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On the Homefront:

The Life Enrichment Boot Camp will host an interactive workshop that uses experiential games, drills and competitions to improve relationships. Admission Charge: \$700 per person. For more information contact: 972-699-8886 or visit www.lifeenrichmentbootcamps.com. This event will take place at The Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, from Wednesday, May 18, 2005 through Saturday, May 21, 2005. The event times are as follows: Wednesday – Friday 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm and Saturday, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

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 All Day. The seminar is FREE, but space is limited. Register by phone at 214-977-6288 or by e-mail at mediaaccess@dallasnews.com.

There will be an End of School Concert at The Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway and Jupiter Roads. The concert will be given on Friday, May 20, 2005 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Nine bands: Dorian Grey, Juliette, Ashwin, Easy Crowd, John Connor, Scarlet Affair, and Day at the Fair, Minority and 1 more TBA! Free Stuff! The place to be after school! Admission: \$12 day of show; \$10 advance. For more information contact Mike Ziemer at 214-697-8857 or email info@thirdstringpr.com or visit www.thirdstringpr.com.

On May 21, 2005, Plano Chapter of the American Sewing Guild Presents a Community Service Sew-In. This national nonprofit organization is dedicated to advancing sewing as an art and life skill – providing information, education, and programs for its members and the community. Membership in the guild is open to the public and guests are welcome to attend. For more information, the American Sewing Guild's website is www.asg.org. The Plano Chapter's website is www.planoasg.org.

On Monday, May 23, 2005, there will be a Plano City Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers. The actual location of the meeting will be at the Municipal Center, 1520 Avenue K, Plano, Texas.

On Tuesday, May 24, 2005 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Plano Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Business Luncheon will be held at The Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway and Jupiter Roads. Chamber luncheon features: Leadership, Plano Graduation Ceremony and Keynote Address by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. Admission is \$28 for chamber members; \$35 for non-members; Advance Reservations required. For more information call 972-424-7547 or visit www.planochamber.org.

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Red Cross Partners with African American Pastors' Coalition



Walter Johnson, Jr. smiles with joy as he stands behind his mother, Mrs. Lisa Johnson

By: Audrey Lundy

With a fresh low haircut and big brown button eyes, Walter Johnson is all smiles. As the little boy chases his little brother through a school hall in Lancaster, he is not concerned about his situation.

"I like playing with my brother and I like basketball and I really like playing duck duck goose," said Walter, as he sits on a couch to rest. "I have a good life now but sometimes I still get sick."

Walter, an African American six year-old boy from Desoto, suffers from Sickle Cell Anemia. Because of the disease, little Walter has needed more than seven blood transfusions.

Helping to save the life of Walter and many other youngsters is what triggered the American Red Cross Blood Services and the African American Pastors' Coalition, a group of senior pastors and clergy in the DFW area, to work together.

From April 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006, the Red Cross and the Coalition have joined forces and launched a scholarship pilot program called, "Together We Can Save a Life."

With the support of over 70 pastors, the Red Cross will hold ongoing blood drives at local churches. If the Red Cross collects 2,700 units of blood at the end of the pilot,

the Red Cross will donate \$5,000 in college scholarship funds for local youth.

"Many of us probably know of someone in our family who needed blood but we still tend not to donate," said Rev. David Henderson, an officer of the coalition and senior pastor of Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Oak Cliff. "To be honest, it's fear and a lack of knowledge as to why many African Americans don't donate blood."

"But through this pilot program, we will help educate our community and most of all help save precious lives."

Walter Johnson, Jr., little Walter's father, said he is thrilled to hear about the partnership and believes it will make a difference for many children.

"There are some children in the hospital every month for a blood transfusion," said Mr. Johnson, who is the Dean of Students at Bishop Dunne Catholic School in Oak Cliff. "I really believe a lot of people don't donate blood because they don't see the instant gratification or the benefit and that's sad."

Red Cross officials agree with Mr. Johnson that local residents must be better informed about who can donate blood and the importance of blood donations.

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Friendship's 24th Church Anniversary



Dr. C. Paul & Mrs. Ida McBride at Friendship's 24th Church Anniversary

By: Sister Shirley Tarpley
 Dr. C. Paul & Mrs. Ida McBride, and Friendship Baptist Church family in The Colony welcomed everyone to their Spring Revival and 24th Church Anniversary Services last week; and judging from the close-out service on Sunday, the members, family,

and friends met the, "Conditions For a Revival" which was their theme; with scripture: II Chronicles 7:14.

