management consultant firm. She is a native of Racine, WI. She hopes to pursue a Masters in social work and psychology. Her short-term goal is to publish a series of short stories that capture the psychology of the dispossessed. Her long-term goal is to open a shelter for pregnant teens to help them

integrate into society as young mothers.

ABOUT ARTS & LETTERS LIVE

Widely acknowledged as a major contribution to the city's cultural life, the series has been a sellout at the Museum since its inception in 1992. Audiences estimated at over 80,000 have attended more than 200 series programs, offered locally or on tour. Five broadcasts on public radio, three on the Internet, three books and four audio publications have greatly extended the series reach. To date, Arts & Letters Live has showcased some 250 regional, national and international writers, often in combination with performing or visual arts. The most innovative program -- readings by Texas actors of short fiction by Texas writers called Texas Bound -- plays to two packed houses a night in Dallas and tours widely. The series has been the subject of articles in the New York Times, Southern Living and other national sources.

For further information: call 214-922-1220 or 922-1219 or visit Arts & Letters Live at www.dallasmuseumofart.org/artsandletterslive.htm.

Kay Cattarulla is founder and producer of Arts & Letters Live. Associate producer is Carolyn Bess. Lisa Taylor is marketing director and assistant producers are Barbara Roseman and Paula Zeitman.

ARTS & LETTERS LIVE is co-presented by the Dallas Museum of Art and the Friends of the Dallas Public Library. The series is underwritten by The Hoglund Foundation, The Eugene McDermott Foundation, and the Series Major Donors. Season sponsor is The Dallas Morning News.

HealthCheck© 2003 Calendar

We're keeping you informed about health-related events happening in your area!

Fairs

April 17
Immunization Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Ava Stanczak.

April 18
Sickle Cell Disease Association Annual Willis Johnson Golf Tour. Call 214.942.1262.

April 24
Colon Cancer Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Robert Barnett.

May 3
Healthy Mind, Body and Soul

for all ages at the 2nd Annual Health Fair at St. John Baptist Church, 1701 W. Jefferson Street, Grand Prairie. From 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Glaucoma and cataracts screening, nutrition and wellness consulting, stroke and heart attack risk screening, and much, much more.

May 12
The MLK Family Clinic is holding a Health Fair in celebration of National Women's Health Week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 15
High Blood Pressure Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Robert Barnett.

May 22
Osteoporosis Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Katrina Lee

May 29
Osteoporosis Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Phyllis Gee.

Free Blood Pressure Screening
Each Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center, Medical City Dallas.

On-going
Diabetes Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the

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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-

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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Rep. Laubenberg to Hold Legislative Briefing

