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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 February 2 through March 15. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 more 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 tickets on Thursday evenings and Sunday matinees are \$8.

NBC'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 financial assistance to graduating seniors who challenge themselves to be their best. For tickets call 972-496-9457, or visit www.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

Black and white clasped hands artfully scale as the logo for Mt. Olive Church of Plano. Destined to represent "Heaven" in its 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. The church nestled 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. In 1993, the church planted

its roots as a Baptist church. Inspired to unite the Body of Christ on Old Testament teachings, the church launched



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 Promises.

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

language and one speech in the book of Genesis. That unity stifled the presence of God from flowing because 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 of about 300 congregants has played a major part of the church's success according to Fenceroy. "I believe in synergy. The church body functions much like a marriage. If you want to have

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Congressman Encourages Students at N. Texas Job Corps Graduation Ceremony

By Danyell Taylor

North Texas Job Corps held its graduation ceremony for 1st quarter students on January 30, 2004 at the North Texas Job Corps campus in 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 their career objectives. Highlights of the graduation included keynote speaker,

Congressman Ralph M. Hall of the 4th congressional district as well as musical selections by Mr.



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

John Taylor. Graduates, family and friends listened as Hall encouraged

students to pursue their paths in life with a positive attitude. According to Hall, graduates 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 forward. With the 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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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 not 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 non-existent. Median black incomes are now around 80 percent of those of whites, up from 70 percent 40 years ago. Median black household net worth 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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Carrollton's Parade and Celebration Honoring Dr. MLK

The Christ 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, Mavs 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-Teanne Roseberry, Sha'Kaela McCurdy
Middle Row: (L to R) Terrance Thomas, Destiny Woodrow, Derric Carr, and Shermia Artis, director
Back Row: (L to R) Brandon Burke, Marcus Harris, Nakiesha McCurdy

Participating in the parade and 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

the Hillcrest marching band each represented their school and the community.

Many elementary schools in the C-F-B 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 for all.

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 thought 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 lemmings and sycophants in the audience? Spontaneous or rehearsed? Man, what a show! (The basketball games,

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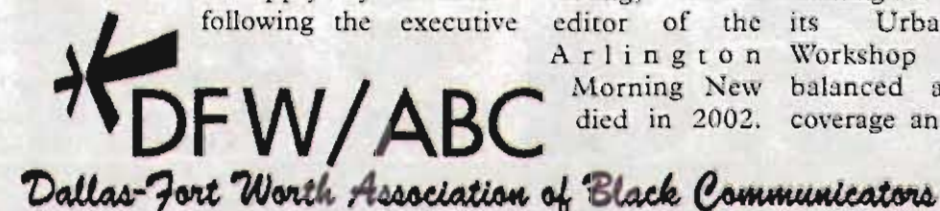
DFW/ABC Announces Future Journalists Scholarship Opportunity

The Dallas/Ft. Worth Association of Black Communicators (DFW/ABC) is proud to announce its annual call for scholarships for African-American students interested in pursuing careers in the communications industry.

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

scholarships since the Future Journalists Scholarship Awards began in 1981," said DFW/ABC President Ira J. Hadnot, a senior writer at The Dallas Morning News.

Full time college students and high school seniors who live in the six counties surrounding the Dallas-Ft. Worth area can apply by following the



rules in the scholarship application located online at www.dfwabc.org. Applicants will be judged on the excellence of their completed applications and work submitted.

Student winners will be notified and presented their awards during the organization's Annual

Scholarship Awards program, which includes many surprises and a dynamic guest speaker. The top scholarship winner will receive the Lawrence Young Memorial Scholarship, awarded to reflect the excellence of a beloved colleague and mentor. Lawrence Young, former editor of the Arlington Morning News died in 2002.

Past speakers include Renee Syler, anchor of The Early Show on CBS, Paula Madison, president and general manager of KNBC in Los Angeles and Gerald Boyd, former New York Times managing editor. These individuals have also given generously to the DFW/ABC scholarship fund.

