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On the Homefront:

The ArtCentre of Plano's final exhibition of the summer will feature the abstract paintings of Harry Lewis "Without Irony," August 3 through September 4. The Plaza gallery will also feature "New Beginnings," selected works of local artists. For more information please contact Scott White at 972-490-0903.

Collin County Community College showcases "Exhibition One: The Faculty," Aug 30 - Sept. 13 at The Arts gallery located at the Spring Creek campus. An arts reception will be held at 6 pm, Sept. 7.

Lunch and Learn Series for seniors includes free lunch and workshops on health insurance and RX plans. The workshops will be every Wednesday in September in Allen and every Thursday in September in Wylie/Sachse. RSVP immediately at 214-269-1164 as seating is limited.

Come join the City of Allen and welcome home Olympic Gold Medalist Carly Patterson. The welcoming procession begins at 10 am on September 4 at Allen Station Park. A celebration rally inside the Allen High School gym is scheduled for 11 am.

The Plano Symphony Orchestra presents In Remembrance, September 11, a tribute to American history, featuring Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 "Ode to Joy." The concert is September 11, at 8:15 pm at the Charles Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets range from \$8-\$60. For more information call Alice Hobbs at 972-473-7263 or visit www.planosymphony.org.

Walk-A-Thon sponsored by Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce members, Top Achievers and T. Davis ISD will be on Sept. 18. To help fight the obesity rate of children in North Texas, all are encouraged to participate. Area businesses are invited to set up vendor booths for a \$25 rental fee. For more information email tdavis@independent-school.org or visit www.independent-school.org.

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Lewisville High School Crowns First African American Valedictorian

By: Lisa Morgan

While driving down Main street in Lewisville, everyone notices the digital marquee outside of Lewisville High School, informing passersby about various things going on at the school or about the school, such as the school legacy that stretches back well over 100 years.

It is remarkable that currently in the 21st Century some African-American firsts are still happening. Kristina Shambry, is the first African-American Valedictorian at Lewisville High School.

Kristina, the youngest of three daughters born to Roland and Edna Shambry was influenced early on to become the

valedictorian of her class.

"My husband insisted that we eat dinner together as a family, so we could have some family time. He would ask the girls about a topic and they would share everything they knew about the topic and he would share all that he knew about the subject," said Edna Shambry.

"It was like a game we played. I would ask questions, and they would answer and they would ask me questions and I would give them answers. Kristina participated in this activity longer than any of the girls," said Roland Shambry.

When speaking of one of her strengths, he thinks it's her determination.

"She has a dogged determination to do something even though she gets frustrated when things are not going right, she just sticks to it until it goes the

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Lewisville High School 2003-04 Valedictorian Kristina Shambry

Booing the Home Team

By: James Clinegan

I am constantly amazed and, quite frankly, disheartened by the attitudes of many of our brothers and sisters who are so disconnected to their own people that they are reluctant - and even afraid - to speak out about economic injustice.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Maybe he should have qualified those words by saying, "... things that matter to us as individuals."

Elie Weisel has been quoted as saying, "I swore never to be silent whenever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the

tormented."

Sadly, the trend these days is, "If it doesn't affect me and mine, why should I get involved?"

Actually getting involved may be a little too much to ask of the timid assimilationists among us. They may not be willing to subordinate their selfishness or elevate their willingness to sacrifice for their brothers and sisters.

They are so ensconced in the status they have been "allowed" to have, it is sad to see their reaction to the battles waged everyday by their Black teammates. It's one thing to stand on the sidelines and cheer when the rest of the team is on the field, but it is an entirely different thing to stand there, rather to sit there, and not even cheer for your team to win.

As a matter of fact, it's even worse when those on the sideline

refuse to go in when called upon, and even when they do, they tip off the other team to our plays. But the absolute worst thing we see today among some of our misguided brothers and sisters is their despicable behavior of actually booing their own teammates!

Can you imagine that? I'm sure many of you can, as you fight for what is right and just, as you fight against economic apartheid, and as you struggle to stay financially afloat. I am sure there are brothers and sisters across this country that grow weary of the fight and want to quit because they are discouraged by the booing coming from their side of the field.

Of course, we have had this brand of "inappropriate behavior," as Claud Anderson

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CCCCD Announces New Dean Of Fine Arts

Collin County Community College District recently welcomed Dr. Jeffrey Walter as the new dean of Fine Arts.

The Fine Arts department at CCCC offers programs in applied, graphic design technology, dance, music, photography, theatre/drama and visual arts.

The Southlake resident joins the college from Texas Wesleyan, where he served for the past 15 years as music department chair, chair of faculty senate and dean of visual and performing arts.

Walter completed his doctorate in education from Capella University. He has also done extensive graduate work in the Humanities in the field of aesthetic studies at The University of Texas at Dallas and Arlington. Walter holds a master's degree in choral conducting from Pennsylvania's Temple University and a bachelor's degree in music from Texas Wesleyan.

Walter said his first experience with CCCC was at the American College Theater Festival held at the Spring Creek campus about six years ago. He said the college has an excellent reputation in fine arts. After learning more about the college, Walter said he was very impressed with the core values of CCCC.

"I think it speaks very highly of the institution that the core values are book ended by learning and integrity," Walter said.

Walter said he has had an exciting start since his first day on August 2. He said he has seen his first signs on getting to know the richly talented faculty in fine arts. He said he hopes to develop and support the relationship between faculty and students from the beginning to the end of the college experience.

"My goal for our arts program is to focus on the needs of the students, celebrate our community and succeed in taking the next steps in becoming a nationally and internationally-acclaimed program," Walter said.

Dr. Thom Chesney, interim vice president of academic affairs, is familiar with Walter's dedication and character. Chesney, who worked with Walter three years ago at Texas Wesleyan, said "Walter is absolutely committed to engaged learning and will bring the same energy to administration as he did to the classroom."

"Jeff's inter-disciplinary vision of fine arts enables him to present a collective vision for everyone he represents," Dr. Chesney said.

Black Enterprise Ranks Liberty Tax Franchise Opportunity Best In Industry

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - (BPRW)(BW) (V-LIBERTY-TAX-SERVICE) Liberty Tax Service is one of the "Top 10" hottest deals in franchising for 2004," according to the September edition of Black Enterprise magazine. Liberty is the only tax franchise service on the list. Black Enterprise also recognized the company's franchise opportunity as one of the most affordable in the September 2003 issue.

