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On the Homefront:

Tickets for the African-American Educators Hall of Fame banquet are on sale. The Hall of Fame is in its inaugural year and recognizes notable individuals who have made systemic and notable contributions to the education of African Americans in Dallas County. Banquet is April 3, 7 p.m. at New Birth Baptist Church, 444 W. Ledbetter. \$40 per person. Sponsors needed. Call 214.565.9026.

April 3 - 2004 Great American Clean-up at Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel Street, Plano. Enjoy a picnic (food provided by our sponsors) and Earth Fest featuring Eddie Coker, pictures with mascots, interactive and fun environmental games/activities, face painting, and much more!!! Contact Casey Eckert at caseye@plano.gov, or Keep Plano Beautiful at 972.769.4130. Clean up 8 a.m. - 11 a.m., Earth Fest 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Audition for Mark Cuban's reality series "The Benefactor." April 3, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eddie Deen, 944 South Lamar, Dallas. What Would You Do For A Million Dollars? Candidates can visit abc.com, keyword: castings, for information on how to apply and eligibility requirements.

The Children of Uganda Tour of Light 2004, April 8, 7 p.m., at the Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm Street, Dallas. Don't miss this award-winning dance troupe of 20 Ugandan children aged 8-18, orphaned by HIV/AIDS. East African dance and music. Raising funds for HIV-related orphans and to increase world AIDS awareness. Call 214.824.0661, or visit www.ucf.org.

Eggs Over Easy Easter EGG HUNT, April 10, 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m. One of a kind hunt with the Easter Bunny and PAR D. Duck, as they lay eggs in the waster for your child to collect. Participants should be comfortable in the water. \$6. Presented by the Plano Parks and Recreation Department. Call 972.941.7250 for more details, or visit www.planoparks.org. Plano Aquatic Center, 2301 Westside Drive.

Spend an enjoyable evening walking through Bob Woodruff Park, April 12, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.. Parks and Recreation staff or a naturalist will be available to guide you through local flora and fauna. Cost: \$1. For more information call 972.941.7255. Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel

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Up Close with Local Radio Personality Tony B.

By Kimberly Roberts

A successful disc jockey does more than spin records and talk. Tony B. of 94.5 KSOUL knows that in order to be exceptional in the music industry, the DJ must relate to his audience.

"You have to have a good personality, know your audience and their needs, and try to provide a relaxing environment. Most importantly, you cannot be above criticism," Tony B. said.

The desire to work with music started when he was

fifteen. His father gave him a chance to spin records and he has been in love with R&B and

one of the DJs didn't show up. He threw me in the mix and I've been in love with it ever since," he said.

Throughout his years in radio he has worked with several well-known radio talents including Tom Joyner, Russ Parr and Tommy Dupree both as a DJ and behind the scenes. He says Warren Brooks of Heaven 97 KHVN was instrumental in helping him get started.

"Warren Brooks actually helped me put together my first air check and I got with



Tony B. - in the studios of 94.5

soul music ever since. "My father owned two nightclubs when I was young, and one day

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Deltas Host Teen Town Hall Summit

Dallas, Texas - The Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host a Teen Town Hall Summit on Saturday, April 17 at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, located at 525 Bonnie View Rd. Activities begin at 8:30 a.m.

The summit is designed to empower middle and high school students by providing them with information that will assist them in attaining future goals of achievement.

This year's theme, "Diamonds

Are Forever", focuses on decision-making, diversity, and being focused. Topics are presented in a workshop setting and include "Making the Cut", "It's Not about the Color", and "It is All About the Clarity". The summit is open to the public and free to high school students in grades 9 through 12, but participants must register in advance. Lunch will be provided.

For more information or to register, please call 214-428-7400 or 214-352-4214.

Authentic Leadership in San Diego

By James Clingman

I recently addressed the Young Professionals, a component of the San Diego Urban League. The Young Professionals are serious about developing leaders - "authentic" leaders, and they demonstrated it in their conference. Although we graduate "leaders" every month or so, I always ask, "With all of our Black leaders, why aren't we going forward?" The true test of leaders is the direction of their leadership and their ability to take us where we need to go. In addition, authentic leaders not only have the character, integrity, determination, and passion, to lead, they also have the willingness to make the sacrifices associated with authentic leadership.

Those issues served as the basis for my speech, and I was so delighted that the planners of the event added the word "authentic" to my topic. We must seek authentic leadership; we must demand that our leaders be authentic and do the things that are commensurate with such a high calling. For instance, many of our leaders are simply making feeble attempts to "get

along' with everyone and not make waves when it comes to standing up and speaking up for Black people. They are simply doing and saying things that make some of us feel good in our misery. They are afraid, in many cases, to do anything that will be perceived by the Establishment as pro-Black, which makes it shameful for them to be classified as leaders, and even more shameful for us to follow them.

I don't want to use this entire column to re-discuss my San Diego speech, so I will summarize it. Authentic leadership is very much needed among Black folks today. How do we identify it? By paying close attention to the direction in which you are being led and by assessing the results of the leadership. What have you gained as a result of such leadership? As some politician once said, "Are you better off now than you were before?" Authentic leaders take you to a higher place and leave you and their surroundings better off as a result of their leadership.

I am often reminded of Brother Carter G. Woodson's

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Garland NAACP Hosts Meet and Greet for Political Candidates

By Kimberly Roberts

Code enforcement was promised to be one of the main objectives for the upcoming year, from Garland City Council candidates. The candidates along with GISD school board members were invited to address the public at a political forum hosted by the Garland Branch NAACP, on last Tuesday.

"We seem to think that areas such as North Garland don't need codes, but one of the residents in my district has watched the property value of a house across the street from him decrease by fifty-thousand dollars. Garland is growing and I will be the first to admit that we have not kept up with the growth of this city. But we will get there and everybody has to do their part," said Terri Dunn City Council elect for District 2.

When asked for specific strategies to increase minority owned businesses in Garland, Dunn said the best way to initiate this process

is for everyone to do their jobs. "Certainly I would love to see



BJ Williams (Right), President Garland NAACP and Ricky McNeal Political Action committee chair, discuss details of forum before panel begins

more minority businesses bidding for the opportunity to do business in Garland and that includes women. We as a city need to make sure we are

following the process. I need to make sure that the people that are working for me are doing their jobs," Dunn said.

Dunn said that her main focus is quality of life for Garland residents and she plans to concentrate on downtown Garland and bringing it back to "life."

