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On the Homefront:

Billy Graham Crusade at Texas Stadium, October 17-20. Events starting at 7:00, and early Saturday morning for a kids extravaganza. Parking available at cost, or catch the DART train. His first crusade in Dallas for 30 years.

Thornton House Public Archeological Dig and Art Fair, Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Avenue H and 13th Street, downtown Plano. Bring cotton gloves, digging equipment supplied by Geo-Marine, Inc. Refreshments will be supplied by Chase Bank. Help bring Plano's history to life as you dig at this historic house. Excavation units will be set up. Volunteers are also needed. Call the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation at 972-941-2117 for details.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure, Saturday, October 19, at NorthPark Center. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m.; aerobic warm up at 7:30 a.m.; one mile family fun run/walk at 7:45 a.m.; Komen Dallas Race for the Cure All-Women's 5K Timed Event at 8:00 a.m.; Family co-ed 5K fun run/walk at 8:15 a.m. Pick up race packets inside NorthPark Center (near Foley's), October 16 and 17, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and October 18, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more information call 214-750-7223, or to register online visit www.komen-dallas.org.

African-American Women's Expo 'Just 4 Us', Saturday 19, and Sunday 20 October at Dallas Market Hall. More than 100 corporate and small businesses will participate. General admission is \$7, children under 12 are free. \$2 discount coupons are available at Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurants. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit the Dallas Urban League and Girls, Inc. the event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days. For more information call 972-407-1332, or visit www.just4us-expo.com.

'Celebrate To Eradicate', a Plano Metro Rotary Club Concert fund raiser, October 26, benefiting the 'Eradication of Polio From the Face of the Earth'. Located at Eisemann Center For Performing Arts starting at 8:00 p.m. Starting singer/entertainer and former Plano resident, Charles Langley. Featuring songs from movies, Broadway stage and pop tunes. Contact Bill Langley 972-519-0203 for more information.

'Night of the Stars' Gala, hosted by The Turning Point, October 26 at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson. Begins at 7:00 p.m. Food, fund, dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions. Join business and community leaders to raise funds for Turning Point to continue providing free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault. For more information contact The Turning Point at 972-985-0951.

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Dr. Clara M. Reed Pastors 'All Nations UMC'

By Belinda G. Alexander

"The mission and the message is always the same—It's the method that varies. That's what we do—we blend traditional with contemporary and add some gospel with Negro spirituals. All nations is a place where many Christian voices come together in worship."

This is what Dr. Clara M. Reed says about her ministry to the membership at All Nations UMC (United Methodist Church) in Plano, TX. Dr. Reed speaks with confidence that reflects her commitment as a dedicated Pastor. She recalled how the church came to be as result of God's timing and his provision for a daring dream.



From Background to Full-view

Dr. Reed said, "God has a plan for our lives and I can look back at my childhood and see where he started me on this path. My mother was a Pentecostal Evangelist who preached and taught at many different churches. As a child, I went to 'vacation bible school' at our church and at the white churches too. My childhood church travels were along an inroad of mixed and blended services and music. During that time God was preparing me for this. I learned from those early experiences that we are one people called by His plan and covered

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Top Achievers Foundation Helps Kids Reach For The Top

By Felicia Coleman

When the vice president of Top Achievers Foundation, Inc. was hospitalized this spring, it made him realize he had to look after himself if he was going to continue to help local girls and boys excel academically and physically.

Noel Brown, 51, co-founded Plano based Top Achievers Foundation almost seven years ago, with Lawrence Mann, its Chief Executive Officer. TPA is a cross-training sports-plex, with a program designed to build self-esteem in boys and girls through physical conditioning and mentoring.

But Brown had to spend 11 days at Baylor Medical Center for surgery on his left foot in March. Brown, who is a diabetic, was also suffering from pneumonia and dehydration, was put on an IV solution and told to rest for two weeks. And after missing work for almost a month, Brown said his brother, Perry, wanted him to retire.

"When God wants me to retire I will be in a box, because



my work is not done. It's easy to lay around and feel sorry for yourself, but I decided I'm not going to sit around," said Brown. "What keeps me alive is the kids. They keep me laughing. And God blesses me to have the knowledge to do what I do. I'm blessed to even be here."

And with that, Brown decided to change his diet and do some exercise to lose the 50-60 pounds his doctors told him to lose.

Now back on top, Brown is able to be there once again for the kids at TPA, and even coached his 17 and under girls

Amateur Athletics Union team to a second place finish at a tournament in Houston this June.

What began as a small business venture, with 5-8 kids per class, TPA now boasts 55-60 kids per class, with 2,000 memberships and at least 5,000 to 6,000 boys and girls participating in basketball camps, leagues and tournaments. The program's biggest market is basketball, with cross-training coming in second.

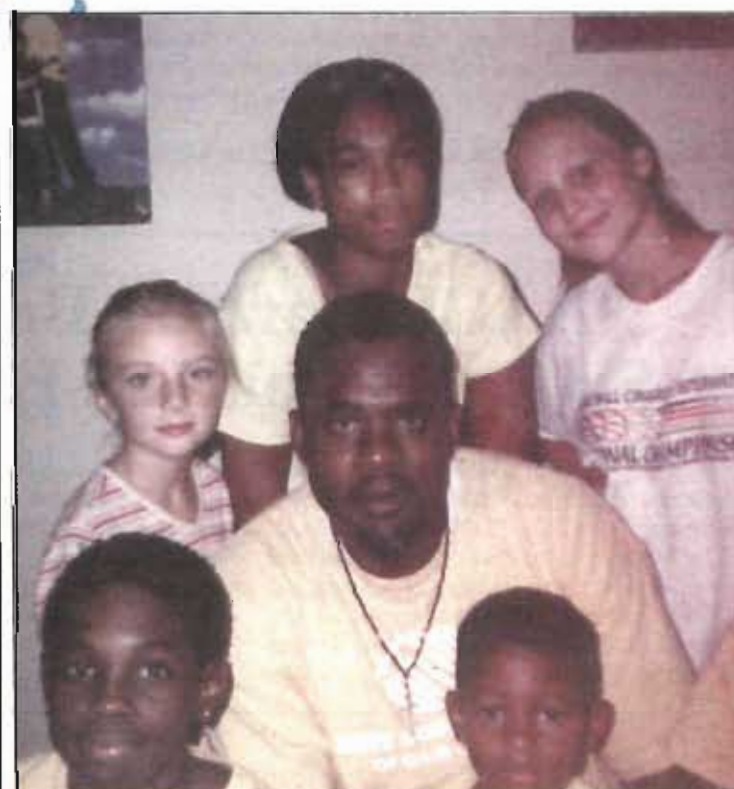
TPA has many programs for the boys and girls to participate in, including having a tutor who comes in to assist with their homework.

"Our 6th graders who have been tutored here and taken the SAT have all done extremely well," Brown said. "All of our kids are planning on attending college and getting a degree, I think that's a blessing."

Brown added that speakers, including professional athletes, also come in and teach the boys and girls how to have respect for

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On The Move Darwin Bailey Gives Back To The Boys and Girls Club



By Felicia Coleman

Darwin Bailey was born and raised in McKinney, Texas. He was born the eldest of 15 children. Since the age of 8, he has been an active member of the Boys Club, currently known as the McKinney Branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County. "I was raising kids as long as I was able to stand," Mr. Bailey stated. His mother coached the track team at the Boys Club. Mr. Bailey said, "My mother believed in it. She supported it." Because of changing times Roxanne Spillet, current President of the Boys and Girls Club, changed the name so that not only young men could participate but also young ladies. In high school, Mr. Bailey refereed basketball games at the Boys Club. Throughout life, he always

kept up with the club.