DFW/ABC, an affiliate chapter of The National Association for Black Journalists is a not-for-profit professional organization that mentors high school and college students aspiring in journalism and communications fields.

DFW/ABC provides training for students through its Urban Journalism Workshop and advocates balanced and fair media coverage and the promotion and retention of journalists of color and communications professionals. Please support the DFW/ABC Future Journalists Scholarship Program by sponsoring a full or partial \$1,500 scholarship, attending our annual awards program (our main fundraiser), buying tickets for students to attend, or making a donation to

cover the cost of putting on the awards. You can contribute to the DFW/ABC Future Journalists Scholarships Fund or the Lawrence Young Memorial Scholarship Fund.

To contribute, please make your check payable to DFW/ABC, designate what you would like your contribution to support and mail to: DFW/ABC, A.H. Belo Building, Communications Center,

Lock Box 11, Dallas, TX 75265. You can email to scholarship@dfwabc.org and we'll contact you. Donations to DFW/ABC are tax-deductible within limits of the law. Thank you for supporting the DFW/ABC Future Journalists Scholarships!

For more information, contact Toska Medlock Lee, scholarship chair at 214.729.3107 or by email at medlocklee@aol.com.

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

Across the Nation - NAAPID is the Conversation!

ANN ARBOR, Mich., (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 American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID).

Celebrated annually on the second Monday in February, NAAPID is a national call to action aimed at creating and maintaining positive parent-school-community 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 themselves had. It is the American 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

credits 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 parents of children of African American descent, all parents are encouraged to participate in this win-win endeavor.

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 boards, 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. 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 Parent Involvement Day

Nonprofit Sector Research Fund Accepts Applications for Hearst Minority Scholarship

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

Fund. Through this program, the Fund seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues relating to philanthropy, voluntarism, and 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, please visit www.nonprofitresearch.org

Around The Town

On-going

Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972.548.4114. You can also visit www.co.collin.tx.us.

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

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

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking Collin County. The nonprofit, business-to-business group oversees several chapters, with the Collin County group meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 4200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required, and more information is available online at

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

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 6250.

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 night a week from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Fire Administration. Register on-line at www.plano-fire.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 Open Amateur Photography Contest. Deadline for entries is

March 1, 2004. Open to everyone and free to enter. For information visit: www.picture.com.

Through February 28

The Dallas Center for Contemporary Art presents 'PieceWork: 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, or visit: 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 teams and work together to solve the mystery. You MUST pre-register, (register early, this event is well attended). Registration begins January 20. Call 972.769.4206.

The SPCA of Texas hosts a Pet Grief Counseling Program, 1 p.m., at Dealey Animal Care Center, 362 S. Industrial Blvd, Dallas. Call 214.651.9611.

February 7

The Alpha Merit Group of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. holds its annual Black and Gold Scholarship Gala at the Hotel Dallas Mockingbird (formerly the Radisson Hotel), 1893 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60.00. Call 214.565.1907, or visit: www.houseofalpha.com.

February 8

21st Annual Dallas Morning News World of Cruises and Sun Destinations 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, 12 p.m. - 5 p.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 3 p.m. in the SBC Auditorium. Museum admission is \$5 adults/\$4 seniors and students/\$3 children 5-12. Call 214.915.0866, or visit: www.thewomensmuseum.org.

February 11

Enjoy tea and desserts at the Heard Craig House built in 1900. Open for tours: Tues & Thurs 2:00pm; Sat, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 pm and by appointment. \$5.00 adults; \$3.00 children &

seniors; members free. For more information, call 972.569.6909, 972.542.5340, or email heardcraig@texoma.net. 205 W. Hunt St, McKinney, TX 75069

February 14

50 Years of Progress and Opportunity, 1954-2004 - a black-tie optional gala celebration with Gospel, jazz, and African drumming at the University of North Texas, to kick off UNT's yearlong observance of integration and the many pioneers of 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 presents 'Picasso: The Cubist Portraits of Fernande Olivier,' as its first traveling exhibition. \$10 adults/\$7 seniors/\$5 students/free for children under 12. 2001 Flora Street, Dallas. 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 p.m. at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death, or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again

following a loss. For information call 972-519-1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800.

