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On the Homefront:

The Plano Symphony Guild invites young women in Collin County and surrounding communities to the 2005-2006 Debutante Presentation Program. The Plano Symphony Orchestra's debutante program is a two year program open to high school sophomores to expand their cultural, social and volunteer opportunities. Activities begin in the fall of 2005 and end with a Presentation Ball in November 2007. For financial obligations and more information visit: www.planosymphony.org. Beginning May 3, 2005, Collin County Community College District is offering a new advanced-level Java programming class at its Courtyard Center for Professional and Economic Development (CYC), 4800 Preston Park Boulevard in Plano. The new class, Custom JSP Tag begins this spring. Check out the continuing education schedule online at www.ccccd.edu/ce for more information.

Students can get a slice of convergence technology - and pizza - at the Collin County Community College District (Collin) Engineering and Emerging Technology Pizza Night. The event is slated for 6:30-7:30 pm in room F148 at the Preston Ridge Campus, 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco, TX. To RSVP, email techday@cccdd.edu. For more information, call Ann Blackman at 972-377-1582.

If you represent a nonprofit organization or community service group, join the Plano Independent School District on May 19, 2005 for their Media Access Seminar. They will be discussing how to submit press releases, identify potential sources and handle deadlines. There will also be a question-and-answer session with a panel of representatives from The Dallas Morning News, WFAA-TV (Channel 8), Quick and Al Dia. The seminar is FREE, but space is limited. Register by phone at 214-977-6288 or by e-mail at mediaaccess@dallasnews.com.

On Saturday, May 7, 2005 from 8 am to 11 pm the TLC Scrapbook Get-A-Way Crop will be held at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, between Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads from 8am 'til 11pm! Yes! Crop all day for only \$65! What a deal! Lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided! Pre-registration is required because space is limited. Bring your friends of come alone and make new friends while you celebrate National Scrapbook Day with us. Admission is \$65. For more information contact Lisa Graves at 972.978.3002 or email lisa@tlc-consultant.com or visit www.scrapallday.com.

Thursday, May 12, 2005 from 10 am to 12noon and 2pm to 4pm A Beka Book Home School event will be held at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, between Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads. A home school curriculum and text book sale. Admission is Free. For more information contact Mickey Pierce at 877.223.5226.

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Plano Links "Day At The Races VI" Is A Success



(L-R) Ms. Bernice Washington (Bernice Washington Enterprises, and emcee of the event), Mrs. Joan Haynes, Mr. Marques Haynes (Honorary Chair), Ms. Barbara Steele (General Chairperson), and, Ms. James Murphy Spigner (Co-Chairperson). Day at the Races Page 6

Profit and Loss Statements

By: James Clingman
Those familiar with accounting and business practices, and even many who are not, understand what profit and loss are all about. If you have a small business and apply for a loan, they ask for your P&L statements; they want to know if you are making money or losing money. Collectively, if Black people in the United States check our P&L statement, we will reveal a startling fact. Everyone else is profiting and Blacks are talking a huge loss. If businesses conducted themselves the way we conduct ourselves, vis-à-vis reciprocity in the marketplace, they would be

out of business in a heartbeat. How long will Black folks survive if we continue in the same vein of demanding rather than supplying?

We are spending billions of dollars each year with virtually no return. Their profit; our loss. Black people are buying everything everyone else makes, no matter how ridiculous the item is and no matter how fast the item depreciates. Their profit; our loss. Our people are in love with numbers and names on athletic jerseys, rims that keep spinning when the car stops, soft drinks that embarrass us with their commercials, and fast food restaurants that sell Black history to us - with fries; of course. Their profit; our loss.

Blacks people acquiesce to the so-called "powers that be," Public Enemy notwithstanding, rather than stand up like men and women and fight against what we know is detrimental to our people, especially our children. The media messages and the control of so-called Black Entertainment Television, which has now made yet another move to dumb-down its audience by canceling the 11 pm. news, are indicative of our plight. Talk about mission creep; Viacom has it down to a fine art and a science. Their profit; our loss.

Who knows, maybe Viacom's action will start a trend that will lead to NBC,

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Dallas Mayor Skips Strong Mayor Debate

By: Justin Jones
For months leading up to the May 7 election, Dallas Mayor Laura Miller and her push for a Strong Mayor run city has been a heated debate, and an issue that's raised many opinions across the board.

With that in mind, and with the May 7 election coming down to crunch time, hundreds of South Dallas residents packed Friendship-West Baptist Church to hear city leaders voice their respective pros and cons about the issue during a highly anticipated panel discussion. The majority of the eager and excited crowd was in attendance mainly to hear Miller debate on the Strong Mayor proposal. However, not to the liking of the majority, panel moderator Willis Johnson of KKDA-AM radio station announced during the discussion that Miller couldn't attend, citing she didn't want to miss her son's last basketball game.

Taking Miller's place on the panel was Dallas lawyer Beth Ann Blackwood, who's more than 20,000-signature petition is the main reason that the Strong Mayor measure is on the May 7 ballot.

And many believe Mayor Skips Debate Page 4

Texas Black Invitational Rodeo Turns 20

The Celebration runs May 13 to May 28, 2005

DALLAS— The African American Museum will celebrate the TXU Energy 20th Texas Black Invitational Rodeo on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the State Fair Coliseum in Historic Fair Park.

There are a series of activities leading up to the Rodeo. The Celebration begins with the Rodeo Hoe Down Friday May 13, 2005 at 6:30 pm, Skyline Ranch, 1801 E. Wheatland Road, Dallas TX, for a Rodeo Hoe Down. There'll be food, dancing and all kinds of western fun. Make sure you come wearing your Texas best.

On Saturday May 21, 2005 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Rodeo Camp 101 will be held at the African American Museum. The camp will have something to offer all participants whether they are a veteran Rodeo fan or a neophyte who doesn't know bull dogging from bull riding. The cowboys and cowgirls at the camp will educate participants on the on the fine points of rodeo and give the kids a chance to try their hands at some cowboy skills.

Memorial Weekend, Saturday, May 28, 2005 is Rodeo day. More than 300 cowboys and cowgirls will perform in the State Fair Coliseum at 7:00 pm.

Ticket prices are: Hoe Down, \$15 per person, \$25 per couple; Rodeo Camp is free admission; Rodeo, \$7 reserved seats, \$15 box seats, \$25 VIP Box seats. Tickets are available at the Museum during regular hours; 12 noon - 5:00 pm Tuesday through Friday; 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday and 1:00 pm - 5:00pm Sunday. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster.

For additional information call the Museum at 214 565-9026 ext. 324 for tickets, 214 565-9026 ext 313 for publicity.

Garland Community Activist included among Trailblazer Award Recipients



Community Service Award winner Mrs. Annie Dickson, husband Frank and daughter Tara Chapman.

By: Ruth Furgeson
Dallas-On Saturday, April 23, 2005 the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. (SDBPWC), an affiliate of the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Club hosted their 42nd Annual V. Alyce Foster Trailblazer Awards

Luncheon. The elegant event was held in the Chantilly Ballroom of the Wyndham Anatole Hotel with nearly 500 women beautifully attired primarily in vibrant shades of red and yellow. The organization awarded scholarships and announced

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National Famed Attorney Willie Gary and His Partner CK Hoffer Fight on Behalf of Five - Year - Old Ja'eisha Scott, who was Handcuffed and Shackled by Police Officers



Gary and Hoffer demand change from the Pinellas County School District and Police Department in handling children.

