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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.

Lifeline Screening presents a Community Health Event, February 19, to screen individuals to prevent stroke, aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis. A 10-minute non-invasive ultra sound test is designed to expose blood clot, plaque and possible osteoporosis. For more information call 800.407.4557 or visit <http://www.lifelinescreening.com>. Admission: \$35.00 to \$45.00. Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, 8 - 5 p.m.

Ticketstock 2004 - Three days of Peace, Love and Sports! Meet your favorite sports celebrities, Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders, Mavericks Dancers, Stars Dancers, and the TicketChicks. Free. For details call 214.526.7400, or visit <http://www.theticket.com>. Friday 20 - Sunday 22 February. Friday: 5:00pm - 10:00pm, Saturday: 10:00am - 6:00pm, Sunday: 12:00pm - 4:00pm. At the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

The annual Dallas County Storm Spotter School at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth Street in downtown Garland, February 21, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Conducted by the National Weather Service, these classes are to train amateur radio operators, city personnel, and other interested individuals to spot, identify, and report weather conditions that have or could produce potentially dangerous situations. These reports are used by the NWS, news media, cities, and county to issue early warnings to the public. Free and open to the public. For additional information, contact John Galvin, 972-205-3972 or jgalvin@ci.garland.tx.us. "Taste of Africa Gala" celebrating Black History Month, at the The Queen's Banquet Hall, Garland, February 28, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. \$20, discount for groups of ten or more. Call Yvonne Adams-Sales at 972.226.5093, or 463.363.9447. The Queen's Banquet Hall, 1311 Plaza Drive, Ste 220, Garland.

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'Remembering The Extraordinary' St. Mark Celebrates Black History Month

By Cathy Johnson

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in McKinney, Texas, where Rev. Charles S. Wattley is Senior Pastor, recently held its Black History Program--*A Salute to African American Churches in the Civil Rights Movement*, that skillfully embraced the generation of "tomorrow," while drawing from the struggles of "yesterdays." Members of the Children and Youth Ministry showcased significant incidents in Black History through literary and scriptural recitations.

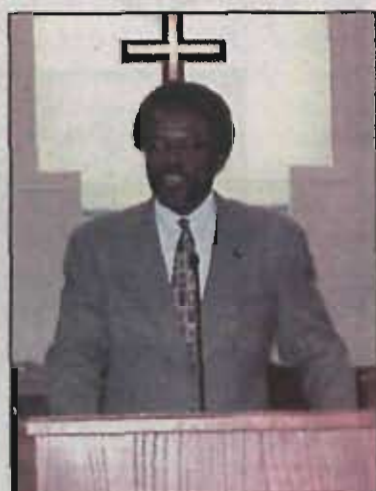
The ceremony opened with a congregational song of "Lift Every Voice and Sing"--Unofficially known as The Negro National Anthem.

Characterized by its poignant words:

"Sing a Song, full of the faith that the dark past has taught us

Sing a Song, full of the hope that the present has brought

us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won."



Guest Speaker Martin Burrell, Vice-President of Public and Minority Affairs for American Airlines

set the tone to relive a vital time of history. The choir and soloists (Cecilia

London and Kenny Hardin) followed in step with songs of encouragement and re-affirmation with selections.

A narration by Nadia Stevens stirred an emotional resurgence as the birth of the Non-Violent Movement and the struggles supporters faced were recited by various youths.

The September 15, 1963, Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombings of Birmingham, then coined "Bombingham," resulted in the death of four little girls. Four St. Mark's youths re-told of the violence and ultimate demise of Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, Cynthia Wesley and Addie Mae Collins an event in history said to be the nadir of the Civil Rights Movement.

An unlikely parallelism of devastation within the Jewish Community during "The Judgment at Nuremberg" and the great loss suffered on "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, summed up

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Westside Baptist Church Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony



(Left to Right) Pastor K.W. Blake, and Lewisville Mayor Gene Carey

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NTDA to Host 'Equipping the Saints for Ministry'

The North Texas District Association (NTDA)-Claudia Anderson Academy of Christian Education, will host its 2004 Claudia Anderson Academy on February 21 at the Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 4100 Horn Street, Ft. Worth, TX. The informative course study will include an intensive study designed to equip the Saints of God. This year's theme is "Equipping the Saints for Ministry". Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the academy begins at 9:30 am.

The academy's menu includes Challenges to Walk Worthy, Open Thou My Eyes, Missionaries Learn to Wait, and more. The menu is filled with scripture that is God-inspired, useful for teaching, rebuking, and correcting and training in righteousness.

The Host Pastor is Rev. Maurice Barnes; Hazel J. Thomas, Director; Claudia Anderson, President; and Rev. William T. Glynn, Moderator.

The Claudia Anderson Academy of Christian Education is an affiliate of the North Texas District Association. The Academy is designed to train, enhance and develop congregations for the work of ministry. The academy empowers men and women with strategies to develop God's people and seeks to endow them with a strong passion for the church.

For more information, please call 817-737-6264 or 214-948-8038.

Local Talent Goes to Hollywood

Chelsea Johnson, age 7 of Little Elm, TX has been selected as one of the finalist and will be appearing at Hollywood Enterprise's 2004 International Talent Search in Hollywood California later this month.



where Bishop T. D. Jakes and Lady Scruta Jakes were the guests of honor.

We Want a King

By James Clingman

"This is what the king who will reign over you will do: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards ... and give them to his attendants. He will take a tenth of your grain and vintage and give it to his officials...He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the Lord will not answer you in that day."

Sound familiar? As Americans hear more and more from our "king," we are left to wonder if the above quote, from 1st Samuel 8:10-18, is speaking directly to us today. Personally, I can see the application of this quote on two levels, both locally and nationally.

Our national king, George W. Bush, is now telling us what we knew all along regarding his reasons for going to war. Well, he is "sort of" telling us. Now he says that because Iraq had the "capability" to build weapons of mass destruction, the regime had to be defeated and the lives lost in the process were worth it. He is also busy telling us about his own military record, how he was honorably discharged, and how he

bravely served his country. Of course, he won't deal with the issue of not reporting for duty when he should have. Heck, I didn't want to report on time either, but my father was not connected, and I would have gone to jail for not showing up.

This country suffered under another King George during its early existence. The citizens sent King George a little message called the Declaration of Independence, and then they rebelled and took their freedom. Today, the United States suffers under the reign of a new King George, similar in nature to his predecessor. Will we send him a message in November 2004? Will we rebel and take back our freedom?

