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People In The News



Detective Mike Johnson has recently been appointed to the position of Public Information Officer for the Plano Police Department.

"I look forward to the opportunity to connect with officers in various parts of the Plano Police Department. There are a lot of officers behind the scenes doing really good work in the community, and part of my role is to get those stories out to the community."

A San Antonio native, Detective Johnson has been with the Plano Police Department since 1982.

He has served as an undercover narcotics officer, in the Patrol division, and has as a child abuse investigator in the Criminal Investigations division.

Detective Johnson is considered an ambassador for child advocacy. He is a founding member of the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center, and has been named the Center's "Child Advocate of the Year". Mike was appointed to the National Board of Directors for the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), and was President of the APSAC Texas State Chapter. He has served on the Texas State Attorney General's Sexual Offender Protocol Task Force and Senator Florence Shapiro's Blue Ribbon committee to formulate the now instated "Ashley Laws."

Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas recently announced Dallas native Erykah Badu as one of the exceptional women recipients of their 2006 "She Knows Where She's Going" Award. Grammy winner Erykah Badu is a noteworthy philanthropist in the Dallas Metroplex. In 2003, she founded her nonprofit group B.L.I.N.D. (Beautiful Love Incorporated Nonprofit Development). The organization's first project was refurbishing the Black Forest Theater, a fifty-year old South Dallas landmark that once hosted the likes of Aretha Franklin and Chuck Berry.



Following Hurricane Katrina, B.L.I.N.D. partnered with St. Philips School to provide "Saturday Creative Explorations" to help children relocated in the Dallas Convention Center and Reunion Arena shelters.

Ms. Badu's efforts in community involvement have extended to such projects as the celebrity spokesperson for "AIDS Arms Lifewalk". Her frequent visits to Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts are evidence of her loyalty to the school that she attended. She also spends time talking to students at local high schools about the perils of promiscuity, drug use and poor nutrition.

The 2006 Girls Inc. "She Knows Where She's Going" Award Luncheon will be held on April 19th, 2006. Visit www.girlinc-dallas.org for more info.



Deb Peoples has been tapped by the new AT&T to become their Vice President and General Manager of the Dallas/Fort Worth market.

In her new position People's will be responsible for local AT&T retail sales and marketing which will include tailoring programs to meet the needs and concerns of North Texas residential customers. The market includes the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, Waco, Temple, Tyler/Longview and Sherman/Denison.

Peoples joined the AT&T family in 1977 where she has served in both the business and consumer roles. Born in Louisiana, she graduated from Texas Women's University with a bachelor's degree in speech and received an MBA. She serves as a board member of the Dallas Chapter of the American Red Cross, Community Network, Black Women Lawyers of Tarrant County and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Of her new position Peoples states, "I'm proud to live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and to work for our community's premiere communications service provider. This position allows me to address the unique local needs of our residential customers, building on the new AT&T reputation as a civic leader in the greater North Texas community."

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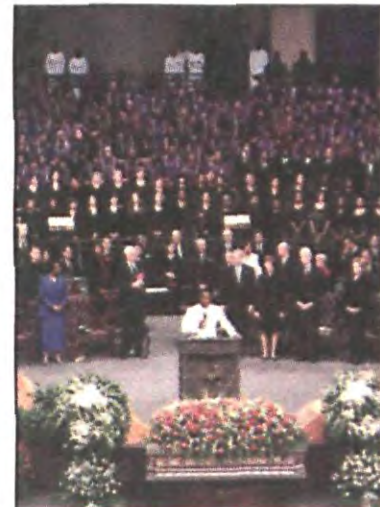
Presidents Join Mourners At King Funeral

Ten thousand mourners — including four U.S. presidents, numerous members of Congress and many gray-haired veterans of the civil rights movement — said goodbye to Coretta Scott King on Tuesday, with President Bush saluting her as "a woman who worked to make our nation whole."

The immense crowd filled the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church — a modern, arena-style megachurch in a suburban Atlanta county that was once a stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan but today has one of the most affluent black populations in the country.

More than three dozen speakers at the funeral took turns remembering the widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who worked to realize her husband's dream of equality for nearly 40 years after his assassination. She died Jan. 30 at age 78 after battling ovarian cancer and the effects of a stroke.

The president ordered flags flown at half-staff across the country.



"Coretta Scott King not only secured her husband's legacy, she built her own," Bush told the crowd. "Having loved a leader, she became a leader, and

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Collin Receives \$564,254 Grant From Texas Workforce Commission

Collin County Community College District (Collin) received a \$564,254 grant from the Texas Workforce Commission to provide advanced manufacturing and information technology training to employees of local companies. This grant will provide training for 782 employees in organizational processes, management, communications, high tech and industrial topics and information technology. The training program will begin in late February or early March.

"These grants are very competitive, and we work very hard to bring these opportunities to the employees of Collin County," said college President Cary Israel. "The employees of these



many fine companies benefit from the training they receive from us, and their companies, in turn, benefit from having more highly skilled employees.

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After Coretta Scott King, What Next?



Civil rights community questions how to keep drive for equality vital today

Associated Press

Amid their grief over the death of Coretta Scott King, black advocates say that her passing underscores a growing concern: As the movement's iconic leaders fade into history, much of the focus is on honoring the past rather than

pushing for equality today.

"We will now celebrate Coretta Scott King as though the civil rights movement is finished and the mission has been accomplished, but the work is not done," said Bruce Gordon, president of the NAACP. "We should be very respectful of — and encouraged by — the substantial progress that has been made. But in no way, shape or form should we conclude that the civil rights mission is complete."

Social justice activists all said it's important to remember

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Haitians Cast Votes Amid Hitches

Haiti's first election since former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in February 2004 has been marred by angry demonstrations in the capital.

Polls closed after voting was extended following some polling stations in the capital's failure to open on time, which lead to shoving and stampedes.

Voters were choosing a new president, as well as a 129-member parliament.

The front-runners are Rene Preval, a former ally of Mr Aristide, and Charles Henry Baker, a businessman.

Officials results are expected on Friday. When polling stations failed to open,



angry voters tried to force their way in. At least one man was reported to have died in the crush in a Port-au-Prince district, and several others

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"Special Moments" Focuses On Developing Young Girl's Self-Esteem

By: Paul Hailey
Dreamer, Optimist, Visionary.

When it comes to the plight of African American girls and women, each of those adjectives describe consultant Renee' Wroten. As founder and President of Special Moments Consulting which includes The Wroten Academy, Ms. Wroten provides an avenue for young black women to assess and develop their self-esteem. She also assists them in developing life goals and determining individually if they are sabotaging their own successes and aspirations for the future.

A Los Angeles native, after moving to Dallas, Renee' observed a disturbing theme



Special Moments founder and president Renee' Wroten

among the young black girls she saw.

"They had no self-esteem," she said. "I saw young girls

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Thousands Of Katrina Victims Evicted

Associated Press

Hauling everything he owned in a plastic garbage bag, Darryl Travis walked out of the chandelied lobby of the Crowne Plaza, joining the exodus of Hurricane Katrina refugees evicted from their hotel rooms across the country Tuesday.

More than 4,500 evacuees were expected to check out of their government-paid hotel rooms Tuesday as the Federal Emergency Management Agency began cutting off money to pay for their stays.

Far more people — a total of more than 20,000 storm victims — were given extensions by FEMA until at least next week and possibly as long as March 1, said FEMA spokesman Butch Kinerney.

FEMA said it gave people every possible opportunity to request an extension.

"We've bent over backward to reach out. We've gone door-



to-door to all of the 25,000 hotel rooms no fewer than six times. And there are individuals who have refused to come to the door, refused to answer. There are people who have run when they saw us coming — those are the ones that are now moving on," Kinerney said.

While some of the evacuees leaving the Crowne Plaza said they had found other housing, several said they were now homeless.

Travis, 24, and his five childhood friends — all in their 20s — had been living on the floor of another evac-

Victims Evicted Page 10

Plano Police Tackle ID Theft Through Prevention/Free Seminars

The Plano Police Department Crime Prevention Unit doesn't take any crime lightly, but with the rapidly increasing trend of identity theft they've taken the bull by the horns by offering a seminar called "Protect Your Identity."

The Protect Your Identity seminar is one of three different classes offered four times a year. The other two classes are the Burglary Seminar and Personal Safety. Coming this spring, Plano Police will offer Motor Vehicle Burglary in response to a growing trend of auto burglaries. Citizens can pick which classes fit their need.

All classes are FREE and begin at 7 p.m. at Liberty Recreation Center, 2601

Glenciff Drive. Plano Police Officer Mark Dawson leads the classes. Registration is through the Parks and Recreation Department Leisure Program. For information on upcoming class dates and topics contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-941-2431.

During 2005, more than 1,300 cases of fraud and forgery were reported in Plano. On average identity theft costs the vendor (retailer) \$6,000 per victim. According to Officer Dawson, "We work on the local level to prosecute and catch the bad guys, while educating the public."

The most important thing

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Community Spotlight

African American Read-In A Resounding Success!!



A baby representing Moses is lifted up to be blessed by the Gods.



African American writers shared thoughts about the importance of reading.



Read-In founder Carla Ranger recognizes participants and guests.



The Gospel Harmonizers brought down the house with their spirited performance.



Actor Avery Brooks and motivational speaker Johnny Wimbrey share inspirational thoughts.



The Literary Lion through song and dance urged the audience to Read! Read!! Read!!!

By: Gwen Elder

As parents, children and other attendees wound around the block of the Majestic Theatre on Saturday, February, onlookers probably thought they were attending a musical or play. But, the hundreds gathered to participate in the 7th Annual African American Read-In presented by the Dallas County Community Colleges and

Alliance Data.

