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On the Homefront:

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

Arts and Crafts vendors are needed for Altrusa's Second Annual Bazaar, to be held March 27, 10 am - 3 pm at the Pace House, downtown Garland. All proceeds from the Bazaar will be used for Altrusa's community service projects. For vendor information email altrusa2004@yahoo.com at:

City Animal Shelter will sponsor a remote pet adoption at Perco, 1500 Town East Blvd., March 13, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information call 972.216.6283.

Express Yourself! Youth Etiquette Symposium is providing an opportunity for ages 10 and up to learn more about radio broadcasting, production and public speaking. Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 24, 2004. 6:00-8:00 p.m. To sign up or for more information, contact Earnestine Cole at 972.412.0884. Held at St Phillip's School and Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Dallas

Saturday, March 13, 2004 from 10am to 4pm - 94.9 KLTU's Woman's Expo 2004 - To enrich women emotionally, physically, and spiritually. A fun-filled day of exhibits, demonstrations, artist meet-n-greets, FREE mini-concert and more! Bring the kids too, to an event that's safe and fun for the whole family! Admission is FREE! For more information contact KLTU at 972.370.9949

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New Structure Sits Across the Street from Dr. King's Old Church

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Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr. Leads a Team Through Spirituality

It's a Friday night, and the start of another big high school football game in sunny Beverly Hills California. The coach is looking for just the right formula to get the team psyched with the spirited fuel of encouragement. The go-to-guy is none other than Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr. The unsuspecting black underclassman knelt on one knee and delivered a prayer amongst his Jewish classmates that ended with "In Jesus Name" to which all said "Amen".

The unusual quotient, Miller Johnson, was not known by his classmates as being the forefront when it came to leading a prayer (he had never prayed for the team before). Phenomena followed with many "bootlegged" short sermons before Johnson

accepted his calling to preach in 1979. The native Texan found



his way back home after an educational stint at Cal State, and fleeting aspirations of semi-pro teams.

Ready for a change, Johnson shares this pivotal incident. "I was going through a tough time in my life when I just knew that I had to have a change. It was customary for me to sit quietly in my room during these periods of soul searching and cry out to God. The figure of Jesus appeared in my room," said Johnson.

Not knowing what to do, Johnson said that he sought the advice of his father, Pastor Miller E. Johnson Sr. for answers. "He simply told me, that I needed to stop running," said Johnson.

"Since that day, I have had an indescribable urgency to preach the word of God," he continued.

Johnson says his zest far exceeded his capabilities, "I

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March Is for Meals, 'So No Senior Goes Hungry'

By Linda Mason

The month of March has been designated by the Meals On Wheels Association of America as "March for Meals." Events will be held across the U.S. to celebrate the amendment of the Older Americans Act by Congress in March 2003 to create the first national nutrition program for the elderly.

Meals for Meals also aims to publicize the importance of nutrition programs to the frail elderly - "so no senior goes hungry." Sadly, that is the case now. One out of every four seniors goes hungry each day. They suffer from a variety of ailments - arthritis, blindness, heart disease, or other conditions - leaving them unable to shop for food or prepare their own meals. At one time half of all the elderly who enter hospitals are malnourished to the extent that it either contributed to their illness or prevents them from getting better.

When low income is combined with poor health, even more seniors have difficulty obtaining adequate nutrition. Nearly 13 percent of 4.9 million seniors have incomes below the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty level; an additional 14 per cent are considered financially disadvantaged and poor.

It's estimated that one-third of the elderly who visit senior centers for meals and nearly one-half of those who receive home-delivered meals have household incomes below the poverty level. For these seniors, nutrition programs aren't merely a "convenience." Many of them could no longer manage to live at home if they did not receive these meals.

March for Meals is a reminder about how necessary senior nutrition programs are for the health of many of our frail, elderly. It's an opportunity, also, to support these programs that make our community a better place to live by ensuring that their nutritional needs are met.

Linda Mason is Vice President of Long-Term Care, The Visiting Nurse Association of Texas

New Era Film Festival Comes to Dallas

Dallas, TX...New Era Pictures announces their first film festival to take place in Dallas, Texas, April 16-18 at the Angelika Film Center. The festival will showcase feature length films and documentaries by independent artists.

New Era Pictures founders Jerome Sheffield and GuGu E. Michaels want not only to provide a medium for filmmakers to screen their projects but are also seeking a number of quality completed projects for retail distribution. "There are hundreds of festivals that allow filmmakers to showcase their films, but since we are also a distribution company, we are really looking for films that are ready to be marketed to retailers like Blockbuster and Hollywood Video," says Sheffield. He concludes, "Our festival really offers unprecedented opportunities for filmmakers to actually get their films on the shelves of national retailers."

The festival will be comprised of three days of networking. Film Festival Page 7

Ordinary People. Extraordinary Stories AARP and LCCR Building World's Largest Civil Rights Archive

WASHINGTON, DC -- AARP and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) are unveiling a year-long, multi-faceted project to build the world's largest archive of first-hand accounts of the civil rights struggle in America, supported by an array of media ventures, exhibits and special events. The archive will ultimately be donated as a permanent collection of the Library of Congress.

"Americans have stories and we want to hear them, to collect them, and to archive them at the Library of Congress. For unless we remember, neither we nor future generations can understand," said AARP CEO Bill Novelli. "The archive is just the beginning of this powerful, far-reaching project."

LCCR Executive Director Wade Henderson stressed that the project will go beyond collecting stories of the Freedom Rides, lunch counter sit-ins, and the 1963 March on Washington to include the memories of those who worked - and continue to work - to stamp out discrimination against women, people with disabilities,

Hispanics, and others. "In the civil rights struggles of the '50s and '60s, those who fought to end segregation and promote racial equality showed us the way," Henderson said. "Those fighting for civil rights today can derive inspiration from the tens of thousands of Americans who peacefully confronted discrimination, intolerance and resistance."

A cornerstone of the project will be an online collection of previously untold personal stories of the quest for justice and equality. Voices of Civil Rights is also the inspiration for a book, *"The picket line rules were very simple: no talking, laughing, or chewing gum. Walk on the sidewalk in front of the store, never confront anyone who might cross the picket line to enter the store, and never respond to or initiate any verbal or physical abuse.... After losing revenue for the three years that we boycotted, the store owners relented and hired blacks as store clerks and opened their lunch counters to us."*

Priscilla Robinson South Carolina

educational materials, public performances, commemorative publications, and more. The website (www.voicesofcivilrights.org) officially launches in March with the online archive, articles on contemporary civil rights issues and activists, interactive features, project updates and more.

The project will move into high gear in May as the nation commemorates the 50th

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Black Economic Suicide

By James Clinchman

"It's stupid." Those were the words of Dr. Walter Lomax, Jr. in an interview with Chinta Strausberg of the Chicago Defender. He was referring to how Black consumers turn their backs on their own businesses by spending billions of dollars in annual income with non-Black businesses. It's "economic suicide," for African Americans to behave in such a manner, according to Lomax.