Legal Team Condemn Civil Rights Violations and Police Brutality.

Stuart, Florida - Prominent attorney Willie E. Gary and his partner CK Hoffer of the Florida-based law firm of Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis, McManus, Watson and Sperando P.L., announced

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Not Your Father's Irving

By: Paul Hailey
James Baldwin once said: People can cry much easier than they can change.

Many would say this thought was recently illustrated by campaign ads of Irving mayoral candidate Terry Waldrum. Mr. Waldrum asked residents in a newspaper advertisement if they were "tired of the neighborhood businesses that look like they belong in a third world country" or "West Dallas". The Irving Rambler ran two versions of Mr. Waldrum's ad in the February and March weekly editions.

The ads supplied additional fuel to smoldering tensions between white and minority residents of Irving, with only a few days left until the May 7th election.

Anthony Bond, community activist and past president of the Irving NAACP chapter, expressed both surprise and resentment at the tone of the ads.

"You have to be pretty bold in 2005 to run a racist ad like that," he said. "Waldrum is feeding of the anti-Hispanic sentiment in Irving, the negative feelings that came out

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Local Supporters of Harry LaRosiliere hold Reception



Mrs. TJ Johnson, Mr. Harry LaRosiliere.



(L-R) Mrs. TJ Johnson, Mr. Harry LaRosiliere, and Dr. Myrtle Hightower.



Mr. Jim Boswell and Mr. Harry LaRosiliere.



(L-R) Mr. James Muns, Mr. Harry LaRosiliere and Dr. Myrtle Hightower.



(L-R) Mrs. TJ Johnson, Mrs. Myra Boswell, Mr. Jim Boswell, Mr. Harry LaRosiliere and Dr. Myrtle Hightower.

On Tuesday, April 19, 2005 local Plano residents and community leaders joined Harry LaRosiliere for an evening reception to show support for the candidate. LaRosiliere is currently running against Warner Richeson for Place 5 on the Plano City Council.

The reception, which took place from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, was held at 5508 St. Andrews Ct. in Plano, TX. Reception hosts included Betty and James Muns, Myrtle and John Hightower, Mazzie and Fred Moses, T.J. and Don Johnson, Barbara and Earl Simkins, Hellen and Arthur Young and Myra and Jim Boswell.

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Garland City Council District 8

Election on May 7 - Early vote April 20 - May 3 City Hall (972)205-2000



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972-495-9654 www.vote-dunning.org

Gallery to Host Student Artists for May Exhibit

Stephanie Ward Gallery is gearing up for its second annual student art exhibit and reception on May 21, 2005 from 4-6 pm at 2546 Elm St. in Dallas. The show will feature original artwork on canvas, paper ceramics, furniture and other media created by local high school students. All work entered into the show will be for sale for

under \$600. The exhibit is open to all high school-aged students. The juried show, called "Color Between Spaces," will exhibit the top 45 pieces of work. Students interested in participating in the show should call the gallery at 214 752-5588 or e-mail digital images of their work before May 14, 2005.

DART wants you to Play in May!

Play in May is four great events:

- 1. Cottonwood Art Festival,** May 7-8 at Cottonwood Park (one block east of Coit Road on Belt Line Road)
 - www.cottonwoodartfestival.com
 - Red Line to Arapaho Center Station, then bus route 400 North Irving
- 2. Taste of Addison,** May 13-15 at Addison Circle Park
 - www.addisontexas.net/events/taste_addison/taste_addison_2005
 - Bus routes 31, 36, 183, 341 and 400 to Addison Transit Center
- 3. Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival,** May 20-22 at Galatyn Park (located at Galatyn Parkway and U.S. 75 in Richardson)
 - www.wildflowerfestival.com
 - 972.744.4581
 - Red Line to Galatyn Park Station.
- 4. Artfest 2005,** May 27-30 at Addison Circle Park
 - www.dallasartfest.com
 - Bus routes 31, 36, 183, 341 and 400 to Addison Transit Center

www.playinmay.com

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- www.nba.com/mavericks
- 214.747.6287
- Take any Red or Blue Line train to West End Station, and transfer to any train displaying the word "DART" in its overhead destination signs. If you're already on a train with "DART" in its destination signs, keep your seat. You are on your way to Victory Station at American Airlines Center!

Experience lion dances, martial arts, sumo wrestling and more at Asian Festival 2005.

Saturday, May 14 at Annette Strauss Artist Square, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (located at 1800 Leonard St., in the downtown Dallas Arts District)

- This free daylong event showcases Asian culture and cuisine.
- www.gdaacc.com • 972.241.8250
- Red or Blue Line to Pearl or St. Paul Station

Free concert every Thursday at a downtown Dallas rail station!

- Read **Quick** to see who's performing each Thursday.
- www.DART.org/musicstation
- Performers, venues and times subject to change.

Raise money for Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, one step at a time.



HeartBeat 5K and Healthy Heart Fair
Saturday, May 14 at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. (located at 8200 Walnut Hill Lane)

- www.phscare.org/heartbeat5k/index.htm
- 214.345.6043
- Red Line to Walnut Hill Station or bus routes 501, 505, 506 and 582

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Around The Town

Eyecare America urges seniors to call the Seniors Eyecare Hotline: 1-800-222-EYES (3937). The help-line is intended to remind the senior community about the value of sight and the eye care program is available all year round. For more information log on to: www.eyecareamerica.org.

The African Chamber of Commerce DFW chapter hosts weekly business luncheons every Wednesday from Noon - 1 pm, featuring guest speakers, networking, technical assistance, etc. Location: The Farmers Market Resource Center, 1010 S. Pearl Street—Dallas, TX. For more information call 214-670-5880.

PIP Productions, distributors of the new multi-station show, The Valder Beebe Show, announces The Valder Beebe Show broadcast on "KXVI FM The Bridge Network" each Sunday, from 6 - 7 pm.

City of Allen Teen Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Allen Public Library, located at 301 Century Parkway. For more information, please call 972-727-0195. Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972-548-4114. You can also visit the web at www.co.collin.tx.us.

Teen Graffiti seeks good students who take school seriously. Who knows— you could be Teen Graffiti's Scholar Student of the Year! For contest rules and more

information visit www.teengraffiti.com, call 972-496-9457 or email info@teensreachingteens.org.

Jobseekers

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking of Collin County. The non-profit group oversees several chapters, group meetings from 11:30 am to 1 pm every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. For more information, log on to the Plano Chamber web site at www.planochamber.org.

Dallas County Community College District is looking for potential part-time instructors who can share their expertise and resumes, plus their college transcripts, to the admissions lobby in Building C. Recruiters are seeking adjunct faculty who would be interested in teaching at one of the system's colleges. Persons interested in teaching college credit course part time must have a master's degree and have demonstrable teaching skills. For more information, call Paul Forte in the DCCCD office of human resources at 214-860-2158.

General Information

The Urban League of Garland Community Service Center offers limited financial assistance for utilities, rent and mortgages, for local residents. Other services offered include housing counseling focusing on reverse mortgages, default mortgages, and financial literature for first-time home buyers is available by appointment only. For more information, please contact 214-413-1739.