Those who gathered hours before the event started were able to gain admittance and receive book-bags filled with tee-shirts, a book and other goodies.

The event itself was highly charged and motivational. Greg Fields, of WFAA Channel 8 served as Master of Ceremonies. The theme for the event was A Prince Came Out of Egypt: A Tribute to Ossie Davis.

The all musical and dance tribute was written by Anyika McMillan-Herod and directed by Monique Ridge-Williams. Celebrated actor Avery Brooks read several passages about the importance of reading and manhood. Dynamic motivational speaker Johnny Wimbrey urged those in attendance to not let your present circumstances determine where you go in life. "Don't let others attitude deter-

mine your altitude," he implored!

The event also featured a performance by the Gospel Harmonizers and presentation of African American writers in Dallas.

This years Read-In was not only dedicated to Ossie Davis who passed away a year before he was scheduled to attend this event, but to literary champion George Dawson who learned to read when he was 98 years old.

Collin County Community College Presents "Ubuntu In Motion"



Dancers from the Collin Dance Ensemble perform on the interactive display. Pictured left to right: Emily Walker, Breanne Powell, Elizabeth Horn, Ashley Franco.

Interactive display part of Black History Month

Collin County Community College (Collin) will celebrate Black History Month with an interactive display called "Ubuntu in Motion" at the

Spring Creek Campus Conference Center. The theme is based on the African word "ubuntu", which means "humanity to others" and also "I am what I am because of who we all are." The display will be active each day from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. until Feb. 23 and is open to the public.

The installation features a 12 x 24-foot graphical image that sits on top of a touch-sen-

sitive dance floor containing 72 sensors that are each spaced one-foot apart. When stepped upon, these sensors trigger sounds of African musical instruments, speech fragments from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech and projects moving video images of important figures in African-American culture and history.

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Around The Town

February Ongoing

The 7th Bicentennial of African American Legislative Summit will take place at the State Capital building in Austin, Texas. For information call 214-467-0123 or 512-463-0123. February 9-11

The Vagina Monologues as part of the V-Day College Campaign in the Black Box Theatre on the Spring Creek Campus of Collin County Community College. Call 972-881-5809. February 10-12

The national touring production of "Issues We Got 'Em" a play exploring marriage, infidelity and more will be held, the Black Academy of Arts and Letters. For show times and information call 214-742-2440. February 14-18

The Dallas Black Dance Theatre's Annual Cultural Awareness Series will be held at the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St. For more information call 214-880-0137. February 14-18

Plano Citizen Police Academy is accepting applications for its spring class, which begins Thursday. The free 13 week class meets every Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. Call 972-941-2135 for information.

2nd Annual Savor Dallas, an International Experience of wine, food

and spirits, African American Museum. Call 888-392-7705 for information.

Gut Bucket Gospel-From Church to Broadway Gospel revue of Black Gospel music from traditional hymns to contemporary music will be held at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, 650 S. Griffin ST. For show times and information call 214-743-2440. February 15-17

The Society of Figurative Arts will hold lab and workshop sessions at 7:00 p.m. most Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3306 Wiley Post, Studio 104, Carrollton. Call 972-679-1625 for information.

Dallas Summer Musicals' Broadway Contemporary Series Brings The Ten Tenors back to the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St. Call 214-421-5678 for information. February 28-March 5.

A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie, temporary exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Call 512-936-8746 for information. February 11-April 15

Irving Black Arts Council presents Visual Arts exhibition at the Main Gallery. Call 214-993-8444 for information. February 1-28.

Drums Not Guns will hold drumming sessions from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month thru mid-May at Old Settlers Park Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana St. Call 214-641-0782

for information.

A Ballroom Dance with a live band at the McKinney Senior Recreation Center and Indoor Pool, 1400 S. College St., Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. Call 972-547-7491 for information.

The First Baptist Church is again offering "DivorceCare" beginning January 15 and running for 13 weeks. Call 972-727-8241 for information.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.assistance-league-gcc.org.

A Free Legal Clinic is offered at 6:00 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First

United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

The Frisco Housing Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Korean War Veterans Association- Sam Johnson Chapter 270 meets the second Saturday of each month at the Richardson Senior Citizens Center, 820 Arapaho Rd. in Richardson. Call 972-279-7000 for information.

The Richardson Optimist Club is selling mixed nuts, fudge, etc to raise funds for its youth activities. Contact any Optimist Club member or call 972-233-9597.

African American Images in the 20th Century Film will be shown at 2:00 p.m. at the University of North Texas Multicultural Center, Rm. 422, Denton. For more information call 940-565-2108.

February 10

The 6th Annual Winter Ball "Celebrating the Lives of Extraordinary People", 8:00 p.m., Capella Court, 2701 Custer Parkway, Richardson. Call 972-381-5044 for information.

Step Your Way into Hollywood request taped submission of step teams across the country. Deadline for submission is February 10. Mail submission to 5900 Wilshire Blvd 26th Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90036.

February 11

Plano Community Forum presents their 18th Annual Sweethearts Ball, 6:30 p.m., South Fork Hotel, 1600 N. Central Expressway. Call 972-422-0012 to RSVP and for information.

The 2006 Blue Shoe Project Gala, featuring performance by David "Honeyboy" Edwards, Robert Lockwood Jr., 6:30 p.m. at the historic Palace Arts Center, 300 S. Main St., Grapevine. For information call 1-800-714-6019.

The "Keys to Success" College Fair with personalized assistance for financial aid, scholarships, essay writing will be held 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Richland College, 12800 Abrams Rd. For information call 972-925-3970.

A grant writing seminar available to show you how to start

a small business, grant writing techniques, etc., 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at Ryan's Grill Buffet Bakery, 909 Trip Rd., Mesquite. Call 214-497-4260 for information.

The Heart of Soul Concert featuring Pieces of a Dream and Joseph Vincelli, 7:30 p.m., Hall of State at Fair Park, 3939 Grand Ave. Call 214-743-2440 for information.

Creating a Community Quilt: Black History Month Family Day will be held at the African American Museum at the Fair Park, 3536 Grand Ave. For more information call 214-565-9026.

February 12

Flair for Fashion presents Cosmo's and Clothing Valentine's Day Fashion Show and Dinner to benefit "Nickel of Hope", 9:30 p.m., Cosmopolitan Bistro, 640 West Main St. Garland. Call 214-577-8267 for information.

Texas Ballet Theater announces 2006/2007 season auditions at Margo McCann Texas Ballet Theater, 6845 Green Oaks Rd. Call 817-763-0207 ext 120 or 214-369-5200 ext. 120.

February 14

UNT celebrates Black History Month, Each One Teach One Film Series, "How Biased Are You?", 12noon, Multicultural Center, Room 422, University Union. The film focuses on the history and practice of racism through its extreme manifestations, such as slavery. Call 940-565-2108 for information.

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Female and Minority Business Grants and loans Workshop will be held from 5:00- 6:00 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 2922 MLK Blvd. Call 214-670-0344 for information.

2006 Dallas Mavericks Multi-ethnic Mixer, 6:15 p.m., American Airline Center. Call 214-658-7123 for information.

February 17

16th Annual African Heritage Banquet, 7 p.m., University of Texas, University Union Silver Eagle Suite, University Union.

February 22

9th Annual Equity and Diversity Conference, featuring Law and Order TV Star B. D. Wong and actress/civil rights advocate Yolanda King, 8:00-5:00 p.m., University Union Silver Eagle Suite. Call 940-565-2108 for information.

February 25

United Negro College Fund's 7th Annual "Red Hot and Snazzy" Benefit Gala, Fairmont Hotel, 1717 N. Akard St., 6:00 p.m. Call 972-234-1007 for information.

February 26

The Elite News presents their 31st Annual Black History Awards Night, Mt. Tabor B.C., 3700 Simpson Stuart Rd. Call 214-372-6500 for information.

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"Don't Throw Baby Out With Bathwater"

By: Sister Shirley Tarpley

It's time that our Black people that are sometime in the news stop advocating that we should do away with Black History Month. Where would we be in Black History knowledge if Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson had not spent his life struggling to make it possible for all Americans to know the contributions that Black Americans have made in America, and the world?

Lerone Bennett, Jr., Senior Editor of Ebony, said, "In the early days of this century, virtually single-handedly, Carter G. Woodson created a vision of celebrating Black history through annual events and a prestigious journal."

Dr. Woodson often said, "I hope the time would come when Negro History Week would be unnecessary; when all Americans would willingly recognize the contributions of Black Americans as a legitimate and integral part of the history of this country." I disagree with his statement, "Why can't we have the facts included in schools' curriculums, textbooks, and still have Black History Month? Why do we have to choose one or nothing? Randy Lister said that the problem with integrating Black history in curriculums is that the information is not assimilated into society.

It was disturbing enough when Morgan Freeman, an actor, made the statement on a 60 Minutes show that Black History Month is a ridiculous celebration. Commissioner John Wiley Price repeated almost the same words, and so did Joyce King, in U.S.A Today. Every February Commissioner Price says that he doesn't accept invitations to speak during February. Why does he say this every year for the media? After the second time that he made that statement, okay, don't accept speaking engagements in February; but stop repeating the statement every year! It seems that Commissioner Price is allowing the media to use him to incite a

negative controversy about celebrating Black History Month.

A vision in Dr. Woodson's mind became a reality in 1926 when "Negro History Week" was established. When the Week was expanded, in the 1960s, to a Month, it was said that this was perhaps his (Dr. Woodson) proudest accomplishment. He said, "No other single thing has done so much to dramatize the achievement of persons of African blood."

Most holidays, with the exception of holidays that can generate a lot of income for businesses are celebrated in one day. However, when you think of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s National Holiday, Black History has evolved into two months of celebrating; this is a step in the right direction.