Thurman Jones, publisher of MON-The Gazette served as moderator for the forum and before the program began he briefly explained the rules and procedures. "Sometimes we get a little excited about these political forums and at this time we think it would be appropriate to go over the rules," Jones said.

Each candidate was allowed approximately one minute to introduce themselves, and then a brief question and answer period from the panel and the floor followed. All candidates were allowed a closing statement and Jones reminded the audience that

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Local Organization Kicks Off Annual Fundraiser



(Left to Right) Isabelle Cottrell, Cenita Johnson

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Dallas Annual City Arts Celebration Announced

By: Monica Thornton

Dallas Mayor Laura Miller and Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau (DCVB) President Phillip Jones joined other Dallas dignitaries on Tuesday March 30, 2004, to announce an annual CityArts Celebration in the Dallas Arts District.

This is a new signature street festival to be held May 20 - 23 this year, and it's free. Jones is from Louisiana and has been with the DCVB for five months. He is excited to bring a festival to Dallas that has a true Dallas flavor.

"It's an exciting time to look over here and see this incredible spirit of togetherness," said Jones. "There's no place like Dallas for culture, shopping and restaurants."

Jones said the festival will showcase and celebrate the performing, visual and culinary arts of Dallas.

"It's important to showcase what makes Dallas special," Jones added.

And each year, he said he wants to see the festival growing, not only in support of vendors and visitors, but in terms of revenue.

"We want a festival with comparable economic impact to the Texas - OU weekend. We want to rival the French quarter festival of New Orleans," said Jones.

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Evans Nominated to MPI 2004-2005 International Board of Directors

Dvorah A. Evans, CMP, Director of Conventions & Tourism with the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (DBCC) was recently nominated to the Meeting Professionals International (MPI) 2004 - 2005 International Board of Directors.

Evans, who joined MPI in 1999, is active with the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter, which accounts for nearly 900 of MPI's members. She has received several MPI awards including the 2002 Tomorrow's Leader of MPI and the 2001 Rising Star of the Year. Evans also served 3 years on the MPI Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter Board of Directors.

Evans has worked for the Dallas Black Chamber for 10+ years, which at 78 years and nearly 2,000 members is the oldest and largest African-American chamber

of commerce in the nation. Evans is responsible for the marketing and promotion of the City of Dallas as a major meeting and leisure destination for minority conventions and tourists, with a focus on increasing the economic and business opportunities created by conventions for chamber members and the local community.

Established in 1972, Meeting Professionals International is the world's largest association of meeting industry professionals with nearly 19,000 members in 60 countries with 65 chapters and affiliates. MPI is the leading global authority and resource for the \$102.3 billion meetings and event industry and is committed to shaping and defining the industry's future.



Local Organization Kicks Off Annual Fundraiser

Dallas, TX- The Links, Inc., Plano North Metroplex Chapter kicked off their annual fundraiser, "A Day at the Races V - Le Chapeau Affair", at Saks Fifth Avenue Galleria, honoring the underwriters. The Cocktail Party kickoff was hosted by the 5th Avenue Club and co-hosted by Link Gail Warrior-Lawrence and Link Barbara Steel, Chairperson of "A Day at the Races". Nancy Klompus, Director of the Fifth Avenue Club, coordinated the event. This elegant reception featured couture designer Eric Gaskins, who specializes in



Carolyn Martin, Barbara Steele, Lucy Allen, Gail Warrior-Lawrence

A Day At The Races V will be held at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie, April 24, 2004. The Dallas Black Dance Theater and The Community Programs of the Plano North Metroplex Chapter are the beneficiaries.

Distinguished Links in attendance to help with the kickoff included Western Area Director, Link Sandra Malone; Link JoAnn Brown, National Chairman, Assembly, Conference and Event Planning; Link Susie A. Bell, National Chairman, Education; and Link Veronica Spencer Austin, Western Area Chairman, Protocol and Courtesy.

The Plano North Chapter of the Links,

Inc. is one of 274 chapters, a not for profit organization with chapters in cities across America and around the globe, including the District of Columbia, Frankfurt, Germany, the Bahamas, and Johannesburg South Africa, and has a membership of over 10,000 women dedicated to community service.

For additional information on A Day at the Races please contact Barbara Steel, Fundraiser Chairperson, at 214-942-3730.



(Left to Right) Judge Cleophus Steele, Barbara Steele, Gary Guthrie, Isabell Cottrell

evening and designer sports wear. He has dressed many Hollywood stars including Halle Berry, Kim Cattrall, and Katy Gate. Also featured was Cathleen Whitelow, a local jewelry artist working in semi precious stones. She has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show. Ms. Whitelow's outstanding jewelry drew rave reviews from those in attendance. Mr. Gaskins' beautiful fashions were modeled informally throughout the evening. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a check to the 2003 beneficiary, American Cancer Society/Mabel Meshack White Outreach Center.



Maria Clark (left), American Cancer Society, receives donation from Lucy Allen, President, Links, Inc., Plano North Metroplex Chapter



(Left to Right) JoAnn Brown, Sandra Malone, Susie Bell, Isabell Cottrell, Barbara Steele, Kashaena Browne, Gail Warrior-Lawrence, Erick Gaskins (kneeling)

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Interactive Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland, a miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit complete with rain forest, arts and crafts. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Children 2-10 years \$4/Adults \$3. Call 972.386.6555.

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

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking Collin County. The nonprofit, business-to-business group oversees several chapters, with the Collin County group meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required, and more information is available online at www.teamnetworking.com.

Supporting Others Through Mentoring (SOTM, Inc.) a faith based non-profit sponsors its empowerment meeting for women every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5 p.m. Local

speakers, life application small groups. Call 972.709.1180. 4650 South Hampton Road, Dallas.

General Information

The American Red Cross has announced that all blood levels are low. O Negative and O Positive blood types are at a 4-hour level, other blood types are at less than one day supply - well below the two day optimal supply needed to serve the community. The American Red Cross is urging people to schedule an appointment to give blood. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE, or visit www.givelife.org.

Through April 4

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - Don't miss this incredible stage adaptation of C.S. Lewis' classic. Presented by the Dallas Children's Theater. Fridays 7:30 p.m. Saturdays 1:30 p.m. and Sundays 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. At the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman St. Dallas. Call 214.740.0051 (box office), or visit www.dct.org.

Through April 10

For the 9th year in a row the SPCA is taking its furry friends to the Galleria in hopes of them getting new homes. Monday - Saturday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sunday: noon - 6 p.m. Last year 104 SPCA orphans found homes. Galleria Dallas, LBJ at Dallas Parkway North, first level, south end. For more information call 214.651.9611 ext 143.