PEAK Leadership Development - Information Luncheon-PEAK Leadership is an executive

development program for corporate leaders and managers. Lunch is \$5 for individuals interested in an executive leadership development program. For more information contact Wm. Jan Daehnert at 214-808-0849.

The Dance Academy of Pathway of Life Church is registering applicants! Classes are held every Saturday from 10:15 am - 2 pm. Children ages 4 to adult are welcome to learn ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip-hop and musical theater. For more information contact Cyinda Chapman at 214-275-7284 ext. 117.

The work of artist Annie Lee, "Annie Lee: The Artist, Her Life, Her Work" will be exhibited at James E. Kemp Gallery at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL) January 16 - May 14. The artwork may be viewed Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday, Noon - 4:00 pm.

The National Society of Black Marathoners' Association is pleased to present the NBMA Scholarship Program. This program will provide awards to two students for the 2005/2006 academic year. To be considered for these scholarships, students must complete an application demonstrating that all eligibility requirements are met. For more information contact the NBMA at 972-307-8731 or scholarship@blackmarathoners.org.

Teens Reaching Teens, Inc. is sponsoring an amateur poetry contest, FREE to everyone. Prizes will be awarded. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is May 31, 2005. To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: "My Own Words" Poetry Contest, P.O. Box 45271, Garland, TX 75045, you

may also email your entry to info@teensreachingteens.org.

Women Empowerment Meetings and IESP Life Skills Training (Supporting Others Through Mentoring) are two programs that provide life transforming, intellectual, emotional, spiritual and physical life skills training to the community. Meetings are held at 423 W. Wheatland Rd., Suite 101, Duncanville, Texas 75116. For more information call the SOTM office at 972-709-1180.

May 6-May 22, 2005

Dallas Children's Theater presents the first annual Young Adult Festival of Dramatic Works with a series of plays that explore issues affecting young people. Call DCT Box office for tickets or information at 214-740-0051, or log on to www.dct.org.

May 7, 2005

High Tea for Two with Mrs. Serita Jakes of The Potters House ministry sending out a special invitation for sons and daughters to invite their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or that special woman in their lives to come and enjoy this special day in a stunning setting. Ladies from across the metroplex will enjoy an international tea with tasty delights, a breathtaking hat fashion show, and an opportunity to hear Mrs. Jakes discuss the essence of mother-daughter relationships. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information call 214-333-6536.

May 8, 2005

Everyone's favorite Gospel Brunch returns for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8 at Dick's Last Resort in the West End Historic District. Featuring live Gospel music by the incomparable Betty

Lewis and The Angelics, treat Mom to a special, all-you-can-eat brunch with over 35 items including salads, hot entrees, carved beef and ham stations, an omelet station, waffles and desserts. What a deal for only \$16.99 per person; kids under 12 eat for only \$6.99. Brunch is served from 10 am until 3 pm, with seatings at 10 and 11 am, 12 noon, and 1 and 2 pm. Reservations are highly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, call 214-747-0001. For updated information, visit the website at www.dickslastresort.com.

May 13 - 15, 2005

Comedien Mo'Nique will be performing at the Addison Improv located at 4980 Beltline Rd. Mo'Nique established a stand-up career, working high schools and colleges, opening for R&B singers Keith Sweat and Bobby Brown, and reaching a larger audience with appearances on NBC's "Showtime at the Apollo" and HBO's "Def Comedy Jam". In 1999, she starred as Nikki Parker, a plain-speaking and spirited young woman who decides to attend college along with her teenage daughter on UPN's "Moesha" spin-off "The Parkers". In 2004 starred in "Soul Plane," a comedy about the maiden flight of a black-owned airline. For ticket information call 972-4078501 or log onto www.improv.com.

May 18-22, 2005

The 10th Annual Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference will be hosted by General Motors at the Wyndam Anatole in Dallas, TX. For times of the conference and the cost

log on to: http://www.blackenterprise.com/becc.asp.

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Support Groups

"Healing Matters" Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For more information, call 972-519-1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 pm each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Blind Obedience—The Tool Of Religious And Political Dictators

By: James W. Breedlove

Blind Obedience is receiving a fair amount of attention these days in both the religious and political circles. As with most issues that trigger emotions there are extreme viewpoints on both sides firmly embedded in the "I'm right-Your wrong" rationale. This type of environment is the perfect breeding ground for those bent on establishing dictatorial domains.

History books are rife with examples of religious and political power egotists deceitfully using Blind Obedience to induce followers to conform to the leader's self-serving dictates.

Using deceit in the quest for political power is not unique to a single religious sect or political party. All have tried at one time or another to implement Blind Obedience—often using unbelievably horrific methods.

The sadistic abominations that occurred periodically at the hands of misguided secular leaders warrant our utmost contempt but the barbaric cruelties inflicted on believers and non-believers alike in the name of the church goes beyond comprehension. The confluence of church and state in the dark ages did not bode well for those who dared to act or believe in accordance with their own conscience. The same religious doctrines that were implemented during Reformation's darkest days, that crushed human liberty and placed men of God at peril for exposing religious iniquity, stands ready to be recycled.

Perhaps that is why the Constitution of the United States guarantees liberty of conscience. The founding fathers understood that nothing is dearer or more fundamental.

This was not always the case. Pope Pius IX, in his Encyclical Letter of 1854 stated for the church, "The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience are a most pestilential error—and to be dreaded in a state."

History seems to be repeating itself in America as movements to secure the support of the state for the usage of the church are now receiving priority attention. The President goes to war ostensibly guided by God while religious entities dictate onerous civil policies in the name of God. And both want the people to fall in line without question because the anointed leaders claim infallibility.

Religion that focuses on externals is attractive to the unsuspecting. The pomp, ceremony, and rituals of modern church worship exude a seductive, bewitching power, by which many are enticed.

Religious and political groups hold on to their members by stripping them of the ability to make decisions for themselves. A dependency is created that is especially attractive to the disillusioned, minorities and those stuck on the bottom rung of the economic ladder. All that is required in exchange for the kindness and care offered is that you follow some very sensible rules that are designed to help everyone live and work cooperatively together, and to show respect for one another, especially the leader.

At some point the leaders make even the most mundane decisions. These may include such things as: clothing, length of hair, make-up, your possessions and daily routine. Policies and doctrines are made that dictate every aspect of one's life. Disobedience often carries severe social and sometimes even

physical penalties. Do the names Jim Jones (People's Temple) and David Koresh (Branch Davidians) ring a bell?

God's word has given warning of the impending danger from false prophets. There shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. These false prophets shall come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Their fruits will prove them workers of lawlessness.

These religious and political deceivers are silently growing into power. Their doctrines and policies are exerting influence in the legislative halls, in the churches, and in the minds of the downtrodden seeking a small ray of hope. The deceivers are strengthening their forces and await the time when they shall control both church and government to fulfill their selfish ends.

Conscience must be enlightened if it is to seek truth and not deceive. Its development can be wrongly influenced by local customs, worship and habits and can judge matters as right or wrong by using incorrect standards or values. Jesus made a prophecy on this when he foretold that men would kill even God's servants, thinking they were doing Him a service.

Proving one's patriotism to country or faithfulness to a religion doesn't result from blind obedience to authority. There may be no immediate reward but there are dire consequences in submitting sheep like to Blind Obedience under the beguiling hand of religious or political dictators.

