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On the Homefront:

'The Beauty of Mt. Fuji,' a collection of color photographs of Mount Fuji and its surrounding scenery by Sumiko Hori, will be featured throughout March at the Plano Municipal Center, with an opening reception February 28, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., 1500 Avenue K. Hori brings a piece of Japan to Plano. She is sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Ft. Worth.

94.9 KLTU's Celebrate Women 2003, Saturday March 1, at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Exhibitors booths, entertainment. Free admission. Call 972.870.9949, or visit www.kltu.com.

Sample food from the best area restaurants at the 15th annual Taste of Plano, March 3, 2003, 5:30pm - 8:30pm, at Southfork Ranch. Enjoy the food and fun while supporting Plano ISD's Outstanding Students Scholarships Awards Program. Presented by: The Plano Independent School District, Plano Chamber of Commerce, 99.5 the WOLF, and The Dallas Morning News. Advance Tickets: \$15/adult, \$8/grades K-12. Call Taste of Plano Hotline: 469.752.8009 for tickets and details.

Free tax assistance for all ages provided by AARP at the following times and locations: Mondays through April 14, at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Mondays through April 14 at Harrington, Schimelpfenig and Haggard Libraries in Plano, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Tuesdays through April 14 at Parr Library in Plano, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please bring last year's return and required paperwork (W-2 forms, 1099 forms, etc.). For more information in Plano, contact 972.769.4200.

Volunteers needed in Plano, McKinney, Allen and Frisco for the Area Agency on Aging, as they plan a training session in Collin County in March. After completing a 36-hour training course, volunteers are Texas Department on Aging, Certified Long Term Care Ombudsmen. No previous experience required. Training is free, hours worked are flexible. Call Lisa at 1.800.272.3921.

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Former U.S. President's Son Speaks at Collin County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner



Jim Boswell, 2003 John King McVeigh Award Recipient

It was an evening of congratulating and remembering, an evening to celebrate the old and the new. It was an evening for Michael Reagan to honor his father, President Ronald Reagan, and for others to be honored for their hard work for the cause. It was the 35th Annual Collin County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner.

On Saturday, February 22,

2003, about 800 people gathered for the dinner, held at the Plano Centre in Plano, to celebrate this year's theme "2002: An Election to Remember".

County GOP Chairman, Rick Neudorff gave the welcome and several guest speakers took the podium. Between speakers and dinner there were live auctions, including a luxury sunset yacht cruise, a private dinner for 10 at the

Ewing mansion, and a complete campaign package.

Congressman Colin Burgess said, "For tonight's 'an election to remember', I promise you Collin County, I will never forget it - 81%."

Burgess introduced Sam Johnson to the stand, honoring his years of service in government.

"Sam is my mentor, Sam is my friend, and I am pleased to be here to celebrate his years of service with you," Burgess said.

Johnson had a distinguished military career, reaching the rank of colonel and earning 2 silver stars, 1 bronze with valor, and 2 purple hearts. This February is also the 30th anniversary of his release from seven years of torture in captivity in Vietnam, and he was honored by the Republican Party. Johnson said he will never forget an inscription he saw on a wall in Hanoi, "Freedom has a taste so great, that all that die to protect it will never know."

He said it's a great time to be a Republican in Collin County.

"Words fail to capture the Republican landslide of Texas, it

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Bank of America is Top National SBA Minority Lender

CHARLOTTE, N.C., (PRNewswire) -- Bank of America recently announced that it has been ranked as the nation's No. 1 Small Business Administration (SBA) lender to minority groups. One-in-three SBA loans granted by the bank last fiscal year went to minority-owned businesses.

The announcement follows Bank of America being named the top overall SBA lender in the country, with 3,917 loans granted in fiscal year 2002 (October 2001 through September

2002). Figures supplied by the SBA indicate that the bank directed 1,319 SBA 7(a) loans, and 28 percent of its total SBA loan dollars, to minority-owned businesses.

"We believe in helping business owners of every background achieve their dreams, and this most recent honor is concrete proof that our efforts are succeeding," said Dana Drago, Bank of America Small Business Segment executive. "Experience teaches us that strengthening businesses also strengthens communities, and that's one reason we worked so

hard to achieve our SBA minority lending leadership rank."

The average Bank of America SBA loan to minorities in fiscal year 2002 was \$52,500. "At Bank of America, we would rather grant ten \$50,000 SBA loans than one \$500,000 loan," said Benito Almanza, Bank of America government loans product executive. "Our SBA lending philosophy is built on the belief that by granting more loans for smaller dollar amounts, we generate

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Sweetheart Ball Raises Money for Scholarships, Brings Sweethearts Together

By: Monica Thornton

The 15th Annual Sweetheart's Ball in Plano on February 15, 2003 hosted by the Plano Community Forum (PCF) gave people the opportunity to show their love for sweethearts and friends, while fulfilling the Forum's long-time efforts of raising scholarship funds, and to help with the continued efforts of youth

the evening in a collaborative effort to reach their common goal of raising money for scholarships for students in the area. T.J. Johnson, Mistress of Ceremony for the Forum (PCF), said this was the second year that the PCF had partnered with other organizations for the Sweetheart Ball.

"This was a compliment to our scholarship goal, to



T.J. Johnson, Plano Community Forum's Chair, hosting the organization's annual Sweetheart's Ball

development.

The event was held at the Harvey Hotel on Central Expressway in Plano, and this year PCF invited two other area organizations to partner with them. The Links, Incorporated, (Plano North Metroplex Chapter) and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Alpha Iota Iota Chapter (North Dallas Chapter based in Plano), came together for

partner with other organizations in the community who share the same goal," said Johnson. "Each organization worked hard to fill their scholarship funds, and it was a delight to see folks from different organizations working so well together."

She added that it was a

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Father/Daughter Sweetheart Ball



Tiffany and her God Father Clyde Penn relax at the table during Mt. Hebron's Father/Daughter Sweetheart Ball

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'Four!' Looking Out for a Black-owned Golf Firm

By: James Clingan

NNPA - Four! That's what golfers say when they think their shot is headed for a fan or another golfer; they don't want the golf ball to hit anyone so they yell, "Four!" Well, I am yelling "four" now, first to all the Black golfers out there, and then to all others, for the opposite reason. I am yelling "four" to get your attention, and then to "hit" you with some information that, if acted upon, could move us closer to our goal of collective economic empowerment.