Each year, Black Enterprise researches franchise opportunities and compiles a superlative list for its readers. According to the editor, "This year's list represents our choice of the cream of the crop-the best prospects across a range of the hottest industries." The results are based on a national survey of more than 450 franchisors that are members of the IFA, and included such criteria as the current number of African American franchise units, start up costs, and revenue growth projections.

"We will strive to uphold this honor and accolade, and are working to continue to set the industry standard for the best and most affordable tax franchise opportunities," said John Hewitt, CEO and Founder of Liberty Tax Service.

There were over 1,400 Liberty offices operating in the United States and Canada in tax season 2004. This year, Entrepreneur magazine ranked Liberty Tax Service as the 9th fastest-growing franchise opportunity, the 2nd in the Tax and Accounting industry, one of the top 20 low investment opportunities, and #28 on the overall list of best franchises. Accounting Today magazine ranked Liberty the fastest growing tax service on a list of top 100 tax & accounting companies released in March 2004. Liberty Tax Service is ranked #106 on Inc. magazine's 500 2nd annual ranking of the 500 fastest growing private companies in the United States (Fall 2003). The Liberty Tax Service website is www.libertytax.com.

On Your Mark...Get Set...It's The State Fair 5K Run and Big Tex Mile!

The State Fair of Texas and Comcast are proud to announce the 4th annual State Fair 5K Run and Big Tex Mile on Saturday, September 25. Participants will gather at the starting line at Exposition and Parry, the formal pedestrian gate into Fair Park.

Walkers kick things off when the Big Tex Mile begins at 8:30 a.m. over a shorter course. The 5K race will begin at 8:45 a.m. and continue through Deep Ellum and the Lower Swiss Avenue neighborhoods. The event is designed for family groups and serious athletes alike.

Register now, online, at www.bigtex.com. Brochures will be available at various locations around the Metroplex. Run On! is the race's retail partner; store locations are in Dallas, Irving, Richardson and Fort Worth.

The entry fees are \$16 before September 18 and \$20 thereafter. On race day, the charge will be \$25. A flat, \$10 fee will apply to participants 65 and over and 16 and younger. Entry fees include a FREE, good-for-any-day ticket to the State Fair and an official race t-shirt.

Top finishers will be awarded stuffed animals and ribbons at a special ceremony at the Exposition Plaza finish line. Snacks, drinks and prizes will be donated by generous backers of the event.

Proceeds benefit the State Fair Scholarship Fund, established in 1992. To date, more than \$1.5 million in college scholarships have been awarded to young people who participate in the State Fair livestock shows and to outstanding graduates of four Fair Park-area high schools: Lincoln, Madison, North Dallas and Woodrow Wilson.

The State Fair 5K Run and Big Tex Mile is presented by Comcast, with generous support from Lockheed Martin, AT&T Wireless, Trammel Crow Company, Run On!, The Staubach Company, Coca-Cola, Ben E. Keith Foods, Tom Thumb Food & Pharmacy, Michelob Ultra, Emerald Press, Inc., 103.7 KVAL, CBS 11 and UPN 21.

DART is the official transportation provider for the race; participants interested in "riding the rail" can stop at the Cityplace station and catch a shuttle bus to Fair Park. Buses start running at 7 a.m. Cost of the package is \$4.50, and runners and walkers should be at the starting line by 8 a.m. Additional travel information can be accessed at www.dart.org.

Community invited to a Sneak Preview

By: Danyell S. Taylor

Dallas Theater Center's 6th annual Neighborhood Nights, a community celebration and season kick-off, was held last Monday at the historic Kalita Humphreys Theater.

Local residents gathered for live music, backstage tours and a sneak preview of Dallas Theater Center's upcoming season of plays. The 2004-05 season "Six Degrees of Sensation" begins Sept. 8 with the 2003 Pulitzer Prize-winning play, Anna in the Tropics.

DTC promises subscribers and theatergoers will be treated to an astonishing array of sensations through six unique, captivating adventures that are sure to charm and delight the senses. (Guests will journey from a 1929 cigar factory in Anna in the Tropics to a grand British drawing room in Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being

Earnest, to the magical world of a Charles Dickens' Christmas to a single mother's New York City bedroom in Bad Dates, to the production The Violet Hour set in a magical literary office out of the era of 'The Great Gatsby' and finally ending in Henry Higgins' study in My Fair Lady.)

Longtime residents and Dallas newcomers alike enjoyed the activities of the night.

"I'm a well-rounded, cultured person who can appreciate all types of art including live theater. It was a great way to get people involved with the theater and its programs. I did enjoy the building and am interested in some of its productions," said Austin Langdon-Shepherd, 10 year Dallas resident.

"Since I'm new in town it's a great way to see what goes on

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MON-The Gazette's Random Act of Goodness at the Dallas Summer Musicals



Jack and Miranda Naranjo with children, Alex 7, and Ethan 2

Katrina McPherson and Monica Thornton of MON-The Gazette randomly selected a young family to receive two complimentary tickets to the DSM series opening performance of "Joseph", on August 31, 2004.

The father, Jack Naranjo, was contemplating whether or not his family could stay as he didn't have tickets for his children. In a further act of

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Freedom Fund Banquet 14 years and Growing

The Garland branch of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host its 14th annual Freedom Fund Banquet. The banquet will begin with a silent auction at 6 p.m. followed by an opening ceremony at 7 p.m. on September 11, 2004, in the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center.

With its 2004 theme "Paying Tribute to the Americans Slain on September 11, 2001," the Garland Branch of the NAACP highlights an event and date now significant to America's history and future.



Keynote Speaker Shaun Rabb

"We have a very special presentation planned to honor the people that were lost," said Gwen Daniels, Chairperson of the Freedom Fund Banquet.

Carrying on the legacy of the innocent Americans killed on September 11, 2001, the opening ceremony will begin with a patriotic presentation of colors. The West Mesquite High School ROTC will present the American flag and the Texas flag

followed by a recording of "America the Beautiful," by the late Ray Charles. "America died that day not just black people or white people. September 11th is still so vivid in America's mind because it was so recent," said Daniels.