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Alix A. Desamours

How much money should you be saving for your retirement? While there's no one right answer for everyone, most financial experts recommend that you put away at least 10 percent of your pretax income every year. Unfortunately, your fellow Americans are not exactly hitting that 10 percent mark; in fact, in 2004, the personal savings rate hovered around 1 percent.

If your name is Bill Gates, saving 1 percent of your pretax income each year would result in quite a nice retirement lifestyle. Sadly, for most of the rest of us, a 1 percent savings rate is probably not going to do it. Consequently, you'll want to ratchet up your savings as much as possible.

How? For starters, figure out how much you actually are putting away. Add up your contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan (including employer matches), IRA contributions and any retirement savings you put in your regular taxable accounts.

If you determine that you're not saving 10 percent, don't panic. You may have many years to go until retirement; if so, you can still get back on track toward

Can You Achieve a Perfect "10"?

your goals. Even if you are within a few years of retirement, you can do a lot to help your cause. In either case, here are a few suggestions to consider:

Increase 401(k) contributions when you get a raise - If you have a 401(k) plan, you've already got a retirement savings vehicle working for you. Your money grows on a tax-deferred basis and you typically make pre-tax contributions, which can help lower your taxable income. To boost your overall retirement savings rate, increase your 401(k) contributions each time you get a raise. In 2005, you can put in up to \$14,000 to your plan, or \$18,000 if you are 50 or older. (You can also put in the same amount to a 457(b) plan, if you work for a state or local government, or a 403(b) plan, if you work for a non-profit organization.)

"Max out" on your IRA - Make a determined effort to contribute the maximum amount to your traditional IRA, which offers tax-deferred earnings growth, or your Roth IRA, whose earnings grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions. In 2005, you can put in up to \$4,000 to either of these IRAs, or \$4,500 if you are 50 or older. To help your savings grow even faster, try to put in your

full IRA contribution as early in the year as possible; this will enable you to take advantage of the power of compounding. But if you can't afford to put in all the money at once, make monthly contributions.

Pay yourself first - If you're saving money for retirement in a taxable brokerage account, contribute whatever you can on a regular basis. Of course, it's not easy to put aside money for investments after you've paid the mortgage, car payment and all your other expenses. That's why you should "pay yourself first" by setting up a bank authorization to move money automatically into the investment vehicle you have chosen.

By following these strategies, you may or may not reach that 10 percent personal savings rate. But at the very least, you'll boost your retirement savings considerably - and that's a 100 percent positive move.

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today that they represent five-year-old Ja'eisha Scott, who was handcuffed and shackled by the St. Petersburg County Police Department after having a temper tantrum at school. Gary and his legal team plan to expose the blatant cruel and unusual punishment suffered by their client. Gary and his legal team also call for the police department and the Pinellas County School District to undergo significant reform so that no other child will be shackled for behavioral challenges. In fact, Gary and Hoffer intend to appeal to police departments nationwide to address police brutality against children.

"It is truly unfortunate that an incident like this could happen in today's society," said Hoffer. "There is no excuse for handcuffing and placing shackles

on a five-year-old child as a means of discipline.

"It is obvious that this young girl is facing some challenges and handcuffing her, placing shackles on her feet and allowing her to remain in a police car for hours, shackled, is not the answer to her problem," continued Hoffer. "In this instance, the punishment does not fit the conduct of the child and, without a doubt, the police used excessive force and violated this child's civil and human rights."

Both national and international civil rights and human rights leaders as well as state and federal legislators have galvanized to address the atrocity of what happened to Ja'eisha Scott.

"This type of oppression forces us to reflect on the values of this country and the civil rights Rosa Parks fought for," said Gary. "We

are seeking justice. It's not right and we intend to do something about it. This issue should be of concern to every parent, mother and father in America because if we allow law enforcement to treat a five-year-old child with behavioral issues as if she were a convicted felon, what's next?"

Gary and his firm are no strangers to seeking justice. They are noted for winning a \$240 million verdict in a case against the Walt Disney Corporation for his clients who alleged Disney stole their idea for a sports theme park. In 2001, a jury awarded Gary a \$139.6 million verdict for the Maris Distributing Company against Anheuser Busch. In addition, Gary was given a half-billion dollar verdict in Jackson, Mississippi, against the Loewn Group, a large Canadian funeral home chain.

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ABC, and CBS canceling their late night news. After all, if the news can be more effective given to us at intervals throughout the day and night, why do we need to have any news at 10 pm or 11:00 pm? Just a thought for Brian Williams and company.

We look on as immigrants move their businesses into our neighborhoods, mumbling and complaining under our breath but crouched at the start-line ready to race to their stores to buy their products. Their profit; our loss.

We stand by, even in towns where we are the majority, while projects funded by our tax dollars are being doled out, yet the lion's share is always given to outside developers, contractors, and workers. The most ridiculous thing is even when we get control of a project some of our people ask, "What's the minority portion of this project?"

A prime example of this "inappropriate behavior" is occurring right now in Cincinnati, Ohio. Check this out: After wresting control of 60 acres of prime real estate by putting some 500 Black families out of their homes (132 of those families had to go into homeless shelters) under false pretenses and lies, the city gave the property to two adjacent Black churches to carry out the rest of their dastardly scheme. The two Black churches, having not raised a hand to stop the takeover, immediately went to work by giving a significant

portion of the deal to a White developer.

To add insult to injury, the two Black churches then brought in a White-owned company to build the houses, despite there being a Black faith-based housing developer in that same neighborhood. The company they brought in has annual revenues that exceed the aggregate revenues of all Black businesses in Cincinnati. As if they had not rubbed Black faces in the mud enough, the White builder, with the help of Black "economic inclusion" experts, puts an article in the local Black newspaper calling for "minority" subcontractors to work on the project.

As I say on my radio show sometimes, "Do we practice being this stupid, or does it just come naturally?" Why do we, even when we get control of economic development projects, continue to play the minority game and act as though there are no Black folks who can develop land and build houses? As Brother Claude Anderson always says, "Black folks can't even do wrong right."

But Steven Biko said, "The greatest weapon in the hand of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed."

Massa doesn't even have to be in the room or in charge of the deal, and some of us will still do his bidding anyway. Carter G. Woodson was so correct in his comment regarding, "If you control a man's thinking..." Their profit; our loss.

Is there a Black CPA out

there somewhere who is willing to do an annual report on our people? Is there an accountant who will show us exactly what our profit and loss statement says about how we spend our money and how we allow others to exploit us? Is there a bookkeeper available who will tell us that it makes no sense to turn over our own projects to White males (the ones who already get 70 percent-85 percent of the contracts anyway) when we finally get control of those projects?

Sadly, by the moves we make and the ones we fail to make, Black people make-profit and loss statements everyday, but they always end up being, "Their profit and our loss."

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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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that if the Strong Mayor ballot becomes implemented, the city manager position will be eliminated and, in theory, the Mayor will have all of the power.

Under the current city charter the appointment, hiring and firing of key department heads, including the city's attorney, secretary, the chief of police and chief of the fire department is appointed by the city council, city manager and human resources director.

But, as an example, under the Strong Mayor proposal, Miller will be responsible for hiring personnel, and all will report to the mayor and not the council.

