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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 Horii, will be featured throughout March at the Plano Municipal Center, 1500 Avenue K. Horii brings a piece of Japan to Plano. She is sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Dallas-Ft. Worth.

Edwards Jones Welcomes Four-star General for Discussion on War, Terrorism - Edwards Jones Plano Investment Representative Billie Meador will host a free one-hour seminar on March 11 at 5:30 p.m. featuring four-star Army General Barry McCaffrey. Contact Billie Meador at 972-208-5688 for more information.

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, Schimelpfennig 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.

KLIF Homeland Security Summit & Expo, at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, 9:30a.m. - 5:30p.m. A free event providing information on staying safe in an unsafe world (home, business, family, finance, etc.). Speakers include Oliver North, KLIF DJ's, and more to be announced. Contact Heather Gooze at 214-520-4354 or email hgooze@dfwradio.com or visit www.klif.com

Little Off The Square Theatre & McKinney Square Meal present "Star Trek" - a Star Trek spoof, March 14 and 15. Written and directed by Jesse Nichols. Show: 8:00 p.m. Admission: \$13, dinner extra. 213 E. Louisiana St. downtown. For reservations call 972-548-6900.

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The Brotherhood of Shiloh Plans a Mentoring Program to Raise up Responsible, Christian Young Men



Members of The Brotherhood of Shiloh

Front row, left to right

Rusty Glenn, Gary Samilton, Robbie Mervett, James Daniels

Back row, left to right

Freeman Griffin, James Tucker, Andre Shaw, Reginald Carr

By: Monica Thornton

Shiloh Baptist, in the Douglas Community of Plano, has a history of outreach programs for its members and the surrounding community. The

'Brotherhood of Shiloh,' the men's group at the church, is continuing the tradition by launching a mentoring program in March for boys aged 12-18.

James Tucker, president of

the Brotherhood, said the mentoring is primarily for single parent households, particularly where there is limited, or no, paternal involvement. But he added that any young man between the age of 12 and 18 years can join the program. And although the program was first introduced to church members, it is also available to any young man in the community.

Tucker said that within the church there was an increasing awareness of the need to reach out to this group of young men, so he presented the mentoring program to the Brotherhood, who received it with an overwhelming positive response. And church members have received it well, with about 25 young men already signed up.

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The Texas House of Representatives

By: LaKeesha Joe

Texas' 78th Legislative session is currently in progress and will continue until May of this year.

The Legislature of the State of Texas is the state's lawmaking body. Its primary function is to enact laws to provide for the health, welfare, education, environment, and economic and general well being of the citizens of Texas. The Texas Legislature consists of two separate chambers that include a thirty-one-member senate and a 150 member House of Representatives.

In accordance with the Texas Constitution, the legislature meets in regular

legislative sessions in Austin, Texas every two years. By statute, the legislature convenes in a regular session on the second Tuesday in January of every odd-numbered year. These biennial sessions are limited to 140 days duration.

The 150 member House of Representatives include 118 men and 32 women. Of that number, there are nine African American men and five African American women serving in the House of Representatives.

In the House of Representatives, the membership of committees is determined by seniority and by appointments by the

Speaker of the House, currently Tom Craddick. Each representative sits on at least one committee and most representatives sit on two or three committees. The house typically has thirty standing committees. New bills are referred to those standing committees. The role of the committees, once the bills are referred, is to consider the bill in the legislature and to advise on their disposition. A large percentage of all legislation is never reported out of committee. Thus, committee action is the first crucial step in the process by which a bill

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Model/Actress Raye visits North Texas Job Corps!

Actress and model Lisa Raye took a break from her busy schedule on this month to encourage, motivate and inspire students at the North Texas Job Corps Center. Best known for her role in movies like "The Player's Club," "Go for Broke" and "Rhapsody," Raye serves as living testimony that determination and hard work contribute to the accomplishment of

Raye's personal assistant, putting things in motion for the actress to make a personal visit to North Texas Job Corps Center in McKinney, Texas.

Ruth Staton of Great Day Used Cars made arrangements for Raye to be transported from her hotel to North Texas Job Corps Center as a public service. Raye delivered an impassioned speech to



Lisa Raye with Limo Driver

personal and professional goals.

The opportunity to bring Raye to the Job Corps presented itself when Job Corps student Ray Tillman, a professed fan of Raye's, informed Sandra Herndon, Business and Community Liaison, that the actress would be in the Metroplex to perform in the performance of "If These Hips Could Talk." Herndon then

approximately 100 students encouraging them to pursue math, reading and social skills. She reminded students that "hanging with the wrong crowd" can change their life path and that the single most important characteristic a young person can possess is self-respect.

Raye also gave the students a behind-the-scenes look at her life.

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Rapper 50 Cent: Lyrics Tell the Story of His Life

More so than any other music since the blues, hip-hop is all about stories. And its stories are both criminal minded and grand, making them enthralling and unbelievable, but also making them only as interesting and convincing as the teller. 50 Cent, born Curtis Jackson 26 years ago, is the real deal, the genuine article. He's a man of the streets, intimately familiar with its codes and its violence, but still, 50, an incredibly intelligent and deliberate man, holds himself with a regal air as if above the pettiness which surrounds him. Couple his true-life hardship with his knack for addictive, syrupy hooks, it's clear that 50 has exactly what it takes to ride down the road to riches and diamond rings.