Special guest and keynote speaker Shaun Rabb of Fox 4 News will speak to guests about the patriotic theme of the night.

"Shaun is up on everything locally, nationally and internationally. With his reporting and investigative skills, he had everything we wanted in a speaker," Daniels exclaimed.

The annual Freedom Fund Banquet is a

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way she wants it to," said Mr. Shambry.

Both of her parents believe her accomplishment is a result of her drive and determination.

"While her friends and classmates might be up late watching TV, she would be up studying late into the night. She always had a heavy academic load with her Advance Placement courses," said Mr. Shambry.

"In her essay to Harvard, Kristina shared with them that one of her strengths was her perseverance, which she said she learned from me."

"She was very descriptive in her essay in explaining a situation in which I was teaching my first kindergarten class, she came by to visit me in my classroom, and there she saw the table that was crammed and overflowing onto the floor with school supplies. She mentioned how, I just kept working until all of the supplies were put away, and I did not stop until it was done," said Edna Shambry.

Kristina's future begins a few short weeks from now, when she enrolls at Johns Hopkins University. There are a couple of fields she is interested in pursuing such as English, Business, or Neurology, and although she is attending one of the world's most revered medical colleges, she is dabbling with the idea of attending medical school overseas at Oxford University.

She plans to learn more about

Oxford when she studies overseas her junior year. She plans to pursue medicine as her field, particularly becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

"Whatever Kristina sets her mind to she will reach," said Karen Cooke, Gifted and Talented English Instructor, Lewisville H.S.

"She always met my expectations and then she would place more on herself," said Cooke about Shambry's work ethic in the



Lewisville High School 2003-04 Valedictorian Kristina Shambry

classroom. "Right now, she wants to be an orthopedic surgeon, she became interested in that because of a knee injury she suffered, which brought her off of the basketball court," said Cooke.

On her graduation speech

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If you have experienced these symptoms more than once in your life, are drug free and not currently in psychiatric treatment, please call the Psychosocial Research and Depression Clinic at 214-648-5351.

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Shambry says, "It was definitely great! I loved giving my speech," said Shambry. Communication is definitely one of her strong suits, whether it is speaking or writing she is always interested in sharing her knowledge with those around her and readily seeking out new knowledge from others.

"We always got notes from her

teachers in elementary because she was always talking. She was just bursting with a desire to learn and to share what she had learned and to learn what others had learned," said Edna Shambry.

"She is a unique person and I pray that this carries over into her college and adult life," said Edna Shambry.

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Around The Town

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Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972-548-4114. You can also visit www.co.collin.tx.us

Interactive 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 am-6 pm, Saturdays 11 am-6 pm and Sundays noon-6pm. Children 2-10 years \$4/ Adults \$3. Call 972-386-6555. Job seekers can

attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking Collin County. The nonprofit, business-to-business group oversees several chapters, group meetings from 11:30 am-1 pm every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required and more information is available online.

P.I.P. Productions the distribution of the new multi-station show, The Valder Beebe Show is announcing The Valder Beebe Show broadcasts on Garland, Texas' KXVI FM "The Bridge Network" each Sunday, 6-7PM

General Information

The Urban League of Garland Community Service Center offers limited financial assistance for utilities, rent and mortgage for local residents. Other services offered include housing counseling focusing on reverse mortgages, default mortgages and financial literature for first time homebuyers is available by appointment only. For more information please

contact 214.413.1739.

The Dance Academy of Pathway of Life Church is registering! Classes are held every Saturday from 10:15 am to 2 pm. Children ages 4 to adults are welcomed to learn ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip hop and musical theater. For more information contact Cylinda Chapman or Denise Upchurch for more details at 214-275-7284

September 4, 2004

The City of Garland invites all youth between ages infant to 16 years old to participate in the 2004 Little Miss/Mister Labor Day Pageant. The pageant will be held at 1 pm at the Plaza Theatre in Garland. For more information please contact Linda Jareh at 972-278-6980

September 4, 2004

The City of Mesquite presents FourthFest 2004 in September. The festival begins at 4 pm at Paschall Park located at 1001 New Market Road. Activities include live music, children's activities, crafts and entertainment with a fireworks display at 9:20 pm.

September 4, 2004

1st Saturday at Home Business Expo hosted by Innovative Solutions will be held every first Saturday of the month from 10 am - 4 pm at St. Phillips Community Center. For more information please contact Lenore at 817-691-1309 or email lenorecirving@aol.com

September 11, 2004

NAACP-Garland Branch will host its 14th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet. Keynote speaker will be Minister Shaun Rabb, veteran FOX 4 news reporter/anchor—KDFW TV-Dallas/Fort Worth. For more information contact Gwen Daniels at 972-381-5044, ext 5

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September 19, 2004

Kohl's presents Children Helping Children Auction Party and Junior Singles Tennis Tournament. The kick-off party and silent auction will begin at 6:30 pm at The Westin Galleria Dallas. The two-day-tennis tournaments will be held from 8 am-5 pm both days and will be played at High Point Tennis Center in Plano. For player, sponsor

or other information contact Suzanne Harrison at 214-456-8360

September 25, 2004

The United Negro College Fund 2004 Walk/Run for Education will be in Dallas at the Lake Cliff Park located at 300 E. Colorado Blvd. The walk-a-thon will provide fun for the entire family including: 5K Fun Run, 5K Fun Walk, 1 mile Kiddie Walk, College Fair, Step Teams Exhibition, health Screenings as well as fun, food and entertainment. For more information contact 972234-1007

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

Bible Fellowship Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800

C.I.T.Y. Family Center, a non-profit agency, is offering free parenting groups the last Thursday of each month. Located at 1947 Ave. K.; Bldg. A, Suite 100, Plano. Contact Libby Dorn, C.I.T.Y. Family Center 972-424-4626

Volunteer Opportunities

Come join the City of Plano to celebrate the 25th Annual Plano Balloon Festival. Volunteers will work 3-4 hour shifts Sept. 17th-19th, receive a three-day- admission pass, a parking pass and a free T-shirt. For more information visit www.plano.gov

Volunteer at your local libraries Literacy for Life program in Plano. Teach an adult to read, one-on-one tutoring for those with ESL. For training information contact Angela Funai at 972-941-7175.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC Black America Decision 2004 (Taming The Budget Deficit Monster)

By: James W. Breedlove

Somehow Americans have been duped into believing that when government embraces a monetary philosophy based on "spend now pay later" it leads to economic prosperity. However, even though experience has shown these same Americans that applying this philosophy in their households leads to financial disaster they still seem surprised by the economic chaos when government uses it.

