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On the Homefront:

An African American History Course at the African American Museum. This a six-session course held Saturdays and taught by Robert Edison, a history teacher at Pearl C. Anderson Middle School in Dallas. Dates are: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20. Admission to the African American Museum is free except for groups of 10 or more. Tuesday - Friday, 12 noon - 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Call 214.565.9026.

The Nicholson Memorial Library's Book Discussion Group, The Page Turners, will meet Thursday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m., at the Central Library, 625 Austin Street. The book for discussion is A Painted House, by John Grisham. For more information, please call 972.205.2502.

McKinney Make A Difference Day, October 25 - Everyone is invited to volunteer for projects and activities at various service agencies throughout McKinney. Volunteers may participate individually, as a family, or as part of a group, business or organization. For more information or to sign up: 972.542.0679, or visit: www.volunteermckinney.org.

Mesquite Symphonic Band is in concert featuring the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber at Mesquite Arts Center, 1525 N. Galloway, Mesquite, Saturday October 25, 8 p.m. Call 972.216.8125 for more information. \$5 Adult, \$2 Student, under 7 years old free.

Halloween Happenings! Thursday October 30, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. Come see the Library in a whole new light. Recommended for children ages 5 and up.

Like Poison Ivy - John O'Neal of New Orleans, an internationally acclaimed playwright and founder of Junebug Productions, presents his latest stage production, Poison Ivy, a play that examines the issue of environmental racism in the United States, October 31 - November 2, South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave.

SPCA of Texas' Dallas & McKinney host Pet & People Portrait Event. Nominal donation of \$15 to receive one 8x10 portrait, additional packages available. November 1-2 at SPCA McKinney, 8411 FM720, 9a.m. - 7p.m. November 8-9 at SPCA Dallas, 362 S. Industrial Blvd, Dallas, 9a.m. - 7p.m. Call 214.651.9611, ext 162 beginning October 27.

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Collin County LULAC Honors Community Leaders at 9th Annual Awards Banquet

The Marriott at Legacy Town Center of Plano was host to the 9th annual LULAC Awards Banquet honoring community leaders and benefiting the Education Scholarship Fund. LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) members and supporters were in force with a spirit of excellence, goodwill and hope for the future.

Established in 1929, LULAC was founded by the merging of four organizations in response to political disfranchisement, racial segregation, and discrimination against Mexican Americans.

Chartered in 1931, the membership door swung wider in extending its membership to Caucasians and later in 1986, any person living in the United States.

Educational concerns were later addressed and aggressively tackled through community activists and state led campaigns. Subsequently, High School and College students organized charters locally and nationally. The success is evident through the outpouring of supporters and national statistics highlighting Mexican Americans as the largest most-improved group of people educationally, socially and financially; having a 2.7 billion buying power and

comprising 50% of the Dallas Metroplex.

The night opened in prayer by Rev. Sam Fenceroy, pastor of Mt. Olive Church of Plano and Elicia Garcia sang the National Anthem.

Guests enjoyed dinner and



Coty Rodriguez Anderson, President, Collin County LULAC

musical entertainment by the Mariachi students, Los Gavilanes de Dallas. Plano Community Forum President Barbara Simpkins was among the supporters for the night's event. "We come every year in support of LULAC, and in turn,

they support us," said Simpkins.

Collin County LULAC 4537 President, Coty Rodriguez Anderson said, "This is always such a rewarding occasion. To think that this affair is done totally by the good graces of volunteers is extraordinary." Anderson made special mention of two dedicated volunteers, Maria Galvan, Vice-President and Tita Alarcon, 2nd Vice-President for work well done. "Each year I get more excited to see the growth of our organization," Anderson said.

Honorees for the event were Business Leader of the Year, Kathryn Martinez Taylor, Coca-Cola Regional Director of Marketing, Taylor's spokesman, Jay Long, Vice President of Community Relations, Coca-Cola said on behalf of the recipient,

"Kathryn has a passion for kids and it has spilled onto each new project that has been birthed by that passion." "Red Pencil", a school supply program was the first of many successful educational projects spear-headed by Taylor. S.H.O.P.A. (School Home Office Product Association) is a center being created so that teachers can get free school

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Condo for Sale -- Bushes Included

Blackonomics

By James Clingman
"The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State." - Joseph Goebbels, German Minister of Propaganda, 1933-1945

Sometimes I am at a loss for words when it comes to some of the things Black people say and do, especially when it comes to politics. I have seen some of them grovel before politicians and walk in lock-step with political parties, even to the detriment of other Black people. I have witnessed

our so-called Black leaders compromise (a softer word for sellout); I have seen them collaborate against their own people; I have seen them stand idly by and do say nothing when they see with their own eyes gross injustice all around them. It's as though some of us just want to be accepted or need to be validated by the White power structure, so much so that we are willing to lie, distort and skirt the truth, and run interference for our former slave masters even today. Gabriel Prosser would be outraged.

As I sat and watched the National Security Advisor, Condoleezza Rice on television explaining the debacle in Iraq, I was outraged, I was ashamed, I was insulted, and I was hurt. Here is a woman, a highly intelligent woman, a respected woman, an affluent woman, answering questions about the escapades of George W. Bush

and what he and his comrades have done since his rise to power. Tim Russert would ask her a question and you could hear her voice quivering, something I have not heard before, shaking at the prospect of having to say some of the most ridiculous things ever to come out of the mouth of a person. She had to know that some of her answers were not quite true, not quite to the point, and not quite convincing. She was just there to cover for Bush.