Born into a notorious Queens, a drug dynasty during the late '70s, 50 Cent lost those closest to him at an early age. Raised without a father, 50's mother, whose name carried weight in the street, was found

dead under mysterious circumstances before he reached his teens. His desire for things



Rapper "50 Cent"

would drive him to the block, which in his case was the infamous New York Avenue, now known as Guy R. Brewer Blvd. There, 50 stepped up to get his rep up, building a small fortune and a lengthy rap sheet. But the birth of his son put things in

perspective for the post adolescent, and 50 began to pursue rap seriously. He signed with JMJ, the label of Run DMC DJ Jam Master Jay and began learning his trade. JMJ would teach the young buck to count bars and structure songs. Unfortunately, caught up in industry limbo, there wasn't much JMJ could do for 50. The platinum hit-making track masters took notice of 50 and signed him to Columbia Records in 1999.

In April of '00, 50 was shot 9 times, including a .9mm bullet to the face, in front of his grandmothers house in Queens. He spent the next few months in recovery while Columbia Records dropped him from the label. 50 was not discouraged. He banged out track after track, despite no income or backing, with his new business partner and friend Sha Money XL. The two recorded over 30 songs, strictly for mix-tapes, with the soul purpose of building a buzz. 50's

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The Correct Psychological Moment

By: James Clingman

Professor John Sibley Butler notes in his excellent book, "Entrepreneurship and Self-Help among Black Americans," W.E.B. DuBois' comments about Booker T. Washington's economic program. DuBois said Washington's "...program emerged at the correct psychological moment; the nation was ashamed of giving so much sentiment to Afro-Americans and was turning to the task of making money." Of course, we know Booker T. was making valiant attempts to get Black people to take the economic path to freedom. We can see several "then and now" similarities as we take a look at what is happening in this country vis-a-vis the all-out assaults on affirmative action and the very real prospect of a war with Iraq.

Just as the country was turning its attention to

money (or should I say, back to money?) during the latter part of the 19th century, so it was and continues to be the case in the waning years of the 20th century and now into the 21st. The country has gone stark-raving mad over making money—and stealing quite a bit of it as well—and we stand on the brink of a war that brings back memories of other wars that started under false pretenses and ended up being all about the almighty dollar.

While I will not go into the specific history of those wars or the one we are about to enter, suffice it to say that this one is also about money. This is not so much about "owning" the second-largest oil reserves on the planet, as much as it is about "controlling" those reserves. Do some research on the oil industry and the dollar, the standard of purchase for oil,

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Plano's Community Forum Members Participate In Shreveport's Black History Observance



Norton's son, Michael Love, singing the Star Spangled Banner



Don and Evelyn McKnight -Plano Community Forum, along with Vera Gibbs enjoy the parade



Barbara Norton marching in the parade

Shreveport, LA- The Plano Community Forum participated in this year's African American Month Celebration Parade Festival in Shreveport, LA. Members of the Plano Community Forum were grateful to be a part of the Black History Celebration. Barbara Norton, coordinator, participated in Plano's parade, and in appreciation, the Forum traveled for miles to be a part of this festive

event. Forum members and their spouses in attendance included John and Myrtle Hightower, Don and T.J. Johnson, Don and Evelyn McKnight, Jimmy and Jane Dismuke, Earl and Barbara Simpkins, Arthur and Helen Young, Bob Martin. This annual event is held on the first Saturday of February. Major sponsors for the event included KSLA-12 CBS, State Farm Insurance, and McDonald's.



Officers of the Plano Community Forum T.J. Johnson, John Hightower, and Myrtle Hightower enjoy the parade line-up.



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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.

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

The Noontime Pageturners book discussion group meets the first Tuesday of each month, at Allen Library, from 12 noon - 1 p.m. Bring a lunch and join the group for a lively discussion. Contact Sandra Smith at 972.727.0194, or e-mail ssmith@ci.allen.tx.us.

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.

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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.

March 7-8

"Cultures in Concert" Dallas Symphony Orchestra celebrates 11th annual African American and Hispanic Festival Concerts-continuing its tradition of acknowledging the role of African American and Hispanic composers, performers, and conductors to

classical music. Hispanic Festival Concert-March 7, 8:00 p.m.

African American Concert-March 8, 8:00 p.m.

Call 214-871-4000 for more information. (Event is free)

March 7 - 8

Miss Dallas USA and Miss Dallas Teen USA Pageant, at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads. Time: Friday PM-Registration; Saturday PM-Preliminaries; Sunday PM Pageant Finals. Admission: TBD For more information contact Pageant Office at 972.423.0996 or visit www.missdallasusa.com

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.

Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, 3360 Preston Road, Frisco, is hosting a free gardening clinic where you can learn the basics of xeriscaping, organic gardens, and composting techniques. 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

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.

Garland Civic Theatre's Children On Stage will present "Heidi" at the Performing Arts Center, 300 North Fifth Street, Garland. 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. 972.205.2790.

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.

Spoken Word Coffee House presents a Storytelling Concert, 7:00 p.m. 3845 North Garland Avenue. Call 972.205.2803.

March 12

Chestnut Square Historical Park presents Garden Lecture & Lunch in the Chapel. Judy Fender will discuss ways to enhance your garden. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Reservations required. \$12. Call 972.562.8790 or visit www.chestnutsquare.org.

March 15 & 16

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary presents the 5th Annual Kite Celebration Weekend featuring kite flying, kite demonstrations, kite making, picnics, trail walks, children activities and more! For more information: 972.562.5566, or visit www.heardmuseum.org. 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

March 16

"The Big Adventures of Stuart Little", at Hill Performance Hall, the Eisemann Center, Richardson. Tickets: \$15/10/8.50/6. Call the Ticket Office at 972.744.4650, or visit www.classicsfamilyseries.org

March 17 - 21

Spring Break Activities each day at 3:30 p.m. at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, Mesquite. Crafts, book bingo, and other fun activities.

