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On the Homefront:

The City of Plano is hosting an exhibit organized by Niki-Aryana Art House, featuring Iranian artists residing in Texas and an American guest artist. Exhibit includes eight pieces of art ranging from oil, watercolors, photography, mixed media and copper embossing. At Plano Centre (2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy) during February and at the Courtyard Theater (1509 Avenue H) from Fehruary 2 through March 15. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5

Garland Parks and Recreation Department's annual "My Little Sweetheart Dance" - Dad, uncles, and grandfathers celebrate Valentine's Day with your Little Sweetheart, at The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center in downtown Garland. Ages 4 - 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and ages 8 - 12, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Live DJ and refreshments. Each Little Sweetheart receives a professional 5x7 photograph and a carnation, \$10.00 per person. Register at any Garland Recreation Center by February 4, 2004. Call Holford Recreation Center at

972,205,2772. Saturday February 7, The Mesquite Repertory Ballet presents "Peter and the Wolf" and "Carnival of the Animals. original chamber ballets. Call 972.216.8124 for information.

"Murder at the Howard Johnson's" a murder mystery, is presented by the Mesquite Community Theatre, February 5 - 7, Call 972,216.8126 for tickets, reservations and information- \$10 adults, \$8, students, seniors and STAGE members and \$6 for children. All rickets on Thursday evenings and Sunday matinees

NBC5's Brenda Teele-Jackson will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies for Teens Reaching Teens, Inc. and Teen Graffiti 'Mr. & Miss Teen Graffiti Competition & Scholarship Benefit, Saturday, February 14 at 3 p.m. at The Corner Theatre, Desoto. Entertainment by Top of the Lines LG3 and other local talent. The scholarship provides assistance financial graduating seniors who challenge themselves to be their best. For tickets call 972-496www.teengraffiti.com. The Corner Theatre, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, Desoto.

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Mt. Olive Church of Plano 'A Piece of Heaven'

By Cathy Johnson

Plano. Destined to represent "Heaven" in congregational make-up, Mount Olive Church of Plano has marked out a plain path by which to achieve unity, a principle socially and spiritually befitting for a time when bygones are viewed as last resorts to lesser trade offs to sensationalism or visions of grandeur. within the East Plano

business complex at 740 Avenue F, may bare no resemblance to its neighbors business plans yet yields similar dividends; just the niche East Plano ordered.

its roots as a Baptist church. language and one speech in Black and white clasped Inspired to unite the Body of the book of Genesis. That hands artfully scale as the logo Christ on Old Testament unity stifled the presence of for Mt. Olive Church of teachings, the church launched God from flowing because

The church nestled Pastor Sam Fenceroy's daughters- (sitting) Samantha, (From L-R)-Celia, Salena, Sabrina

out into deep waters and relinquished Baptist traditions in pursuit of New Testament Fenceroy. "I believe in

Pastor Sam Fenceroy, was the "Peter" on this mission of In 1993, the church planted change. "We were all one

they were seen as self-sufficient. They were brought back in the Day of Pentecost as described in the book of ACTS to be unified around Christ. That is where we as a church body found ourselves having a like voice but wanting to reach out unto all people," said Fenceroy.

A supportive cast about 300 congregants has

played a major part of the church's success according to synergy. The church body functions much like a marriage. If you want to have

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The Real Lessons of Black History

By Star Parker

February is black history month. Last year it was celebrated by Jesse Jackson shaking down Nissan for an advertising campaign in which "history" was crossed out in "black history" and "future" written in above. Now, Al Sharpton, benefiting from a clueless Democratic party, carries on with wit and charm Jesse's politics of diversion and blame. Isn't it time to start getting real?

Fortunately, the winds of change breeze through the black electorate. A Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies poll showed 63 percent of blacks identifying themselves as Democrats in 2002, down from 74 percent in 2000. An agenda focusing on issues like school choice, ownership and wealth creation is being championed by new black leaders like DC mayor Anthony Williams and

Representative Harold Ford. These developments are not accidental. Blacks are beginning to understand that they need to look to themselves rather than government to solve their problems. Certainly, if growth in government and political power translated into well-being, blacks would be in great shape today. Non-

defense related federal government spending, as a percentage of GDP, is now twice what it was in 1964. Today there are 39 black members of Congress, eight times as many as in 1964. More than half of our States, including the District of Columbia, now have cities with black mayors.

Yet, these considerable gains in political power have translated commensurately into better lives for African Americans. Certainly, a new black middle class has emerged. Black households earning more than \$100,000/year have increased tenfold since the 60's. However, these amount to just 6 percent of all black households, and a third of the percentage of white households in this income bracket.

Overall gains by blacks over the last 40 years are, on average, modest or nonexistent. Median black incomes are now around 80 percent of those of whites, up from 70 percent 40 years Median black household net remains around 17 percent that of whites. Black life expectancy is about 5 years less than whites, a modest improvement from the 60's.

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Congressman Encourages Students at N. Texas Job Corps Graduation Ceremony

By Danyell Taylor

quarter students on January 30, 2004 at the North Texas Job Corps McKinney, TX.

With its theme-"If It Must Be, It Must Begin with Me", the ceremony honored over 75 young adults who completed vocational, academic, employability and social skills training

at the North Dallas campus in order to achieve John Taylor. included keynote speaker,

Congressman Ralph M. Hall of students to pursue their paths North Texas Job Corps held the 4th congressional district as in life with a positive attitude. its graduation ceremony for 1st well as musical selections by Mr. According to Hall, graduates



Tiatina Peake, student; Congressman Ralph M. Hall; N. Texas Job Corps Center Director Richard Abbott; Monique Taylor, student

Graduates, family and friends

their career objectives. Highlights of the graduation listened as Hall encouraged

need an action plan with specific goals. Attainable goals will ensure that students are able to maximize their time and talents. Students should evaluate their well-being and focus on moving With the forward. marketable skills they have learned at North Texas Job Corps, students are equipped to do just that.

During his speech, Hall also commented on the effect North Texas Job Corps has had on its students as well as the community it serves. A long time supportive partner, Hall

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Carrollton's Parade and Celebration Honoring Dr. MLK

Community Connection (CCC) sponsored their 5th Annual Celebration for the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a parade and a program at a local school in Carrollton.

The parade included the mayor, city council members, police officers and firefighters of Carrollton.

celebration and parade in the City of Carrollton.

The Dallas Mavericks' mascot, Mays Man was the Grand Marshal of the parade. Derozette Banks, Mrs. Carrollton; Ms. Carrollton Country Fair; the Newman Smith High School marching band; Ted Polk Jr. High marching band and



Friendship Baptist Church, The Colony, TX Young Soldiers for Christ Drill Team Front Row: (L to R) Justice McCurdy, Sa-Tease Roseberry, Sha Kaela McCurdy Middle Row: (L to R) Terrance Thomas, Destiny Woodrow, Derric Carr, and Shirmia Artis, director

Back Row: (L to R) Brundon Burks, Marcus Havvis, Nakeirie McCurdy

Participating in the parade and the Hillcrest marching band each program were Sister Tarpley, Religious Editor for MON-The Gazette, she is a 2003-2004 Honoree for CCC for her educational and community involvement. Rev. Willie Rainwater, Founder and President of CCC is also a 2003-2004 Honoree. Rev. Rainwater, along with other community leaders was instrumental in partitioning the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD to honor Dr. King with schools closing on his national holiday and he started the first Dr. MLK, for all.

represented their school and the

Many elementary schools in the C-FB ISD were represented as well as local churches, local Boy's and Girl's Scout troops, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Carrollton Citizen's Patrol.