Thursday night started the revival with Rev. Herbert Walters, Pastor of Good Faith Baptist Church in Plano preaching; the

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Inappropriate Behavior

By: James Clingan

The current discussion among Black folks and Whites alike is the behavior of the children, that's right, I said children. Much of the conversation is centered on the little girl in St. Petersburg, Fla. who was handcuffed. There is another case of a 10 year-old boy in Philadelphia, and then there is the quiet case of the handcuffed 5-year-old in the city that leads the nation in these kinds of acts, the city Kweisi Mfume called "ground zero," the city in which a blind man was issued a jay-walking ticket and a grandmother was brought to court for dropping quarters into expired parking meters for strangers: Cincinnati, of course.

The handcuffing incident has caused some to get on their high horse and lambaste the 5-year-old and his mother, with some even saying the kid "deserved" to be handcuffed. After all, he was acting out, and if his mother won't discipline him, the police should. I

agree that his mother and all parents should discipline their children, but it's a stretch to think that most 5-year-old children won't act out or hit another child who hit them, which was the sin of the boy in Cincinnati. We adults seem to forget that we were children once, and we get holier-than-thou and self-righteous in a heartbeat.

The sad part is our penchant to get that way when it comes to our children. First, we turn them over to someone else to be educated and then condemn them for their behavior. I am not saying this child was taught to do what he did by the school system, but look around at our teens and young adults and see what their "education" has done to them. To further exacerbate the situation, we went along with the school system when they took away the disciplinary authority of the teachers. Thus, the first thing they do when a problem occurs is call the police – on 5-year-olds.

Claud Anderson coined the term, "inappropriate behavior" to capture

the essence of our problems in this country, especially when it comes to economic empowerment. He wants us to see how inappropriate it is for Black people to do such things as turn our children over to others to educate, how it makes no sense to pay people who abuse you, and how ridiculous it is for Black folks to rely on White society for our sustenance. Let's take a look at some instances of inappropriate behavior among our learned, sacrosanct adults who, unlike children, should know better.

It is inappropriate for Black folks to rail against unfairness and "inequality" and wait for the Establishment to make things right. It is inappropriate for us to complain about "foreigners" coming into our neighborhoods and opening a store that we could have opened prior to their arrival. It is inappropriate for Black folks to support other charities and causes without having first supported our own. It is inappropriate for our people to

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Party of Lincoln wants blacks back

By: Joyce King

Last month, I was invited to a church service to hear a man that Time magazine once dubbed "the next Billy Graham." Bishop T.D. Jakes, the internationally known minister of The Potter's House, a non-denominational church in Dallas, extended a welcome to all first-time visitors. But there were three people in the audience he acknowledged by name.

One was the new Dallas Mavericks basketball coach, Avery Johnson. The second was me. I wrote a book about a hate crime in Jasper, Texas. Even more stunning was the third guest. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, was greeted enthusiastically by the largely African-American crowd.

Hutchison isn't alone when it comes to powerful Republicans who aren't waiting until election time to reach out to blacks. The GOP's effort began last year when President Bush addressed the National Urban League. Ken Mehlman, the national party chairman, has been especially aggressive in urging African-Americans to consider a return to the "party of Lincoln."

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In the City of Garland it's Family First

By: Justin Jones and Ruth Furgeson

Family is extremely important. So key that on in April Garland, along with WFAA Channel 8, celebrated the city's "Family First Day" by hosting an array of events that showcased just that. Starting with a Pep Rally on the Square in downtown Garland, the city also held a



Ruby Armstrong, Garland Independent School District Counselor.

luncheon which featured guest speaker and Channel 8's own John McCaa, a Family First Expo and Garland Community Festival. "...Family First Day is a chance for us to celebrate what we have here in Garland," event organizer Patty Granville, director of Garland's cultural facilities, said.

In opening the luncheon, Mayor Bob Day briefly welcomed everyone. Curtis Culwell gave updates on the Garland ISD.

Culwell talked about the new Special Events Center, a full arena that will accommodate 7,000 people, that is almost complete and he noted that the district was recognized as one of the top districts in the nation for fine arts. "Today is a chance for us to highlight those things that are everlasting," Culwell said, "and that's family."

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Tulsa's 'Black Wall Street' Victims Still Waiting for Justice

By: Hazel Trice Edney
 WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Nine-year-old Hazel Franklin was awakened from her sleep by the sound of her father's loud voice around 5:30 am June 1, 1921.

"He told my mother, 'We've got to go.' He said, 'We've got to get out now. They're burning up the town.'"

For a moment, her father, Jackson W. Franklin, tried to convince her mother, Francis, to take the children and leave as he stayed to defend the family home with a pistol.

"But she stood her ground, 'If you don't go, we don't go.'"