March 20

Beka Books, at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. A home school curriculum and text book sale. Free. For more information contact Mickey Pierce at 877.223.5226.

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How Blacks Survived Jim Crow

Part 1 of the Jim Crow series described the creation of Jim Crow and how it defined and impacted Black life during the latter half of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Part 2 looks at some of the methods Blacks used to survive the legal racism that prevailed during Jim Crow.

The Supreme Court's sanctioning of segregation in the 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson "separate but equal" case and the refusal of the federal government to enact anti-lynching laws meant that black Americans were left on their own to survive Jim Crow. The primary survival techniques included separatism, accommodation, appeasement, Samboism, Church, self-help organizations and education.

In most cases, southern blacks simply tried to avoid whites as the best means of preventing conflict. To accomplish this, Blacks supported their own schools and community-based support groups as much as possible.

The vast majority of southern blacks were forced to adopt accommodationist and appeasement tactics to survive the terrorism of white supremacists. These tactics were psychological ploys in which blacks assumed appearances of non-confrontation, including shuffling and feigning irresponsibility, sometimes turning the other cheek and walking away. By trial and error Blacks learned what worked and what didn't work.

Many Blacks survived the demeaning racism of Jim Crow by organizing self-help associations ranging from fraternal clubs such as Elks, Masons, Knights of Pythias, and Odd Fellows to life insurance programs and volunteer fire departments. By 1910, a wide range of segregated black institutions served as safe harbors from white terror and violence.

Black women were members of benevolent societies such as the Daughters of Bethlehem and Sisters of Charity. The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs was formed in 1896 with thousands of black women throughout the nation joining the self-help network.

Blacks were forced to assume a variety of personalities to cope with Jim Crow. They played Sambo, in order to manipulate white masters and better control the dehumanizing situation of their lives under Jim Crow. This Sambo image was embellished through characters such as Uncle Tom, Uncle Remus and Old Black Joe that depicted blacks as lazy, submissive, head down, docile and grinning. Almost all blacks knew that to stand out in anyway as anything but a shuffling "darkey" amounted to an attack on white supremacy. Tragically, many southern whites came to expect this type of subservient behavior from all blacks, demanding it during and after slavery.

Thousands of southern blacks survived by turning to their community churches for spiritual sustenance and social refuge. The black controlled church allowed even the most impoverished members to partake of leadership, social recognition, and fellowship in ways that helped sustain and nourish them in the face of Jim Crow's adverse impact.

Besides addressing spiritual needs, most black churches also ministered to the sick and the elderly, took up special collections for the destitute, helped locate jobs and encouraged members to share what they had with each other in times of need.

By 1905, the issue of how to most effectively deal with Jim Crow came to a head in the debate between Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois. Washington believed that accepting segregation and working hard at a trade would in time bring a measure of economic security and

eventually a middle-class basis for challenging the terror of Jim Crow.

DuBois, on the other hand, found Washington's appeasement strategy unacceptable. He believed that African Americans should insist upon all their Constitutional rights as American citizens. He advocated educating a talented elite of black Americans to lead the masses in political and economic resistance to Jim Crow.

In the 1860s and early 1870s, most southern blacks actually preferred segregated schools, as a means of establishing their independence. Many of the Black colleges became the primary centers of resistance to Jim Crow. Whites were generally so opposed to black education that many states in the South refused to build black public high schools until the twentieth-century.

Eventually, black fraternal organizations, black colleges, all-black communities, and independent black churches helped set the stage for more than mere survival during Jim Crow. Black writers such as Paul Lawrence Dunbar promoted a consciousness among blacks and a sense of solidarity that produced new forms of resistance in the years after 1900. Indeed, the new century was a turning point for black Americans as they began the march to overthrow Jim Crow.

Next week, Part 3, concludes with the fall of Jim Crow.

James W. Breedlove
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The History of Jim Crow - Part I ☒

Surviving Jim Crow - Part II ☒

The Fall of Jim Crow - Part III ☐

Small Business Owners Given the Opportunity to Procure Government Contracts

Annual Government Contracting Opportunity Day

March 17, 2003, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

By: Monica Thornton
The Annual Government Contracting Opportunity Day will be held at the Bill J. Priest Institute for Economic Development, on Monday, March 17, 2003.

This annual economic development event is designed for small business owners, giving them the opportunity to see local government agency exhibits and meet one-on-one with purchasing agents and buyers. Previous events have proven to be effective in leading to contracts between small businesses and government agencies. And this is a once a year opportunity to meet with numerous agencies in one place. Not only will agents and buyers be available, but business owners will learn

how to effectively communicate with them in order to procure government contracts.

According to the Bill J. Priest Institute, there are numerous advantages to attending. The government is the largest buyer in the United States, purchasing over \$750 billion in products and services annually. The government is a reliable, continuous source of business, buying all types of supplies and services, including construction, landscaping, food, hygiene and office supplies.

Some of the vendors available on the day are: Cities of Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex; Dallas County; Dallas County Community College District; Dallas

Independent School District; DART; DFW Airport; Fort Worth "T" Transportation; MHMR Fort Worth

The event is hosted by the Government Contracting Small Business Development Center, the Bill J. Priest Institute for Economic Development, and the North Texas Small Business Development Center.

The Bill J. Priest Institute is at 1402 Corinth Street, Dallas. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with the program beginning at 9:00 a.m. continuing until 2:00 p.m.