Should that happen, along with all of the other powers one will have under a Strong Mayor, the majority of African-Americans in attendance voiced their concerns on what impact it will have on black communities.

"Dallas, for years, has treated us (blacks) as the economic stepchild," Friendship-West Baptist Church Pastor Frederick D. Haynes, III, said when addressing the crowd before the panel discussion kicked off.

"Without question this is the most important election we have had in Dallas history."

Aside from Blackwood, joining her on the panel as those for a Strong Mayor was civic and community leader Betty Culbreath and David Laney, who is a former Dallas chairman and is on the Dallas Charter Review Commission.

Also on the panel and against the campaign was Dallas Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill, former council member Don Hicks and Dallas area Rapid Transit Board member Lynn Flint Shaw.

Before the panel discussion started, Blackwood explained why she started the petition for the Strong Mayor proposal.

"The welfare of this city has been heavy on my heart for a long, long time," Blackwood said. "People ask me why did I do this. I got tired Dallas being one of the worst city's (crime rate). I got tired of the unemployment rate. Tired of the tax base and tired of having no-one held accountable. I just want to have a direct say in that."

Prior to Blackwood's reasoning behind the proposal, Dallas City Council representative Veletta Lill voiced her rebuttal to the position. "We are here this evening because somebody decided to rewrite the constitution because they

have been watching the TV," she said of Blackwood.

"I'm only grateful she wasn't C-SPAN, or we would have seen a revolution. Believe in the city and don't believe the hype."

As for the actual panel discussion, each member had two minutes to voice their opinion about the Strong Mayor proposal — or related issues — before the floor was open to questions.

"A lot of people seem to wrap this around the Mayor, but this is the best deal for Dallas, which has been in decline for a number of years," Laney said. "We have more people leaving Dallas than coming in. This is an opportunity for Dallas to change."

A change that Shaw said ancestors in the past fought and died for. "I'm against it (Strong Mayor) because the people who crafted it are against me, and people like me," Shaw said in reference to African-Americans.

"We have the same

problems that other cities with Strong Mayor have. This particular Mayor hasn't proven to be a friend to the African-American community."

As to the panel discussion, Shaw was pleased with the turnout and the response. "I thought it was a shame that Mayor Miller didn't show up to talk to her detractors and that's unfortunate. But I thought that the discussion was a good debate," she said following the event.

"I think that we got a lot of things settled, and I think the people are enthusiastic about voting."

And to Casey Thomas, chairmen of Precinct 4401, that's the most important topic of discussion. "If we don't vote this is all for nothing," Thomas said about the high turnout. "Education is essential. You have to know what the issues are so you can make an educated decision when you go into the polls. That's why this was so important."

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The 10th annual Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference will be held in Dallas for the second year in a row. General Motors is hosting the conference marking the second consecutive year the world's largest vehicle manufacturer has served as title sponsor. This year's event, themed Seasons of Change: Taking Risks, Embracing Opportunities, will be held May 18-22, 2005, at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Texas, and is expected to draw approximately 2,000 of the nation's top African American entrepreneurs and business leaders.

"General Motors' continued dedication to the Entrepreneurs Conference is further testament to the company's dedication to the growth and development of black-owned businesses," says Earl G. Graves Sr., chairman and publisher of BLACK ENTERPRISE.

"Since the event's inception, GM has been an integral part of the success of this conference."

"General Motors is pleased to partner with

BLACK ENTERPRISE on an event that allows us to get further involved with entrepreneurs, businessmen, and women who are full of creative ideas and enthusiasm. These are the types of individuals with whom GM wants to do business," says GM Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Rick Wagoner.

"As a corporation, GM stresses the importance of valuing diversity as good business, and African Americans figure prominently into that equation, whether it's the billions of dollars in purchases from suppliers; the many employees who design, build, and market GM cars and trucks; or the dealers who sell our products."

For 35 years, BLACK ENTERPRISE has addressed the needs of the African American entrepreneur -- both in the pages of the award-winning magazine and through workshops and seminars for established and emerging businesses. BLACK ENTERPRISE began its reporting of the BE 100s in 1973 to highlight the nation's largest black-owned businesses. Motown

Industries, the legendary music recording company founded by Berry Gordy, topped the list then with reported sales of \$40 million. By 2004, the No. 1 BE 100s Company, World Wide Technologies Inc., reported sales of over \$1 billion.

"Clearly, business ownership is a key component to building wealth," says Graves. "African Americans have more access to start-up capital than ever before. The Entrepreneurs Conference seeks to encourage participants to view business ownership as an exciting option and to seize current financial opportunities. Simultaneously, the event maintains an advanced track for established entrepreneurs who seek to further their businesses by networking, strategizing, and gaining further knowledge about the essential tools needed to compete and thrive in today's ultra competitive environment."

For more information and a complete schedule of events for the Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference visit www.blackenterprise.com.

History of Cinco de Mayo

So, why celebrate Cinco de Mayo? Because 4,000 Mexican soldiers smashed the French and traitor Mexican army of 8,000 at Puebla, Mexico, 100 miles east of Mexico City on the morning of May 5, 1862.

The French had landed in Mexico (along with Spanish and English troops) five months earlier on the pretext of collecting Mexican debts from the newly elected government of democratic President (and Indian) Benito Juarez. The English and Spanish quickly made deals and left. The French, however, had different ideas.

Under Emperor Napoleon III, who detested the United States, the French came to stay. They brought a Hapsburg prince with them to rule the new Mexican empire. His name was Maximilian; his wife, Carolota. Napoleon's French Army had not been defeated in 50 years, and it invaded Mexico with the finest modern equipment and with a newly reconstituted Foreign Legion. The French were not afraid of anyone, especially since the United

States was embroiled in its own Civil War.

The French Army left the port of Vera Cruz to attack Mexico City to the west, as the French assumed that the Mexicans would give up should their capital fall to the enemy -- as European countries traditionally did.

Under the command of Texas-born General Zaragosa, (and the cavalry under the command of Colonel Porfirio Diaz, later to be Mexico's president and dictator), the Mexicans awaited their orders. Brightly dressed French Dragoons led the enemy columns. The Mexican Army was less stylish.

General Zaragosa ordered Colonel Diaz to take his cavalry, the best in the world, out to the French flanks. In response, the French sent their cavalry off to chase Diaz and his men, who proceeded to butcher them. The remaining French infantrymen charged the Mexican defenders through sloppy mud from a thunderstorm and through hundreds of head of stampeding cattle stirred up by

Indians armed only with machetes.

When the battle was over, many French were killed or wounded; and their cavalry was being chased by Diaz' horsemen miles away. The Mexicans had won a great victory that kept Napoleon III from supplying the confederate rebels for another year, allowing the United States to build the greatest army the world had ever seen. This grand army smashed the Confederates at Gettysburg just 14 months after the battle of Puebla, essentially ending the Civil War.

Mexicans, you see, never forget who their friends are, and neither do Americans. That's why Cinco de Mayo is such a party -- A party that celebrates freedom and liberty. These are two ideals which Mexicans and Americans have fought shoulder to shoulder to protect, ever since the 5th of May, 1862. Viva! el Cinco De Mayo!!

Source: cincodemayo.org

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in the recent city survey. What leadership in Irving has to understand is that 6 out of every 10 people in Irving are either Black, Hispanic or Asian. Change is going to happen."

Mr. Waldrum did not return calls or emails to MON-The Gazette regarding this story.