"It was for the young and for the future that Dr. Woodson rummaged in the past. He believed that you look back in order to look forward." But like most pioneers, he was ridiculed and attacked for his vision. And "America African's Intelligentsia" today is doing the same thing to Dr. Woodson because they don't agree with his idea.

If Freeman, Price, King, and other so called 'educated' Black people don't like the month-long celebration of Black History, "Don't Throw the Baby out with the Bathwater," take the lead to change the month celebration to 12 months, 365 days, and 24 hours; or what is your alternative? Don't "tread" on Dr. Woodson's hard work to accomplish his goal of "mass education" by creating the annual Black History celebrations. It is said that Dr. Woodson was defiantly independent—he gave up the things that most men hold dear — family, material comforts, fun and social relations, and devoted his every waking hour to the task of ensuring that Blacks would escape "the awful fate of becoming a negligible factor in world thought."

Dr. Woodson said, "When I arrived in Washington in 1909 and began my research, the people

there laughed at me and especially at my 'hayseed' clothes. At that time I didn't have enough money to pay for a haircut. When I, in my poverty, had the 'audacity' to write a book on the Negro, the 'scholarly' people of Washington laughed at it."

I eagerly wait for all important Black history to be included in textbooks worldwide and taught every school year. I am extremely grateful to have the month's celebration and want it to continue even when Black history is included in school's curriculums. Because we celebrate Black History in February, the U.S. Postal Service, created the Black History Stamp Series, which has been very successful; corporations publish Black History Calendars, special programs and movies are shown on Public Broadcasting Stations in February. Booklets have been published with plenty of "Little Known Black History Facts" also in February. Southern Methodist University (SMU) found Black movies produced and directed by Africa Americans that are shown in February because it's 'politically correct.'

I personally learn, each February, new facts, that I didn't know. Black History Month is a wonderful time to concentrate and reflect on our accomplishments. It keeps Americans from taking Black's accomplishments for granted. It is a time to ponder how better off we are because of contributions of Africa Americans.

It's a time when corporations, to be 'politically correct' research and gather information in one place, (booklets, calendars, flyers, conference rooms, special employees programs, the media becomes involved on a large scale, schools, churches, etc.) American citizens benefit from this extensive research.

Let's keep Black History Month so that Americans can learn the rich contribution of Africa Americans; once they learn, everybody can appreciate how unique we are as a race of people.

Email Comments to Editor@MonTheGazette.com



Paul Hailey

The recent death of Coretta Scott King and the commemoration of the holiday associated with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., have caused me to ponder a question that is central to black people in 2006.

What are we going to do about the absence of black leadership in this country?

I am part of a generation that was less than 12 years old when Dr. King and Malcolm X were assassinated. Sadly, that generation has not had the privilege of witnessing a central black leader that spoke to the needs and direction of the majority of African Americans. The best we have seen when it comes to a memorable black leader in our adult lifetimes have been Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Louis Farrakhan. Unfortunately, both men have more memorable for their flaws than their agendas.

But why look for a leader at all? The major part of the appeal of Dr. King and Malcolm X was that they both preached a philosophy of involvement; of personal responsibility for taking action to negate the wrongs perpetrated against the black race by society and the U.S. government. That was the beauty of the Civil Rights movement. They encouraged us to protest, to speak, to teach—but more than anything else they taught us to be aware of what was happening to us as a people.

Today, black people seem much more interested in *American Idol*, or *C.S.I.* or the latest episode of *Girlfriends* than we are about what is going on in America. Not that there's any-

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thing wrong with watching television as entertainment. The problem is when we seem more interested in the fiction coming through the box than we are with the reality that black people are living every day.

All of which begs the question: Do black people care enough anymore to become involved or even aware of the social and economic issues confronting them in 2006?

Do we care about the alarming educational disparities between whites and African-Americans? In 1991, African Americans nationwide scored on average 91 points lower than whites on the verbal section of the SAT and 94 points lower than whites on math. In 2001, the gap was larger; African-Americans scored on average 96 points lower than whites on the verbal section of the test and 105 points lower than whites on math. Although test results undoubtedly correlate with socioeconomic status, this correlation does not fully explain the lower scores of black students.

Do we care about the black job crisis in America? That blacks lack are still twice as likely as whites to be unemployed, and three times as likely to be poor. That our incomes and wages still trail the national average. Is it relevant to us that since 2002 the number of unemployed black workers has increased by nearly a quarter of a million (214,000)? Or that the black unemployment rate has increased four times faster than the rate for white workers (1.2 percent versus .3 percent, respectively)? Do we care that black teenage unemployment has risen from 30 percent to 40

percent in just one year (in what economists call a jobless economic recovery)?

Do we care about black home ownership? Considered the chief source of wealth and a very real gauge of economic progress in America, only 48% of blacks owned a house in 2003. That number was unchanged from 2000 and well below a white rate of more than 75%. Several factors explain the big difference, including blacks' poor credit scores and below-average incomes; however, discrimination remains an issue.

Do we care about the incarceration of black youth? In 2000, according to the US Department of Justice, 42 percent of juvenile arrests for violent crime involved black youth, even though only 16 percent of juveniles in the country were black. I don't even have the space to quote the statistics on black adult incarceration or racial profiling by law enforcement.

These issues are only the tip of the iceberg. There are many issues disproportionately affecting black Americans, but change can be achieved. Progress can be made, things can become better, our children can live better than we could ever imagine. But it requires awareness, it requires involvement. It requires us to vote, to encourage others to vote. It requires us to write or email our congressmen and senators on issues that are important to us. It requires us to care.

We can all do something about the state of black leadership in this country.

We can be leaders.

- BLACKONOMICS - Exxon's Excessive Excess

By: James Clingman
NNPA Columnist

Have you ever made so much money that you were embarrassed about it? I didn't think so; and it's very unlikely you ever will. But in case you do, it will probably be called excess profit, which means surplus, additional, or extra. I doubt if it will be called excessive profit, which means extreme, unwarranted, unnecessary, and disproportionate. That's the kind of profit posted by Exxon Mobil so far. I would add that the other big oil companies, Dutch Shell

(\$25 billion), ConocoPhillips, British Petroleum, Chevron, and the whole gang of outlaws are not so far behind Exxon. They adroitly refused to appear before a Congressional committee to explain their windfalls.

It must be nice for a company to make the most money ever in one quarter, \$11 billion, with a total of \$36 billion in one year, all in the face of disaster, grief, oh yeah, and death along the Gulf Coast. That happens to be where U.S. oil is turned into gasoline and sent on its way to a pump

near you. I wonder what it feels like to be able to announce such excessive profits and then thumb your nose at Congress (I told you we should get rid of Congress) because of your disrespect for that august body, or because you are simply embarrassed to discuss the topic before the public.

I'll cut right to the chase. We have seen all sorts of Gas Out days, Gas Out Weeks, and other campaigns to deal with these oil thieves, the ones who met with

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when she spoke, Americans listened closely."

Former President Clinton urged mourners to follow in her footsteps, honor her husband's sacrifice and help the couple's children fulfill their parents' legacy. Former President Bush said the "world is a kinder and gentler place because of Coretta Scott King." President Carter praised the Kings for their ability to "wage a fierce struggle for a freedom and justice and to do it peacefully."

The funeral at times turned political, with some speakers decrying the war in Iraq, the Bush administration's eavesdropping program, and the sluggish response to Hurricane Katrina in mostly black New Orleans.

Coretta Scott King's body was to be placed in a crypt near her husband's tomb at the King Center, which she built to promote his memory. The crypt is inscribed with a passage from First Corinthians: "And now abide Faith, Hope, Love, These Three; but the greatest of these is Love."

Over the past several days, more than 160,000 mourners waited in long lines to pay their respects and file past King's open casket during viewings at churches and the Georgia Capitol, where King became the first woman and the first black person

to lie in honor.

Stevie Wonder and Michael Bolton sang, giving soaring, gospel-infused performances. At least 14 U.S. senators attended, along with members of the House.

Among the civil rights veterans at the funeral were Dorothy Height, longtime chairwoman of the National Council of Negro Women; Rep. John Lewis, former head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee who

mother's purpose in life was to spread her father's message of peace and unconditional love.

"Thank you, mother, for your incredible example of Christ-like love and obedience," she said.

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin—who spoke immediately after the president— injected politics into her remarks, describing how Coretta Scott King spoke out against "the senselessness of war" with a

voice that was heard "from the tintop roofs of Soweto to the bomb shelters of Baghdad."

Carter brought up the government response to Katrina, saying, "We only have to recall the color of the faces of those in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi" to know that inequality exists. He also noted that the Kings once were "victims of secret government wiretapping"—echoing Bush's domestic spying program.

Outside the church, the lines to get into the funeral and to attend the final viewing of King's body started forming before 3 a.m.

"It's good to finally see her at peace," said Robert Jackson, a 34-year-old financial consultant from Atlanta whose 10-year-old daughter, Ebony, persuaded him to take her to the church.



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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 there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north—

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Wachovia Donates \$1M To Schools

Wachovia Foundation donated \$1 million to two Texas organizations on Tuesday to help at-risk students succeed.

Wachovia will grant \$500,000 each to Communities in Schools of Dallas and Edinburg-based Advancement Via Individual Determination, known as AVID.

The organizations focus on helping elementary and secondary school students at-risk of educational failure to develop leadership skills, succeed in school and go to college.

Wachovia made the announcement at a news conference at its Texas headquarters in Addison. Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, Carrollton Mayor Becky Miller and Addison Mayor Joe Chow were among those attending the event.