My new learning during Black History Month was that a Black man invented the modern golf tee. George F. Grant, who was in fact one of the first known African-American golfers, and one of the first African-American

dentists, patented the wooden golf tee in 1899! A son of slaves, he graduated from Harvard with honors. His interest in sanitary conditions led to the wooden tee because he disliked getting dirt on his hands. So, we have been vested in the game of golf for more than 100 years.

Now golf has taken African-Americans by storm, especially since Tiger Woods came on the scene. But even before his rise to the pinnacle of the sport, there was Lee Elder, Charlie Sifford, Calvin Peete, and Althea Gibson; and where I live there was Jimmy Woods, for whom I used to caddy from time to time. I must admit I have never played golf; as a matter of fact, I really don't care for the sport (a little too slow for me), but I am

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35th Annual Collin County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner



Representative Jodie Laubenberg, Dist. 89



Deborah and Melvin Minnard



Raymond Wyatt



Representative Jerry Madden, District 67



Collin County GOP Chairman Rick Neudorff



Collin County Community College President Cary Israel and wife, Trudy



Fred Moses and wife, Mazzie



Congressman Sam Johnson and wife, Shirley



John Roach Jr. 2002 Dixie Clem Award Winner

Republican Party Award Winners

Dixie Clem Award
The Dixie Clem Award is presented annually to an outstanding Young Republican of Clem's choosing. Clem was the mainstay of the Collin County Republican Headquarters for 30 years.

Recipient: Mandy Tschoepe
"When I came to work in Collin County people said, oh here's our Dixie Clem, and I said, I could never reach that," said Tschoepe. "I'm proud to receive this award this year."

John King McVeigh Award
The John King McVeigh award is presented to an individual whose efforts to build the Republican Party in Collin County reflect the ideas and actions of the late Judge McVeigh. A panel consisting of all previous award winners decides the winner. McVeigh was an early day Republican, who worked for a viable Republican Party in Collin County.

Recipient: Mr. Jim Boswell
Boswell received this award due to his untiring efforts in the Republican Party. He served on numerous steering committees, including Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Phil Gramm, Florence Shapiro. He was on the Finance Committee for Corryn. was named Plano Citizen of the Year 1992, is a former vice president of Collin County Republican's Men's Club, and past chairman of the Lincoln Day Dinner Award.

The award was presented by Collin County Sheriff, Terry Box, who said "all the past winners vote, and this year only one vote was taken. Everyone said this was long overdue."

Boswell said it is always a humbling experience to receive any award.

"There are a lot of people who made this award possible," he added.

Boswell also said, "In front of every man is a great woman, thank you Myra (his wife), I love you."

Gladys Harrington Award
The Gladys Harrington Award is presented to a Precinct Chairman who has provided outstanding service to the Collin County Republican party. Harrington is known as the Grande Dame of Collin County Republicans.

Recipient: Wanda White, Precinct Chairman of the year, with the largest increase in voters of all Collin County precincts. (Not Pictured)

Around The Town

On-going

Learn how to be free of all your credit card debt, at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano. Classes held every Tuesday, 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. Receive a financial game plan and workbook, and a certificate of completion and \$10.00 upon graduation. Contact Flora Kynard at 214.496.9756. Cost: \$29.95.

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 8a.m.-9p.m., Sat 10a.m.-2p.m.

Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center has nearly doubled in size, with enlarged play areas and new attractions, including a hospital fantasyland underwritten by Presbyterian Healthcare, a miniature grocery store by Kroger Foods, an interactive farm exhibit, and a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit, complete with rain forest. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Call 972.386.6555.

Through March 15

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, the City of Plano presents an art exhibit featuring four Chinese artists at the Courtyard Theater, 1509 Avenue H. The exhibit is free, and is part of the City of Plano's program.

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. For more information call: 972.562.5566, or visit www.heardmuseum.org.

March 1 through April 6 Texas Area Artists exhibit "Pigment of the Imagination" in the Main Gallery. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Mondays until 9 p.m.), Saturdays 5:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. Call 972.216.8122, or

972.216.6444.

March 4 - 28

Join in the fun at preschool story-time for 3-5 year olds, Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive.

February 27

Garland NAACP Youth Council Black History Program, "Having Our Say Through the Years: The African American Life in Song, Word and Dance", 7:00 p.m. at the Garland Women Activities Center, 713 Austin Street.

Heritage Farmstead Museum History Lecture 6:30 pm at Heritage Farmstead Museum, 1900 West 15th, Plano. Linda DeWeese, local history buff, will talk about intricacies of Victorian mourning traditions and superstitions prevalent in the 19th century. Admission: \$3.00.

February 27 - 28

Kaleidoscope 2003, featuring the art of Mary Griffin, Janet Shaw, Steve Simicik and IrishYopp will be displayed at Plano Municipal Center, 1520 Avenue K. These award-winning artists create in the media of watercolor and collage. Exhibits are available for

viewing 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

February 28

Garland Symphony Orchestra is joined by U.S. Coast Guard Woodwind Quintet in concert, 8:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, 300 North Fifth Street. For tickets call 972.926.0611.

In honor of African American Heritage Month, Vickery Meadows Elementary School kindergarten classes present songs about Dr. M.L. King, Jr., a dance by five/six grade girls and a musical selection. 2:00 p.m., 6606 Ridgecrest, Dallas.

March 1

City of Richardson's Photography Contest Workshop and Awards Reception, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Eisemann Centre, Forrest and Virginia Green Mezzanine Gallery, 959 Lookout Drive. Call 972.638.9116.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Xi Tau Lambda Chapter hosts its premier fundraiser 'The Alpha Legacy Celebration', at Adam's Mark Hotel, 400 Olive Street, Dallas, 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Black-tie event includes cocktail reception, dinner, live musical entertainment by soul jazz artist Jonathan

Butler. Call 972.729.5598 for tickets.

Heaven's Crop Scrapbook Event, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1919 Independence Parkway. Proceeds support families grieving the loss of a child to miscarriage, stillbirth, and/or early infant death. Contact: TX Moms of Tiny Angels at 972.346.2165, or visit: www.txmomsoftinyangels.org.

March 1 and 2

The Power of Now, at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bringing the Essence of Living Now, Workshops with Karen McPhee, from Vancouver, Canada, to share her gift of Presence through speaking, stillness and silence. Admission: \$125/day at the door. Contact Jordan Shafer at 972.342.2448, email: jshafer@CompassionWorks.com, or visit www.CompassionWorks.com.