The vast differences in perception of Irving's potential racial divisions are evident in the varied answers of the mayoral candidates to questions about race. When asked if there is underlying racial tension between whites and Hispanics in Irving, candidate Marvin Randle responded with a terse "No."

Incumbent mayor Joe Putnam gave a more realistic answer.

"It is clear that changing demographics have created apprehension among long-term Anglo residents, as shown in the citizens survey," he said.

The divide between the vision for an old and a new Irving was summed up in the comments of candidate

Herbert Gears, who has the endorsement of every Irving civil rights organization.

Mr. Gears responded: "My goal, as the political leader, is to re-invent Irving's identity into that of an international city. We have a very diverse population and we are next to a large international airport. We should celebrate our diversity and avail ourselves of the opportunities that brings."

The most progressive comments came from candidate Owen DeWitt.

"Whites are becoming a minority in Irving," he said. "With that comes a handoff of political power." Mr. DeWitt also pointed out how the cultural divide in Irving is evident in the way the city celebrates.

"Our Fourth of July celebration should not just be one stage featuring the symphony, but four or five stages representing different parts of our cultural diversity."

Candidate Thomas Spink suggested an approach of leadership and education.

"We need to create name

recognition for all minority leaders that have ability. It's not just Hispanics, we have no African Americans on the city council," he reflected. "The city needs that input, they should be represented."

He further remarked, "We should provide grants and loans for education so the people that are best qualified to represent their community are given the opportunity to

become leaders."

Political change, like all other change is inevitable. The challenge of political leaders in Irving is how to address the needs of the new majority without disenfranchising and alienating those that are used to controlling the political landscape. That challenge and the change associated with it will not be easy. Crying is easy. Change is not.

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The Plano North Metroplex Chapter of The Links Incorporated held its annual recognition luncheon and silent auction last month at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie. This year's theme was "Day at the Races VI Le Chapeau Affaire" and it certainly was another memorable event complete with unique hats worn by the Lady Links.

Luncheon Co-Chairman James Murphy Springer welcomed guests to the auspicious occasion. Emcee Bernice J. Washington of Bernice J. Washington Enterprises introduced the Honorary Chair, former Harlem Globetrotter Marques Haynes.

Following Haynes keynote address, Chapter President Lucy Allen introduced the national and area officers. And the twenty-three event sponsors including title sponsor The Warrior Group were recognized by General Chair Barbara P. Steele.

As is customary, the ladies concluded the program with the annual "Mad Hatter's" contest

with prizes given for the fanciest, most frivolous and dapper chapeaus (hat).

Throughout the luncheon members and their guests bid on

various items to raise funds to support The Dallas Black Dance Theater and community programs of the Plano North Metroplex Chapter.



Former Harlem Globetrotter, Marques Haynes, (Honorary Chair) addressed the Plano Links and their guests during the annual luncheon.



One of the many hats displayed at the event.

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XXX: State of the Union

By: Kirk Honeycutt
Bottom line: Ice Cube keeps the action-movie franchise alive with a pleasing one-two punch of humor and burly physicality. With "XXX: State of the Union," a follow-up to the original "XXX," its producers have clearly positioned the action-thriller franchise as a film series with a twist: Its death-defying protagonist will change with every new movie, thus allowing the filmmakers to build each episode around the personality of that actor. While "State of the Union" shows little interest in challenging the extreme stunts of the first Van Diesel movie, guest star Ice Cube is a much more ingratiating and amusing personality, so the movie has a better balance between its implausible stunts and characters. The movie, directed by James Bond refugee Lee Tamahori, should draw at least some of the action fans that made the first film a \$276.8 million worldwide success. Plus, Ice Cube gives the film street cred, so it should bring in an even greater urban audience. "State of the Union" is a throwback. The hero uses no martial arts; he simply slugs it out with opponents until he prevails. Vehicle mayhem and explosions are

emphasized over CGI. And writer Simon Kinberg deploys racial humor and political situations that feel a tad antique. Indeed this alternate reality of the current state of our union, channeled from John Frankenheimer's "Seven Days in May," imagines a popular sitting U.S. president (a stiff Peter Strauss) determined to cut military spending and a renegade Secretary of Defense (Willem Dafoe, almost as stiff) willing to stage a coup to



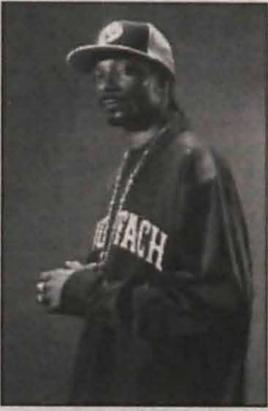
thwart that ambition. A raid on the National Security Agency's top-secret Virginia headquarters results in many dead agents, but the prize, Samuel L. Jackson's agent Augustus Gibbons, returning from the first film, escapes. Suddenly, Gibbons needs a new Agent XXX -- that last one died, someone says -- to get to the bottom of this home-grown terrorism. Only his choice, ex-Special Ops soldier Darius Stone (Ice Cube), is in military prison. You would think a top NSA agent could snap his fingers and his man would be

released, but then you wouldn't understand the action requirements of "XXX" movies. Darius must escape his high-security lock-up through fights, chases, rooftop leaps and a helicopter rescue. Once inside the Beltway, the world shrinks to the point where all the characters have a past with one another. The Defense Secretary is the guy responsible for having Darius imprisoned (for breaking his jaw). Augustus and Secretary Deckert have also clashed previously, creating no little animosity between them. And Darius instinctively seeks help from an old flame, Lola (the spectacular Nona Gaye), an improbably chop-shop operator who runs an equally improbable car-theft ring just down the street from the White House. Darius and gadget expert Toby Lee Shavers (Michael Roof), another returnee from "XXX," gradually uncover a plot against the U.S. government. Yet Deckert and his nasty toady, FBI agent Kyle Steele (Scott Speedman), seem two or three

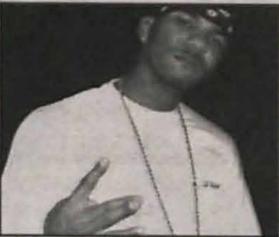
steps ahead of the heroes, while a beautiful senatorial aide named Charlie (Sunny Mabrey) switches sides more often than a politician in an election year. Essentially, the film comes down to Ice Cube's line that the fate of the Free World lies in the hands of "a bunch of hustlers and thieves." Ice Cube's burly physique -- more that of a tenacious linebacker than a quick-responding half back -- makes for a different kind of action hero. Surly stares and glowering cynicism replace the bon mots of the more suave international spies of moviedom. But Ice Cube certainly has his own brand of cool that covers up the widest plot holes and lamest stabs at humor. Jackson gives the film an indispensable whiff of reality, but apparently Dafoe has run out of ways of making villains interesting. Tamahori, who showed promise as an eclectic and edgy director early in his career, now seems content to guide large-scale, impersonal Hollywood productions to the screen. At least he's getting good at that game. "State of the Union" is a smooth blend of visual special effects, exceptional stunts, fluid photography, sharp design and a possible best-selling soundtrack into a box office package. I'm taking bets now, though: The next Agent XXX will be a woman. **Columbia Pictures PG-13**