At the program, the Youth Step Team from the Friendship Baptist Church, The Colony, Dr. C. Paul McBride is the pastor, put on two wonderful performances honoring Dr. King. It was a fun-filled day

GISD Board Member Honored

Recently, Garland Community Leaders, as well as friends and family of Linda L. Griffin gathered to honor her for years of service to the Garland Independent School District School Board. Mrs. Griffin who has been a member of the School Board for 6 years, has seen many changes and additions to the District during that time. In her remarks to the group, Mrs. Griffin told them how she has emoyed the work and challenges that have been presented to her. She said, "It's all about the children. We are proud of the work that is being done in Carland. When you see someone, never be afraid to tell them that you are from Garland. Out of 100 large school districts in the United States, Garland is ranked 5th overall. That is quite an

There were many people at the event, including Harry Hickey and Jackie Feagin from the Garland City Council. The Honorable Rick Howard, School Board Trustee, as well as several GISD stant Superintendents and school district employees.

The evening was complete with a very good program. The rogram began with the colors being presented by a local Boy Scout Troup, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mass Teen Garland, Lindsey Rueter, then sang "God Bless America. What a great job she has done this year representing Garland at so many civic and service

Aairika Kelly entertained the audience with her rendition of "Still I rise". What talented young people we have in Garland. We should all be very proud of them.

Chase Brown, who is the "2003 Teen Texas", completed the ntertainment by singing a wonderful rendition of Lee Greenwoods "God Bless the USA". After the program, Pastor Roosevelt Griffin emplimented and thanked Chase and all of the entertainers for their participation in the program.

Councilman Feagin, in his remarks, commended Mrs. Griffin for her years of service to Garland. He thanked her for being dedicated to the Children. School Board Trustee, Rick Howard, also spoke to the group and commended Mrs. Griffin for being so dedicated and for always putting the welfare of the Young People in the district first

In her closing remarks, Mrs. Griffin thanked everyone for being there and she thanked them for their support. Mrs. Griffin said, "It has been an honor to serve Garland, after all it is all about the Kids. Serving the community through the School Board is a pleasure"

From the Ridiculous to the Subliminal

By James Clingman

Every now and then I write about the political shenanigans in our country, and this is one of those times. I just can't hold it in any longer, especially after that "State of the Union" exercise in sycophancy. Clicking in and out of the speech, between all of the choreographed standing ovations, which allowed me to watch a couple of college basketball games, I though about how ridiculous it is for GWB to say, "As we gather tonight, our nation is at war, our economy is in recession, and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers. Yet the state of our union has never been stronger."

Throughout the speech we were treated to some of the most outlandish statements ever spoken, and we watched as it went from the ridiculous, not to the sublime, but to the subliminal. Did you read between the lines? Did you see the rehearsed body language and the robotic gestures? And, how about those femmings and sycophants in the audience? Spontaneous or rehearsed? Man, what a show! (The basketball games,

Blackonomics Page 7

DFW/ABC Announces Future Journalists Scholarship Opportunity

The Dallas/Ft. Worth scholarships since the Future Scholarship Awards program, Association of Black Journalists students interested in pursuing communications industry.

The application deadline is March 1, 2004. The DFW/ABC Scholarship Award is designed to increase the number of African Americans in Worth Dallas/Fort communications companies. In conjunction with its partners and sponsors, the organization will present scholarships up to \$2,000 to high school and college applications and students. "Thanks to our generous sponsors, more than a quarter of a awards million dollars in organization's

Scholarship which includes many (DFW/ABC) is proud to DFW/ABC President Ira J. guest speaker. The top announce its annual call for Hadnot, a senior writer at scholarship winner will

> Full time college students Memorial and high school seniors who awarded to reflect the journalism

the live in the six counties excellence of a beloved communications fields. surrounding the Dallas-Ft. colleague and mentor. Worth area can apply by Lawrence Young, former training for students through following the executive

DFW/ABC

chapter of The National Communicators Awards began in 1981," said surprises and a dynamic Association for Black Journalists is a not-for-profit professional organization that scholarships for African- The Dallas Morning News. receive the Lawrence Young mentors high school and Scholarship, college students aspiring in DFW/ABC

editor of the its Urban Journalism Arlington Workshop and advocates Morning New balanced and fair media died in 2002, coverage and the promotion

Dallas-Fort Worth Association of Black Communicators journalists of rules in the scholarship Past speakers include Renee communications application located online at Syler, anchor of The Early professionals. Please support www.dfwabc.org. Applicants Show on CBS, Paula the DFW/ABC Future will be judged on the Madison, president and Journalists Scholarship excellence of their completed general manager of KNBC in Program by sponsoring a full work Los Angeles and Gerald or partial Boyd, former New York scholarship, attending our Student winners will be Times managing editor. annual awards program (our DFW/ABC has awarded notified and presented their These individuals have also main fundraiser), buying the given generously to the tickets for students to attend,

DFW/ABC, an affiliate cover the cost of putting on Lock Box 11, Dallas, TX the awards. contribute to the DFW/ABC scholarship@dfwabc.org Future Scholarships Fund or the Donations to DFW/ABC Lawrence Young Memorial are tax-deductible within Scholarship Fund.

To contribute, please make for your check payable to DFW/ABC DFW/ABC, designate what Journalists Scholarships! you would like your For more information, contribution to support and contact Toska Medlock Lee, mail to: DFW/ABC, A.H. scholarship chair at Communications Center, medlocklee@aol.com.

You can 75265. You can an email to Journalists and we'll contact you. limits of the law. Thank you supporting the

Building, 214.729.3107 or by email at

 Who Are the Women of God? · Why is MON-The Gazette Honoring Them On Mother's Day Weekend 2004? What Can You Do To Be A Part Of The Momentous Occasion? Go To www.monthegazette.com (Click on Women Of God) or Contact Sister Tarpley At 972-606-3878 voice mail



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National African American Parent Involvement Day: Take Your Child To School/Visit Your Child in School, Monday, February 9, 2004

submitted.

Conversation!

ANN ARBOR, PRNewswire/ - Across the Nation, NAAPID is the conversation! Plan now to Take Your Child to School Visit Your Child in School on Monday, February 9, 2004 in observance of the Ninth Annual National African

Celebrated annually on the second Monday in February, NAAPID is a national call to action aimed at creating and maintaining positive parent-schoolcommunity partnerships to enhance the academic success of our young people. The initiative was inspired by Joseph Dulin, principal of Roberto Clemente Student Development Center in Ann Arbor, MI. Dulin believes that, "Every parent wants their child to have a better quality of life than they dream, and for many African Americans, this dream has not been realized as a result of their child's failure in school. Education is the key to success and parents are educators' greatest allies." Without question, he Parent Involvement Day

Across the Nation - MAAPID is the eredits the success he has experienced as an educator, for more than 30 years, to parent involvement. "I am convinced, and research shows, the more parents are involved in the educational lives of their children, the better their educational outcomes." Even though the day is specifically designed to be "parent friendly" to pments of children of African American Parent Involvement Day American descent, all parents are encouraged to participate in this win win emdeavor.

during

On this day, thousands of parents and family members visit their children in schools across the nation. The National Parents' Day Coalition and many other groups and individuals have recognized and supported NAAPID, including governors, mayors, school hoards, school officials, business executives and community leaders. This year, it is anticipated that even more parents will visit their children in schools throughout the nation and in some foreign countries. themselves had. It is the American This promises to be the largest gathering of African American parents ever taking their children to school visiting their children in school for NAAPID on Monday, February 9, 2004.

Source: National African American

Nonprofit Sector Research **Fund Accepts Applications for** Hearst Minority Scholarship

Annual DFW/ABC scholarship fund, or making a donation to

Washington, DC - The Fund. Through Nonprofit Research Fund, a grant- to introduce a diverse making program of the group of students to Aspen Institute Washington, DC, annually offers William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship, which is academic excellence and need, is both open undergraduate and graduate students who are members of minority groups. The Hearst Scholar serves as a summer intern with the

Sector program, the Fund seeks in issues relating philanthropy, the voluntarism, nonprofit organizations. Recipients may arrange with their colleges or universities to receive academic credit for this experience. Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2004. For more information about the application process,

www.nonprofitresearch.org

Around The Town

On-going

Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 72.548.4114. You can also

Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland, a miniature grocery store, a farm, a "fungle 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 Call 972.386.6555.

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

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by Team Networking County. The nonprofit, business to-business group oversees several chapters, with the Colin County group meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 pina very Toresday at Blue Mess Grill, \$200 North Daffas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required, and

www.teamnetworking.com.