March 4

Atrium at the Arts Center Ribbon Cutting, 300 North Fifth, Garland, 5:30 p.m. Call 972.205.2785.

March 5

Flood Awareness Seminar presented by the City of Garland in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Association

and the National Flood Insurance Program, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber, 200 North Fifth. Call 972.205.2170.

March 8

Mesquite Symphony Orchestra is in concert at 7:00 p.m. with the annual "Not Just for Kids" concert. Call 972.216.8127 for tickets and information.

City of Mesquite Animal Shelter sponsors a remote pet adoption at Petco, 1500 Town East Blvd., 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For information call 972.216.6283.

March 8 - 9

Wholesale Oil Painting sale, at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Free admission. For more information call Wayne at 210.413.1721.

March 11

Moscow Jewish Choir - the world renowned 11 Tenors group, perform at 8:00 p.m. at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads. Program includes Jazz, Russian folk songs, Italian classics and Broadway hits. Admission: \$25 - \$45. For information call Simon at 972.985.4711.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

The Creation of Jim Crow

Time has diminished our comprehension of the horrific impact Jim Crow had on Blacks in America. The Truth Clinic presents a summary of this shameful period in American History because knowledge of the dark past prepares us for a better tomorrow. Part 1 of this series (excerpted from the PBS Rise and Fall of Jim Crow) explains the origin of the term Jim Crow and focuses on the period just after Reconstruction through the late 1890's.

The term Jim Crow originated in a song performed by Daddy Rice, a white minstrel entertainer in the 1830s. Rice blackened his face with charcoal paste, and caricaturizing a silly Black danced a ridiculous jig while singing the song "Jump Jim Crow". By the 1850s, the "Jim Crow" character had become a standard part of the minstrel scene and was one of many stereotypical images asserting black inferiority--along with Sambos, Coons and Zip Dandies. By 1900, the term was generally identified with those racist laws and actions that deprived African Americans of their civil rights by defining blacks as subordinate to whites.

After the civil war Blacks began to establish their own social, educational and economic systems. At the same time, most southern states tried to limit the economic and physical freedom of the free blacks by adopting laws known as Black Codes. These legal attempts at white-imposed segregation and discrimination were rebuffed during the period from 1866 to 1876, when the federal government declared such acts illegal.

The passage of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, along with the two Civil Rights Acts of 1866 and 1875, curtailed the ability of southern whites to formally deprive blacks of their civil rights.

African Americans then made great progress in building their own institutions, and electing officials to public office. In response, southern whites launched a vicious, illegal war against blacks during the late 1860s and early 1870s under the cover of organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan. Thousands of African Americans were killed, brutalized, and terrorized. The federal government's attempts to stop the bloodshed were usually too little and too late.

After the Compromise of 1877 the federal government essentially abandoned all efforts at protecting the civil rights of southern blacks. The decade of the 1880s was characterized by mob lynching, chain gangs, debilitating sharecropping, and a variety of discrimination laws directly targeting blacks.

When traveling, Blacks were required to sit in a special "Jim Crow Car," even if they had first-class tickets. Some states also passed miscegenation laws banning interracial marriages. These were the "ultimate segregation laws," since they presumed that blacks were so inferior to whites that any mixing of blood threatened the very survival of the superior white race.

Most southern states passed statutes restricting voting in the years from 1871 to 1889. Over half the blacks voting in Georgia and South Carolina in 1880, had vanished from the polls by 1888. By 1910, every state of the former Confederacy

had adopted laws that segregated all aspects of life where blacks and whites might come into contact.

The motive for this legally enforced caste system was complex. Many lower-class whites hoped to neutralize the political power of wealthy merchants and landowners who controlled the vote of their black tenants. Some whites also feared a new generation of "uppity" blacks who were demanding their full rights as American citizens. At the same time there appeared throughout America the new pseudo-science of eugenics that reinforced the racist views of black inferiority.

Black resistance to segregation was difficult because the system of sharecropping left most blacks economically dependent upon landlords and merchant suppliers. Also, white terror at the hands of lynch mobs made it nearly impossible for blacks to resist because such actions might bring down the wrath of the white mob on one's parents, brothers, spouse, and children.

White terror did not end with the disfranchisement of southern black men. To enforce the new legal order of segregation, southern whites often resorted to even more brutalizing acts of mob terror, race riots and ritualized lynching, than had been practiced by the Klan in the 1870s. The 1890s ushered in a more rigid racist South--one in which white supremacists used law and mob terror to deprive blacks of the vote and to define them in life and popular culture as an inferior people.

Next week, Part 2 of the series explores how Blacks survived under Jim Crow.

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

The Collin County Governmental Purchasing Forum Invites You To The 12th Annual Vendors Fair

Wednesday, March 5, 2003
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Collin County Governmental Purchasing Forum is inviting vendors to its 12th Annual Vendors Fair, March 5, at the Spring Creek Campus of Collin County Community College.

Vendors will have the opportunity to meet with buyers and purchasers from about 25 government agencies from cities in Collin County. Herb Miller, Purchasing Manager with the City of Allen, said the forum is designed to help vendors learn how to conduct business with local governments.

The forum is from 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., and will start with a thirty to forty minute presentation, question and answer time. After this, vendors can browse through the booths, meet with government purchasers and then schedule appointments with those agencies they are

interested in working with.

"We will have booths set up, and businesses can come through and talk to us," Miller said. "There will be about 60 buyers in total from the agencies."

Miller added that to meet with all the Collin County Government Purchasing Agencies in one day is an opportunity offered only once a year.

"It would take someone a year on their own to talk with this many agencies, and we're offering it all in one day," Miller said.

He said that last year's event was a great success, with 80 to 90 vendors coming through. The forum is open to anybody interested in doing business with Collin County. Miller said this includes businesses dealing with school supplies, food vendors, computer supplies, heavy equipment, engineering, maintenance, oil and lube services, lawn and garden, gravel, and anything that can be used by any government

entity.