Within minutes, the Franklin family, three children and their parents, with nothing more than a change of clothing in a sack, fled their Tulsa home, which was later destroyed by an angry White mob.

What has been called the worst riot in American history was triggered by an accident. Dick Rowland, a 19-year-old African-American,

accidentally stepped on the foot of Sarah Page, a White elevator operator in a downtown Tulsa office building. She attempted to hit Rowland with her purse and he quickly fled.

After being told by Page that the young man attempted to assault her – a story that was later changed to his having grabbed her – police arrested Rowland.

Word spread among Whites that Rowland had attempted to rape Page and more than 400 Whites intent on lynching the Black teenager gathered at the county jail. Meanwhile, two waves of armed Blacks showed up at the jail, offering to help protect the prisoner. The second wave of Blacks, like the first, was told their services were not needed. As they began to depart, a White man, possibly a deputy, attempted to disarm one of the African-Americans and a shot was fired. Other shots

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Plano ISD Adopts Destination Success™

Texas District Chooses Riverdeep's Award-Winning Courseware To Help Battle the Achievement Gap.

The Plano Independent School District has adopted Riverdeep's award-winning Destination Success™ to help close the achievement gap among at-risk students.

As part of the implementation, the district will make Riverdeep's Destination Reading® and Destination Math® courseware available in all of its 42 elementary schools and anticipates it will be used by special-needs students in many of

its middle schools as well. In addition, students will be able to access lessons from home via the Internet.

Teachers and administrators will also have use of the Destination Success Learning Management System which will allow them to assess students and automatically prescribe student lessons based on individual needs, and view how students are progressing toward mastery of Texas' academic standards.

According to Plano Superintendent Dr. Doug Otto, the adoption is part of the

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Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Awards College Scholarships to Local High School Students



(L to R) Scholarship winner Adrienne Scruggs, Scholarship Committee Chair Earl Simpkins, Sr., and 2nd Vice Basileus Ronald Silas.



Courtney Lloyd, who plans to attend University of Southern Mississippi accepts the scholarship award from Scholarship Committee Chair Earl Simpkins, Sr.



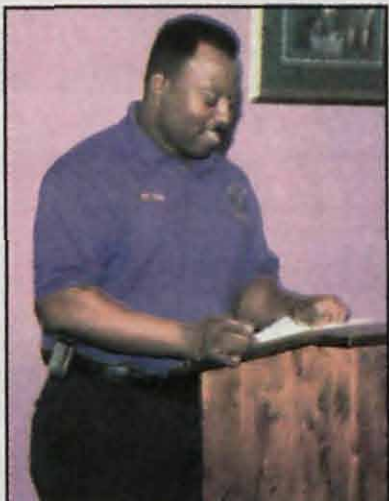
(L to R) Alpha Iota Iota Chapter Basileus Norris Bishop with scholarship winners: Desmond Ellington, Courtney Lloyd, Adrienne Scruggs, Amy Ogbonnaya, Johanna Nchekwube and Dr. James Guess.



Scholarship winner Desmond Ellington shares his plans for attending college at UNT in the fall with the luncheon attendees. Mr. Ellington is also interested in TCU and would like to transfer to the university after two years at UNT.



Parents and Omega chapter members applaud as Scholarship Committee Chair Earl Simpkins, Sr. recognizes the award recipients.



Scholarship Committee member Dr. James Guess exhorts the high school students to remember where they have come from while in college as he delivers that keynote address.

On Saturday, May 14, 2005, the brothers of the Alpha Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held their first scholarship awards luncheon at Tito's Restaurant in Collin Creek Mall in Dallas. Fraternity members, parents and students were gathered to recognize the achievements of five college scholarship recipients who are all seniors at area high schools.

Brother Earnest Burke, the Master of Ceremonies, welcomed the attendees and Brother Edwin Jones gave the invocation as the program commenced. The history of the fraternity was read by Brother Ron Silas followed by a Texas style Mexican lunch.

Chapter member Dr. James Guess gave the keynote address which focused on building bridges to encourage the students not to forget where they came from while in college. He also compared his own personal college experience with college life today describing the differences as "Old School" versus "New School".

Brother Earl Simpkins, Sr. announced the scholarship recipients and handed out the award certificates. A total of 12 applications were reviewed and five seniors were selected. Five students were selected based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service and financial need.