Volunteer opportunities

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

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

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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 Lately?" 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 friends-now 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. The 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

over a Black candidate in a recent City Council election; 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 percent of the court's 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 table.

The Black politician, in his role as leader, attempts to balance the demands of the Black masses with his personal interests. However, those personal interests are 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 is 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 success. The records are full of public programs that have been authorized but are

rendered ineffective by a lack of 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 a global economy. The 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 neo-conservative cabal. He manipulated and coerced the Congress, the American public and 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: www.truthclinic.com

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 to take home recommendations for 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

Parents enrolling their children in one of Plano Independent School District's three early childhood schools will see a sharp rise in cost, from \$207 to \$300. There are still openings at Beatty, Barron and Pearson early 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 Collin County 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 is: 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 is a 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

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 philosophies 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 'have-nots' in the black community. Booker T. Washington, educator, reformer and the most influential black leader of his time (1856-1915) preached a philosophy of self-help, racial solidarity and accommodation. 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

into all strata of society. W.E.B. Du Bois, a towering black intellectual, scholar and political thinker (1868-1963) said no - Washington's strategy would serve only to perpetuate white oppression. Du Bois advocated political action and a civil rights agenda (he helped found the NAACP). In addition, he argued that social change could be accomplished by developing the small



W.E.B. Du Bois

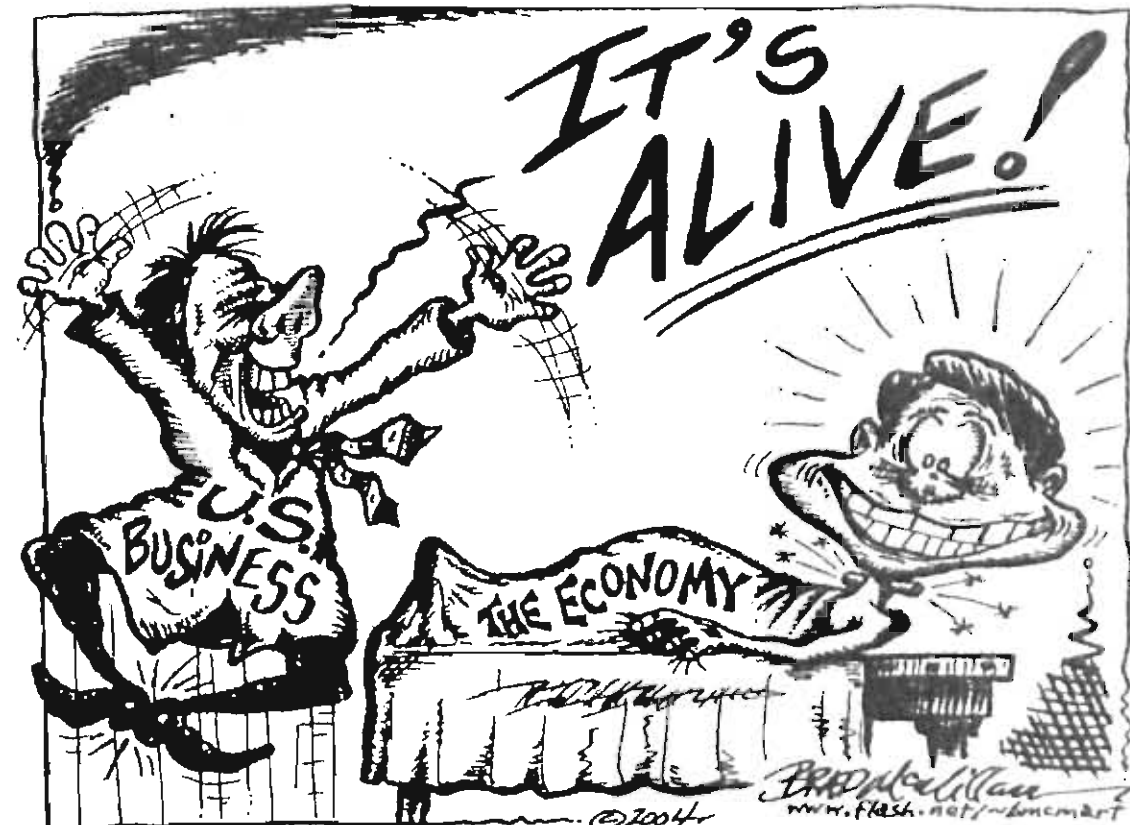


Booker T. Washington

group of college-educated blacks he called 'the Talented Tenth.' At the time, the Washington/Du Bois dispute polarized African American leaders into two wings - the 'conservative' supporters of Washington and his 'radical' critics. The Du Bois 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 the self-help/colorblind/Republican Clarence Thomas/Thomas Sowell wing of the black community and its leaders. The Nation of Islam and Maulana 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, "Washington bartered away much that was not his to barter. Certainly I did not believe that the skills of an artisan bricklayer, plasterer, or shoemaker, and the good farmer, 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