Through April 18

An annual exhibition highlighting the work of Plano Independent School District advanced placement art students. This creates an opportunity for

most of these young artists to have their work featured in a formal gallery setting. The ArtCentre is located at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue K. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free. Call the ArtCentre at 972.423.7809.

Through April 30

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" - a photographic exhibit by Michael Cassidy at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 North Galloway Ave. Share in the majesty of the earth at this exhibit. Call 972.216.6444 for more information.

Through May 9

Nasher Sculpture Center presents 'Picasso: The Cubist Portraits of Fernande Olivier,' as its first traveling exhibition. \$10 adults/\$7 seniors/\$5 students/free for children under 12. 2001 Flora Street, Dallas, 75201. Call 214.242.5100, or visit www.nashersculpturecenter.org.

Through May 24

Express Yourself! Youth Etiquette Symposium is providing an opportunity for ages 10 and up to learn more about radio broadcasting, production and public speaking. Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. To sign up or for more information, contact Earnestine Cole at 972.412.0884. Held at St Phillip's School and Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Dallas.

Through May 31

The International Library of Poetry has announced \$58,000 in prizes to be awarded in the International Open Poetry Contest. Deadline is May 31,

contest is free. Send one original poem, 20 lines or less, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19919, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Enter online at: www.poetry.com.

Through June 20

The Nasher Sculpture Center continues its special exhibitions program with "Medardo Rosso: Second Impressions." This is the first major Medardo Rosso exhibition in the US in 40 years. Rosso played a key role in the birth of modern sculpture. 2001 Flora Street, Dallas, 75201. Call 214.242.5100.

April 3

Metroplex Doll Club presents the 18th Annual Doll Show at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$4 adults/\$2 children under 12. Call 817.496.4333.

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The SPCA of Texas offers discounted spay/neuter surgeries. \$35 neuter/\$45 spay. By appointment only. In Dallas call 214.651.9611 ext 116. In McKinney call 972.562.7297 ext 105.

April 7

Small Business Coach. A six-month small business coaching program, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Contact John Cortright at 972.906.0351, or visit: www.maximum-roi.com

April 8

Macy's Community Shopping Day to benefit the SPCA of Texas. Get your tickets from the SPCA

for 20% discount on fashions and accessories, and 15% discount on jewelry, household goods and more. Valid at Macy's at the Galleria and at Stonebriar Mall in Frisco. \$10 each. The SPCA receives 100% of the money from the tickets it sells. Call 214.651.9611, ext 143.

April 10

Family Fun Day at the Dallas Aquarium Fair Park, featuring touchable sea creatures, fish feedings and keeper talks. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 214.943.2771 for more information.

April 13

The North Texas Chapter of the leukemia and lymphoma Support Group - "The Latest Advancements in the Treatment of Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Multiple Myeloma." Christopher Ging, OMD will be speaking on this subject. Call 972.540.4984 for reservations.

April 14

Collin County Prayer Breakfast - Annual breakfast of prayer, song, and a message of Christ's influence in our lives. Keynote speaker - Dr. Gerald Turner, President, SMU. Admission: \$15.00/person or \$150.00/Table of 10, inclusive of buffet breakfast. For more information call 214.757.7259. Buffet opens 6:30 a.m., program from 7:07 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

April 15

The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas host a support group for older adults looking for work, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Topic "Getting The Most Out of a Job Fair". Free. Meets at 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas. RSVP required. Call Renae Perry at

214.823.5700, or sed@theseniorsource.org. Visit www.theseniorsource.org.

Support Groups

Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death, or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For information call 972.519.1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972.783.8800.

Volunteer opportunities

Training For Excellence, Inc., Teen Mentoring Leadership Development Program needs teens, mentors, sponsors and volunteers for their program April 3 - October 10, every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, at Lover's Lane United Methodist Church. Call 972.590.1343, 972.897.9932, or visit: www.trainingforexcellence.org.

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

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Government All Talk But No Action On Gas Prices

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) forecasts continuing demand and high prices for gasoline this year. Prices have already reached record levels according to recent Automobile Association surveys and indications are that prices will climb higher.

It seems strange that this gas pricing crisis has been dumbfounding Americans at least twice a year for over thirty years. Since the oil embargo of 1974 we know that the price of oil has been a significant factor driving our economy. Inflated oil prices and gas shortages are wiping out jobs and savings but still we have no comprehensive national energy policy.

Generally the government's feeble response to the semi-annual price crisis is that demand is up but inventories are low or it costs more to refine crude oil into environmentally friendly gasoline. The politicians at all levels take this opportunity to speak out, point fingers and demand ridiculous solutions that have no basis in reality but make good sound bites designed to placate the public. Most of the suggestions deal with alternative energy sources that currently make up a very small percentage of the country's energy consumption.

It is estimated that world consumes over 400 quadrillion units of energy per year; 40 percent from oil, 22 percent from gas, 24 percent from coal, 6 percent nuclear and 8 percent other alternative sources. The United States has about 5 percent of the world's population but consumes 25 percent of the world's energy. Statistics for the year 2000 show that the

United States consumed 40 percent of the world's oil, 22.1 percent of the natural gas and 24.4 percent of the coal.

But with this tremendous buying power the government does not seem able to protect the American consumer. If there was any doubt that the ability to control crude oil prices was not in America's hands it was made crystal clear during the Arab Oil Embargo. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which controls roughly half the world's crude exports, has kept prices above \$30 a barrel for much of the past three years. Currently the United States pays an average of 50 percent more for imported oil than it does for domestic.

With all the regulators and regulations in place the politics of energy take precedence over the well being of Americans. While energy politics have been the playground of politicians for many years the secret energy dealings of Vice President Dick Cheney shortly after the 2001 inauguration are a reminder of the huge dollars at stake that easily sway political decisions.

Bureaucrats at the Federal Trade Commission have allowed merger after merger, believing oil industry claims that bigger increases competition. However, the only thing that happened as a result of the mergers is profits keep going up for the oil giants and the consumer is paying through the nose. It is no coincidence that three of the top 10 fortune 500 companies are oil companies.

Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon reintroduced a bill that would require the Federal Trade Commission to act on anti-competitive industry pricing policies. He said, "It's

past time that government regulators opened their eyes to reality of rampant price manipulation by gas companies and protected drivers from getting pummeled at the pump."