CIS will use the donation to establish Wachovia Building

Leaders Program, which will aid in developing leadership skills in at-risk fourth and fifth graders. The program will be introduced in Dallas, Houston, Austin and



Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk

San Antonio. CIS will spend more than \$200,000 in the Framers Branch, Richardson and Dallas public school districts over the next two years, said Sandra Chavarria, presi-

dent and CEO of CIS.

The AVID donation will be used for a college preparatory program designed to increase the number of low-income students who enroll in four-year colleges. AVID, which has 235 programs on various junior high and high school campuses in Texas, including seven in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, focuses on sixth graders and up. "We are planning on spending \$160,000 in the Dallas area school districts over the next two years," said Dr. Karen Watt, AVID Texas director.

According to studies, 86 percent of students helped by CIS and AVID have improved their grades, 95 percent have been promoted to the next grade and 90 percent have graduated from high school.

"The better their future is," said former mayor Ron Kirk, "The better our future will be."

NAACP Launches Effort To Increase African American Graduation And College Readiness Rates

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) received a \$200,000 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The "Redesigning the American High School Initiative grant", will be used to support NAACP high school reform initiatives and to promote efforts to increase high school graduation rates for African American youth.

The NAACP will be working with the foundation and the National Governor's Association (NGA) National Constituent Group to implement a national awareness campaign consisting of education and policy focused Capitol Hill briefings, guest speaker series, and "stay in school" events. The partnership will also produce regional and national education symposiums to develop strategies for increasing high school graduation rates.

Dr. Nicole Francis-Williams, NAACP Interim National Education Director, said, "The NAACP looks forward to this partnership with the Bill &

Melinda Gates Foundation and the NGA and we are serious about increasing graduation rates for African American students. Our Education department plans to actively impact strategies designed to increase teacher quality and improve school governance. Due to our ability to expand partnerships and utilize expertise in education, research and policy we will play an even more integral role in positively shaping the future for minority students and parents who depend on the NAACP to be their advocates."

According to the Manhattan Institute, nearly one of every three public high school students fails to

graduate. Forty-four percent of African American students will not graduate with their class. Of those who do graduate, most leave school without the skills they need to succeed in college, work, and citizenship.

Jim Shelton, Program Director of Education, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said, "Through this partnership with the NAACP, we will strengthen the support for innovative efforts to provide African American students with the education they need to graduate from high school ready for the challenges and opportunities of the future."

Dr. Maya Angelou Challenges Students To Look Inside For Words Of Wisdom

World-renowned poet partners with Alltel for scholarship program benefiting students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities

In conjunction with Black History Month, Alltel and Dr. Maya Angelou today announced the Words of Wisdom Scholarship Program, which asks students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) across the country, "What words of wisdom will you pass on to those who come after you?"

"Young people have a fresh perspective and can express their insights in ways the next generation will appreciate and respond to," said Regina Woziwodski, director of multicultural marketing for Alltel. "We are proud to provide them with a forum through the Alltel Words of Wisdom Scholarship Program as well as the once-in-a-lifetime experience of meeting Dr. Maya Angelou."

Ten Grand Prize winners will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to a participating HBCU institution of their choice and a trip to Little Rock to meet Dr. Angelou. Participants will be judged based on their ability to adhere to the theme as well as strike an emo-

tional chord and exude passion through writing.

"I am pleased to be a part of a program that empowers young people to voice their opinions. Wisdom lives in all of us and the world will be wonderfully served if these students share what they have and know," said Dr. Angelou. "I am proud of this program and gladly support Alltel's



commitment to African-American students across the country."

Alltel supports a number of annual sporting and multicultural events that make an impact within the African-American community, including: the HBCU Football Classics and several athletic departments at HBCU insti-

tutions; a Martin Luther King celebration in Cleveland and a MLK parade in Jackson, Miss., the largest in the United States; the Lynch Street Festival in Jackson, and the Jazz Series and Pride Awards in Charlotte, N.C.

An internationally respected poet, writer, civil rights activist and educator, Dr. Angelou has authored best-selling titles such as "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," "Gather Together in My Name," "The Heart of a Woman" and the collection of poems "Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Diie," which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. The first black woman director in Hollywood, Dr. Angelou has written, produced, directed and starred in productions for stage, film and television.

Essay submission forms are available on-line or at any participating Alltel retail store. Contest rules and entry forms will be available beginning Jan. 27 at WWW.ALLTEL.COM/WORD-SOFWISDOM. Entries must be post-marked by March 3, 2006, and winners will be presented with their awards on March 28, 2006. Graduating high school seniors who will be attending HBCU institutions also are eligible to participate.

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without direction, with unkempt appearance, doing just about anything to get attention. I asked myself: what can I do?"

Ms. Wroten continued her efforts in encouraging young women wherever she met them-on the street, at church-until a 14 year old at her church provided her with the inspiration that would become Special Moments Consulting.

"The young man thanked me for my help, and told me that I should consider counseling other young people."

She started putting things down on paper in 2000, and developed the for fee consulting company. In August of this year The Wroten Academy will have its grand opening. The academy, (designed for girls from 10-17 years old), will educate young women utilizing 10 modules on developing critical life skills. Those modules include Physical Awareness, Social Awareness, Effective Communication and Leadership Building. The first module is entitled Building

Healthy Self-Esteem. The program is currently being taught to a selected group of girls on a 10 week pilot basis in a DISD school.

Ms. Wroten outlined some of the issues she sees facing young black girls in today's society.

"Girls today have few role models and virtually no mentors to look up to. Even older women are looking for someone to teach them how to deal with life issues," she said.

A lot of kids are being raised by their grandparents; their parents are on drugs or incarcerated. They have no one to look up to. We have to understand that it is not the role of the school system to instill life skills in students."

Renee' Wroten's observations on young girls come directly from her own personal experiences growing up.

"I had a great aunt and uncle that lived in Dallas when I was growing up," she reflected.

"They would come and visit the family in L.A during holidays, and I eventually asked them if I could come to Dallas and visit in the summers. They

mentored me. They exposed me to things I hadn't been exposed to, they took me shopping, to events, to restaurants. That exposure helped me later in life."

Ms. Wroten used that mentoring as a single mom raising her own daughter to great success. "I had my daughter at 22. She graduated from SMU at 22."

"The ultimate goal of Special Moments Consulting and The Wroten Academy is to enrich, enhance and empower young black girls and women. I want this to be the next Hockady School in terms of life skills training and development for African American girls."

Today's girls are tomorrow's women. As a people we need individuals that are willing to reach outside of themselves in order to help our youth. We need dreamers, optimists and visionaries. We need people like Renee' Wroten and Special Moments Consulting.

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This is the sixth grant from the Texas Workforce Commission, now totaling more than \$3.5 million that Collin has received to train and assist employees in local companies. The training has benefited more than 3,700 employees at a range

of companies throughout Collin County.

Collin County Community College District (Collin) serves more than 40,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.



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DBCC Sponsors "Straight Talk For Women" In Conjunction With Quest For Success Luncheon

The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Business & Economic Development Department will present "Straight Talk for Women: Pitfalls and Successes of Entrepreneurship" on Friday, February 17, 2006. The mini-conference designed to address issues confronting the fastest-growing segment of the business community will be held at the Dallas Convention Center prior to the 22nd Annual Quest For Success Awards Luncheon.

"We have planned to tailor a program specifically for women entrepreneurs for a couple of years," said Ron Patterson, chair of the DBCC Business & Economic Development Committee. "This year we expanded a relationship with the South Dallas Business & Professional Women's Club and, as a result,

got just the boost we needed to get this program going. I am certain that business owners or those aspiring to business ownership will benefit from the



Dallas Black Chamber president Reginald Gates

workshops and panel we have planned."

The morning's activities will begin with registration/conti-

nental breakfast from 8-8:30 a.m. Participants can select from two concurrent workshops from 8:30-9:30 a.m.: Business Plan Development & Sources of Financing; or, How to Do Business with the City of Dallas and other Government Agencies. Following the workshops, a "star-studded" panel of woman entrepreneurs will share their "best practice" secrets for success with attendees. Sponsored by Chase Bank, the workshops will be conducted in rooms A33 and A34 on the lower level of the Convention Center.

There is no charge for the workshop sessions, but due to space limitations those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to straighttalkrsvp@dbcc.org, or by contacting Carmen Humble, DBCC Membership Services Director, at 214.421.5200.

Study: Federal Government Not Helpful To Small Businesses

A new poll says an overwhelming number of small businesses do not seek assistance from federal agencies.

The poll of 438 small businesses in 18 states, conducted by American Management Services and Suffolk University in Boston, found that 93 percent of small business respondents say they have not worked with any federal agencies to receive assistance.

Only 7 percent said they had. George Cloutier, chairman and CEO of small business management consultant American Management Services says the poll indicates the federal government is ineffectual in its ability to build awareness about its small-business assistance programs.

"The poll shows that the federal government has programs that can help small businesses, but the government has been woefully inadequate in making small business owners knowledgeable about these programs," Cloutier said.

The disconnect with federal agencies was contrasted by a strong connection to local government.

When asked, which of the following elected officials/branches do you think is the most creative and innovative in helping small businesses, 29 percent said mayors/local officials, followed by state legislatures (20 percent), presi-

dent/executive branch (13 percent), governors (10 percent), and Congress (4 percent).

"Small business owners see mayors and other local officials as their biggest ally. Because of this, they are the key link to helping small businesses reach their true potential," said Cloutier.

Overall, the poll "revealed data that is vital for the future success of small business owners," says David Paleologos, Director of the Suffolk University Political Research

Center.

The Suffolk University poll was conducted from January 9 to January 19, 2006. The margin of error is +/- 4.53 percent at a 95 percent level of confidence. The 468 small business owners were drawn from a Dun & Bradstreet sample of small business owners from 38 states, including the north-east, Midwest and south regions, per Department of Commerce/Census Regional and Gender Quotas.