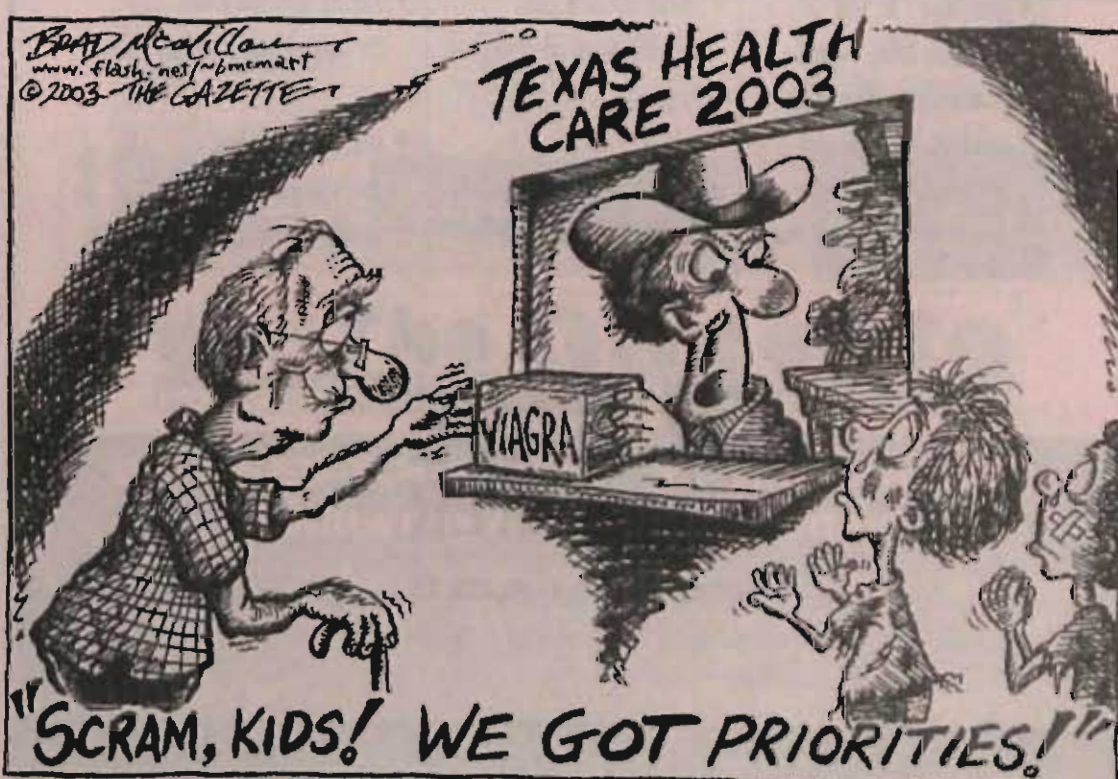
Austin- State Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, R-Parker, will hold a legislative briefing on Saturday, April 19 in Plano. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Oakpoint Recreation Center, 6000 Jupiter Road at Spring Creek.

The briefing is open to the public and will include a question and answer session.

"For the most part, all bills have been filed and we are now in the process of holding committee hearings and amending whatever measures will be voted on in the current session. As is to be expected, there are a number of items that will effect residents in both Collin and Rockwall counties," said

Laubenberg.

Rep. Laubenberg will provide an update on the status of the major issues of budget cuts, school finance a insurance reform as well as bills that are of special interest to residents in her district, which covers Rockwall, and parts of Collin County.



Shiloh's Youth Share a Night of Fun At 2003 Youth Lock-In

The youth at Shiloh Baptist Church in Plano recently participated in a night of fun at this year's Youth Lock-In. Youth of all ages enjoyed a night of movies, food, entertaining, and talent show. Performances included a didactic skit by Evangelist Joy Ploydore and Plano ISD Teacher Shagala Curtis, and the Wandering Mimes of Dallas.

Just after midnight, the youth got a chance to show their talent during the talent show. Talent included singing and praise dancing. Participants were given praises and encouragement for their efforts.

After the show, a testimonial service was led by Minister Leslie Dukes and Minister Daniel Shaw. The children had a chance to Testify about what GOD has done in their lives. "It was awesome to hear what the children had to say about their blessings from GOD, family, health, and friends," said Areail Thomas, Young Adult Ministry President.



Minister Deshard, Youth Minister of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Austin, TX



(Left to Right) Brianna Ballard, 9; Tyler Smith, 9



(Left to Right) Desmond Wordman, 12; Ty Gaddy, 12; Corey Douglass, 12

Empowerment or Economic Enslavement, We have a choice, there is a chapter titled, "A Case for a Black Tax," in which I discuss exactly what Taylor asked us to do for Sankofa. I suggest that every time Black people get together for our banquets, our breakfasts, our music festivals, our football games, and all of our other events and occasions, we should make it a point to collect money. We should start common funds in our various cities and neighborhoods that can be used to assist the many worthwhile efforts we conduct.

There are many Sankofa Schools across this country that are in need of a financial lift to keep going. There are other programs that have little or no money and could stand a little help from time to time. There are people among us everyday who need assistance with emergencies, funerals, food, and other necessities of life. If your city is like mine, you always wait for a crisis before acting. Instead of laying by in store, we react.

A few years ago I started a fund here in Cincinnati. I asked everyone to make it a habit to deposit a few dollars every week or two. At first a few people made deposits, and we were able to help several folks. But that did not last very long. If we had continued to make those small deposits, Susan Taylor would not have felt compelled to ask us to pass the basket for Sankofa because that school would have been financially secure long before she graced us

with her presence.