President Bush, instead of trying to increase the profits of his corporate oil cronies by opening up new areas for exploitation and giving out sole source contracts, should be mobilizing the nation to face the oil crisis. Soothing talk about hydrogen cars won't give us energy independence. Experts have shown that it takes seven gallons of gasoline to produce enough hydrogen to do the work of one gallon of gasoline.

What is needed is the equivalent of a new Man on the Moon Project, similar to the national effort proposed by Kennedy in the 1960's. The best brains in America need to be mobilized to prepare the country for the day when world demand for oil exceeds the world supply. We need alternatives that can be produced cost effectively so they are affordable. Unless this becomes a national priority, Americans face both a significant decline in their standard of living and a world mired in chaos and conflict.

Former Representative Phillip Sharp had this to say, "The oil markets are profoundly important to us and the world market and we cannot ignore them or run away from them or expect that we'll be in a substantially different world in ten years, unless you are willing to live with significantly higher energy costs. Let's stop the pretense."

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

You & Your Government

City of Plano

Oncor, the energy delivery unit of Dallas-based TXU Corp., has agreed to add a "dark skies" street light model to its inventory, which would be available to Plano neighborhoods if the relevant Homeowners' Associations shoulder the cost of the upgrade. The model is a fancy, antique-looking pole.

Gov. Rick Perry's school finance reform plan includes limiting what local entities can raise through property taxes and would limit appraisal increases. But City of Plano Council members recently said they would oppose school finance or tax reform efforts that limit the city's ability to collect property or sales tax revenue.

City of Garland

After much lobbying for a neighborhood vitality program, the proposed program is now drawing objections. The program is part of Proposition No. 6 in the \$223 million bond program on the May 15 ballot, and would provide matching funds up to \$100,000 for work on entry features, landscape design, neighborhood recognition signage, structures, safety features, screening walls and removing unsightly structures.

Although neighborhoods can march the funds with cash or services, to participate, a neighborhood must have an organization, which would be difficult for older neighborhoods to do. Mayor Bob Day defended the program's design, saying it basically requires people to get together to get things done in their neighborhood, and was surprised it is not being readily accepted.

However, others, including Garland City Council member,

Randall Dunning, believe that the residential vitality program should have been listed separately on the ballot instead of being included with revitalization projects in the downtown area and along transit corridors.

City of McKinney

The McKinney Independent School District School Board recently voted unanimously to close the district's magnet-style school, saying they could no longer afford it.

An independent review of the district's finances last year showed that the district could save \$5.3 million over five years by closing the school. Superintendent David Anthony said the district would save about \$1.2 million in the 2004-05 school year by closing the school.

McKinney Independent School District is facing a budget crunch and must slash \$3.4 million of its budget for the 2004-05 school year and even more the following year. The district expects to grow by as many as 1,800 students next year, and school officials said current funding would not match the influx.

McKinney City Council members voted 5-1 recently in favor of an updated comprehensive redevelopment plan, despite criticism from more than 30 residents in the city's southeast area, where industrial development could take place near their homes.

Council member Gilda Garza voted against the plan.

The result includes recommendations for a network of new roads, seven new parks, and an expansion of the water and sewer system, with no compromise reached with a group of ranchers and homeowners in the city's

jurisdiction near Collin County Regional Airport. Residents in this area said allowing industrial development near their homes would damage property values and destroy the rural landscape of hills, creeks and wildlife.

City of Frisco

A proposed cycling ban for a section of Main Street was rejected by the Frisco City Council.

Shortly after midnight, the council chose not to pursue an ordinance that would have prohibited bicycle traffic on Main Street from Preston to Custer roads.

Several council members had suggested considering a ban, saying the two-lane asphalt road is not wide enough for cars and bicyclists to share it safely. But during the council discussion, council members generally agreed that the road should remain open to bicycles because there is no safe alternative east-west route.

City of Allen

Allen City Council has approved a schematic design for the new senior center. The 20,000-square-foot building will have a stone exterior and include a 3,600-square-foot ballroom with a stage. It will also have a game room, classroom, living area, dining room, and fitness room.

Construction is scheduled to begin in November and end a year later, and will be located at the northeast corner of Cedar Drive and St. Mary Drive, next to the city's historical village.

Allen voters approved a \$4 million bond package in November 2002 to pay for the new facility.

Fund Your IRA Early in the Year



Van J. Washington

As an investor, if you want to get the New Year off to a good start, consider fully funding your IRA right away. It's a smart move that can pay off for you - perhaps even more than you'd think.

You've got until April 15 to put in the maximum of \$3,000 (or \$3,500 if you're 50 or older) into either your traditional or Roth IRA for 2003. So, if you haven't completely funded your IRA for this year, take care of that first. But after you've "maxed out" on your IRA, don't wait another year to fund it for 2004 - because the earlier you contribute, the sooner your money can start working for you.

Do early contributions really make that much of a difference? Consider this: To fund an IRA for any given year, you've got 15 months, from January 1 of one year until April 15 of the next. By consistently funding your IRA at the beginning of that 15-month time frame, rather than at the end, you could accumulate a lot more money.

How much more? Suppose Mary Smith is 35, and, for the next 30 years, she puts the maximum allowable amount into a traditional IRA that earns a hypothetical 8 percent

year. At the end of that time, she will have accumulated \$521,117 if she had waited until April 15 every year to make her contribution. But if she had fully funded her IRA at the beginning of each year, she'd end up with \$610,372 - a difference of nearly \$90,000. (This calculation assumes you make the maximum contribution each year, including "catch-up" contributions, based on future IRA limits, as established by recent tax law changes. Also, the 8 percent rate of return, which is calculated on an annual basis, is for illustrative purposes only; it does not represent any currently available investment.)

Overcoming obstacles to early funding

As you can see, you've got some pretty tangible reasons to fund your IRA early. So, what's stopping you?

If you're like most people, you'll face at least two barriers to getting your IRA contributions in early. The first of these obstacles, not surprisingly, is procrastination. Whether we like it or not, many of us put things off until we absolutely have to take care of them. So, if we know that we've got until April 15 to put funds in an IRA, we wait until April 15.

How can you combat this tendency to delay taking action? Try sending yourself reminders. During the early

weeks of the new year, put notes on your calendar or your electronic organizer, reminding yourself to put money in your IRA. By pestering yourself, you just might make the right moves.

The second barrier to funding your IRA early is a potentially more serious one: lack of money. It's certainly not always easy to come up with \$3,000 or \$3,500 at one time. After all, you've got your share of bills to pay - and, in the early part of the year, when you're just coming off the holiday season, you may have taken on more debt. Where can you get the money for your IRA?