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Bass Pro Shops Breaks Ground On Garland Store

Construction began Tuesday on the new Bass Pro Shops retail store in Garland.

The 120,000-square-foot outdoor store will feature a more than 8,000-square-foot Islamorada Fish Co. restaurant, courtesy boat docks and many of the signature features of Bass Pro Shops stores.

The store is scheduled to open in October and will anchor the 28-acre Harbor Point Development, a retail/entertainment development located on the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard

and Interstate 30 in Garland.

Other Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World stores in Texas are located in Grapevine and Katy, near Houston. Another store is scheduled to open in November in San Antonio.

The store's developers are Harvest Partners of Dallas.

Springfield, Mo.-based Bass Pro Shops has 33 locations across



Officials from the City of Garland, Bass Pro Shop and Harvest Partners break ground on the new Bass Pro Shop in Garland.

the United States, including a store in Grapevine and in Katy, near Houston.

Studio Movie Grill Coming To Frisco

Frisco Square, a master-planned lifestyle community in Frisco, has leased 39,000 square feet of retail space to Studio Movie Grill.

Studio Movie Grill will be located on Frisco Square Boulevard just east of Frisco City Hall. Construction on the Frisco Square location will

commence in the Spring of 2006, with the opening scheduled for the Spring of 2007.

Ross Golman and David Sacher, associate and vice-president—brokerage respectively with The Retail Connection represented Studio Movie Grill and Wyatt Russo, senior vice president—brokerage with The

Retail Connection, represented Frisco Square.

Currently, Studio Movie Grill has locations in Addison and Plano. Expansion plans will include other Metroplex locations, as well as the company's first theater in Houston, which will open late spring of this year.

"Frisco Square was a natural location for Studio Movie Grill due to its broad retail and entertainment appeal," said Jim Leslie, managing partner of Frisco Square. "Theater patrons will be able to enjoy our unique environment, which allows them to shop, eat and be entertained in one location."

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the "vice" president and wrote the nation's energy policy, the ones who named an oil tanker after Condoleezza Rice, and the ones who lie to us on their way to the bank. None of those tactics has worked. So what can we do besides complaining about the high prices at the pump and the excessive profits of the oil barons? Probably nothing that will cause them to hurt at all; so let's just have some fun.

From this day forward, let's stop patronizing Exxon Mobil gas stations. Let's stop patronizing all stations that purchase their gas from Exxon Mobil. I'm sure they'll get a kick out of our meager, insignificant, silly little Davidian plan to bring Goliath to his knees. They'll probably sit back a laugh their heads off at us, just like the Philistine did. After all, we're just lowly consumers, millions of customers who need what they're selling.

What could we do to possibly hurt them?

Maybe the reality of the situation is that we cannot hurt them. But let's just keep our money away from them anyway, and spend it elsewhere. Watch your gas tank and buy some gas, not when it's nearly empty, but when you see a gas station that is not Exxon Mobil; buy a few dollars worth.

I know the other gas companies are ripping us off too, but we have to start somewhere. Unless you are willing to give up your expeditin', escaladin', hummin', and navigatin' ways, and drive something a little smaller and easier on gas, you will be buying gas from one of these crooks — just don't let Exxon be your gas of choice.

It is shameful that some companies, such as pharmaceutical, banking, tobacco, energy, health insurance, and others are so greedy, excessive, and dishonest

in their business practices that it would lead their executives to do some of the things we have witnessed in the recent past. A few have gone to jail, but many more are still walking the streets and sitting in the boardrooms not having paid a price for their mistreatment of their consumers — not yet, at least.

Remember: When oil execs did testify in 2005, the Senate Commerce Chairman, Ted Stevens (The guy from Alaska with the bridge to nowhere. Don't they also have some oil up there under the frozen tundra too?), rejected calls by some Democrats to have the executives sworn in, saying the law already required them to tell the truth. Are you kidding me? Since when did the law have anything to do with these crooks and what they do?

That's my take on it. That will be my little insignificant way of fighting back. But you know

what? It may be insignificant to them, but to me it's a tremendous step; it's great for my psyche; it's more than just complaining. And if more of us take a similar action against this behemoth, our collective act of slinging millions of small stones at this giant will have the same effect that David's one small stone had on Goliath.

The ball is in your court. Why would you stand still and do nothing when someone is picking your pocket and you know it? That's what's going on with Exxon and others, and they are doing it to you. Don't stand still and act as though their picking your pocket is all right. Do something! I know what I am going to do. No more Exxon Mobil fill-ups for me. I will give my few dollars to one of the other thieves. We do have choices you know. Try it; it should be a lot of fun, if nothing else. Use excessive restraint to decrease Exxon's excessive profits.

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King for the decades of work she devoted to keeping alive her husband's push for equality through nonviolence. That work continued until her death Tuesday following a string of serious health problems.

But there's also a sense among advocates that modern activism is being overshadowed by a near-constant string of commemorations for bygone victories: the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education in 2004 and, last year, the 40 years since the historic march from Selma, Ala., to Montgomery, Ala., leading to the Voting Rights Act.

Inevitably, such remembrances intensify in the first months of each year with the mid-January holiday for Martin Luther King, Jr. that his widow fought to win and with Black History Month, which began Wednesday. In addition, each time an important civil rights

figure dies — be it Rosa Parks, Ossie Davis or now Coretta Scott King — it renews the focus on the movement's history.

Some advocates are concerned about that eagerness to look back.

"Part of that over-focusing on history and not looking at current realities of racial discrimination is another form of denial," said Barbara Arnwine, executive director of the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights Under Law. "Many people find comfort in the notion that racial discrimination is a matter of the past — it's 'Oh, look at how far we have come.'"

Ronald Walters, a professor of political science at the University of Maryland, said he's also "suspicious of commemorations."

"In some quarters, there's a feeling that the movement has passed its course," he said. "That's the reaction of the

younger generation mostly — the post-civil rights generation."

Advocates note that it doesn't take much searching to find social justice battles left to fight. Hurricane Katrina unveiled stark racial disparities in New Orleans, and blacks still have more than double the rates of infant mortality, unemployment and poverty as whites, said Gordon, who took the leadership post at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People last year.

That King's death occurred on the same day that Samuel Alito — whose nomination many civil rights advocates bitterly opposed — was confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court illustrated that the work of Coretta Scott King and her husband is not over, said Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Council on Civil Rights.

Alito's "selection represents

the culmination of a 20-year strategy by conservatives to retake the courts and a turning away from the civil rights agenda represented by the [Earl] Warren court," Henderson said. "This carries some symbolism."

Many mourned King's death even as they worried about how to keep her mission alive.

"I'm concerned that people don't take her passing as an opportunity to further antique the causes that she and her husband and others stood for," said Theodore M. Shaw, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. "Anybody who thinks that work is over is either terribly ignorant or willfully blind."

Henderson agreed: "I think she would be disappointed if the tributes ended with her being elevated to some god-like status without also recommitting ourselves to a social justice agenda that she very much helped symbolize."

African American History Vignette: Doris "Dorie" Miller (1919-1943)



Born in 1912 in Waco, Texas, Doris "Dorie" Miller enlisted in the Navy in 1939 and was made a mess attendant in the United States' Jim Crow Navy. Miller was eventually elevated to Cook, Third Class. He was eventually to the USS West Virginia stationed in Hawaii. Miller was aboard the West Virginia on December 7, 1941, when it was subjected to a surprise attack by Japan.

During the attack, Miller secured an unattended anti-aircraft gun and began firing at Japanese war planes. Miller had no previous training in operating the weapon. Miller shot down at least one Japanese aircraft before he ran out of ammunition and was ordered to abandon ship.

Although Miller's courage

under fire was initially overlooked, the Black press seized his story and pressured the Navy to recognize him. On May 27, 1942, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz awarded Miller the Navy Cross.

During the spring of 1943, Miller was assigned to the Liscome Bay and was still serving as a "messman" on the warship, despite his previous hero-

ism, when the carrier was sunk in the Gilbert Islands in 1943. In addition to the Navy Cross, Miller received the Purple Heart, American Defense Service Medal - Fleet Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. In 1973, the Knox-class frigate USS Miller was named for Doris "Dorie" Miller.

Oscar Award winning actor Cuba Gooding Jr. portrayed Miller in the 2001 movie Pearl Harbor, and in 1991, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority dedicated a bronze commemorative plaque of Miller at the Miller Family Park located on the U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor.

African-American Quotations

Muhammad Ali (1942-)
The Greatest (1975)

"I am America. I am the part you won't recognize. But get used to me. Black, confident, cocky; my name, not yours; my religion, not yours; my goals, my own; get used to me."

Maya Angelou (1928-)

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.

I rise

I rise

I rise.

"Still I rise," And Still I Rise (1978)

Louis (Satchmo)

Armstrong (1900-1971)

"Man, if you gotta ask you'll never know." Reply when asked what jazz is

Arthur Ashe (1943-1993)

"Racism is not an excuse to not do the best you can." quoted in Sports Illustrated, July 1991

James Baldwin (1924-1987)

"People pay for what they do, and still more for what they have allowed themselves to become. And they pay for it very simply; by the lives they lead."

Nobody Knows My Name (1961)

Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955)

"If we accept and acquiesce in the face of discrimination, we accept the responsibility

ourselves and allow those responsible to save their conscience by believing that they have our acceptance and concurrence. We should, therefore, protest openly everything . . . that smacks of discrimination or slander."

"Certain Unalienable Rights," What the Negro Wants, edited by Rayford W. Logan (1944)

Charles W. Chesnutt (1858-1932)

"The workings of the human heart are the profoundest mystery of the universe. One moment they make us despair of our kind, and the next we see in them the reflection of the divine image."