Remember that commercial that said, "Thanks, I needed that"? Well, thank you, Susan Taylor, for reminding us of our obligation and responsibility toward one another. Thank you for being "tailor-made" for our people.

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African-American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and is the author of the book, "Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement-We have a Choice." He can be reached at (513) 489-4132, or by e-mail at jclingman@blackonomics.com.



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at risk of developing it. During the early stages of kidney disease, the filtering efficiency of the kidneys diminishes, resulting in the loss of proteins in the urine. One way medical professionals gauge the presence and extent of early kidney disease is by measuring the amount of protein in the urine.

In later stages of kidney disease, the kidneys lose their ability to remove waste products such as creatinine and urea from the blood. The final stage of Kidney failure is known as nephropathy, a slow deterioration of the kidney. At this stage, patients may have to replace kidney function with dialysis treatments or kidney transplant.

Preventative care is important in reducing the risk of developing kidney disease. Drinking plenty of water (at least 8 glasses a day), a healthy diet low in salt, exercise, smoking cessation, limiting protein intake and limiting the amount of painkillers taken are all good preventative measures. But even then, in certain cases kidney disease can be hereditary and unpreventable.

Diabetes and high blood pressure are the leading causes of kidney failure, affecting African Americans disproportionately, as they are affected by these diseases at about twice the rate of Caucasians. Diabetes induced kidney failure accounts for almost 50 percent of new cases each year.

Hypertension or High Blood Pressure is not only a cause of kidney disease, but

also a result of damage created by the disease. Physical changes in the kidneys lead to increased blood pressure, compounding problems and injury to the kidneys. Early detection and treatment of any level of hypertension is essential to good health.

According to Brian J.G. Pereira, M.D., president of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF), "It's important that people visit their doctor or a clinic to find out if they could be at increased risk for chronic kidney disease."

Anyone can get chronic kidney disease, but some people are more likely than others to develop it. Chronic kidney disease usually has no symptoms until it reaches an advanced stage, but simple tests can be done to detect kidney disease early," said Dr. Pereira.

Geli King-Brown is program coordinator for the National Kidney Foundation of North Texas (NKF) which covers 64 counties.

"The mission of NKF is to prevent kidney and urinary tract disease by improving the health and wellness of individuals and families. It is very important to increase knowledge as a primary means of intervention and prevention of kidney disease," King-Brown explained.

She added that one program the NKF uses to increase public knowledge is 'Kidney Early Evaluation Program (Keep).'

"KEEP is such a massive program, and the patient services committee has been the program's greatest supporter," said King-Brown. "This committee assists me with events,

educational seminars, and patient services above and beyond the everyday schedule."

King-Brown said Ruby Walker, a dialysis patient of 28 years who volunteers with the NKF, is a great help working on the committee.

"She offers great support and inspiration to fellow patients," she added.

King-Brown said that 'KEEP' offers its services free to the public to those who are considered 'at-risk' for developing kidney disease. Individuals with diabetes, high blood pressure or have family members with these conditions or chronic kidney failure, qualify as 'at-risk' and are advised to contact the NKF or locate a program in their area.

Celebrating year 12, the National Kidney Foundation held its 2003 Clinical Meeting April 2 through April 6 in Dallas, Texas. The conference included educational activities for nephrologists, nephrology nurses and technician, renal dietitians, new renal and clinical dietitians, nephrology social workers, trainees and pharmacists. Upcoming events include NKF at the Women's Museum of Dallas, Texas, 9am - May 3, 2003; June 8, 2003 at Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

Sources: National Kidney Foundation (NKF); National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse (www.niddk.nih.gov); Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure (JNC VI).