Why do we do this? Dr. Lomax, chairman emeritus of the MATAH Black distribution company, attributes much of our inappropriate behavior to integration and a lack of knowledge of Black history. He bought the 570-acre Aspen Grove

Plantation in Virginia, where his great-grandmother was once a slave, and spends a great deal of time there reflecting on his heritage.

"Our people have 'forgotten their roots,' he said. 'We haven't passed on the legacy of our history to the next generation, and we have and still commit the most egregious of sins - abandoning our own businesses just to emulate and brush elbows with Whites.'"

Practicing medicine in Philadelphia for 30 years, Lomax also worked in his own companies: Healthcare Management Alternatives, Inc., AmericChoice and Correctional Healthcare Solutions, Inc., where he provided health care to more than 20,000 inmates in 50

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Dawning of a New Day II Conference Empowers Pastors and Lay Leaders for Difference-Making Ministries

Dallas, TX - The Dawning of a New Day II Conference, sponsored by the Evangelism and Home Mission Boards of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., will be held in Dallas, TX, at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel March 25 - 27. The Conference, which targets pastors and lay leaders, offers workshops, practitioners and worship services that will assist in equipping churches for difference-making ministries.

"This is the second year that we are presenting this conference, which is open to the members of our Convention, and beyond. Providing a vehicle through which pastors and lay leaders can hone their skills by

developing ministries that will serve the community and encourage their constituents to conduct God's work for the empowerment of all is imperative to the existence of faith communities," states Dr. Frederick D. Hynes, III, executive secretary of the NBCCUSA, Inc. Evangelism Board and Pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church, the host church for the Conference. "This Conference offers information that will create opportunities to affect change by ministering to the global community."

Highlights of the Conference include an opening session at Conference Empowers Pastors Page 6

AARP is continuing the fight for affordable prescription drugs.

The pharmaceutical companies have to do their part.

High prescription drug prices are a major concern in the African-American community. That's why we want America's pharmaceutical companies to do the right thing:

- ❖ Limit price increases to no greater than the level of inflation and use their influence to limit greater markups at the retail level.
- ❖ Cooperate with safe, reasonable drug importation from Canada.
- ❖ Support research that evaluates the effectiveness of comparable drugs, so that people and doctors know which drugs work best.
- ❖ Give the government the authority to negotiate lower drug prices if promised discounts aren't achieved.

Until every American can afford the medications they need, AARP will continue the fight for affordable prescription drugs. That's why we've written a letter to the pharmaceutical industry asking them to take action. To read our letter or to learn more about the new prescription drug benefit in Medicare, visit www.aarp.org.



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Stopping America's Job Hemorrhage

U.S. Labor Department estimates supported by a Forrester Research study predicts that U.S. companies will transfer 3.3 million service jobs overseas by 2015, compared with just 102,000 that were exported in 2000. Economists at the University of California, Berkeley did a similar study and concluded that a staggering 14 million jobs could be at risk for exportation. The payroll associated with the exported jobs will rise from \$4 billion to more than \$136 billion with no resulting tax revenue generated.

In the midst of a slow economy and a highly competitive corporate environment more and more major American companies are cutting costs by outsourcing work to foreign countries where wage rates can be as much as 60% lower. While this may be beneficial to a company's bottom line, offshoring is playing havoc with thousands of workers and threatening the livelihoods of millions more.

A significant increase in job creation seems unlikely for some time. The Labor Department reported a net increase of only 21,000 jobs during February, well short of the administration's expectations for an increase of 125,000 jobs and dramatically short of the 200,00 to 300,000 per month job creation rate economists have indicated are necessary to produce a significant upturn in the job market.

White House economist N. Gregory Mankiw, in a misguided attempt to mollify the growing dissatisfaction of the American worker, instead sparked a firestorm by calling offshoring "probably a good thing for the economy in the long term." While the

unemployment rate held steady at 5.6 percent the jobless recovery still pushed almost 400,000 people out of the job market totally discouraged by their unsuccessful search for a job. This does not bode well for the incumbent as the presidential campaign swings into high gear.

The dismal labor report opened the door for democratic hopeful John Kerry to question both Bush's economic policies and his credibility. "For over three years now, since the start of this recession, George Bush has promised the American people over 2 million new jobs are on the way," Kerry said. "But, he's over-promised and under-delivered."

More than two years after emerging from recession the great U.S. economy is still struggling to produce jobs. While the Bush Administration touts the increase in goods and services produced by the growing economy it steers clear of mentioning or explaining the paltry number of new jobs that have been created. Even the tax cuts that were hailed in 2000 as the ultimate economic stimulus have failed miserably.

Five years ago responsible parents everywhere were encouraging their children in high school to consider a Computer Science degree. However, by the time those students graduated they found themselves in direct competition with the highly skilled programmers in India or Pakistan who could do the work of a \$66,000 American programmer for \$10,000.

The fear factor and anxiety of the American worker continues to grow because no one is certain which jobs might be next on the offshore list. White-collar worker groups believe that many of their jobs are lost for good.

They feel that job exportation will only grow as U.S. companies send more work abroad and replace American employees with lower-paid foreign workers on temporary visas who will eventually take the jobs to their home countries.

Elected officials at all levels, sensing the frustration of potentially angry voters, are trying to deal with the growing job exportation problem. According to the National Foundation for American Policy, more than 30 bills have been introduced in 20 states, seeking to regulate or slow the pace of offshoring jobs. This is a problem that is easier to talk about than to solve.

If job exportation continues to grow as predicted there is likely to be a sharp increase in income discrepancy between those who are fortunate enough to hold one of the few positions that do not get exported and those that do not. History has shown repeatedly that increased wealth discrepancy leads to increased social chaos.

There are choices to be made. To do nothing is to condemn our future generations to a bleak future. Perhaps exporting jobs will have a positive effect on the bottom line but will boosting profits in the short term have devastating long-term effects on our ability to lead in technological innovation while offering the opportunity for a robust standard of living for all Americans?

The United States must stop the bleeding of American jobs to cheap-labor countries. If we don't we sow the seeds for eventually impoverishing ourselves.

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

You & Your Government

City of Allen

City 6 (COA-TV) was a finalist in two 2003 Government Access Beacon Awards categories - Best Training Video (New Employee Training Video) and best Magazine Show (Access Allen). The awards were announced on February 27. There were 640 entries in this year's awards, with 93 entries in the Magazine Show category and 51 in Video Training. Since City 6 programming began in 2000, the station has 17 awards.

City of Garland

The Garland City Council is considering revisions to the City's Code of Ethics Ordinance. A public hearing

will be held during the March 16, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Garland City Council. Click on the link below to download a copy of the proposed changes. For more information: www.ci.garland.tx.us

City of Plano

The city Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday recommended plans for a four-story, 250-unit independent living facility and a future two-story office development at the southeast corner of Plano Parkway and Independence Parkway.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the facility and was executed without discussion or amendment. The proposals now go City Council for

City of Richardson

Richardson school trustee Ron Hughes said Friday that "after considerable deliberation" he has changed his mind and will not run for another term. The filing period ends March 15.

Plano ISD

More than 250 employees have accepted early retirement from the Plano Independent School District as the district seeks to trim its payroll. This could help the district save as much as \$4.4 million in payroll costs next year. The list of early retirees includes 161 teachers and a dozen school principals.

