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"THE MAN WHO FREED HAITI" **GENERAL TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE**



General Toussaint Louverture was the leader of the Haitian Revolution. His military genius and political acumen led to the establishment of the independent black state of Haiti, transforming an entire society of slaves into a free, self-governing people. The success of the Haitian Revolution shook the institution of slavery throughout the New World.

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WHEREAS, the annual observance of African American History Month has been an opportunity for the citizens of the Dallas community to be aware of the many contributions which persons of African Ancestry have made, and continue to make, to civilization across the centuries; and

WHEREAS, this February, 2012, is "AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH", during which special recognition is being given to the achievements and contributions of African American leaders throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this observance, many organizations in the City of Dallas are participating in special programs to highlight African American History and African American peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE RAWLINGS, Mayor of the City of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim February, 2012 as

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

in Dallas, and encourage recognition of the contributions of African American History to the history and culture of the United States.



Beauty of the Week

Ms. Chloe Buckley



Chloe Buckley is the daughter of Mr. Curtis Buckley and Mrs. Shanna Nixon Buckley. She is the grandof Evangelist daughter Waydell Nixon and Mrs. Wyolene Nixon of Hutchins. Texas; and Ms. Bessie Jackson of Silsbee, Texas.

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National Newspaper Publishers Association Mid-Winter Conference 2012 A Huge Success

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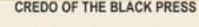




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Two of the oldest members of NNPA hang out with Mr. Ted Pruitt, La Vida News



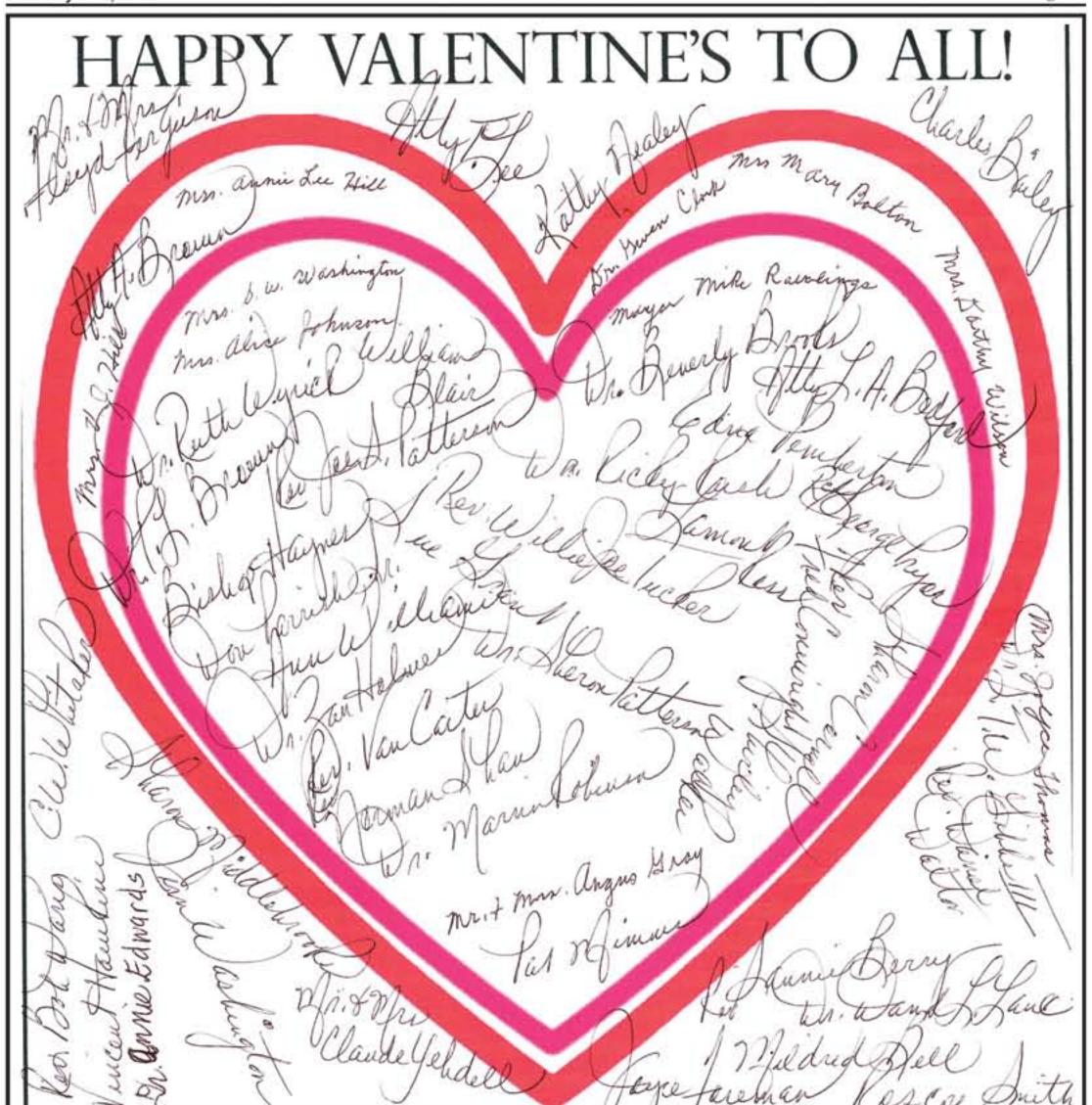
The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights.

Hating no person, fearing no person, the Black Press strives to help every person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

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NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Mr. Don Cornelius, creator of "Soul Train" helped break down racial barriers and broaden the reach of black culture with funky music, groovy dance steps and cutting edge style, died early Wednesday, February 1, 2012. He was 75.

Hall of Fame boxing trainer Mr. Angelo Dundee died Wednesday night from heart related issues, according to his son, Jimmy. He was 90 years old. The son of Italian immigrants, Mr. Dundee was born Aug. 30, 1921, in Philadelphia. He trained boxing luminaries Mr. Muhammad Ali, Mr. Sugar Ray Leonard and Mr. George Foreman.

The Government's Labor Department is reporting that employers have been hiring more in recent months, with 243,000 net new jobs in January. The unemployment rate now stands at 8.3 percent, down from 8.5 percent, a month earlier and 9.1 percent as recently

The Texas Rangers Josh Hamilton, had a "relapse" Monday, January 30, 2012, after what he referred to in a recent press conference as a "weak moment". He had at least five alcoholic drinks at the Buca di Beppo restaurant and Sherlock's Baker Street Pub & Grill in Dallas.

Five Trinity Christian-Cedar Hill Tigers have signed to play college football as of ebruary 1, 2012. They are Latravian Haggerty, Zavier Waters, Anthony Lee, Malik Dilonga, and Charles Burrell. Signing day was a big deal for high school athletes from around the

Did you know, the "label" used to describe Americans of African descent marks the movement of a people? It has been reported that, today, many are resisting this progression by holding on to a name from the past: "Black".

For Black History Month, African American Repertory's Free Man of Color opens up for a forgotten chapter of the American experience. The play runs through February 26th", at the Corner Theatre, 211 E. Pleasant Run, DeSoto, TX. Tickets are priced at \$15 to \$20; the play runs for 140 mins. For more information, contact the Theatre at 972.572.0998 or www.aareptheater.com.

The City Council of Dallas decided to hear a request to help developer Frank Mihalopoulos build out 45,000 square feet of stores and restaurants to go along with a new Walmart Supercenter at Ledbetter and I-35.

A federal judge ruled against a Dallas ordinance that calls for much more of the city's waste to go to the McCommas Bluff Landfill in Southern Dallas. Waste haulers have made a compelling free-market argument against the plan.

(AP)-Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney said Wednesday, February 1, 2012, that he's "not concerned about the very poor" because they have an "ample safety net" and he's focused instead on relieving the suffering of middle-class people hit hard by the bad economy. In comments likely to become fodder for his critics, Romney emphasized, "You can focus on the very poor, that's not my focus." He brought up the subject of the poor in a CNN interview marking his big win in Florida's GOP primary Tuesday night, January 31st. A multi-millionaire former venture capitalist, Romney has been criticized by Democrats and his Republican rivals alike for earlier remarks seen as insensitive, such as saying "I like being able to fire people" and declaring that he knew what it was like to worry about being "pink-slipped" out of a job. "I'm not concerned about the very poor." he said Wednesday. "We have a safety net there. If it needs repair, I'll fix it. I'm not concerned about the very rich. They're doing just fine. I'm concerned about the very heart of America, the 90-95 percent of Americans who right now are struggling.