On the local level, the citizens of Cincinnati have a king as well. His name is Charlie Luken. You may have seen him on CNN and other national news stations telling the world he does not want Cincinnati to be perceived as a city that discriminates against anyone. He was discussing his support to repeal Article 12, enacted in 1993, that prohibits the council or any other city entity from enacting or enforcing any measure that gives "minority or preferential status" to homosexuals, in effect, preventing gays from seeking protection against discrimination.

While he was citing his desire for the city to "appear non-discriminatory, he failed to mention the continuous economic discrimination against Black people, 50 percent of this city's population. He failed to mention how this city refused to allow a

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Dallas Celebrates 27 Years of the Black Heritage Stamp Series

It was a packed auditorium at Dallas City Hall as Dallas celebrated the 27th Anniversary of the Black Heritage Stamp Series with superb Dramatic Tributes to Paul Robeson at the commemorative postage stamp unveiling ceremony.

Cesta Ayers, Jr. Manager of Public Affairs and Communications for U.S. Postal Service was the Master of Ceremony. Kimball High School ROTC did the posting of

Colors. Molina High School Choir set the mood of the occasion by leading the audience in the National Anthem with arrangement by Linda Spevack and "An American Salute" with the arrangement by Ed Lojeski.

There was an array of elite speakers with J. Eric Martinez, Dallas Postmaster, giving the welcome; Carl T. January, Jr., Dallas District

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Visitors and Guests Enjoy Spiritual Uplifting Revival



(Left to Right) Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, Dr. Denny Davis, Senior Pastor of St. John Baptist Church (one church, three locations), and Rev. Tony Foster, Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park

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Visitors and Guests Enjoy Spiritual Uplifting at Revival

By Monica Thornton

"When Christ walked on water, He walked with boldness, because He wanted the disciples to know their potential, to know that they can walk on their troubles," said Pastor Denny Davis of St. John Baptist Church (one church, three locations).

Pastor Davis was the guest speaker at First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park's New Year Revival, held February 8 through 11. This is the first of four to be held for the year 2004.

The first night of revival, the choir from Pastor Davis' church bought the church to its feet.

"I felt as though I was in heaven with singing by the Heavenly Host!" said Sister Shirley Tarpley, of MON-The Gazette.

On the second night, the male chorus from First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park brought the house down with praise and worship, and members of the congregation shared testimonies of God's love.

In Pastor Davis' Monday night

sermon, titled 'How to Walk on Your Troubles,' Davis shared with the congregation how they can be assured that no matter their circumstances, God is always watching over them.

Pastor Davis reminded the congregation that the disciples were crossing the lake after a long day, and were in the fourth watch of the night. They were tired mentally, physically and spiritually, and Davis said this is when it is easy to be afraid, emphasizing the need for us to have adequate time for rest and private time with God.

Just like the disciples, Davis said that we wonder where our storms come from. But in Matthew 14:22, Christ had sent the disciples to the other side of the lake, knowing there would be a storm, and also knowing He would be there for them. Davis continued that we wonder where God is in the midst of our storm, and when Christ walked on water to the disciples they were caught off-guard, and thought He was a different spirit.

"When you're so tired, and you've been through so much, you don't

recognize God's help," said Davis. "They thought Christ was a ghost ... but you can't trust what you see, you have to trust by faith. Don't be discouraged by what you see, because when Christ spoke to the disciples, they recognized who he was. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Davis said there will always be storms, and Peter, the one who walked out to Christ, was used to storms on the water, and was not afraid of the storm until he took his eyes off Christ. But even then, Peter knew to call upon Christ in the midst of his storm.

He continued that Christ showed them by coming out to them on the water that He knew they were in a storm, and was watching over them. He showed them that He will come to everyone of us in the midst of our storms, and won't let us drown in our storms. In conclusion, Davis said Christ walked with boldness on the water, to let the disciples know their potential, to let them know they can walk on their troubles and put them under feet.

and institutions of higher learning have held stringent entrance standards, limiting the minority enrollment to those who are athletically qualified," said Burrell.

Highlighting Freedom Fighters and Black scholars, Burrell shared a startling statistic, "Every two-and a half days a Black man was

lynched, yet we are still facing similar turmoil, economically, morally and socially. People look externally at the African American when there is so much more that lies beneath," said Burrell sighting the British Broadcasting Corporation as an example.

Summing up a dynamic presentation, Burrell had this to

say, "By observing Black History, we celebrate achievements and draw strength for our challenges. We have been shaped not defeated by racism. Whether Jim Crow Laws, or in and out of court, we have won many a war in pursuit of our justice and free voice. The struggle is what has made us stronger."

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?

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the literary presentations. Kenny Hardin closed out the orations with a medley of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "God Bless America."

Guest speaker, Mr. Martin Burrell, Vice-President of Public and Minority Affairs for American Airlines, gave a summation of the preceding events with an insightful and fearless observation of our present America.

Burrell brought greetings from near and far including the Canadian Coalition Against the Death Penalty and the Texas Vegetarian Society--citing Texas for carrying out more capital sentences than any other state, and urging all to refrain from the delicacies of Pork and other

meat by-products for the sake of healthier lives.

Burrell, began recalling the significance of the auspicious occasion.



Willie Wattle addresses the congregation



Cecilia London, Soloist

"2004 marks the 78th year for the national observance of Black History. It is also the 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. Topeka. A Supreme Court ruling to overturn the barrier of the 1897 'Separate But Equal Law,' said Burrell.

It was a move in history, which forced government to re-examine

the social and political climate of Black people.

"For years, we (African People) were told we had no history," Burrell said. Dating back to the early Egyptians, to the Phoenician Discoverers, Burrell dispelled misguided notions and urged "cross-cultural" friends to keep African American issues in the forefront. Burrell brought a fresh insight on the timing of Black History month; "As February is the nearing of the spring season, this time of planting, should be viewed as an opportunity for a resurgence to accomplish more throughout the year," said Burrell.

Burrell spoke poignantly about "Affirmative Action" stating it should be called Affirmative Access." "Many of the Ivy Leagues

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, 8200 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.

Deadline for nominations for the African-American Educators Hall of Fame is extended until February 20. Nominees must be shown to have had a significant impact on the education of African Americans, which was systematic and notable during the period 1902-2003. Nomination applications available at the African American Museum in Fair Park, 3536 Grand Ave. Call 214.565.9026 for more information.