General Information

The American Red Cross has announced that all blood levels are low. O Negative and O Positive blood types are at a 4hour 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.

American Chemical Society sciences scholarships for minorities: application deadline -Feb. 15. For details about applying for a scholarship, visit www.chemistry.org/scholars or call 1-800-227-5558, extension

The Plano Fire Department is accepting applications for the Spring session of the Citizens Fire Academy, scheduled to begin in March. Participants must be at least 18 years of age and live or work in the City of Plano. Class meets one might a week from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Fire Administration. Register on-line at www.planofire.org Contact Peggy Harrell at 972.941.7421.

The International Library of Photography announces over \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded in the International more information is available. Open Amateur Photography at Contest. Deadline for entries is

information

www.picture.com. Through February 28

The Dallas Center for Contemporary Art presents 'Piece Work: fiber & multiples', a survey of artists working in fiber. including embroidery, stitchery, weaving and fabric Public opening January 16, 8 - 9 p.m. 2801 Swiss Ave, Dallas. Call 214.821.2522, OF www.thecontemporary.net.

February 6

Plano Public Library System hosts its sixth annual Teen Mystery Night at Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Road in Plano, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The play, "America's Idle," (based on the TV show American Idol) was written by PPLS Youth Services staff and will be performed by staff and volunteers. Teen Mystery Night participants are grouped into tearns and work together to solve the mystery. You MUST pre-register, (register early, this event is well attended). Registration beams January 20. Call 972,769, 4206.

The SPCA of Texas hosts a Pet Grief Counseling Program, I p.m., at Dealey Animal Care Center, 36.2 S. Industrial Blvd, Dallas, Call 214.651.9611.

February 7

The Alpha Merit Group of the Dallas Alumniae Chapter of \$5.00, tdults; \$3.00 children & group for those pregnant again

visit: Scholarship Gala at the Hotel 972.542.5340, or Daillas Mockingbird (formerly the Radisson Hotel), 1893 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60.00. Call 214.565.1907, or www.houseofalpha.com.

February 8

21st Annual Dallas Morning News World of Cruises and Sun Showcase Consumer cruise show, featuring first-time cruise seminars, seminars by the major cruise lines and destinations, and vacation specials provided by local travel agents. Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads, 12p.rn. - 5p.m.

Focus on Fitness at The Women's Museum, with Kimberly Nelson. Nelson will sign copies of her book 'The Healthy Lifestyles Program.' A 30-minute gallery talk about famous athletes featured in The Women's Museum follows the book signing. Begins 3p.m. in the SEC Auditorium, Museum admission is \$5 addits \$4 square and students/\$3 children 5-12. Cal 214.915.0860, or visit www:inewomensnuseum.org.

February 11

Enjoy tea and dessents at the 1900. Oper for nours. Tues &

March 1, 2004. Open to Alpha Phi Alpha Firsternity, Inc. seniors; members free. For more following a loss. For everyone and free to enter. For holds it annual Black and Gold information, call 972.569.6909, hearderaiga texorna.net. 200 W Hunt St, McKinney, TX 75069

Log on to www.NTheKnow.com

February 14

50 Years of Progress and Opportunity, 1954-2004 - a black-tie optional celebration with Gospel, jazz, and African drumming as the University of North Texas, to kick off UNT's yearlong observance of integration and the many pioneers desegregation. 7 p.m. in Winspear Hall of the Murchison Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$50. Call the box office 940.369.7802.

February 14 - May 9

Nasher Sculpture Center 972.897.9932, or visit: presents 'Picasso: The Cubist Portraits of Fernande Olivier,' as its first traveling exhibition. \$10 students free for children under 12. 2001 Flora Street, Dallas. 214.242.5100, or visit: www.nashersculpturecenter.org.

Support Groups

Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. at Medical Center of Plano diassrooms. This is a prognancy loss support group for anyone Heard Craig House built in who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectapic preignancy, Thur, 2:00pm; Sat 1:00, 2:00ck stillbirth, newborn death, on 300 pm and by appointment. SIDS. There is also a share

information call 972-519-

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, 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. 972.590.1343. 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.

Who Are the Women of God? Them On Mother's Day Weekend 2004?

What Can You Do To Be A Part Of

(Click on Women Of God) or Contact Sister Tarpley At 972-606-3878 voice mail



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THE TRUTH CLINIC What Have You Done For Me Lately?

A well known political axiom is also part of the questioning lyrics in the Janet Jackson hit record, "What Have You Done For Me Landys" In the dog-eat-dog world of politics this question is explicitly and implicitly asked of candidates during every election cycle.

The Dallas Morning News broached the subject in a recent article discussing the forthcoming March primary race that will star as protagonists, incumbent Dallas County commissioner John Wiley Price and challenger, Dallas County justice of the peace Charles Rose. The "former friendsnow enemies" plot line is weak, shallow and irrelevant. It would not be worthy of comment if it weren't for the fact that it is characteristic of a serious deficiency in Black politics at the local, state and national levels.

The Black community is not monolithic in ideology, philosophy or needs and as such is deserving of substantive debate on impact issues. Too many leaders in the Black community have fallen into an ownership mindset and believe their positions are a legacy based on some previous notoriety instead of a continuing earned privilege.

John Wiley Price has been a Dallas County Commissioner for some 20 years. Judge Rose insists the district needs to move in a different direction. initial Price-Rose rhetoric to define the relevant issues was pathetic and an insult to the District 3 voters.

The issues presented were: whether or not preserving an old "whites only" water fountain sign in the Dallas County Records Building was warranted; should a white candidate have been endorsed and was a county redistricting decision that eliminated a justice-of-the-peace court indicative of a sell out.

One would hope that these insignificant items would be the warm-ups leading to a discussion of the real issues. However, there was no discussion of how the Commissioner's Court budget of some \$600 million is being distributed. Who is getting the money? Is the current commissioner dispensing '20 percent of the court's budget pie since he represents 20 the court`s percent of membership?

In the intensely competitive society in which we live and fight for survival, how the political pie of money, goods and services is split up is a function of who participates in the slicing. Blacks have not been sufficiently attentive to the political process and, therefore, Black interests are not a priority at the decision

The Black politician, in his role as leader, attempts to balance the demands of the Black masses with his personal However, those interests. personal interests intimately tied to the agenda of the white political machine that controls the money. When it comes to the fundamental interests of Blacks such as employment, housing, education and health the Black politician's position invariably in line with what is best for the white interests.

Blacks have used the courts and the Congress to obtain many policy changes in the civil rights arena. But in other areas, such as economic development, there has been minimal sticcess. The records are full of public programs that have been authorized but are www.truthclinic.com

over a Black candidate in a rendered ineffective by a lack of recent City Council election; adequate funding. Since Black advocacy groups do not have the leverage to hold their own in the policymaking process Blacks still must rely on other groups to help represent their interests. Black groups also tend to gravitate toward emotional agendas that are suited to instant public gratification and media

attention. Blacks have had to spend most of their resources and energies in defensive politics and fighting the same civil rights battles over and over. This prevented Blacks from becoming effective players in proactive policy making and positioning themselves to push their own agendas.

Blacks need to take a lesson in political gamesmanship from President Bush. During the three years he has been in office he focused on his primary goal of establishing and controlling global economy. financing for this ambitious undertaking comes from robbing and plundering the national treasury through laws and executive orders that place billions in the hands of selected members of his conservative cabal. manipulated and coerced the Congress, the American public the International community to be passive partners in his misguided, greedy, power-hungry quest.

If Blacks wish to be more than submissive bystanders in a political process that is giving other groups increasing shares of America's national pie they better place the "What Have You Done For Me Lately" question on the table and demand answers before casting their ballots.

James W. Breedlove Comments or opinions may

be sent to the writer at:

You & Your Government

City of Plano

Plano City Council District 1 Neighborhood Roundtable is scheduled for February 12, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Courtyard Theater, 1509 Avenue H. City council members and city staff will be in attendance to answer any questions about city services and programs and take home recommendations ior further study or individual concerns for further investigation. Light refreshments will be served.