At 35, Mr. Bailey has been Branch Director for over two years. Bill Nye, former Branch Director, asked Mr. Bailey to fill a position at the club. "During the time, I was a scrub tech at the hospital. Every time Mr. Nye see me, he would keep hammering me about the position. I finally gave in. God bless me with it. I was born and raised in McKinney. This is the best way for me to help the community. I'm trying to teach kids to be respectable. I want to be a positive influence. I like the smiles and energy that the kids bring. The kids are feeling a sense of ownership because it is their club. I'm loving it," Mr. Bailey stated.

Currently enrolled and attending See Boys and Girls club page 5

2002 Hezekiah Jerry Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner Honoring Leonard C. Long

The National Association of Black Social Workers/Dallas Chapter and the Your Healthcare Services/DME will sponsor a scholarship-fundraiser dinner honoring Leonard C. Long on Saturday, October 19, 2002 at the Cedar Crest Golf Club Banquet Facility.

Leonard C. Long, one of the founding members of the NABSW/Dallas Chapter, is a dedicated executive director of the West Dallas Community Center with 25 years of proven experience developing and administering multi-million dollar non-profit agencies and community-based programs. "The time is right to recognize Leonard's many years of outstanding service and commitment to social justice and passionate community activism," said Cornelius Martin, Chairperson of the NABSW Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner.

The Honorable Yvonne Davis, member of the Texas House of Representatives from District 111, will be the guest



speaker. The NABSW National President, Judith Jackson will also pay tribute to Long.

Proceeds from the banquet will benefit the organization's college scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded annually to West Dallas students who pursue human service professions.

For ticket information, or to place an ad in the souvenir journal, please contact Audrey Brown at 214-670-6739 or Treva McDaniel at 214-915-4610.

Parish Dog Records Releases Its New R&B Group, Unkut



By Felicia Coleman

Unkut has the talent, flavor and smooth rhythmic sounds to rise to the top. This R&B group consists of Rodnae Young (24), Ronnie Young a.k.a. Baby Boy (23), and Dawaylan Wheatley a.k.a. Day (23). Unkut had a fourth member, Mario Boone a.k.a. Smooth, who had to leave the group because his personal

schedule conflicted with the group's schedule.

Rodnae (lead singer of Unkut) approached Terrance Miles (TY Lewis), CEO of Parish Dog Records to listen to their music. Their talent won the day and the group was signed in spring of this year.

Unkut's debut album, Thug Soul, is scheduled for release in

January 2003. The album consists of 14 tracks with a mixture of R&B, soul, hip-hop and some love ballads.

MON-The Gazette had the honor to interview Terrance Miles and members of Unkut.

How did Unkut get started? Rodnae: At first I was solo. But we got together and practiced.

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Black Telecom Employees Association Hosts Golf Tournament

The Alliance of Black Telecommunication Employee's Inc. - Dallas Metroplex Chapter is proudly hosting their 8th Annual Golf Tournament. This year it will be held at Mesquite Municipal Golf Course, Mesquite, Texas on Wednesday, October 30, 2002. Mesquite Golf Club offers many challenges that the most seasoned golfer will enjoy. This is an ideal opportunity to help your Marketing Team/Sales Force strengthen business partnerships as well as close some top opportunities. The Golf Tournament is also an ideal means to reward top performers within the

branch.

The 2001 Alliance Golf Tournament was a tremendous success! The feedback confirmed that the tournament presented the perfect atmosphere to build and/or maintain business partnerships. The 2002 Tournament will be hosted by The Alliance and we are committed to promoting professionalism as well as helping organizations such as yours entertain existing and prospective clients.

The annual tournament helps support our scholarship fund and community activities, which are the main thrusts of The Alliance. The

Dallas Chapter of The ALLIANCE, with the help of sponsorships such as yours has awarded scholarships to deserving high school students over the last five years. In 2001, due to your donations, we were able to award scholarships to 5 local high school seniors and provide Christmas gifts to over 25 children at one of our local Boys and Girls Clubs. Our goal for 2002 is exceeding all prior yearly scholarship donations!

More good news: The ALLIANCE is a 501c corporation and all your donations will be tax deductible.

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themselves and each other.

"We teach them to be respectable young ladies and gentlemen," he said. "We train our kids from scratch, and they work hard. We even have a word from the Bible every week to encourage our kids. I want the kids to learn about sports, but at the same time learn about the Lord."

Brown's life is dedicated to helping kids. As a mentor, Brown believes that it is his duty to be a role model by giving and receiving respect and also by not drinking and smoking.

"Kids need discipline and respect. As young adults that's what they crave. Kids can come in and be a kid," Brown said. "And if you don't know the sport we will help you. And if you don't understand academics, we'll help you."

Top Achievers Foundation will be expanding soon to accommodate more youth. For further information visit www.tacrosstraining.com.

NAACP Garland Branch Sponsors Political Forum

The NAACP Garland Branch will host a community "Political Forum" on Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at 6:50 p.m. The forum will take place at the Garland Women's Activity Center, 713 Austin @ Glenbrook St. Hear candidates for the 5th Congressional District 2 and Dallas County District Attorney-Where do

these candidates stand on the issues?

For Directions or more information, contact Ricky McNeal at 972-414-7804 or 972-381-5044. The public is invited and encouraged to participate in this voter education event. Admission is free.

Red Ribbon Day

The West Dallas Community Centers, Inc. Drug Education and Prevention Program will celebrate Red Ribbon Day on October 24, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. The celebration will take place at the Elmer Scott Center, 2600 Morris St. Guest speakers and entertainment will include a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent, and one of the hottest performing groups in

Texas, Straight Way.

National Red Ribbon Week is October 21-27. It honors the memory of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a drug enforcement agent who was killed in the line of duty while working as a border agent in the war on drugs.

For more information, call Lavetta Adkison at 214-637-6256.



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On-going

Nature Stories at Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, every Saturday at 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Stories and themes differ from week to week and are hosted by the Heard Nature Store staff. They incorporate music, nature crafts and nature walks. Free with general admission. For topics and more details call 972.562.5566.

City of Garland Council meetings, every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Located at 200 North Fifth Street, Garland.

A Circle of Sisters - a newly forming circle of readers' book club in Frisco/McKinney/Allen and surrounding areas. For those interested in thought-provoking discussions on various literary accomplishments with a focus on African-American authors. Anyone interested in joining please email to: mygroove2@yahoo.com.

Through October 31

First day to pick up an entry form for the Heard Natural Science Museum's 3rd Annual Coloring Contest. There will be two age categories: 3-6 years, and 7-10 years, with first and second place prizes for each. Deadline for entries is October 31. Call 972-562-5566, or visit www.heardmuseum.org.

Through November 2

Plano Repertory Theatre brings its Art Center Theatre back to life with 'The Rocky Horror Show'. Tickets are now on sale. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For adults only. Purchase tickets from the box office noon-5 p.m. at 1028 15th Place, Plano, or order online at www.planorep.org.

Through November 10

The Dallas Arboretum's "Dallas Blooms Autumn - A Harvest of Cultures Celebration". Every Saturday and Sunday, with children's activities, artisans and musicians. Located at 8617 Garland Road, Dallas. For more information contact Karen Griggsby at 972-731-0547.

Through - January 5, 2003

Secrets of Aging at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Exhibit is divided into four major themes: Body, Mind, Society and Longevity. \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children 3-12. Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday noon to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 817-255-9300, or visit www.fortworthmuseum.org.

October 18 - 19

Friends of the Mesquite Public Library Fall Book Sale will

be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. The public is welcome to come browse and buy a bargain. All proceeds benefit the library.

October 18 - November 16

McKinney Theatre at McKinney Square Meal presents an Egyptian melodrama, "Mummy Dearest," Friday and Saturday evenings through November 16. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show begins at 8:00 p.m. Seating is limited. 213 E. Louisiana St. Admission: \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens and children under 12 years. Dinner is available at additional cost. For more information call 972-548-6900.

October 19

KidFish at Bob Woodruff Park, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Fishing equipment is provided and prizes will be awarded. No registration necessary. Sponsored by the Plano Parks & Recreation Department. Call 972-941-7250 for more information.