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.

Through May 9

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

February 21

Friends of Redbird Airport Revelation Next Fundraiser 'Spring Clean Sale', 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 300 E. Ledbetter - Plaza De Las Americas. Vendor booths available. Contact Le Reeves: 214.912.8457, or Narvia McDaniel: 972.860.4198.

February 27 - 29

"The Diary of Anne Frank", presented by the Mesquite Community Theatre. Call 972.216.8126 for tickets, reservations and information.

February 28

The City of Garland Parks and Recreation and Granville Arts Center Advanced Acting Class will perform The Wind In The Willows by Kenneth Grahame, February 28th at 2pm and 8pm at the Plaza Theatre, Downtown Garland (521 W. State Street). Free, appropriate for all ages. For more information call Holford Recreation Center 972.205.2772.

Family 'Dive-in' Movie at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest. \$7 - 15 and older/\$4 -14 and younger. Enjoy floating around and while watching the movie "Toy Story" on a big screen. Tubes or noodles available to rent for \$1 or bring your own. Concession items will be available for purchase. Doors open 6:30 p.m., movie starts 7 p.m. Call 972.747.4150.

February 29

Cake Decorating Contest to honor Dr. Suess's 100th birthday at the Allen Public Library, 301 Century Parkway.

Entries are due at 2 p.m. Party begins at 2:30 p.m. All ages welcome, refreshments will be served. If you like, be a Sneetch, the Lorax or a cat in the hat.

March 2

St. Phillip's School announces 2004 Destiny Awards Winners to honor individuals and groups those who have made a difference in race relations. Keynote speaker - best selling author, noted journalist and national political correspondent Juan Williams. Funds raised from this event will support scholarships for educational and outreach services at the school and community center. For ticket information call La'Tayia Dean at 214.421.5221.

Support Groups

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

each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972.783.8800.

Volunteer opportunities

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

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

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THE TRUTH CLINIC Kenneth Walker's Tragic Death

Who is Kenneth Walker? His is not a household name. If it were used as a question on the Jeopardy game show most likely the contestants would be stumped. Up until December 9, 2003 Kenneth Walker was a young Black man living out the American dream in Columbus, Georgia a medium sized city about 100 miles southwest of Atlanta. He had prepared himself with a good education and worked hard at being successful. Mr. Walker was a Christian man, a decent man who had a passion for life and had everything to live for. He was moving up in the world and was blessed with a devoted wife, a beautiful daughter, a comfortable home, a fulfilling job and good friends. He gave back to his community. He was the model of what any mother or father would want of a son.

But on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 Kenneth Walker lay dead after being shot in the head by a Muscogee County Deputy Sheriff during a botched drug incident.

Jim Jackson, a member of the St. Mary's Road United Methodist Church where Mr. Walker was a member, expressed the Black community's feelings. "I am deeply shocked and saddened by this unnecessary taking of life. This is such a sad and tragic mistake, a mistake this community cannot take without demanding to know why this happened. There has to be some accountability. There is no reason African American men should have to fear for their life when being stopped by officers of the law. Not only is his family in mourning, the entire

community should be in mourning."

There are conflicting stories about the exact scenario surrounding the shooting. There are definite differences in the official version and the versions told by Mr. Walker's companions that evening. According to Sheriff Ralph Johnson, two shots were accidentally fired from the deputy's sub-machine gun as the four friends were being removed from the vehicle, one of which struck Mr. Walker in the forehead.

Warren Beaulah, who was driving the SUV, said neither he nor his passengers were doing anything wrong when he observed blue lights in the rear view mirror and pulled the SUV over against the sound barrier wall. Officers with guns drawn ordered the four men to get out of the car and to "Get on the ground! Get on the ground!"

Five to ten seconds later, Beaulah says he heard a single gunshot. At the time the shot was fired, he says, there was "lots of screaming and yelling." A short time later, as he was led in handcuffs around the front of the vehicle, he saw Kenneth Walker lying on the ground in a partial fetal position in a pool of blood.

There has been no determination on whether the shooting was accidental, justifiable or a possible criminal act. Currently the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and the FBI are conducting an investigation into the killing. Official facts have been scarce and sketchy.

However, what is known at this time is that Mr. Walker was not involved in any criminal activity. Mr. Walker did not

have a criminal record. Mr. Walker was not armed. A deputy shot Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker was taken to the hospital where following surgery he was pronounced dead around 2:25 a.m. Walker's family was not notified of the shooting until four hours later and he had died before they could get to the hospital.

Attorney Derrell Dowdell said he would provide witnesses, other than the friends in the SUV, who could testify that all four men were "ambushed" by law enforcement the night of the incident. "They will testify that Walker didn't physically or verbally disobey any command by any law enforcement officer."

There may be a ray of hope as Columbus citizens deal with the Kenneth Walker killing. Initially there was the expected polarization of whites and Blacks over the tragedy. However, responding to a challenge and a call from the African American community, Blacks and Whites came together at a recent rally to share the community's pain, to reach out, cry out and try to come together. People from all walks of life put aside their built in racism for a moment to show their support and sympathy for the Walker family while white and black speakers expressed the same sentiments and hope that "this tragedy will serve as the catalyst for a new and improved era of oneness in Columbus."

It would be a fitting tribute to Kenneth Walker if the nation could also come together in oneness.

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

You & Your Government

City of Plano

The Plano City Council has approved the terms of three documents that will outline the obligations of Plano, Frisco and Allen in the Arts of Collin County project, a 2,100-seat arts hall at one of three possible sites in Frisco or Allen. The documents approved are the articles of incorporation, bylaws and an inter-local agreement.

Allen City Council and Frisco City Council now have to review and approve the documents, although Frisco City Council has already approved the inter-local agreement, which will bring the three cities together to oversee the project. Bond in the amount of \$19 million have already been approved by voters of Plano, Allen and Frisco, with the remainder of the estimated \$101 million project to be raised through private or corporate donations.

Two sites in Frisco and a site in Allen have been identified as possible sites for the project.

Plano ISD

The Plano Independent School District 2004 Facilities and Technology Task Force has been

appointed by schools trustees to quantify building needs due to student growth, renovation needs due to age and equipment needs, including those for technology.