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In celebration of National Womens Health Week, the MLK Family clinic is having a Health Fair, May 12, from 9 to 5 p. m. Info: 214-426-3645

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Diabetic Support Group meets at 1 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Maurice Barnett Geriatric Wellness Center, Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th St. Call 972.941.7335

Blood pressure screening every 2nd and 4th Sundays at the Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church, after the 11:00 a.m. service. Located at 2232 Franklin Drive, Mesquite. 972.329.5030, a n d www.mesquitefriendship.com

Walks/Runs

April 19

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April 26

Prestonwood Foundation 5K and Family Fun Run, 8:00 a.m. at Prestonwood Baptist Church, Park Blvd. and Midway Rd., Plano Visit www.runondallas.com for more details.

April 25 and 26

Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. at the Plano Family YMCA. A fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. Teams of about 10 will take turns walking or running laps. The Relay begins with the Survivor's Lap

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| March 20 | Introduction to HealthCheck 2003/ Breast Cancer/ African American Breast Cancer Outreach Summit | ✓ |
| March 27 | Diabetes | ✓ |
| April 3 | Talk to Your State Legislature about Research (diseases such as cancer) | ✓ |
| April 10 | Importance of Physical Fitness | ✓ |
| April 17 | Kidney Disease | ✓ |
| April 24 | Alternative Medicine | |
| May 1 | March of Dimes (Preventative Healthcare for Pregnant Women) | |
| May 8 | STD Awareness | |
| May 15 | Asthma and Allergy Awareness | |
| May 22 | Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention | |
| May 29 | High Blood Pressure Education | |
| June 5 | National Digestive Disorders Awareness (and Colon Cancer)/ Overview of Health as it relates to the body AND mind | |

Friendship Baptist Church Brings Health to the Community



Teens Mia, Montoya, Keriann, and Brook discuss health issues concerning teens, women and girls.

in Tyler, Texas when God put this idea into my mind and on my heart. I asked FBC Pastor Paul McBride what he thought and he was very supportive," said Reaves. "After much hard work and cooperative effort, and thanks to our 38-member Health Ministry and a dedicated Health Fair Committee, the vision became a reality."

Reaves continued, "Our objective for this event was to impact the community in a manner to affect positive health behavior changes for participants and their families. The results were much better than we had anticipated."

Church member, Penny Penn, was impressed with the day's events.

"This was very positive and uplifting for the church and the whole community because it was opened up to the public. Health is an important issue for more people today because of layoffs and the economy. People of all ages were able to fellowship and enjoy a positive focus on their health," Penn said.

One of the vendors, Maria R. Velasco, Public Affairs Specialist for the FDA, was on hand to answer questions regarding FDA agencies and regulations. Velasco has more than 12 years experience with the FDA.

"It is very important for the consumer to know the purpose of different agencies. I love meeting people, and as a

Hispanic woman my visibility helps many people of color relate to the subject," said Velasco. "Minorities need good representation in the effort to better communicate because those groups are most affected by poor health issues."

Fellow FDA representative, CDR Michelle Hawkins, M.S.A., a Regional Radiation Specialist, also worked as part of the team that helped organize the health fair.

Other vendors included Eligibility Consultant, Inc., with Yolanda Halliburton and Nancy Turner signing people up for free mammograms. Volunteers from Genesis Women's Outreach Shelters also shared information on services available for women in abusive relationships.

And for the men, Methodist Hospitals of Dallas provided prostate screening and awareness program. MHD Health Fair Coordinator, Timothy R. Upshaw, said the event was successful, with close to thirty men taking advantage of the prostate screening test.

"It is a very important part of preventative healthcare especially for those of highest risk like the minority groups. The whole program is in its third year and there have already been over 10,000 customers screened," said Upshaw.

Community Pharmacy in Denton had a steady stream of visitors stopping by to set up for various health screenings. And the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America was encouraging people to get tested for the disease. Erik J. Jones, Resource Mgr., representing the association, said, "Everyone is encouraged to get tested for this disease. People usually think that only Blacks need to be concerned about this but that is not really the truth. Many other individuals

have tested positive for Sickle Cell. It is important to know if you have the disease or the trait." Young people were represented with biblically based discussions about the challenges faced by peer pressure, and how to make responsible choices.

Young ladies in attendance had the opportunity to talk with AnnMarie M. Ledley-Lewis, D.O. in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Ledley-Lewis talked with teenage women about emotional, physical, medical, sexual and career awareness, allowing them to ask

questions and talk about their views and concerns.