(AP)- President Obama's administration on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, detailed its latest plan to help millions of homeowners refinance their mortgages to today's historically-low rates. The plan, which requires approval by Congress, would allow borrowers who are current on their mortgage to save an average of \$3,000 a year by refinancing into loans backed by the Federal Housing Administration, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and

Mahalia Jackson's Legacy Remembered in Groundbreaking Exhibition

MAHALIA: "Queen of Gospel Music"

February 7, 2012 - June 30, 2012



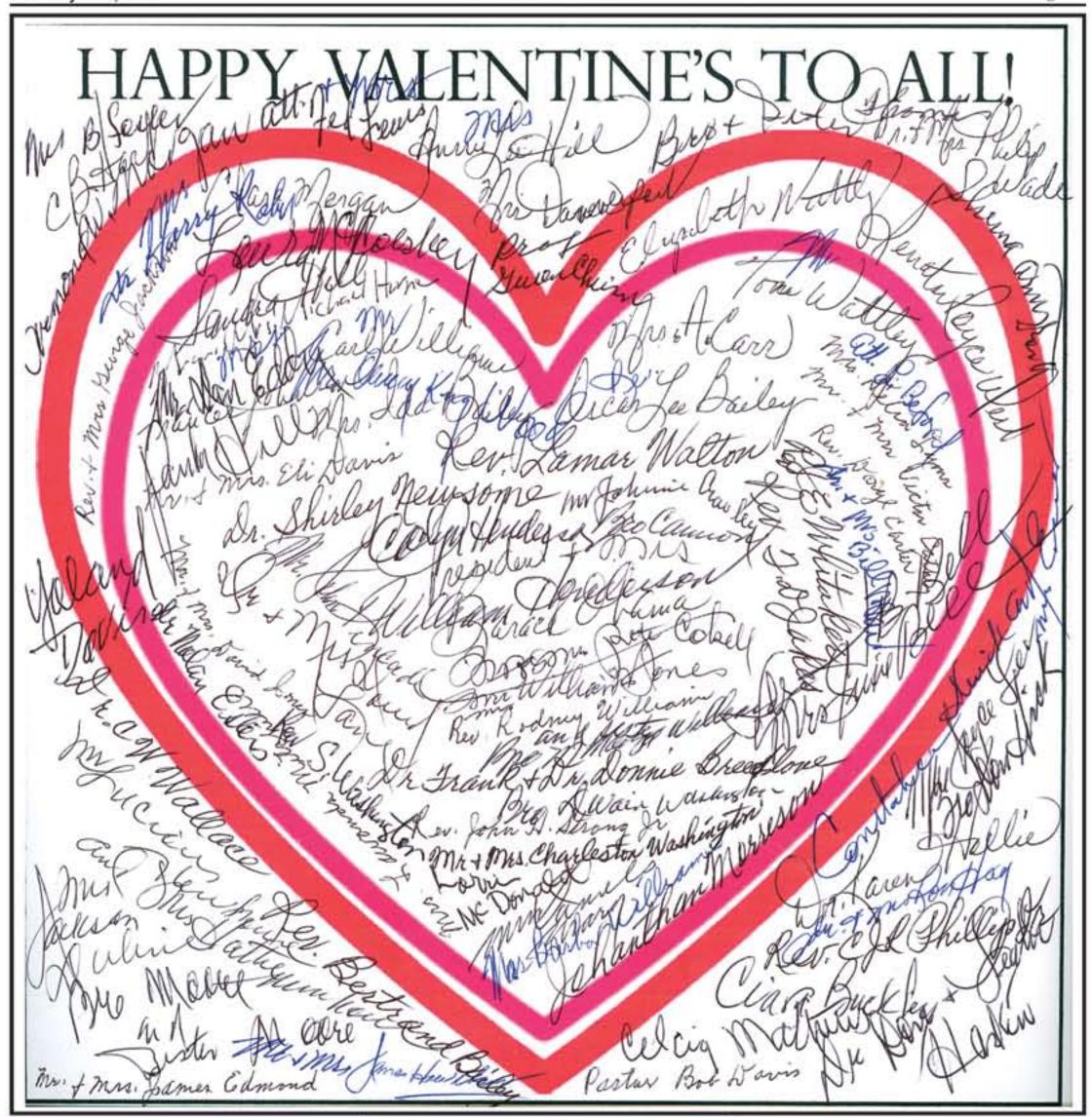
On February 7, 2012, the African American Museum in historic Fair Park welcomed. MAHALIA: Queen of Gospel Music. This amazing show celebrates the life and influence of Mahalia Jackson, Last year marked thE 100th birthday of the gospel legend, whose music transcended cultural genres, race, poverty, gender and class. The group exhibition, comprises of 51 artists, includes paintings, prints, photographs and sculptures from the Stella Jones Gallery in New Orleans, Louisiana

Nearly 40 years after death, Mahalia Jackson is still considered one of the paramount gospel greats America has ever known. She achieved a multitude of honors, including being the first gospel singer to

perform at New York's Carnegie Hall to singing at President John F Kennedy's inaugural ball. When spoken Jackson's name was usually synonymous with adjectives like, 'great' and 'powerful'. Singer, actor and civil rights activist Harry Belafonte called her "the single most powerful woman in the United States", while her good friend Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "A voice like hers comes along once in a millennium.

The African American Museum is located at 3536 Grand Ave. Dallas, Texas 75210 in historic Fair Park. Hours of operation are Tuesday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Please visit our website for more details,

www.aamdallas.org.



"THE MAN WHO FREED HAITI" GENERAL TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE

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Toussaint Louverture began his military career as a leader of the 1791 slave rebellion in the French colony of Saint Domingue. Initially allied with the Spaniards of neighboring Santo Toussaint Domingo, switched allegiance to the French when they abolished slavery. He gradually established control over the whole island, expelling the British invaders and using political and military tactics to gain power over his rivals. Throughout his years in power, he worked to

improve the economy and security of Saint Domingue. He restored the plantation system using free labor, negotiated trade treaties with Britain and the USA and maintained a large and well-disciplined army.

In 1801 he promulgated an autonomist constitution for the colony, with himself as governor for life. In 1802 he was forced to resign by forces sent by Napoleon Bonaparte to restore French authority in the colony. He was deported to France where he died in 1803. The Haitian Revolution continued under his lieutenant, Jean-Jacques Dessalines, who declared independence in 1804.

Beauty of the Week

Ms. Chloe Buckley

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She was part of the 2010 graduating class of Dr. John D. Horn High School in Mesquite, Texas. She is currently a student at Eastfield College in Mesquite, where she is taking her basics. Her education

goal is to major in Occupational Therapy. Aside from pursuing her education, Ms. Buckley serves as Production Manager at The Dallas Post Tribune. She has a weekly green tips column that can be read on the youth page. In her free time she enjoys reading, shopping, and socializing with friends.

National newspaper Publishers Association Mid-Winter Conference 2012 A Huge Success

and Executive Committee who made the 2012 National Newspaper Publishers Association Mid-Winter Conference a huge success, on January 18-22, 2012, in New Orleans, Louisiana. They were very alert as they laid out goals and objectives for the National Newspaper Publishers Association. The event was sponsored by Wells Fargo, AT&T, and many others. Those who attended the conference enjoyed socializing with old friends, new friends, prospective business partners, and attended seminars that were taught by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., Mrs. Daniella Gibbs Leger, Well Fargo staff members and others. Through National Newspaper Publishers Association, one must know, that no man should have to fear no person, as The Credo of The Black Press, well established. In which it states, The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person, fearing no person, the Black Press strives to help every person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back."

High goals were set at the conference, objectives were clearly laid out. A plan for accomplishing these goals

Thanks to the Officers and objectives were made simple. The New Orleans Conference was social, educational, and historically beneficial. The National Publishers Newspaper Association organization spent a gratifying evening at the local Museum for African Americans in New Orleans, LA. Owner/Director of the museum made it a pleasant event with hors d'oeuvre, wine and more! It was pleasant to know that all black men were not slaves, in particularly in New Orleans, where there was an ethnic melting pot of Indian, African American, and French. Where they worked together, and lived together for a great society. In fact, New Orleans was built mostly by African Americans.

Returning to the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, from the Museum it was apparent that The Lynch Philosophy that was taught in the 1800's had worn out!! No longer are African Americans pitted against each other, such as "tall against short", "light against dark", "educated against non-educated" and so forth. The National Newspaper Publishers Association has proven that no longer will Officers try to take advantage of the members, NNPA has the right leadership to go forward and make contributions to our society.

God Bless the National Newspaper Publishers Association and God Bless America!

WHO IS MRS. SOLEDAD O'BRIEN?

Born Maria de la Soledad Teresa O'Brien, on September 19, 1966, Mrs. Soledad O'Brien is an American broadcast journalist. She is currently the anchor of CNN's morning news program Starting Point which premiered on January 2, 2012 and airs weekdays from 7:00 am to 9:00 9:00 am Eastern. Her parents, both immigrants, met at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. They married in 1958 in Washington, D.C. Her father Edward, an of Irish descent, was a mechanical engineering professor. Her mother, Estella, who is Afro-Cuban, was a French and English teacher. Mrs. Soledad O'Brien is the fifth of six children, who all graduated from Harvard College; she attended Harvard from 1984 to 1988, but did not obtain a degree until she returned in 2000. Her siblings are law professor Maria (born 1961); corporate lawyer Cecilia (born 1962), businessman Tony (born 1963) - who heads a documents company; eye surgeon Estela (born 1964); and anesthesiologist Orestes (born 1967).