At the committee's inaugural meeting, co-chair John Muns discussed the objectives of the committee and the philosophy of renovations. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto reviewed the charge to the task force and discussed the district's philosophy of bond elections and the importance of having a citizens' group involved in the bond process. He reviewed the district's commitment to maintenance of facilities so that wherever students attend school in Plano ISD they will find up-to-date facilities. He also talked about the fact that bond funds are not subject to recapture.

City of Mesquite

Mesquite City County recently voted to increase the minimum living space for homes being built in agricultural zones, from 2,000 square feet to 2,500. This is to align annexed areas with the newly revised Mesquite Development Guide.

Construction will begin soon at the Clay Mathis Greenbelt Park in

southeast Mesquite on a picnic pavilion, playground, hike and bike trail, pedestrian ridge, sports practice fields and courts, park benches, drinking fountains, trash receptacles and two parking lots.

The Mesquite City Council recently approved a design for the city's new animal shelter to be constructed along Jane Drive, off Gross Road. After previous designs were sent back, they approved one that is "less institutional" and has more drive-up appeal. The design concept features an Austin stone featured entry way, contemporary design with many windows and a clear story feature, and locations designated for public art. The shelter is an 11,350 square foot structure, and the budget for the project is approximately \$2.1 million.

City of Frisco

The Frisco City Council has approved a real estate sales contract with Sangani Properties to purchase a 29.5-acre site for the Frisco Soccer Complex. The purchase price agreed upon is \$110,000 per acre, or a total of about \$3.27 million.



Joe Jaynes

Lately, there has been concern about the shortage of highway money with TXDOT, yet Collin County has still fared very well with highway and FM Road projects. Listed below are some of the major projects that TXDOT has planned for this area:

SH 121 west of Custer to the Dallas North Tollway. This project will be let in this July. It is a \$52 million project that will be a six-lane expansion of the service roads. Main lanes will also be constructed from the Tollway to Hillcrest. This project will also include overpasses/interchanges at Preston, Parkwood, Hillcrest, Ohio and Custer. Scheduled completion will be July 2007.

US 380 from Lake Lavon to the Hunt County Line. This will be a 5-lane expansion (two on each side with a middle turn lane and a median beginning just east of Welch Street) that will complete the widening of 380 through Collin County. This is a \$30 million project that is planned to be let in fiscal year 2008.

SH 160 from SH 121, north of Blue Ridge, to the Grayson County Line. This is a \$2 million project that will totally reconstruct and add shoulders to this roadway. Also several of the

curves will be taken out. The project is scheduled to let in September of 2005. Also, the intersection at SH 160 and SH 121 will have a traffic signal that should be operational by the end of next month.

FM 75 from CR 461 to FM 1827. This road is scheduled for reconstruction this March. This is an \$800,000 project that will add 8 inches of new flex base. As this area of the county grows, this road is becoming more and more of a major north-south artery.

FM 2194 from Farmersville to just east of CR 660. This is another major reconstruction project. This should be let in FY 05 for a total cost of \$1 million.

US 75 from SH 121 in McKinney to SH 121 in Melissa. TXDOT is finalizing their plans and a public hearing will be held this April in McKinney. Construction, however, will not be a couple of years away. In the meantime, Collin County is working with the city of McKinney to possibly use some discretionary bond money to make improvements at the intersection of US 75 and US 380. That intersection is dealing with, on average, 31,000 cars a day.

While reconstruction of the above mentioned roads are welcome news, we still have many challenges ahead. For example, FM 545 between Melissa and Blue Ridge is in dire need of

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reconstruction. A few years ago Collin County participated in replacing the bridges leading into Blue Ridge. The county will also be partnering with TXDOT to replace the narrow bridges at the northern end of the road coming out of Melissa.

Collin County is also in final negotiation with landowners to straighten out the Valdosta curve. Recently I met with the Blue Ridge city council and will be meeting with TXDOT to work on getting a schematic for improvement for the total road. Overall this is estimated to be a \$19 million project but working together it is achievable.

Overall, partnerships are facilitating the stepped-up timetable for these projects. By working together the funding can be leveraged and there is less pressure on all entities involved than if they were to try to raise these funds separately. While Collin County continues to grow, this partnership approach will serve to keep us in the running for state and federal dollars. However, with, on average, 70 people a day moving into Collin County, roads for the foreseeable future, will continue to be a work in progress.

(County Commissioner Joe Jaynes' email address is jaynes@collincountytx.gov)

TESSA and Weather Service to Host Nation's Biggest Storm Conference on February 21, in Garland, Texas

ARLINGTON, Texas - The Texas Severe Storms Association (TESSA) will collaborate with the National Weather Service to present the first Texas Storm Conference (TSC) on February 21, 2004 in Garland, Texas. The day-long event combines the Weather Service's annual Dallas County Skywarn Session, already the largest storm spotter training seminar in the country, with TESSA's 8th National Meeting. The alliance will represent the nation's largest gathering for a conference on severe weather. Storm chasers, storm spotters, emergency managers, science educators and students, and members of the general public will hear speakers from TESSA, the

National Weather Service, the National Severe Storms Laboratory and the Storm Prediction Center deliver presentations on severe weather safety, storm spotter training, and tornado meteorology.

"The Texas Storm Conference is a natural partnership between TESSA and the National Weather Service since both groups are dedicated to severe weather education," said Martin Lisius, TESSA Chairman. "It's appropriate that an event of this quality and magnitude be held in Dallas-Ft. Worth, the largest metropolitan area in Tornado Alley, and an area faced with significant severe storms on a yearly basis," he said.

The Texas Storm Conference will take place at the Granville Arts Center in Garland on Saturday, February 21. Presentations will begin at 8:30 AM and end at 7:00 PM. The conference is free and open to the public. Seating is limited to 500. Details can be accessed online at www.tessa.org.

TESSA is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit association dedicated to severe weather education. The Arlington, Texas based group is comprised of storm chasers, meteorologists, emergency management personnel, educators and students. It is the largest organization of its kind in the nation.