For more information, or to register for the event, visit:

www.billpriestinstitute.org.

Capitol Watch

BUSH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL OUTLINES RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2003

TEMPLE, TEXAS, Bryan Daniel, State Director, USDA Rural Development, recently returned to Texas from Washington, D.C. where he participated in a

series of high level rural economic and community development meetings with key White House, Congressional, and USDA officials. The meetings focused on ways to support rural job creation, homeownership, business development, and public utility and community infrastructure needs in rural America.

"The message from Washington officials is they are committed to supporting our efforts to address issues important to rural Texas," said

Bryan Daniel.

President Bush and this Administration are working to provide the resources and support critical to creating economic opportunities and an improved quality of life for our rural residents."

Daniel said that Rural Development will focus on providing staff resources and financial assistance in key areas to stimulate economic growth, job creation, and provide support for rural families in Texas, including:

1) Utilizing Rural Development funds and partnership financing to increase the level of rural homeownership, with an emphasis on expanding opportunities for minority

homeownership;

2) Advocating through business and industry loan guarantees, value-added agricultural grants, and other programs to expand local business ventures and job creation; and

3) Expand community access to information technology for business development and advanced health and educational services through building of technology infrastructure.

Further information on USDA Rural Development's loan and grant programs can be obtained by calling the Texas USDA Rural Development State Office at (254) 742-9700 or by visiting our web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov.tx.

IPA Announces New Round Of Fellowships For Journalists Of Color

The Independent Press Association announces the spring 2003 application cycle of the George Washington Williams Fellowship, created to encourage journalists of color to pursue important social issues in the public interest. The fellowship funds stories written by journalists of color about issues such as the environment, global trade policy, healthcare, race, and education. Fellows receive access to some research support, consultants, advanced professional training, and a large network of journalists working in the public interest sector. In addition, program staff work closely with fellows to publish their stories in major publications. Individuals may apply for financial and institutional support to write a single story, or they may seek an investigative or depth reporting fellowship of between three and twelve months to research a specific social issue. If accepted,

the George Washington Williams Fellowship will pay national commercial rates for individual stories or \$1500 per month plus expenses for depth reporting fellowships.

Any journalist of color with at least three years of solid professional reporting and writing experience may apply for the fellowship. Individuals with backgrounds in investigative or enterprise reporting are preferred. Previous reporting or other experience in the chosen subject area is desirable. The fellowship is open only to U.S. citizens or to foreign journalists who have established relationships with U.S. publications. College journalism or internship experience do not qualify as professional experience. The fall application deadline is April 30, 2003.

The George Washington Williams Fellowship is named after the late 19th century African American

journalist who wrote the first history of African Americans from their own point of view. Williams was also the first reporter to document the upheaval in the Belgian Congo at that time.

For more information and to download an application, visit our web site at: <http://www.independentpress.org/programs/scholarship/>. You may also call 415.643.4301 to contact Carly Barnshaw at 816.

The Independent Press Association is a nonprofit, national magazine trade association representing more than 400 independent and public interest periodicals. In addition to the G.W. Williams Fellowship, the IPA offers a variety of services to its members. These include a revolving loan fund, a paper-buying cooperative, on-line publishing advice, newsstand distribution services, and publishing conferences.

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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



Blackonomics Page 1
and you will see the real deal.

But let's get back to the correct psychological moment. Marcus Garvey said we should know when to strike our enemy. He said the best time to strike is when he is busy doing some evil to someone else; that's when he is at his weakest against us. Malcolm X said, "...We have made advancement in this country only when this country was under pressure from forces above and beyond its control."

Do those statements sound germane today? They sure do to me, especially since I saw Jerry Falwell on television saying that now

we are facing a war, this country must show all of its citizens, especially Black Americans, that they are important to this country. Do you see a pattern here? Good. It's been the same for hundreds of years, folks.

I have no idea where this latest fiasco—this geopolitical comedy of errors, this web of falsehoods, this Woodrow Wilson-like grab for world power, this buffoonish, laughable, but tragic scenario—will end. But I am very quick to learn from the past, especially when it comes to what Black folks should be doing to strengthen our economic position, you know, like Garvey and Malcolm admonished us.

I can see that this, as W.E.B.

said, is the correct psychological moment for us to act on our behalf and take advantage of Falwell's plea that we come together and sing "Kumbaya"—now that we are facing war. This is the correct psychological moment for Black folks to assess our situation and make a determination on how to fix it or at least improve it.

History proves that we are only valued and valuable when the country is being threatened. What have we gotten for being some of the first in line to get shot at by the enemy? Well, old Crispus Attucks got a few schools named after him. Runaway slaves who fought for the Union army got Jim Crow, second-class citizenship and

the Klan to keep them in check. World War I Black soldiers, even though they breathed the same toxic gas as some of the White soldiers, were not allowed the same medical treatment.

World War II Blacks got to ride in the back of the train while the German prisoners they captured were given much more comfortable seats. Korean and Vietnam Black warriors got duped into believing they were fighting a just war, one they could and would eventually win, and came home brainwashed or drugged-out. Gulf War Blacks were doused with Agent Orange and returned to a cadre of White police officers who were hell-bent on killing Black men.

Now, while the country's attention is focused on another outside enemy and while it is doing all it can to make and control even more money, another correct psychological moment has come for a Black program that will, once and for all, move our people forward economically.

Black leadership should not waste its time discussing the war. After all, the "HNICs," the head Blacks, Powell and Rice, are leading the war chant. Real Black leadership will use this time to pull our people together around an economic agenda and, whether we have a war or not, we may be able to catch them while they are looking the other way and take full advantage of this

psychological moment.