The City of Plano Fire Department has resources available to help you know what to do in case of terrorism, chemical or radiological events, and a Residential and Emergency Disaster Initiative (REDI) handbook. For details log onto www.planofire.org.

PISD

tarents enrolling their children in one of Plano Independent School District's three carly childhood schools will see a sharp rise in cost, from \$207 to \$300. There are still openings at Beatty, Barron Pearson childhood schools for children who turn three or four years of age by September 1, 2004. The schools offer morning and afternoon sessions.

City of Frisco

At a recent Town Hall meeting in Frisco, plans for the new five-story city hall and public library were unveiled. Half of the building will enclose the city council chambers, offices for city staff and a 'City Room' for ceremonial functions among others. The other half will be devoted to the public library. Groundbreaking is set for this summer.

Collin County

The County Collin Geographic Information Services (GIS) and Elections Departments are aggressively preparing for the March primary election in the wake of congressional redistricting, and are helping voters find their precinct through the upgrade of the county's interactive mapping system. New voter registration certificates will be mailed out shortly, but people can also check their voter precinct now, via internet.

To find out your voter precinct, simply log on to the site below, clicking on the "Interactive Map" box on the County's home page. Once this loads, click on "County Precincts," followed by a check under "Voting." From there, type in your address and zip code. The County's website

www.collincountytx.gov

State of Texas

Texas motorists need to be aware of a law that was passed on September 1. 2003 - Texas Transportation Code Section 545.157. took effect to enhance the safety of police, fire, and emergency medical services personnel performing their duty on our roadways. This new law requires drivers nearing a stopped emergency vehicle that has lights activated, unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer to:

1. Vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle, if the highway has two or more lanes traveling the direction of the emergency vehicle; or

2. Slow to a speed not more than 20 miles per hour (mph) less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 mph or more; or

3. Slow to a speed not more than five mph when the posted speed limit is less than 25 mph.

A violation punishable by a maximum fine of \$200. If the violation results in property damage. the maximum fine increases to \$500. If the violation results in bodily injury, the offense is enhanced to a Class B misdemeanor.

The Debate Between W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington

W.E.B. Du Bois, a towering black

intellectual, scholar and political

thinker (1868-1963) said no--

Washington's strategy would serve

Two great leaders of the black community in the late 19th and 20th century were W.E.B. Du Bois and Booker T. Washington. However, they sharply disagreed on strategies for black social and economic progress. Their opposing philosophics can be found in much of today's discussions over how to end class and racial injustice, what is the role of black leadership, and what do the 'haves'

owe the havenots' in the black community.

Booker T. Washington educator reformer and most influentional black leader of his time (1856-1915)preached n philosophy of

self-help. тасін solidarity and accomodation. He urged blacks to accept discrimination for the time being and concentrate on elevating themselves through hard work and material prosperity. He believed in education in the crafts,

industrial and farming skills and the

cultivation of the virtues of patience,

enterprise and thrift. This, he said,

would win the respect of whites and

lead to African Americans being fully

accepted as citizens and integrated

only to perpetuate white oppression. Du Bois advocated political action and a civil rights agenda the helped found the NAACP). In addition, he argued that social change could be

into all strata of society.

group of college-educated blacks he called "the Talented Tenth:

At the time, Washington Du Bois dispute oolarized African American leaders into two wings-the 'conservative' supporters of Washington and his 'radical' The Du Bois critics. philosophy of agitation and protest for civil rights flowed directly into the Civil Rights movement which began to develop in the 1950's and exploded in the 1960's. Booker

T. today is associated, perhaps unfairly, with help/colorblind/Republican Clarence Thomas Thomas Sowell wing of the black community and its leaders. The Nation of Islam and Maulanu Karenga's Afrocentrism derive too from this strand out of Booker T's philosophy. However, the latter advocated withdrawal from the mainstream in the name of economic advancement

"As I came to see it," said DuBois,

that was not his to barter. Certainly I did not believe that the skills of an artisan bricklayer, plasterer, or shoemaker, and the good furmer would cause the white South, grimly busy with disfranchisement and separation, to change the direction of things. I realized the need for what Washington was doing. Yet it seemed to me he was

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> he and his hopes had been rejected and that he had, without so intending, helped make stronger and more flercely defended - a separation and rejection that made a mockery of all he had hoped and dreamed. I felt-grief for him when I learned of his death because I believe he died in sorrow and a sense of heirayat. (Excerpt from November 1965 interview by Ralph



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Leave Your Legacy: February is Black History Month

Not eyerything that is each year. Africanfaced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced. -- James Baldwin, African-American novelist (1924-1987)

February marks the celebration of black history and heritage, commemorating birthdays of such African-American pioneers as Douglass, Frederick W.E.B. DuBois and Rosa Parks. Black History Month is not just about the way we live today.

today are the ones we'll have to live tomorrow. It's time to face your risk, take charge of your health and create a legacy for yourself, your family and generations to come. You don't have to history cardiovascular disease dictate your future.

Heart disease is the number one killer of African-American men and women, claiming more than 100,000 lives

Americans are 30 percent more likely to die of heart disease than Caucasians. Black women also share a and are twice as likely as white women to develop heart disease. Certain risk factors, such as high blood pressure, tend to be more prevalent in the black community but usually can be controlled through behavior modifications and healthier lifestyles.

One in four adults has history - it's also about high blood pressure, or hypertension, and many The choices we make don't even know it. High blood pressure can be extremely dangerous - it's called the "silent killer" since there are no visible symptoms. High blood pressure is also a leading cause of stroke. African-Americans are much more likely than others to develop high blood pressure early in life, and blood pressure elevation tends to be more severe. Hypertension can affect women just as easily as men.

just one of the risk factors still plaguing the African- preventable cause of death. American community. disproportionate burden, (previously referred to as fighting for. It's worth it to adult-onset diabetes) is also a major risk factor for February, ask yourself, cardiovascular disease, what is your heart worth? and African-Americans are almost twice as likely cardiovascular as Caucasians to develop it. Close to 65 percent of visit people with diabetes will www.americanheart.org. die from some form of cardiovascular disease. Type 2 diabetes is often linked to obesity and physical inactivity. Being overweight or obese can exacerbate existing risk factors. African-American women especially should take this to heart since nearly 80 percent are considered overweight.

The good news? Heart largely and the preventable, majority of heart attacks are due to unhealthy lifestyles. Aside from monitoring your blood pressure and weight, you should also check your cholesterol and, if you

High blood pressure is smoke, quit. Smoking is the

> The legacy of a long and diabetes healthy life is worth face your risks. This

> > To learn more about diseases and African-Americans, our website at

What factors increase a person's risk of developing high blood pressure?

Medical science doesn't understand what causes most cases of high blood pressure, so it's hard to say how to prevent it. Several factors may contribute to

Heredity. People whose parents have high blood pressure are more likely to develop it than those whose parents don't.

Race. African Americans are more likely to have high blood pressure than Caucasians.

Male sex. Men have a greater risk of high blood pressure than women until age 55, when their respective risks are similar. At age 75 and older, women are more likely to develop high blood pressure than men.

Increasing age. pressure tends to increase with age, and older people are more likely to have high blood pressure. Sodium (salt) sensitivity.

Obesity and overweight. What other related factors contribute to high blood

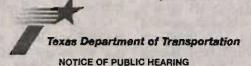
Sedentary or inactive lifestyle. Try to get at least 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity on most days.

Heavy alcohol consumption. Experts recommend that drinkers medications.

limit themselves to no more than 1-2 drinks per day.

Diabetes mellitus, gout and kidney disease. People with these conditions have a higher frequency of high blood

Pregnancy. Use of some oral contraceptives and some other



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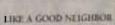


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Dallas Celebrates 27th Anniversary of Black Heritage Stamp Series with Dramatic Tributes to Paul Robeson

DALLAS, TX - District Manager Carl T. January, Jr. of the United States Postal Service will host a special stamp unveiling ceremony honoring Paul Robeson on Sunday, February 15th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, Dallas, TX. The Paul Robeson stamp is the 27th stamp in the Black Heritage series issued by the U.S. Postal Service. The public is invited to join the Postal Service in a celebration of Paul Robeson's life and legacy.