There's no easy answer - but try to be creative. Perhaps you'll get a tax refund. Or maybe you've got some funds sitting in a money market account. Or, you could possibly cut back on some of your expenses. You know your situation better than anyone - if you look for ways to free up money, you're likely to find them.

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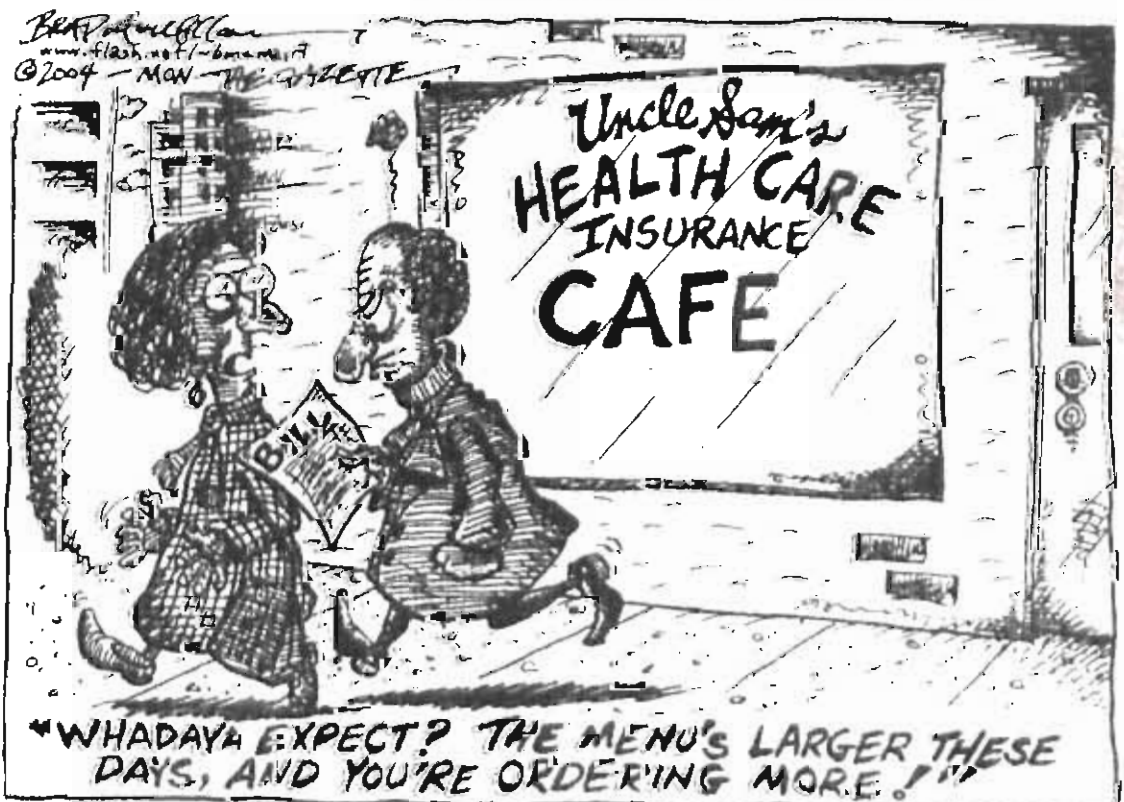
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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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

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Terri Dunn, Garland City Council candidate district 2 introduces herself to the audience and panel



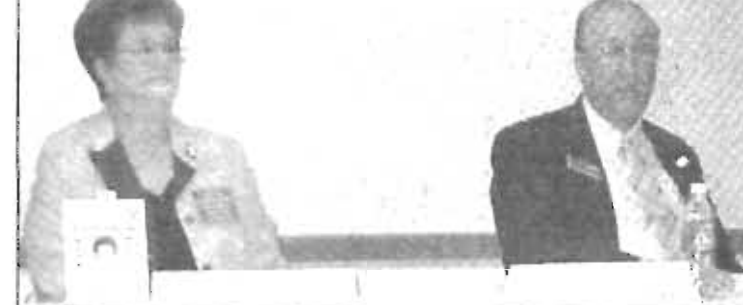
City council candidate district 4, Weldon Bradley discusses his concerns for the future of Garland



District 1 candidate Michael Holden



Holden's opponent Bob Gharis



Opponents for district 5 Linda Juresh and John Garner

there would be no mudslinging or personal attacks.

B.J. Williams, president of the Garland Branch NAACP along with Charles Park, president of the Garland Asian-American Task Force and Willie T. Hobdy, publisher of the Garland Journal News, sat on the panel and asked each candidate questions regarding their positions.

Unopposed candidate, Weldon Bradley, who is running for District 4, addressed the issue of virtually no large corporate business in Garland.

"In order to attract big business to Garland, the chamber needs to go out and visit with these businesses and the chamber needs to meet with the council to offer whatever incentives are needed to bring that business here," Bradley said.

Bradley suggested tax and utility breaks as incentives to big businesses, but stressed that these breaks should not load the burden of taxes on homeowners. Bradley also discussed the need to increase the number of minorities employed by the city of Garland.

"The city of Garland has to be fair in its hiring and testing practices. The demographics are changing and we need to be absolutely sure there are no disparities. I would like to sit down with the director of Human Resources and look at the percentage ratios based on job descriptions," Bradley said.

While opponents for district 1, Michael Holden and Bob Gharis agree that minority hiring should be increased, current council member Holden says the city should search

for viable candidates.

"The city should look into going out to minority universities and recruiting," Holden said.

Gharis believes the city should look for qualified candidates within before going outside to look for candidates. Panel members brought up the current TMPA debt situation and asked both candidates what their positions were on the recent status.

Holden said he feels the debt began over thirty years ago and thus the current council couldn't be held accountable. Holden says the deal the city of Garland received was unfair and the council is working to have the debt eliminated by the year 2017.

Both candidates answered questions regarding the recent controversy surrounding the hiring of Garland's police chief. Holden said he would not have handled the situation any differently. He said he felt he did everything he could have done. Gharis felt there was a breakdown in communication between the council and the city manager and as a result the council embarrassed itself and the applicant.

Opponents for district 5, Linda Juresh and John Garner are both interested in developing the property formerly occupied by the Village of Eastgate apartment complex. Juresh said she knows there are several businesses interested in the property but declined to comment on any specifics.

Both opponents are long time residents of Garland and both are interested in the revitalization of west Garland.

whereabouts of her fellow board members, Griffin told the audience she could only speak for herself.