Raymond Weaver, C.P.P.B. Purchasing Officer with Plano ISD, and Diane Allison, C.P.P.B., with the City of Plano will be available at the forum. Cities and entities represented are:

Central Appraisal District
City of Allen and Allen ISD
City of Anna
Blue Ridge ISD
City of Carrollton
City of Celina and Celina ISD
City of Frisco and Frisco ISD
City of Garland
City of Lucas
City of McKinney and McKinney ISD
City of Murphy
City of Parker
City of Plano and Plano ISD
City of Richardson and Richardson ISD
City of Sachse
City of Wylie
Collin County
Collin County Community College
Princeton ISD
Town of Fairview
Town of Prosper
University of Texas-Dallas

For more details, contact Collin County Government Center at: 972.548.4116, or visit the website at: www.co.collin.tx.us.

Obituary

Alexander Xzavier Wells

By: Monica Thornton

Alexander Xzavier Wells was born on December 10, 1990, in Weisbaden, Germany, to Stacie Bradley and Michael Wells. He moved to Dallas, Texas with his parents and twin brother, Xavier. On February 8, 2003, Alexander Wells died of complications with his asthma.

It seems so unfair when the young are taken from us, before their lives really get started. It seems so tragic that the parents will never again hold that child. And it seems incomprehensible to know how any



parent or family member can cope with the death of a child.

At Alexander's memorial, so many people had beautiful words for him. Alice Smith, church member at Cliff View Church of Christ, said she noticed Alex starting to read at the age of three. She said they spent time reading together after church. One of his teacher's (Lee Ann Rozell) from McMath School in Denton, described him as gregarious, and

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SUMMER INTERNSHIP - UNCF

IN THIS INTERNSHIP, YOU'LL:

- Gain fund-raising and special event-planning experience at the nation's leading educational fund-raising organization.
- Learn career-building skills that can apply in other non-profit agencies, corporations, entertainment industry, sports marketing, and more.
- Apply and sharpen your great organizational, planning, writing, and follow-up skills.
- Experience, first-hand, an organization that works closely with major corporations, top city and state officials, major media outlets, top professional sports organizations, and others!
- Get a close look at the growing and rewarding non-profit industry.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Currently enrolled, full-time college student in a related undergraduate degree program at a historically black college or university (HBCU)
- Must have a major in public relations or marketing
- Strong writing, proofing, and communication skills
- Strong computer skills (especially Microsoft software) and the ability to set up documents and files for merging
- Knowledge of marketing, multi-cultural marketing and/or public relations principles
- Internship does not include housing

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 - Designing event promotional materials (fliers, etc.) for standard and internet distribution
- DATES OF SERVICE: June 2, 2003-July 28, 2003
Work Hours: 9 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday
Stipend: \$2,000
(Total payable during the eight-week period.)

DEADLINE TO APPLY: March 15, 2003

TO APPLY, submit resume and cover letter (via mail, email, or fax) to:

United Negro College Fund, Inc.
2800 Swiss Avenue
Dallas TX 75204

Phone: 972-234-1007 or Metro 972-263-4114 Fax: 972-234-8605

ATTN: Courtney Lewis Smith
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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!

MON-The Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

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opportunities for more businesses and more business owners."

One of the world's leading financial services companies, Bank of America is committed to making banking work for customers and clients like it never has before. Through innovative technologies and the ingenuity of its people, Bank of America provides individuals, small businesses and commercial, corporate and institutional clients across the United States and around the world new and better ways to manage their financial lives. The company enables customers to do their banking and investing whenever, wherever and

however they choose through the nation's largest financial services network, including approximately 4,400 domestic offices and 13,000 ATMs, as well as 30 international offices serving clients in more than 150 countries, and an Internet Web site that provides online banking access to 4 million active users, more than any other bank.

Bank of America stock (ticker: BAC) is listed on the New York, Pacific and London stock exchanges. The company's Web site is www.bankofamerica.com. News, speeches and other corporate information may be found at www.bankofamerica.com/newsroom.

Following are the SBA 7(a) loans to key minority groups made by Bank of America:

Ranking	# Of loans	Total dollars	National
Native American	52	\$2.548 million	1st
African American	198	\$4.240 million	1st
Hispanic	443	\$26.149 million	2nd
Asian	628	\$36.315 million	1st
Total	1,319	\$69.252 million	

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someone who loved to entertain.

His mother, Stacie, said Alex built things, and wanted to be an architect.

"He'd build everywhere we went, he would make up models, and build things out of toothpicks," she said.

If Alexander had lived, would he have been the next architect of a beautiful building, or a bridge? How would his life have affected those around him?

I find it hard to detach myself from other's sorrow. It was especially hard this time because my daughter also has asthma, and has had numerous runs to the emergency room. Until I wrote

this, I thought I was handling her asthma well, I thought I was appreciating every second of her life. Now I'm not so sure. What if my child weren't here anymore. What if yours weren't here? Could we find peace knowing that we had a special bond, would we find peace knowing we had raised our children the way God wants us to? Or would there be doubts, would we kick ourselves for things said, or things unsaid?

In Romans 8:28 we are told 'God works all things for good, for those who love him and are called according to his purpose.'

In Alexander's death, let us use this time for good, and hold onto our children tighter, and appreciate every second of their lives.

Blackonomics Page 1

interested in its economic potential for Black folks.

What I see currently is a Black man (sorry, Tiger) at the top of a sport that returns little if anything to Black folks. I see him making huge amounts of money for golf and every other company he endorses in the name of golf, but I don't see too many of our people on the supply side of that industry. I am told there are a couple of Black-owned golf courses in this country, but beyond that, I see very little ownership and control. With Black participation skyrocketing, don't you think Black folks should own more courses, make and sell more attire, or manufacture some of that expensive equipment you linksters love to brag about?

With that said, I'd like to inform those of you outside the esoteric loop of golf product manufacturing and distribution about a Black-owned and operated golf manufacturing firm that, according to my cursory research, makes some of the best golf clubs in the world.

Nirvana Golf Technologies, located in Pullman, Mich., makes putters, drivers and wedges, and adds an innovative and perhaps unique way of designing the clubs that really fit their owners, thus, allowing for better scores. They have two U.S. patents on the process of adjusting their clubs to a custom fit while still conforming to U.S. Golf Association rules. That's all I will say on the subject of golf mechanics, because that's the extent of my knowledge of the game.

My knowledge of economic empowerment and economic freedom, however, allows me to offer kudos to the brothers who started Nirvana in 1998. Their foray into what has traditionally been a closed venue, both on the links and in the business arena, is commendable. Additionally, I ask all of you newfound golf enthusiasts, as well as those who

have been working to lower your strokes for quite some time, to support Nirvana Golf Technologies by buying and using their equipment.