"It is appropriate that Paul Robeson was selected to be honored in this series," said January. "His legacy as an artist, activist and intellectual has been recognized worldwide."

Murry E. Weatherall, Vice President of Diversity Development for the Postal Service, will help dedicate the stamp. "The Postal Service is extremely proud of the Black Heritage series, and we are honored to add Robeson's name to the distinguished list that makes up this stamp series."

A dramatic tribute to Paul Robeson will be performed by accomplished actor and director, Keenan Zeno, founder of Cake Theatre Center, Inc., along with special performances by Molina High School Choir and Jazz Band, and Booker T. Washington Arts Magnet High School.

Robeson achieved worldwide fame as an actor, singer, athlete and activist. He joins 26 other outstanding African-American activists, theorists, educators and leaders honored

by the Black Heritage series, including Martin Luther King, Jr.; Benjamin Banneker;

Dr. Carter G. Woodson; Madam C.J. Walker; Malcolm X (El-Haji Malik El-Shabazz); Patricia Roberts Harris; Roy Wilkins; Langston Hughes; and Thurgood Marshall, who was honored in January 2003.

Born in Princeton, N.J. on April 9, 1898, Robeson broad range of talents was evident as early as high school, where he was an outstanding student and athlete. In 1915, he entered Ruigers College (now Ruigers University) on a scholarship and became the third African American to attend the school. He graduated as class valedictorian in 1919. Robeson was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and an All-American football

From 1920 to 1923, Robeson helped pay his way through Columbia Law School in New York

City by working as an athlete and a performer. He played professional football, served as assistant football coach at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and starred in the 1922 play "Taboo" in New York and in London (where it was renamed "Voodoo"). Robeson was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

After graduating from law school, Robeson briefly worked in a law firm, but he resigned after a white secretary refused to take dictation from him. By 1924, he had devoted himself to career as a performer, playing the roles productions of two Eugene O'Neill plays: "All God's Chillun Got Wings" Wings" and "The Emperor Jones." He played numerous stage roles during his career, but he was best known for his interpretation of the title

character in Shakespeare's "Othello." Robeson was renowned worldwide for his talents as a singer. He helped establish African-American spirituals as a legitimate American art form. In addition to his famous repertoire of spirituals, Robeson became wellknown for performing and interpreting folk songs from around the world-"Ol' Man River," from the musical "Showboat," became his signature

Between 1925 and 1942, Robeson also appeared in several American and British movies, including the "The Emperor Jones," "Show Boat," "King Solomon's Mines," "Jericho," and his favorite, "The Proud Valley." His image became the personification of human dignity. Discouraged by the limited roles available to black actors in Hollywood, Robeson announced in 1942 he would no longer appear in

Well known as an activist, Robeson was an outspoken participant in labor and peace movements, and his public appearances were intused with his strong political beliefs, especially his principled stand against racism in the U.S. and around the world. He was opposed to colonialism in Africa and worked to assist and support African liberation

Movements. Alarmed by the spread of fascism in Europe, Robeson was also a prominent

supporter of the Allied was effort during World War II. In 1945, the NAACP awarded him its highest

honor for achievement among African Americans, the prestigious Spingarn Medal

Robeson died on Jan. 23, 1976, at the age of 77. His posthumous honors his wide range of accomplishments: In 1978 he was honored by the United Nations for his opposition to apartheid in South

Africa, in 1995 he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, and in 1998 he received a Grammy Award for Lifetime Achievement. Many schools, community centers and theaters have been named for him, as well numerous academic and

cultural institutions. Richard Sheaff of Scottsdale, Ariz., was the designer and art director for the stamp. The stamp art is a detail of a circa 1943

photograph of Robeson. Although the photo-grapher is unknown, an inscription by Robeson in the lower left corner of the print suggests that Montreal-based photographers Annette and Basil Zarov made the original photograph.

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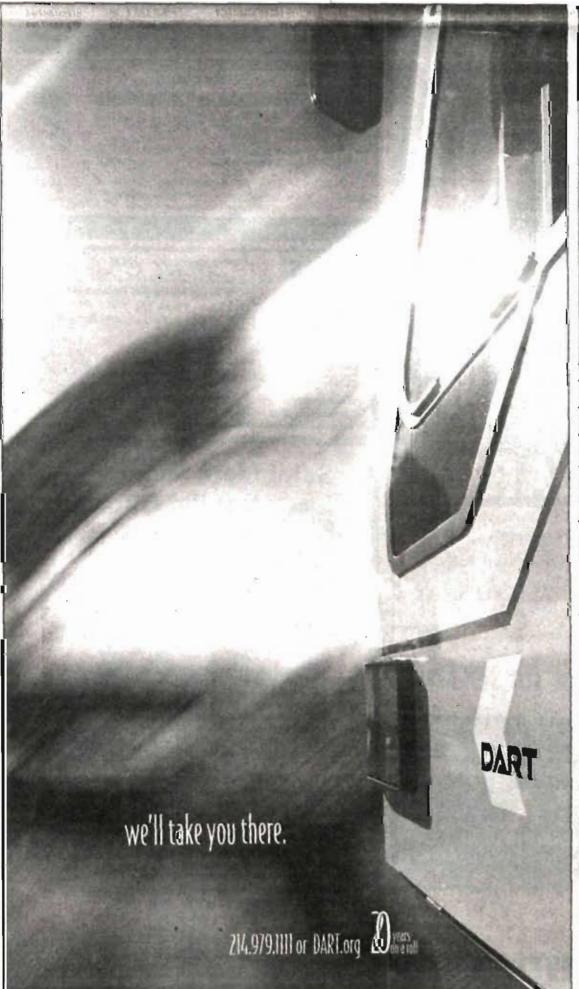


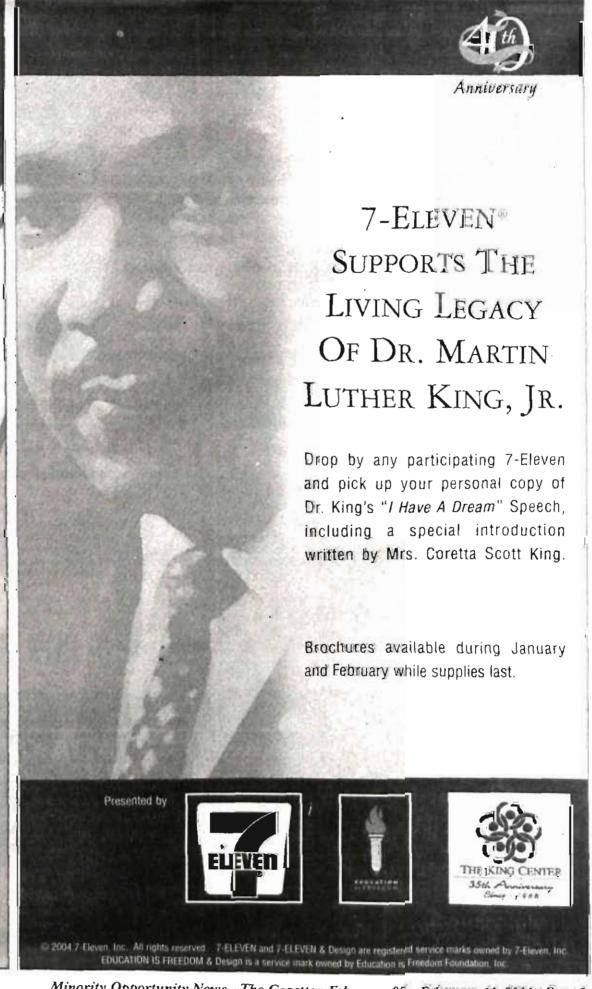
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Arts & Entertainment

Worker Says Janet Jackson Rehearsal Was Tamer

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS -Before the Super Bowl, Sundays show. Justin Tumberlake and James version of the now-infamous breast-bearing performance during their halftime show, a worker who saw the rehearsals said Wednesday

removing Jackson's jacketnot exposing her breast before Sunday's game, said David Spear, who attended the rehearsals as a consultant for Pyrotecnico. the company hired by MTIV to produce pyrotechnics during halftime

Spear said Jackson was

wearing both a jacket and a CBS station, the fine could Rock had tossed his U.S. flag piouse underneath during

Jackson has amiliarized Jackson rehearsed a tamer repeatedly for what nappened at the end of her Timberlake snatched off part of her bustier on stage, revealing a breast clad in a Timberlake practiced "nipple shield" to about 89 million viewers.