Plano Symphony Orchestra All Beethoven Evening, at Fellowship Bible Church North at 8:15 p.m. Van Cliburn Silver

Medalist Maxim Philippov will perform the Emperor Concerto. Also featured is the Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus, Symphony No. 2 in D Major, and Piano Concerto No. 5 Emperor. For tickets contact the Symphony at 972-473-7262 or visit www.planosymphony.org.

'Fall Night Hike' at the Heard Natural Science Museum, at 7:00 p.m. Rely on senses other than sight for a completely different look and listen tour of the wildlife sanctuary. Open to adventurers ages 6 and up. Admission is \$7 per person. Call 972.562-5566, ext. 236, or visit: www.heardmuseum.org.

Saturday Night Rec-n-Roll, at Joe Farmer Recreation Center, 1201 E. Bethany, Allen, 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. \$3 advance registration for one-time photo ID \$8 per event. A fully supervised activity sponsored by Allen Parks and Recreation for third through sixth grade students. Activities include DJ, dancing, games, contests, gym activities, prizes and more. For more information, call (972) 727-0152.

October 22

Tea and Conversation at the Heard Craig at 2:00 p.m. 'White House Hotline' is an insightful and often hilarious retelling of the adventures of former White House

volunteer, Janice Mills. Enjoy desserts, treats and afternoon tea. Reservations required, \$15 per person. At the Heard-Craig House at 205 W. Hunt St. For more information or reservations: 972-569-6909.

Mesquite Public Library hosts Introduction to the Internet for computer users with some experience handling a mouse. From 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Registration required for all classes: call 972-216-6734.

October 25

'6th Annual Tribute to the African Ancestors', at Freedman's Cemetery, Lemmon Avenue at Central Expressway, at 8:00 p.m. Join in saluting our African ancestors who perished in the Middle Passage, and those who died in slavery. Call 214.428.1040 for more information.

October 25-26

Booville Carnival at Joe Farmer Recreation Center, 1201 E. Bethany, Allen, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Carnival grounds with fun children's villains, games, pumpkin decoration and more. \$5 wristband, parents free. For children ages 10 and under.

October 26

The Carnival of Knowledge: Learning is Fun, presented by The Plano North Metroplex Chapter, The Links, Inc., from 8 am to 2 pm. For students and parents. An educational day in a carnival atmosphere. Includes: how to write a book, drug and AIDS awareness, self esteem building, fine arts, clowns, mirrors and much more. Food is provided. At Jasper High School, 6800 Applegate, Plano.

Irving Black Arts Council presents 'The Color of Love', a musical comedy about an African-American girl stationed overseas, who brings her German husband home to meet her South Georgia family unannounced. At the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Call 972.252.ARTS (2787), or visit: www.ci.irving.tx.us/arts.

October 29

Trick-or-Treat 1 Mile Fun Run. Costume contest begins at 6:45 p.m./race starts at 7:15 p.m. complete with trick-or-treat goodies along the way. For more information call 972-747-4150.

Halloween Happenings! 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. Come see the library in a whole new light. Recommended for children ages 5 and up.

There will also be a craft table as well as other activities

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THE TRUTH CLINIC AMERICA Rolls The Dice On War

James W. Breedlove

The House and Senate voted overwhelmingly last week to authorize President Bush to use force against Iraq and its leader, Saddam Hussein.

The final resolution authorizes Mr. Bush to use the armed forces "as he determines to be necessary and appropriate" to defend the nation against "the continuing threat posed by Iraq," and to enforce "all relevant" United Nations Security Council resolutions on Iraq. It requires him to report to Congress within 48 hours of any military action.

While the votes in favor of the resolutions were large and bipartisan, there was an obvious split in the Democratic Party over how and when to use force and how much authority to grant the president.

A few in Congress had the backbone to stand up and say that there was no case for war in Iraq. However, many gave in to those willing to buy into the Great American Crap Game being pushed by the Administration. In the end Congress laid waste to the checks and balances of our constitution and sent a strong message to the people that the questionable war agenda of the President takes precedence over the well being of millions of America's citizens.

There has been no concrete proof put forth that Saddam Hussein poses a threat to America or Iraq's neighbors. Yet, according to the Bush administration, the threat posed by Iraq is serious enough to risk the lives of thousands of American soldiers, and the lives of thousands of Iraqi soldiers and civilians, and to risk a chemical or biological attack on the American and

Iraq neighbors.

This would be a good joke if it were not so sordid and deadly. Saddam Hussein used the chemical and biological weapons when he was a hired hand for America under the Reagan Administration.

Even the CIA's assessment of the threat, made in a report released last week, was Iraq is unlikely to use biological or chemical weapons against the United States unless we attack Iraq and Hussein concludes he has nothing to lose. The administration naturally disagrees with the CIA assessment because it doesn't support their predetermined decision.

In spite of this "serious threat" defined by the Administration when it came time to make the case to the American public it was not serious enough to put on prime-time television. None of the big three broadcast networks carried President Bush's case-for-war speech just days before Congress was scheduled to vote on the War Resolution. It is one thing when keeping the enemy in the dark with mixed signals, uncertainty, and confusion. But directing this planned ambiguity at America's citizens—with expectations of "Trust Me"—is plain arrogance.

The Administration's campaign for war against Iraq has been a gross insult to American citizens. It has not offered real reasons, has not based conclusions on hard evidence, has not provided the real cost of propagating a war, and has been misleading the American public to believe that victory can be attained in a matter of days.

It should be obvious that the Bush administration is using the war to remove Enron, Harken, Halliburton, Arthur

Andersen and the dreadful state of our economy and the stock market from the public's discussion agenda. It should also be obvious that the President has some skillful advisors who are willing to place America as the bet on the crap table of world opinion, not to advance global perception of America as a world leader but to advance their own agenda of power and control.

The Nobel Committee, a highly respected component of world opinion, criticized the current administration's policy of pre-emptive force last Friday when former President Jimmy Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The award citation particularly noted Carter's untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts through diplomacy, mediation and international cooperation based on international law. This was contrasted to Bush's fixation with using deadly force.

The voters on November 5th must remember that American government is not a continuous people participation democracy. Every two and four years the people get to make their priorities known when voting for national leaders. The in between years provides the opportunity to reflect on and assess previous decisions and a chance to correct bad choices that were made.

When it comes time to vote, we should not pass on the opportunity, because if we do, the responsibility for tragic national errors such as a war with Iraq will fall squarely on the shoulders of "WE THE PEOPLE."

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at jaydubub@swbell.net

Roses for Rose by : Poppy

Red roses were her favorites, her name was also Rose.

And every year her husband sent them, tied with pretty bows. The year he died, the roses were delivered to her door. The card said, "Be my Valentine," like all the years before. Each year he sent her roses, and the note would always say,

"I love you even more this year, than last year on this day."

"My love for you will always grow, with every passing year."

She knew this was the last time that the roses would appear.

She thought, he ordered roses in advance before this day.

Her loving husband did not know, that he would pass away.

He always liked to do things early, way

before the time. Then, if he got too busy,

everything would work out fine. She

trimmed the stems, and placed them

in a very special vase. Then, sat the vase

beside the portrait of his smiling face.

She would sit for hours, in her hus-

band's favorite chair. While staring

at his picture, and the roses sitting

there. A year went by, and it was hard to

live without her mate. With loneliness and

solitude, that had become her fate. Then, the

very hour, as on Valentines before, The doorbell

rang, and there were roses, sitting by her door. She brought the

roses in, and then just looked at them in shock. Then, went to

get the telephone, to call the florist shop. The owner answered,

and she asked him, if he would explain, Why would someone do

this to her, causing her such pain? "I know your husband passed

away, more than a year ago," The owner said, "I knew you'd call,

and you would want to know." "The flowers you received today,

were paid for in advance." "Your husband always planned ahead,

he left nothing to chance." "There is a standing order, that I have

on file down here, And he has paid, well in advance, you'll get

them every year. There also is another thing, that I think you

should know, He wrote a special little card...he did this years

ago." "Then, should ever, I find out that he's no longer here,

That's the card...that should be sent, to you the following year."