Now to the "big hitters." I know there are many Black brothers and sisters who are livin' large, as they say, who can invest in the highly endorsed technology invented by Nirvana. It makes sense for Black people enamored with the sport of golf—from Tiger Woods to Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley, Evander Holyfield, to the hundreds of Black organizations that conduct golf outings, the celebrities who play those tournaments, the Black corporations that use golf as their primary recreational activity during conventions and other meetings—to assist Nirvana and other Black manufacturers in their quest for investment capital and advancement in this multi-billion dollar industry.

I know that makes sense to

you as well. It also makes dollars and cents for us to support one another in business development and growth. Why shouldn't we? We support all those other companies with our stock portfolios and caches of material wealth in automobiles, clothing, jewelry and wheel rims that keep spinning when the car stops. If we can support everybody else, why can't we do the same for ourselves?

Nirvana Golf Technologies is one of the Black-owned companies across this country many of us have not heard about, but since you are reading this article, you know now. The question is: How are you going to act on the information? One suggestion is to pass it on, and if you are so inclined and "have it like that," call Nirvana Golf at (269) 236-6970, or go to the web site, www.nirvanagolf.com, and consider making an investment. Whatever else happens in this country, you know we are not about to give

up golf, so your return on investment should be great!

One of the secondary definitions for Nirvana is "A goal hoped for but apparently unattainable; a dream." Nirvana Golf Technologies is real, folks, and its primary goal has been attained. We can take it even higher. Support!

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LOCAL STUDENTS WIN BIG AS FINALISTS IN THE COCA-COLA HONOR OUR HERITAGE ESSAY CONTEST

Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas - Thirteen students from high schools across Texas were recognized at the third annual Honor Our Heritage Essay Contest reception. Ten finalists, one second-place winner, one first-place winner and one grand prize winner received awards during the presentation. Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas and Minyard Food Stores, Inc. were proud to sponsor the contest in support of the educational excellence of high school students.

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas and Minyard Food Stores, Inc. created the competition as a way to involve students in the community and to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

The Honor Our Heritage Essay Contest was open to all high school students in Texas, grades 9 - 12. A panel of community leaders judged the essays based on originality, creativity, grammar, composition and appropriateness to subject matter.

Local students were invited to submit essays of 500 words or less on the topic "Hispanic Heritage: How it will influence the future of North Texas." The winning essay was written by Sarah Nicole Bayer of Samuel Clemens High School in San Antonio who was awarded \$2,500 as well as four Southwest Airlines ticket vouchers for her outstanding work. All other finalists were from the north Texas area. They were first-place winner, Ryan Wilk of North Mesquite

High School who won \$1,500; and second-place winner, Megan O'Brien of North Mesquite High School, who won \$1,000.

Other contest finalists were John Cody Allen of Cleburne High School; Laura Brown of North Mesquite High School; Don Roney of Duncanville High School; Abigail Delgado of The Colony High School; Richard Pearson, Becca Warner and Jeremy Allen of Arlington Heights High School; Nich Okoro of Garland High School; Shannon Watts of R.L. Paschal High School and Keith Williams of Warren Travis White High School. All of these accomplished students received \$250 for their exemplary essays.

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas Vice

President and General Manager,

Rick Gillis and Minyard's Food Stores Inc. Vice-President Debbie Krznarich hosted the reception and recognized the parents, teachers and school personnel in attendance for their commitment to supporting local youth. "With over 900 entries this year, these finalists reflect a high level of excellence exemplified by many of the young people in Texas. Coca-Cola and Minyard's Food Stores are proud to honor these fine students," said Rick Gillis, division vice-president and general manager of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas.

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Minyard Food Stores Inc. Vice President Debbie Krznarich, Nich Okoro, essay contest winner, and Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas Vice President and General Manager Rick Gillis pose for a picture after the awards ceremony at the third annual Honor Our Heritage essay contest.

Minyard Food Stores Inc. in the third annual Honor Our Heritage Essay contest and applauds the excellent high school students and educators from the area. The Coca-Cola

Bottling Company of North Texas remains committed to youth, education and the community, recognizing that our youth are the future of North Texas.

The 41st South Central District Conference of the NANBPWC, INC.

The 41st South Central District Conference of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC., hosted by the Garland Club, will be held at the Omni Richardson Hotel in Richardson, TX March 7-9. The South Central District states consist of Texas, Missouri, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. The theme for this year's conference is "BPW Leaders Committed to Excellence." This year's conference is sponsored by General Motors. GM is providing Escalade SUVs for the conference use for participants in the Tree Planting Ceremony at Gail Fields Recreation Center in Garland, Texas, Saturday, March 8, 2003, 3:30 PM.

Along with District Governor, Yvonne Emmanuel, Vice Governor, Diane Wright-Jones, Garland Club President, Eunice Curtis, the "Proud" South Central District NANBPW Club, Inc. invites you to their District Luncheon on March 8, at 1:30 PM. Come prepared to enjoy keynote speaker A. Faye Boykin. Ms. Boykin is a best-selling author and an electrifying motivational speaker. She's the author of *Been Through the Fire, But Didn't Get Burned 100%, No Testimony Without A Test* (Got to go through it to get to it), '99 Bestseller, and

In Due Season They That Wait Don't Wait Too Late! She writes from the heart using her own personal tests and triumphs as backdrops, reminding readers that you too can overcome! There is nothing too hard for God. Her daily prayer is thanking God for being a "Kept Woman!" Ms. Boykin spent 20 years in the Dallas, TX area and she now resides in her birth state, Alabama.

The NANBPWC, Inc., has evolved into a community-based social service organization which functions as a support network for Black professional women. The Association, headquartered in Washington, DC, consists of more than 200 clubs in the United States, the Caribbean, Ghana and Nigeria. The NANBPWC, Inc., has expanded the focus of its programs to include those issues which directly impact the African American community; i.e., health, education, employment, economic development and housing.

The association is also the sponsor of a Vocal Arts competition, which assists aspiring young vocal artists in fulfilling their career goals. The Vocal Arts competition will be held as a part of the Conference Friday, March 7, 2003, 7:00 PM at the Omni Hotel. All are in invited! Please call 972-475-5313 for tickets to the District Luncheon and 972-495-0957 for the Vocal Arts Competition.