Rice, also having worked for George H.B. Bush, George W's father, is always there, always close to the village idiot's side to take the slings and arrows that come his way. She jumped to his rescue to defend those infamous 16 words in his State of the Union Address. She fell on her sword, after CIA Director George Tenet did the same thing, and some

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Paul Quinn College Held Its 32nd Inaugural Gala

On Saturday, October 18, Paul Quinn College held its President's 32nd Inaugural Gala at the Dallas Apparel Mart in Dallas. The evening began with a prelude performance by Paul Quinn College Jazz Ensemble, and a musical selection by the Paul Quinn College Choir. The emcee was National Correspondent for NBC News, Larry Mullins. Co-Chairs Bishop McKinney Young, Thomas Baker, TXU Energy, and Dr. Comer Cottrell, Investments, welcomed guests to the 32nd inaugural gala. Other remarks and greetings were presented by Dr.

Cynthia Pratt, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Nassau,



Attorney TJ Johnson, Dr. Dwight J. Fennel, and wife Angela

Bahamas; and Perry Fagan, Site President, Citigroup. Guests enjoyed dinner and live

entertainment by two-time Grammy Award winner, Jazz Singer Diane Schurr, and Saxophonist Don Diego. The guests also had the opportunity to participate in a silent auction. Contributors to the auction included Dallas Mavericks, Blockbuster's, Wyndham Dallas Market Center, Millennium Motors, and Coca Cola Bottling Company of North Texas. Other supporters of the gala include Citigroup, TXU, Inaugural Steering Committee, Wells Fargo, Belo, Verizon, State Farm, and more.

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50 Years of African American History

Hamilton Park

By: Monica Thornton

With proclamations from the City of Dallas and the City of Richardson, Hamilton Park residents celebrated the first of five events for the 50th Anniversary of the neighborhood. Sunday October 12, 2003.

For this African American community, the celebration was a milestone in their history. This is a community born out of racial and social disharmony. In the 1940's and 1950's, Black people in Dallas saw the need for decent and affordable housing for themselves.

But they were defeated every time they tried moving into White neighborhoods, or even close to them, culminating in the bombing of a newly purchased black house in a South Dallas neighborhood of racial transition.

In 1941, one man, Dr. Richard T. Hamilton, a Black pioneer physician

was determined to build a community where African American could live and prosper.

Ms. Doris King, Hamilton Park resident and local historian, said that particularly after the second world war, Black families were looking for decent living accommodations.

"There were no new houses built for Blacks that were substantial, and when Black people moved into White neighborhoods they were attacked and even bombed," said King.

From Dr. Hamilton's dream a determination came Hamilton Park, built on the cotton fields of north Dallas/Richardson. And on October 13, 1953, Mr. Karl Hoblitzelle, lien holder of the 172.96 acres of land, signed the deeds over to the developer of Hamilton Park. Hoblitzelle was also a member of

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(Left to Right) Eugene Tinner and Houston Pruitt

Garland's Multicultural Commission Recognize Diverse Needs

By Lakeesha Joe

The City of Garland is committed to meeting the diverse needs of all its ethnic groups through the newly developed CMC (CMC).

Garland's CMC, which is the first of its kind, was established in September of 2002 in an effort to pull together the different ethnic groups of the city.

According to the Commission, its

"The Commission is made up of at least eight different ethnic groups," said Annie Dickson, Chairperson of the Garland CMC.

Dickson, who was appointed Chairperson of the Commission, has always been involved in the Garland community. She was the first African American female to serve on the Garland City Council



Garland Community Multicultural Commission

Back Row- Becky Waldrop, Jerry Apodaca, Hubert Hartin, Jr., Mindy Miranda, Clay Womack
Front Row- Ronald E. Jones, Adriana Sanchez-Liberto, Joe L. Garcia, Annie Dickson, Rosa Williams, Charles Park, Linda Bushy
Photo By E.Dwayne Gibson Jr.

mission is to maximize the potential, inclusion and quality of life of all citizen populations in the City of Garland by identifying issues and making recommendations to the City Council concerning the city's changing demographic composition and diverse needs.

The CMC is made up of thirteen members. The Mayor of Garland appointed five members and city council members appointed the other eight members. The members of the Commission include Mindy Miranda, Jerry Apodaca, Bashir Ashimi, Clay Womack, Peter Harris, Becky Waldrop, Annie Dickson, Hubert Hartin, Jr., Adriana Sanchez-Liberto, Joe L. Garcia, Charles Park, Rosa Williams, and Tom Nguyen.

and she also ran for mayor of Garland in 2000.

Currently, the Commission is working on several projects that include Health and Community Services (working to decrease the larger number of citations received by one particular ethnic group); Economic Opportunities (the committee is meeting with the Garland Chamber to discuss issues of opportunities for the diverse city); Public Safety (gathering information concerning racial profiling to come up with recommendations and plans to sponsor sensitivity and diversity training workshops for City of Garland Police departments); Transportation and Mobility (plan

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the newly created Dallas Citizens Interracial Association, Inc. This was the driving force in getting more investors to build the community.

And what began as a community in the middle of the fields, is now bordered by Forest Lane to the south, Central Expressway to the west and I-635 to the north.

"Back then, it was quiet, there wasn't anything here except Hamilton Park. And instead of 635, it was Valley View Lane," said King, 84. "Then everything began to build around us."

King said she moved into her house in Hamilton Park with her husband on March 1, 1956, but the first two people to move in were Mr. Houston Pruitt and his wife, Jennie V., and Mr. Pruitt's sister, Rose. Mr. Pruitt was the first, and Rose Pruitt said his brother couldn't wait to tell her about the new neighborhood. She moved in next door to him and helped establish the Hamilton Park Civic League, being its first president.

"There was nothing but fields when we moved in. It's been exciting watching it grow. I've just enjoyed being able to have my own home," said Ms. Pruitt.

King said a shopping center was built on Forest Lane, pioneered by Mrs. Willie B. Johnson.

"She was responsible for the shopping center, she really worked hard," said King, who added that Johnson has a daughter still living in Hamilton Park.