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Economic Enslavement—We have a Choice." He can be reached at (513) 489-4132, or by e-mail at jclingman@blackonomics.com.

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Model/Actress Raye visits North Texas Job Corps!

scenes look into Hollywood life by openly speaking about experiences that indicate "the movie industry is not always picture perfect," to use her own words.

"This was one of the greatest experiences of my life," said Tillman. "She encouraged us to be part of something that is bigger than ourselves.

Following the speech,

Raye signed autographs and paused to have photographs taken with a number of the students in attendance. Raye's visit also left a lingering impression upon staff. "It is always wonderful when an individual can say something that can change the way a student thinks or the direction their life takes," Herndon said. "The students are still talking about her visit!"



Lisa Raye & North Texas Job Corps Students

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street value rose and by the end of the spring of '01 he'd released the new material independently on the makeshift LP, "Guess Who's Back?". Beginning to attract interest, and now backed by his crew, G-Unit, 50 Cent stayed on his grind and made more

songs. But it was different this time. Rather than create new songs as they had before, 50 decided to showcase his hit-making ability by retouching first-class beats, which had already been used. They released the red, white and blue bootleg, "50 Cent Is the Future," revisiting material by Jay-Z and even Rapheal Saadiq.

That's when the unbelievable happened, and hip-hop history was written. The energetic CD caught the ear of rap artist, Eminem, and within a week he was on the radio saying, "50 Cent is my favorite rapper right now." Eminem looked to mentor Dr. Dre to confirm his belief in the young hitmaker, and the good doctor co-signed. Floored by the

appreciation of the greats, 50 didn't hesitate in signing with the dream team. In the wake of his acquisition, 50 Cent has become the most sought after newcomer in almost a decade. Not since the summer of '94, when radio would play absolutely anything Notorious B.I.G. related, has hip-hop seen buzz like this.

112 "JAILBIRDS" TO BE ARRESTED!



Rich Abbott, Director of the North Texas Job Corps Center, jailed for having a "big heart" during the Muscular Dystrophy Association's McKinney Valentine Lock-Up

One Hundred and Twelve community leaders in McKinney, Texas have been accused of having big hearts and was "arrested" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's McKinney Valentine Lock-Up on Wednesday, February 13, 2003. One of those individuals included Rich Abbott, Center Director of the North Texas Job Corps Center. Abbott agreed to be incarcerated and raised more than \$2,000 in bail for "Jerry's Kids." In an effort to raise Abbott's bail, Sandra Herndon, Business and Community

Liaison launched a campaign to raise funds on center from staff and students. Abbott challenged staff by making a promise to make a personal contribution of 25% of all money raised toward his bail. With less than twenty-four hours remaining a donation of \$1000.00 arrived from the Cube Corporation out of Sterling, VA, towards Abbott's bail.

The jailbirds were served with an MDA warrant and transported by "paddy wagon" to Goodhue's Wood Fired Grill where they were served Goodhue's special version of bread and water. Abbott was picked up at 10:30 A.M., but was released after posting bail for \$2000.

All bail raised at the Lock-Up goes to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association of North Texas that serves over 3000 individuals living with one of 43 neuromuscular diseases. MDA provides services to both children and adults, including clinic visits, support groups, flu shots, summer camp program for children and the purchase of orthopedic equipment. MDA also funds important research projects to find causes and cures for neuromuscular diseases that affect people of all ages. MDA continues to be identified as one of the country's best-managed non-profit health organizations.

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DART Introduces New Fares March 3

Fare changes on March 3 affect local and premium single-ride fares, day passes, monthly passes, employer passes and paratransit coupon books. While fares are changing, you still get a great value and a fast, stress-free ride across DART's 700-square-mile service area. And new money-saving Annual Pass benefits provide even more travel options for employers and individuals. Visit DART.org for more information.

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Taking DART to Big 12 Hoops March 11-16 is a Slam Dunk

DART offers an easy ride to the Phillips 66 Big 12 Basketball Tournaments March 11-16. For the women's tournament, take DART Rail or the TRE to Union Station, then follow the pedestrian walkway to Reunion Arena. For the men's tournament, take DART Rail to West End Station and board the free bus shuttle to American Airlines Center. Visit dallashostspots.org or call 1.877.325.5272 for tickets, VictoryFest information and game schedules.

Explore "Windmills of Color" at the Arboretum

Visit the Dallas Arboretum to explore the quarter-million flowers that create the "Windmills of Color" at this year's Dallas Blooms Festival. From March 15 to April 20, ride the FREE shuttle bus from Mockingbird Station every 15 minutes, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday only. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-12. Entrance is free for children under 2 and Arboretum members. Join us for the kickoff event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at Mockingbird Station!

Discover the New DART destination deals guide

The DART destination deals guide, available in March, lists special shopping, dining and entertainment offers available exclusively to ticket- or pass-carrying DART customers. Look for the destination deals decal in the window of participating locations, then present your valid DART ticket or pass to receive a great deal!

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

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

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

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First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park
Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor
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March 7, 8
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a.m.
Registration- \$10, To register call, 972-278-4621
*Checks should be made payable to Garland NAACP Youth Council
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The SUMMIT-Mt. Hebron's Saturday non-traditional services for March

March 8
"Soul Food"
March 15
Community-Wide Youth Explosion, featuring musical entertainment by Dooney

March 22
"What's Love Got to Do With It?"