She thanked him and hung up the phone, her tears now flowing

hard. Her fingers shaking, as she slowly reached to get the card.

Inside the card, she saw that he had written her a note.

Then, as she stared in total silence, this is what he wrote...

"Hello my love, I know it's been a year since I've been gone,

I hope it hasn't been too hard for you to overcome."

"I know it must be lonely, and the pain is very real.

For if it was the other way, I know how I would feel.

The love we shared made everything so beautiful in life.

I loved you more than words can say, you were the perfect wife."

"You were my friend and lover, you fulfilled my every need.

I know it's only been a year, but please try not to grieve.

I want you to be happy, even when you shed your tears.

That is why the roses will be sent to you for years."

"When you get these roses, think of all the happiness,

That we had together, and how both of us were blessed.

I have always loved you and I know I always will.

But, my love, you must go on, you have some living still."

"Please...try to find happiness, while living out your days.

I know it is not easy, but I hope you find some ways.

The roses will come every year, and they will only stop,

When your door's not answered, when the florist stops to knock."

"He will come five times that day, in case you have gone out.

But after his last visit, he will know without a doubt,

To take the roses to the place, where I've instructed him,

And place the roses where we are, together once again."

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everyday are 120 students. Mr. Bailey stated that he is proud of the diversity at the facility. "We don't put a ball in front of a children and forget about them. We teach them how to play. We also help and assist the children with education. The best accomplishment is when parents come to pick up their child and the child would tell their parents to come back in an hour", he stated. "I enjoy developing the kids, and I have a good staff. I like where we are headed." But, funds are low. Mr. Bailey said, "We didn't have the funds and many parents couldn't afford it. We still don't have the money, but instead of asking the administration, we get the kids to earn

money with car washes, back sales and so on", he said. The kids are not look for handouts. The kids make their own money and they feel proud about what they do. We need more volunteers to help kids with their homework, read to the kids or whatever people enjoy doing. If its craft or something that you specialize in, then come and share it with us, he added." Coming from a Christian background with 3 uncles and a grandfather who are ministers, Mr. Bailey credits his wife, mother, grandmother and other family members for shaping him into what he is today.

"I come from a strong Christian background. My grandmother taught me how to eat right and be a respectable young man.

My mother had kids who all graduated from high school and attend college. My mom was the first to graduate from school when it was integrated. She was a strong person," he said.

Mr. Bailey said that his future goal for the Boys and Girls Club is for it to be the center piece of the community. "I want it to overflow with kids. I want there to be productions and plays. I want lawyers and doctors to come out of the Boys and Girls Club and come back and talk about it. I want it to be a circle of life when you give and then it's given back to you", he said.

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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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Florence Shapiro

Texas Senator, Florence Shapiro, recently joined a group of distinguished national panelists at the White House Conference on Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children.

Senator Shapiro was invited at the request of the White House and President and Mrs. Bush because of her role in reforming sex offender laws in Texas, and was specifically tasked with highlighting the use of AMBER Alerts as a tool in searching for abducted children.

The AMBER Alert system came about from the 1996 abduction and murder of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman in Arlington, Texas, and is a critical missing child response program that utilizes the resources of law enforcement and media to notify the public when children are kidnapped by predators. Since the program began in 1996 in the Dallas, Texas area, the AMBER Plan has been credited with successfully recovering 32 children.

More than 600 people from across the country attended the conference, including Attorney General John D. Ashcroft, Robert Mueller, III, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation, and parents of abducted and missing children.

Highlights of the conference included a surprise visit from President Bush and closing remarks from The Honorable Colin Powell, U.S. Secretary of State.

Conference on Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children.



President Bush, in his address to the conference, announced his strong support for the Hutchison-Feinstein National AMBER Alert Network Act of 2002, which would help develop, enhance, and coordinate AMBER plans.

The President also announced that his Administration is taking immediate action to help expand and improve the AMBER Alert system. Bush announced that \$10 million in federal money would be distributed to communities using the Emergency Alert System to inform residents of kidnappings within hours after they happen.

Bush continued to tell conference attendees that the Attorney General will establish an AMBER Alert Coordinator at the Justice Department, who will serve as a nationwide point of contact, to assist state and local officials with developing

and enhancing AMBER plans, and to promote statewide and regional coordination among plans.

As of October 14, 2002 there are 28 states implementing the Amber Alert system. AmberAlertNow, a campaign Foundation, is trying to educate the public on the importance of having the system in place in every state, to help prevent child abduction, and aid in the search for missing children, and ensuring that the issue of missing children gets the attention it warrants.

Here's how existing statewide Amber Alert Plans work: Immediately after a child has been kidnapped and is considered endangered, law enforcement officers launch an Amber Alert by informing broadcast media of critical details, including a description of the suspect and his vehicle. Radio and TV stations use the Emergency Alert System to interrupt their programming with the emergency information.

A new guidebook has been released to help parents take specific steps to improve the safety of their children, and includes information that children of all ages can understand. The book is available at www.missingkids.com, and www.nochildleftbehind.com.

For further information on the Amber Alert system and the Polly Klaas Foundation visit: www.AmberAlertNow.org

action is under assault, President Bush is trying to pack the federal courts with Right-wing ideologues, and outspoken Black politicians are coming under increasing attack, to have a person as politically enlightened as Bailey adamantly refusing to vote presents a serious challenge for political organizers, who already face an uphill struggle to increase Black voter turnout.

More than 8.7 million voting-age Blacks were not registered during the 2000 presidential election. Another 2.4 million were registered but did not go to the polls. On the other hand, 12.9 million cast ballots. This means the number of Blacks who refused to register or go to the polls was almost equal to the number who voted.

Looked at another way, those numbers are even more distressing. Because more than 90 percent of African-Americans usually vote for the Democratic nominee for president, had those who were registered and stayed home taken a different tact or those eligible to vote had actually registered and voted, Al Gore would be president today instead of George W. Bush.

To many organizers, that's reason enough to vote.

However, that argument has not changed the minds of people like Bailey, who steadfastly defends his decision to stay home.

"A conscious non-vote is a political act," says Bailey. "It is not an act of ignorance. It is not an act of apathy. It is a conscious decision that the system has not provided me with the type of people that I believe are going to make the changes that I believe are necessary in order for everything to be best done for myself, my family and my people."

Ron Daniels, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York and chairman of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, shares Bailey's view that Black people would be best served by the creation of an independent Black political party. Until then, however, he does not believe that Blacks

should sit it out on election day.

"It's a bad idea," he says. "What we really need is for Black folks to vote. What has happened is because too many Black people don't see a relationship between their vote and any change in their lives; a lot of people have been turned off by the process. But, on the other hand, if we don't vote, we yield the field to the other side. We yield the field particularly to the Right-wing conservative."

The idea that some African-Americans are even debating the need to vote comes as a surprise to many, considering all it took to get access to the ballot.

The Fourteenth Amendment was ratified by Congress in 1868, giving former slaves full citizenship, and the Fifteenth Amendment was ratified in 1870, guaranteeing the freedom to vote regardless of one's race. As a result, Black political power exploded during this period.

In 1868, Blanche Kelso was elected to the U.S. Senate from Mississippi and became the first Black senator to serve a complete six-year term. In 1871, Lt. Gov. P.B.S. Pinchback served 43 days as America's first Black governor when the White governor, Henry Warmoth, was impeached. In all, 22 Blacks were elected to Congress between 1870 and 1901.

However, a series of calculated actions—the "Plessy v. Ferguson" Supreme Court decision of 1896 upholding segregation, the Compromise of 1877 that essentially empowered the South to subordinate Blacks and the rise of the Ku Klux Klan—were signals to Southern legislatures that they could eviscerate Black political power. That also was done through legislation, the imposition of poll taxes and requiring Blacks to pass bogus literacy tests. It wasn't long before all Black members of Congress were removed.