The Marrow of Tradition (1901)

(Leroy) Eldridge Cleaver (1935-1998)

"You're either part of the solution or part of the problem." speech given in San Francisco in 1968

Lucille Clifton (1936-)

children
when they ask you
why your mama so funny
say
she is a poet
she don't have no sense
"Admonitions," Good Times (1969)

Sadie Delany (1889-1999)

"Life is short, and it's up to you to make it sweet."

Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years, written with sister Bessie Delany (1993)

Frederick Douglass (1818?-1895)

"You have seen how a man was made a slave; you shall see how a slave was made a man."

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (1845)

W.E.B. Du Bois (1868-1963)

It is a peculiar sensation, this double-consciousness, this sense of always looking at one's self through the eyes of others. . . One ever feels his twoness,—an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder.

The Souls of Black Folk (1903)

Katherine Dunham (1910-)

"I used to want the words 'She tried' on my tombstone. Now I want 'She did it.'"

quoted in Black Pearls by Eric V. Copage (1993)

Marian Wright Edelman (1939-)

"The question is not whether we can afford to invest in every child; it is whether we can afford not to."

The Measure of Our Success (1992)

Ernest J. Gaines (1933-)

"There will always be men struggling to change, and there will always be those who are controlled by the past."

interview with John O'Brien in African American Writers

(1991)

Langston Hughes (1902-1967)

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"Harlem" (1951)

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"How It Feels to Be Colored Me" (1928)

James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.

Lift Every Voice and Sing, stanza 2 (1900)

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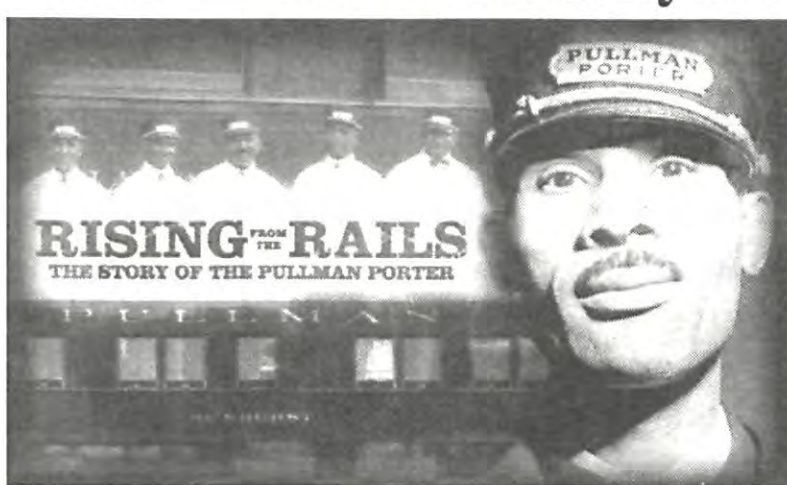
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Rising From The Rails: The Story Of The Pullman Porter" To Air February 11.

Dallas based production company AMS Production Group is proud to announce the national television premiere of their documentary feature "Rising from the Rails: The Story of the Pullman Porter." The program, which recounts the era of the Pullman Porter, will air Saturday, February 11th at 8 PM CST on Superstation WGN.

Based on the best-selling book by Larry Tye, "Rising from the Rails" chronicles the evolution of post Civil War slaves from near servitude to their vital participation in the social, economic and political fabric of America. Just after the Civil War, George Pullman began recruiting African American men as porters on his new luxurious rail cars. They were hired not merely because of their strong work ethic and disarming dispositions, but because they epitomized Pullman's vision of safe, reliable and invisible servants.

For over a century, in the intimate confines of railcars that traversed the nation, the Pullman Porter served as waiter, nanny, valet, concierge and occasionally confidant. "This



story of the Pullman porters is important because they were a virtually unknown group of men who left an indelible legacy to America," says director Brad Osborne. "They were trailblazers in the areas of organized labor and civil rights, they brought knowledge, education and culture into segregated Southern communities, and they gave rise to an extraordinary generation of the black professional class in America. Porter offspring include notable mayors, political leaders, explorers, music legends, Olympic gold medalists and many others."

This high definition documentary includes interviews

with some of the few surviving porters, their families, the author, scholars and others. The porters' most vivid memories have been captured and beautifully shot in compelling re-enactments supplied by archival photography and footage. "Rising from the Rails" brings the era of the Pullman Porter to life, preserving its legacies for future generations, and serves as a fitting tribute to the thousands of men who rose—with dignity—from the rails.

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Chappelle Opens Up On "Oprah"

He wasn't crazy. He wasn't on drugs. He presented no threat to Oprah Winfrey's onset furniture.

In his first televised interview since fleeing the set of his hit Comedy Central show last spring, Dave Chappelle sat down with the Queen of Daytime Friday in an attempt to explain the reasons behind his abrupt departure.

With the premiere of the third season of Chappelle's Show only weeks away, the comedian suddenly vanished without explanation, forcing Comedy Central to shut down production on the series and igniting speculations that his hard-partying lifestyle had resulted in a total meltdown.

Chappelle eventually surfaced in South Africa, where he was rumored to have checked himself into a psychiatric hospital for treatment, a report he has denied.

According to the comedian, neither drugs nor insanity were behind his decision to cut and run from Chappelle's Show. Stress, on the other hand, was a major factor.

"I wasn't crazy but it is incredibly stressful," Chappelle said.

After Chappelle signed an unprecedented \$50 million contract in August 2004, carrying him through the third and fourth seasons of Chappelle's Show, he said he began to feel like too many

people were trying to control him and the direction of his show.

"I felt in a lot of instances I was deliberately being put through stress because when you're a guy who generates money, people have a vested interest in controlling you," Chappelle said.

The comedian said he finally decided a spiritual retreat was in



order, though he neglected to tell anyone but his brother of his plans.

"I would go to work on the show and I felt awful every day, that's not the way it was," he said. "I felt like some kind of prostitute or something. If I feel so bad, why keep on showing up to this place?"

I'm going to Africa. The hardest thing to do is to be true to yourself, especially when everybody is watching."

The comedian told Winfrey that he had not ruled out returning to Comedy Central to complete the third and fourth seasons of Chappelle's Show—provided that some changes were made.

"I do want to do my show again provided, one, I can make the proper work environment," Chappelle said.

In the interest of being "socially responsible," he said he wanted to begin donating a portion of the proceeds from his DVD sales to charity.

"I want to give," Chappelle said. "I don't want the money. I don't want the drama. I just want to do my show. I want to have fun again."

Comedy Central made it clear Friday that the network will welcome the return of its wayward star. "Dave is a comedic genius whose work we truly value, and the door is always open to him," the network said in a statement.

In December, the network said the four episodes of Chappelle's Show completed by the comedian before his departure would hit the air this spring.

The Fugees Reunite For 8,000 Fans In Hollywood

The Fugees, one of the more enigmatic rap groups of the 1990s, brought a compelling blend of street and gangsta rap, Third World influences and pop sensibilities that helped rap gain acceptance in Middle America. Their albums, 1994's "Blunted on Reality" and 1996's multiplatinum "The Score," established the group as a force to be reckoned with.

Amid reports of infighting during the height of the latter album's success, the group took a hiatus in 1997; the official excuse was the birth of group member Lauryn Hill's first child. Hill scored hugely with 1998's multiple Grammy winner "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," while Wyclef Jean and Pras Michel achieved modest acclaim for their individual efforts.

Rumors abounded as to whether the Fugees would ever reunite, but the prospects looked dim over the years.

While the Fugees officially regrouped at the 2005 BET Awards in Los Angeles and later



'The Fugees' perform during the 2005 BET Awards at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood on June 28, 2005

played several European rehearsal dates, their show Monday in Hollywood was their first American concert in 10 years.

A massive radio giveaway of 8,000 free tickets for the show at the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street created a huge parking problem in a 12-block area leading into Hollywood. But all traffic worries were quickly banished as Wyclef opened with a 10-minute freestyle rap that included several lines in

French and Spanish. Hill, adorned in a waist-length fur jacket, and Pras, in a peach summer jacket, followed onstage. Backed by a potent band, the Fugees threw themselves into the concert with abandon to roiling waves of rock and hard-core beats.

A dizzying 20-minute "Zealot" was aimed squarely at fake MCs, followed by "Ready or Not," "Fu-Gee-La" and their new single "Take It Easy." A sing-along to the Spanish pop staple "Guantanamera" and Mya's "Ghetto Superstar" were bridges to their biggest hit, "Killing Me Softly."

The night clearly belonged to Wyclef, who jumped offstage to engage the audience and climbed up a light tower to rap. Although Hill is the most beloved of the three performers, it is Wyclef's energy that fuels this ship. The Fugees have not lost a step and are a welcome re-addition to a genre dominated too long by gangsta rap.

West Chosen For Mission Impossible III Theme Song

Kanye West has been chosen by Paramount Pictures to add his personal touch to the Mission: Impossible theme song for the film Mission: Impossible III.

"As a fan of Kanye's work, I was thrilled at the prospect of him contributing his talents to M:I III," said Tom Cruise, the film's star, via a statement. "We wanted to take this installment of Mission to the next level and Kanye's music definitely added to accomplishing that goal. As we've done with the film, what he's done with the Mission

theme is going to blow people away."

"My goal is to take the Mission franchise and re-interpret it to make a movie that is familiar, but absolutely brand new," added M:I III director J.J. Abrams, also via statement. "Kanye has done just that with his version of the classic Lalo Schiffrin theme, and we're thrilled to be working with him."

Mission: Impossible III is scheduled for release on May 5. The film also stars Philip Seymour Hoffman, Ving Rhames and Laurence Fishburne.