State Proposes New CHIP Guidelines

Austin, TX- What you drive, where you live, and what you have in the bank could keep your children from getting health insurance. The state wants to start assets testing for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), much like it does for food stamps. "It's been a blessing. I'll be honest, I don't know what I would do without it," says Jennifer Johns, whose son, Cody, is enrolled in CHIP. Johns found out what it was like without CHIP when she had to take Cody to an emergency clinic instead of his regular doctor a couple of weekends ago.

"It was \$77 out of my pocket that I had to pay and money like that sets me back really far," says Johns. Johns fits the profile of parents across Texas, enrolling nearly 400,000 kids in CHIP this year. I'm a divorced mom,

I've got three kids that I'm raising all on my own, with no child support, and I teach Kindergarten," explains Johns.

Now the state wants to know more about Johns' possessions, testing her assets in an attempt to trim more children from CHIP rolls.

Patti Everitt with the Children's Defense Fund is trying to stop it.

"We're just saying that the asset test is an unnecessary step to take. It discourages families from enrolling in CHIP," says Everitt.

Here is a good example of the assets test. If you drive an average SUV, valued at \$15,000, and your second car is valued at more than \$4,650, you could lose your CHIP coverage.

"I have an older vehicle. That probably wouldn't affect things, but I do have money that I save so I can

pay my property taxes," worries Johns.

Everitt hopes that won't keep kids like Cody from getting CHIP coverage.

"CHIP is still a great program for families. It provides good solid insurance for families that can't afford private insurance," said Everitt.

The Texas Health and Human Services

Commission wants to hear from parents about state-imposed new CHIP guidelines. It is holding a hearing Monday, March 15th, from 1:30-3:00pm at Braker Center Office (11209 Metric Blvd., Bldg. H, Suite A). The public is invited to make comments about upcoming CHIP cuts. Another hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 16th, from 4-6pm, in the Moreton Building at Texas Department of Health (1100 W. 49th St.).

Close Presidential Race Draws Interest

WASHINGTON - Public interest in the closely matched contest between President Bush and presumptive Democratic nominee John Kerry is higher now than it was just before the last two elections, according to a poll released Wednesday.

The campaign occurs as the loss of jobs has become an increasingly important issue and the nation remains engaged in the fight against terrorism in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. More than six in 10 respondents — 63 percent — said their interest in the campaign is very high.

Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg and Republican

pollster Bill McInturff conducted the poll for National Public Radio.

The survey suggested Bush has an edge in combatting terrorism, while Kerry has an advantage on the jobs issue. The two remain evenly matched on most other issues and in preference, with Bush at 47 percent and Kerry at 45 percent.

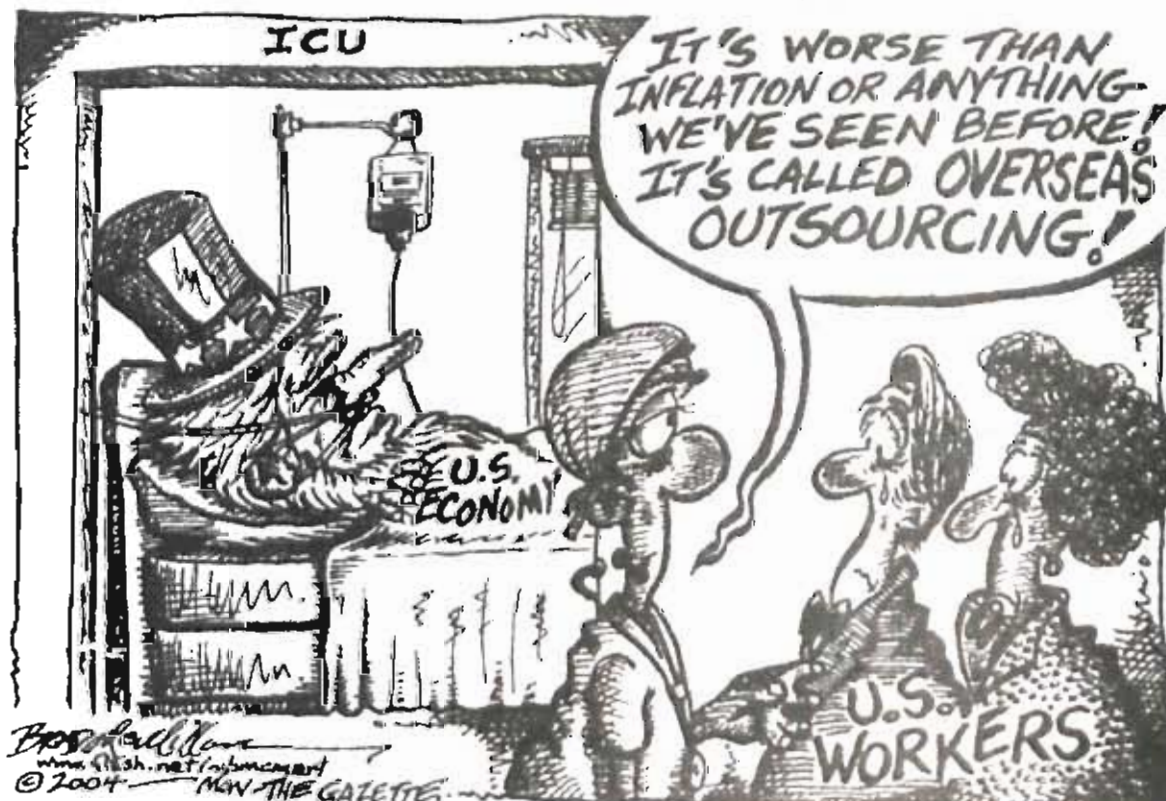
An NBC News-Wall Street Journal poll out Wednesday also showed a close presidential race, with Bush at 47 percent and Kerry at 45 percent.

Bush has an edge on handling the war against terrorism when he highlights Kerry's past

Senate votes on intelligence spending and his stand on the death penalty. Kerry opposes the death penalty except in cases of international and domestic terrorism.

Kerry has a major advantage in the jobs debate, until Bush contends that Kerry's past support for tax increases indicates his policies would cut off economic growth.

The NPR poll of 922 registered voters was conducted Feb. 26-March 1 and the NBC-Journal poll of 1,018 adults was taken March 6-8. Both have margins of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.



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On-going

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

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

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

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking Collin County. The nonprofit, business-to-business group oversees several chapters, with the Collin County group meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required, and more information is available online at www.teamnetworking.com.

Supporting Others Through Mentoring (SOTM, inc.) a faith based non-profit sponsors its empowerment meeting for women every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5 p.m. Local speakers, life application small groups. Call 972.709.1180. 4650 South Hampton Road, Dallas.

General Information

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

March 27

The Pearls and Ivy Girls Clinic of Plano will host its first Senior Presentation Tea for high school graduating seniors. The event will take place at the Plano Senior Center at 2:00 pm. Sponsored by the Chi Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. of Plano. For more information, email chi_zeta_omega@yahoo.com or call 972-423-6394. The event is free.

