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### **“The Unspoken Truths” forum and museum comes to Renton on February 13**

*Discussion and exhibits examines the African-American experience and contributions to society*

**RENTON, WA** - To celebrate Black History Month, the City of Renton and the Renton African-American Pastoral Group (RAAP) are sponsoring “The Unspoken Truths,” Delbert Richardson’s American Traveling Museum and forum on Monday, February 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Living Hope Christian Fellowship, 16015 116th Ave SE, Renton, WA 98058, (425) 226-4130.

The museum will be open for viewing from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., one-half hour before and after the forum.

Mr. Richardson has passionately collected a wide assortment of artifacts that symbolize the African experience in the Americas and Europe before and during American Chattel Slavery. The impact of the Jim Crow Era is also explored.

Some of the artifacts are relics of joyful family moments and others showcase the rich history of the many contributions African-Americans have had on scientific, cultural, and technological innovations in the United States and the world, including the ironing board, cell phone technology, golf tees, and pencil sharpeners. Others artifacts, however, are crude reminders of a painful past: a runaway slave collar from the 1800’s, branding irons, shackles, and a shotgun.

#### ***About the City of Renton***

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 101,300 (2016), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton’s strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found on our website ([rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov)), Facebook page ([CityofRenton](https://www.facebook.com/CityofRenton)) and Twitter ([@CityofRenton](https://twitter.com/CityofRenton)).

#### **About the Renton African-American Pastoral Group**

RAAP is a partnership between the City of Renton and the Renton African-American Pastoral Group designed to facilitate a frank and open dialogue about how the city can encourage and improve communication, involvement, understanding, trust and respect in the Renton community in general, and more specifically between the Renton Police Department and the African-American community in Renton.

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