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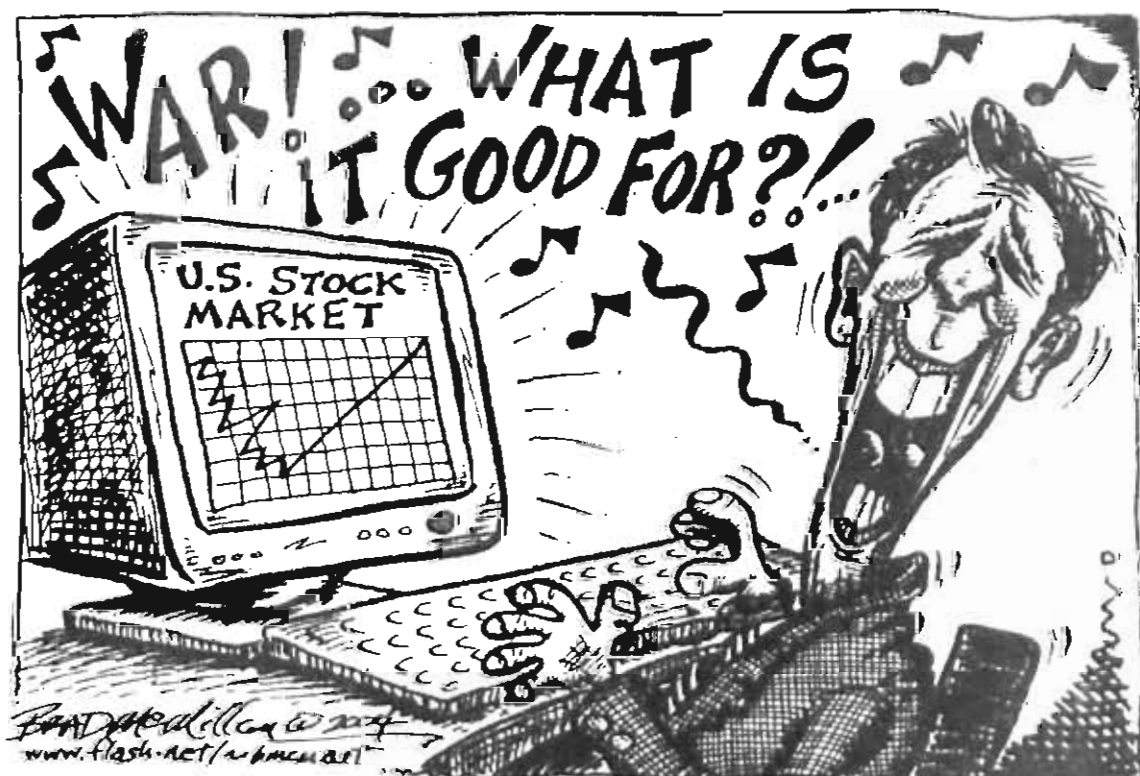
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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition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

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History of the African American Press

African-American newspapers came into existence before the Civil War as a medium of expression of abolitionist sentiment. In 1827, Samuel Cornish and John B. Russwurm started the first African-American periodical, called *Freedom's Journal*. *Freedom's Journal* initiated the trend of African-American papers throughout the United States to fight for liberation and rights, demonstrate racial pride, and inform readers of events affecting the African-American community. Unfortunately, because the African-Americans were not able to support the paper and the white abolitionists were few, the paper ended its circulation in 1830.



Also, during the antebellum South, other African-American newspapers came about. One of these, the *North Star*, founded by Frederick Douglass, had the same fate as *Freedom's Journal*.

As African-Americans migrated from fields to urban centers, virtually every large city with a significant African-American population soon had African-American newspapers. Examples were the *Chicago Defender*, *Detroit Tribune*, the *Pittsburgh Courier*, and the (New York) *Amsterdam News*. While it was certainly important for African-American newspapers to report the news of the day, it was not their primary purpose. Most cities already had daily

newspapers that were aimed to the general public. The idea of an African-American newspaper was to give African-Americans the news through the lens of their own eyes.

From an economic perspective, African-American newspapers were formed in order to make a profit.

According to a study of early African-American newspapers, the "primary motivation" of African-American newspaper proprietors was "not uplift, but profit." In addition, from a social standpoint, these newspapers were a source of pride for the African-American community and a focal point for African-Americans to stick together and fight the constant oppression they were



under. Taking this into account, it seems apparent that it was most beneficial for African-American newspaper editors to be motivated by both uplift and profit.

In the United States today, it is not uncommon for cities to have a variety of newspapers (printed in a variety of languages) that are aimed at specific racial, ethnic, and religious groups. Because large newspapers tend to cover the news that would be of interest to the majority (and thus not the minority) of people, it is easy to see why people of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds would be interested in hearing about events from people who might see the world with the same cultural lens as themselves.

Black Heritage Stamp Page 1

Manager speaking on the occasion. Guest speakers were Tommy Duncan, Vice President of Dallas Pan Hellenic Council and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Paul Robeson was also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Also speaking was Dr. Mamie McKnight, Director of Juanita Crafty Civil Rights House and Executive Director of Black Dallas Remembered. Murry Weatherall, Vice

President of Diversity for U.S. Postal Service Headquarters brought the



(Left to Right) Keenan Zeno, Founder of Cake Theatre; Carl January, Jr. District Manager Dallas District of U.S. Postal Service; Sister Tarpley, Religious Editor, *MON-The Gazette*; and J. Eric Martinez, Postmaster Dallas.

stamp dedicating official message. He mentioned that one reason that he was

excited to come to Dallas was to get away from all of the snow in Washington D.C. and what did he find the day he arrived, snow!

Keenan Zeno, Founder of Cake Theatre Centre, Inc. performed a dramatic and musical tribute to Paul Robeson with Troy Gamble of Booker T. Washington School of Performing and Visual Arts as a "great" narrator.

Ombrey Degrate, also a student at Booker T. Washington School of Performing and Visual Arts, a

very talented and well spoken young man, held the audience spell-bound during the pre-program entertainment with songs and words of Paul Robeson.

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Arts & Entertainment

Heaven 97's Antonio Johnson to Host Gospel Comedy Show

(Garland, TX) Keep Laughing Productions presents "Comedy for Your Soul" hosted by Antonio Johnson of Heaven 97 KHVN. Featured comedienne include Ms. Vickie, who has television networks such as HBO and BET, and Sister Betty, known as the "First Lady of Gospel Comedy". The comedy show will be held at the Plaza Theatre, 521 West State Street, Garland, TX, on Friday, March 5, 8:30 pm, and Saturday, March 6, 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Doors will open one hour prior to show. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 by visiting www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Group discounts are available. For more information, call 214-995-1499.



Ms. Vickie



Sister Betty

Ruben Studdard - Live at NextStage Concert March 21; Tickets on Sale February 20



Irresistible Southern boy Ruben Studdard proved he's got what it takes to win the hearts of millions of Americans when the 25-year-old Birmingham, Ala., native edged out Clay

Aiken on FOX television's May 21 'American Idol' finale.