It would be more than a half-century later, with the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, before African-Americans would begin regaining political power. Even so, the landmark civil rights legislation did not

adequately protect the voting rights of Blacks. It had been clear for years that special legislation would be needed to make the Black vote meaningful.

For example, in Mississippi, 45 percent of the state's population was Black at the end of the 1950s, but only 5 percent was registered to vote.

But the fight over voter empowerment would be played out in Alabama, the state next door.

Selma, Ala., and surrounding Dallas County had 15,156 Black citizens in 1964, but only 156 were registered to vote. To change that, a march from Selma to the state capital in Montgomery was organized to put pressure on Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act.

Hundreds of demonstrators—Black and White—were injured and some were killed for their efforts. Some of the worst violence took place on what became known as "Bloody Sunday," March 7, 1965. On that day, Alabama state troopers used batons, water hoses and police dogs to attack and turn back about 600 protestors, led by John Lewis, the head of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), on the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Ultimately, on Sunday, March 21, Lewis, his SNCC colleagues and organizers for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would be joined by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., SCLC president, to successfully lead more than 3,000 protestors across that same bridge and eventually to Montgomery.

Moved by night after night of raw violence on television, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act that summer, and President Johnson signed it into law on Aug. 6, 1965. That created a political base for African-Americans across the South. As a direct result of the law, for example, voter registration in Mississippi increased from 6.7 percent of eligible Black voters

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Royce West

Cameras at the Ready, Racial Profiling Law Moves Closer to Implementation

By: Monica Thornton - from the office of Senator Royce West

While on a cross-country trip with his 12-year old son, a decorated Desert Storm veteran was twice stopped by Oklahoma troopers. The second time, he watched as his car was ransacked. Under the hot August sun, the army sergeant was held inside a police car, the windows rolled up, air turned off, and had to watch as his son screamed in fear, terrified by a police dog. His crime? There was none.

And although this incident happened in Oklahoma, Texas Senator Royce West said this shouldn't happen in any state. He added that nowhere in Texas, or in the country should law-abiding citizens be stopped by police for reasons unrelated to suspected criminal activity, and neither race, gender, sexual orientation, nor religious affiliations are cause for police action.

But soon incidents such as this will be recorded by audio/visual equipment, in accordance with the Racial Profiling Bill (Senate Bill 1074). On August 6 of this year, the Council on Competitive Government awarded an \$18.5 million contract to Mobile-Vision to supply the equipment to law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Texas. More than 7,500 vehicles used in traffic enforcement will be receiving the equipment, with it anticipated that the first wave of equipment making its way to the agencies this month.

"I truly believe that the creation and passage of the Racial Profiling Bill is in testament to the will of the citizens of Texas. And I believe the use of audio/visual technology in police vehicles will prove a valuable aid to the public, law enforcement and the court system," said Senator West.

According to Senator West's office, the \$18.5 million was approved by voters as part of a constitutional amendment last November, and represents the largest ever, single purchase of audio/visual equipment for law enforcement use.

West said "often, police/citizen encounters result in complaints about procedure and alleged use of force that are difficult, if not impossible to substantiate." He added that police officers are also at time the subjects of frivolous complaints that require valuable man-hours in response.

"If these interactions can be resolved without the necessity of a court setting, it represents a savings in both law enforcement resources and taxpayer dollars. If recorded audio/visual evidence can assist in determining the truth, it is the public that stands to benefit," continued West.

The implementation of the Racial Profiling Bill has required the team effort of the Legislature, law enforcement, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Texas Commission on Law

Enforcement Standards and Education (TCLEOSE), and local government.

Police departments were required to adopt a racial profiling policy by January 1 of this year, and the policies must meet the requirements of the Bill. Initially, information was requested of more than 2,700 law enforcement agencies in the attempt to determine which of the agencies fit the definitions set forth in SB 1074. TCLEOSE has worked with the agencies to collect and evaluate department policies.

Nearly 2,100 agencies have responded, with more than 1,500 of those performing traffic stops in the course of their duties, and in doing so, falling within the guidelines of the Racial Profiling Bill.

DPS was assigned the task of developing rules for determining which agencies will receive audio/visual equipment and the number of units needed.

The Bill requires that information collected by agencies be submitted to local city and county governing bodies annually, with the first reporting of that information due March 1, 2003.

Additionally, all licensed police officers in Texas are required to participate in an education and training program addressing racial profiling. An October report by TCLEOSE disclosed that 80 percent of Texas' nearly 66,000 officers have received the training mandated under SB 1074.

NorthStar Investigative Report, Part I Non-Voters are Key to the November Elections

by Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Washington Correspondent

Posted Oct. 4, 2002

November 5 will be one of the most important non-presidential elections in recent years as Democrats and Republicans compete fiercely to see which party will control the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Although White voters outnumber African-Americans, it has been proven time and again that African-American voters can tilt the outcome of any close election. Will

Blacks turn out in significant numbers? That is a question being debated as hotly as which party will emerge victorious after the ballots are counted. This is the first of a four-part special NorthStar Investigative Report examining Black voter attitudes and what's at stake on Election Day

—The Editors

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—A. Peter Bailey is an Afrocentric journalist, author, lecturer, college professor and activist. He cares deeply about

national and international issues—but not enough to vote. He has voted only once in the past 25 years and that was for Jesse Jackson in 1984.

"Some people feel as though they have to vote. But, I feel as though if there is not a candidate that I feel as though I can support, then I don't vote," says Bailey. In addition to supporting Jackson, he voted for Percy Sutton, a Black civil rights lawyer and Harlem entrepreneur, in the 1977 New York City mayoral race.

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by his Blood. These lessons were further validated when I grew up and served as a Pentecostal Elder in the church." Dr. Reed soon heard and heeded the call to join the Methodist church.

Dr. Reed moved to Dallas during the 1982-83 time frame and began Seminary work at the Perkins School of Theology. She completed her Masters of Divinity—went back to complete her Doctorate, finalizing the transition to Methodist by 1987. She and her husband, Charles

could smell the popcorn!" From those meager beginnings, 'All Nations' has grown into a thriving haven of worship and service in the immediate community and for miles around.

Rapid growth moved the church to purchase the current facility at Plano's 3415 East 14th Street. This was formerly known as Meadows Baptist Church. People of different backgrounds began to find their way to this warm and welcoming house of worship. A sense of grace-filled access and grand possibilities is the experience when entering 'All Nations UMC.' Pastor Reed

Jesus spoke of when he said, *Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.* [Matthew 25:40 NIV]

"Many of us have been blessed through various walks of life -- and we should reach out and bless someone else. Hurt and pain is not defined or limited to low-income, the Pastor reminded. Loneliness and stress can overwhelm a person to where there seems to be no outlet available. 'All Nations' has a membership ranging from high-



Dr. Clara Reed greeting Dr. Reed

will celebrate their 31st marriage anniversary this year in December. Their daughter, Crystal, is 27 years old.

Birth of 'All Nations UMC'

In 1998, the UMC District Superintendent asked Dr. Reed, "What would your choice be if you were able to do anything in ministry?" It was a blessed concurrence in time for realization of

Dr. Reed's desire to plant a multi-ethnic, multicultural church. This would be the first such membership in the Conference, Dr. Reed declared. "No longer should the worship house be the most segregated house. This was our chance. 'All Nations UMC' would bridge the gap!"

A church name was chosen to reflect the type of service it could offer to a growing and diverse community. "All Nations" speaks for itself to the possibility and purpose of serving members from all nations and ethnic origins. Pastor Reed raised a serious point in question saying, "In the real world, people work together and play together—so why not worship together?"

Meager Beginnings

Pastor Reed recalled, "This church began with a membership of twelve that met in homes and then at Custer Road, a sister church. 'All Nations' moved on to meet at the Movie Theater at Park & Coit. We had to be out by noon for the movie to start. You

said visitors often speak of the warmth and kindness that meets them at the door. This genuine quality can't be mistaken for anything other than Christian hospitality.