Mrs. O'Brien joined CNN in 2003, since then, Mrs. O'Brien has reported breaking news from around the globe and has produced award-winning. record-breaking and critically acclaimed documentaries on the most important stories facing the world today. She also covers political news as part of CNN's "Best Political Team on Television." In 2010, she wrote a critically-acclaimed memoir The Next Big Story: My Journey through the Land of Possibilities, which chronicles her biggest reporting moments and how her upbringing and background have influenced these experiences.

Her most recent documentaries include Black in America: The New Promised Land -Silicon Valley, a profile of an accelerator program devel-



oped to diversify the technology industry by helping African-American digital entrepreneurs secure funding for their ventures; Latino in America 2: In Her Corner, the story of female flyweight fighter and many

In 2009, she reported for Latino in America, a wide-ranging look at Latinos living in this country; how they're reshaping America and how America is reshaping them.

In 2011, Mrs. O"Brien won her first Emmy for Crisis in Haiti (Anderson Cooper 360) in the category of Outstanding Live Coverage of a Current News Story - Long Form. The NAACP honored her with President's Award in 2007 for her humanitarian efforts and journalistic excellence.

Despite her partial Hispanic heritage, Mrs. O'Brien does not speak Spanish fluently. Since 1995, she has been married to Mr. Bradley Raymond, co-head of investment banking at Thomas Weisel Partners. Together they have two daughters and twin sons, and reside in Manhattan.

EDITORIAL PAGE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

New Texas law, don't use cell-

(This includes talking or texting)

Slow down in school zones and be on the lookout for kids. The pedestrian always has the right of way Wear your seat belt. If you do get a ticket, take a defensive driving class for that ticket, defensive driving can now be taken in

person or online. LubbockClass.com (With the courts permission) Thank You Billy Durham Easy Defensive Driving (On Facebook)

Sincerely, Billy Durham

A Little Bit of Faith: You Are Not Alone



By Colleen White

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"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God" (Isaiah 41:10). Are you feeling a little

Rev. John Calvin Smith

conflict will arise in our churches. In a

real sense, this is possible because our churches are composed of fallible human

beings. However, most of our church conflicts do not arise from grave or seri-ous doctrinal issues; but, our conflicts However, most of our church

revolve around issues relating to power

struggles, personality clashes, or even disagreements over a variety of opinions.

When our opinion differs about debatable

areas of conduct from someone else. let

us try better to understand the interest of

someone else, rather than our interest

The issue in verse 1 of this chapter

tired? Do you feel alone? Have you been searching for answers? All of us feel this way at times. We have all felt as though we are alone. There may have been times that you felt as if your family has turned away from you and you don't know which way to turn. But God has not walked away from you. In the book of Isaiah the Father reminds us that we should not fear because He is our God. This is good to know.

When night comes, and sometimes it comes quickly, you might feel as if you are walking alone, but you are not. God is always near. If you seek Him,

you will find Him. Therefore, do not be fearful for you have someone who is so concerned about you that He is willing to forgive you of your sins. Fear can grip us so tightly that we don't know which way to turn, but we can always turn toward the Father.

Therefore, you need not feel alone. Do not be fearful. Nor should you be dismayed at any time. Why? For we have a God who is always near. This is easier to say than believe. However, when you know that you are serving and believing in the true wise God, you don't have to fear any situation that

might come upon you.

Isaiah 41:10 continues on by saying, "I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." You see, God is on your side. He will uphold you when times get tough. Unfortunately, we all have valleys in life, but the one thing we can have faith in is that we do not have to face any circumstance by ourselves. God will strengthen us and help us in any situation or circumstance. Are you willing to place your trust in a God who has your back? I know I am. Amen?

"A SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS"

ROMANS 14:1-23 THE BELIEVERS IN RELATION TO DEBATABLE ISSUES

relates to some Christians who are weak and overly concerned about "doubtful disputation," that is disputes about debatable matters. In the early church there was much controversy revolving around meats that had been offered to idols. There were those who would not eat this meat because the meat had been previ-ously offered to a false god; thus, those who opposed could not dissociate the purchasing of the meat from the practice of it being offered to a false god. Others, however, recognized that false gods did not exist and that there was nothing wrong with purchasing the meat. The brother who was overly concerned with not eating meat was considered spiritually weak (v. 2). However, in such a matter, a believer who may be spiritually mature must be careful not to unnecessarily offend the weaker brother (I Corinthians 8:13).

It would be highly advisable on debatable issues to accept one another instead of judging one another (v. 3-4). We should not allow an opinion or a preference to disrupt fellowship between fellow believers. When debatable issues erupt in our churches, a wonderful principle that we can employ is this: "where scriptures speak, we speak; where scriptures are silent, we are silent."

If a brother ate meat offered to idols, Paul's approach was to accept him, "for God hath received him"(v. 3). Remember, Paul knew that false gods did not exist; therefore, there would be no harm in eating the meat. But on a real note, if God accepts someone, we have no choice but to accept him as well. We have no prerogative to judge "another man's servant" (v. 4). Since we are all servants of the Lord, we stand or fall

In verses 5-8, another debatable matter revolved around the significance of special days - when one man considers one day more sacred than another day; or another man thinks every day alike. Which position a man holds was immate-rial to Paul; however, Paul was concerned that "every man be fully persuaded in his own mind" (v. 5). In other words, the man must examine his heart to discern if he is doing what God would have him to do. In issues relating to the keeping of special days or eating or abstaining from meat, or in other matters not plainly prohibited in scriptures, we should make sure that our opinion reflects that of the Lord's (v. 6). We are accountable to the Lord in every aspect of our existence, for we totally belong to

To Be Continued...

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month". What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied or even docu-mented when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the

history books We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were G. Woodson: Born to spent his will were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coalmines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and

later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population-and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the

Woodson taught at Howard University but left after he recognized the need for a mass approach to the study of history. Always one to act on his ambitions, he decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. He is the author of "The Miseducation of the Negro", published during the height of the Great Depression in 1933. He established the Association for

the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected "Journal of Negro History". In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout tions of black people throughout American history. Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Black History Month was established in 1976, fifty years after the first celebration, by Afro-Americans for the Study of Afro-American Life and

Today, it is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in the month of February, while in the UK it is held in the month of October. Several great Canadian cities such as Halifax, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver emphasize Black History Month. The relentless work of Carter G. Woodson has therefore not been in vain Dr. has therefore not been in vain. Dr. Carter G. Woodson died on April 3 1950 in Washington. Due to his everlasting contribution to destroying historical racial stereotypes and to reestablishing human dignity to people of African descent, he has earned the well-deserved title of the "Father of Plack History"

Dr. King's Voting Rights Legacy Under Attack

By Marc Morial NNPA Columnist

No nation can long continue to flourish or to find its way to a better society while it allows any one of its citizens...to be denied the right to participate in the most fundamental of all privileges of democracy - the right to vote." Dr. Martin Luther



Monday, January 16th, America celebrated what vould have peen the 83rd birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The day will be coast-to-coast with parades, speeches, and pilgrimages to the new King Memorial on the National Mall. But in the midst of this outpouring of praise, there is a sinister movement afoot to undo one of Dr. King's hardest fought victories - the removal of discriminatory barriers to voting and the passage of the Voting Rights Act signed into law by

President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.
In Dr. King's day, billy clubs, cattle prods and guns kept African Americans away from the polls. Today, new voter restriction laws on the books or in the works in at least 34 states could deny the right to vote to more than 5 million Americans this year. These laws include new photo ID requirements, aligniating of early voting hars on voting the process. laws include new photo ID requirements, elimination of early voting, bans on voting by out-of-state college students, and rollbacks of voting rights for ex-felons who have paid their debts to society. Florida has even eliminated voting on the Sunday before Election Day which has traditionally been a day when African American churches organized "souls

to the polls" drives for their congregations.
The mostly conservative proponents of these new laws claim they are meant to prevent widespread fraud – the casting of ballots by people who are not legally eligible to vote. But both the Bush and Obama Justice Departments have looked and not found significant voter fraud in American elections. So let's be clear – the real reason behind this spate of new laws is to suppress the votes of people likely to support progressive candidates and issues – African Americans, Latinos, young people, the elderly and peo-ple with disabilities. This is unconscionable. It is un-American. And it dishonors the sac-rifices of generations of Americans who have fought and died to extend the right to

vote to every citizen.