Sweet Heart Fund Raiser Page 1

resounding success in terms of participation and funds raised, with approximately 450 people in attendance.

"Every one of the organizations came away with fulfilling their goal," Johnson said.

Guests were entertained with a Fashion Extravaganza by Colbert's, door prizes, raffles, and dinner and dancing. There were 'Shout-outs', guests could buy a love puppy or love bear, and fill out a card dedicated to their sweetheart. The mistress and master of ceremony read the cards and the puppies and bears were delivered to the sweetheart.

And for an extra touch of love, roses were available for special delivery to sweethearts.

"The ball went on until midnight, and there was never a dull moment," said Johnson.

Special guests for the evening included Mayor Pat Evans, and the Dunbar Social and Charity Club. Evans presented the presidents of each organization hosting the event with a proclamation from the City of Plano, and then joined in the modeling for Colberts, and danced the evening away.

President of the Dunbar Social and Charity Club, Ed Whitman, said, "The

evening was a lovely affair."

Whitman said the Dunbars attended the Ball because, as a group, they were looking for something special to do for their wives for Valentine's Day.

"We were looking for something to do for our wives, and when we heard about this, we decided it would be a lovely way to spend time with our wives," Whitman said. "And it's a good cause."

He added that he has spoken to many of the Dunbar members since the event, and they all agreed that it was a wonderful evening.

Fraternity member, George Bennett, attended

the evening with his wife, and gave his wife a 'shout-out'.

"This was an excellent event, a well planned collaborative effort, and it all gelled really well," said Bennett. "Most of the people I spoke with during the event, and even after, said it was an outstanding evening."

He has been a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Alpha Iota Chapter, based in Plano, for 20 years, and said he can't wait for next year's sweetheart ball.

"I'm looking forward to next year, they really did a good job," said Bennett.

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Father/Daughter Sweetheart Ball

The Men's Ministry and Parent Ministry of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church in Garland, TX sponsored a Father/Daughter Sweetheart Ball recently. Girls of all ages attended the event with their fathers and other role models in their lives. The purpose of the ball was to encourage fathers to spend quality time with their daughters. The evening included formal photo shoots, dining, fellowshiping, and dancing.



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was one big victory after another," Johnson added.

Michael Reagan, former President Ronald Reagan's oldest son, was the keynote speaker. He shared insights into his family, presenting the side of the Reagan family that few have had the opportunity to know. After his speech, anyone who had not been a political supporter of Ronald Reagan would certainly have loved him for his character.

Reagan said it's been a long time since he was in Dallas, but "It's great to be back, it's like home."

He said he and his wife were in Dallas in 1980 for his dad's campaign, and while here they met a couple who later became Godparents to their child.

Reagan, 58, said he was adopted into the family as a baby. He said his sister, Maureen, then three, wanted a baby brother so badly she thought she could buy one at a store with the 75 cents she had saved. The day Michael arrived at the home, he said Maureen ran upstairs and got her 75 cents and gave it to the nurse that bought him to the family. Reagan added that one of the greatest gifts his dad gave him was the gift of adoption.

"He reached out and had a big enough heart to adopt me and make me a Reagan," he said. He also said that his father had a big heart for everyone.

"Thirty years ago when my dad was governor, he opened up his home to prisoners of war returning from Vietnam, and invited them to dinner. He also got a letter from a soldier in Vietnam, asking him if he could phone his wife and wish her a happy 1st anniversary," Reagan said. "But he went further. He got his driver, and went and bought a dozen roses and delivered them to her personally."

Reagan said that although his

mother (Jane Wyman) and father were generous, they always made him work for what he wanted, and didn't allow him to use their fame to be handed things in life. He remembered his dad making him look after a horse for two months, telling him he had to prepare it for another boy's Christmas present. And for two months he groomed the horse, fed it, and trained it. But on Christmas day, when his dad told him to go to the barn and get the horse ready for the other boy's Christmas present, he said there was a big red bow around the horse's neck, with a card saying 'Merry Christmas.'



Keynote Speaker, Michael Reagan, oldest son of former President Ronald Reagan speaks to a crowd of 800

And when he asked his mother for a bike, she asked him if he liked it enough to get a job and pay for it.

"She said, I have all the money in the world, I could give you anything, but I'd raise a boy, not a man," Reagan said.

Even when he got married, his dad gave him some of the best advice. He gave him a letter, telling him how to keep a marriage together, advocating the virtue of faithfulness, and telling him he could only get out of a marriage what he puts into it. His dad ended the letter with 'P.S. you'll never get in trouble if you say I love you at least once a day.'

Reagan said he and his dad have always had a strong bond, but when he was in his thirties, he realized that although his dad always showed his love for him, he had never said 'I love you' to him. Then he realized that he had never told his dad that he loved him. So he made a promise to himself to tell his dad he loved him the next time he saw him. That happened to be at his radio station when his dad came down to be interviewed, in the early 1980's.

"My dad came to the radio station, and I told him 'I love you,' and I hugged him," said Reagan. "He looked taken aback when I hugged him, then I said again 'I love you.' Then he said 'You know, I love you too.' And everyday I saw him I hugged him."

He said that now with his dad's Alzheimer's his dad doesn't know his name, but he knows he is the one who hugs him. Reagan said that one time as he and his sister were leaving

from visiting his dad, his sister told him he had forgotten something.

"As I looked back, dad was standing in the doorway with his arms out, waiting for his hug. I went and hugged him, then he went back inside," said Reagan. "He didn't know my name, but he knew I was the man who hugged him."

In closing, Reagan said at the end of his dad's term in office, the one thing he was looking forward to was being able to go to church every Sunday. He hadn't gone regularly since being shot, as he hadn't wanted to put people's lives in jeopardy. Reagan said the other greatest gift his father gave him was knowing that he would be going to heaven, "And I hope I can give the advice of keeping a relationship together, and to tell my wife 'I love you,'" Reagan said. "But most of all, for my children to know I'm going to heaven with my father."

Local Organizations to Host Seminar to Prepare Students for College

The Tougalo College Dallas/Fort Worth Alumni Chapter, in conjunction with Katherine Murriel Education Fund, Inc. will host "College Entrance 101" on Saturday, March 29, 2003 from 10:00am-2:00pm at New Mount Zion Baptist Church Family Life Center, 9550 Shepherd Road, Dallas, TX 75243.