Through March 29

AARP will provide free tax assistance for all citizens on a first come, first served basis, MONDAYS ONLY at the

Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring a copy of last year's return and required paperwork (W-2 forms, 1099 forms, etc.).

Through April 4

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March 13

94.9 KLTU's Celebrate Women 2004. All women are invited to enjoy a well-deserved day of fun, relaxation and education, at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy (at Jupiter Rd.). 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free. For more information call 972.870.9949, or visit <http://www.kltu.com>

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March 15 - 19

Kids Arts camp at the Irving Arts Center, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Students will participate in five different arts classes throughout each day. Age 6+. \$180. For more information: www.irvingartscenter.com; 972.252.7558, or email: kidsart@ci.irving.tx.us Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur, Ste 300, Irving.

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Tried and True Consignment Sale, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek Pkwy and Jupiter Roads. Children's consignment sale, sizes newborn-pretween, toys, books, games and videos. Free admission. Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Mary Welch at 214.477.9091 or visit www.triedandtruesale.com

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

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972.783.8800.

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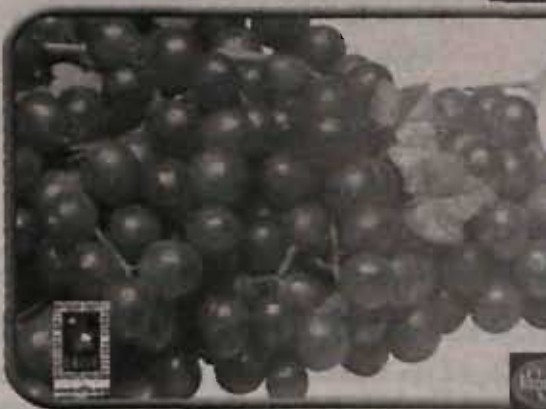
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Black Banks Unite to Make a Positive Impact

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — When Rev. Joseph Roberts, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, needed money for a bigger sanctuary for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s former pulpit, he couldn't find a bank willing and able to fund the project.

"We knew that our bank, Citizens Trust Bank, which was Black — where we did all of our banking — just did not have the capacity to do a \$6.5 million loan," Roberts recalls. "And so we had to go to the majority (White-owned) banks and we tried them. They said we did not have enough to collateralize a \$6.5 million loan. They said, 'You could sell all your members and they still wouldn't provide enough equity to cover that,'" he chuckles.

His 1,800-member congregation simply could not finance the entire project out of pocket. And the U. S. Department of Interior was pressing to make the old Ebenezer a tourist attraction and having the church move across the street to a new sanctuary.

James E. Young, president and chief executive officer of Citizens Trust, came up with a solution. He volunteered to take the lead in talking to four other Black-owned banks around the country to see if they could all pool their resources to fund the construction. He called on his counterparts at City National Bank of New Jersey, in Newark; Citizens Bank in Nashville; First Tuskegee Bank in Alabama; Seaway National Bank in Chicago. They agreed to join forces on the project.

"That's how the pieces were put together," recalls Roberts. "And we haven't missed a note."

The new 2,000-seat Horizon Sanctuary now stands across the street from the old 700-seat Heritage

Sanctuary, now leased to the Department of Interior. The \$8 million edifice, built with \$1.5 million from its members as well, is not only a monument to God, but a symbol of what Black-owned banks can do within the communities that use them.

"We would never have gotten the new church up if it had not been for the initiative taken by the Black banks and for their willingness to do some risk capitalization," Roberts says.

Many of the nation's Black banks survived the Great Depression of the early 1930s, Jim Crow and integration brought on by the Civil Rights Movement. And they are still trying to survive. They are fighting negative perceptions in some quarters and a reluctance of some African-Americans and organizations to use Black-owned institutions.

"Sometimes I lay awake at night and I hear this swooshing sound," says Young, president of the 83-year-old Citizens Trust, the largest Black-owned bank in the Southeast with \$374 million in assets. "Billions and billions of dollars are leaving our community to be put under management by someone who does not look like us, does not empathize with us and at most will have only one of us on the board."

There are a total of 38 Black-owned banks in America. Because of limited deposits, none of them has a lending capacity of more than \$3.5 billion.

"In every urban center in this country, we could have a billion dollar-plus financial institution if only a few of those

organizations in those cities supported Black-owned banks with a deposit and with their borrowing," says Gregory St. Etienne, executive vice president of Liberty Bank & Trust Company in New Orleans and chairman of the National Bankers Association, an organization that includes 33 Black-owned banks.

Deborah Cole, president and chief executive officer of 100-year-old Citizens Bank in Nashville, admits that some Black banks make mistakes, but sees a double standard.

"I think any Black institution,

parronizing Black banks.

"Whether it's Wal-Mart, Ford, GM, Coca-Cola, you name it," says St. Etienne. "And those guys will borrow from us, but they'll do \$50 million, \$20 million, \$30 million dollars. And the lead bank will then call upon all the other members to see if they're interested in taking a slice."

The two largest African-American financial institutions, One United Bank in Boston and Carver Federal Savings Bank in New York, each has assets totaling approximately \$500 million.

Like major White institutions, some Black banks have merged or expanded.

OneUnited Bank in Boston has expanded to Florida and Los Angeles; Liberty Bank in New Orleans has expanded to Jackson, Miss., and Citizens Trust in Atlanta has bought a bank in Birmingham, Ala.

"I expect that to continue," says Young. And that's not the only thing he expects to continue.

"That money is being ciphered off and used around the world," he says. "Kosovo and Iraq, I always say, will be rebuilt using funds from Martin Luther King Drives in American cities while those drives remain in squalor. I'm not fearful of a zip code simply because there are a lot of Black folks there. I've lived in those zip codes. I know the people in those zip codes. So, I know they will pay."

But will they support Black banks?

"If we could bring ourselves to support these institutions at no risk, our communities would be stronger because it would be us who would be making

whether it's a doctor's office or a bank, it's just like a majority institution, you make mistakes," she says. "Unfortunately, the mistakes in a Black institution are amplified in comparison to a majority institution. And that's a thinking process that I can't change."

Black banks can help change communities.

Citizens Bank, for example, has made more than \$13 million in commercial development loans over the past year, much of it for housing and business developments on Jefferson Street, near historically Black Tennessee State University.

Ironically, while many in the Black community are turning their backs on Black-owned banks, some of the nation's largest businesses are



New Structure Sits Across the Street from Dr. King's Old Church

Bishop Johnson Page 1

was a called minister, not an ordained minister, yet I thought I knew everything about the Bible. I went to Southern Bible Institute with an arrogant chip on my shoulder. On the first day of class with Dr. C.S. Reed, who spoke about dispensation, I realized I knew very little," said Johnson.

Then, a Dallas firefighter, he could finally begin his plight in the ministry. What began as a traditional Baptist setting, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist church quickly evolved into what is now called New Life Fellowship, a church of healing and deliverance. "I would often joke that we were Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal, etc., until I allowed the Spirit of God to really have His way," said Johnson.

Johnson says he broke out of the traditional box and declared, "I'm going to do what God called me to do."

A different spirit abides at the 8219 Bunche, Hamilton Park address amongst the 250 congregates says Johnson, "There is an ever pressing ministry to heal and deliver the lost."