giving up essential ground that would be hard to win back. I don't think Washington saw this until the last years of his life. He kept hoping. But before he died, he must have known that he and his hopes had been rejected and that he had, without so intending, helped make stronger - and more fiercely 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 betrayal." (Excerpt from November 1965 interview by Ralph McGill)



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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-Hajj 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 Rutgers College (now Rutgers 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 player.

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 his career as a performer, playing the lead roles in productions of two Eugene O'Neill plays: "All God's Chillun Got 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 well-known for performing and interpreting folk songs from around the world. "Ol' Man River" from the musical "Showboat" became his signature song.

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 films.

Well known as an activist, Robeson was an outspoken participant in labor and peace movements, and his public appearances were infused 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 war 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 reflect 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 as 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 photographer 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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Arts & Entertainment

Worker Says Janet Jackson Rehearsal Was Tamer

By Doug Simpson,
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Before the Super Bowl, Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson rehearsed a tamer version of the now-infamous breast-bearing performance during their halftime show, a worker who saw the rehearsals said Wednesday.

Timberlake practiced removing Jackson's jacket — not exposing her breast — in rehearsals several days before Sunday's game, said David Spear, who attended the rehearsals as a consultant for Pyrotechnics, the company hired by MTV to produce pyrotechnics during halftime.

Spear said Jackson was wearing a sweater and jeans during the rehearsal. Timberlake pantomimed removing a jacket, said Spear, who added that he

assumed Jackson would be wearing both a jacket and a blouse underneath during Sunday's show.

Jackson has apologized repeatedly for what happened at the end of her performance Sunday. Timberlake snatched off part of her bustier on stage, revealing a breast clad in a "nipple shield" to about 89 million viewers.

"That's not how it was 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 Communications Commission investigation into whether the Super Bowl show violated decency laws, with potential fines of up to

\$27,500. If applied to each CBS station, the fine could



Janet Jackson is shown in a videotape released to the media Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, in Los Angeles in which she apologized for the breast-baring incident during her performance at the Super Bowl halftime show. Jackson had previously apologized Monday night in a written statement. (AP Photo/J-NEX Media)

reach into the millions.

Spear, who lives in New Orleans, said MTV changed a number of elements of the halftime show during

rehearsals. Performer Kid Rock had tossed his U.S. flag T-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 FCC's investigation, which he said will prove that the show's producers and broadcasters had no prior knowledge of 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 got snookered," Spear said. "I think they got blindsided by her antics."