"That's not how it was in rehearsals several days rehearsed." Spear said Wednesday. "It was clear that night that there was going to be one scene where he would remove her jacket. The clear assumption was that she would have something on underneath."

CBS faces a Federal wearing a sweater and jeans. Communications reach into the millions. during the rehearsal. Commission investigation



Janet Jackson is shown in a videotape had no prior knowledge of released to the media Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, in Los Angeles in which she apologized for the breast-haring incident during her performance at the Super Bowl halftime show Jackson had previously apologized Monday night in a written statement. (AP Photolf-NEX Media)

Spear, who lives in New Timberlake pantonimed into whether the Super Bowl Orleans, said MTV changed removing a jacket, said show violated decency laws, a number of elements of the Spear, who added that he with potential fines of up to halftime show during her antics."

By Doug Simpson, assumed Jackson would be \$27,500. If applied to each rehearsals. Performer Kid

I-shirt into the crowd during rehearsals, but was told to hand the shirt to a band member instead. Spear said.

He also said they changed camera angles to screen out a scantily clad dancer.

Tom Freston chairman of MTV Networks, has said he welcomes the FCCs investigation, which he said will prove that the show's producers and broadcasters the stunt. MTV produced the halftime show.

Spear said he believed CBS and MTV were unaware that Jackson's breast would be exposed during the show.

"I think they snookered," Spear said. "I think they got blindsided by

Barbershop 2: Back in Business



This sequel to the original Barbershop stars Ice Cube as Calvin, the proprietor of independent neighborhood barbershop in South Chicago with a clientele as ourspoken as its

barbers (who include Cedric the Entertainer). When corporate hair franchise Nappy Cutz moves in across-

Catch That Kid

the street a battle for business begins. Starts February 6, 2004



Catch That Kid, a remake of the Danish movie Klatretosen, is about 12-year-old Maddy (Kristen Stewart), who attempts with her two pals to rob a high-tech bank where her mom (Jennifer Beals) works as a security

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Erykah Badu Kicks Off 28-City National Tour



YORK, PRNewswire - Erykah Badu kicked off her 28city national Worldwide Underground Part II tour on Tuesday, February 3rd in New Orleans. The acclaimed singer songwriter has an 2003 armload Grammy Award nominations under her belt, recently completed her latest film venture and released her third studio project, an EP titled, Worldwide Underground. The ser debuted in the Top 10 of

The Billboard 200. The critically acclaimed EP has been certified gold and is fast approaching platinum. The set has spawned Grammy nominations, in the following categories. "Best Female R&B Vocal Performance" ("Back In The Day"); "Best Urban/Alternative Performance" ("Danger"), "Best R&B Song" ("Danger"); and "Best R&B Album."

Released in mid-September, Worldwide Underground contains new songs Bada crafted while on her worldwide "Frustrated Artist Tour" throughout 2002-2003. Worldwide Underground features collaborations Lenny Kravitz ("Back In The Day"), Roy Hargrove ("Think Twice"), Queen Latifah,

Angie Stone and the Up"), among others.

who wrote and directed upcoming

The touring jaunt. Neo-soul drama. slated for a fall release.

"House Of D. featuring February 8th -- and the February

Bahamadia ("Funk You independent project is newcomers Floetry will serve as the opening act Ms. Badu recently But in the midst of the for the 28-city tour, wrapped production on Grammy Awards - which has been routed her third movie project, a which will be telecast live for six weeks, kicking off starring role in the film, from Los Angeles on in New Orleans on Robin Williams, Tea theatrical release of the commencing on March Leoni, Orlando Jones movie, the Dallas native 14th in Orlando. Tour and David Duchovny, will embark on her dates and venues are national listed below.

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Comcast and Showtime Presents a Celebration of Diversity Show to Benefit Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts

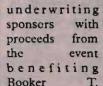
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Irving, TX - Comcast and Showtime Networks will present "A Celebration of Diversity," in honor of Black History month at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 at the Angelika Film Center, located at 5321 E. Mockingbird chair, Lane in Dallas. The event features the Dallas Entertainer Awards honoring lay Franke, a Booker T. Washington High School graduate and acclaimed dancer, and actress Malinda Comcast Williams, "Bird" of Soul Food 8. The event will also feature the Texas big screen premiere of the Showtime original series Soul sponsors Food 5th season episode. proceeds The evening activities begin at the

7 p.m. with the induction of Franke and Williams into the "Dallas Entertainers' Walk of Fame". As part of the induction, Franke and Williams will place

their hands in concrete molds help nurture future Dallas prior to the showing of the film. entertainers.

Additionally, the City of Dallas Mayor's office honorary Dallas Council member Veletta Lill has proclaimed February 19 as "Diversity Day." and Showtime Networks are the



Washington High School for the Performing and

Malinda Williams as Bird in the Showtime hit series, event Soul Food, will be one of the honorees at the "Celebration of Diversity", benefiting Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts

The public is invited to attend Visual Arts Scholarship Fund to the Texas premiere of the Showtime Original series Soul Food®. A dramatic series based on the 1997 hit film of the same name, Soul Food® premiered on Showtime in June, 2000. The fifth and final season of this successful original series premieres on Showtime February 25 on Comcast Digital Cable Channel 575 in Dallas.

Lessons of Black History Page 1

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Thernstrom report in their

new book "No Excuses" that

the average black student "at

the end of high school has

academic skills that are about

In important ways, the

quality of African American

life is not just lagging behind

dramatically deteriorating

against where we were 40

years ago. Seventy percent of

black families were intact

then, with fathers and mothers

at home. Today, two out of

every three black children

Seven out of ten black

babies are now born to unwed

mothers, triple the number in

the 60's. Crime and drug use

is rampant in the inner cities.

Around 50 percent of inner

city young black males are

both unemployed and not in

school. Fifty percent of new

AIDS cases are in the black

Some claim that these

troubling statistics show that

blacks need even more

government. In a recent

article in The American

Prospect, Lisbeth Schorr of

Harvard says that it will take

\$125 billion dollars every year

for another 25 years (\$3,000

per year for every black man,

woman, and child) to achieve

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Introducing

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"We are proud to partner with Showtime Networks and present an event benefiting the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts," said Hank Fore, Comcast Vice President and General Manager for the Dallas Market - East District. "This event celebrates the diversity of our city and we hope our customers will enjoy the

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Mt. Olive Church Page 1

peace, it would behoove you to be on one accord with your spouse. That requires a discriminative level communicative exchange and that includes listening," said Fenceroy. Church attendee and single mother of three, Pam Gipson said Pastor Fenceroy has mastered the gift of listening with both the spiritual and natural ears. "My family needed the sense of fostering that a smaller church provides especially, during my children's most impressionable ages. Mount Olive Church of Plano and Pastor Fenceroy have provided that link and counsel we have needed. It's just nice to know that when people are praying yields for you, they really know who

The church is becoming

outreach ministries. Fenceroy is an adept leader keenly aware of effective multi-tasking. A veteran businessman, Fenceroy was one of the initial founders of the ColorTyme Rental facilities where he successfully owned and operated over 20 stores. Hailing from a small town of Wilmot, Arkansas, two cautioning words given by a dear friend, "Be Aggressive". Fenceroy candidly terms "stuff", "If you go through life trying to achieve "stuff", once you achieve those things, you'll realize it's not the "stuff" that the reward but something much more precious," said Fenceroy.