Johnson, a recently ordained Bishop, carries his own cross openly as he shares one of his deepest burdens. "I have a prodigal son who has given me the fuel to minister to others who are hurting in similar areas," he said. Johnson relates the biblical story of Hosea who was abandoned by his wife, equating that pain to that of God's pain when the nation of Israel abandoned Him. Johnson contends that our trials are for ministry and witnessing for others. "God

uses our lives as examples for others' deliverances," said Johnson.

Johnson charges, "We keep hiding our weaknesses. The Bible is full of the exposure of people's shortcomings yet their ultimate victory. If I am weak in one area, it does not make me weak in all others." The colorful analogy follows, "If a portion of your laundry is dirty, you wash it." That portion does not spoil the whole load because God is long suffering," said Johnson.

Johnson has skillfully delivered the teachings of the

Gospel and has received recognition by his peers. He now resides as the Youth Director of Planning for the Galilee Griggs Memorial District Association of Baptist Churches, and has since formed the Fellowship of Churches of which he is the Assistant Director on the state level for over 60 churches.

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Dallas' Frederick Douglass Elementary School Presents 15th Annual Oratorical Contest

Abolitionist leader, Frederick Douglass, spread the message of freedom through his lectures, autobiography and antislavery newspaper, North Star. Frederick Douglass Elementary School carries on his legacy in 2004 with its 15th Annual Black History Program and Oratorical Competition held February 26. This year's theme "Brown vs. Board of Education: Celebrating 50 Years of Educational opportunities" explored the positive impact of integrated education.

The program, started by former principal Patricia Mays, gives students the opportunity to uphold the school's motto "Believe in yourself and you will achieve."

Every student has been involved in the oratorical

competition since it began. Students showcased their skills for their class by memorizing and reciting poems selected by their teachers. One student is chosen from each classroom to represent his class at the black history program. During the program the students

present their poem according to grade level. Community and church leaders serve as judges for the competition.

The 2004 oratorical competition winners awarded

first place were Keith Blade, Jr., kindergarten; Princess Thompson, first grade;

Perez, first grade; Meagan Nash, second grade; and Destinii Washington, third grade.

Third place winners were Antonio Garcia, kindergarten; Printis Smith, first grade; Marshon Wallace, second grade; and Mahogany Gillaspie, third grade.

Black history program judges were Mr. Derryle G. Peace, Executive Director - I Have a Dream Foundation; Ms.



Left to Right: Mr. Derryle G. Peace, Executive Director, I Have a Dream Foundation; Ms. Berna Dean Steptoe, Special Projects, WFLA-TV Channel 8; Mr. Thurman Jones, Publisher, MON-The Gazette; Rev. Marlon J. Duncan, Assistant Pastor - The Lord's Missionary Baptist Church; Ms. Gloria D. Beasley, Community Specialist - University of North Texas, Dallas Campus; and Pastor Reginald B. Dunlin, Senior Pastor, Central Pointe Church of Christ

De'Andricka Cannon, second grade; and Olivia Canada, third grade. Second place winners were Mercydis Jones, kindergarten; Brielle

Berna Dean Steptoe, Special Projects - WFLA-TV Channel 8; Mr. Thurman Jones, Publisher MON-The Gazette, Rev. Marlon J.

Conference Empowers Pastors Page 1

1:00pm on Thursday, March 25th with remarks from the National President of NBCUSA, Inc., Dr. William J. Shaw. Later that evening at 7:00pm, the Conference will present a banquet in honor of celebrated Dallas religious leader the late Dr. Manuel Scott, former senior pastor emeritus, St. John's Missionary Baptist Church. Nationally renowned guest speaker Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, senior pastor emeritus, Concord Baptist Church of Christ,

Brooklyn, New York will present remarks. On Friday, March 26 at 7:00pm, an inspirational worship service will be led by Dr. Forrest Harris, president, American Baptist College, Nashville, TN (owned and operated by NBCUSA, Inc.) with guest speaker Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook, senior pastor, Bronx Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, Bronx, NY and President of the Hampton University Minister's Conference, Hampton, VA.

Dawning of a New Day workshops will educate and inform

attendees by offering topics that assist pastors and lay leaders with issues such as civil rights and social justice, public policy, community outreach and neighborhood revitalization, ex-offender re-entry, street evangelism, interdenominational collaboration, and constituency development. On Friday, March 26, the General Session will present attendees with information on the topics of evangelism, emancipation and ecumenism, which are important in strengthening church evangelism outreach missions,

according to Rev. Charles Mock, chair, NBCUSA, Inc. Home Mission Board. In addition to numerous workshops and practicums, the Conference program will also present a community roundtable, and inspirational worship services.

For media inquiries or to schedule interviews, please contact Yvonne Drayton at 215.895.4073. For more information about the Dawning of a New Day II Conference, please contact Cheryl Benson, Friendship-West Baptist Church, at 214.331.5684 ext. 235.

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facilities located in 14 states. He urges Blacks to support one another economically. That unity, he said, helps build capacity among Blacks while stabilizing our communities.

This giant of a Black man acknowledges the importance of understanding Black History; I mean a real understanding of Black History, not the cursory obligatory gestures made by corporate America every February.

"Knowing Black history will help Blacks be more concerned about community. You'll have more self-esteem. You'll work harder, study harder, you won't fritter away the \$800 billion that we supposedly control now," said Lomax. "When you know your history, you'll be more concerned about creating businesses in your own community. You'll follow the principles of Claud Anderson's PowerNomics."

Asked who will teach Blacks the principles of economic, ethnic, legacy, and survival skills, Lomax replied, "It will depend upon us. What makes you think the people who have put us in this condition are going to get us out of this state? It will have to be after school programs in churches or mosques. There has to be a concerted effort to reestablish family values, teaching the importance of education, and reestablishing the importance of economic empowerment. Not only are we following [the wrong values], we seem to be leading our own self-destruction."

When asked about economic leadership among Blacks, Lomax retorted, "We don't have leadership. Most of our leaders are Black politicians and Black ministers. Traditional leadership is so preoccupied with integration, and integration for them represents being like White folks, being integrated into their society and culture," he said. "The only way integration can work is if it's an integration of equals - everybody brings something to the table; otherwise, in business terms, you don't have a merger [you have] an acquisition."

How can African Americans become more economically empowered?

Lomax says one way is through support of the MATAH Network. "If we can breathe life into MATAH and organizations like that... this will help solidify the Black dollar and empower the community." Wow! I should have let Dr. Lomax write this article.

Lomax said Blacks probably have some African-American "messiah" that could

help lead us out of this predicament. But, he said, until [Whites] say who our leader is, we don't have one.

"Black leadership is lacking. We need an ideology we can rally around...self-esteem, economic empowerment, self-preservation, do-for-self and stop trying to be integrated all the time, take advantage of your own culture...all those things that God gave us that everybody tries to emulate and benefit from. We should take them for our own benefit," he stated. "We're no more than before. We're the slaves whether it's sports or entertainment. We're the work horse, and they sit on the patio and benefit from it."