The budget deficit resulting from flawed government economic policies continues to spiral upward and there is no consensus on what to do. Washington policymakers expound at length professing concern about the deficit while simultaneously pursuing tax and spend policies that pile up more red ink. The administration's policy of increasing defense and homeland security spending while reducing revenue through tax cuts just adds to the deficit problem.

The Office of Management and Budget recently released its budgetary "Mid-Session Review," that shows a federal budget deficit of \$445 billion for fiscal year 2004, up from \$375 billion in 2003. When Social Security is accounted for the current deficit will reach \$600 billion. However, federal revenue estimates of approximately \$1.8 trillion will be at the lowest level since 1959. One does not need to be a financial wizard to conclude if federal revenues are lower while more dollars are being spent the deficits will be larger.

Two recent economic reports analyzing jobs and the gross domestic product highlight some of the negative impact of continuing on this

deficit path.

The job market showed an extremely weak and disappointing gain of 32,000 jobs in July — well below the level needed to keep the economy growing. But more important was the instant impact on those workers who did find jobs. According to the Economic Policy Institute, "For those lucky enough to land a new full-time job, the median pay rate fell from \$681 per week prior to the economic downturn to \$572 per week in their new job, a 17 percent decrease." Not only did the real salaries shrink but also the real purchasing power of the new salary was effectively 24 percent less when the 7 percent cumulative inflation is added.

The public is sometimes confused by the terms annual deficit and public debt. The deficit is the difference between the money Government takes in, called receipts and what the Government spends, called outlays. The cumulative total of the annual deficit is the federal debt.

Treasury must then borrow the money needed for the government to pay its bills. Money is borrowed by selling Treasury securities. These Treasury securities issued to the public, foreign investors, and to the Government Trust Funds become part of the total debt.

This deficit equates to a transfer of over \$550 billion in American assets, such as stocks, bonds, and short-term deposits, to foreign wealth holders. The interest, dividends, and capital gains earned on these assets will accrue to foreigners and will not be recycled into the American economy.

While the President's budget claims to cut the deficit in half over the next five years it does

not address the likely cost of ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan or the additional revenue loss from making the President's tax cuts permanent.

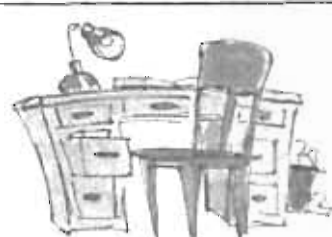
The deficit will not correct itself even with strong economic growth. Several independent projections for the 10-year outlook show cumulative deficits (debt) will run in the \$5-7 trillion range over this period. The longer-term outlook is even worse.

The working class continues to pay a disproportionate share of the burden. Recent trends in budgetary manipulation by the administration have been to shift the tax responsibilities onto lower- and middle-income taxpayers and away from investments and the wealthy.

Rising federal deficits will push the debt level even higher in coming years. At the current rate of debt increase, the congressionally mandated debt limit of \$7.384 trillion will likely be reached sometime this fall. Without congressional action to raise this limit, the U.S. would not be able to meet its obligations and would potentially be in default on some loan payments. If the date for raising the debt limit occurs before the election, it could turn into a political hot potato. This dilemma is the reason there is no current plan to deal constructively with the deficit or the debt monsters.

We cannot borrow our way into prosperity unless the borrowed money is put to work at a higher rate of return than the rate paid for the borrowed money. Huge deficits are driving the middle class into extinction. Next week we will look at the government taxation slim-flam.

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Government Desk

Charges, counter charges, yes my friends; it sure is an election year. Each election carries its own peculiar set of intrigue drama and pathos. This year's presidential election is presenting a unique "Back to the Future" feeling with the war in Vietnam surfacing front and center as candidates President Bush and Senator Kerry square off for battle.

For Senator Kerry, who has decided to reassure the nation about his defense credentials by emphasizing his service in Vietnam, the specter of the "Swift Boat Veterans" attacking his service is particularly gallingand frightening.

As questions about his medals for valor arise he is watching his slim lead in the polls evaporate. On the other hand, groups friendly to John Kerry have been accusing Mr. Bush of everything from desertion to dereliction of duty to outright conspiring with Osama Bin Laden to knock down the twin towers.

So what are the voters to make of these things? This columnist came to a firm belief in 1992, back when Bill Clinton was being assailed as a "draft dodger" by the

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Republicans, that Vietnam, indeed past military service, is not always an accurate indicator of a person's ability to be a good Commander - In - Chief.

The great irony is that the person who gave a persuasive impassioned speech on the Senate floor making this very case for Bill Clinton was none other than Vietnam veteran Senator John Kerry.

Let's look at the facts: Vietnam ended officially 29 years ago in 1975. Direct American involvement started winding down in 1972 with the ending of the draft and all volunteer army in 1973.

There are many Americans alive who never knew about Vietnam and are unmoved by the mixed messages of the past concerning it. Nearly two full generations are untouched by this past war although the anti-war rhetoric of today sure does have a familiar ring to it.

John Kerry was just a kid. George Bush was just a kid. Bill Clinton was just a kid. How many of today's adults currently define themselves by what they did when they were teenagers? Most of us probably have more than our share of regrets about more than a few things we said thought and believed at those times.

And so we have an election waiting for the American public to decide who might be a better leader today. What are the policies of each candidate today? What are the records of each candidate since they have

been in public life?

The opinion here says that it is wisdom to look at the entire spectrum of deeds and positions rather than take any trip "back to the future." Let's give all of the brave veterans who have served our country faithfully their due and extend our gratitude. Let's honor those who have served properly. But please, oh please let's leave the past where it belongs, learn from it and move forward.