West Coast Rap comes to Dallas when Snoop Dogg and The Game Perform on May 13th

On Friday, May 13, 2005 Snoop Dogg and The Game will be performing in concert at The Smirnoff Music Centre at 1818 First Avenue in Dallas, TX at Fair Park. Their much anticipated tour comes to a close in three weeks. The 2005 concert tour kicked off April 15, 2005 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and will wrap up on May 29, 2005 in Vancouver, Canada. Last month twenty additional dates were added to their "How The West Was One" tour. The two rappers have already toured together in Europe, but this is their first time touring together in the U.S. Snoop is promoting his latest album, R&G (Rhythm & Gangsta): The Masterpiece, which has sold more than 1.5 million copies since it was released in November. The Game is promoting his debut set,



Snoop Dogg



The Game

the Documentary, which has sold 1.8 million copies since it was released in January. The concert at The Smirnoff Music Centre begins at 6:30 pm. For ticket information contact ticketmaster at 214-373-8000 or logon to www.ticketmaster.com. For directions and concert information call 214-421-1111. Details for the additional performances to be held in Texas are as follows:
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the 2005 Trailblazer, business and community award honorees, including MON-The Gazette advisory board member, Mrs. Annie Dickson. For her many years of committed community involvement, Dickson received the Community Service Award.

The luncheon is named in honor of SDBPWC charter member, Ms. V. Alyce Foster; who also served as the local chapter's sixth president. The luncheon is a fundraiser activity for the many scholarships given to local high school seniors annually.

Members and guests enjoyed a video presentation prepared by Rapture Productions, interviewing former scholarship recipients. The video included those now serving in the community as principals, entrepreneurs and executives. Lew Blackburn, an account support consultant with Hewlett Packard, echoed others by sharing how much it meant to him as a young man to receive "the recognition that you have made efforts in your high school career." He felt encouraged and charged to try to give back to his community.

The audience received a special unannounced treat - Ms. Sherry Boone, currently on stage in the lead role of Eliza Doolittle at the Dallas Theater Center's production of "My Fair Lady" sung the well-known solo from the play "I Could Have Danced All Night." Ms. Boone is opera trained and has a glorious voice. The production has received such rave reviews and audience response that the current



Guest (Name Unknown), Councilman Leo V Chaney, President Frances Langston, Gilbert Willie, accepting award on behalf of Jamie Foxx, and guest (Name Unknown).

engagement of the play is extended through May 8th.

The keynote speaker was National President of the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc., Mrs. Peola Smith-Smith. Mrs. Smith-Smith, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana and long-time educator was delighted to address the theme of "Partnering with the Community: Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today." She pointed out that because we will always have children at

Smith-Smith.

She challenged the audience to remember some of the students labeled at risk today could blossom into the Trailblazers of tomorrow. "When children are suspended from school, girls become pregnant and juvenile crime increases we must be willing to form partnerships with our schools, she admonished the attendees. "We need tutors and mentors; and business owners need to be willing to employ these children."

Smith-Smith closed with, "You do make a difference - and the difference is you."

The 2005 Trailblazers were: Donna Barefield, D.D.S., M.S., a pediatric dentist; Debbie Behan Garrett, expert on Black Doll collecting; Lauren McDonald, M.D., first African-American chairperson of the Parkland Hospital Board; Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr., first African-American United Methodist Bishop assigned to this conference; Hiawatha Williams, owner of Williams Fried

Chicken and only African-American supermarket owner in Dallas and Annie Dickson, community leader.

Community Service Award recipient, Mrs. Annie Dickson, was the first African-American to serve on the Garland City Council. In recognition of her commitment to the community, Dickson has received over thirty community awards from church, city, state and national organizations. Dickson continues to passionately serve the community through such organizations as the Multicultural Commission in the City of Garland of which she is the chairperson.

Although Dickson could easily sit back satisfied that she has amply given back to her community, she continues to press on because she remains committed to the underserved neighborhoods in Garland. Her latest award was received humbly saying; "It is indeed an honor because it reminds me of the people leading me to bring me to this point."

Dickson identified Mrs. Gwen Daniels, as one such person because; "Gwen Daniels has always pushed me to excellence. Everyone needs a hero like that!"

Daniels has lived and served in the Garland community and was co-chair for the SDBPWC luncheon. When asked what led her to join the South Dallas organization Daniels shared, "I wanted to give back to the community I grew up in [South Dallas]."

The afternoon closed with a presentation of academic scholarships totaling \$33,000 to twelve area high school seniors. The scholarships were funded with a donation of \$10,000 from United Parcel

Service (UPS), business and individual underwriting, and luncheon ticket sales. The students were awarded a financial gift ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Casey D. Gerald, academically ranked #1 at South Oak Cliff High School

with a grade point of average of 3.9, received the Alberta Blair Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 and the Youth Achiever Award. He plans to attend Yale University and pursue a degree in Sports Management.



Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr.; Woman of the Year Joy L. Wallace; Annie L. Dickson; Humanitarian Emma M. Rollins on the Dias.

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Sister Tarpley

There are plenty of news reports describing how mothers are abusing, and killing their children because of the stress in their lives. The evening news carried a story about three young children that died within the last three months by the hands of their mother. Being a mother has never been easy, but especially in this day and time because of (many times) self-imposed pressures, lack of moral values, and leaving God out of lives, and daily decision making.

This coming Sunday is Mother's Day. My column this week is a tribute to all Godly mothers. Godly mothers are not just birth mothers; they are stepmothers too! (God only knows what many stepmothers go through.) They are grandmothers and some great grandmothers, mother-in-laws, church mothers, and mothers that have adopted children. They are little old ladies in neighborhoods that help watch out for children. They are also mothers that gave up a child for adoption because she believed (right or wrong) that it was better for the child to give him or her up.

There is no comparison to Godly mothers; may God continue to richly bless each and every one of you. This Sunday, if you wear a red rose (for a mother who is alive), a white rose (for a deceased mother), or like I have since my mother's death in 1984, no rose at all (at first because it

A Tribute To Godly Mothers

was too painful for me to wear a white rose; and because I know that my mother is alive in Heaven,) thank God for your mother. No one else will love you more, or as unconditionally!

Mother, These Are the Gifts that I would Like to Give to You: A Heartfelt Thank-You for all of the things you do or have done for me. My Assurance that I really do remember the things that you taught me; and I always will. Plenty of Reasons for you to feel proud of me, which I will achieve



Picture of The Week
Minister Greg Tarpley, Sr.; Mother Varnell Tarpley; and Pastor Lisa Tarpley, Overseer of Community Outreach Ministry as they display an article honoring the late Reverend Nathaniel Tarpley (father and husband) in MON-The Gazette.

by always striving to be, and to do my best. A Sincere Apology for any and all headaches that I caused you when I was growing up. A Gift Certificate of Love to be redeemed anytime, and as many times as you want for anything that I can ever do for you. My Promise that no matter how far away from home that I may travel, you are never far from my heart. My Continued Commitment to our family and the values that you have taught me. My Recognition for all the great things that you have done in your life (not the least of which was me!) An Invitation to always be a part of my life, and to never feel that you have to ask. A Bunch of Wishes that you have the peace, joy, and happiness in your

life, which you are so deserving of. My Love forever and always. -Anna Marie Edwards.