Fortunately, a growing number of Americans are fighting back. On December 10th, the National Urban League joined the NAACP and a coalition of civil rights groups at a "Stand for Freedom" march and rally at the United Nations to protest this blatant attack on voting rights. Attorney General Eric Holder has also expressed concern about the legality of some of these new laws. Recently, the Justice Department struck down a voter ID law in South Carolina and Holder promises to continue to monitor these attempts and stop them when they violate the law. But beating back these efforts will require citizen vigilance and

action.

In a recent speech at the LBJ Library and Museum in Austin, Texas, Holder urged Americans to "Speak out. Raise awareness about what's at stake. Call on our political parties to resist the temptation to suppress certain votes in the hope of attaining electoral success and... urge policymakers at every level to reevaluate our election systems – and to reform them in ways that encourage, not limit, participation."

We agree. We must not let the hard-wor

voting rights secured by Dr. King, John Lewis, LBJ and so many others slip away.

Marc H. Morial is President and CEO of the National Urban League



by Evangelist Waydell Nixon

The prodigal son learned the truth about the home the hard way. What is the prodigal son saying to the young people today? Many homes are sleeping on the job. People are so busy that many homes are merely dormitories where people sleep and where they eat on the way through. Always remember that children do not accidentally stumble onto the highway of holi-

From a Biblical Perspective: Children Do Not Accidently Stumble Onto The Highway of Holiness!

ness. If homes do not open its windows to Jerusalem, it will pitch the tent toward Sodom If parents hem in both ends of the day with prayer, it won't be so likely to unravel in the middle! A man said, "Better take your child to church when he is young because people have too much fun now when they are older to be religious"

A child reasons, "If the Bible is

the Word of God, why doesn't daddy read it more?" Parents may choose to play on the beach Sunday instead of attending church (Heb.10:25). How does their choice affect their children? Yet, what is really happening? They have put God second. Pleasures first, children third (Deut. 6:6-9). Eli was a good man in some respects, but a poor example for his boys (1 Sam. 3:13). His home problems were uncorrected. They first destroyed the boys, and eventually destroyed Eli. A broken neck ended the agony of Eli's broken heart.

Godly children are produced by godly parents (Eph.6:14). If a child lives with criticism, he will learn to condemn. If a child lives with hostilty he will learn to hate. If a child lives with encouragement, he will learn to be confident. A child who respects not mother and father respects no one. Doing what is right has its own reward that money cannot buy. Parents have tried to buy their children off. They don't need buying, they need teaching and training (Pro.22:6). The only true reward for doing right is being right. We know children are to be taught to obey, not just because mother or father says it, but because it is right to obey authority. Obedience must be taught if respect is to be learned. You could follow Abraham's path

by the altars he left behind. Consistency was the key. Discipline has been and is a door way to a bet-ter life. Destinations are reached gradually step by step. We should strive to be a sign post on the high-way of life, rather than a rut out of which the wheels cannot run. To build a Christian faith in our children, it must be in us first (Col.3:21). Parents need a conviction which causes them to sing confidently, " am bound for the Promised Land." We will have boys like Timothy when we have mothers and grand-mothers like Eunice and Lois (2 Tim.

Evangelist Waydell Nixon has been preaching the gospel for 53 years. He currently serves as Minister at Eastside Church of Christ in Ennis, Texas.

BY ESTER DAVIS, EDTV

For the past five years Morgan Freeman has been trying to get the life of Bass Reeves to the big screen. Bass Reeves, who was born a slave in 1838, is believed to be the first black to receive a commission as a Deputy U. S. Marshall west of the Mississippi

Bass Reeves was born a slave

He moved to Paris,

in 1838 in Crawford County, Arkansas. The moved to Fans, Texas with his owner during the Civil War. Bass Reeves ran away and fled north into the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) and lived with the Seminole and

Bass Reeves became a crack shot with a pistol and lived in harmony with the Indians.

Reeves and his family farmed until 1875 when the legendary Judge Isaac Parker appŏinted á U. S. Marshal in the territory and directed him to hire 200 deputy U. S. Marshals. They had heard about Bass Reeves, who knew the Indian Territory, was expert with rifle and pistol, and could speak several Indian languages. Reeves was recruited as a

My Day: First Black U. S. Marshall deputy U. S. Marshal, and arrested over 3,000 felons, having to shoot and kill fourteen outlaws. He was never shot. When Oklahoma became a state in 1907, Reeves, then 68, became an officer of the Muskogee, Oklahoma Police Department. He died in 1910 died in 1910.

We look forward to the big screen starring Morgan Freeman as the legendary Bass Reeves, U. S. Marshall.

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Check the fine print carefully this week You may find yourself in a number of positions this week to advance your inancial state. Be sure you have scrutinized the details before signing on any dotted lines. A partner or relative could seem to be urging you toward one of hese opportunities; examine that one Affirmation: What I need to be is fully present inside of me. Lucky Numbers: 5, 15, 40

TAURUS

Keep your sunny side up and avoid arguments with anyone who seems to give off any negative vibes in your direction. You thow in your heart that what you do in he world is much needed. Others know oo, they just may have a hard time admitting it this week. Look for love to give you a lift. Soul Affirmation: The winner is me. I smile for the cameras. Lucky Numbers: 31, 32, 54

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our philosophical principles are ready for a larger congregation. Your hard work, patience, and determination to present a positive outlook will be paying ff this week. You'll be blessed with an ntuitive flash of all that you have going or you, and the realization will make you very happy. You'll be encouraging many others with your manner of being in the world. Soul Affirmation: All things work ogether for good. Lucky Numbers: 12,

Be cautious about when and where you present your ideas this week. There's some minor jealousy lurking about, and it vants to rain on your gorgeous parade. Be calm and keep your faith in yourself high. You've earned the respect and ndmiration of many by simply acting with complete faith in the rightness of your actions. Take all criticism, constructive or otherwise, with a grain of salt. Soul Affirmation: I change the way I look at usiness this week. ucky Numbers: 28, 32, 50

our charm is unstoppable, and your oise is unflappable, sweeties. Continue to take advantage of all of your gifts this week and be your whole, wonderful self. you take a high road where shared property is discussed, you may wind up with more than you started with. Exercise some caution when dealing with negative energy, whether from people or just a ague intuition. Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things. **Lucky Numbers**: 13, 39, 41

You need to stay in a positive zone to make your magic happen. A flirtation on the part of a younger person towards you needs to be gently discouraged. Trust has been placed in you; don't inadver-

tently betray it. If in doubt, retire to your home and do some cleaning and catching up by telephone with the folks back home. Soul Affirmation: I flavor my life with good wishes towards everyone this

Lucky Numbers: 16, 28, 52

A happier mood is in store if you spend some of your emotions on a mate or family member. Your sensitivity to criticism should be kept in check as much as possible this week, because you don' really want to spend your perfect moments feeling temperamental, do you? Others mean well, they just don' express themselves perfectly every time Soul Affirmation: I am a giver of good words this week. Lucky Numbers: 15,

SCORPIO

A very pleasant week is in store as peace seems to be the dominant current. Your experience will tell you how best to proceed with a close relationship. Right words and actions can restore all to the previous beauty. Soul Affirmation: I concentrate on what is beautiful about my life now. Lucky Numbers: 26, 34, 47

SAGITTARIUS

Friends call and you should answer their requests to join them. You'll have a nice week out if you go, with lots of camaraderie and good fellowship. You'll be creating energy for a very inspiring environment. Soul Affirmation: I am inspired by my own words this week. Lucky Numbers: 5, 18, 21

CAPRICORN Authority issues may arise early in the

week. You can handle these thoughts by observing them and letting them go. Listen to some music that fills you with positive vibrations. Soul Affirmation: see myself as a finisher rather than a starter this week. Lucky Numbers: 14 40, 46

AQUARIUS

You have strong physical energy this week. Make the most of it and get a lot of the work done that you've been meaning to get around to. This week's a great week to get around to it! You'll be very pleased at the end of the week with what you have created. Soul Affirmation: concentrate on the highest possibilities this week. Lucky Numbers: 18, 22, 53

Freedom needs may be high this week Use your powerful imagination to discover a way to feel freer in your current situation. At least in your personal space, le yourself be free and surrounded by objects and vibes that set your spirit soaring. Soul Affirmation: I speak my mind knowing that truth is my best defense this week. Lucky Numbers: 41

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TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Dallas Chapter in partnership with the African American Reportory Theater presents the blockbuster play (Free Man of Color) by Charles Smith. The play takes place at, The Comer Theater, 211 East Pleasant Run, DeSoto, TX 75115. Tickets are \$15 each for the Matines @ 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12. 2012. For tickets, please contact: Caritha Smith - (214) 573-8264 day, or (214) 908-8048 evenings also Evelyn Ramsey -(469) 360-5452

BLOOD PRESSURE MONI-TORING EDUCATION BY VNA **FEBRUARY 15**

Vivienne Armstrong, a registered nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association, will be presenting information on blood pressure monitoring at home

WHO: Bishop T.D. Jakes,

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DeSoto Senior Activity Center on 204 Lion Street in DeSoto. The program is free and open to individuals 60 years of age or older.