Integration? Yes, we got social integration, but got economic integration, as he puts it. Right again, Dr. Lomax. "Integration is slowly burying us as we become more politically and financially impotent...dispensable in a society that pits Blacks against Hispanics for mere contractual crumbs - in a nation Blacks built at gunpoint for free. Talented Tenth? "Today, the Talented Ten has been integrated," said Lomax. And, if I might add, many of them have also been conditioned to hold the 90 percent down rather than lift us up.

We are blessed to have man such as Dr. Walter Lomax, Jr. among us. He says what must be said, and does what must be done.

"The view from his window at Aspen Grove is a stark reminder of where Blacks have been, how far

we've come, and sadly where we are today," journalist Strausberg wrote. "The two cemeteries on his property tell the whole story: One for whites near the house, and one for Blacks off in the distance out of sight."

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African-American Studies department, is former editor

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

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WASHINGTON D.C. - Stories of civil rights marches and lunch counter sit-ins landed on our doorsteps in the morning newspaper. Images of migrant workers striking for living wages lit up our televisions. But who brought us the sights and sounds of the struggle for equality in America?

On February 25, six journalists who covered the civil rights struggle in those dangerous days were recognized by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) and AARP. The honor ceremony at the Library of Congress kicked off the Voices of Civil Rights project, a year-long effort to build the world's largest archive of firsthand accounts of the Civil Rights Movement. Through a range of media and education projects, Voices will tell an American story, transcending individual differences to illustrate how the continuing quest for equality is vital to all races and ethnic groups.

The six journalists who received the award are:

- Simeon Booker has chronicled civil rights as editor and bureau chief for Johnson Publications for more than 40 years. He was one of only 12 African American reporters to cover the Emmett Till trial.
- Dorothy Butler Gilliam was one of the few African American women in journalism in the 1960s. Her first reporting assignment was to cover the

stormy and sometimes violent integration of Central High in Little Rock, Arkansas.

- Moses Newson began his career as a reporter covering the Emmett Till trial. He continued to cover the historic events of the early Civil Rights Movement, including the Freedom Riders, and the marches and protests that ultimately led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

- Gordon Parks' first stirring photographic images for Life magazine of the people, places, and events provided form and definition to the Civil Rights Movement. In addition to his influential work as a photojournalist, Parks also broke new ground as a writer and film director.

- Ruben Salazar was one of the first Hispanic journalists to provide a voice for the emerging Hispanic Civil Rights Movement that in many ways paralleled the African American movement.

- Richard Stolley, as a hard-charging reporter for Life, described with astonishing clarity the faces of hate and the faces of courage in the Deep South during the early period of the Civil Rights Movement.

"These journalists covered some of the most dangerous days of the struggle for justice and equality in America," said LCCR Executive Director Wade Henderson. "They put themselves in harm's way to bring these stories into our homes and for that we are

forever indebted."

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The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) is a coalition of more than 180 organizations committed to social justice and equality. Founded in 1950, it is the nation's oldest, largest and most diverse civil and human rights coalition. LCCR member organizations represent persons of color, women, children, labor unions, individuals with disabilities, older Americans, major religious groups, gays and lesbians and civil liberties and human rights groups. Its mission: to promote the enactment and enforcement of effective civil rights legislation and policy.

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anniversary of the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education ruling, which declared "separate but equal" schools to be unconstitutional. A book will be published entitled *My Soul Looks Back in Wonder: Voices of the Civil Rights Experience* by journalist Juan Williams, with a Foreword by David Halberstam and Afterword by Marian Wright Edelman. *Voices of Civil Rights* will be prominently featured in a six-month-long Library of Congress exhibit on Brown v. Board. Additional stories, features, interviews, and essays will appear in a special edition of AARP The Magazine, followed by coverage throughout the year in all AARP publications and radio programs as well as on the LCCR website (www.civilrights.org).

"The Library of Congress houses the most comprehensive civil rights collection in the country," said Librarian of Congress James Billington. "These rich and heavily used resources will be greatly enhanced by the addition of these important voices." Throughout 2004, *Voices of Civil Rights* will continue to collect and preserve thousands of poignant memories of people who witnessed or took part in the civil rights struggle. From the heroic battles of African Americans to end racial segregation and discrimination in the 1950s and '60s, to the struggles of women, people with disabilities, Hispanics, and many others, *Voices of Civil Rights* will capture memories that the nation cannot afford to forget.

To date, more than 1,000 personal stories have been collected. Grassroots programs are being launched to collect even more, through projects and partnerships with local institutions. Some students at Spelman College in Atlanta, for example, will collect oral histories from civil rights pioneers. *Voices of Civil Rights* is also preparing to crisscross the country over the next several months conducting in-depth interviews with civil rights pioneers, recording oral histories and taking part in community events.

"We are making every effort to save and share stories that transformed individual lives and society as a whole," Project Director Rick Bowers said. "The

eyewitnesses to history are a vanishing breed, and we must save the memories of those who brought us where we are today."

Those with a story to tell can mail it to *Voices*, 601 E St., NW, Washington D.C. 20049 or submit it online at www.voicesofcivilrights.org.

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Car Review

LINCOLN LUXURY, POWER AND COMFORT

The Lincoln LS is one of the most reasonably priced sports sedans on the market. It offers a smooth, quiet ride, plenty of space, and the choice of a V6 or V8. Whether you're driving in town or out on the open road, the Lincoln LS should be at the top of your list for car choice.

The V6 Luxury comes with plenty of standard features including dual-zone climate control and power pedal adjusters. With the Premium package you get heated and cooled front seats covered in perforated leather, wood trim, power moon-roof, power-folding mirrors and an in-dash six-disc CD changer. The V8 Sport will not only give you more power, but more standard and optional features, adding 17-inch wheels, auto-manual transmission and aluminum interior trim to the V6 package. If you're looking for the whole package in one, the V8 Ultimate is the car for you, with HID headlamps, AdvanceTrac stability control and a sport-tuned suspension. Options include a DVD-based navigation system and

a THX-certified, 10-speaker audio system with an in-dash six-disc CD changer and Sirius Satellite Radio.

Inside the spacious LS Lincoln is real wood, faux titanium and chrome accents, soft leather upholstery and well-cushioned chairs. And passengers in the rear seats will love your vehicle, as it has more head and leg-room than most entry-level luxury sedans.



Power is well matched to the luxury and design, with a solid choice of engines. The 3.0-liter V6 has an impressive 232 horsepower and 220 lb-ft of torque. If you want more power, the 3.9-liter V8 is hard to beat. You'll get 280 horsepower at 6,000 rpm, and 286 lb-ft of torque at 2,000 rpm. Both have a five-speed

automatic transmission, with the V8 models coming with an automanual gate for drivers who want more of that sports feeling.

For all this luxury and power, Lincoln has made sure its drivers are safe on the road. Traction control is standard across the line, and the AdvanceTrac stability control system is standard on the V8 Ultimate, but optional on all others. Four-wheel antilock disc brakes are equipped with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution and BrakeAssist. Side airbags for front passengers are standard on all models, with full-length head curtain airbags and rear parking sensors optional. The LS couldn't have done

better in NHTSA crash testing, scoring a perfect five stars for driver and front passenger protection. Side-impact tests got four stars for front and five stars for rear-seat passengers. In 40-mph frontal offset crash testing, by the IIHS, the LS received the best possible rating.