Political Potpourri

As of this writing the Republican Convention is opening in New York City. Planned as keynote speakers are Senator John McCain (R-AZ), former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani (R-NY), California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R-CA) and Georgia Democratic Senator Zell Miller (D-GA) who gave a rousing keynote at the Democratic Convention for Bill Clinton.

There are hordes of protestors outside, interesting speeches to be made and MON-The Gazette will keep you as informed as possible in next week's issue.

As the race for the 32nd Congressional district heats up between Martin Frost and Pete Sessions, the Gazette will be on the trail to keep our readers apprised of the campaign. Stay tuned!!!

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It's Time For The Presidential Parties To Put Up Or Shut Up

The 2004 presidential campaign is making history in mega bucks being raised by Democratic and Republican Parties.

In past presidential elections there has been a conspicuous disparity in funds allocated to reach, educate, and mobilize the black vote by both the Democratic and Republican Parties.

President George W. Bush implied in his remarks before the National Urban League convention that the Republican Party has all but ignored the black vote and has a lot to do to prove its worth to African Americans.

However, it's a different story for the Democratic Party. Among its most loyal constituents are African American voters. As a matter of fact, former President Bill Clinton was candid in admitting that had it not been for the black vote he would not have been elected in 1992 and re-elected in

1996. In addition, it was a surprisingly heavy black vote in the 1998 elections that saved Mr. Clinton from impeachment and virtually chased from the Washington political scene House Speaker and arch Clinton foe Newt Gingrich.

We know for a fact that the black vote is going to be a decisive factor in the November presidential election. We also know there is a general perception, confirmed by a black public opinion survey by the JointCenter for Political and Economic Studies, that the Democratic Party has a tendency to take the black vote for granted.

There is some evidence of this in the funds actually spent by the Democratic Party and its candidates to win the black vote. In past presidential campaigns, one of the major fights has been to get Democratic Party officials to spend adequate

funds to reach and maximize the support of black voters.

Both parties spend tens of millions of dollars in advertising in the general media and then either seek to pimp off the goodwill of the black press or come up with "what's left over."

This was a problem with the Gore presidential campaign in 2000. And we want to give our friends in the Democratic Party advance advice and notice that we will not tolerate such inequity and third-class treatment in the upcoming elections.

Democratic Party officials and the John Kerry campaign needs to demonstrate to African American voters that they are not taking us for granted by putting their money where their mouth is. This is the bottom line!

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national NAACP program that each regional, state and local branch is encouraged to host in an effort to spotlight the community it serves as well as area youth. The Garland Branch of the NAACP serves Garland, Rowlett and Sachse.

Rewarding Garland area youth for academic excellence throughout their high school careers; the branch awards a scholarship to the two African-American seniors (one male and one female) with the highest GPA while attending one of the seven high schools in the Garland Independent School District.

This year 14 scholarships will be provided to students pursuing higher education at an accredited college or pursuing a trade at a vocational school.

Additionally, the banquet pays tribute to community leaders and organizations dedicated to improving the political, educational, social and economic status of Garland residents.

The 2004 recipient of The Educational Award will go to Mr. John Washington, The Minority Business Award will be awarded to Crazy Catfish, The Community Service Award will go to the Honorable Harry Hickey, The Bridge Builders Award will go to Mr. Paul Mayer

and The Electronic Media Award will be awarded to www.garlandonline.com

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Garland branch of the NAACP. Taking great strides to reduce the inequalities suffered by the minority community in Garland, the branch has been fighting for equal educational opportunities and civil rights since its inception.

A special program will be shown at the banquet to highlight the accomplishments of the Garland branch during its 20 years of existence. For more information please call 972-381-5044.

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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

Company Makes Three-Year Commitment to Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

GAITHERSBURG, Md.- PRNewswire -- Sodexho USA, the nation's leading provider of food and facilities management services, has made a three-year grant commitment to help support the congressional fellowship programs at the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS), the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI). Each organization will receive \$25,000 annually for three years for a total commitment of \$225,000. Sodexho's grant will fully support one fellow every year for each group, and will include a rotation in Sodexho's Government Affairs office, as well as active participation in the fellows' curricula by Sodexho's senior leadership.

"Sodexho USA is proud to make a multi-year commitment in support of these three outstanding congressional fellowship programs for developing leaders," said Reginald E. Gilliam, Jr., Senior Vice President for government affairs at Sodexho USA.

"We regard these grants as long-term investments in our nation's youth through working partnerships with these outstanding organizations, each of whom are dedicated to leadership development. Each organization has a proven track record of providing hands-on learning experiences and professional opportunities in the policy arena. They provide opportunity and offer invaluable service to

their communities and we are very pleased to support their efforts."

During a meeting with the leaders of the three organizations, Gilliam and Rohini Anand, senior vice president and chief diversity officer at Sodexho USA, committed the company to working closely with each fellows program through participation in program activity and through the development of opportunity for exposure to policy making in the private sector.

"Our partnership with each of the three organizations allows us to invest in the diverse workforce of the future," said Anand.

"Hopefully, our partnerships with the Congressional Fellows Programs of these organizations will ultimately enhance knowledge and expertise on issues in health care, education and human resources, all core to our business growth, in both the public and private sectors."

APAICS offers fellowships to further its mission of increasing the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in the political process at the national, state, and local level and offers fellowships designed to provide a unique opportunity to outstanding graduate students who have a commitment to the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, and who plan to pursue a public policy career.

The CBCF's Congressional Fellows Program is a premier leadership development program for persons with graduate or professional degrees. Fellows receive an

extensive orientation to Capitol Hill and work in the offices of members of the Congressional Black Caucus and other congressional leaders, federal government officials and public policy experts to acquire the tools needed for positions of leadership.

"We thank Sodexho for its long-term commitment and partnership with the CHCI," said Ingrid Duran, president and CEO of CHCI. "Sodexho's direct investment in the CHCI's Fellows program will help us grow the numbers of fellowships we will be able to offer and to continue our efforts to develop our nation's future Latino leaders."

MON-The Gazette Publisher: Make Your Money Count

Where are the Minority businesses? Why don't we have somewhere we can go that understands our needs and strives to meet those needs? Well, each week MON-The Gazette promotes just that. In our paper there are several advertisements for different services provided by minorities, but how many of us are truly spending our dollars with "our" people?