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Student attendees must submit a 50-100-word essay entitled "Why I Want To Attend College" in order to attend this free event. Cash awards will be given to the students for the best essays. Lunch is included. The registration application and essay must be returned by March 13, 2003.

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Donnie McClurkin - Hopeville Tour On Stage At NextStage At Grand Prairie

a home filled with domestic violence and drug abuse, McClurkin was saved by an aunt who sang background vocals with Crouch himself. After staying close to Crouch throughout his boyhood, he began to play piano and sing with his church youth choir. He formed the McClurkin Singers by the time he was a teenager, and later formed another group, the New York Restoration Choir.

in 1989, with his vocals during a seminar, McClurkin endured a bout with leukemia that year. A friendship with a Warner Alliance executive resulted in his signing to the label for his 1996 self-titled LP, with producers Mark Kibble (of Take 6), Cedric and Victor Maxwell plus Andrae Crouch, John Bush, All Music Guide.

Hired as an associate minister at Marvin Winans' Perfecting Church

Mr McClurkin will appear at NextStage on Saturday March 8th, 2003 - 8:00pm

Donnie McClurkin is a gospel vocalist with the soul of Andrae Crouch and the contemporary flair of Kirk Franklin. Born into

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Tarleton

State University

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Request For Proposal: Facility Condition Analysis Project 07-02-0037 at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

Receipt Of Proposals: Proposals will be received by Ms. Beth Chandler, Purchasing and Central Services, at Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Stephenville, Texas 76402, until 3:00 p.m. April 10, 2003 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Scope Of Work: Provide a proposal to conduct a through facility condition analysis on the main campus and agriculture center to identify existing backlog maintenance and deficient conditions, calculate costs for maintenance projects, rank and prioritize projects, develop projects with AutoCAD utilizing existing facility space drawings and develop a fully function Microsoft Access 2000 database for maintaining all project data. the facilities to be analyzed include 43 buildings, which contain approximately 968,486 gross square feet and range in age from 16 to 50 years.

Information And Proposal Documents: Obtain from Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Texas 76402, telephone (254) 968-9611. A Pre-Bid conference has been scheduled for March 6, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Purchasing & Central Receiving Services, 201 St. Felix Street, Room #104. Contact Joe Standridge at (254) 968-9065, to schedule a time to view the facilities and/or verify conditions prior to the Pre-Bid Conference or e-mail: tibbitts@tarleton.edu

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APPLY: City Of Lewisville; Human Resources Department; 1197 W. Main; Lewisville, TX 75067 E.O.E.

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REQUEST FOR BID

Request For Bid: Elevator ADA Up-Grade, Project No. 11-03-0010 at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

Receipt Of Bids: sealed Bids will be received by Ms. Beth Chandler, Purchasing and Central Services, at Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Stephenville, Texas 76402, until 3:00 p.m. April 14, 2003 and publicly opened and read aloud.

Scope Of Work: Project consists of providing all engineering, design and appurtenant equipment, labor and all other items indicated in the specifications to up-grade the Elevators on campus to meet State and Federal ADA standards.

Information And Proposal Documents: Obtain from Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Texas 76402, telephone (254) 968-9611. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held March 11, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Purchasing & Central Receiving Services, 201 St. Felix Street, Room #104. All prospective bidders should attend the Pre-Bid Conference in order to measure and verify all quantities and conditions or contact Jim Pack (254) 968-9260, Physical Plant to schedule a time to view the facilities and/or verify conditions, prior to the Pre-Bid Conference date or e-mail: tibbitts@tarleton.edu

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Request For Proposal: Job Order Contract, Project 02-03-0022 at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

Receipt Of Proposals: Proposals will be received by Ms. Beth Chandler, Purchasing and Central Services, at Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Stephenville, Texas 76402, until 3:00 p.m. April 8, 2003 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Scope Of Work: A public works construction project for minor repair, rehabilitation, and alteration of a recurring nature but which is of an indefinite delivery and indefinite quantity. Each job ordered under a Job Order Contract shall be comprised primarily of a number of pre-described and pre-priced (per RS Means Facilities Construction Cost Data) projects. Job Order contracts shall be used only for remodeling and repair orders not normally exceeding \$250,000 in value.

Information And Proposal Documents: Obtain from Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Texas 76402, telephone (254) 968-9611. A Pre-Bid conference has been scheduled for March 4, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Purchasing & Central Receiving Services, 201 St. Felix Street, Room #104. Contact Aaron Wand at (254) 968-9065, to schedule a time to view the facilities and/or verify conditions prior to the Pre-Bid Conference or e-mail: tibbitt@tarleton.edu



Plano Independent School District Purchasing Department

"Sealed bids will be received in the Plano ISD Purchasing Department, 6600 Alma Drive, Plano, TX 75023, then publicly read as follows:

- RF# 3415 - Web Site Design - 3/18/03 @ 2:00 pm
- RF# 3416 - Moving Services - 3/4/03 @ 2:30 pm
- Bid# 3417 - Concrete Projects - 2/28/03 @ 10:00 am
- Bid# 3418 - Drill Team Supplies - 3/12/03 @ 10:00 am
- Bid# 3419 - Microscope Repair - 3/12/03 @ 2:00 pm
- RFQ#3420 - Photography Services Plano East Senior High- 3/10/03 3:00 pm
- RFQ#3421 - Photography Services Plano Senior High School-3/10/03 @ 3:30 pm
- RFQ#3422 - Photography Services Plano West Senior High School-3/10/03 @ 2:30 pm
- RF#3424 - Graphic Artist Services - 3/11/03 @ 2:30 pm
- Bid# 3425 - Paint & Paint Related Supplies - opens 3/19/03 @ 10:00 am
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Bid specifications and/or information may be obtained from our web page at www.pisd.edu. Choose "web site index", then the letter "P", then open the "Purchasing" link and select "Upcoming Bids". Bid specifications may also be picked up at the office of the

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For additional information contact:

Raymond Weaver, Purchasing Manager, 469-752-0285.



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The University of Texas at Dallas -
School of Management
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Bid Date: March 18, 2003 at 2:00pm

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Contact Brent Ham at HPCC for any additional information

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Sister Tarpley

Pastor Sam & Minister Gloria Fenceroy of Mt. Olive Church of Plano (MOCOP), a non-denominational Church for all nations (see their ad on this page), invited me to their Youth Sunday Services on last Sunday.