March 12-15, 7:45 p.m.
Family Life Conference 2003

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March 16
45th Church Anniversary - Guest Speaker, Dr. Clarence Walker of Pennsylvania

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Program is open to individuals who possess a demonstrated interest in the legislative policy-making process and who show evidence of an understanding of and commitment to Black political empowerment. Consideration will be given to students just completing graduate coursework; professionals with a minimum of five years experience pursuing graduate studies; and college faculty members. All Fellows must serve for the nine months of the academic year. Applications are submitted to CBCF and reviewed by a selection committee. The selection committee determines the

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Applications for this program are to be forwarded directly to the CBCF Congressional Fellows Program at 1720 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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Barry Lewis signing up to participate in the mentoring program

House of Representatives Page 1

becomes a law.

The African Americans in the Texas House of Representatives include Garnet Coleman of Houston, Yvonne Davis of Dallas, Joe Deshotel of Beaumont, Dawnna Dukes of Austin, Harold V. Dutton, Jr. of Houston, Al Edwards of Houston, Helen Giddings of Dallas, Terri Hodge of Dallas, Jesse W. Jones of Dallas, Ruth Jones McClendon of San Antonio, Glenn Lewis of Fort Worth, Ron Wilson of Houston, Senfronia Thompson of Houston, and Sylvester Turner of Houston.

During this 78th Legislative session there are forty-two House Committees. African Americans serve on twenty-four of those committees. The following is a list of committees in which African Americans serve as representatives: House Committee on

Appropriations (representative Joseph Deshotel, Dawnna Dukes, Ruth Jones McClendon, and Sylvester Turner) - seven bills referred, House Committee on Business & Industry (representative Helen Giddings - Chair) - thirty-four bills referred, House Committee on Calendars (representative Sylvester Turner) - no bills referred, House Committee on Civil Practices (representative Yvonne Davis) - thirty-six bills referred, House Committee on County Affairs (representative Glenn Lewis) - thirty-four bills referred, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence (representative Terri Hodge) - 124 bills referred, House Committee on Economic Development (representative Senfronia Thompson) twenty-seven bills referred, House Committee on Elections (representatives Garnet Coleman and Joseph Deshotel) twenty-nine bills referred, House Committee

on General Investigating (representative Harold Dutton) - no bills referred, House Committee on Higher Education (representatives Helen Giddings and Jesse Jones) - thirty-eight bills referred, House Committee on House Administration (representatives Glenn Lewis - Chair and Helen Giddings) - one bill referred, House Committee on Insurance (representative Senfronia Thompson) - seventy-three bills referred, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues (representatives Harold Dutton - Chair and Terri Hodge) - forty-four bills referred, House Committee on Land & Resource Management (representative Jesse Jones - Vice Chair) - twenty-one bills referred, House Committee on Law Enforcement (representative Yvonne Davis) - forty-seven bills referred, House Committee on Local & Consent Calendars (representative Joseph

Deshotel) - no bills referred, House Committee on Pensions & Investments (representative Ruth Jones McClendon) - eighteen bills referred, House Committee on Public Education (representative Harold Dutton) - forty-five bills referred, House Committee on Redistricting (representatives Ruth Jones McClendon and Ron Wilson) - no bills referred, House Committee on Regulated Industries (representative Sylvester Turner) - eight bills referred, House Committee on State Affairs (representative Glenn Lewis) - seventy-two bills referred, House Committee on State Cultural & Recreational Resources (representative Dawnna Dukes) - eighteen bills referred, House Committee on State Health Care Expenditures (representative Joseph Deshotel) - fifteen bills referred, House Committee on Ways & Means (representative Ron Wilson - Chair) - forty-five bills referred.

"This last Sunday (March 2), we had 17 young men sign up, and we had 14 mentors sign up that aren't even members of the Brotherhood," Tucker said.

Timothy Washington, member of the Brotherhood, and deacon at Shiloh Baptist Church, said he is in the program to mentor, and the mentors will undergo eight hours of training to prepare them.

"The program consists of every youth being assigned a male mentor," Washington said. "It will focus on preparing our young men for the outside world through Biblical studies, educated thinking, recreational activities, and a variety of programs."

Freeman Griffin, also a member of the Brotherhood, is joining the program as a mentor. He said that Tucker has a strong bunch of people behind him. The first Sunday

the program was announced to the church, Griffin said eight young men signed up, and five mentors signed up to devote their time. He said he sees a need for this program in the church, not just with the Bible study, but also with other educational programs.

"We want to see this spill over to all areas of the young men's lives, not only through Bible study, but also with them being taught critical thinking to help them make responsible decisions," said Griffin.

Griffin said there is a breakfast on Saturday March 15, at the old sanctuary next to the church, to introduce the young men and parents to the mentors and the program. The program begins April 2, 2003.

For further information regarding the program, please contact Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at 972.423.6695.

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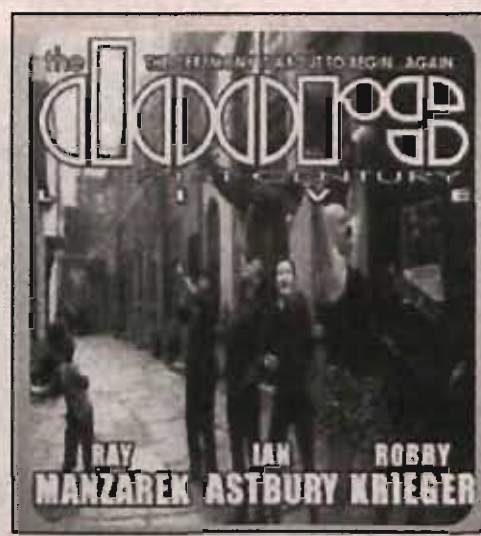
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Biography