As a result, Studdard has become the latest singing sensation taken under the wing of music industry legend Clive Davis. Davis has signed Studdard to a recording contract on J Records through Simon Fuller's 19 Recordings

Limited. Davis executive produced Studdard's full-length debut, in consultation with Fuller. Studdard's debut album was released in December, entitled "Soulful". The first single, "Sorry for 2004", has been on Billboard Hot R&B Singles Chart for ten weeks.

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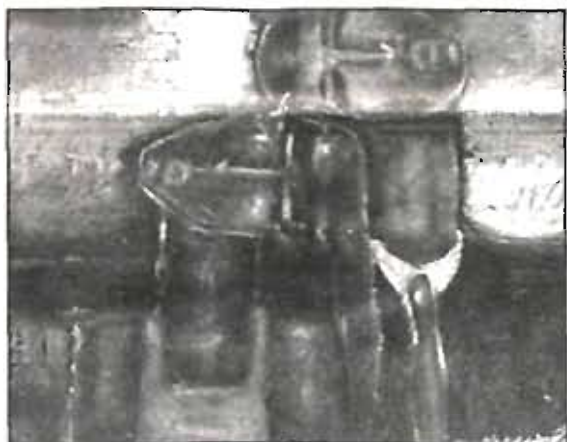
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Black History Month Exhibit Spotlights Pots, Plates, and Paintings

Dallas TX- Stephanie Ward Gallery is hosting a two-man exhibit highlighting the outstanding artwork of Atlanta artist, Kareem Jones and Dallas artist, Patrick Crouch on February 27-28 at the Deep Ellum gallery located at 2546 Elm St. The exhibit, titled "Pots, Plates and Paintings", will feature new work by these artists on flowerpots, plates and textured canvas. Both of these young artists have mastered a unique whimsical



figurative-style that creates movement and rhythm.

The exhibit, a benefit for St. Philip School in South Dallas, will consist of over 50 pieces of original artwork with images that express the value of education, family, and creativity.

Kerream Jones has traveled all over the country exhibiting his artwork. And has emerged as one of the most sought after artists of his generation. He is a graduate of the Art Institute of Atlanta. He has learned how to apply his artwork in many different forms including CD covers, posters and brochures.

With its roots in gospel, Kerream's artwork definitely gives you a glimpse of African-American life. Kerream's work is similar to that of artist Ernie Barnes, whose work was featured on the 70s hit comedy television series "Good Times".

Crouch has been painting since he was a small child. His work embellishes the rich cultural heritage of African-Americans. His work shows off the wide range of emotions and skin colors of black people.

His pots and plates are new to his collection of artwork. Traditionally, he has worked on canvas, and wood.

Recently, he has begun to experiment with other mediums and textures. "These pots are new and I am so excited

about the response I have been getting from them," he said. Many have compared Crouche's work to folk artist Annie Lee.

"Black History Month, is a time of both reflection and celebration," said Stephanie Ward, owner of Stephanie Ward Gallery in Deep Ellum.

The opening reception will be Friday February 27, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday February 28, 3-6 p.m. During the opening reception, there will be an art talk where the artist will discuss their work in depth. The public is invited and encouraged to participate.



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- Regional Transit Initiative/Regional Rail Corridor Study Update

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Westside Baptist Church Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony

By Cathy Johnson

February 1st marked the Groundbreaking Ceremony for a new Worship Center of the Westside Baptist Church Family of Lewisville, Texas. Currently located at 802 Bellaire in Lewisville, Rev. Kenneth W. Blake, Senior Pastor, says the project is "God Designed."

Blake, an Electrical Engineer graduate of A & M University, is nearing his fifteenth year with WSB.

Drawing from the popular movie "Field of Dreams" with Kevin Costner, Blake professes, "And if we build it, they will come."

"Hopefully, the message will have adhering power to keep some of the curious newcomers," said Blake. Apparently, the adhesive has proved lasting. Having started with 40 members at his installation in March of 1989, WSB now has a membership of approximately 1,600.

Born in Bossier, Louisiana, Blake grew up in Houston, Texas and sought the benefits of a Texas Educational System where he successfully built a career with Frito Lay Corporation. Blake's walk in the ministry began at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. A scholar in his own rights, Blake has been tagged, "John The Baptist" for his expository teaching methods and philosophy, "I have a church because we are in step with His Word and not some phenomena or feeling," said Blake.

On the subject of emotionalism, Blake says some Black churches may have lost track of what really matters. "Emotionalism is bad if it is not rooted in faithfulness and knowledge. With all the instruments and new dance moves that have infiltrated our churches, an innate understanding of who He (God) is and how He is influencing

their lives may be getting lost," said Blake.

"Westside is different than most Baptist churches, because we have a world view to fulfill the great commission," said Blake, referring to the "Great commission" of Jesus Christ to his disciples according to scriptures found in the New Testament.



Ice for Christ, Westside Baptist Church Youth Step Team

After having taught for ten years on the principles of tithing—the act of giving 10% of earned income, Blake says he came to a deeper understanding of God and the relationship of giving. A turn,

Blake says that incited tremendous spiritual growth and evolved into "Grace Giving" for the WSB Family.

"We call it 'faith' or 'grace giving.' Whatever you give, must be given without you feeling obligated. I believe that as a man purposes in his heart, that is how he should give," said Blake.

Blake went on to substantiate his beliefs with a sound argument that if the title belongs to God, how can you give Him what is His already? asked Blake.

A subject of controversy within the churches for decades, Blake has managed to bring a new awareness to the giving principle for the WSB Family. "In the Old Testament tithing was for the national government, the priesthood. It was to help ensure

the laws by assessing a tax on the people. When an amount is put upon what you give it becomes a Law. Giving should come from people's free will," said Blake.

Blake went on to say that tithing incites manipulation. "A pastor must be a master motivator, not a crafty manipulator. Manipulation is getting people to do what you want them to do. However, Motivation is getting people to want to do what you want them to do," said Blake.

The people of WSB have given freely and Blake says, "Their revenues have increased since the change in theology on giving."

An impressive "Faith Pledge" building committee has spearheaded the planning for the new worship center. Co-Chairman, Louis Rosenthal is thrilled with the planning and expediting thus far, "WSB is a church that teaches the Word of God. You feel the presence and there is encouragement to read and apply the Word. WSB will surely grow," said Rosenthal.