Before the shopping center, King

said the nearest shops were at Preston Road and Royal Lane. She added that in the early days of Hamilton Park people mostly had one car per family, or no car, so those with cars helped the others by car-pooling to work and to the stores.

Gradually, she said, along with the shopping center, a church (First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park) and a school went up to complete the neighborhood. And she said as people have come and gone, they have had to work hard to maintain a sense of community.

"When we moved in here we kept up with our lawns and homes, but the newcomers don't seem as proud as the first ones here," said King. "But we still have a good civic league, and we have had a lot of good presidents over the league."

King said that at the 50th anniversary celebrations, there were many different speakers, including Reverend R. E. Price, Sr., pastor of New Mount Zion Baptist (who played host to the celebrations), now in his 34th year as the pastor. She added that past presidents of the civic league were also presented, and she had a display set up of Hamilton Park, with pictures of the school and the first teachers at the school. She said the school opened shortly after she and her husband moved in.

Hamilton Park is continuing its 50th anniversary celebration through the end of next year, with a ribbon cutting April 24, 2004, celebrating the first 60 houses built in the community, and ending at Christmas 2004 with special celebrations.



Photo By Tom Foxl
The Dallas Morning News
A photograph of the Hamilton Park Elementary and High School (left) and faculty photograph were some of the history on display at the Hamilton Park 50th Anniversary celebration at Mt. Zion Church.



Photo By Tom Foxl
The Dallas Morning News
Hamilton Park resident Gloria Elam (left) signs a 50th Anniversary guest book for volunteer Fairy Streetman during the 50th Anniversary celebration of the black community.



Photo By Tom Foxl
The Dallas Morning News
Florence Boyd places the '50' candle on the Hamilton Park birthday cake Sunday during the 50th Anniversary celebration of the black community.



Photo By Tom Foxl
The Dallas Morning News
Hamilton Park historian Sadie Gee (left) receives a hug from Rev. Derrick Wright, the Senior Pastor at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church as he and Rev. Robert E. Price (right), the Sr. Pastor at the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church honored her with the City of Dallas Mayor's Proclamation Sunday during the 50th Anniversary celebration of Hamilton Park. The proclamation honored Oct. 12, 2003 as Hamilton Park Day during the community celebration at Mt. Zion Church fellowship hall.

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Senator Paulette Zonicle (Bahamas) presenting gift to Dr. Dwight J. Fennell, President, Paul Quinn College



Plano Trustee Karen Griggsby and husband, Charles



Larry Mullins, National Correspondent, NBC News



Dr. Dwight Fennell and Bishop McKinley Young presenting gift to Perry Fagan, Site President, Citigroup



Paul Quinn College Trustee Members: Hiawatha Williams, Rev. E.L. Wright II, Presiding Elder; Rev. Raymond Bryant, Grant AME Worship; Bishop McKinley Young, 10th District AME Church

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On-going

Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972.548.4114. You can also visit www.co.collin.tx.us.

The Stephanie Ward Gallery hosts a series of seminars, through November. Topics include: understanding cubism; Art appreciation 101; Collecting 101; Framing and preserving your artwork; The scoop on art appraisal; The philosophy of modern art, and other topics. Call 214.752.5588. 2546 Elm St., Dallas. Sponsorship opportunities available.

Interactive Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland by Presbyterian Healthcare, a Kroger Foods miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit complete with rain forest, 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.

Interurban Railway Station Museum, 901 E. 15th Street, Plano, Historic Downtown. From 1908 to 1948, this was a station on the Texas Electric Railroads' Interurban Line. Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. For special tours call 972.941.2117.

Heritage Farmstead, 1028 15th Street, Plano. 972.424.7874. Dedicated to preserving the early 1900's

way of life, this unique four-acre museum features a beautiful Victorian home and 12 outbuildings that were part of a 360-acre farm operated by Ammie Wilson. Guided tours available.

General Information

SPCA is hosting National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month - \$50 adoption fee for all dogs. Includes spay/neuter/shots/deworming/leash/carrier and microchip. 3 locations: Dallas - 362 S. Industrial Blvd; McKinney - 8411 FM720; The Colony - 4720 E. Lake Highlands. Or visit: www.spcatx.org/calendar.

Teen Graffiti magazine is recruiting members for all three Teen Advisory Councils: South Dallas, Garland/Richardson and Grand Prairie. Ages grades 7 - 12, diverse backgrounds. Applications available at middle and high school libraries, and online at www.teengraffiti.com. Or call Sharon Jones-Scaife at 972.496.9457.

Through November 1

McKinney Murder Museum "Don't go into the Basement." Some scenes relate directly to Collin County history, including the last hanging in Collin County. Located in the former U.S. Post Office, one block east of Courthouse Square in McKinney. Open evenings. \$3 12 and under, \$5 adults. Call Jennifer Kelley at 972.5432.9457.

Through November 9

Plano Repertory Theatre presents 'Chicago', at the

ArtCentre Theatre, downtown Plano. Call 972.422.7460 for tickets and information.

Celebrate "A Harvest of Cultures" at Dallas Blooms at the Dallas Arboretum. A celebration of the beauty of autumn, and a salute to harvest traditions. Don't miss Trammell Crow's \$20 million Visitor Education Pavilion, the Arboretum's new horticulture centerpiece. Multicultural entertainment from African-American, Latino, Asian and Native American cultures. Children's crafts, Horticultural demonstrations, Horse-drawn wagon rides for \$2. Call 214.327.4901, or visit www.dallasarboretum.org.

Through December 13

Sistuh, Sistuh, Sistuh, a non profit organization, provides life skills workshops Saturday's, from 10:00-11:30, including informational sessions on self-esteem, finances, computer literacy, obtaining employment and goal setting. At St Phillip's School and Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Dallas. 214.421.5221 ext.122.