For additional information contact Vivienne Armstrong, R.N., health promotion program coordinator with the Visiting Nurse Association, at 214-689-2230 or armstrongv@vnatexas.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE MONI-TORING EDUCATION BY VNA AT IRVING HERITAGE SENIOR CENTER FEBRUARY 22

Vivienne Armstrong, a registered nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association, will be presenting information on blood pressure monitoring at home February 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Heritage Senior Center on 200 South Jefferson Street in Irving.

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HOSPICE SOCIAL WORKER TO SPEAK AT VNA BEREAVE-MENT LUNCHEON MARCH 1

Matt Wadsworth, a licensed social worker, will speak on "How to Ride the Grief Waves' at the March 1 bereavement luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association.

The luncheon is from noon to 1 p.m. at the Saturn Road Church of Christ on 3030 Saturn Road in Garland. There is no cost to attend the luncheon, but reservations are requested and can be made through February 28 by calling (214) 689-2922.

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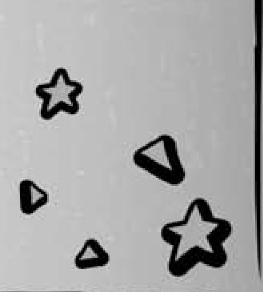
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Macy's Celebrates Black History Month with Special Events Honoring the Legacy of Famed Artist Romare Bearden

This February, a unique American master returns to the spotlight as Macy's celebrates Black History Month with special events and exhibits dedicated to famed artist Romare Bearden. In conjunction with the Romare Bearden Foundation, Macy's honors the rich history and legacy of the incomparable artist, writer, and musician in celebration of this year's 100th anniversary of his birth.

Romare Howard Bearden's life was marked by the pursuit of art in all of its forms. A prolific creator, Bearden's work encompassed art, music, design, history, and literature. During his lifetime (1911-1988), Bearden experimented with many different mediums and artistic styles, but is best known for his richly textured collages. However, his diverse interests included costume and set design for the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Nanette and Contemporary Bearden's Dance Theatre, music composition and literary work such as his famed children's book Li'l Dan, The Drummer Boy: A Civil War Story,

"Macy's is thrilled to partner with the Romare Bearden Foundation in celebration of the life and work of one of preeminent America's artists," said Dineen Garcia, Macy's vice-president of Diversity Strategies. "Every year, as we honor the contributions of African-Americans with our Black History Month events, we hope to empower a new generation, through a look back at some of our nation's most important leaders. Throughout his life, Romare Bearden brought his exceptional talents to a wide range of interests, cementing his unique place in history and blazing a trail for those who followed."

"The Romare Bearden Foundation is pleased to partner with Macy's on the occasion of the centennial celebration. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote to a wider audience the accomplishments of Bearden and his gifts to society," said Co-Directors Johanne Bryant

Reid and Diedra Harris Kelley. our traveling "Through shows, archives, and publications we aim to make Bearden's artistic legacy accessible to all."

To celebrate the artist's centennial, Macy's will spotlight Mr. Bearden's work through special exhibitions featuring watercolors, prints, oil on paper and dramatic black and white photostats that date from 1964 to 1984, when Romare Bearden was at the peak of his artistic power. These satellite exhibits will showcase some rarely displayed works loaned by private collectors, in addition to works on loan from local galleries. Taking place at eleven Macy's locations nationwide including stores in New Orleans, New Pittsburgh, Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Houston, San Francisco, Washington, DC and Miami, the exhibits will be supplemented by works from artists influenced and inspired by Bearden. Opening receptions further highlight Bearden's artistic endeavors including music, highlighted by performances from a new generation of jazz musicians playing his compositions, which have been previously recorded by masters including Branford Marsalis, Tito

Puente and Billy Eckstine. Additional in-store celebrations will include children's collage making events, special readings of Bearden's children's book, Li'l Dan, The Drummer Boy: A Civil War Story, as well as cooking demonstrations from local chefs featuring Bearden's favorite recipes Caribbean dishes from the out of print cookbook, Ma Chance's French Caribbean Creole Cooking, which he illustrated.

At the opening receptions, customers will have the opportunity to receive a 15% off community shopping pass, and a \$10 Macy's gift card. Additionally, with a purchase of \$50 or more, while supplies last, customers can receive a printed scarf featuring Romare Bearden's most

revered work, The Lamp. From February 2-23, Macy's will also offer the opportunity to enter for the chance to win a trip for two to Paris, Romare Bearden's beloved city and the inspiration for his work on the project Paris Blues Revisited. Courtesy American Airlines, the prize includes round-trip coach air travel, hotel and a \$500 Macy's shopping spree. American Airlines is a proud partner of Macy's Black History Month celebration. www.macys.com/celebrate for complete entry rules or visit the event store for more information)

Below are the stores and event information for Macy's Romare Bearden's Centennial celebrations:

Macy's Lakeside, New Orleans, LA - Thurs. 2/2 @ 6 pm - Exhibit runs 2/2 - 2/9

Macy's Herald Square, NYC, NY - Thurs. 2/9 @ 6 pm -Exhibit runs 2/9 - 2/12

Macy's Downtown Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA Thurs. 2/9 @ 5 pm - Exhibit runs 2/9 - 2/12

Macy's State Street, Chicago, IL - Thurs. 2/9 @ 5:30 pm - Exhibit runs 2/9 - 2/12 Macy's Lenox Square,

Atlanta, GA - Thurs. 2/9 @ 6 pm - Exhibit runs 2/9 - 2/12 Macy's Baldwin Hills, Los Angeles, CA - Thurs. 2/9 @ 6:30 pm - Exhibit runs 2/9

Center Philadelphia, PA - Wed. 2/15 @ 6 pm - Exhibit runs 2/15

Macy's Houston Galleria, Houston, TX - Thurs. 2/16 @

6:30 pm - Exhibit runs 2/16 -Macy's Union Square, San Francisco, CA - Thurs. 2/16 @

6 pm - Exhibit runs 2/16 - 2/19 Macy's Metro Center, Washington, DC - Thurs. 2/16 @ 5:30 pm - Exhibit runs 2/16

Macy's Aventura, Miami, FL - Thurs. 2/16 @ 6:30pm Exhibit runs 2/16 - 2/19

For a complete listing of Macy's Black History Month please events, visit www.macys.com/celebrate.

Super Bowl, Super Dollars



Being that I'm not a football an, it stands to reason that the super Bowl isn't normally high on my priority list. But I felt I had a vested interest in trackng the results of Super Bowl XLVI this year for a few reasons. First of all, I'm from Fort Wayne, Indiana (don't hate) and since the big game was being held in Indianapolis this year I wanted to be sure my state delivered a quality product of which I could be proud. Secondly, I was interested in seeing if this year's Super Bowl XLVI could deliver more viewers than last's record setting game (including African-American viewers). And lastly, I love creativity and wanted to see how much was apparent in the commercials that usually debut during the game. So of course I did not actually watch the game. But hey, I work for a research company, so I know

exactly what happened Apparently, Indianapolis delivered. There were no major catastrophes or mishaps that will make the state hang its head in shame. In fact, I dare say I had a couple of East Coast friends who attended the game say how impressed they were with the city. That they were surprised not to see corn stalks growing in the middle of downtown. Yes, we Hoosiers can be sophisticated when we need to

As for delivering viewers Super Bowl XLVI did not disap-

point. I have observed in previous columns that the popularity of football seems to have replaced baseball as that ageold American pastime - at least when it comes to television viewing, Last year, Super Bowl XLV, ranked as the #1 Most Watched Show for African-Americans (ages 2+), with 12.5 million viewers, from January 2011 - June 2011. This year's Super Bowl XLVI upheld that new tradition, and attracted even more viewers, an estimated 111.3 million total viewers. Whether you are a diehard fan or a non-football enthusiast such as myself - that's pretty impressive. (At press time I didn't know how many of this year's viewers were Black, but of course I'll share that information with you as soon as I

What's even more impressive was the \$3.5 million advertisers were willing to pay for each thirty second commercial for a chance to reach those millions of viewers. That's up from \$3.1 million from last year's Super Bowl, I watched every single one of the 54 commercials online back to back. Even minus the football game itself, that took me a while. Nostalgic, confusing, goofy, bad taste, sentimental, actionpacked, morbid, sexy, intriguing, fantasy-filled, hilarious although there were a couple of spots that were unremarkable, there was most assuredly at least one spot that resonated with every viewer (and what's a Super Bowl game without a cameo appearance by Betty White or a shout out to Aretha Franklin these days?) Of course I have my favorites. We all do, which is why those spots cost so much. They grab our attention and are discussed around the water cooler - or. er, in the age of Twitter - tweeted about ad nausea for the next few days. The types of ads that dominate the Super Bowl scene historically tend to be the same each year. According to Nielsen, five advertising cat egories dominated Super Bowl broadcasts from 2007 - 2011: Automotive: \$172.2 million

spent over that period Beer: \$126.9 million Motion Picture: \$120.7 mil-

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Tortilla Chips: \$42.5 million Advertisers make such substantial investments because data, analysis and the bottom line - brand awareness, which translates into spending dollars prove that the Super Bowl is a sure thing. The investment returns are measurable. Ads that aired during 2011's Super Bowl XLV were, on average, 58% more memorable than commercials which ran during regular programming in the first quarter of 2011. That all important brand awareness for commercials airing during the Super Bowl time slot was near ly 275% higher than awareness for the same spots which ran during regular programming.