"First, I believe in abstinence, this is the only true 'safe sex'; second, my relationship is between me and the patient, and it stays that way," she said.



Health fair participants check for winning tickets during a prize drawing

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- **May 2 - Crawfish Boil**
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- **May 15 - Center Pride Day**
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- **June 12 - Ribbon Cutting**
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Prairie View A&M Concert Chorale Members
Left to Right- Nathan Wilson, Lawrence Williams, Phyllette Harrison, Rashaad King-Donelson, Shericia Woods, (back) Tommy Jones



Ebony Miller, Westwood Jr. High Magnet School Student Poses with Family after Spring Concert
Left to Right- Eugene Tinner, Grandfather; (back) Rigina Tinner Miller, Mother; Shirley Demus Tarpley (MON-The Gazette), Aunt; Phemia Tinner, Grandmother; (front) Ebony Miller



Soloist Julian Cleave



Soloist Mrs. Delores Price

The Northern Dallas, Denton and Collin Counties (NDDC) Prairie View A & M Alumni Chapter sponsored a Spring Musical Concert April 13, featuring The Prairie View A & M University Concert Chorale under the direction of Ms. A. Jan Taylor. New Mount Zion Baptist Church of Dallas hosted the concert, under the leadership of Rev. R. E. Price, Pastor and Overseer.

Performing the Musical Prelude was Mary Jo Randle Evans. Bill Heath, President of the NDDC Alumni, greeted everyone and Ricky Jefferson did the occasion.

Mistress of Ceremony Ada V. Hansford kept the program moving at a smooth pace as the

audience heard musical selections by Brian Bentley and Clarissa Anderson on organ. Audra Scott and Julian Cleave had the audience on their feet and they received numerous standing ovations. Also getting raved reviews and standing ovations were Lawrence Williams, Phyllette Harrison, Steven Bentham and Brandon Queen. They lead Part II with songs in memory of Moses G. Hogan (1957-2003) formally of Houston, Texas.

Brandon Tapps a Garland High School student, performed a violin solo; New Mount Zion Mass Choir had the audience on their feet with selections of praises to God and Delores Price, performed a wonderful solo, "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

The audience was treated to a memorable occasion as the young artists put their talents on display. It was a grand performance and the inexhaustible enthusiasm for the concert let the Concert Chorale know that they were appreciated.

\$5,000 was donated and Pastor & Mrs. Price along with the entire church matched the donation and the Music Department's Scholarship Fund is now \$10,000 richer. The scholarship money will not only be used to give money to incoming students, but students already in the program and need extra help to complete their goal of getting a musical degree from PVU.

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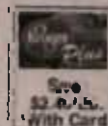
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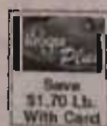
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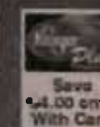


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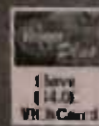
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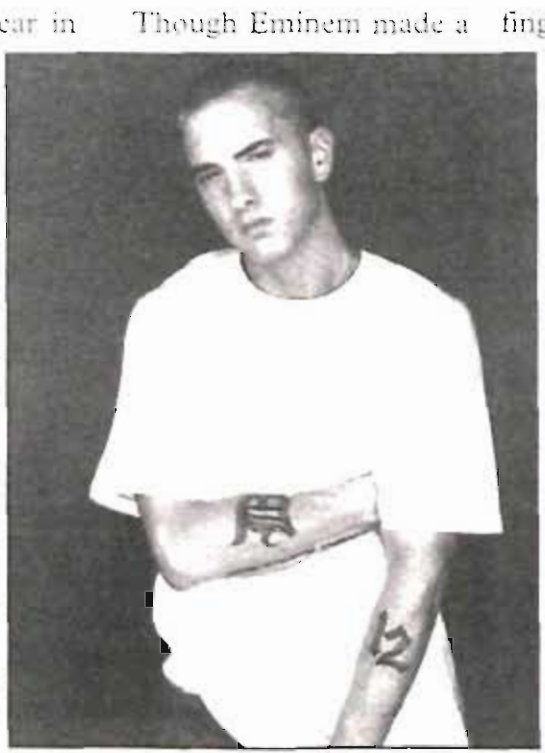
Arts & Entertainment

Eminem to Appear in Court for Defamation Lawsuit

Eminem will appear in court next month to defend himself against accusations of defamation from a man who claims to have been misrepresented in one of his songs.