October 25

Primerica Financial Services will conduct a FREE Seminar for Prospective Home Buyers from 3:00-4:30pm, at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano. To RSVP and for more information, contact Angela King at 877.263.5030.

October 25-26

The Wellness Expo is back with over 80 exhibitors offering products and services for

wellness and personal growth. Lecture series includes talks on natural hormone balancing and cancer prevention, holistic law, meditation, yoga and allergies. At the Addison Conference Center, 15650 Addison Rd, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details visit: www.holisticnetworker.com/exp.

October 26

First Annual Lynne Wright Golf Tournament, hosted by friends and loved ones of Jo Lynne Wright, who died of complications to lupus - Jan 16, 1971 - Aug 22, 2003. \$100 per golfer, or \$400 per group. 8:00 a.m. shot gun start. Old Brickyard Golf Course, Ferris, TX (phone number 972.842.8700). Contact Lisa Corbin for reservations and more information - 972.723.6019.

October 27

McKinney Storytelling Guild presents, "Spooky Stories," at 7:00 p.m. in the historic Foote Chapel of Chestnut Square Historical Park, at the SW corner of McDonald St. (Hwy 5) and Anthony Street. Free, donations accepted. Call Adah Leah Wolf at 972.548.7186, or email: ellata@attbi.com.

October 31

Safe "Trick Or Treat" On The Square - Downtown merchants dress up and hand out candy to children in costume 12 years and younger in this annual event. For more information contact the Downtown McKinney Association at 972.562.6880.

November 1

Santina Kids' Collection Fashion Show, featuring children's apparel and accessories with a special performance by "Brazilian Samba." Free. At the Plano Center, Springcreek and Jupiter Roads, Plano. For more information contact Hortencia Dunaway at 214.739.4438.

November 7, 8 & 9

Neath the Wreath Holiday Gift Market sponsored by The Junior League of Plano, at the Plano Center, Springcreek and Jupiter Roads. Over 100 merchants. Proceeds benefit The Junior League of Plano. Tickets: \$7.00 one day/ \$15.00 three day/ \$20.00 preview shopping Friday 9am-12noon, and three day admittance. Friday 12 noon - 6p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information: 972.769.1142, or visit www.jlplano.org

Support Groups

Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 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 information call 972-519-1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800.

Collin County Community

District's Counseling Services offers individual and group counseling, crisis assessment, intervention and referral. For more information call Counseling Services at 972.881.5779 at the Spring Creek Campus; 972.548.6615 at the Central Park Campus; or 972.377.1671 at the Preston Ridge Campus.

Volunteer opportunities

The Institute for Women's Health at Texas Woman's University seeks female volunteers, ages 18-60, for an ongoing women's health research study. You will receive free testing including blood work, EKG, cardiac stress test, pulmonary function and bone density testing. Texas Woman's University, 8194 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, 75231. Call 214.706-2319

The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. Foster homes are also needed while permanent homes are found for animals. Call 972.578.7510.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Bush Gets \$87 Billion For Iraq Crapshoot

The House and Senate voted overwhelmingly to approve the \$87 billion President Bush requested to supposedly support U.S. troops and to help rebuild Iraq. But do not be deceived by the lopsided vote; there are many misgivings about the escalating cost and the lack of a cohesive plan for America's involvement in Iraq.

The congress and the public, after being told repeatedly the war in Iraq would be short lived, that Iraq's own oil revenue would fund reconstruction, and the military occupation troops would be welcomed with open arms, are aghast at the size of this interim \$87 billion request.

Instead of being informed about a well defined timeline to get out of Iraq and turn the governing over to the Iraqi people Americans are being flooded with mounting casualty statistics, bankrupting of the national treasury, and political throat cutting within the administration that surely makes other nations wonder if America has the capacity to be a global leader.

At this late date the Bush administration is still sending or permitting conflicting signals to be sent regarding the war in Iraq. Who is running this comedy of errors? Is it Rumsfeld and his army, Powell and his diplomats, Rice and her new reconstruction committee or the never present but always involved Vice President Cheney?

The extreme views repeatedly expressed by army Lt. General Boykin in defining the war on terrorism in religious terms provides and example of the confusion. For more than two years the Bush

administration's public relations machine has tried to promote good relations with Muslims by painting the war on terrorism not as a war against Islam but against people using religion for selfish interests.

The errant undersecretary of defense was not chastised or reprimanded. Instead the administration timidly said it could not control the controversial statements of military officials. This wimpish response helps fortify the negative perception already held by the Muslim world that makes them skeptical about America's motives and intentions.

America is also supposed to be creating a new democratic Iraqi government. But the President's notion of that translates into the Iraqi wishes matter only as long as they reflect the administration's vision of what Iraq should be.

Too many Americans don't even understand our own form of democracy and what it took for it to evolve through blood, sweat and tears over the centuries. Without this understanding we do not realize that democracy is not an idea that is easily transplanted to even another willing culture; it is impossible to transplant to an unwilling culture.

History has shown us that trying to solve political or religious inspired violence with military force is an open-ended conflict. Our Iraq policy cannot be successful as long as the administration insists on a "my way or the highway" philosophy.

Americans have been seduced and maneuvered into what will be a bloody, expensive, continuous war. We have allowed our President to create his own personal agenda, without international legitimacy, and now struggling

to bribe other nations to join in while still imposing his will and his timetable on the immoral actions. Already, the Interim Governing Council lacks credibility in the eyes of many Iraqis since it is controlled by the United States.

The Administration's policy of rushing to put large multi-billion-dollar reconstruction contracts in the hands of American firms without any real involvement of the Iraqi people begs the question why. Is this just a convenient way to funnel money to political friends?

America is supposed to be occupying Iraq in order to rebuild their infrastructure. But the fact is that the Iraqi people do not need Americans to rebuild their infrastructure. They already know how to do that. They only need a stabilized environment. They have the greatest stake in the success of the reconstruction, and need to be the real partners in the high priced reconstruction effort.