Erykah Badu Kicks Off 28-City National Tour



NEW YORK, PRNewswire — Erykah Badu kicked off her 28-city national Worldwide Underground Part II tour on Tuesday, February 3rd in New Orleans. The acclaimed singer-songwriter has an armload of 2003 Grammy Award nominations under her belt, recently completed her latest film venture and released her third studio project, an EP titled, Worldwide Underground. The set 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 four 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 Badu crafted while on her worldwide "Frustrated Artist Tour" throughout 2002-2003. Worldwide Underground features collaborations with Lenny Kravitz ("Back In The Day"), Roy Hargrove ("Think Twice"), Queen Latifah

and Angie Stone and Bahamadia ("Funk You Up"), among others.

Ms. Badu recently wrapped production on her third movie project, a starring role in the film, "House Of D," featuring Robin Williams, Tea Leoni, Orlando Jones and David Duchovny, who wrote and directed

the drama. The independent project is slated for a fall release.

But in the midst of the Grammy Awards — which will be telecast live from Los Angeles on February 8th — and the theatrical release of the movie, the Dallas native will embark on her upcoming national

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00200-REQUEST FOR BID

REQUEST FOR BID: Rehab Buildings for Fire & Life Safety at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas. **RECEIPT OF BIDS:** Sealed Bids will be received by Ms. Beth Chandler, Purchasing and Central Receiving Services, at Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Stephenville, Texas 76402, until 3:00 p.m. March 8, 2004 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

SCOPE OF WORK: Project consists of providing all engineering and design for the installation of a fire alarm and sprinkler systems and all other items indicated in the specifications for the Health & Physical Education Building, Modular Dormitory Building, Stadium Press Box, as well as an additional ten (10) fire and life safety projects located on the main campus of Tarleton State University.

INFORMATION AND BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Obtain from Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Stephenville, Texas 76402, telephone (254) 968-9611. Mandatory pre-bid conferences have been scheduled Feb. 6 and Feb. 13 at 10:00 a.m. Purchasing & Central Receiving Services, 201 St. Felix Street, Room #104



Sister Tarpley

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

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

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 service.

Prophetess Alice Robinson was the Moderator for the Intercessory Prayer with Prayer Leaders Minister Joyce 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 Minister Sandra Martin, 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 Monique 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 Adkins Family Singers performed a selection and left the audience wanting more.

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

Jabez Prayer Network Conference

to the Throne of Heaven. There were Highlight of Ministries by Minister Stanley, speaking on behalf of his wife, Rosalind Stanley of the BOG Hope Center and Pastor Rocinda Barnor of ISAP.

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

Dr. Kulothungan said that Christians go through a four-step process before they come to a victory. Obedience to God is first, then submission, sacrifice, and finally suffering. She cautioned Christians not to discredit suffering in the Kingdom of God because if you want Jesus, you have to travel 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 Lazarus, one of only three nominated youths for West Point from our area this year is the son of Dr. Kulothungan and closed out the evening service with a special musical selection.

The conference ended Saturday with Prophet Dominique Josue as the moderator for Intercessory Prayer. Prayer Leaders were Ministers Sherene Pero, Joyce Brown, Jackie Kelly, Elynn Neal and Evangelist Anthony Moses.

The Breaking of Day Family Church conducted the Praise & Worship Service, with Anne Quest reading a scripture, Dr. Linda Morable talked on "Life Language" and J. R. Smith talked on "National Day of Prayer."

Pastoral & Prophetic Insight were given by Pastors Lee Edwards, David Fees, Donald & Frances Cleveland, Curle & Malinda Scott, Emmanuel Olson, 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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(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, Pastor Donald Cleveland brought the audience up-to-date on the Jabez Prayer Network since its inception.

Minister Sharon Bolan-Yerby was quite 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 powerful.

Dr. Kulothungan closed Friday night service with such force that the audience left inspired, moved and still worshipping 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. Kulothungan 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).

Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 8, 10:00 am
Boy Scouts Sunday
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 am
Yoga Classes
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"

Camp Wisdom UMC
Rev. L. Charles Stovall, Pastor
1300 West Camp Wisdom
Dallas, TX 75232
972-224-4556

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Mondays, 6:00 am - 7:00 am
House of Prayer
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Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor
14120 Noel Road
Dallas, TX 75240
972-239-1120

JUBILEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tomorrow night, February 6, 6:00 pm
February 7, 8:00 am
(Healing Service @ 6:00 pm)
February 8, 10:30 am
Prayer Break T.H.R.U. (Teaching

Healing, Revelation)- Prayer and Healing Ministry of Pastor Suzette Caldwell, Windsor Village Methodist Church, Houston, Texas
Free and open to the public
For directions and registration information, call Jubilee UMC at 972-283-2264.

Jubilee United Methodist Church
Rev. Lucretia Cooks, Senior Pastor
301 Frank Kensler Blvd.
Duncanville, TX 75116
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GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Volunteers Needed for 2004 College Preparation Workshop
Planning is now underway! Help is needed to form several committees
Sign-up is available in the atrium of the Family Life Center
Workshop begins February 14, 2004
For more information, call Elizabeth Griffin at 214-732-7635.

3rd Sunday of Each Month
Free blood pressure screening in the gym after evening services
For more information on times & room number, call 972-644-2335.

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Greenville Avenue Church of Christ
Minister S. T. W. Gibbs, III, Pastor
1013 South Greenville Avenue
Richardson, TX 75081
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2nd & 4th Sundays
Blood pressure screenings available after 11:00 am service

Spring 2004 enrollment for the Institute for Christian Growth is underway. Contact Rev. Leon Moore for details @ 972-329-5030, Ext. 28.

February 28, 2004, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

A FREE Marriage Seminar with Pastor Eddie Lane of the Bibleway Bible Church as the guest speaker. Donation: \$5.00 per person for lunch

For more information, call Rev. Leon Moore @ 972-329-5030, Ext. 28.

Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church

Rev. Terry M. Turner, Pastor
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Sunday - Early Morning Worship . . . 7:45 am
- Bible Class 9:30 am
- Morning Worship 10:30 am
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday - Prayer Service 7:00 pm
- Bible Class 7:30 pm
Thursday - Bible Class 11:00 am

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Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor



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Sunday School Classes
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday
Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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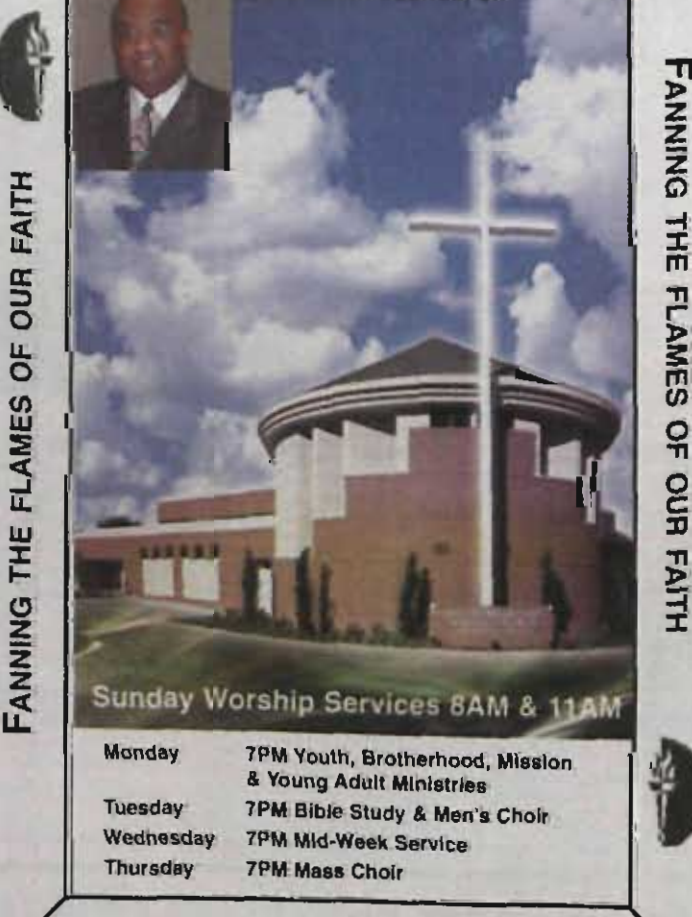
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Leadership Meeting 2nd Mondays 7:30 pm
Singles Ministry 4th Mondays 7:30 pm
Youth Bible Study Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Mid-Week Service Wednesdays 7:15 pm
Mother's Day Out Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