One thing that was special about this service is that Trina Jeffrie, AKA Sister Cantaloupe with her "Laffin Out Loud With The Lord!!" routine was there ministering to the entire congregation.

Sister Cantaloupe presented her routine in two parts, needless to say, I laughed with the audience throughout Part One, a comedy routine.

Part two, a skit that came to Jeffrie's mind long before Sister Cantaloupe was brought to life. It was a powerful message for the youth and the parents. This part was very personal for her. It was the story of her sister that was lured into the horrible life of drugs because she was seeking love in all the wrong places. A father that left the family when she was approximately two years old and a mother that was too busy in church to pay much attention to her own children. Jeffrie's message to the youth was, "Yes Jesus loves you." If you were not there, you missed a wonderful spirit-filled and thought provoking service.

Also during the service, Sister Pat Willie captivated the audience with her excitement and praise and worship for God, that immediately the audience stood and my spirit was elevated, I joined in without hesitation. When Sister Willie completed her part of the service, without a drop in the praise and worship, Minister Donaleah William played the piano and led the congregation in more songs of glory to God. I tell you, my soul was wonderfully blessed.

Youth at Mt. Olive Church of Plano Deliver a Powerful Message

Pastor Fenceroy went to the podium to give ministerial comments about the service for the day. It was easy to understand why the church is on fire for God. Pastor Fenceroy easily related to the youth and demonstrated to them that they can serve God without fear or shame and still enjoy their life in everyday situations.

The youth sang songs with plenty of life and fire. The Youth Dance Ministry praised God in a dance under the directions of Sisters Vickie Harris and Melody Barnes.

There were several youth in service that played local high school sports; Recently, Pastor Sam & Minister Gloria along with other members of the church followed team members to Austin for State Finals. They lost, but it was hard to tell from the way Pastor Sam was talking, he was proudly bragging on the students in sports and students that made all A's this past semester. As a retired teacher, I join Pastor Sam, Minister Gloria, the families and all members of MOCOP in congratulating their students. I encourage students to achieve high academic goals.

Be good to yourself; order a ministry tape for yourself and one for someone else. The tapes are only \$10 each. Call the church today at 972-633-5511 and take the time to visit at least one service, you will not regret it, I promise!

You are special!

Sister Tarpley

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Let MON-The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of James, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."

Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes- Strengthen your English! (Through April)

February 27, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Financial Planning Workshops - "Investing Versus Financial Planning": (Sponsored by the Men's Ministry) The second in a series of four financial workshops to be held. Future workshop dates are March 27 and April 24. To RSVP and obtain a free seminar material packet please call the church office.

The workshops will be conducted by professional financial advisors and attorneys. Free to the public.

March 5, 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service - The Service of Worship for Ash Wednesday will include the imposition of ashes. Begin your Lent Season with this touching service. All are invited to attend.

March 12, 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m.

Lenten Devotional Services - Beginning Wednesday March 12th, each Wednesday during Lent, there will be a prayer service with a weekly theme to help you to focus on the meaning of the season. The service will begin and end promptly so that you might be able to attend during your lunch hour.

Visit our website at www.allnationsumc.org

All Nations United Methodist Church
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor
34185 E. 14th St.
Plano, TX 75074

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

March 9, 6:00 p.m.

Children and Youth Missions Annual Day-Family Life Center (210 Abrams, Richardson, TX)

For more information concerning these events, call 972-235-4235

First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park
Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor
300 Phillips St.
Richardson, TX 75081

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

March 7, 8

Spring Break Teen Summit & Lock-In, Theme: The Teen

Years-In the Meantime
Check-in March 7, 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Check-out March 8, 10:00 a.m.

Registration- \$10, To register call, 972-278-4621
*Checks should be made payable to Garland NAACP Youth Council
Meals served Friday evening and Saturday morning.

For more information concerning any of these events, call 972-276-5218.

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church
Leonard Leach, Pastor
901 Dairy Rd.
Garland, TX 75040

MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. & 11:30-2:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Free 30-minute singing lessons, limited to one lesson per week

Call the church to schedule a lesson.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Counseling by Minister Gloria Fenceroy-Call the church for an appointment

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Deliverance by Pastor Sam-Deliverance Issues Sessions-Call the church for an appointment

March 8, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

College Prep Seminar, Collin County Community College

For more information, call 972-985-1364.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

The Singles Ministry of Shiloh Baptist Church is sponsoring a single's fellowship, providing positive life enrichment opportunities, support, and interaction with other singles within the context of the Christian Faith. Light refreshments served.

For more information, contact Minister Daniel Shaw at 972-291-0449 or email lakeith75104@yahoo.com.

Shiloh Baptist Church
Isiah Joshua, Jr., Pastor
1310 Ave. I
Plano, TX 75074

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Sunday

Early Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday-Early Bird Bible Study 6:00p.m.
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting and 7:30 p.m.
Evening Bible Study

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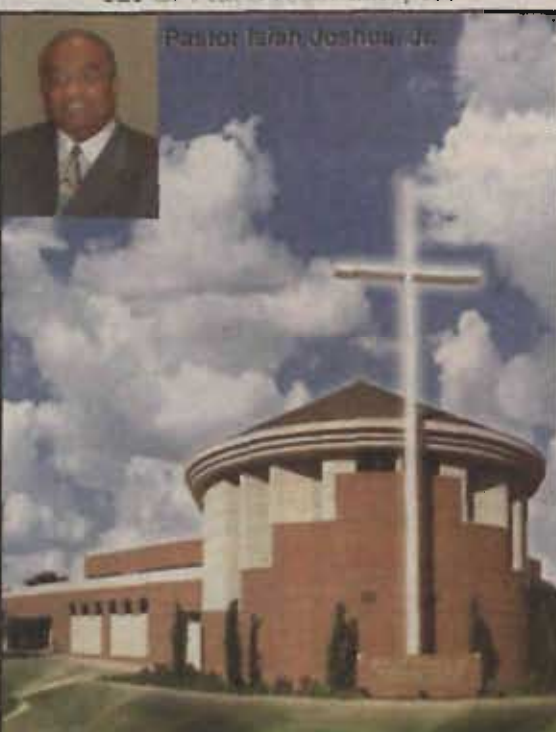
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Tuesday 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir
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Thursday 7PM Mass Choir

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