Visions of Service

Pastor Reed affirms, "Every Christian is called to ministry and that does not necessarily mean to the pulpit. We are called to serve and grow the kingdom of God and there are various ways to find your fit in a ministry. My vision is for 'All Nations' to become a vital church in the community where people look to us for help to raise children for future generations." The church supports healthy spiritual and moral values by hosting such events as 'family night out.' During this time, kids can enjoy movies. A fun time of intermission is provided by the 'All Nations UMC' men. Calls for help are also answered outside the traditional church walls. Church members also participate in serving meals at the Samaritan Inn of Collin County and operate delivery routes for Meals on Wheels to those in need.

"Ongoing ministry services will also focus on 'Divorce Recovery,' to offer help and hope in the process of rebuilding life after the trauma." Pastor Reed explains, "This support is needed because Jesus did not come to condemn us but in spite of that he provides for us and gives us new hope through the grace of Salvation. The 'All Nations UMC' vision is to serve and to be a model of servant leadership

and executives, managers, educators, laborers and people from all walks of life. This church offers a welcome place of worship, fun, support and opportunity to serve."

All Nations for All Christians

'All Nations', worship groups service a diverse membership including African Americans, Anglos, Hispanics, and Africans. Members travel from their homes in Dallas, Wylie, Sachse, Euless, Carrollton and many other surrounding cities. They must be finding something special for the spirit in this growing church. What is it about that 'special finding?' Pastor Reed attributes strong membership growth of her ministry to the church focus on being 'the one people of God from many nations.' "Whenever you are in a

helping profession, you will encounter different people with different ways of seeing things. The challenge is to help each other learn how to relate to different values. It is a mistake to assume that we all the same integrity as Christians. We must strive to listen and actually hear what others are saying. We work to make sure all voices are heard. It should come together like a good stew where the carrots, onions and tomatoes blend not past identity but to accentuate each other and add to flavor!"

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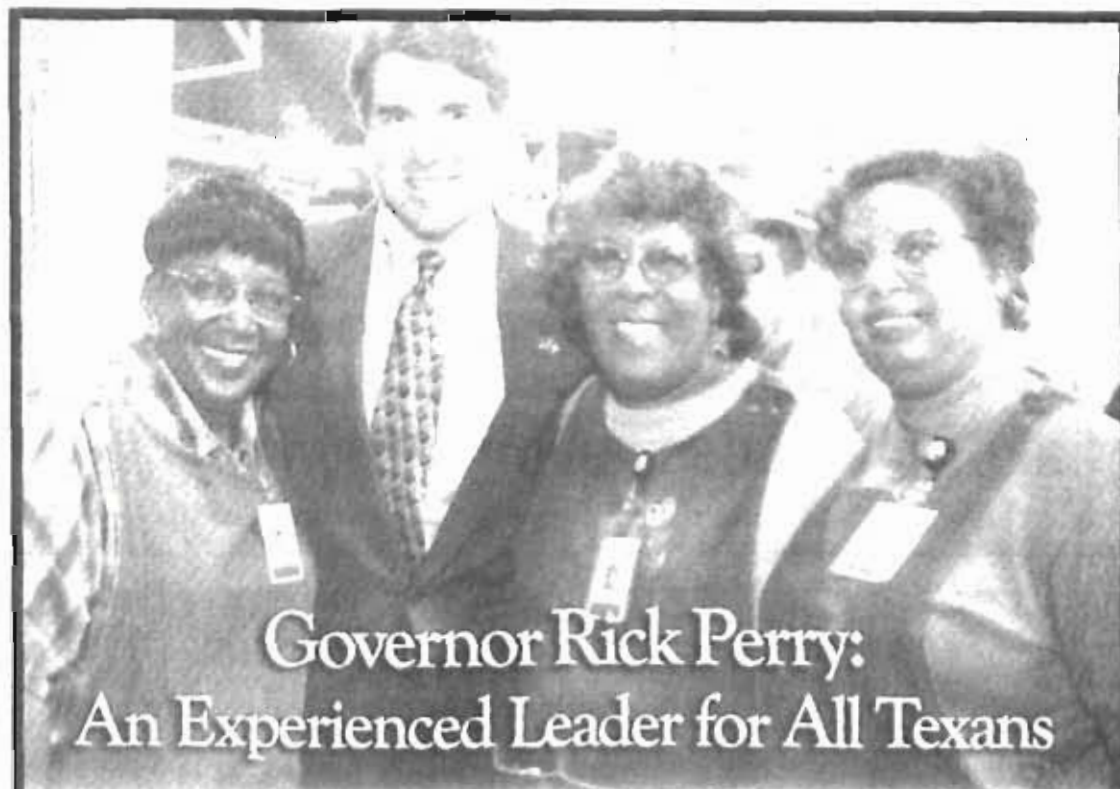


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met Terry and let him listen to us. He said man we need to do something with this.

Did singing come naturally or did you take singing lessons?

Baby Boy: (laughs) Nzah.

Rodnae: Just raw and unkut.

Thug Soul debut is November 2002, right?

TY Lewis: We're now under negotiations. There are a group of investors, so probably the album release date will be pushed back to either December or January.

Do you write your own songs about real life experiences that you've had?

Rodnae, Baby Boy and Day: Yes. TY Lewis: But all that freaky stuff, no.

Rodnae: (laughs) All the freaky stuff I write is about real life experiences.

Rodnae tell me about your album in 1997, The Petaman? Was it solo?

Rodnae: It was an independent label called Swamp Flava Records. I sold a lot of copies but it came to a stand because the CEO had personal problems. But the CD was doing well. People were asking for 10,000 copies to come to their stores. It's still in the stores.

TY Lewis: Charles Hunter was the CEO, but he had personal problems.

Rodnae: Ball 2 I Fall is the single. The remix is on Thug Soul.

What's the meaning behind the name Unkut?

Day: We wanted something different. Raw and unkut. Thug and R&B. We just want to be different.

Rodnae: Yeah, other people tell people what to wear, but we're different.

Day: Yeah. Head bands, boots, baggy pants, T-shirts.

Terrance, what other groups have you produced?

TY Lewis: This is my first group. In my mind, I was going to be an artist. But when I heard their music, I think they have a better chance than I do. So I put mine on the back burner. I put all my resources on them.

Is the music business hard?

Day: It's very hard. It's a lot that I don't know. Rodnae and Terry teach me a lot. I have a lot to learn. It's also hard because people tell me stuff will happen and it don't.

Rodnae: There is a lot of local talent out there. But we want to be the first R&B group.

Day: We got what it takes.

What are your likes and dislikes about the music business?

Baby Boy: (Dislikes) False promises.

Rodnae: My like is when there's a new style that comes out and everybody trips on it and buys it.

Day: (Dislikes) Not getting opportunities that I wish we could have. It takes time in this business.

Rodnae: It's a slow process.

Day: Yeah it's a slow process. I wish it wasn't so hard but it is.

Would you encourage any other young groups to consider this as a career?

Rodnae: I would tell them to get their priorities straight first. Make sure that it's something they want to do.

Baby Boy: You have to be dedicated.

TY Lewis: It's not a dream, it's a passion. And they can't give up on the first rejection.

Day: There's a lot of negativity, but stay focused.

TY Lewis: Practice hard.

Rodnae: Don't let nobody hold you down.

Do you have a web address?

TY Lewis: No, not yet. It's hard to find people to trust. We have to find people to trust. We have to finish negotiations. Unkut is on Parish Dog Records until an investment falls through. It depends on the negotiation.

Rodnae: If the numbers are right.

TY Lewis: Yeah.

Day: Yeah, if the numbers right. Any closing comments?

TY Lewis: Thanks to you

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Blackonomics Two Wings on the Same Bird

By James Clingman

Prior to the last national election (or should I say selection?) I wrote an article titled, "Will We be Gored or Bushwacked?" Two years later, we all know the answer to that question. The article was written to point out the similarities between the two candidates and the ridiculous nature of our so-called two-party political system. Even more important, I wanted to point out that no matter who was "selected" as our next president we would generally get more of the same. Right wing, Left wing, who cares? They are both wings on the same bird.