Thirty-two-year-old sanitation engineer DeAngelo Bailey claims that the song 'Brain Damage' from the 'Slim Shady LP' portrays him as a bully.

The lawsuit claims that Eminem was never subjected to "outrageous and grotesque physical abuse from his childhood friend, Bailey."



Eminem

Though Eminem made a finger at what is referred to as "Eminem's desperate quest for money, fame and acceptance."

It reads: "This style of music is dominated by African-American artists and most of the songs are about the difficulties facing young people in ghettos where violence, broken families and financial hardship are prevalent."

"Eminem is a Caucasian male who faces criticism within the music industry that he has not suffered... and he therefore was a 'pretender.'"

Eminem will appear in Macomb County court in Michigan next month. (Source:dotmusic.com)

Car Review

Volkswagen Engineers Keep Ahead of the Pack



The Volkswagen Passat sedan for 2003 comes with four trim levels, the GL, GLS, GLX and W8. Even the base model, GL, is loaded with standard equipment, including four-wheel antilock disc brakes, traction control, cruise control, side and head curtain airbags, a driver-seat height adjuster, a CD player, power windows and locks, keyless entry, and power-heated mirrors. The GLS adds a sunroof and alloy wheels, optional seat heaters and leather upholstery. All the above are standard on the GLX with optional ESP and the CD changer. GLX models also come with power seats, a fully

automatic climate control system, rain-sensing wipers, auto-dimming rearview mirror and 16-inch wheels, and are available in front-wheel or all-wheel drive (4Motion). And if you want the added power of the W8, the 4Motion and ESP come standard, along with vented disc brakes all around, xenon headlights and an upgraded trip computer. A sport package is optional on the W8 only.

The exterior of all Passats have a contemporary front, abundant chrome accents, a sharply raked grille and seamless transition to the bumper. Sporty rear wing corners frame the taillamps, and for added European style the Passat has

convenient 'grab' door handles.

In frontal impact crash tests, the Passat earned five stars from NHTSA, and four stars for side impact. All models come with front side airbags and head curtain airbags for front and rear passengers, three-point safety belts with pretensioners and shoulder height adjustment, and the LATCH system. Stability control is standard on the W8, optional on other models. Passat's solid body structure with tight fitting exterior panel gaps also provides better crash resistance.

What ever engine you go for in the Passat sedan, you'll get power and efficiency. The GL and GLS come with a standard four-cylinder 1.8 T engine with an impressive 170 hp and a maximum torque of 160 lbs. ft. Volkswagen's 2.8 liter V6 engine feature five-valve technology, DOHC, variable intake valve timing, producing 190 hp with 206 lbs. ft of torque, and is standard on the GLX, and optional on the GL. Both engines are available in 5 speed automatic and 5 speed manual. The W8 sedan and wagon are powered by a compact 4.0 liter 8 cylinder engine, with 270 hp and 273 lbs. ft of torque.

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... heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done regardless of the consequences.

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... sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the ones to help pull you up.

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... just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to, it doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.

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... no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

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... just because people disagree, it doesn't mean they don't love each other; and just because they don't disagree, it doesn't mean that they love each other.

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change your life forever.

... people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

... people who don't even know you can change your life in a matter of minutes.

... even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.

... credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

... the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.

Author Unknown

Thought of the week: When a friend hurts you, write it down in the sand, where the winds of forgiveness can get in charge of erasing it away. When a friend does something good for you, engrave it in your heart's memory stone, where no wind can erase it.

Verse of the week: Get wisdom, get understanding. Forget it not . . .

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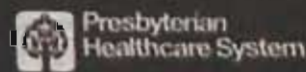
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