Did your affinity toward any of your favorite brands increase because of their com mercials? Or, were you enticed by the elaborate advertising to try the other guy? That's what it's all about. While we are certainly entertained, we are also presented with a myriad of choices. How and where we choose to spend our hardearned consumer dollars is up to us. As always - even for the non-sports fans among us that's power, people.

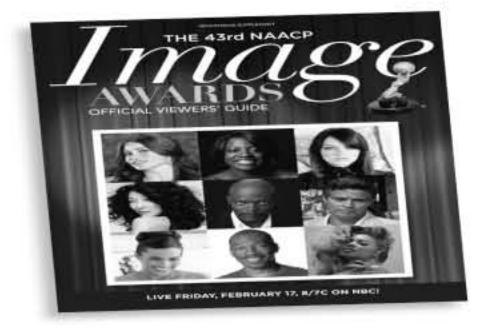
And oh, by the way - I saw streaming video of the halftime show after the live broadcast Madonna, girl, if that's what 53 looks like, I want to be like you when I grow up!

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BLACK HISTORY IN TEXAS

People of Africandescent came to Texas in 1528 that were part of exploration teams from Spain. The government of Spain sponsored expeditions to discover and claim the land in the New World, Black slaves were part of these explorers mapping the gulf coat of Texas starting in Florida

and ending in Vera Cruz. The first recorded Black man and slave. Esteban. was with the explorers who probed the region north of the Rio Grande. From Esteban's arrival in 1528 to 1690, Blacks were in the vanguard of Spanish conquest, By 1791, they number 24 percent of the Texas population, then more than 4,000 people, including Spaniards, missionaries, Indians, and mestizos. The social structure of Spanish Texas was such that despite slavery, those Blacks who had been freed were accepted socially and were free to work in the professions or skilled trades they desired. There was one exception: Blacks were not permitted to hold government positions. They were free to marry whomever they chose, and records reveal that interracial marriage was

Starting in the early 1800's, settlers came to Texas, arriving from the southern United States, where the institution of slavery had been long established. Under Mexican law, a free Negro had all the legal and political rights of citizenship. But the development of the vast Texas land required cheap or free labor to boost its plantation-based economy. Slavery filled this requirement.

The Mexican government adopted a relaxed attitude toward the enforcement of its antislave laws which allowed the Americans to circumvent them. As slaves, Blacks contributed to the growth of agriculture and

the cattle industry in pioneer Texas, working sideby-side with white land owners. Later as freedmen, they used skills learned in slavery to support themselves.

The war for Texas independence officially began on October 2, 1835. Mexican troops had been sent to Gonzales to reclaim a cannon given to the settlers four years earlier for defense against Indians. The Texans refused to give up the cannon, and a fight ensued. The call went out for volunteers to rally to the defense of Texas. Blacks and whites alike responded. Among the Blacks were Hendrick Arnold. Samuel McCullough Greenbury Logan, Joe Travis, and Mexlin Smith. Free Blacks and slaves fought beside white colonists for the establishment of a new republic.

From 1836 to 1845, the Republic of Texas stayed a planter society and was therefore, still dependent upon slave labor. Because slaves and free Blacks existed side by side, and because dual legal standards were applied to these groups. considerable discontent and unrest existed among the slaves who envied the limited freedom enjoyed blacks. free Relationships between Blacks (both free and slave) and whites became increasing strained, and by 1861 the question of slavery had become a dominant issue in the precipitation of the Civil War.

In the North, blacks were organized into allblack fighting units in the war. In Texas they were kept at home tending their master farms and growing food and fiber to sustain the Confederate army.

Black History in Texas will continue in next week's discussion of Blacks in the Civil War and Emancipation Texas

Who Were The Moor's That Conquered Spain?



The Moors came from north Africa, Muslims, a mixture of Arab and Berbers (the latter from mountains Morocco - tribes with their own language that few Arabs would understand).

The name "Moors" comes from the name Mauretania, which at the time referred to the part of north Africa roughly now represented by Algeria and Morocco.

This was a huge change for Spain - a new language, religion, culture and a new name, for the part of the country under Moorish control was known as Al Andalus.

The Moors had a viscous way of dealing with enemies and made sure that people knew about it. As a result there was little resistance at first and they took over Toledo, the capital, within a year. Within a few years, they controlled most of Spain (excluding Asturias).









YOUTH TODAY











Dallas ISD Proud



Name: Shavante Birdow School: Wilmer-Hutchins High School Class of: 2012 Activities: Dallas ISD Teen Board, Student Council, Student Ambassador, Literary Club, and Soccer

Role Model(s): Mrs. Gates (honors teacher), my grandpa, and my cousin Yolanda Favorite movie or book: The Twilight Saga series and the Independent film "Speak"

Plans after high school: Attend college and/or join the Army Reserves to pursue a nursing career

Why I am proud of my school: I'm a proud student at Wilmer-Hutchins High School because of the structure maintained, the non-tolerance of fighting, etc. The bullying activities held at our school have made a great impact on our student body. Students take bullying more seriously now and work together to address it. Students now choose to notify administrators versus taking matters into their own hands, and that makes my school a great place to be.



Name: Carlos Anthony Galvan School: Sunset High School Class of: 2013 Activities: Dallas ISD Teen Board, Junior Class President. Marching Band, Student Newspaper, and K.O.M. men-

Role Model(s): People who don't care about gaining success for themselves but for

Favorite movie or book: 'August Rush' Plans after high school: Attend college and major in music or business management to gain the skills to become a young entrepre-

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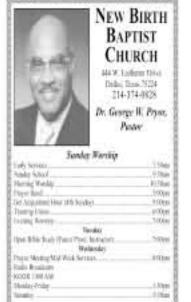
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MOLINA HIGH SCHOOL TO RECEIVE \$100,000 GRANT FROM TARGET

Campus to enhance library, build outdoor space for performances



Moisés E. Molina High School is one of S0 recipients nationwide - and one of three in Texas - to receive a \$100,000 unrestricted grant from Target

to enhance its campus. The funds will be used for two projects: one is to install an Internet-style coffee bar in the library/media center and the other is an outdoor courtyard at the front of the school that can be used for performing-arts groups, a gathering spot and an impromptu outdoor classroom, among many other uses. The projects are expected to use about half the grant, and Molina staff members will submit proposals on how to dedicate the remain-

Molina Principal Mark Ramirez said the project is bringing an already close school community closer as students and staff collaborate on the projects. His vision for the school is that staff members know every student by name, by face and by family, and that kind of care and attention will help each student graduate in four years prepared for college and a suc-

cessful career. "This is not just \$100,000 for Molina, this is \$100,000 for the community," Ramirez said. "This is already a beautiful building, but these projects will add another element to it. We're really proud of our staff members Ms. Peterson and Ms. Pinnell for leading this ini-

Hazel Peterson, who has been the school's librarian since it opened in 1997, and Cathy Pinnell, who served as the school's first dean of instruction but is now program

development specialist, were instrumental in applying for the grant. "It is a great opportunity to get to do what we have always wanted to do for the kids," Pinnell said. "I love Molina, There is something special about the Oak Cliff community and this school,"

Target's existing partner-ship with Dallas ISD includes funding for the Partners in Reading program, coordinated by the Library and Media Services Department. Also, Target has conducted extensive makeovers of libraries at five elementary schools with The Heart of America, The company's Take Charge of Education program provides direct support from consumers to schools as well.

THE SOUTH DALLAS CONCERT CHOIR

South Dallas Concert Choir AFRICAN AMERICAN co-sponsored by the ANUSEUM African American Museum Date: February 11, 2012 and the Time: 2:00 p.m. Office of Cultural Affairs Historic Fair Park City of Dallas cordially invites you to attend its Annual Black History Celebration and Tribute "Our Journey of Struggle and Triumph" The African American Museum 494 Thillians by Clair-Meekkage (

WHAT: South Dallas Concert Choir, sponsored by the African American Museum Dallas and the Office of **Cultural Affairs**

WHEN: Saturday, February 11, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: African American Museum in historic Fair Park Although South Dallas Concert Choir presents a diverse repertoire, it uses as its main focus an opportunity to enhance the cultural life of the community by educating, performing and preserving the Negro Spirituals in their original form. Spirituals, as the "slave songs" came to be known, were more than hymns of endurance and a belief in a better afterlife. They allowed the slaves to communicate secret messages and information to each other about the Underground Railroad. Following the tradition of our ancestors, most spirituals are sung without music.

