



***Prince George's
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(D) – District 4***

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COUNCIL MEMBER TURNER HONORS THE LEGACY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN JOCKEYS

Belair Stable Museum pays tribute to African American Jockeys with expanded exhibit

Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid M. Turner (D) – District 4, visited The City of Bowie Museum's new exhibit on African American Jockeys in American Thoroughbred racing at the Belair Stable museum on Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

Council Member Turner was very pleased by the new exhibit. "This is an exhibit that I believe all of the area schools should bring their classes to come and visit. There is so much history to appreciate right here in Bowie and I truly thank Pam, Russ and Jason for all of the effort they have put into this very inspiring exhibit."

Last year, Council Member Turner awarded the Museum a \$1,000 grant to upgrade and reinstall the exhibit.

Pamela Williams, Manager of the Historic Properties and Museums in Bowie expressed her thanks to Council Member Turner for the grant. "We are pleased and excited to have received the grant that has allowed us to do this. These great men set records that stand today and their legacy needs to be touted. They were truly heroes."

The City of Bowie Museums at the Belair Stable has expanded and upgraded its exhibit "America's First Sports Heroes" that includes the history of African American jockeys and their legacy.



Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid Turner (D) – District 4, stands with Pamela Williams, Museums Manager, Russell Davies, Stable Facilities Manager, Jason Illari, Museum Curator and Tomeka Bumbry, Chief of Staff.



A scene from the African American jockey exhibit at the Belair Stable on Belair Drive, in Bowie.

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