Fenceroy's fast train ride of increasingly vital to the East success quickly derailed in 1988 when he learned that all his "stuff" was only a masking

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change his life, "Jesus Christ". From 1988 to now, Fenceroy's business plan is skillfully tailored for the Body of Christ where the vision is to Unite the Body of Christ according to Galatians 3:28. "I wouldn't trade millions for what I'm doing now," said Fenceroy.

Elder Barbara Sullivan Fenceroy says he knew nothing agrees, " Pastor Sam and his about business but attributes wife Gloria are excellent the pivotal point of success to examples of how to grow a flock". Elder Lloyd Spence, Minister of Music, said that the That pathway quickly led to vision of Mount Olive Church acquisitions of many things of Plano is infectious as it seeks to attract all people. "We're on our way to breaking down the barriers that have held so many churches captive. Our church reflects Heaven- all people and nations," said Spence. Spence is busy in his labors as the instructor for "Practical Theology" 101 and 102- a class enriching the Christian life-. "My passion is training the youth. It's important that they

know their calling and what it

Once students have

they enter into the career

transition period. During this

period, students are assigned a

transition coordinator, who can

assist with job placement.

Graduates can pursue various

paths after graduation including

the work force, college, military

program has a partnership here

in North Dallas with Collin

County Community College,

which makes it possible for

graduates to reside on the North

Texas Job Corp center and be

The and advanced training. The

means to be in true ministry,' said Spence.

Surrounded by faithful and ministers, Fenceroy is lovingly covered by his faithful wife Gloria of 26 years, and 4 daughters, Samantha, Salena, Sabrina, and Celia. The marriage class attracts both members and non-members.

From prison to youth development ministries, Mount Olive Church of Plano is making its mark. The church has even adopted a free singing lessons ministry to brave souls who are willing to try their hand at the arts.

For a piece of "Heaven" one might try visiting Mount Olive Church of Plano for Sunday worship services at 8:00 am and 11:00 am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:15 pm, and

transported to CCCC for classes. In addition, graduates 118 other Job Corps centers for advanced vocational training.

Job Corps is the nation's oldest, largest and most comprehensive residential job training/career development program for young men and women between the ages of 16 through 24. Funded and established by the Department of Labor, the mission of the program is to provide young adults with the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in their future.

African-American Studies department, is former editor of Cincinnati Herald Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African Chamber American Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and is the author of the book, "Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement-We have a Choice." He can be reached at (513) 489-4132, or e-mail

Marriage Classes on Sundays at 9:45 am. See their church ad on the inside back page of MON-The Gazette for more

"This is the next and more profound stage of the battle for civil rights. We seek not rred to one of the just opportunity...

Hand wringing liberals and ambitious black politicians joined hands and began educating blacks then that they couldn't handle being free. They laid the foundation of a new political plantation that displaced the pillars of values, faith, family, and personal responsibility with the catechism of victimization and dependency. The result is what we see today.

The success of welfare reform in 1996 hints at what we can expect if we allow blacks the dignity of freedom Despite choice. predictions by liberals of impending doom if we started to dismantle the welfare bureaucracy, today there are 37 percent fewer mothers with custody living in poverty and 47 percent fewer children reported by the Agriculture Department as being hungry, compared to before welfare reform.

The black history lesson of

you are," Gipson explained.

Plano community in their efforts to effect growth through a diverse core of of two new words that would

Congressman Encourages Page 1

has seen the progress Job community. "North Texas Job Corps has produced during his more than 20 years in congress. disadvantaged youth," said Job Corps enriches the lives of Renaldo Williams, Business and the students and the Community Liaison for North community they reside within. Texas Job Corps. The program has especially increased revenue for various traditional classroom setting the come to Job Corps for a new in McKinney North Dallas area. and fresh start to learning," According to Hall, Job Corps is a positive addition to North Texas. Hall pledged his continued support of the Job Corps program and the youth

"We like to think of ourselves hands-on learning according to

Blackonomics Page 1 that is.)

Picture this. The Bush administration is now presiding over the plan to bring "fair" elections to the people of Iraq. Rumor has it they will send Katherine Harris and Jeb Bush to monitor all of those chads. That's like sending Vice President Dick Cheney on a mission to decrease the price of oil, or sending Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on a mission to stop the war.

"Our nation has never been stronger." Give me a break! If that's true, we'd better start packing our bags right now and making plans to get out before things get any better. I don't think we can stand any more prosperity like this.

With 2 million fewer jobs than when he took office, Bush was really talking turkey when ne said, "The tax cuts are working." But then again, tax cuts don't mean a thing if you ain't got no job. According to an analysis conducted by Republicons.org, in December 2000 almost 15.5 million were African-Americans employed but that number had dropped to 14.68 million by December 2003.

Furthermore, the Census data show that the number of White households that now earn more than \$100,000 annually grew by nearly twice as much as the number of Black households: 1.3 million

additional White households earned more than \$100K while only 51, 000 African-American households joined the ranks.

The "Resident" talked about his vaunted, albeit co-opted from Children's Defense Fund President Marian Wright Edelman, Leave No Child Behind Program, but failed to say that program was underfunded by several billion dollars. He pretended to give honor to the soldiers whose families are left to mourn their loss, but I guess he forgot to tell us about that cut in veterans' benefits.

GWB talked about marriage, family, ex-offenders, sex education, and promoted his faith-based initiative concept. He told us all the great things that are taking place in Iraq and Afghanistan, how happy the children are now that they can go to school, and how content the women are now that they are no longer oppressed. Although the mysterious weapons of mass destruction have never been found, we were told that the United States is safer now and the world is a safer place as well because we went to Iraq preemptively and unilaterally (Oops, I forgot about our "ally after ally after ally" as Bush said when he referred to Eritrea, Poland and the other countries: that "supported" us).

Things could not be better according to GWB and apparently to some of those in the gallery who rose to their feet

every time he breathed. He practiced his little speech and delivered it well; he didn't say anything, but he delivered it

The subliminal message in GWB's words was that there is more of the same to come if he is elected. He danced around the issues and did not give much detail on the broad areas he discussed, but he sure did look "presidential" didn't he? What does tennis pro Agassi say? "Image is everything." Word is that GWB is planning to spend more, or should I say "give" more to his buddies in Halliburton et al, by asking for another \$50 billion to be dumped into Iraq. According to the non-partisan Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, the request "won't come until after the November 2 presidential election." I wonder

And so it goes, brothers and sisters. Rather than from the ridiculous to the sublime, we go from the ridiculous to the subliminal with GWB. I dread the thought of another four years with him, but it is very likely that we will see it again. And who knows, we just might see the prospect of another Bush, namely Jeb, for another eight years. Talk about ridiculous. Heaven help us.

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's

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with little physical or political

Blacks today, particularly black youth, want real freedom and must remember that, as with Dr. King, the answer lies within ourselves. Morally, we must reconstruct the framework of values within our community. Politically, we need school choice, lower taxes, and personal retirement accounts to replace the regressive payroll tax. By embracing freedom, morally and politically, blacks can achieve both Dr. King's dreams and their own.

Star Parker is president of CURE, the Coalition on Renewal Urban Education and author of the new book, Uncle Sam's Plantation. She can be contacted www.urbancure.org

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Before the screening, honorees Jay Franke and Malinda Williams will conduct Master Classes in dance and acting respectively, at 1:30 p.m. inside Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. (BTWHSPVA) located at 2501 Plora Street in the Arts District. As in years past, BTWHSPVA student mimes and musicians will also perform outside the theatre prior to the start of the evening program.

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PROJECT CIF-224 Generally consists of installing fencing on the President George Bush Turnpike at the White Rock Creek Bridge. Approx. Quantities: 2,100 LF Fence, 86 CY Class B Concrete (Mowing strip), and 2 EA Vehicular gates. Bid packet cost is \$50. Plans will be available after Wednesday, February 4th. THEREWILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12th at 10:00 A.M. AT THE NTTA MAIN OFFICES IN PLANO. Contact Sherry at 214-461-2049 for more information.