The program presented by the choir for Black History Month combines the elements of education, cultural awareness and preservation. The entire body of music from the early Slave Songs to the Songs of Freedom of the 1950's and 1960's are represented.

Equal time is given to the emergence of Gospel, Jazz and the Freedom Songs sung by those in civil rights movement. The Freedom Songs have also earned a prominent place in our repertoire for they represent the

strength and solidarity of a people who stood up for justice in the face of staunch, often violent, injustice and bigotry. Songs such as "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round, *Keep Your Eyes On The Prize, Hold On," and "We Shall Not Be Moved' attest to the dedication, stamina and staying power of those who gave their lives to ensure that a free and just society would be enjoyed by all. Additional details: This Black History Month concert is free and open to the public,

Sponsored by the African American Museum and the Office of Cultural Affairs (City of

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE PART OF COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY FOCUS GROUP

District's Technology Governance Committee Seeks Input on Services, Three-Year Strategic Plan

Parents, students and community members interested in providing input on Dallas ISD's current technology services and its three-year Strategic Technology Plan are invited to a meeting set for 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at A. Maceo Smith New Tech High School, 3030 Stag Road.

Besides having the opportunity to provide feedback, attendees will hear from Dallas ISD's executive director of Technology on the latest updates on current technology initiatives and the latest draft of the Strategic Technology Plan. Attendees who sign up in advance will receive an agenda for the session and a copy of the plan about one week in advance of the event.

Space at the meeting is limited, and those interested in attending are encouraged sign up early by contacting Donna Linder at dlinderoic@dallasisd.org or by calling Constance Martin at (972) 925-5674.

BILINGUAL SECTION

National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators Announce 2012-2013 Newly Elected Leadership

National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators anuncia nuevas autoridades electas 2012-2013

At the National Hispanic sent the organization's leader-Caucus of State Legislators ship. (NHCSL) Ninth National Summit held in Fajardo, Puerto Rico; the Nominations Committee announced the newly-elected officers of the NHCSL Executive Committee for 2012-2013. NHCSL members present at the 2011 Annual Meeting held in Puerto Rico on November 19th, 2011, elected the candidates to repre-

SPANISH

En la Novena Cumbre Nacional del National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (Caucus Nacional Hispano de Legisladores Estatales; NHCSL, según sus siglas en inglés). celebrada en Fajardo (Puerto Rico), el Comité de Nominaciones

anunció los funcionarios del Comité Ejecutivo del NHCSL recientemente electos para el periodo 2012-2013. Los miembros del NHCSL presentes en la Asamblea Anual 2011 que se celebró en Puerto Rico el 19 de noviembre de 2011 eligieron a los siguientes candidatos como representantes de la dirección de la organización.



PORTS PAGE



Record 27 DeSoto HS Student-Athletes Sign for \$2.8M in Scholarships

DeSoto High School and the DeSoto ISD Athletics Department hosted college-bound student athletes, their families, coaches and college representatives on February 1 for signing day Twenty-two football players, along with five track members. signed their Letters of Intent to various colleges at the event held in DeSoto High School Gym.

The scholarships amount for all 27 student-athletes in \$2.84M (\$2.28 for football alone)! DeSoto High School expects the amount to top \$3.5M by the end of the year when combining the February 1 amount with previous signees and the anticipated spring signees.

National Signing Day is the first day a high school senior can sign a binding Letter of Intent for college football. DeSoto High School has already five (5) signees in the fall including girls basketball players Jordan Jones, Texas A&M, Bryce Owens, University of New Mexico, boys. basketball player Frank Ökeke, University of New Hampshire: volleyball players Miri Shade and Jazmyne Johnson, Tennessee State University.

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This was the first Super Bowl with two starting quarterbacks who previously won the big game's MVP award and they took turns brilliant. Manning became the first QB to open a Super Bowl with nine consecutive completions. Later, Brady put together a run of 16

Eli Manning and the completions in a row, breaking another Super Bowl mark.

But in the end, it was Manning - who was selected as the MVP who directed the nineplay, 88-yard drive that put New York ahead.



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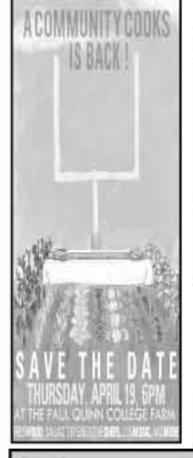
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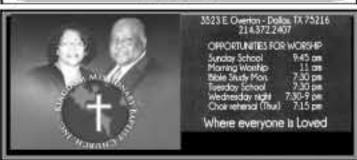
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Mrs. Shipp at the age of twenty-seven made headline news in a Memphis, Tennessee newspaper with a feature story titled "The Knife Swallows The

cotton.

Fork." Mrs. Shipp was considered a miracle patient after having emergency surgery at John Gaston Hospital after she accidentally swallowed a fork and lived to tell about it. She was bam bored with various offers to travel with carnivals to tell her story and to participate in the reenactment of the fork story.

Mrs. Shipp has been married four times and is the proud mother of four daughters, four sons and one adopted son. She has been preceded in death by three of her children. She has thirty-seven grand children, eighty great grandchildren, and two great, great grandchildren.

Mrs. Shipp has enjoyed a professional career as a private duty nurse and a caregiver helping the homeless, the elderly and the shut-in. Mrs. Shipp dedicated her life to Christ at the age of twelve and continue to live a Christian based life today. She has been blessed to have been under the leaderships of the late Elder Bishop of COGIC. She is still a member of FGHT founded by the late Pastor Apostle Lobbies

Murray and Dr. Shirley Murray in Dallas, Texas, where she served as a faithful member of the Mother's Board and the Mother's Mission Choir. To this day she still carries the destination of being the reigning "Oldest Member" of FGHT in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Shipp contributes her long life and good health to God's everlasting grace. She believes that all her trials and tribulations have only made her a better and stronger person today. She encourages everyone to live a righteous life and to take care of yourself and your family and God will bless you.

Mrs. Shipp thanks God for blessing her to be able to vote for the first Afro-American President of the USA, who she affectionately calls O.B.

She states that she will continue to believe and trust in Jesus always, never leaving the battlefield until the Lord calls her home.

I am so blessed to live to see one hundred and two years. May bless you all and God bless America.

CONGRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON HOSTED AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION WITH ASSISTANT SECRE-TARY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS DR. JOE LEONARD AND TEXAS FARM OWNERS AND LAND OWNERS



Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson with Assistant Secretary For Civil Rights Dr. Joe Leonard and Texas Farm Owners and Land Owners

Bernice Johnson hosted a meeting with United States Department of Agriculture Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Dr. Joe Leonard, and several Texas farmers and land owners. Assistant Secretary Leonard visited the Dallas area to promote outreach programs within the U.S. Department Agriculture (USDA) designed to assist farmers and landowners in effectively improving their businesses.

attended the forum to directly address Assistant Secretary Leonard on long-standing challenges faced by the farming community, as well as finding solutions to improve communication with small successfully perform," and minority farmers. Attendees traveled as far as Oklahoma and East Texas to learn about new programs and opportunities offered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