If you look closely you can easily see the similarities of the Left and the Right. Sure their rhetoric is different, but they are more alike than different. A bird must have both wings to fly, a right wing and a left wing, and it's the bird that makes the decision where to fly, how high to fly, whether to fly north or south, to take off or to land, and whether it will turn right or left. Just who or what is this political bird, the one that controls both the left and the right wing? Corporate America, that's who.

We sometimes pretend that politics is so pristine and so untouched by corporate shenanigans, especially when election time rolls around. We pull out the banners of righteousness and character, we start beating the drum for honesty, and we dust off the old political clichés that conjure up the days of "Vote for me and I'll set you free." Yes, we would love to think, even during a brief period of utopian thought, that our politicians, the ones we personally elect and send to various offices, are as pure as the driven snow and would never be swayed by the corporate temptations that lie in wait for them. We should awaken from that dream. This is not to say that all

politicians are bad people, and this is really not so much about politicians as it is about politics. As I said a few weeks ago, if we could just take the politics out of our politicians, we would be much better for having done so. But for us to think that corporations are not in control of politics is "Alice in Wonderland" thinking. Both of the political wings attached to the corporate bird must be controlled by the corporations, and control them they will.

If you look back at how this country started and how it has been maintained, it will be quite clear to you that everything is based on economics. Of course we need a political system to keep things cool, but the bottom line is who controls the money. Procedures and organizations were set up in this country and in England, despite the political constraints and the outrage of some politicians, mainly to gain and maintain control of the world's monetary system. The prime examples of that are the Federal Reserve System and the Internal Revenue Service.

Right wing, left wing, it does not matter who is in charge, and that's just the way the rich and powerful wanted it to be. They couldn't care less who wins office, and that means even the Office of the President of the United States. To paraphrase Baron Rothschild, he said as long as he could control the world's finances it mattered not who was in political office. In case you have not checked lately, the Rothschild family is still large and in charge globally, hundreds of years after the master plan was developed.

As we approach yet another election, don't be duped by all of the Left-wing-versus-Right-wing talk. Don't get hung-up on the labels, i.e., Republican, Democrat, Conservative, Liberal. And don't fall yet again

for the okey-doke of always voting for a person simply because he or she is in a certain party, or simply because he or she is Black. Haven't we learned our lesson yet? A few decades ago most Blacks voted Republican; now most of us vote Democrat. What has that gotten us? Just take a look around and you can answer that for your self very easily.

We must always remember that politics is about self-interest, so we should always vote for the candidates who will see to our interests, whether those candidates are White or Black, Democrat or Republican. Corporate moguls understand that and take full advantage of it by giving money to both parties. They obviously agree with old Baron Rothschild and continue to spread their money around, expecting and getting their needs met by whoever happens to be in office.

Left wing, right wing, it does not matter to the bird, for he knows he is always in total control of those wings and he can make them do whatever he wants—and needs—anytime he chooses to do so. There may be two wings, but there is only one bird: The Big Business Bird.

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rates of spoiled, unmarked or uncounted ballots, the MIT study reveals.

Black voters this November are seeking to avoid a repeat of that debacle. Black votes will be crucial as Democrats and Republicans vie for control of both the House and the Senate. Democrats are just six members shy of regaining control of the House while Republicans need a shift of only one seat to take back the Senate.

If Democrats win the House, for the first time two African-Americans are next in seniority to head major committees. John Conyers of Michigan could head the Judiciary Committee, which oversees issues such as police profiling, mandatory minimum sentences, gun control and reparations. Charles Rangel of New York could chair Ways and Means, which has oversight on key fiscal matters, such as tax hikes, the minimum wage and military spending. Another 18 African-Americans would be in line to chair sub-committees.

"Even though the Democratic Party is not all Black like people want it to be, we're in a political predicament," says Daniels. "The Democratic Party right now is light years better than the Right wing of the Republican Party that controls and dominates."

Rev. Joe Watkins, pastor of the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Philadelphia, disagrees. A Black Republican who worked in the public liaison office of the elder Bush White House from 1989 to 1991, Watkins says Republican initiatives, such as the "Leave No Child Behind Act," are worthy of Black support.

"When state officials determine how many prisons they'll have to build or whether or not they'll have to enlarge prisons, they look at how kids are doing in the third grade, what the drop-out rate is and where kids are falling off in order to determine whether they will need more space," Watkins says. "This is really the first legislation to

address this issue at so early an age—at second and third grade."

He says it's unwise to favor one party.

"If we as African-Americans are going to have some leverage, we're going to have to work hard to force both parties to work for our vote," Watkins says.

The Democratic Party knows the strength of the Black vote.

While White votes for Clinton dropped from 43 percent in 1996 to 42 percent for Gore in 2000, the Black vote for Clinton leaped from 84 percent to 90 percent for Gore, according to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

Black voters provided the margins of victory for Gore in several key states, including Michigan, where 20 percent of the Gore vote came from Blacks, and Pennsylvania, where 12 percent of the Gore vote was from African-Americans. Gore carried Michigan by 57.2 percent and Pennsylvania by 53.3 percent.

Linda Faye Williams, a political science professor at the University of Maryland, thinks Democrats will have to do more if they want to win this time out.

"This is a very important election [with the possibility of two Black committee chairmen]. But, do you really think that's an issue around the nation? Do people even know of that possibility? I don't think so," she says. "Unless the Democrats raise their voices a little louder, people aren't really seeing what's at stake."

And, she says that would be a mistake.

"I think if African-Americans and Latinos and White women, who—even though they may not be a coalition consciously, tend to be a coalition at the ballot box—were to turn out in large enough numbers, they could take back

the House, they could keep the Senate in Democratic hands, and they could send a real message as to their potential power in 2004. And the goal really does have to be turning out in larger numbers than conservative white males," Williams explains.

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in March 1965 to 74.2 percent in November 1988.

Not surprisingly, the number of Black elected officials across the country increased from about 300 in 1965 to 9,040 in 2000. Still, that's only 1.8 percent of all election officials.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, who dropped out of the Chicago Theological Seminary to participate in Selma, has little patience

for those who don't vote.

"It's like going to a store to get groceries and you come back home with an empty basket because you couldn't get one particular kind of vegetable or piece of meat," he explains. "There's much more involved in the political process than a person or an idea."

As was seen in the 2000

election, sometimes the political process can get messy.

Between four and six million votes are believed to have been uncounted on Nov. 7, 2000, according to a study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Although Florida was the object of ridicule, six other states—Illinois, South Carolina, Georgia, Idaho, New York and Wyoming—had higher

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Democrats strive to create a society that guarantees these fruits are distributed equally to all people. This requires complete control of all resources and all people. The end result of this "Marxist" approach is that ordinary citizens are left with no fruit from their own labors, and yet must work as slaves to support a system that never produces decent fruit for them or their families.

The "super citizens" who administer this "one for all" scheme require a larger tithe than even the 10% God requires, and usually take their imagined share of the cream off the top of every crop.

They give the illusion that they are taking from the rich and giving to the poor, but in reality they are taking from the middle class workers and giving to the poor. The poor remain poor and the middle class becomes poor. The well-connected and wealthy continue, as usual, to be in control until there is no fruit left at all.

There are multitudes of very good Democrats both in and out of public office. However they are not going to reap the blessings of liberty if they continue to allow Marxists, Humanists, or Atheists who reject God's principles to control the party.

Republicans try to balance control and freedom by recognizing that people have a sin nature and thus need the control of law, yet should be given the respect, honor and liberty due us because we are made in the image of God.

Republican forms of government don't pretend to be able to transform society by the force of law. We can never make laws good enough to prevent people from causing intentional harm. But good people are able to overcome evil.