Are the egos so big that this administration cannot admit that the approach taken in Iraq is wrong? Instead of trying to forcibly attempt to make the ill conceived Iraqi crapshoot look right, just step back, regroup based on a sound multinational foundation and set a new course.

A plan is needed that addresses the known realities not the fabricated scenarios that have been sold to the American people. The same quagmire that pulled down Russia in Afghanistan, Britain in Ireland, France in Algeria, and the United States in Vietnam will inevitably suck America under if we do not heed the lessons of history.

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



Joe Jaynes

Collin County is seeking voter approval for a \$229 million bond issue on November 4. Of that amount, \$142 million is dedicated to road expansion. The county's last bond package was passed in 1999. At that time, over \$81 million was set aside for 52 road projects ranging from the expansion of SH 121 to the replacement of bridges in rural Collin County.

With a new bond election coming up, I would like to give you an update on some of the major road projects approved in the 1999 bond election. Of these projects, 50 are either underway or completed. Two projects, the expansion of Frankford Road in Richardson and intersection improvements in Lucas, are pending.

Allen:
Stacy Road—6-lane expansion from US 75 to SH 121—\$9.5 million—Completed
Alma Road—6-lane expansion from SH 121 to Exchange—\$5.8 million—Completed
West Bethany—6-lane construction to Alma—\$2.4 million—Completed
Anna:

The County Line

FM 455—2-lane reconstruction from US 75 to Creek—\$500,000—Completed
Celina:
CR 95—2-lane construction from Spur 483 to SH 289—\$242,000—money shifted by city council to CR 50 due to new school opening
Farmersville:
SH 78 improvements north of US 380—\$400,000—Completed
Frisco:
Hillcrest—2-lane expansion from SH 121 to FM 720—\$2.7 million—Completed
Lebanon Road—2-lane reconstruction from SH 289 to DNT—\$1.7 million—Completed
Lucas:
Winninghoff & White Rock Creek—Bridge replacement—\$261,000—Completed
McKinney:
Hardin Blvd—4-lane expansion from SH 121 to FM 720—\$1.5 million—Completed
Lake Forest—4-lane construction from SH 121 to FM 720—\$3.6 million—Completed
Custer FM 720—engineering for 4-lane expansion—\$2.2 million—Completed
Plano:
Hedgecote—2-lane expansion from Custer to 289—\$4.2 million—Completed
Midway—2-lane expansion from Plano Pkwy-Spring Creek—\$3.1 million—Completed

Independence—2-lane expansion from Parker to McDermott—\$2.6 million—Completed

Prosper area:
County Roads 48, 81, 122—2-lane reconstruction—\$3.6 million—Completed

Collin County:
Tollway E. Service Road 2-lane construction up to US 380—\$7.9 million—Completed

Six bridges replaced in rural Collin County—\$2 million—Completed

A six-lane expansion of SH 121 was also part of the 1999 bond election. Approximately \$80 million in funding was shared between Collin County, TxDOT and the cities of Frisco, McKinney, Allen and Plano. Phase I from US 75 to just west of Custer has a targeted completion date of early 2006. Phase II from Custer to the Dallas North Tollway is scheduled to be completed by nearly 2007.

Overall, 95% of the 1999 bond projects are either completed or in progress. The road projects proposed for the 2003 bond program are listed on my website at www.joeljaynes.com. If you would like to contact County Commissioner Jaynes, please email him at jaynes@collincountytx.gov.

Early Voting Begins Monday in Collin County Bond Election

(McKinney, TX) — Collin County voters will consider a proposed \$229 million bond package on November 4th that would provide, among other things, funding for regionally significant transportation projects and parks facilities throughout the county. Early voting for the November 4th election begins Monday.

The 2003 bond program is divided into three components: Transportation, Parks & Open Space and Facilities. For Proposition 1, which is the transportation component, the Commissioners Court approved a proposed allocation of \$142 million on countywide and joint city-county projects.

The transportation bond subcommittee deemed four projects, which would cost a total of \$48.5 million, regionally significant. The projects are: State Highway 121 from Preston Road to U.S. 75, FM 2551 (Murphy Road) from FM 344 to Parker Road,

Betsy Lane from Dublin Road to FM 2551 and the extension of the Dallas North Tollway from U.S. 380 to FM 428.

The remainder of the funding would be available for a 50% match with 14 individual Collin County cities, and a portion of the bond money would go into a discretionary fund to provide money for critical transportation projects as the need is identified.

Proposition 2, which is Parks & Open Space, would designate \$11 million for permanent improvement bonds for the acquisition and improvement of land.

The bond package would also provide approximately \$76 million in funding for three facilities projects: Phase I of a new Collin County courts facility, the expansion of the county's juvenile detention center and the expansion of the county jail.

Proposition 3 is for a new justice center that would be

constructed off Community Avenue in McKinney near the Collin County Sheriff's Office and county jail. The structure would be home to 14 district courts and provide shell space for future expansion. The bond program would also provide funds for an additional 48 beds at the juvenile detention center. And, the third component of the proposed Facilities bond package is the expansion of the county jail. A new cluster would add 288 beds.

Early voting is October 20-25 and 27-31.

Important Note: Eligible Collin County registered voters (with an effective date of registration on or before November 4, 2003) may vote at any of the above early voting locations.

Additional information about the Collin County Bond Program can be found on the county's website at: www.collincountytx.gov.