We as a people need to check ourselves and start aiding one another if we ever hope to dispel the "crabs in a barrel" stereotype. Stop paying the other man and start spending our money with the brother man. After all, are we not our Brother's Keeper? Have we forgotten what it was like

to strike out on our own? Let's not get beside ourselves and forget that everyone has to start somewhere, so while we are here why not help one another in the process?

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Business Owner Helps Ease Healthcare Confusion For Area Seniors

For Jennifer Forbes what began as a job in insurance sales, has evolved into a 15 year career. Owning and operating her own agency for three years, Forbes is in the business of ensuring the quality of life for her clients through her educational "Lunch and Learn," educational series.

"She is good," said Shirley Wilhelm, Platinum Marketing Group client. "She is nice and helpful and always does a good job."

Concerned with the drastic change in the climate of health insurance for senior citizens aged 65 and over, Platinum Marketing Group began its "Lunch and Learn" series to educate and inform residents.

"Our niche market is senior citizens," said Forbes. "Times have changed. There used to be a time when people literally picked up the phone and called to share important information. Now, we are limited to how we get information out there."

The essential information senior citizens need to know

regarding their medical expenses was the basis for the educational workshop. According to Forbes during 2000-2001, HMO companies went out of business in Collin County and Denton County due to the Balanced Budget Act of 2000.

Since the Act stated that these counties were not profitable, HMO companies would not receive sufficient reimbursements from the federal government to continue conducting business in Denton County and Collin County.

The recurrence of the "Lunch and Learn" series complements the return of HMO's to Collin County and Denton County. The series will discuss four main topics including the pros and cons of HMO's, the pros and cons of Medicare Supplement, an advocacy program for health insurance and the newest Medicare discount card.

"The series gives senior citizens that option of understanding the difference between HMO's and Medicare supplements," said Forbes.

Arts & Entertainment

Soul Comes to Dallas

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(Courtesy of www.universoulcircus.com) - Atlanta's Journal Constitution dubbed it "Cirque du Soul," when it debuted there in 1994 to a sold-out crowd. Circus Report, a trade weekly, called it a "masterpiece of production, staging and promotion."

In 1999, the hard work and dedication paid off when HBO recognized the UniverSoul Circus with a special filming detailing the excitement of the show.

Cedric Walker, founder of the UniverSoul Big Top Circus explains how crazy he is. "They all think it," he begins. "They've told me that about everything I've done."

When I tried to create a rap festival, they thought I was nuts. In those days, no one had heard of rap, and here I was putting it in an 18,000-seat arena. Well, we sold out. And when I decided to do a Black

circus, they said, 'You're crazy. Blacks don't go to circuses.'"

"Oh, yes, they do," he says, a smile appearing on his face. Walker seems anything but crazy. His circus has been acclaimed an artistic and

committed to placing his circus in African-American communities which have long been underserved by the entertainment industry. And all of the people involved in its maintenance, from raising the big top to policing the circus grounds, are contracted from the communities where the circus touches down.



Founder Cedric Walker

Walker's Soul Circus features traditional circus acts-but set to an African-American beat. Rather than "Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye," high-

stepping ringmaster Casual Cal (one of the circus's co-creators) greets the crowd with "Yo, yo, yo, yo" and dance movements à la hip-hop and James Brown while the clowns pratfall through the often absurd history of Blacks in American TV.

The amazing Willey family knew they had to work harder and bring new excitement to

technical triumph.

The Soul Circus, as it's also known, is the first circus in a century to be completely owned and operated by African-Americans. It features a troupe of international performers of African descent, recruited by Walker from some of the world's best-known circuses.

Furthermore, Walker is

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kindness, Sue Goldstein traded her four tickets for Mr. Naranjo's four, so his family could sit together.

So, just as Joseph showed mercy to his brothers, reunited with them and shared his riches, MON-The Gazette and Sue Goldstein shared their

riches to unite a family.

There truly is Biblical goodness in our modern world if we think more of others than ourselves.



Jack Naranjo and Sue Goldstein

the high wire act if they were not only to succeed, but to stand out from the crowd. Through their dedication, they have been recognized as premier performers in a world that demands so much more from everybody.

The two-hour circus is staged at what Walker terms "a high-energy, hip-hop speed," accompanied by gospel, jazz and blues music-and with state-of-the-art, computerized special effects, a rock-style laser show, and high-tech sound. "Our technology is second to none," Walker says.

The renowned "Soul Circus" will be in town from Sept. 10th - 19th in the parking lot of the Southwest Center Mall. For more information log on to www.universoulcircus.com. Tickets are on sale now at Ticketmaster 214-373-8000 and may also be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com.

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3. Without a Paddle	3. Israel & New Breed / Live From Another Level
4. The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement	4. Various Artists / Viva Gospel 2004
5. Exorcist: The Beginning	5. Toney / Out The Box
6. Collateral	6. Soundtrack / The Fighting Temptations
7. Open Water	7. Vickie Winans / Bringing It All Together
8. Alien Vs. Predator	8. R/Zen/R/Zen
9. The Bourne Supremacy	9. CeCe Winans / Throne Room
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2. Shyne / Godfather Buried Alive	2. God Send
3. Mobb Deep / Amerikaz Nightmare	3. Kill Bill Vol. 2
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5. Lloyd Banks / The Hunger For More	5. 13 Going On 30
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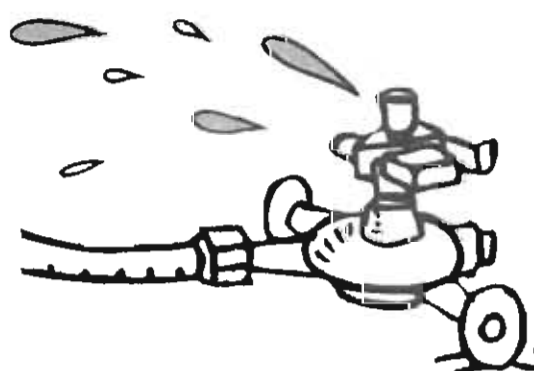
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calls it, since we were brought to these shores, so we should not be surprised by it today. The irony is that Black folks in America today are the richest and most intelligent in the world, and yet when it comes to our collective economic status we are at the bottom of virtually every category.