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Sister **Tarpley**

The Jabez Prayer Network celebrated its first annual JABEZ Congressional Prayer Conference at the Sterling Hotel in Dullas, was a spirit led conference that praised God and individuals were constantly praying to

It started on a Friday, with Minister Sandra Martin presenting a Spiritual Mapping Workshop. Adapted from Arthur Burk, she discussed Redemptive Gifts of Cities that included common and root gifts with explanations of characteristics, iniquities and virtue

You would be hard pressed to find a Master of Ceremony for the evening service as blessed and good as Dr. Tony Bello. This man was truly on fire for God. With his leadership the audience praised and worshiped God throughout the

Prophetess Alice Robinzine wa the Moderator for the Intercessory Prayer with Prayer Leaders Minister loyce Brown, Evangelists Carrie Livingston, and Anthony Moses and Rhema Christian Fellowship Intercessors moving about praying

for everything in sight, the conference, the people that were coming and going from the conference, the building, the room, the chairs the city, leaders of our country and all Christians that are helping to build God's Kingdom. You could feel the spirit throughout the room.

The Pillar of Truth International Church lead the Praise and Worship Service with Prayer by Elder Nasolia Williams, Scripture by Minister Sandra Martin, a warm spiritual welcome by Minister Patricia Williams and spiritual dancing by the Freedom in the

Dance Ministries group.
On Friday and Saturday Minister Monaque Woods performed "A Silhouette of Glory Dance" that put the audience in the Presence of God. If you ever have an opportunity to see Minister Woods perform, don't be guilty of missing her. Freelance Writer Cathy Johnson reported on "The Call" recently held in Dallas that she wrote about in the December 4th Edition of MON-The Gazette- The Adkinson Family Singers performed a selection and left the audience

If you have not heard Janet Rae Assens, sharing SHOFAR Blessings, you have missed a great Heavenly treat; she takes you straight

Jabez Prayer Network Conference

of Ministries by Minister Stanley, speaking on behalf of his wife, Rosalind Stanley of the BOG Hope Center and Pastor Rocioda Barnor of

Minister Shirley Clark greeted the audience both Friday and Saturday. She told us how God gave her the vision and inspiration for the Jabez Prayer Network and how He is working everything out for the organization. She said that nothing could stop her from doing the work of God because He confirmed several times (she asked Him for more than one

(L-R) Minister Shirley Clark, Dr. Tony Bello,

and Prophet David Fees

confirmation) His mission for her. If you need

or want to hear a powerful testimony, please call

Minister Clark; her testimony will help you with

any trial that you are going through. After Minister Clark, Paster Donald Cleveland

brought the audience up-to-date on the Jabez

spiritual and excited when she introduced the speaker for the evening. After hearing Dr. Sheba Kulothungan I easily understood why Minister Bolan-Yerby's introduction was so

Minister Sharon Bolan-Yerby was quite

Dr. Kulothungan closed Friday night service

with such force that the audience left inspired,

moved and still worshiping God as they left the

place. Minister Clark said that she expected God to do just what He did.

She encouraged Christians to get to know the God behind the miracles and to seek God's face and not His Hand. She said that God's

Kingdom couldn't come down for you until you do His will. Dr. Kulorhungan said that Christians should say, "God, not my will but Thy will be done." She asked the audience,

Where are you in your walk with God?" She

said that the "crown" comes after the "cross (suffering)". She told the Christians that the

travail comes in seasons (waves).

Prayer Network since its inception

Dr. Kulothungan said that Christians go through a four-step process before they come to victory. Obedience to God is first, then sacrifice, and finally suffering. She autioned Christians not to discredit suffering in the Kingdom of God because if you want Jesus, you have to travail before you can move to your next level in God. She also said that the good news is, "If you carry Jesus on the inside-Heaven will protect you!" Moses Lazorus, one of only three nominated

youths for West Point from our area this year is the son of Dr. Kulothungan and closed out the ening service with a special musical

The conference ended Saturday with Prophet Dominique Josue as the moderator for Intercessory Prayer. Prayer Leaders were Ministers Sherene Pero, Joyce Brown, Jackie Kelly, Ellyn Neal and Evangelist The Breaking of Day Family

Church conducted the Praise & Worship Service, with Anne Quest reading a scripture, Dr. Linda Morable talked on "Life Languages and J. R. Smith talked on "National

Pastoral & Prophetic Insight were given by Pastors Lee Edwards, David Fees, Donald & Frances Cleveland, Curbe & Malinda Scott, Emmanuel Okon, and Dexter & Linda Lewis.

For another blessing from God, you should make plans to attend the next Annual Jabez Prayer Network's Congressional Prayer Conference.

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February 14 (call for time) Basketball Game-Youth vs. Adult For more information, call 972-424-8500.

All Nations United Methodist Church Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor 3415 E. 14th Street Plano, TX 75074 972-424-8500

CAMP WISDOM UMC

February 15, 2004, 4:00 pm Annual Scholarship Program, a musical celebration with gospel songs from "Back in the Day"

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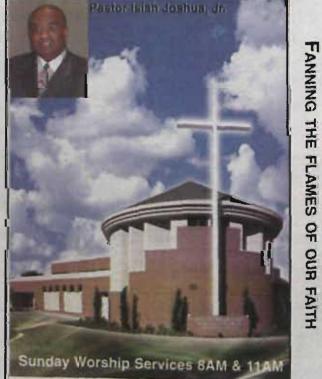
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Local Resident Buys 6,000 Tickets for 'Passion,' Gives Them Away

By Erin Curry

PLANO, Texas (BP)--Perhaps no one person aside from Mel Gibson himself has made a more noteworthy effort to promote "The Passion of The Christ" than a Texas man who purchased 6,000 tickets to the film and gave them away to the community.

Arch Bonnema, a member of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, happened to be invited to a preview of The Passion when a friend had to back out at the last minute. The film had such an impact on him that he wanted to share it with as many people as possible.

"I have been a

our sins and sacrificing in theaters. His life," Bonnema told Baptist Press. "But when you hear it repetitively, it loses impact. When you see this film, it really hits home the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

"I walked out of there whole recommitment to be more Christ-like, and I thought this is something we need to wake up the church -something the church needs to see."

Bonnema called his wife as he left the theater and reminded her that the typical movie lasts about office. Popular ones run friends] won't be able to Bonnema inquired about the show times in 30- mail.

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Christian all of my life, longer, but no one can see it," Bonnema told his renting out the Cinemark minute intervals so that and I have heard people guarantee how long The wife. "If we can get a lot complex in Plano for the all 6,000 people would talk about Jesus dving for Passion will be available of people to see it the very day. The Passion is not enter the complex at



have time to Arch Bonnema and his wife, Sherry, purchased 6,000 tichets to "The Passion of The Christ" for its Feb. 25 tell premiere. They gave the tickets away to their church and

His wife agreed, and

For more information, call 972-542-6178. St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church Rev. Charles S. Wattley, Senior Pastor 1308 Wilcox Street

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first day, I think we have released -- Feb. 25. "\$42,000 is a lot of

potential of money for us, so it was a the changing big commitment," said the lives of Bonnema, who owns an a lot of insurance agency with his

has 20 screens, and get Bonnema and his family people to have rented them all for the showing of The wife support. For the Passion.

"We're going to do the their largest two screens twice, to a few friends to let possible to see the life-changing film by Mel Gibson. about it and showing it 22 times "If people see this film we can get more people to between 6:30 in the night]," he said.

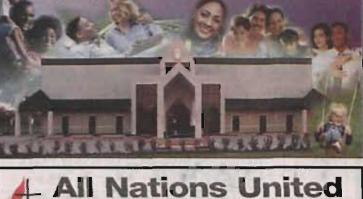
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the same time.

Bonnema gave half of tickets Prestonwood, and they are being distributed through the fellowship classes at the The Cinemark theater church. He gave 1,000 to Dallas Theological Seminary and 1,000 to ministries that he and his remaining 1,000, Bonnema sent an e-mail wanted a ticket he had some available.

> "In three days I had 2,300 requests," he said







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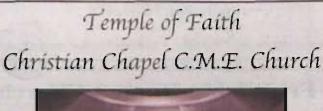
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