

NEWS BRIEFS

MOTORCYCLE AUCTION TO BENEFIT CLARK COUNTY MUSEUM

The third Annual Vintage, Classic and Special Interest Motorcycle Auction sponsored by Mid-America Auctions of St. Paul, Minnesota, will be held Thursday, February 5, beginning at Noon with a silent Auction benefiting the local Children's Hospital beginning at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. and Saturday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas Boulevard and Tropicana. National and international buyers, sellers and motorcycle enthusiasts are expected to attend the three-day event. Several hundred vintage and classic motorcycles will be auctioned. Collectable and ride-able BMWs, Triumphs, Vincents, Harley Davidsons, Hondas, Indians, Kawasakis and many more out-of-date and out-of-production motorcycles will be on the block. In the past eight years, Mid-American Auctions has donated several thousand dollars to improve exhibits, programs and add valuable artifacts to the museum's collections. Vintage Motorcycles are quickly becoming a wise investment. Historic motorcycle memorabilia and publications will also be available at the auction. Admission to the event is \$10 for adults per day.

HUD AWARDS 44 VOUCHERS TO NORTH LAS VEGAS HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mel Liu, assistant secretary for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department, recently presented a \$357,228 check to the North Las Vegas Housing Authority that will cover the cost of 44 HUD Housing Choice Vouchers that are used for rental assistance. Liu, joined by city officials, also presented a certificate of accomplishment to North Las Vegas native Rhoda Mills, who recently became a first-time homeowner by using HUD's HCV Homeownership program. "We are committed to helping families afford housing through the Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance Program," Liu said. The 44 HCV vouchers, formerly known as Section 8 vouchers, will be given to families who had been temporarily relocated to other public housing units when the housing authority sold units that were scattered throughout the city. These vouchers will allow affected families to move into homes of their choice. Miller and her three children moved into their new four-bedroom, two-bathroom home in September.

NAACP REGION FOUR HEADQUARTERS RELOCATES TO ST. LOUIS

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Region Four opened new offices this month in St. Louis, Mo. The Region Four headquarters relocated from Denver, Colo. The new office address is 4477 Woodson Road in Woodson Terrace, Missouri. Kweisi Mfume, President & CEO, the NAACP, said the move was made "to increase the efficiency of our operations in the region and to better serve our members." Region Four, one of seven regions across the country, includes: Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. The regional director is the Rev. Gill Ford. Founded in 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization and has a half-million adult and youth members throughout the world.

STAMP HONORS ATHLETE, PERFORMER, SOCIAL ACTIVIST PAUL ROBESON

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) - A U.S. Postal Service stamp honoring athlete, performer and social activist Paul Robeson was scheduled to go on sale Tuesday in the town where he was born 106 years ago. The Postal Service plans to launch the stamp during a ceremony at Princeton University, just a few blocks from Robeson's birthplace and boyhood home. "I am very gratified," Robeson's son Paul Robeson Jr. told The Times of Trenton. The elder Robeson was a football All-American and valedictorian at Rutgers University at a time when few Blacks attended college. He later became an actor, singer and activist for racial justice and international peace. The stamp, designed by Richard Sheaff of Scottsdale, Ariz., is a detail of a photograph of Robeson taken around 1943. The Postal Service plans to issue 130 million Paul Robeson stamps initially. The younger Robeson has been waiting for the Postal Service to issue a stamp on his father ever since the "Black Heritage" series began in 1978.

Reverend vows to remain in race

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Democratic presidential candidate Al Sharpton assured black churchgoers Sunday that a vote for him will get their message all the way to the Democratic convention because he will not drop out of the race.

"What if you vote for one of those guys, and then they pull out after South Carolina? You've wasted your vote," he said to loud applause during morning services at Rehoboth Baptist Church. "Know that I am going on all the way to the end no matter what."

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Democratic presidential hopeful Rev. Al Sharpton poses for a photo with supporters during a visit to the Tabernacle Baptist Church on Sunday in Beaufort, S.C.

Joyner eyes \$700,000 for HBCU scholarships

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Dallas - (BlackNews.com/BlackPR.com) - Tom Joyner, the nationally syndicated radio personality and philanthropist, has launched a major initiative to challenge seven historically Black colleges and universities to broaden and strengthen their efforts to raise money for scholarships.

The "Challenge 2004" initiative also intends to help these schools retain students, attract top-notch students, increase their donor base and relocate lost alums.

These seven historically Black colleges and universities are eligible to receive up to \$200,000, including \$100,000 from the five-year-old Tom Joyner Foundation. The schools have until June

18, 2004 to raise their portion of the money. The Foundation will match the schools' \$100,000 donation, making it a total gift of \$200,000 to that particular school.

"It's about putting kids through school," said Joyner, who created the foundation and whose four-hour drive-time show is heard in 115-plus markets and heard by more than eight million listeners.

"This challenge is another way for us to help make sure our Black students can stay in school and get an education."

The participating schools are Grambling State University, Grambling, La.; Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss.; Lincoln University in Pennsylvania; Ala-

bama State University in Montgomery, Ala.; Alcorn State University, Lorman, Miss. and Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., and Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC.

Each school was chosen based on having a need for additional scholarship assistance for their students.

Funds for this challenge have been generated from the Foundation's largest fundraiser, which is the annual Fantastic Voyage that has raised nearly \$1 million each year.

The seven-day cruise will set sail May 29th through June 5th, 2004 and is expected to sell out for the fifth time.

Throughout the year, the foundation receives donations primarily from individu-

als, but also from several Fortune 1000 companies including ExxonMobil, Budweiser, GlaxoSmithKline, Long John Silver, Ben & Jerry's and Daimler Chrysler.

The Tom Joyner Foundation is responsible for raising more than \$18 million dollars and helping some 40 colleges and thousands of deserving students.

Each month, Joyner raises money for a specific historically Black college and helps students currently attending that school.

Those interested can call Neil Foote, director of communications for Reach Media at (972) 789-1058, EXT. 320 or e-mail him at neil.foote@reachmediainc.com.

Richardson wants National Baptist Convention post

Special to Sentinel-Voice

Nashville - (BlackNews.com/BlackPR.com) - Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson announced his candidacy for the 2004 presidential election of The National Baptist Convention, USA Inc., this week during the National Baptist Convention's Winter Board Meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

Richardson, senior pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, New York has a history of dedicated

service to the National Baptist Convention holding the position of General Secretary from 1982 to 1994. He was the youngest ever elected to the post. Richardson feels that his previous experience within the NBC and his own ministry has prepared him to lead the NBC. "All of my journey, God has been moving me in this direction," says Richardson. "I want to lead this convention and use it as a vehicle to empower our people and address those is-

suues important to us."

Grace Baptist Church is Westchester County's largest African American church. There, Richardson has led his congregation in the completion of a \$4.2 million church restoration and expansion effort; and, the church has built Grace House, an \$11 million 100-unit senior citizens housing complex.

Richardson has carried his ministry beyond his church to speaking engagements across the nation. He hosts a

nationally broadcast television program called "The Windows of Grace," which airs two times a week on The Word Network (Sundays 7AM and Thursdays 1PM EST) and Major Broadcasting Network (MBC) (Sundays 10:30AM EST and Saturdays/Thursdays 4:30 AM).

The National Baptist is the nation's largest African-American religious organization with approximately 33,000 member churches and 8 million members.

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school district. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 5.

Applications may be obtained at the Clark County Government Center, 500 Grand Central Parkway, Fourth Floor, or KCEP FM 88.1, 330 W. Washington Ave., or high school job banks.

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