The new facility slated for completion in September 2005



(Left to Right) Leroy Petteaway, WBC; Lewisville Councilman Rudy Durham, Deacon Freddie Jackson WBC, WBC Senior Pastor K.W. Blake; Lewisville Mayor Gene Carey, Rev. Larry Willis, WBC; Deacon Ray Flowers, and Deacon Stan Walker, WBC

should have plenty of seats for newcomers.

Blake and his wife Venita Blake, Principal at Castle 11th Elementary in Carrollton, Texas will celebrate their 22th Wedding Anniversary this year.

The WSB Family and Pastor Blake are well worth visiting before and after the new center opens its doors. Service times are 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sundays with a mid-week service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Blackonomics Page 1

Black development team to even submit a bid on an \$800 million project on the riverfront. He failed to tell the world that his city is now being sued for conspiring against hundreds of Black and poor people who were thrown out of their homes under false pretenses and discriminated against when it came to compensating them for their pain and suffering. I could go on, but...

We must be careful when we ask for a king. God will give us the leadership we deserve, for failing to do what He tells us to do. He's funny that way. As we continue to cry out for a king and do nothing about the inequity and injustice in our midst, we will continue to get exactly what we deserve. We have national leadership that has done exactly what the scripture says: just take a look at the war and what it has caused. Look at

the rilling of the treasury by the Bushites and their corporate "officials." Look at the Patriot Act and what it does to our freedoms. You wanted a king? You got George Bush.

We have local leadership, both black and white, presiding over discriminatory practices against the "least of these" and, in some cases, participating in them. They take from the poor and give to the rich. As the scripture says, "He will take the best of your fields and vineyards... and give them to his attendants." Here in Cincinnati poor and low income people were put out of their homes on 62 acres of prime land, which was later commandeered and given to the affluent to demolish and develop (See my article, "The \$30 million tip-off of Huntington Meadows, September 2002). We wanted a king, and we got one. As a matter of fact, we got the king and his court jesters.

Everything we need to know about obtaining our freedom and controlling our destiny is written down somewhere or has been spoken by someone. All we need to do is heed the words and follow the instructions, both biblical and otherwise.

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African-American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of 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 by e-mail at jclingman@blackonomics.com.

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Ford faced tough competition in the minivan league, and had a lot of work to do to bring themselves in line. But they not only caught up, they made improvements. And with a shapely and higher quality interior, more power, more options and safety features, Ford is proving to be a serious contender for any minivan buyer.

To start, the Freestar is available in five trim levels -- base, LX, LX Sport, SE and Limited. The base models come comparably well equipped with a selection of amenities, including 16-inch wheels, a second-row bench seat, a fold-down third-row seat, air conditioning, keyless entry and power windows, locks and mirrors. For a CD player



you can opt for the LX, which also provides cruise control and privacy glass. For luxury without the luxury price, the LX Sport gets you rear air conditioning, a power driver seat, a floor console and body-color side molding. Not enough selection? Then try the SE for second-row captain's chairs, rear-seat neckrests, auto-dimming mirror, audio controls on the steering wheel and a chrome grille. The top-line Limited offers leather upholstery,

power-sliding doors, automatic climate control, power-adjustable pedals and two-tone paint.

And with several packages available, buyers can add SE and Limited equipment to lower-line models.

Two powerful engines are available, and although the horsepower numbers suggest mediocrity, these engines hide with torque, making them powerful contenders, even with heavy loads. The base 3.0-liter V6 that produces 193 horsepower, with 240 lb-ft of torque, and while the larger-displacement 4.2-liter V6 makes just 201 hp, it offers a class-

leading 263 lb-ft of torque. And Ford knows that with all that power you'll need a large gas tank, so they gave them all a 24-gallon capacity.

Improvements have been made in safety with new front structural rails, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution are standard, and other available safety features include side curtain airbags spanning all three rows of seating, and the AdvanceTrac stability and traction control

system, which now incorporates a panic brake assist feature. A reverse-sensing system and self-sealing tires are also available.

With new colors inside and out, and plenty of trim levels to choose from, Ford is anxious to regain ground in the minivan war, and the Freestar may just have the winning combination.

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Sister Tarpley

Note: Throughout history, Black people have made contributions to our society and the world as a whole. Unfortunately, most of the time, you will not find their inventions listed in history books. My column, this week is in honor of those Black men and women whose names and inventions are largely unrecognized. I decided to list a few inventions because in Austin this past week, my family and I were on the elevators in the Stephen F. Austin building and a cousin made the comment, "I know that the man who invented elevators made a lot of money, elevators are all over the world; I am thankful to him that I don't have to walk up the stairs now." I asked him if he was aware that a Black man invented elevators and he looked surprised and said, "No!"

Frederick M. Jones invented the Motor, the Ticket-Dispensing Machine in 1939, the Air Conditioning Unit in 1949, the Thermostat Control in 1960 and the Portable X-ray Machine. As a born Texan, I thank Frederick M. Jones. Henry T. Sampson invented the Cellular Phone in 1971 (I have traveled to Egypt, Hong Kong, Greece, Bethlehem, etc. just to name a few places; I saw cell phones being used everywhere and by all people, I know business people, especially, and many others should thank Henry T. Sampson, I do); I got a cell phone each for my daughter and son when they were in college in the late 1980's, I have had one every since.

G.T. Sampson invented the Clothes Dryer in 1862. Lewis Latimer invented the Electric Lamp Bulb in 1882; Alexander

A SALUTE TO BLACK INVENTORS

Miles invented the Elevator in 1867; P. Johnson invented the Eye Protector in 1880; J. W. Winters invented the Fire Escape Ladder in 1878; T. Marshall invented the Fire Extinguisher in 1872; Robert Flemming, Jr. invented the Guitar in 1886; Norbet Rillieux improved sugar making in 1846; A.C. Richard invented the Insect-Destroyer Gun in 1899; L.A. Burr



Sister Tarpley's Picture of the Week: Brother Waterman @ IBOC Church plays his guitar at every service honoring God's Kingdom. Dr. Rickie G. Rush is the pastor.

invented the Lawn Mower in 1889; J.W. Smith invented the Lawn Sprinkler in 1897; F.J. Loudin invented the Key Chain in 1894; W.A. Martin invented the Lock in the 1800's (no exact year was given.) Paul L. Downing invented the Mailbox in 1891 (I just attended the excellent inspiring unveiling of the Paul Robeson Commemorative Stamp Ceremony at Dallas City Hall.