Issues audience members brought up for the lone school board member in attendance were concerns with safety in Garland area schools, the number of minority teachers especially African-Americans employed in the school district and the current dropout rate.

Griffin answered questions from panel members concerning competitive bidding for those interested in becoming a vendor in the school district. She cited access to the district web site, which enables all interested contractors to have access to the same information regarding becoming a vendor in GISD.

Ricky McNeal, Political Action Committee chairman for the Garland NAACP, brought up the lack of participation from GISD's high schools on the annual Martin Luther



Panel members Charles Park and Willie T. Hobdy, Publisher, Garland Journal News, look over notes before questioning candidates

King Jr. parade.

"I know that it is the second largest parade in the city, but the district says participation should be done on a rotation basis. It has taken two years to find out and verify the reasons as to

why there has been no participation.

It is now definitely under discussion," Griffin said.

The forum ended with convocation led by Garland City councilman Jim Dunn.

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U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency Signs Partnership Agreement With Dallas Prestige, Inc.

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), in partnership with Dallas Prestige, Inc., a National Organization Promoting Entrepreneurship has agreed to combine their effort in reaching the youth of today through a Memorandum of Understanding. Dallas Prestige, Inc. will assist in co-sponsoring the "Minority Youth Business Retreats" throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth Area Region. The theme of the retreat is "If You Care About America Tomorrow, Then You Have to Care About Minority Youth Today."

"We are extremely honored to have been selected to partner with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency on this critically important endeavor," stated Valerie Ballard, Executive Director, Dallas Prestige. "Since our inception as a non-profit organization, it has been our mission to positively impact the lives of youths in our community who aspire to become

entrepreneurs. This joint venture with the U.S. Department of Commerce will offer us another avenue for which we can take to achieve that end."

Dallas Prestige, Inc. will assist and focus on ethnic minority (i.e., Native American, African American, Hispanic and Asian) students in grades 10-12 within the Dallas/Fort Worth Area Region. Dallas Prestige, Inc. is an organization of business and professional leaders that promotes entrepreneurship and community economic development. Members represent a pool of management expertise that serves as mentor and advisors of professional services.

Dallas Prestige, Inc. offers annual summer entrepreneurship programs for high school junior and senior students. Qualified students enroll through their high school counselors.

"The low rate of minority business formation is due to a lack of exposure to business related activities by minority youth," stated John Iglehart, Regional Director of the MBDA Dallas office. "Our program addresses this problem, and will teach these future business leaders the keys to asset building and wealth creation in minority communities."

The purpose of the retreat is two-fold: To expose minority youth to

the principles of business in an effort to motivate them to consider entrepreneurship as a career option and to position minority youth to become future business owners and community leaders to participate in the changing economy resulting from the rapid growth in the minority population in America.

Mr. John F. Iglehart, MBDA's Dallas Regional Director, founded this program in 1996 to encourage minority youth to consider business as a career. Approximately, 3,700 youth have participated in these retreats.

For additional information on MBDA's Minority Youth Business Retreats, call Dr. Kenneth E. (W) Francis at (214) 767-8004.

MBDA is the only Federal agency created to foster the establishment and growth of minority-owned businesses in America. MBDA provides business counseling and program services to assist minority-owned companies to grow and expand. For more information on MBDA and its programs, please visit www.mbda.gov.



Top: Carman Chairez, MBDA, Gerald Britt, Jr., Board President, Dallas Prestige, Bobby Jefferson, MBDA Bottom: John F. Iglehart, MBDA's Dallas Regional Director, Valerie Ballard, CEO/Executive Director, Dallas Prestige, Inc.

Up Close w/ Tony B Page 1

94.5 through Tommy Dupree. I came in as his producer," he said.

Stepping outside of the so-called Hip-Hop generation, Tony B. says he plays music that is "real."

His show is number one in its time slot in the DFW metroplex and the popular DJ says that reaching out to the community is the most important part of his job.

"I am dedicated to my listeners. I'm real laid-back and I love 'old-school' music. The music I play takes you back and the words mean something," he said. While others are trying to keep up with the latest trends in music, Tony B. is busy concentrating on giving back continuously through his non-profit organization The Tony B Foundation.

"We started the foundation in 1999 to help the community because I saw a void in the community. There was a family whose house burnt down and they were in need of clothes, food and different things, so we took some items to their house and it felt good so we decided to continue helping those in need."

As his celebrity status grew, he decided to use it for good and he then formed The Tony B Foundation. The organization, which currently consists of Tony B, an office manager and an eight member advisory board, hold events throughout the year that strive to help the community in some way.

Promoting community awareness is one of many objectives the foundation strives to obtain. More than 3,000 people showed up at the organization's annual health fair held this past January. They hope to draw an even greater crowd at this year's Mahogany Fitness Festival which is scheduled for April 30-May 2,

2004, at the Dallas Convention Center.

Helping underprivileged children is another focus for the foundation and last year they sponsored "Cuttin It Up for Success," which offered free haircuts to area youth returning to school in grades K-12. In addition to the free haircuts, the children were given clothing and school supplies.

In conjunction with DISD, the foundation established a program called TOP. TOP's aim is to give away and maintain refurbished computers to children in the community. Tony B says their goal is to give away ten-thousand computers in ten years.

"We wanted to provide children with twenty-four hour access to the computer. Many libraries close early, which means time on the computers, is limited. Through this program

When he's not busy playing the music people love or helping out in the community, Tony B. can be found relaxing with his wife Renee. The renowned DJ also has three sons that he is very proud of.

His advice to those seeking a job in radio is to be persistent, diligent and to keep knocking on

doors.

"In this industry, people are discouraging, but if you put nothing into it, you will get nothing out of it, so if you really want it you have to keep trying."

Tony B says he will continue to help in the community because he knows that he is blessed because he blesses.



94.5 K Soul Radio Personality Tony B. navigates through his website, The Tony B. Foundation

we offer them access so that if they want to study or look something up, no matter what time it is, the information is available to them," said Tony B. Netzero also offers ten free hours to each child given a computer, and the foundation maintains the computers for the children until they graduate from high school.

In addition to these programs, the foundation arranges a Thanksgiving feast for families in need and hosts Breakfast with Santa in December. The organization's website is www.thetonybfoundation.com and is an interactive website that includes links to facts about the foundation, event info, pictures, and donation and sponsorship information.