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Rock with The Doors on stage at Nextstage at Grand Prairie March 29, 2003 @ 8:00 pm

Gospel Apollo Show Supports the Homeless

On Saturday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m., Host David Golden will bring forth aspiring artists and special guests Darrell and LaTonia Blair, and the Potter's House Band. The event will be held at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters Dallas Convention Center Complex. Proceeds

from the Gospel Apollo will go towards building a home per year for a homeless family. "Your support will not only help aspiring artist but those who truly need to be ministered to", said Greg Cherry of An Act of God Production and The Gospel Apollo. Each Show will have a seating section for the

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Reverend Patterson states, "The Love Clinic was created because I felt there was a need to provide scripture based healing to repair damaged love relationships between friends, families and communities. At the core of all of these relationships is GOD's healing power and instruction."

This year's event also features "The First Lady of Christian Comedy," the hilarious

Lady Cantaloupe, and one of the hottest male vocalists in the country, Bernard James, singing from his hit CD, "Today". And for those of you who remember GOD's Property, there is a special performance from former lead singer, DeBette Draper, singing hits from her new CD "Walk On Gold". State Farm Insurance once again displays

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Contract 6079-36-001 for VEGETATION MANAGEMENT in DALLAS County will be opened on April 08, 2003 at 10:30 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$127,350.54.
Contract 6079-38-001 for VEGETATION MANAGEMENT in DALLAS County will be opened on April 08, 2003 at 11:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$186,074.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 9342

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)

Dallas District
District Engineer
4777 E. Hwy 80
Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643
Phone: 214-320-6100

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Sealed bids for construction of grading, paving, drainage, and structure improvements for Widening of the Northbound Dallas North Tollway, from the Harvest Hill Road Overpass to the Spring Valley Ramp, covered by Contract DNT - 403, will be received at the offices of the North Texas Tollway Authority (the "NTTA"), 5900 W. Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano, Texas 75093, (214) 461-2061, until 1:30 p.m., March 27, 2003, and then will be publicly opened and read.

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Arts & Entertainment



Preacher Moss To Perform At UTA Arlington

His revealed ideas are UNSELFISH TRUTHS, and the result is a recipe for LAUGHTER, sprinkled with universal understanding. The world is his domain, which he simply chooses to share with his audiences. When Moss takes the stage, the people simply understand that indeed they are in a rare situation, where special things happen.

Preacher Moss's background has been rooted in years of service to the community. A teacher of the Emotionally Disturbed for over eight years, Moss's outlook simply personifies that of a person who reaches out because he believes that we are truly one community. A "social services warrior", his style of living, and comedy is reminiscent of the on-going struggle we all endure to simply be human.

"Content of Character"—A one-man play whereby Moss presented social commentary and wit, combined with a second act where he depicted through different characters the truth, and sometimes hare realities of living. From his portrayal of a crack baby in the womb, understanding its existence before birth, to a junkie dealing with lost life, and ineffective

fatherhood, to the ageless sage, and ex-slave in "The Ballad of Charlie 'Snowfoot' Thomas". This performance was a perfect balance of comedy and drama described as a tour de force interactive "dramedy". This play was written, directed, and produced by Moss.

"I Never Thought About Dying", "Til I Took a Job Teaching"—Moss's second one-man show presenting hilarious and thoughtful provoking monologues about the intense of engaging experience of teaching children. Based largely on his experiences as an outreach worker, youth director, child advocate, and teacher of emotionally disturbed children, this show is rare experience. This was performed, directed, and produced by Moss.

Preacher Moss will perform on the campus of UT Arlington on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.



Tears of the Sun

Bruce Willis stars as Lt. A.K. Waters, the leader of a Navy SEAL unit sent to a remote section of war-stricken Nigeria to save an American woman, Dr. Lena Kendricks (Monica Bellucci), who runs a mission there. But when Waters arrives, he finds that Kendricks won't leave — she wants him to escort the refugees she cares for out of the hostile territory as well.

Starts March 7, 2003



Nowhere in Africa

Based on an autobiographical novel, this winner of five German Golden Lola awards tells the true story of a Jewish family forced to flee their home in Germany and relocate to a remote farm in Kenya in 1938 because of the burgeoning Nazi threat. Abandoning their once-tranquil existence, Walter Redlich, wife Jettel, and their 5-year-old daughter, Regina, must learn to cope with their new life in many different ways.

Starts March 7, 2003 — Los Angeles/New York; expands to other cities at later dates

Preacher Moss is clearly the new prototype for the comedian of these times to come. As a writer for Damon Wayans and Saturday Night Live, his comedy styles are distinguished for being sculptured out of the everyday relevance of life, and the rare glimpses of truth we value as reality. He is intellectual, yet humble. He is charismatic and dynamic, but he does not have to demand great attention or time because his audiences come to cooperatively listen, laugh, and in "special" moments, reflect. He is, far and away, more than a comedian, but prides himself on being just a man. Viewed,

respected, and revered as a man of the people, HIS WORDS CARRY LIFE, and just as important, they carry LAUGHTER.

Hands down, he is the funniest "poor righteous teacher" in the business today. He teaches without having to teach. He reaches the souls of his audience without ever having to touch.

American Airlines Center March 2003

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Car Review Continued

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side-impact airbags mounted in the seatbacks, a safety-belt tensioning system, a collapsible steering column, an emergency trunk release handle and rear-seat tether anchorage points for securing a child safety seat.