Why aren't we using our intelligence and our so-called buying power to rescue our people? Why are some of us standing on the sideline, refusing to go into the battle and do our part, and even cheering against the collective economic progress of our own people? I think I just answered my own question by using the word, "collective."

Divide and conquer has been the strategy to keep Black folks in our place for years now. Despite all of our brainpower, we still fall – and even willingly participate – in that same tired game. Where I live, there are a precious few frontline warriors who fight and sacrifice everyday for their people.

There are also many brothers and sisters who have tremendous economic resources and "smarts" who could help in righteous struggles. The two groups cannot, and in some cases, will not work together for the advancement of the entire collective.

You can hear it on the radio talk shows, the rhetoric, back and forth, Black against Black, privileged against neglected, upper against lower, and team player against team traitor.

If only we would find a way to work together, bringing whatever talents we have as individuals to this collective fight, we would win the victories we seek.

But we will never win as long as we have to fight with only

part of our team. We will continue to languish in this modern-day desert, as we have for the past 40 years, and watch the score mount against us – against our children. Soon it will be too much to overcome.

Maybe I have it all wrong, though. Maybe I should advocate in the opposite direction. I wonder if it would be best for those brave guerilla warriors to acquiesce to the other side's thinking and strategies.

Maybe it would be best if Black folks, in general, just accept the way things are in this land and remain in our place, going about our daily lives just trying to "get ours" and not making any waves about injustice, discrimination, and inequity.

At least that way we could all cheer for the home team instead of some of us booing the team. I don't know. What do you think we should do? I think I will just keep fighting for what is right and just for our people, in hopes that more will bring their resources to the battlefield and get involved.

I cannot see myself retreating and cowering in some corporate cubicle, afraid to stand up and speak out against the wrongs I see perpetrated everyday against my brothers and sisters. But you make your own decision, and if your decision is to stay on the sidelines, please don't boo your own team.

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September 5, 3:00 pm
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Mesquite, TX 75150
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Sunday Morning Worship @
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Guest speaker will be Co-Pastor
Carlotta Hairston of Miracle
Temple in Lancaster, Texas.
Donation will be \$15 per ticket.
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September 25, 8:00 am
Guest speakers will be Pastor
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Center in Allen, Texas; Pastor
Linda Skinner of Covenant
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Church News



Sister Tarpley

Have you ever watched a bird sleeping on its perch and never falling off? How does it manage to do this?

The secret is the tendons of the bird's legs. They are so constructed that when the leg is bent at the knee, the claws contract and grip like a steel trap. The claws refuse to let go until the knees are unbent again. The bended knee gives the bird the ability to hold on to his perch so tightly.

Isn't this also the secret of the holding power of the Christian? Daniel found this to be true. Surrounded by pagan environment, tempted to compromise with evil, urged to weaken his grip on God, he refused to let go. He held firm when others faltered because he was a man of prayer. He knew, "The power of the bended knee."

From sleeping birds we can learn the secret of holding things which are most precious to us. That secret is the knee bent in prayer, seeking to get a firmer grip on those values which make life worth living. When we hold firmly

THE SECRET OF THE BENDED KNEE

to God in prayer, we can be assured He will hold tightly to us.

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ Bulletin

When You Want To Ask God Why?

Because you have longed to save my world, I have let you have the training that prepares you to save.

Take your pains and sufferings, your difficulties and hardships each day and offer them up for one troubled soul or for some prayer especially needed to be answered. So that the beauty of each day will live on after the trouble and distress; the difficulty and pain of the day have passed.

Learn from my life of (L to R) Cousins Cristal Leeks Smith and Pauline Robinson Drake enjoying their family reunion

See not the small trials and vexations of each hour of the day. See the one purpose and plan to which all are leading.

If in climbing a mountain you keep your eyes on each stony or difficult place, as you ascend, seeing only that, how weary and profitless your climb!

But if you think of each step as leading to the summit of achievement, from which glories and beauties will open out before, then your climb will be so different.

If in doubt, ask those that won the Gold, Silver and Bronze in the 2004 Olympic!



Picture of The Week

(L to R) Cousins Cristal Leeks Smith and Pauline Robinson Drake enjoying their family reunion

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here. I'm from a small town that doesn't have a whole lot of culture and I hope to see some plays, maybe attend some art events," said Joycelyn Kliever, Dallas newcomer.

Since 1959 the Dallas Theater Center's Kalita Humphreys Theater has played a vital role in the Dallas Arts District. Nestled among the overgrown trees on Turtle Creek in Dallas, it is the oldest regional theater in the area.

Its importance lies in the fact that after a prolonged period of securing the land, negotiating and working with the architect and actually getting the building built, support for the theater was even stronger than it had been in the beginning. This commitment continues generation after generation.

"As the oldest regional theater in Dallas, it is important to get young people to come out to see what we are all about and what we do," said Julie Boehm-Turley, Neighborhood Nights chairperson.

The Dallas Theater Center is community and education oriented and continues to be a pillar in the Dallas creative arts community. According to artistic director Richard Hamburger, the Theater Center remains fully responsive to the time and place in which we live, to the issues that shape our lives and thoughts, and to the rhythms, images and contradictions of contemporary American life.

Committed to combining the Arts and education, events such as

Neighborhood Nights highlights the educational outreach programs employed by the Dallas Theater Center to reach area youth. Since 1960, the nationally recognized Education Programs at the Dallas Theater Center have existed to support its mission by creating communal experiences

that stimulate new ways of thinking and living.

"Live theater is an amazing art form like nothing else," said Boehm-Turley. "An art form that continues to encourage individual growth. It changes the way of thinking, living and doing."

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Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.