Republicans hope to sustain a system of justice and law where all individuals, through free and voluntary action may regulate their own consciences. Yet, they should be limited by proportional consequences for bad behavior. This will often result in a mix of good and bad fruit. But, with standards higher than human opinion, good fruit flourishes.

Libertarians advocate absolute individual freedom with the only restraint being "thou shalt do no harm". This assumes that all harm is local, immediate and apparent. In other words if the harm occurs some place else, later in time, or in ways that are not visible, then it does not count as harm. No law should be formed against that activity.

Libertarians may get on well as long as everybody keeps their hands to themselves and pretty much does the right thing. But, this has not historically characterized the human race. Somebody's pocket eventually gets picked and force of law is required. Since standards of right and wrong are not clearly defined, might will make right.

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Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The All Nations United Methodist Church will sponsor a Women's Health Forum at the church on Saturday, November 2, 2002. Registration and continental breakfast is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The health forum includes a panel discussion featuring Dr. Katrina Lee, OB/GYN; Willowbend Women's Center; Nutritionist Diane Murphy; U.S. Department on Aging; Nurse Practitioner Lois Hopson, and Author Carol Kepner.

The forum includes the following topics:

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- Breast Cancer information
- How to Get the Most from your Visit with Your Doctor
- The impact that Spiritual Well-Being Has on the Physical Self

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The Women's Health Forum is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be collected.

Position available: Director of Music Ministry to provide leadership for the music department. Contact the church for more information.

For more information, contact us at 972-424-8500.

All Nations United Church
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For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Mike McConachie, First Baptist Church of Plano, at 972-423-3260.

ETERNITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Eternity Community Church will be celebrating their pastor's and wife's ninth anniversary on October 20, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Pastor Lee Edward of First Baptist Church in McKinney, TX.

Call 972-542-9556, for more information.

Eternity Community Church
Kenneth Diggs, Pastor
309 North Chestnut
McKinney, TX 75069

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For more information, contact Lisa Bryant at 972-998-6282 or e-mail lbryant@keller-springsbc.org

Keller Springs Baptist Church
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Mt. CALVARY MISSIONARY

On October 14-18, Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church will host its annual Revival. The theme is "On the Move with God", supported by scripture found in Matthew 28:18-20. The evangelist is Rev. Dr. Rufus O. Watters, Jr. of New Light Baptist Church in Fort Worth, TX. The Revival will begin each night at 7 p.m.

On October 27 at 3:30 p.m., Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating their 123rd Church Anniversary. The speaker will be Pastor Roosevelt Griffin of St. Mark Baptist Church in Garland, TX.

For more information, call 972-782-7701.

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Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church will host its annual revival on October 20-25. The theme for this year's revival is "Remembering Who You Are and Whose You Are: The Adoption, The Glory, The Covenant, The Giving of the Law, Service and The Promise", supported by scripture found in Romans 9:4.

Under the direction of Sister Corlette Smith, the Shiloh Mass Choir will present its annual fall kick-off concert on October 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Revival services will continue each weeknight beginning at 7:00 p.m. Each night will feature a guest evangelist and guest musicians.

The speakers for the week are as follows:

- Sunday - Evangelist Verna Whitaker, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

- Monday - Pastor Charles Terry, New Birth Baptist Church of Plano
- Tuesday - Pastor F. E. Livingston, Greater St. John of Dallas
- Wednesday - Pastor A. L. Patterson, Sims Chapel Baptist Church of Garland
- Thursday - Pastor Charles Wattlely, St. Mark Baptist Church of McKinney
- Friday - Pastor A.W. Anthony Mays, Mount Sinai Baptist Church of Austin

Each night will feature an element of the theme.

In keeping with the spirit of last year's revival, the Shiloh Street Ministry and the ministerial staff will lead a weeklong street ministry campaign in the church's primary community, and surrounding communities in Plano. The campaign will include home visitation each weeknight to surrounding neighborhoods to inform them of the revival, and to deliver tracts about the Gospel and salvation. Visitation will begin each night at 6 p.m., beginning Monday, October 21 in which the team members of Shiloh's ministerial staff will encourage those met to attend revival services.

For more information, please call 972-423-6695, or visit our website at www.shilohbaptistchurch.org.

Shiloh Baptist Church
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- Saturday- 11:00 a.m.
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Major Church Group Calls on FCC to Block Transfer of WorldCom Licenses for Long Distance, Web Services

'Fraud Riddled' Firm Termed 'Unfit Information Age Steward' of Public Airwaves; 2nd Major FCC Filing by Church Group Against a Jackson, MS Firm Evokes Landmark 1963 TV Case

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 /PRNewswire/ -- The Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc. (UCC) today urged the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to block the Debtor-In-Possession (DIP) transfer of the licenses and authorizations to operate across state lines that scandal-plagued WorldCom uses to maintain its long-distance, Web and other key services in the U.S. and abroad. The church group also requested that the FCC establish "minimum corporate responsibility standards" for WorldCom and other current and future telecom licensees. The new FCC standards would be based on an investigation (also requested by UCC) into the root causes of the problems that are rocking the telecommunications industry.

Today's filings parallel events of nearly 40 years ago when UCC made broadcasting history by petitioning the FCC in 1963 to take action in relation to the license of another Jackson, Mississippi communications firm on the same grounds: a demonstrated lack of fitness to use the public airwaves. In the historic WLBT-TV case, the FCC rejected the UCC petition for license renewal denial as groundless and then was overturned by a court which found sufficient "public interest" violations in the racist practices of the Jackson television station, which literally "blacked out" images of civil rights leaders, such as Thurgood Marshall, during its rebroadcast of network news shows.

Of its call for FCC action against WorldCom, UCC Office of Communication Director, The Rev. Robert Chase said: "Companies that manage our nation's telecommunications and Internet facilities must operate in the public interest, maintaining a corporate character that assures honest and effective stewardship. Only the Federal Communications Commission can send a clear signal to the rest of the telecommunications world that WorldCom was and is grossly unfit to serve as an Information Age steward."

UCC counsel Gregg Skall, of the Washington, D.C. law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, said: "Today, UCC filed an objection to WorldCom's applications to transfer its FCC authorizations from its pre-bankruptcy entity to itself as Debtor-In-Possession. Of course, WorldCom and WorldCom DIP are one and the same, which is exactly the point of our filing an objection against these assignment applications. The FCC has a well-established process for reviewing the character qualifications of those who seek FCC licenses and authorizations. UCC's objection demonstrates that WorldCom's business practices clearly violated FCC rules and make it unqualified to be a Commission licensee. Therefore, the Commission must reject the assignment applications and start the process for finding a qualified entity to which the authorizations 'could' be assigned."

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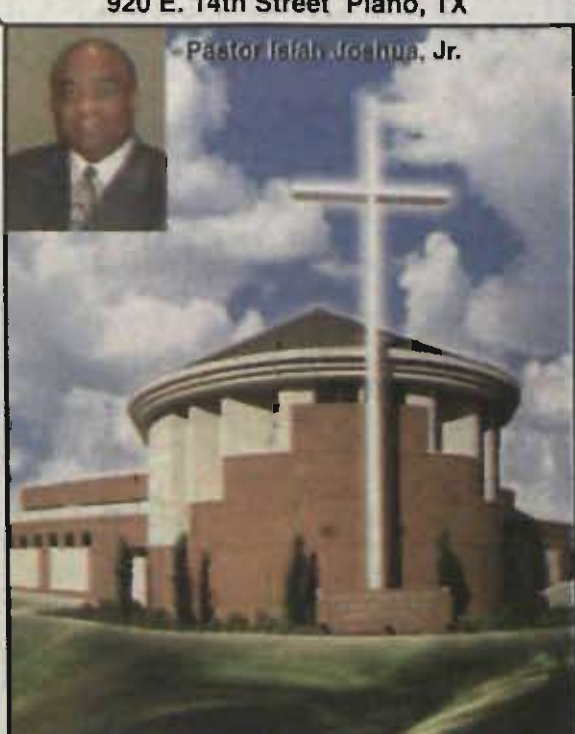
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