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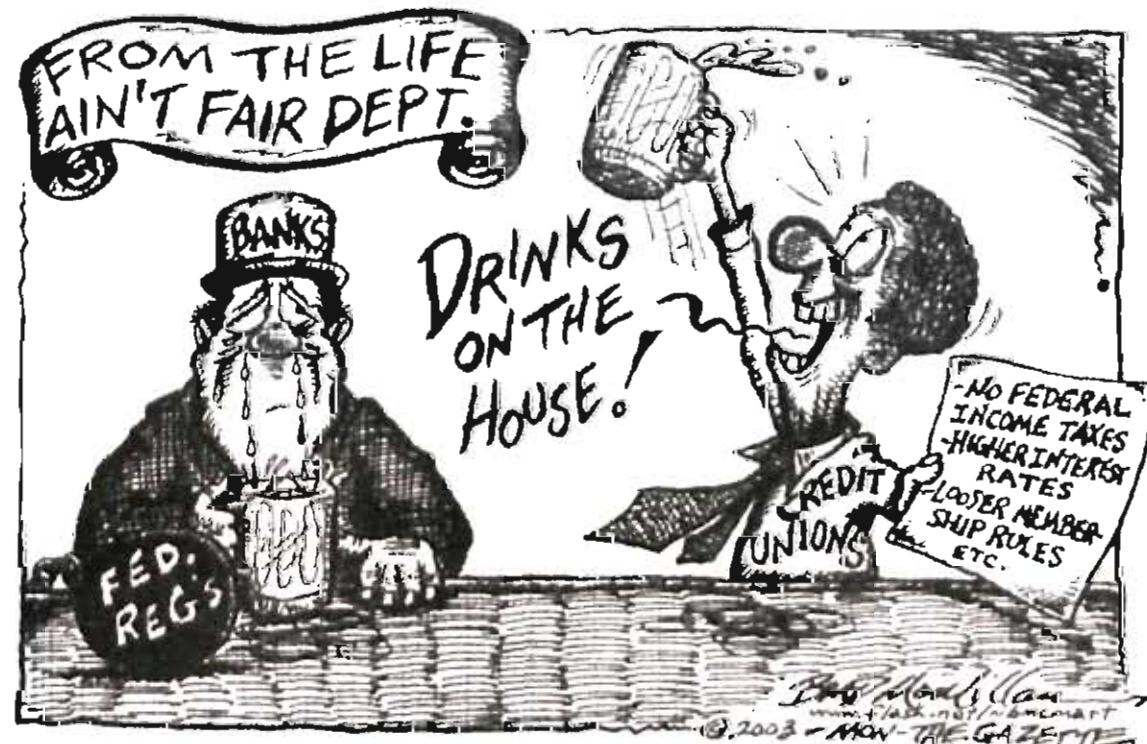
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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north.

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St. Philip's School and Community Center Hosts 16Th Annual Celebrity Tribute and Silent Auction

DALLAS, TX - St. Philip's School and Community Center will host The Magic of St. Philips, 7:30 p.m., Friday, October 24 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Downtown Dallas. This year's event, co-chaired by former City of Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and Dallas Mavericks president Terdemia Ussery, will honor legendary NBA superstar, businessman and philanthropist Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

The annual event raises funds for the independent, south Dallas school and

community center. "The proceeds from this event enable St. Philip's to continue to provide quality education to children who primarily reside in Dallas' southern sector," explains Dr. Terry Flowers, executive director of St. Philip's School and Community Center.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson is universally known for his 13-year career in the National Basketball Association, and has since redefined himself as a businessman focusing his efforts on revitalizing neglected communities, and providing

quality entertainment and services. Johnson is also Founder and CEO of Magic Johnson Enterprises (MJE).

Sponsors of this year's event include Texas Instruments, Imaginuity, American Airlines, The Dallas Weekly, and KKDA-Radio.

St. Philip's School and Community Center provides educational and community services to children, their families, and other residents in south Dallas.

For tickets, sponsorship or event information, please call 214-421-5221 ext. 119.

LULAC 9th Annual Banquet Page 1

supplies. We see North Texas as the premier division," said Long.

Educator of the Year went to Emelia Ahmed, Curriculum Specialist for Plano ISD.

"There are three types of people. Those who talk about doing, those who think about doing and those who actually do," said Ahmed. "I see before me, a room full of people in the latter category," said Ahmed.

Community Service of the Year went to the Junior League of Plano (JLP) for their diligent efforts with such programs as C.I.T.Y House, providing shelter to homeless families, and Even Start, helping families learn English. "Our mission is to improve family life of Collin County. We are researching to ascertain which direction we need to go," said Jenni Montes, Community Service recipient of their latest endeavor, Plano

Transportation sectors. Vaca applauded the tireless efforts of 4537 LULAC Founder, Adrian Rodriguez and added these words, "This is our time. You are looking at the composition of what the country will look like in the next ten years. My vision is that we all collaborate together and make this city Great!"

Founder Rodriguez rounded up the night's events with an auction, raffle and words of wisdom. "This year has been a tremendous success. Let's endeavor to make next year more of a success as we open our arms to more and more people," said Rodriguez.

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Educator of the Year- Emelia Ahmed, Curriculum Specialist, PISD

Mother/Daughter program. Community Projects Vice-President, Laura Young received the award on behalf of JLP.

The Estrella (Rising Star) Award was presented to Allen High School Senior Cecilia Marisol Favela Gonzalez. Gonzalez is founder of the Allen High School LULAC chapter. Aside from other numerous accomplishments, including District III Youth Secretary, and recipient of the Spirit of LULAC Award, Gonzalez had this to say to her standing audience of supporters: "If it were not for my Mama and my Poppy, none of what I do would be possible. I look around the room and I see so



Estrella (Rising Star) Award- Cecilia Marisol Favela Gonzalez, Allen High School Senior

many people with the same potential," said Gonzalez.