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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

Christian all of my life, and I have heard people talk about Jesus dying for our sins and sacrificing 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 with a 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 two weeks at the box office. Popular ones run

longer, but no one can guarantee how long The Passion will be available in theaters.



Arch Bonnema and his wife, Sherry, purchased 6,000 tickets to "The Passion of the Christ" for its Feb. 25 premiere. They gave the tickets away to their church and others near Dallas in hopes of getting as many people as possible to see the life-changing film by Mel Gibson.

"If people see this film at the end of the two weeks and tell their friends about it, [their friends] won't be able to

see it," Bonnema told his wife. "If we can get a lot of people to see it the very first day, I think we have

the potential of changing the lives of a lot of people in Dallas. ... My goal is to get people to see it early so they'll have time to tell their friends about it and we can get more people to see it in the time that it's out."

His wife agreed, and Bonnema inquired about

renting out the Cinemark complex in Plano for the day. The Passion is released -- Feb. 25.

"\$42,000 is a lot of money for us, so it was a big commitment," said Bonnema, who owns an insurance agency with his son.

The Cinemark theater has 20 screens, and Bonnema and his family have rented them all for the showing of The Passion.

"We're going to do the largest two screens twice, so we'll actually be showing it 22 times between 6:30 in the morning and 9:30 [at night]," he said.

They decided to stagger the show times in 30-

minute intervals so that all 6,000 people would not enter the complex at the same time.

Bonnema gave half of the tickets to Prestonwood, and they are being distributed through the Bible fellowship classes at the church. He gave 1,000 to Dallas Theological Seminary and 1,000 to ministries that he and his wife support. For the remaining 1,000, Bonnema sent an e-mail to a few friends to let them know that if anyone wanted a ticket he had some available.

"In three days I had 2,300 requests," he said of the results from the e-mail.

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Starting tomorrow, February 6, 2004 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm (10 Weeks)

MOCOP School of Biblical Studies will offer a Seminary Class the topic is "Practical Theology" 101 & 102, cost \$40 (includes textbook). Enrollment is now open.

For more information call, 972-633-5511

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3rd Annual Financial Awareness Workshop--sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter

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New Mount Zion Baptist Church
9550 Shepherd Road
Dallas, TX 75243
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Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor
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February 6-7, 7:00 pm (remaining nights)
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For more information, call the church office at 214-821-2970.

St. Luke United Methodist Church
Rev. Tyrone Gordon, Senior Pastor
5710 East R.L. Thornton Freeway (I-30 East)
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February 8, 3:30 pm
Black History Program- Guest Speaker: Martin Burrell, VP of Public Affairs, American Airline Center

February 21, 3:00 pm
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Guest Speakers: Authors Joe & Ramona Bailey
Location: 1300 N. Central Expressway, McKinney, TX 75069, 972-542-9471
Please RSVP by February 16- Call Rod or Vickie Winston at 972-562-2107.

For more information, call 972-542-6178.

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February 8, 2004, 5:00 pm

Training session for all Children's Ministry workers and (interested workers)
February 14, 6:00 pm
2004 Disciples (Valentine) Ball
Registration has begun. Please see flyers in the foyers of the church and any Single or Single Again representative or Marriage Ministry representative for more information.

For more information concerning these events, call 972-221-5668.

Westside Baptist Church of Lewisville
Rev. Kenneth W. Blake, Senior Pastor
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