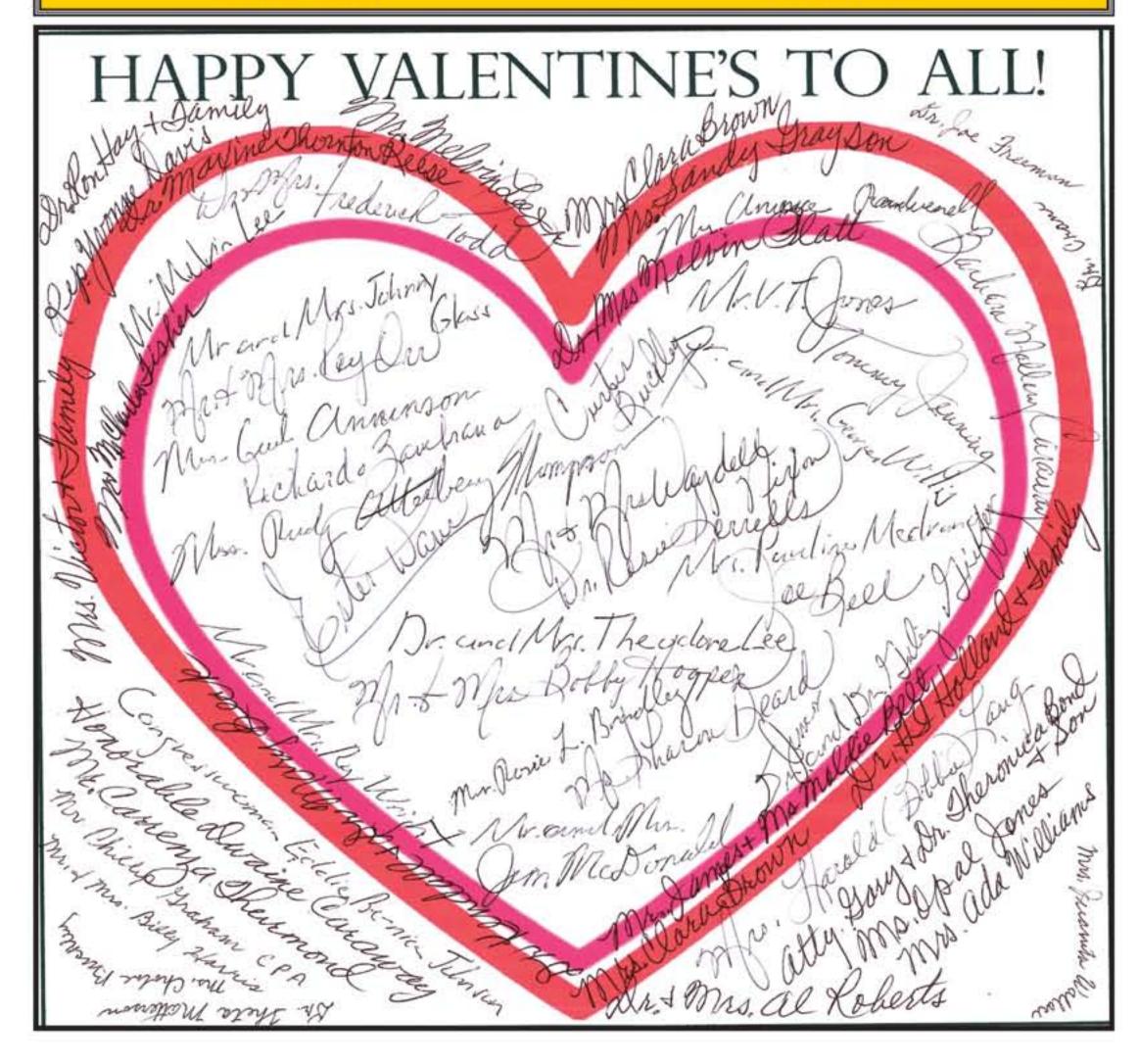
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Congresswoman Eddie ers and land owners farmers are receiving the

proper resources. "The struggle is not just with you, but with us, who often have trouble bringing attention to your issues and in securing the funding that you need to Congresswoman said Johnson, "The voices of black farmers will be heard and Assistant Secretary Leonard will ensure your concerns are evaluated."

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Mrs. Dorothy L. Crain Recognized at the Dallas-Fort Worth Area Chapters Founders Day Celebration



On January 14, 2012, Mrs. Dorothy. Thompson Crain was honored during the Deltas Founders Day Luncheon Sheraton Hotel. This celebration was for her 50 years of dedication, service and participa- special guest.

tion in the Dallas Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. After a beautiful ceremony Mrs. Crain alone with others from a different chapters was presented a Golden certificate by the President of her Chapter, Mrs. Bobbye Sanders. Mrs. Crain is a Golden Life member.

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, members of the Dallas chapter worshipped with Mrs. Crain the Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church where the Rev. Stephen G. Brown is the Senior Pastor. Following the impressive worship service a reception in honor of Mrs. Crain was given with members of the Dallas Chapter as

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Duncanville Superintendent Dr. Alfred Ray

Dr. Billy Earl Dade was an icon in education in Dallas for over a half century. He was well educated having earned a bachelor's degree from Bishop College, a master's degree from the University of Chicago, a master's degree from Prairie View A&M University and the doctorate from North Texas State University (now University of North Texas). His tenure in the Dallas Independent School District

included principalships at Frederick Douglass, Paul Laurence Dunbar, John Henry Brown, C.F. Carr and Pearl C. Anderson. Prior to rising to administrative positions in DISD he taught mathematics at Julia C. Frazier Elementary School and mathematics and Latin at Booker T. Washington High School. His post secondary stints included teaching at El Centro, Bishop and Paul Quinn Colleges and Prairie View A&M

University. During the time that the State initiated the required TECAT exam for teachers and administrators, he provided "free" workshops for hundreds of teachers and administrators. He mentored many former and current administrators in the DISD. Dr. Dade, was well respected in the education profession and the community. On March 12, 2000, the Dallas Board of Education dedicated the school located at 2801 Park Row in his honor.



African American Educator Dr. Billy Earl Dade

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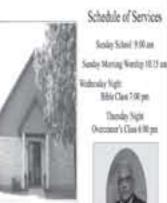
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Celebrating Black History Month Mrs. Barbara Jordan

First Black woman to serve in the U.S. Congress from the South

Mrs. Barbara Jordan was born in the Fifth Ward of Houston, Texas. She attended Texas Southern University

and pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. In 1956, she graduated magna cum laude from Texas Southern with a double major in political science and history. She expressed an interest in attending Harvard University School of Law, but opted to go to Boston University and graduated in 1959. She made history when she was elected to the newly drawn Texas Senate seat in 1966, thereby becoming the first Black to serve in that body since 1883. On March 21, 1967 she became the first Black elected official to preside over that body; she was the first Black state enator to chair a major committee, Labor and Management Relations, and the first freshman senator ever named to the Texas Legislative Council. Later, Mrs. Jordan decided to run for Congress and was elect-



ed, in Nov. 1972, from the newly drawn Eighteenth Congressional District in Houston. She became a Professor of Public Affairs at the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs. In 1987, she became an eloquent voice against Supreme Court naminee Robert Bork. She served as an unpaid adviser on ethics for former Gov. Ann Richards of Texas and was praised for her work on the Clinton panel on Immigration Reform. Mrs. Barbara Jordan died of complications from pneumonia on January 17, 1996

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Mr. & Mrs. Eli Davis

A trailblazing politician from Chicago, Oscar Stanton De Priest was the city's first black alderman, and he became the first black representative in the US Congress in the twentieth century. De Priest (1871-1951) was born in Florence, Alabama, to parents who were former slaves. In 1878 the family,

like many others, moved to Kansas to escape discrimination and earn a better living; De Priest received his education there. In 1889 he moved to Chicago, where he worked as a house painter and decorator, establishing his own business and a real estate firm, before entering politics. A Republican and a staunch civil rights activist, De Priest served on the Chicago city council, became an alderman, and ultimately was elected to Congress, where he served three terms (1929-1935)

During his time in Congress, De Priest wrote antidiscriminatory legislation and promoted laws against lynching and in favor

of equal access to public accommodations. He once requested an official investigation of House cafeteria policies when his secretary, Morris Lewis, was refused service. De Priest (seated) and Lewis (standing) are pictured here in May 1929.

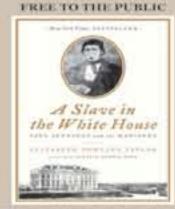
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Dr. Wright Lassiter

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Dr. Lee Gresham Pinkston, a black surgeon, publishes, and political activist, was born in Forest, Mississippi, on August 16, 1883, the son of Ritten and Fantile Pinkston, the ettended or Ritten and Fennis Pinkston, he strended Meridian Academy in Forest before completing his education at Alcorn College and receiving his education at Alcorn College and receiving his M. D. at Meharty Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. In 1930 he moved to Texas and began private practice in Terrell, where he later opened a clinic and diugstore. In 1932 he married Viola Marie Shaw in Terrell, they had two children. In 1921 the family moved to Dallas, where Pinkston worked at the McAllian Sanatorium, at the corner of Hall and State streets. In 1922 he opened up his own clinic, the Pinkston Clinic Hospital, the third clinic in Dallas to be open strictly to blacks and the only one operating at that time. He was accepted in 1954 as a member of 3t. Paul Hospital, the first of five black doctors to receive the hocor at that time, and remained in that position until his death in 1961.

in 1936 Pinkston helped found the Democratic Progressive Voters Largue, during many years as president and member of the executive committee, he encouraged black Americans to wrifty their vote. During World War II he was a member of the Dallas County Selective Service Board. He was a Methodist, a member of the Dallas County Medical Society, president of the Negro Chamber of Commetre, president and publisher of the Star Post Newspaper, president of Western Mutual Life Insurance Company, and a member of the board of directors of Wiley College in Merchall, in 1954 he received the Dallas Citizen Council Award for his work in medical advancement, interescal schievement, and ovic affairs. Prinkston died on January 5, 1961, in Dallas, of a heart strack suffered after a ser accident. He was buried at Pinkston Cemetery, L.G. Pinkston High School, a public secondary school in West Dallas is named after Dr. Pinkston.

Dr. Lee G. Pinkston

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Celebrating Black History Month John S. Rock



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