Keynote speaker, 2003 National Hispanic Businesswoman of the Year Nina Vaca spoke proudly about starting out as a young entrepreneur: "They say that at your darkest moment you find your inner strength." At the heels of a tragic loss of her father, Vaca began operating three family-owned travel agencies at age seventeen. Vaca, continued, "Life is like a deck of cards, it's what you do with the hand that defines you." Throughout Vaca's words of wisdom resonated an impressive resume including such highlights as founder of Pinnacle Technical Resources, Inc., an Information Technology provider to the Fortune 500, serving Financial Services, Health Care, Media, and

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Arts & Entertainment

The Strokes On Stage At NextStage Nov. 6

The Strokes have been called the second-coming of the Velvet Underground. Their major label debut, *Is This It?* (RCA), in 2001 fueled the hype about the band well beyond its home base in New York City. The Strokes formed in 1999 and debuted at the Spiral in New York City on September 14 of that year. They spent most of their time rehearsing new songs in the Music Building in New York City. On the strength of word-of-mouth hype, the rising rock stars began playing at Under the Acne, then at Lower East Side clubs, such as Arlene Grocery, Baby Jupiter, and Luna, in New York City. After Ryan Gentles (now the band's manager) booked them at the Mercury Lounge and later at the Bowery Ballroom in New York City, Jeff Travis at Rough Trade Records picked up the group's demo in November 2000 and released it as a three-song EP called *The Modern Age* in January 2001. That set

off a label bidding war to claim the Strokes and A&R guy Steve Rabowski wooed the group to RCA.

Both the CD and the initial three-song EP were recorded under the guidance of producer Gordon Raphael at Transporter Studio in the East Village in New York City. While songwriter and lead singer Julian Casablancas' vocals sound like Lou Reed, the rest of the band splits their identity between the Velvet Underground, Television, John Lennon, Roy Orbison, and Buddy Holly. Casablancas came up with the band's name. Guitarist Nick Valensi, guitarist Albert

Hammond, bassist Nikolai Fraiture, and drummer Fabrizio Moretti round out the group. All dropped out of college in 2000. Casablancas, Valensi, and Moretti first met at Manhattan's



private prep school Dwight School and began playing together informally in 1998. Soon they met Fraiture, who was attending Le Cest Francais on the Upper East Side in New York City. Hammond came to New York from his home in Los

Angeles to attend film school at New York University and eventually was invited into the band by his former boarding school friend and bandmate Casablancas. Valensi and Fraiture went to Hunter College. Fabrizio entered SUNY-Paltz, and Casablancas enrolled at Five Towns on Long Island before all were steered away from academic studies by the promise of rock stardom. Fabrizio began playing drums at age five and studied privately in New York City.

The other bandmates discovered music in their teens. Hammond caught the music bug after visiting England, where he saw a show about the life of Buddy Holly. The Strokes completed its first U.S. tour with Doves in 2001 and then toured the East Coast with Guided By Voices. That was followed by a U.K. tour with Traildead. In support of its debut CD, *Is This It?*, the Strokes toured America and Europe in 2001.

Texas Publisher Announces Commemorative Issue Focusing on Achievements of Blacks in Texas

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The regional magazine published a timeline on Black people in Texas that answers these and many other ideas. The commemorative issue has a remarkable timeline that covers the years from 1991 through 2002.

The quarterly publication is loaded with some of the most important dates and recent landmark events. Plus, it names the people who made them happen.

In addition to the main

timeline, we developed 6 other timelines that cover the criminal justice system, legislators, state and federal, visionaries who lead significant lives, Grammy winners and HBCU highlights. Who are the top authors? Books? It's in *Our Texas*.

This issue was done with the assistance of the Texas Black press. The main timeline credits the National Association of Black Journalists, Region VII and many weeklies, especially the Texas Publishers Association. What's unique is that these important events all pertain to Black people across Texas! It's also about recognizing how African Americans influence Texas.

"It's truly an extraordinary issue, a great piece of journalism," says General Berry, publisher of the quarterly magazine. "Our staff did a fantastic job gathering information from around the

state and putting it all together in one volume. I don't believe any other Texas publication has ever attempted to do it," Berry said. "Completing this project came from months of research, 'especially with the help from this newspaper and the rest of the Black press across Texas,' he continued.

The main timeline identifies many landmark events and achievements, such as the lawsuit that changed Dallas and the Houstonian who became the first Black person elected to a public office in Texas.

In fact, the ambitious issue has several other timelines. One identifies Erykah Badu and other Grammy winners. Another locates Lotto million-dollar winners, and still another memorializes the passing of legends, like philanthropist Mack Hannah (Houston), Dallas Jackson (Dallas), Hattie Briscoe (San Antonio), to name

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There's a timeline on the criminal justice system. Everyone remembers the James Byrd, Jr.'s tragedy, but how about Anne Rae Dixon and Donald Thomas?

Research from Texas A&M University's Race and Ethnic Studies Center helped Our Texas examine how race affected voting in Ron Kirk's historic run for the U.S. Senate in 2002.

"There has never been an issue quite like this," says the publisher. "We reported on the state of affairs of the Black community over 12 years. We took a broader look. So much has changed. Much hasn't."

The Our Texas commemorative issue really gives you a bigger picture.

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Urban Crew Inc., a not-for-profit visual arts organization, will have art exhibits, paintings and works for sale. Other entertainment will include Wandering Mimes. Emcee for the event is Lynn Briggs of Smooth Jazz 107.5. The Oasis.

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underling before him, to protect George Bush.

By that time I was asking myself how much more Rice and Powell would take before they speak out, before they resign from this corrupt and horrid administration. Apparently, either they think they are doing a great job or they are in so deep they cannot find a way out now.

Whatever the situation, it is shameful that Rice, recipient of the NAACP's president's award for advancing the ideals of the NAACP through image, personal achievement and service to all people of color. The NAACP president even said those attributes accurately describe Rice. Yes, Rice has a nice image and she has certainly achieved a great deal on a personal level. As to the part about "service to all people of color (whatever that means), I don't know.