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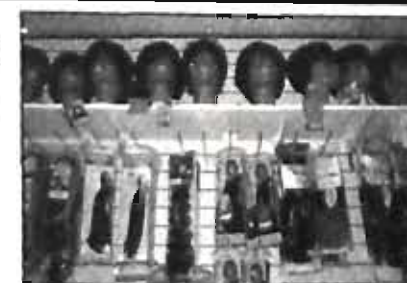
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DALLAS- The joyous, high-energy Thomas "Fats" Waller musical Ain't Misbehavin' bursts on stage at Dallas Theater Center's Kalita Humphreys Theater beginning April 7.

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"Ain't Misbehavin' is a perfect musical revue, containing some of the most ebullient melodies and inventive, funny lyrics in the history of jazz and American popular music," said DTC Artistic Director Richard Hamburger.

Dallas Theater Center's production of Ain't Misbehavin' is directed and choreographed by

Greg Ganakas, whose award-winning credentials include Broadway and Off-Broadway productions and national tours.

"Greg Ganakas brings contagious enthusiasm to this material and has

favorite Liz Mikel, beloved for her annual performance as Ghost of Christmas Present in DTC's A Christmas Carol. Jancee Aisha Freeman and Dwayne Clark both performed on Broadway in

humor, the vitality of his spirit, and his daring, innovative artistry. He defined the movement of stride piano, a style of jazz piano characterized by improvisation and a fast tempo that grew out of ragtime and flourished in New York City in the 1920s and 30s.

The design team for Ain't Misbehavin' is Dex Edwards (set), Clare Henkel (costumes), Kirk Bookman (lights) and David Stephen Baker (sound). Darius Frowner is pianist, musical director and conductor for the production. (Full bios below)

All performances of Ain't Misbehavin' will be held at the Kalita Humphreys Theater located at 3636 Turtle Creek Boulevard at Blackburn Street and will run from April 7 - May 2, 2004. Preview performances are April 7-11. Opening night is Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Performance times are Tuesday - Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Single ticket prices range from \$14 to \$59 and are available by calling the box office at 214.522.8499 or by visiting www.dtcinfo.org or www.tickets.com. Group discounts are available for 10 or more by calling 214.522.3924.



Liz Mikel, Ken Prymus, Jancee Aisha Freeman, Dwayne Clark, Dioni Michelle Collins Photo Credit: Linda Blase

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Ain't Misbehavin' features a star-studded cast, including Ken Prymus, who starred in the Broadway productions of Ain't Misbehavin', Cats and The Wiz, and hometown

Urinetown and Dioni Michelle Collins just finished a Broadway run in Rosie O'Donnell's production of Taboo.

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Acura has gone all out with its latest TL model to get customers wanting that fully loaded, luxury sports sedan. The base and Type S are gone, and in comes the 270-horsepower TL with a choice of a manual or automatic transmission and priced around \$35,000, with just about every feature you can think of.

Inside, this car says sports luxury. It has a contemporary and stylish two-tone color scheme, genuine aluminum inlays and an attractive set of bright blue electroluminescent gauges. Nothing was spared in quality of materials, with soft-touch surfaces and supple standard leather upholstery. The front seats offer an excellent blend of cushioning and support, and the rear seat is roomy enough to accommodate a pair of adults in comfort.

When Acura said fully loaded on the TL, they meant it. Standard equipment includes 17-inch wheels and all-season tires, high-

intensity discharge headlights, leather upholstery, real aluminum trim, a 10-way power driver seat and a four-way power front-passenger seat, both heated. The list goes on to a telescoping steering wheel, an industry-first 225-watt 5.1 surround-sound audio system that plays both



CDs and DVD-Audio discs, satellite radio, Bluetooth hands-free phone compatibility, steering-wheel audio controls, one-touch front windows, and a power sunroof.

Optional items are few, and include high-performance tires on manual-shift models, and a DVD-based navigation system with an 8-inch touchscreen, voice recognition

technology, and solar-ensing technology that enhances the performance of the climate control system. Acura also gives you the option of an extra upgrade with the A-SPEC kit, which adds performance springs and shocks that lower the car about an inch, 18-inch wheels, an aero body kit, rear spoiler, sport steering wheel, and special exterior badging.

All TLs come with a 3.2-liter V6 engine with VTEC (variable valve timing and lift), and this year the horsepower is up to 270, with torque hitting at 238. Get a five-speed automatic or go for the real sports drive and opt for the six-speed manual transmission.

Standard safety features include four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution and Brake Assist, stability control, seat-mounted side airbags for front occupants and side curtain airbags for front and rear occupants.

City Arts Celebration Page 1

Mayor Miller agreed, saying that each year as the festival grows visitors will see new things in the Arts District of Dallas, including new galleries and new restaurants.

And giving support to Jones, Miller said, "I believe that Phillip Jones understand how we can market our city."

Some of the events and vendors scheduled include: The Latin Jazz Ensemble, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts; Out to Lunch concert featuring Havana NRG; strolling musicians; film screenings; cooking

demonstrations; educational programming; children's activities; Kumaasi African Ensemble; Aztec Dance and much more.

Jones also said that the City will be partnering with different establishments to provide package deals for hotels, and for art galleries within the Arts District.

"You are witnessing the birth of an event that will be known regionally, nationally, and hopefully internationally," said Jones.

Dallas City Council member Veletta Lill said, "The streets and buildings will be alive with the

taste that will be uniquely Dallas.

"The Arts District is a living, breathing, educational laboratory. You can tell that as you walk around the block and see the different school buses arriving. We have some of the most beautiful architecture here."

"I'm bringing this festival here because Dallas is such a great city," said Jones. "And I hope everyone in Plano comes here to celebrate with us."

Sponsors for the festival include City of Dallas, Office of Cultural Affairs, Office of Special Events, Crow Collection of Asian Art, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, and many more.

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I listened to three outstanding speakers during the seminar session of the conference. Brother Stephen Murphy, president and CEO of Murphy Performance Strategies, a consulting firm specializing in individual and organizational performance management, wowed the participants with his buoyant personality and insightful presentation on "The Dynamics of Building and Influencing Relationships. Then there was Pastor C. Dennis Williams, whom I called Paul Robeson because of his beautiful baritone voice. Not only did he have a great voice, he had something to say with that voice, and he did it quite well. And there was Sister Ann Phillips, the gifted facilitator and consultant from the Ken Blanchard Companies. She continued the trend of excellence with her presentation on Personal Action Strategy for Success.

Now, let's get back to the Young Professionals Leadership Development Summit. I met fantastic brothers and sisters who shared their knowledge with us. I heard uplifting and joyous poetry in an African historical context, and beautiful acappella music from Sister Starla and her talented daughters, Idie and Sherelle. We heard the inspiring and tantalizing words of Maria Dowd, who has a new book, "Journey to Empowerment," scheduled to be released in August 2004, and I met Lana Reid, my newfound "homegirl" from Winston-Salem, N.C., who has a new book titled, "My Love Notes to a Black Man."