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Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

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Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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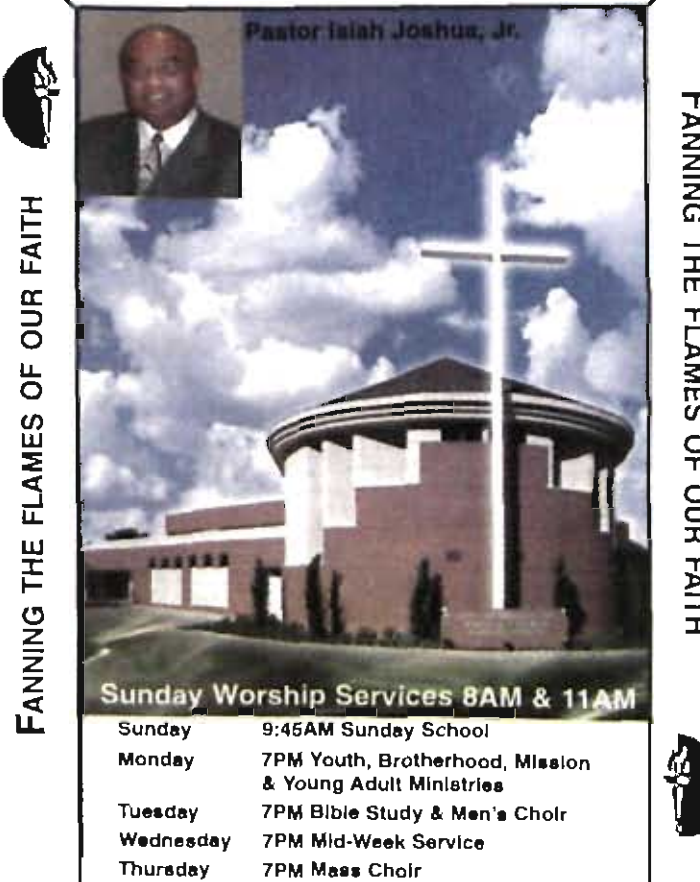
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Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Stamp to be Issued by U.S. Postal Service

ATLANTA - PRNewswire- To raise awareness, encourage early testing, treatment, and focus attention on finding a cure, the U.S. Postal Service will issue the 37-cent Sickle Cell Disease Awareness postage stamp on Sept. 29 in Atlanta at the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America's (SCDAA) 32nd Annual Convention.

Affecting one in 12 African Americans, sickle cell disease damages blood cells by changing smooth and round cells into sickle shapes and making them hard and sticky. This results in the blocking of blood flow and damage to organs. Complications range from intense pain to stroke or death.

"The Sickle Cell Disease Awareness stamp brings a greater understanding of the seriousness of sickle cell disease and the thousands of lives it affects, most of whom are African Americans," said Henry Pankey, vice president, Emergency Preparedness, U.S. Postal Service.

"This stamp is part of the Postal Service's 2004

stamp program, a program that celebrates the people, events and history of our nation. It also serves as another way for the U.S. Postal Service to continue its tradition of raising public awareness of health and social issues," he added.

"Science and medicine have advanced rapidly in the past few decades. Unfortunately, this is not the case for sickle cell disease relative to other health disparities. This stamp will help to raise public awareness of the disease and the need for a new focus on the research and care of sickle cell patients," said Dr. Willarda V. Edwards, M.D., President/Chief Operating Officer of the 32-year-old Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

"We are very happy to see this collaborative effort with the SCDAA and the U.S. Postal Service come to fruition," she added.

"This will be a great day in the lives of people who go through life with sickle cell disease. To have this kind of awareness will hopefully encourage people who have not been tested to get the test and

to inspire others to become educated about what sickle cell disease is and what it is not," said Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins, Sickle Cell Disease Patient and National Celebrity Spokesperson.

Stamp illustrator and designer James Gurney of Rhinebeck, NY, created a tender image of a mother holding her baby for the Sickle Cell Disease Awareness commemorative stamp.

Featuring the inscription "Test Early for Sickle Cell," the design conveys the importance of early testing.

The Postal Service has issued many stamps that increase awareness of important social issues. These have included Breast Cancer Research, Organ and Tissue Donation, Prostate Cancer, Hospice Care, Adoption, Diabetes, AIDS Awareness and Neuter or Spay.

To see the Sickle Cell Disease Awareness stamp and other images from the 2004 Commemorative Stamp Program, visit the Postal Store at <http://www.usps.com/shop> and click on "Release Schedule" in the Collector's Corner.

Church Happenings

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NEW CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 26, 3:00 pm
Pastor's Anniversary with guest speaker Bishop K. D. Davis, Sr. from Sixth Avenue BC in Corsicana, Texas

New Cornerstone BC
Rev. D. R. Watson, Pastor
1808 West 10th Avenue
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NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

September 5, 2:30 pm - 5:15 pm
Ice Cream Social @ 2:30 pm
and Talent Show @ 3:45 pm
September 11, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Praise Choir Musical
September 19, 10:00 am
Founder's Day Service @ the South Fork Ranch. For more information, please call Nakela Prude @ 972-437-3493, Ext. 100

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship
Rev. Leslie W. Smith,
Pastor/Teacher
1010-1020 South Sherman Street
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SECOND MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH

September 19, 3:00 pm
Annual Youth Day with guest

speaker Bishop K. D. Davis, Sr. from Sixth Avenue BC in Corsicana, Texas

Second Mission Baptist Church
Rev. L. L. Polk, Sr., Pastor
909 South 5th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
903-872-1462

STRONG ARMS C.O.G.I.C.

September 5, 4:00 pm
Gospel Musical Service, Elder Franklin D. Caldwell from the Greater Gospel Temple COGIC, Alexandria, Louisiana is the guest speaker.

September 7-9, 7:00 pm Nightly
Starlight District Holy Convocation; the theme is "The Beauty of God's Love Toward Men," St. John 3:16 (KJV)

September 18, 3:00 - 6:00 pm
The Hospitality Department is hosting a "Trip Around the World" Food Festival; the cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (10 and under.)

September 19, 4:00 pm
Sunday School Annual Day, Elder Andrew Jackson from West Irving COGIC, Dallas, Texas is the speaker.

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September 11, 8:00 am
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The Inspiring Body of Christ Church (IBOC)
Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Senior Pastor
7710 South Westmoreland
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ZION TRAVELER'S BAPTIST CHURCH

September 12, 3:00 pm
Annual Family and Friends Day with guest speaker Bishop K. D. Davis, Sr. from Sixth Avenue BC in Corsicana, Texas

Zion Traveler's Baptist Church
Bishop Richard Pritchett, Pastor
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