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Sister Tarpley

NOTE: This was emailed to me not long ago; it actually made me stop and ponder about how I go about my daily life.

Am I too busy to listen to God's voice? My sister, Mrs. Eloyd Demus Avery, told me long ago, that God speaks to us in quiet ways; and that our spirit and mind must listen in calm and quiet ways.

Do I really see others that may need help or that are in trouble and I can offer him/her my help? Do I in fact care about my fellowman in a Christian way? Am I showing enough compassion to people that are hurting? This email caused me to renew my vow to be a true Christian and to represent God and His son.

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar.

He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed a certain spot, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door!

The young man quickly slammed on his breaks and backed the Jag back to the area where the brick had been thrown.

The now angry, young and successful executive then jumped out of his car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what in the heck are you doing? My Jag is new and that brick you threw is going to cost a

lot of money! Why did you do it?"

The young boy was very apologetic. "Please, mister—please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," He pleaded.

"I threw the brick because no one else would stop!" With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a place just around a parked car. "It's my



Sister Tarpley's Picture of the Week

The Dallas Mavericks mascot, "Mavs Man" is holding Little Miss Trinity Gray. Trinity, the pretty daughter of Nicole Kelly and the granddaughter of Ms. Betty Rainwater Kelly is a first grader at Annie Heads Rainwater Elementary School in Carrollton. The school was named for her great grandmother. Mrs. Rainwater was instrumental in helping to integrate the Carrollton-Farmers Branch I.S.D.

brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up."

Now sobbing, the young lad asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the young

and successful executive tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat; he hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then he took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts on the boy. A quick look told the young successful executive that everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you mister and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger.

Too shook up for words, the young man simply watched the lad push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long, and very slow walk back to the new Jaguar.

The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, God may have to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.

Great thought for the week: If God had a refrigerator—your picture would be on it. If God had a wallet—your photograph would be in it.

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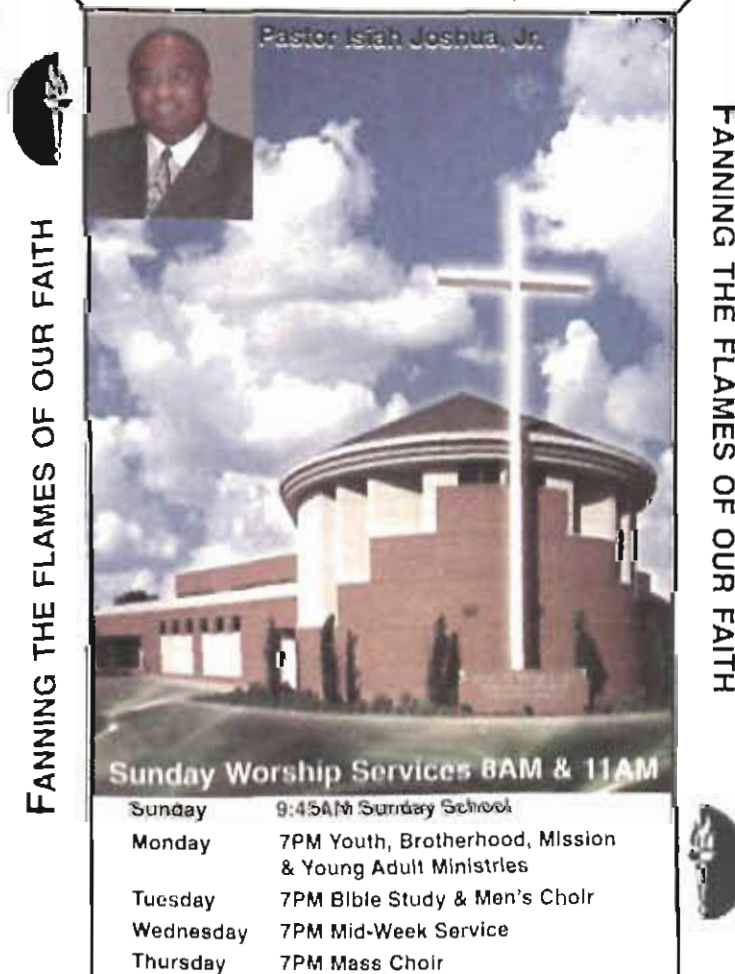
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Henry Lyons: Life after Prison - Part 3

By K. Chandler
Special to the NNPA from the Westside Gazette

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (NNPA) In the final part of an exclusive interview with Henry Lyons, conducted recently at New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Riviera Beach, Lyons sought to reach out to young people. He also discussed his future ministerial plans.

"The thing that I really want to get over to young America, especially our men, and unfortunately a lot of our women nowadays, is that their friends—their 'road dogs,' their 'running buddies,' and 'home-boys,' bring back the wrong report from prison. See they go into prison and stay for 2-3 years and they come out and they tell their friends, here who've never been in prison that it's all basketball. It's all horseshoes. It's all playing cards and checkers and dominoes.

"They don't tell them about all the hard work. They don't tell them how dehumanizing it is. You see, a psychologist says if you do anything for 21 days straight it becomes a habit. So

that's how institutionalization can set in and you'll never know it. That's how our boys can go in and come out and can't wait to get back in because he misses that life where he's told to do everything. And he doesn't realize this. He misses that life when he's given his clothes to wear. He's given his underwear to wear. He's given three meals a day and he doesn't have to work and he doesn't have to pay for it. Doesn't have to think about it. All he has to do is just keep writing home and saying 'Mama send me some money.' 'Daddy send me some money to get me a little canteen and I'm content to stay right in here.' But let me tell you it's no life in there. It's no life!

"The next time you ride down a highway—a super highway, an interstate, even a state road, and you see those prisoners out there on those state roads; on those streets in the heat of the day with those big weed eaters in their hands. They're standing out there under someone who has to be over them and weed-eating and

mowing and picking up papers and watching out for snakes and waiting on somebody to come by and throw them a pack of cigarettes. That's no way to live. You don't want to do that to yourselves. You don't want to do that with your life. And being happy that someone threw you a half a pack of cigarettes. Or someone threw you a 'joint' to smoke.

"And then the 'man' sees you pick up the joint—he lets you slip and smoke it. And then he goes straight back to the camp that night and tests him for drugs. And then he's right back in solitary confinement all over again. And when he goes back to solitary confinement he loses between three and six months worth of gain time. All for a joint, all for foolishness! Prison is the worst spot on Planet Earth!

"I need to point out two things today. First, people in what they call the 'free world'—we want to see our friends come out and never go back. But the 'system' wants you to come back. The

system says, 'Come on back. We want you to come on back in here because it's job security' (for them).

"And I believe if our young boys and our young girls knew that prison is nothing but job security for the people who work there, then you wouldn't be in such a hurry to get back there, because all you're doing is helping them keep a job.

"Prisons are so big in Florida—almost our biggest corporation here. In fact there's one hotel chain that has stopped building hotels to just build prisons.