There was another young lady there, too, a veritable whirlwind, a refreshing young voice of common sense, an accomplished singer, songwriter, actress, and inspirational public speaker. She is Cee Cee Michaela. You may have seen her as Yvonne on the television show, Girlfriends, or you may have seen her in your local church, bringing down the house in her own soothing kind of way. If you have not seen or heard this young lady yet, don't worry about it; you will. Playing a role in the new movie, Beauty Shop, and touring the country singing and speaking, Cee Cee is surely coming to your neck of the woods real soon. Her book is titled, "If I Had Known," and her CD is titled, "Everybody's Talking."

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Sister Tarpley

I received this recently, and even though I have written some of the same things to you, perhaps in a different format; these words are good for a happy life. Enjoy and claim some of these for your own to live by.

... we don't have to change family and friends; if we understand that family and friends sometimes change.

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

... true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. The same goes for true love.

... you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life; and it's taken me a long time to become the person that I want to be.

... that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

... you can keep going long after you can't; and we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

... either you control your attitude or it control you; because ATTITUDE is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than success, and what other people think, say or do. ATTITUDE is more important than appearance, gifts, or skills. It will make or break a company, church or a home.

I believe that, regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at

I BELIEVE THAT . . .

first, the passion fades and there had better be something else to take its place.

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

... my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and still have the best time.

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

... sometimes when I'm angry, I



Sister Tarpley's Picture of the week
Mr. & Mrs. Jarrell (Cleo Spann) Tarpley celebrating some victories at a banquet honoring IBOC's (Ricky Rush is Pastor) "Spiritual Warfare" for our children. Join the fight by fasting and praying for our children.

have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

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

... maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

... it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

... no matter how bad your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for your grief; and our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

... just because two people argue, it doesn't mean that they don't love each other, and just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean that they do care about each other.

... you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret; it could change your life forever; and that two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

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

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

... you only lose when you quit trying; so don't be so quick to throw in the towel.

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Each Wednesday Through April 8
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The 8:45 am Lectionary Bible Study class is cancelled
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All Nations UMC
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor
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Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church
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1300 W. Camp Wisdom Road
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Christian Chapel CME Temple of Faith Church
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Author Speaks on Why Racial Problems Still Exist

By Brandy Jones
DALLAS — Recently, noted African-American author, Dr. Thandeka, addressed a scantily diverse audience of about 150 mostly mature adults on the subject of "Why Racial Problems Won't Go Away." Her lecture at the First Unitarian Church is part of the church's journey toward wholeness.

"It's truth-telling time and we're exhausted," Thandeka said. "And so we come together here to re-imagine God. When we re-imagine the sacred, we have to re-imagine ourselves as well. To create any new sacred community, we must re-imagine ourselves as the sacred vessels they are."

Thandeka explained, "Racism, starts at family dinner tables. It is rooted in children's fear of exile, if they hold preemptory feelings toward persons of another race. Consequently, children learn to set aside positive feelings of others in fear of losing the love of the people they love most. They learn to hide their original feelings of amiability toward other races."

Children then give up their own integrity in order to survive as part of their own group. It is well known



Dr. Thandeka, author and keynote speaker at First Unitarian Church that abused children often adore their abusers. However, it is important that people recognize that the implanting of racial attitudes is child abuse," she continued.

"I was always saddened by racism and was idealistic as a youth, but I grew callous as an adult," said 58-year-old Linn Cates originally from Sherman, just north of Dallas.

"Now, I am thinking idealistically again."

According to Thandeka, all have learned to hide the parts of ourselves that if expressed would lead to destruction. The tragedy is that most people don't know that they have died.

Although, the people in attendance were altruistic in their attempts to eradicate racism, most seemed to doubt if it could ever fully be obliterated.

"After this talk, I still feel racism will never go away no matter if you're Black, White or Asian," said V. Shine, a self-proclaimed senior citizen who was born in the Philippines. "Each race seems to have inherent feelings that their race is better than other races. They think, 'I am better than you.'"

"After hearing this talk tonight, I

was inspired to look for more events where people might have a prejudice against me for being

white and encourage them to get past that so we can get together to make our communities, lives and world better," Cates said. "I know we can work toward it, but I don't know if we could actually accomplish it."

However, Rev. Laurel Hallman, senior minister of First Unitarian Church, remained hopeful.

"We believe Dr. Thandeka brings a fresh view to persistent racial problems in the world today," said Rev. Laurel Hallman, senior minister. "This lecture is part of our anti-racism program to build bridges among diverse communities."

To build community, we must resurrect the broken, tortured aspect of ourselves Thandeka said.

She said the cure to racism is simply staying present to your own feelings. The prescription for the soul is openheartedness.

Thandeka recommended a 3-step program to racism recovery. First, she encouraged attendees to answer the call and put an end to racial child abuse and racism in general. Second, she urged them to breathe and count, which allows them to think before speaking. And lastly, she inspired the audience to pause and practice what was discussed. As more people pause and practice, racism will go away, according to Thandeka.

Thandeka is an associate professor of Theology and Culture at Meadville Lombard Theological School, University of Chicago. She

has taught in the philosophy department at San Francisco State University and the religion department at Williams College. Her latest book, Learning to Be White: Money, Race and God in America, is used as a college textbook.

Before receiving her doctorate in theology, Thandeka spent 16 years as an Emmy award-winning television producer.

Thandeka was originally born Sue Booker, but never felt like a "Sue." While at a small dinner party for Archbishop Desmond Tutu, he bestowed upon her a new name, which means one who is loved by God. With parental blessings, she made it her legal name.



Linn Cates, 58, said that she was always saddened by racism as a child

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April 5-8, 7:00 pm nightly
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NEW GRACE CHURCH

April 9, 7:00 pm
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April 11, 11:00 am Easter Program

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Monday School: 7pm
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SUNDAY ACTIVITIES
8:30 am - Sunday School • 10:00 am - Worship Services
MONDAY
6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood
WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting
7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson
SATURDAY
10:00 am thru 1:00 pm
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3rd Annual Praise Dance Celebration - "Dancing with a Purpose"

Registration Roundup & Pre-Gala Celebration

April 16, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
April 17, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Dance workshop

April 18, 4:00 pm
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Worship Celebration... 11:00 am.
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