I Love You, Mother: Mother, you have always been to me a blessing and an inspiration, giving me security within your love. I know that I do not always follow the path that you might choose. I realize how much you wish to save me from the hurt of life, wishing for me to make only wise choices. Your pride in me is one of my most valued treasures, and when you are disappointed in me, I hurt too.

You have taught me through love an experience those things that make me who I am, and you give me the strength to believe in myself. You have shown me my ability to fulfill the potential that we all have. I may not always choose the easy path, and I may sometimes be wrong, but I have learned to make my own decisions, based on what I believe is right at the time - realizing that time may change my decision. Though you may not always understand my actions or my deeds, please know in your heart and soul that you, dearest Mother, are important to me.

Regardless of the path I walk, I will always respect your judgment, though I may not always accept it as my own. I love you, Mother, and I only hope that I can give to others as much of myself as you have given of yourself to me. -Teresa L. Cornett.

Please feel free to use anything you see in this column as a basis for you to pay a tribute to your mother.

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May 12 - 14, 2005

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70th Church Anniversary and "Rally Sunday"

On May 1st, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church celebrated their 70th Church Anniversary in their 8:00 am and their 10:45 am Sunday Morning Services. Rev. Lloyd Hall, Pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church in Dallas was the guest speaker for the 8:00 am service, Sister Shenetha Preston was the Mistress of Ceremony, Sister Velma Wooley did the Welcome & Occasion, and Minister Paul Franklin emphasized the theme, "Let The Church Be The Church" his scripture was Acts 2:42-47. Speaking from Ezekiel 47:1-5, 8, his message was "Wade In The Water." He cautioned the audience about being: Ankle deep Christians, knee deep Christians, or waist (loins) deep Christians in the Word of God. He said it is better to be a river that that the Word of God could not pass over.

Dr. Mack Flemming, Senior Pastor of Freedom Missionary Baptist Church was to be the guest speaker in the 10:45 am service.

In attendance for both services was the Honorable Don Hill,

Deputy Mayor Tem for the City of Dallas. He was visiting Pilgrim Rest, as other Council members were visiting other churches. They were joining local Black Churches in their "Rally Sunday" urging all Dallas citizens to get out the vote on May 7th to defeat Proposition 1 (the Blackwood Plan.)

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Hill asked the citizens not to give that

much power to any one person. He reminded the congregation that the "No Vote" on May 7th is about ensuring that all citizens of Dallas are equally represented in the decision-making process. He said that Dallas has a history of discrimination, and at this time we must come together in a show of unity to voice our concerns for the future of Dallas.



(L to R) Rev. Lloyd Hall, Pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church in Dallas; Dr. C.W. Wallace, Pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Dallas; and The Honorable Don Hill, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, City of Dallas at Pilgrim Rest's 70th Church Anniversary and "Rally Sunday."

Mother's Day Service at Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano to Include Flower Communion

Sunday, May 8, 2005 Rev. Priscilla Richter Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano will preach on Phoenix Rising and the service will include the traditional Flower Communion. During this special ceremony, church members bring beautiful flowers to the symbolic and meaningful service celebrating unity amidst diversity.

The Flower communion service was created by Norbert Capek (1870- 1942), who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. He introduced this special service to The Flower communion service was created by Norbert Capek (1870- 1942), who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. He introduced this special service to that church on June 4, 1923. For some

time he had felt the need for some symbolic ritual that would bind people more closely together. The format had to be one that would not alienate any who had forsaken other religious traditions. The traditional Christian communion service with bread and wine was unacceptable to the members of his congregation because of their strong reaction against the Catholic faith. So he turned to the native beauty of their countryside for elements of a communion which would be genuine to them. This simple service was the result. It was such a success that it was held yearly just before the summer recess

of the church. The flower communion was brought to the United States in 1940. By exchanging flowers, the participants show their willingness to walk together in our Search for truth, disregarding all that might divide them. Each person takes home a flower brought by someone else - thus symbolizing our shared celebration in community. This communion of sharing is essential to a free people of a free religion.

The Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano is located at 2875 E. Parker Road, Plano, TX 75074.

Send your church announcements to religion@monthegazette.com or fax to 972-516-4197 c/o Church Happenings. Deadlines are Fridays before publication date. (MON-The Gazette is published each Thursday.)

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NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

Last day is Saturday, May 7, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
NDCBF's Christian Education Department will start their Session 2, Saturday Morning Courses: 1) Evangelism and Discipleship 2) Advanced Bible Study Methods 3) Proverbs and Ecclesiastes: Wisdom for the World, and 4) FDIC Money Smart.

May 10, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
NDCBF will start their Session 2, Tuesday Evening Courses: 1) Issues & Answers: A Biblical Perspective 2) Biblical Business Development Christian Ethics 3) The Book of Acts: From Religion to Relationship 4) Bible Study Methods (formerly named How to Study the Bible) 5) The Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John 6) The Origin and Development of the Black Church: 1600-Present.

For further information about NDCBF's Christian Education Department and registration fees, please contact Associate Pastor T. Roche Coleman, Th.M. at 972-437-3437, Ext 102.

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Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
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OAK CLIFF BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

May 7, 10:00 am
FACT: There are more than 6,000 children in DFW without a permanent family, so please join us and learn more about becoming a foster or an adoptive parent. All children need love and stability.

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PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

May 7, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mother's Day Brunch
May 8, 10:45 am
Mother's Day Service
May 14, 10:30 - 1:00 pm
GA Girls Spring Tea
May 16, 7:00 pm
First meeting of our new "Sisterhood" organization at the church; all females (every age group) of our church are welcome to join us. Pastor Wallace will speak at the first meeting.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Dr. Curtis Wallace, Pastor
1819 N. Washington Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
214-823-7308

ST. LUKE AME CHURCH

(aka - SLAME)
May 15, 3:30 pm
Please join us for our spirit-filled service, "The Day of Pentecost."

May 21, 8:00 am
You are invited to our 2nd Quarterly ROTC (Reaching Out to The Community). You don't want to miss this stimulating time.

May 22, 3:30 pm
WMS Silver Sisters Annual Tea; this is ladies getting together and having a great time.

May 25, 7:15 pm
The public is invited to hear a motivated speaker for our Wednesday Night Live program. Come join the uplifting and enlighten program.

For more information, please contact the Church Administrator, RaQuell Thirdgill.

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May 14, 7:00 pm
We proudly announce our 2nd Annual Awards Gala at the Wyndham Anatole, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207. Our theme is, "It's The Vision of Empowerment."

Our Keynote speaker is three-times Emmy Nominee Jeff Branson, and our Mistress of Ceremony is Ms. Lynn Briggs of 107.5, "The Oasis."

Awards will be given for: "Source" to David Rivers, NBA Championship Player for the LA Lakers & Clippers; "Woman of the Year" to Cheryl Smith, Community Activist & Journalism Professor at Paul Quinn College, and renowned host of KKDA, 730 AM; "Mother of the Year" to Judy Frazier, Community Activist; "Community Service" to Larry James, CEO of Central Dallas Ministries; and "Community Outreach" to Evangelist Sylvia Pope, Community Leader.

From the desk of Dallas Mayor Laura Miller, Councilman Leo Chaney will present the "Key to the City of Dallas," and a Proclamation to the keynote speaker, Jeff Branson.

For more information, contact Miisha Shabazz, Public Relations Director @ 817-930-0469 or Deborah Williams, Founder @ 214-500-2115.

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