J. Standard, the Refrigerator; W.D. Davis, the Riding Saddles (Ft. Worth had its Stock Show celebration recently, I know a lot of people

should be thanking W.D. Davis. Edmond Berger the Sparkplug in 1839; Imhotep invented the Stethoscope in Ancient Egypt (I know a lot of physician and their patients should thank Imhotep.) Granville T. Woods invented the Phone Transmitter in 1884.

Lloyd Hall's invention, Asphalt, is used on streets, tennis courts, and our bridges. Emanuel L. Logan, the Bullet Resistant Plexiglass. Meredith Gourdin invented the Exhaust Purification Device for cars. Richard Spikes, the Automatic Gearshift in 1932. James A. Bauer invented the Cola Changer, Otis Boykin invented the Pace Maker Controls and the Guided Missile, George Carruthers invented the device for Radiation Detection, Clatonia J. Dorticus invented the Photo Print and the Photo Embossing Machine.

This is just to get you started, I will list a few more next week, look for them. Now go to your library or get on the Internet and see other Black inventions that have changed the world for the better.

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February 29, 3:30 pm

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- Bible Class 7:30 pm
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9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

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Singles Ministry 4th Mondays 7:30 pm
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Mother's Day Out Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



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Beyond Risk to Resiliency: Second Annual Dropout Prevention Conference

(Mesquite, TX) — Research indicates that 62 out of 100 Latino students graduate from high school, 29 out of 100 receive some college education, but only 6 out of 100 earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. This is a primary reason the Education Service Center of Region 10 will conduct their Second Annual Dropout Prevention Conference. The theme of this year's conference is "Beyond Risk to Resiliency" and it will be held at the Texas A & M Metroplex Center Professional Development Center in Mesquite, on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28. On Friday, the focus of the conference is on providing current information and strategies on dropout prevention to administrators and teachers from all over the region. The conference continues on Saturday, addressing parents and legal guardians because educators understand the critical role parent involvement plays in their child's academic success.

The goal of the Saturday conference is to unite families in supporting their children and to promote family literacy. It will offer practical, hands-on workshops and opportunities to network with the community regarding this very important issue. There will be English and Spanish sessions addressing various topics, such as how to support your adolescent child at home and at school in order to help prevent possible dropouts. Other sessions will inform parents on how to raise their child's academic success if they are at risk of dropping out of their formal education.

Saturday's conference for the parents will feature Lucy V. Cantu as the keynote speaker. She will address parents with a powerful and inspiring keynote entitled "Leading Our Children Beyond Risk to Resiliency" to closely examine basic leadership skills parents can use and teach their children to maximize their "success" potential. Emphasis will be placed on the important role

parents play in fostering character traits, which build "resiliency" in their children to help them rise "beyond risks" and on to academic and life success. Mrs. Cantu, owner and principal trainer of Strategies for Success, was compelled to start her bilingual training and consulting company because of the alarming rate of high school dropouts, especially among Hispanics.

After the keynote, breakout sessions will be offered to parents. Leticia Martinez and two of her parent assistants from the Weslaco Independent School District will lead sessions on how to communicate with your child's teacher. During this session, parents will have an opportunity to participate in activities they can use at home with their children to increase academic success. The session entitled, "How to Get Into College (For Free)" is offered by Valerie Peake from Aubrey, Texas to provide parents with this critical information to better prepare and

plan for their children's education beyond high school.

The Education Service Center of Region 10 promotes the collaboration of parents, teachers, and educational administrators in preparing our youth for a brighter future that they so much deserve. All parents are invited to participate at our conference in order to create a safe society of mutual respect and values.

The conference location will be at Texas A & M Metroplex Center, Mesquite Professional Development Center, 2600 Motley Dr. in Mesquite, TX 75150. The Friday Conference, which is for teachers and administrators, runs from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. On Saturday, parents are invited to participate at the conference from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided Saturday, however parents must register prior as seats are limited. The registration fee is \$10 per family. To register, or for more information, please call Veronica Garcia at 972-948-1330.

Scholarship Program Helps Journalists Study Religion

COLUMBUS (OH)—The Religion Newswriters Foundation is offering up to \$5,000 per person to journalists enrolling in college-level courses on religion.

The new Lilly Scholarships in Religion are part of \$50,000 available this year to help journalists cover the expense of tuition, books, and fees at any accredited college, university, seminary or similar institution. Journalists can take any course they choose as long as it is in the field of religion.

"We know one obstacle to quality religion news is the steep learning curve to understanding faith's nuances. And we know one of the biggest complaints journalists have is a lack of training," said Debra Mason, executive director of the Religion Newswriters Association and its nonprofit Foundation. "These scholarships target both those needs."

April 1 is the first deadline for scholarship applications, which are reviewed quarterly by a committee of award-winning journalists. Additional 2004 scholarship application deadlines are July 1 and October 1. Scholarships must be used within three academic quarters of their award date and only fulltime journalists working in the general circulation news media are eligible.

All journalists—including reporters, editors, designers, copy editors, editorial writers, news directors, researchers and producers—are eligible, regardless of

whether or not they cover religion.

Religion Newswriters will repeat the scholarships program each year through 2006.

The scholarships are part of a new three-year \$1.3 million grant to the Religion Newswriters Foundation from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment, Inc., a private family foundation since 1937.

In addition to the new scholarships program, the Lilly Endowment grant allows Religion Newswriters to repeat its successful program for journalists new to the religion beat, which RNA first held in 2001. This year's Religion Reporting 101 Fellowship Program will be Sept. 9-10, 2004, in Washington, D.C., preceding RNA's annual conference there.

Religion Newswriters Foundation is the nonprofit charitable arm of Religion Newswriters Association, the world's only association for journalists covering religion in the news media and the leading trainer on religion reporting. RNA has about 400 members and subscribers.

Complete information about the Lilly Scholarships in Religion and the Religion Reporting 101 Fellowships program is available at www.religionwriters.com, by following the "Scholarships" link.

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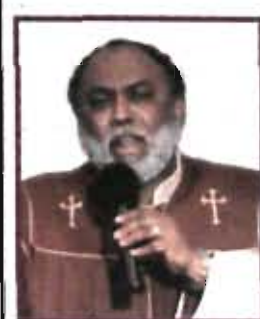
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