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Yolanda King is the eldest daughter of Coretta Scott King and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her speaking accomplishments include presentations at many Fortune 500 corporations; religious and civic events; educational and professional conferences, and colleges and universities across the country.

Ms. King has portrayed Rosa Parks in the NBC-TV movie, "King," Dr. Betty Shabazz in the film, "Death of a Prophet" with Morgan Freeman; and, Medgar Evers' daughter, Reena, in "Ghosts of Mississippi." King's most recent theatrical production is "Achieving the Dream," where she portrays several characters in the movement for civil and human rights.

Ms. King is the creator of the book, "Open My Eyes, Open My Soul" (2004), which focuses on the importance of embracing diversity and celebrating our common humanity.

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Duke Ellington's Sacred Concerts Featuring The Duke Ellington Orchestra, Barrie Lee Hall, Jr. Musical Director and The Ann Swain Clark Sacred Concert Chorale, Ann Swain Clark, Choral Director will appear at the Charles W. Eisemann Center for one performance on Saturday, February 25 at 8:00 PM along with Richardson's own Hamilton Park Men's Chorus. Jazz Maestro Duke Ellington wrote three massive spiritual works between the years of 1965 and 1973, that combined elements of jazz, classical music, choral music, spirituals, gospel, blues and dance. He called them his Sacred Concerts and they were performed in churches and cathedrals around the world.

"Every man prays in his own language," Duke Ellington once said, "and there is no language that God does not understand." Music was Duke Ellington's language-the manner in which he expressed himself, his feelings and unique perspective on the world. He did, indeed, consider his Sacred Concerts, "the most important thing I've ever done". It was his way of expressing his gratitude for the many blessings and the gift of music that had been bestowed on him during his life and career. He was very spe-

cific about the works being SACRED; the concerts were meant to bring people of different backgrounds, cultures and faiths together to share what we all have in common.

The Hamilton Park Men's Chorus consists of approximately 100 African-American men whose



careers are as diverse as the music they sing. Some are attorneys, doctors, educators and corporate executives; while others are students, bus drivers and policemen. The common denominator that inextricably binds them one to the other is that they are Christians whose mission is to promote brotherhood and goodwill here and abroad through song. Under the direction of John Sherow-Tatum, Minister of Music of the First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park (Richardson, Texas), this chorus has developed a vast repertoire which includes classical anthems, Negro spirituals, traditional and contemporary Gospel

song. They have toured extensively within the United States, Europe, the Caribbean and South America.

Duke Ellington's Sacred Concerts is supported by Mid-America Arts Alliance with generous underwriting by the National Endowment for the Arts, Texas Commission on the Arts, and foundations, corporations and individuals throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

Tickets for the Saturday, February 25, 8:00 pm performances range from \$24-\$48 and are available online at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. Ticket Office hours are 10:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday and one hour before performances. Group discounts are available for 10 or more persons by calling 972-744-4657. The Eisemann Center's Prelude Café is open for pre-show dining for this performance. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 972-367-2000.

The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. The Eisemann Center is easily accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. Sponsors for the 2005-2006 Season include WFAA-TV/The Dallas Morning News.

Haitians Cast Votes Page 1

were injured.

Some protesters claimed the delays were part of a concerted attempt to stop people in poor areas from voting for Mr Preval.

The electoral authorities denied this, and appealed for calm.

Rene Lucas, from the improv-

erished slum of Cite Soleil, said: "If we are not able to vote today we will be in a state of crisis for the next five years".

Thousands of armed UN troops were deployed to watch over the election process, which has been delayed several times.


Despite the presence of peacekeepers, the country has continued to be blighted by political

and criminal violence and instability.

Former President Preval, 63, is a long-time ally of Mr Aristide who is popular with the poor.

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The 80's brought the release of the best-selling albums, Golden Time of Day, Inspiration, Joy and Pain, containing a list of chart-topping singles including "Travelin' Man," "Feel That You're Feeling," "Joy and Pain," "Look in Your Eyes" and "Southern Girl," to name a few. The group gained worldwide appeal with its legendary sold-out live appearances, and released the deluxe album Live in New Orleans which captured the energy, excitement and electricity of a Maze stage show and offered a fourth side of new studio material which included the hit single "Running Away".

In 1983, with the release of We Are One, Frankie Beverly & Maze solidified their international standing with such hits as the title track "Never Let You Down", "I Love You Too Much" and "Love is the Key." With a change of record label and shifts in the group's line-up a new era was launched for Frankie Beverly & Maze. "We wanted to emphasize our strengths, bring together the elements that have always been a part of our music and really focus on

them," continued Frankie. The band released Silky Soul, one of their most successful albums, which included the smash singles, "I Can't Get Over You" and the title track, of the group, and included the hit singles, "Laid Back Girl," "The Morning After" and "What Goes Up."

Recently Maze released a 20-track double-CD "Anthology" of the most popular and suc-

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uee's hotel room, never having registered.

"All I got is a couple pairs of pants and some shirts. The pressure is on," said Jonathan Gautier, 26, one of the six, who was also carrying a single plastic bag filled with clothes.

Wheeling out her boxes of belongings, 20-year-old Katie Kinkella and sister, Jennifer, were heading back to their ruined house in heavily flooded St. Bernard Parish. The sisters had stayed first at the Marriott, and later at the Crowne Plaza as they waited for FEMA to deliver a trailer. Then they waited some more for FEMA to hook up the electricity at the trailer.

"They just connected it yesterday," Kinkella said as she loaded bags, boxes and suitcases into the back of a pickup on the curb outside the hotel.

In Houston, where 4,000 evacuees were staying in

hotels, around 80 percent had received permission to extend their stays until at least next Monday. The remaining 20 percent either failed to contact FEMA or made other housing arrangements, said Frank Michel, a spokesman for Mayor Bill White.

"People need to begin to take responsibility for themselves," Michel said.

Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco complained that FEMA was pulling the plug on the hotel program before securing other housing.

Outside the Crowne Plaza, protesters held up signs that said: "No trailers. No eviction."

Brittany Brown, 21, wept as she explained that although she had been given an extension, eviction was now looming next week. She applied for a trailer in October and, although she keeps calling, her trailer has yet to show up.

Plano Tackles ID Theft Page 1

to remember when it comes to identity theft, according to Dawson, is that "Many times it is simply a crime of opportunity. It's like leaving the garage door open when someone leaves their purse or wallet unattended in a shopping cart or even in a locked car. The most valuable thing in your purse may not be your cash; it could be your identity."

Dawson encourages people to spend the \$40 to get a paper shredder, so thieves will have less to work with when they dig through the trash. There will always be some criminals who will go to extreme measures with technology, such as credit card scanners; but most rely on opportunity. He recommends citizens visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft as a resource for more identity theft protection information.

The Plano Police's approach to stopping identity theft doesn't stop at crime prevention education; they also have an active Fraud and Forgery Unit. They work alongside the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the federal agency with jurisdiction to prosecute identity theft.

Many residents have begun to get special identity theft insurance offers in the mail and over the phone from various banks, credit card companies and insurance agencies. It's important to note there are various forms of this insurance. Some encompass things the citizen could

do on their own, while others actually replace the lost cash value. Dawson said, "From a crime prevention perspective, we look at it through the eyes of prevention. We want to keep it from happening to you by staying on the front side of crime."

However if you are one of the unlucky victims, there are some things you can do. First, take immediate action by contacting the Police and filing a report. Secondly, call all your credit card companies and banks to have them put a fraud alert on your account to watch for unusual spending patterns. Third, contact the three major credit bureaus (Experian, Equifax and TransUnion) and have them flag your account as well. Finally, follow through with prosecution by letting authorities know who you think may have done it, when it may have happened, and any basic information that might aid in catching the offender.

Plano continues to offer in-home inspections, which take about two hours, however it is much more cost efficient to offer a class for 50 citizens at one time than to visit 50 different homes. "We can reach a broader audience in much less time through the seminars," said Officer Dawson.

Group presentations are available for homeowner's associations, church groups and service clubs. To schedule a group presentation, call Crime Prevention at (972) 941-2431.

Church News



Sister Tarpley

The kiss of God's forgiveness can change a prodigal son into a profitable one. (Luke 15:20.) God can use me more effectively when I rely on Him for strength and courage. (Joshua 1:6-7.) Secret sin on earth is open scandal in Heaven. (Ephesians 5:12.) The wicked win; then God judges them. (Psalms 37:12-13.) It is easy finding reasons why other folk should be patient. (Matthew 7:3.) Live the gospel first; tell about it afterward. (1 Thessalonians 1:7.) Faith keeps the sails of our lives filled with the breath of Heaven. (Matthew 8:26.)

Courage and strength are available to those who depend on God each day! (Isaiah 40:28-30.) Praying for leaders makes the public business of the nation the private business of the Christians. (Romans 13:1-3.) Something happens behind closed doors when we pray with hearts open to God. (Mark 11:36.) God who prepares the answers to our prayers also prompts the asking. (1 Timothy 2:1.) Profession without possession is like having the label without the contents, and like clouds with the rain. (Titus 1:16.) No enemy can come so near that God is not nearer! (Hebrews 13:5.)

With the peace of God in our hearts, we can face troubled times in assurance! (Philippians 4:7.) Go to church to continue with God, not to criticize. (Psalms

Scriptures To Ponder For February

42:4.) Delay not until tomorrow to be wise, for tomorrow's sin may never rise. (Proverbs 3:13-14.) To live victoriously think less of things, "over you." (1 John 4:4.) God always speaks loud enough to make a willing soul hear. (Deuteronomy 5:27.)

Death brings about total integration; all are equal. (Romans 5:12.) As a Christian, you should never let adversity get you down, except on

1:7.) You quickly lose interest in the church if you have nothing invested. (Hebrews 10:25.) Christ can help me to speak the right word to the right person at the right time. (Proverbs 25:11.) Kindness is the language the deaf can hear and the blind can see. (Ephesians 4:32.)