Inside, the New Beetle convertible boasts a 10-speaker sound system, three 12-volt power points, a redesigned center console, with armrest and storage compartment, and standard leatherette upholstery. Other standard features include: CFC-free air conditioning and integrated pollen filter; power locks and windows; central remote locking system; and glass rear window with defroster. Standard on the GLX 1.8 T is leather seating, rain-sensing windshield wipers, leather-wrapped steering wheel, shift knob and brake handle, and a Cold Weather Package.

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NEXTSTAGE at Grand Prairie.

Kirk Franklin
March 8
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Decades of Funk
March 28
The Doors 21st Century

On Stage at Next Stage

March 29
Norah Jones
July 23
George Lopez
July 26

BASS Performance Hall March 2003 Events

Julio Iglesias
Thursday March 6, 2003 8:00 pm

Don Pasquale
Friday March 14, 2003 8:00 pm
Saturday March 15, 2003 2:00 pm
Tuesday March 18, 2003 7:30 pm

Apollo Theater Amateur Night
Wednesday March 19, 2003 8:00 pm

Ricky Skaggs with Kentucky Thunder
Thursday March 20, 2003 8:00 pm

Friday March 21, 2003 8:00 pm
Saturday March 22, 2003 8:00 pm
Sunday March 23, 2003 2:00 pm

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
Tuesday March 25, 2003 8:00 pm
Wednesday March 26, 2003 8:00 pm

Soloist Miguel Harth-Bedoya Conductor

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Moss has appeared on:
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Sister Tarpley

"Have a Little Respect for Sister Rebecca" Proved to be a Success

As was "guaranteed" by Director **John W. Gibson** and cast members, **HAVE A LITTLE RESPECT FOR SISTER REBECCA**, by the reaction of the audience, delivered a very funny one-act play. The play, held at Friendship Baptist Church in The Colony, TX, was not only funny, but carried a message of putting your trust in God and standing on His word in a very acceptable way.

The afternoon program started with a poem read by **Rome Hernandez**, "And What Shall You Say?" by Joseph S. Cotter, Jr. found in The Book of American Negro Poetry.

The entire cast played their roles very well. **Lenora Robinson** played Rebecca Lee, the street-wise, tough-talking and fearless new Christian. Rebecca was modeled after Gibson's older sister. **Dion Burks** played Joe Macky, the very funny, sarcastic janitor and a lifetime college student. **Vivian Griffin** played Bertha Butane, the beautician that wanted to see what "hair do" would make Rebecca look the best.

Deborah Gardner played Juanita "Nita" Jones the morticians' Assistant, she was also the Assitant Production Manager that was truly on her job. She stopped by to measure Sister Rebecca for a very soon and pending (she believed) final resting home. **Carol Hannah** played Donna "Pokey" Tate, the childhood friend of Rebecca, a gossip and definitely a wishy-washy individual. **Melissa West** played Dorothy Doreen, the nurse that came by to check on Rebecca. **Rev. Marvin Holmes** played Benjamin "Lord" Bonner, the intellectual wino that was modeled after Gibson's father.

Monique (Tai) Merrill played Lena Moncrief, the strong-willed daughter of wealthy parents, Lillian & Carl Moncrief.

Tony Burrell played Fletcher Poindexter, the extremely "well-dressed" cool daddy, a smooth-talking ladies man. He was a saxophone player and the former main squeeze of Rebecca. **Erma Jackson** played Lillian Moncrief, who was a childhood friend of Rebecca, an obvious phony social climber and Benjamin "Lord" Bonner's former lover. **Calvin Whaley** who was the play's Stage Manager; and played the part of Lou Franconi, the brother of Vince Franconi, the late employer that left Rebecca the restaurant. **Josh Purdy** played Antonio, the community thug.

Toni Hayes was the Production Manager. **Rhonda Saab & Anthony Wise** were the Audio/Video Coordinators and Mark Davis was the set designer.

Pastor C. Paul McBride and his congregation are visionaries; I applaud them for having the insight to allow their Drama Department to bring plays to the church and community. I look forward to the next play with great anticipation.

Thought of the Week: 60 Minutes: Only 60 Minutes, 60 seconds in it, didn't seek it, didn't choose it, but it's up to me to use it. Give account if I abuse it, just a tiny minute but eternity's in it. - Author Unknown

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Sunday Service

Morning Worship
7:30 am & 10:30 am
9:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday Service

Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
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Singles Group 7:00 pm
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Pastor Sam-Deliverance
Issues Sessions-Call the church for an appointment

March 7, 7:00 p.m.
7-Up Service- United Methodist Church

March 8, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
College Prep Seminar for grades 9-12, Collin County Community College

For more information, call 972-985-1364.

NEW WORKS COMMUNITY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

March 16, 3:30 p.m.
Pre-Anniversary Service- Guest Speaker- Rev. Reginald Jefferson, New Hope Baptist Church

New Works Community First Baptist Church
Walter A. Wilson, Pastor
3700 Chaha Rd.
Rowlett, TX

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March 28-30
Single Adult Conference- Single Adult Ministry has planned a spirit-filled weekend of great praise and worship, anointed speakers, inspired topics and

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Keynote Speaker- Pastor Leroy Armstrong
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For more information, visit www.ndcbf.org or contact Ruby Hayes at 972-392-2231 or Stephanie O'Neal at 972-732-9200.

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship
Leslie W. Smith, Pastor
1020 S. Sherman St.
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For more information, contact Minister Daniel Shaw at 972-291-0449 or e m a i l lakeith75104@yahoo.com.

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

Friendship Baptist Church

Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor



Schedule of Services:

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

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