Looks to me like she's doing more for people of non-color, and if you count the people of Iraq, Korea, Iran, and Syria as "people of color," then it is questionable if she is living up to all of the award's credits. Of course we certainly could not be talking about people of color in this country, except for the warm feeling some of us might get when we see a Black woman walking just behind the President, staying at his ranch, going to Camp David with him, and sometimes whispering sweet nothings in his ear for dramatic effect.

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On Meet the Press, when asked about the additional \$87 billion requested by Bush, Condo said, "We did not have perfect foresight into what we were going to find in Iraq." What in the world is "perfect foresight"? How much of

the future is foreseeable? On another occasion she justified the Iraq debacle by saying the terrorists are there now because Iraq is the center of the war on terror. Well, who made it that way, Condo?

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Sister Tarpley

A Woman With New Ideas And Fresh Approaches

Recently, at the Plano Community Forum Awards Banquet, I saw Ms. LaCrisia "Cris" Gilbert, my former instructor at Southern Methodist University (SMU). I attended SMU while receiving my Master's Certificate in Dispute Resolution (Mediation, Arbitration, and Negotiation).

As an adult student, I found Cris to be a highly efficient and a very professional individual. It didn't take me long, without anyone telling me, that Cris is a God-centered woman who takes the Godly approach to any and all situations—at home, in her classroom, and at her job as the Alternative Dispute Resolution Administrator for the Dallas County Courts.

God shining through Cris was one of the many things that I liked about her, as an individual and as an instructor in every class that she taught me. Her actions spoke louder than her words. She didn't preach her convictions she lived them. I am sure that in order to be fair and ensure equal justice to everyone, Cris has to be careful that she doesn't put "Cris" into her decisions, words or actions to those around her.

One of my favorite classes that Cris taught was Cross-Cultural. This class gave me an insight about different cultures from around the world and the appreciations that I learned about other cultures and customs that I had not considered before. This is a class that I believe should be a requirement in all public schools. I believe this is one major reason that I easily saw God in Cris' life each and every time she taught my classes.

Cris told me that she is a candidate for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, and Place 1, in Plano. I thought to myself, how fortunate for the citizens of Plano, that someone with the experience and ability of Cris is willing to continue serving the residents of Plano and now in this capacity that she is well qualified to serve. I said, "continue" because Cris has worked for the citizens of Plano in some form or fashion ever since she has lived in the city.

Cris is a graduate of Plano Senior High School and after going away to college, she came back to live and



LaCrisia "Cris" Gilbert

work in Plano; this shows her love, admiration and commitment to the citizens of Plano.

Let me encourage all citizens of Plano to visit Cris' website at www.crisgilbert.com and discover what you need to know about Cris. And when Election Day comes, you can feel good about your vote and know that you are voting for someone that is fair, efficient, professional and is willing to work for the entire city of Plano. Cris is a woman that has new ideas and fresh approaches to contribute to the citizens of Plano. I am also positive that Cris is willing to hear from you. If you have concerns

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WOMAN OF STRENGTH

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Mid-Week Service Wednesdays 7:15 pm
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Six-Session Course To Explore African American History Available at African American Museum

DALLAS - Robert Edison will teach the African American History Course at the African American Museum. The African American History Course is a six-session course that explores the African American experience from early Africa through the Civil Rights Movement and into the present.

According to Robert Haynes, educational curator at the Museum, this is a college level course that is ideal for people who seek an understanding of the development of the unique African American perspective. The course will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays in the AT&T Auditorium located on the lower level in the Educational Plaza of the Museum. Course dates and topics for the African American History Course are:

- * Saturday, Oct. 25
"The African Background"
- * Saturday, Nov. 1
"American Democracy and the Institution of Slavery"
- * Saturday, Nov. 15
"The Peculiar Institution and Resistance"
- * Saturday, Dec. 6
"The Nadir and Establishment of the Color Line"
- * Saturday, Dec. 13

"Crisis and Creativity"

* Saturday, Dec. 20
"The Black Revolution To the Present"

Edison received a bachelor's degree in political science from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas, in 1971 and a master's degree in civic affairs from the University of Dallas in 1980. In 1999, as a James Madison History Memorial Fellow, Edison received a master's degree in history from Texas A&M University Commerce in Commerce, Texas.

Currently, Edison teaches history at Pearl C. Anderson Middle School in Dallas. He has also served as the director of student support at Southwestern Christian College from 2001 through 2003 and the director of social studies for Dallas Public Schools from January 2001 through August 2001. Edison is a member of the Organization of American Historians, Association for the Study of African American Life and Culture and the African American Museums Association.

Edison has been nominated twice for the National Teacher of the Year. He has also been the recipient of awards like the NEH Fellowship, "Freedpeople in Southern society in the late 19th Century: Teaching With Documents" in 1998, the Innovation Teaching Grant from the

Junior League of Dallas in 1995 and the Service Above Self, Outstanding Teacher Award Presented By the Rotary Club of Dallas in 1992.

Individual course fees for the African American History Course are \$10 for Museum members and \$15 for non-members, and full course fees are \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information on the African American History Course, call (214) 565-9026, ext. 313.

Founded in 1974 as a part of the Bishop College Special Collection, the African American Museum became an independent, nonprofit organization in 1979. The Museum is located in historic Fair Park and boasts the largest African American folk art collection in the United States. Currently, it is the only museum in the Southwestern United States devoted to the preservation and display of African American artistic, cultural and historical materials. The Museum's main objective is the presentation of meaningful experiences for children and adult

audiences that would not ordinarily visit a museum. For more information on the African American Museum, call (214) 565-9026, ext. 303.

Season sponsors for the African American Museum are AT&T, American Airlines, Bank of America, Blockbuster Entertainment, Bussey Trucking Company, The Dallas Morning News, ExxonMobil, KFC, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, State Fair of Texas, WTAA-TV and Wyndham International Hotels and Resorts.

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The African American Museum, a

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