Through our prayer we not only worship God; we witness to men. (1 Thessalonians 5:17.) The best inheritance a father can leave his children is a Christian example! (Ephesians 6:4.) It is better to forgive and forget than to resent and remember. (Ephesians 4:32 & Matthew 6:14.) God's power can change fear and weakness into confidence and strength. (Psalms 56:3.) The Christian home should be earth's sweetest type of Heaven. (Mark 5:19 & Luke 15:6.)

Those who have a second birth will never experience a second death. (1 John 3:6.) Those who walk the closest and work the hardest, watch for Christ's return. (Luke 12:37 & Hebrews 5:28.) Praising the Lord in spite of trials changes burdens into blessings. (1 Thessalonians 5:18 & 1 Timothy 6:6.)

From the 2006 Calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Senior Pastor.

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Picture of the Week

(L to R) FedEx Kinkos Executives, Ric Liskow and Denise Koelling with Karen Harkey, Choices Leadership Academy's Head of School as she accepts six complete sets of desktop computers for her students.

your knees! (Daniel 6:10.) He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass! (Matthew 6:13-14.) Temptations are sure to rap at your door, but it's your fault if you let them in! (2 Peter 2:9; Matthew 6:13 & Matthew 26:41.) The poor man is often happier than the rich man. (Psalm 37:16.) It is no secret what God can do; what He's done for others, He'll do for you. (Jeremiah 32:27 & Hebrews 13:8.) While there is life, there is hope. (Psalm 6:5.)

Christians are like tea; it takes hot water to bring out their strength. (1 Peter 5:8-10.) Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet. (Galatians 6:9.) Fear is a hindrance to all virtue. (2 Timothy

display.

"We hope that people who walk across the display will have fun with the rhythms while also soaking up the spirit of ubuntu," said Dr. Morgan, professor of music at Collin.

During Black History Month, Collin dance faculty

and students, under the direction of Collin dance chair Tiffanee Arnold, have planned several informal dance performances.

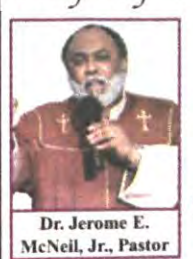
For more information about the interactive display "Ubuntu in Motion", please contact Gaye Cooksey, at 972-881-5807.

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The interactive installation was the result of collaboration between music professor Dr. Christopher Morgan and Gaye Cooksey, interim dean of the fine arts department. Several other departments also contributed to the design and concept of the

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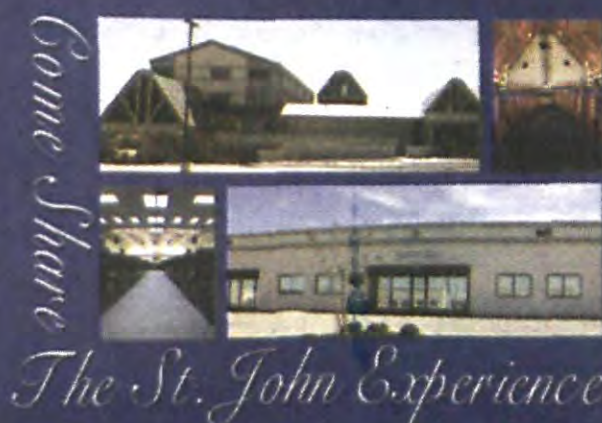
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New Orleans Will Seek Aid From Other Nations

Shortcomings in aid from the U.S. government are making New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin look to other nations for help in rebuilding his hurricane-damaged city.

Nagin, who has hosted a steady stream of foreign dignitaries since Hurricane Katrina hit in late August, says he may seek international assistance because U.S. aid has not been sufficient to get the city back on its feet.

"I know we had a little disappointment earlier with some signals we're getting from Washington but the international community may be able to fill the gap," Nagin said when a delegation of French government and business officials passed through on Friday to explore potential business

partnerships.

Jordan's King Abdullah also visited New Orleans on Friday and Nagin said he would encourage foreign interests to help redevelop some of the areas hardest hit by the storm.



"France can take Treme. The

king of Jordan can take the Lower Ninth Ward," he said, referring to two of the city's neighborhoods.

Katrina flooded 80 percent of the city and killed more than 1,300 people in Louisiana and Mississippi.

The Bush administration has pledged billions of dollars to Katrina victims but five months after the storm, New Orleans remains largely in ruins.

French Transport Minister Dominique Perben, leading the French delegation to a city that was founded by France in 1718, said, "This catastrophe has deeply upset the French people and the French government."

France, Perben said through a translator, "wants to be a long-term partner for Louisiana and New Orleans."

Governor: Ala. Church Fires Appear Linked

Gov. Bob Riley said Wednesday that the nine church fires in rural Alabama during the past week appear linked, as investigators checked out witness reports of two men in a sport-utility vehicle near a number of the fires.

Authorities have ruled arson in five Baptist church fires Friday in Bibb County just south of Birmingham. Four more fires at Baptist churches on Tuesday in western Alabama had similar patterns — doors kicked in, fires set near the altar — to those last week.

"I think they are connected, at least from what I've seen," Riley said.

He said he sees no evidence of a "grand conspiracy" against religion or Baptist churches. Jim



Bob Little, left, Pastor of the Galilee Baptist Church, talks with Alabama Gov. Bob Riley.

Cavanaugh, regional director of the federal Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agency, said there could be a "thrill motive" behind the arsons.

Cavanaugh said witnesses "on more than one occasion" have mentioned seeing two white men in a dark SUV near the church fires. But he said some witnesses have mentioned other vehicles, and investigators aren't looking solely for a dark SUV.

The four churches that burned Tuesday all have black congregations. Four of the five churches set afire Friday have white congregations.

Two members of Old Union Baptist Church in Bibb County said they saw a dark SUV driving slowly by the church at Brierfield when they arrived moments after the fire was set around 4 a.m. Friday.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

February 18, 7:00 pm

You are invited to participate in South Collin County's 2006 Building Foundations/Building Lives Gala @ the Marriott at Legacy Town Center. We will have a live auction and a silent auction followed by dinner and dancing to the music of the Rodney Booth Band. Auction items include: Exciting trips to Hawaii, England and California; Air travel via a balloon or "Move About The Country" with Southwest Airlines; a 4-night stay at the acclaimed Kona Village Resort in Hawaii; a venture to London for a weekend at the world-famous Lanesborough Hotel; local restaurant experiences; sports memorabilia, celebrity items and more. For detail information and ticket prices, please call Scott Blair @ 214-405-3134

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Faithway Fellowship Baptist Church
Of Hamilton Park
8219 Bunche Dr. Dallas, TX 75243
Church Office: (972) 792-0239
Pastor's Office: (972) 792-0240

Service Times
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

PEOPLE OF FAITH WITH A MIND TO WORK

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church
7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.
Dallas Texas 75237
Phone: 972-572-4262 Fax: 972-709-3888

Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 pm.
Monday School: 7 pm
Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00 pm

Website: www.ibocjoy.org

St. Luke A.M.E. Church (aka - SLAME)
"Where we slam dunk the devil and serve up Jesus"
521 W. Avenue E Garland, TX 75040 972.487.9703
Email: slamechurch@aol.com

Sunday
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship
10:15 a.m. Worship Experience

Tuesday
7:15 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Church School

Thursday
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Reverend Charles E. Franklin, Pastor

Word of Life Church * Pastor Morris Dewayne Jackson
4321 N. Beltline Rd. Ste. 100 * Mesquite, TX 75150 * (972) 226-0019
Worship 8am * Sunday School 9:30am * Worship 11am
Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study 7PM
"Where Jesus Is Lord and You are always #1"

Gilead On The Mount • Pastor Mancil and First Lady Carroll
1016 Pioneer Road • Mesquite, Tx 75149 972-288-9632
Sunday School 9:30 am • Morning Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 pm
www.gileadonthemount.org
"Apply the BALM of Gilead to the hearts of men."

Little Flock Baptist Church
704 E. Amice Street • P.O. Box 901 • Forney, Texas 75126
Phone: 214-325-7021
Fax: 214-371-8922 or 214-372-2135

Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Sunday Night Service 6:30 pm
Tuesday Night Brotherhood 7:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 7:00 pm

Pastor Louis E. Laurent

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New Life Fellowship Church
New Worship Location:
Wyndham Garden Hotel-Park Central
8051 LBJ Freeway • Dallas, TX 75251
Bishop Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor

Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 940466 • Plano, TX 75094-0466
972-671-1096 (Church)

A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17
Sunday Life Bible School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Life Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Life In The Word Prayer and Bible Study (Wednesdays) 7:00 p.m.

Ben Washington Baptist Church, Inc.
3901 Frisco Avenue
Irving, TX 75061
Church 972-790-8421 Fax 972-986-6590
Email: church@bwbcirving.org
Web: bwbcirving.org

"THE CHURCH WITH AN OPEN BIBLE"

Sunday Worship Services
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Baptist Training Union

Wednesday
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Prayer Hour
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday Services
9:00 am - Prayer Ministry
9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Morning Worship & Children's Church

Tuesday Service
7:00 pm - Bible Study

Our Hearts, Our Arms and Our Doors Are Always Open to YOU!

2701 Briarwood Drive • Plano, TX 75074
972-422-4248

Friendship Baptist Church
Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

Schedule of Services:
Sunday
Early Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
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.
Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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The Colony, Texas 75056
(972) 625-8186
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Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church
1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX
Pastor Charles S. Wattle

Sunday
Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Celebration... 11:00 a.m.
- Nursery Facilities Available -

Wednesday
Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

Friendly Fellowship with A Family Focus
For More Information Call
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