"The other thing that has to be understood is that everything that a person uses in prison is made in prison. The uniforms you wear. The T-shirts, the underwear, the shoes. The buildings are built by prisoners. The cement blocks are made by prisoners. The food is farmed by prisoners.

"So you must work! It is not about playing basketball, cards or dominoes. You have to work eight hours a day, sometimes 12 and 15 hours a day! Everyday, every

single day you have to get up and go to work. And it truly is slave labor!

Changing the subject away from prison, Lyons had some sympathetic words to say regarding Bernice Edwards, the woman at the center of the National Baptist Convention scandal in the late 90's who died while in prison after being remanded for violating her parole.

"When that news reached me and I was yet incarcerated. I was behind the 'fence' as they say in prison; I got to tell you that it really shook me. Ms. Edwards was a nice lady. When that news reached me it was a sad moment because she had three small children and they needed their mother, without a father. They needed her. I'll tell you it was a shock. You see I wouldn't wish prison on anybody. But to die in prison is unthinkable to me. It's just unthinkable!

Lyons, who is presently serving in the capacity of Outreach Coordinator for the non-profit organization Healing the Breach,

said that he was excited about starting his life all over again—something his son, Derek, encouraged him to do.

Besides his son who is an ex-Marine affiliated with the Veterans Association, Lyons has three daughters, all of whom are professionals. To their credit, the four have loyally stood by their father throughout his prison term.

Now at 62, Lyons would like to return to the pastoral ministry. "I have a shepherd's heart. I love people. I love ministering to people and working with people.

To that end, Lyons has begun lecturing on family matters, particularly parenting skills and crime prevention for all ages. Ultimately he wants to concentrate his efforts on rebuilding the Black family on a national level, focusing first and foremost on young people. The idea, he says, is to get to them before they even get into trouble.

"Once they 'hit' that system, believe me when I tell you, they're in it! And let me tell you, they want you back! Like Motel 6—they leave the light on for you!"

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MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO

There are now two Sunday Morning Services! Early Morning Worship Service @ 8:00 am and regular Sunday Morning Worship @ 11:00 am April 9, 7:00 pm Seven preachers will speak on "The Seven Last Sayings of Christ" April 11, 8:00 am & 11:00 am "Where is Your Passion Leading You?" For more information, call 972-633-5511.

Mt. Olive Church of Plano Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Pastor 740 Avenue F Plano, TX 75075 972-633-5511

NEW LIGHT CHURCH

March 13, 2004 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Health Fair - "Educating Souls to be Healthy Souls" Free blood pressure and prostate screening For more information, call Cheryl Edwards at 972-329-5483.

New Light Church Rev. Shaun Rabb, Pastor 909 E. Gross Road, Suite 320 Mesquite, TX 75150 972-329-5483

NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS

City Wide Revival, March 7, 2004 through March 19, 2004, Theme: "The Renewal of The Nations," Ephesians 4:22-24 March 7 - 12, 2004, 7:00 pm nightly @ Good Street MRC in Dallas, Texas

Rev. Cedric Britt, Pastor of Mt. Gilead MBC, Ft. Worth, Texas will be the Guest Evangelist.

March 13 - 19, 2004, 7:00 pm nightly @ Good Street MRC in Dallas, Texas

Rev. Melvin V. Wade, Sr., Pastor of Mt. Moriah BC, Los Angeles will be the Guest Evangelist.

March 13 - 19, 2004, Noon Day Service @ Greater Shiloh Baptist Church

Rev. A. Wayne Johnson from Portland, Oregon will be the Guest Evangelist.

March 27, 2004 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in The Family Life Center

College Entrance 101 Seminar for students in Grades 7 through 11 and their parents or guardians. The seminar encourages middle and high school students to get an early start on preparing to go to college.

For more information, call Bro. James McQuirter @ 214-460-0537 or visit www.cc101.com

March 28, 2004 @ 3:00 pm Church Anniversary - Dr. Denny Davis will be the Guest Minister

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas

Dr. Robert E. Price, Senior Pastor 9550 Shepard Road Dallas, TX 75243 214-341-6459

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

April 30 - May 2, Annual Women's Retreat Location: Omni Dallas Hotel, 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75234

Retreat Package for two nights: Two Double Beds per Room Package Cost Per Person Double \$168.00 Triple \$144.00 Quad \$132.00 Registration ends March 30.

For more information concerning the retreat, email Barbara Miller at bacmiller@comcast.net or Pamela Caston at caston@sbcbglobal.net.

Thursday, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Support Group—Healing Past Wounds Held in Youth Library, Room D204

For more information, contact Tera McFarland at 972-437-3493, Ext. 111

Saturday, 10:00 am - 11:30 am A refresher course in Spanish- Bldg 1010, Room D218

For more information, contact Anita Jarrell at 214-364-0330.

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor/Teacher 302 Centennial Blvd. Richardson TX 75081-5057 972-437-3493

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

April 15, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm 3rd Annual Praise Dance Celebration— "Dancing with a Purpose"

Registration Roundup & Pre-Gala Celebration April 16, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

April 17, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Workshop April 18, 4:00 pm Praise Dance Celebration

For more information, call 214-823-7308.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Rev. C.W. Wallace, Pastor 1819 N. Washington Ave. Dallas, TX 75204

214-823-7308

THE POTTER'S HOUSE

March 13, 8:00 am - 2:30 pm National Children's Ministry Workshop— "Connecting Kids to Christ"

Offers 3 hours of hands on training for those working with kids (nursery through 6th grade) in churches or Christian schools

Sponsored by Children's Ministry Magazine Full day registration - \$49 Groups of 10 or more - \$29

Register by calling 1-800-888-5991 or visit cmmag.com.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 14, 3:00 pm Church Anniversary

March 21, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm CPR Training

March 27, 8:00 am Women's Prayer Breakfast

For more information, call 972-221-5668.

Westside Baptist Church Rev. Kenneth Blake, Senior Pastor 802 Bellaire Blvd. Lewisville, Texas 75067 (972) 221-5668

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, 12:30pm. Monday School: 7pm

Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00pm

Website: www.ibocjoy.org

Pastor Rickie G. Rush

BETHANY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES 8:30 am - Sunday School • 10:00 am - Worship Services

MONDAY 6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood

WEDNESDAY 6:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting 7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson

SATURDAY 10:00 am thru 1:00 pm Youth Activities

6710 Webster Avenue • Dallas, TX 75209 214-352-3552 (Phone) • 214-352-6793 (Fax) abethany@sbcbglobal.net (Email)

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Pastor Louis E. Laurent Internet Broadcast: www.krgm.com

(Mon - Fri @ 12 Noon)

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am

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Phone: 214-325-7021 Fax: 214-371-8922 or 214-372-2135

Email: thewordcuts@yahoo.com

New Life Fellowship of Hamilton Park

8219 Bunche Drive • Dallas, TX 75243 972-671-1096

Reverend Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor

A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17

Sunday Morning Bible School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship (Agape Hour) First Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.

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Sunday Services Early Morning Worship: 8:00 am Sunday School: 10:30 am Mid-Morning Worship: 11:30 am

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