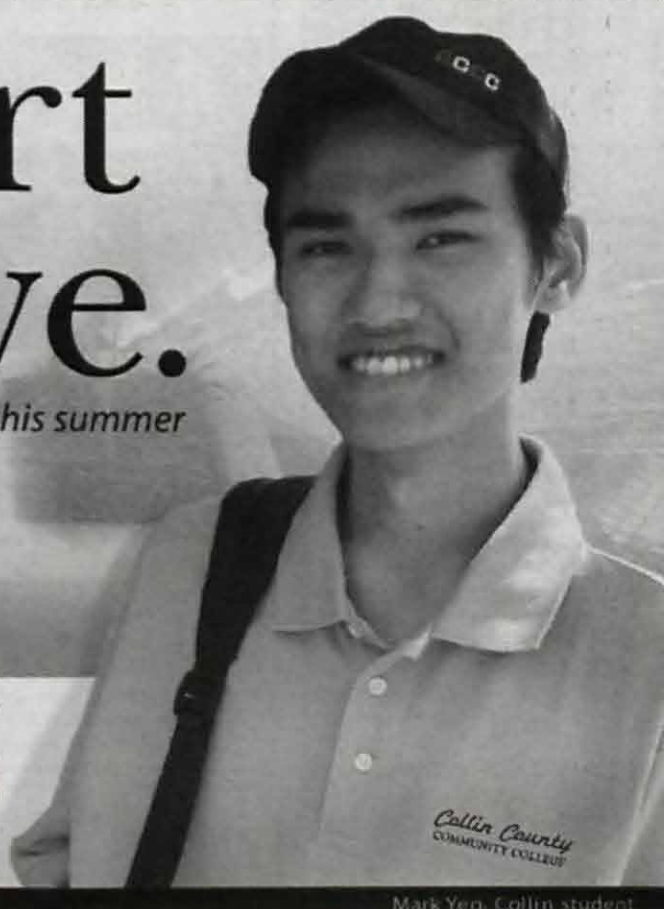
The following are the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Scholarship Award Recipients:

Desmond Ellington of Sachse High School plans to attend UNT for two years and then transfer to TCU; Johanna Nchekwube of Richardson High School was awarded \$750. She plans to attend the University of Houston; Courtney Lloyd of Plano East Sr. High School was awarded \$500. She plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi; Amy Ogbonnaya of Garland High School was

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Mark Yeo, Collin student

Around The Town

Eyecare America urges seniors to call the Seniors Eye-care 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 Bill J Priest Institute, 1401 Corinth 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 new Rickey Smiley Morning Show airs on 97.9 The Beat every morning Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 10:00 am. Please, tune in to hear this great morning show.

KRNB FM, Dallas Fort - Worth's #1 Station for old School R&B will be giving away

free gas from March 28th to May 31st. The gas giveaway will begin promptly at 7:20 am with the KRNB Street morning team. For more information contact Liz Leos at (972) 567-7542 or email at Liz@K104FM.com.

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 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 13-28, 2005

The African - American Museum will celebrate the 20th Texas Black Invitational Rodeo,

celebration runs May 13 to May 28, 2005. The celebration begins with the Rodeo Hoe Down Friday May 13, 2005 at 6:30 pm, Skyline Ranch, 1801 E. Wheatland Road, Dallas TX. On Saturday May 21, 2005 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Rodeo Camp 101 will be held at the African American Museum. Memorial Weekend, Saturday, May 28, 2005 is Rodeo day. 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 - 6:00 pm Tuesday through Friday; 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sunday. Tickets are also available at Ticketmaster. Contact: Lee Taylor at 214-565-9026 ext 313; or email www.Itaylor@aamdallas.org.

May 18-22, 2005

The 10th Annual Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference will be hosted by General Motors at the Wyndham Anatole in Dallas, TX. For times of the conference and the cost log on to: http://www.blackenterprise.com/beec.asp.

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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. For information call the gallery at (214) 752-5588.

May 23, 2005

TEE IT UP FOR THE TROOPS at Texas Star in Euless, TX. Defenders of Freedom, a local non-profit organization, is hosting a golf tournament for our wounded soldiers at Brooke Army Medical Center. For more information contact Donna Cranston at 214-232-4962. You can also visit the web at www.defendersoffreedom.us.

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

911 Alert - Our Villages Are Missing

By: James W. Breedlove

"It Takes A Village To Raise A Child" is an ancient African proverb that pin points an eternal and everlasting truth. No man, woman, or family is an island. We'd all like to think we live in a place where people care about each other - where people pitch in to help when the going gets tough -- where it's safe to leave the doors unlocked and let the kids play outside. But in our ever-changing world our communities aren't always what we would like them to be.

We face immense challenges in raising our children today. Social unrest, pervasive poverty, struggling inner city schools, lack of medical care, drugs, and joblessness all tend to make the well-being of our children after thoughts instead of priority thoughts. Over 85 percent of our population is confronting the same question. Where have our Villages gone?

The older generation will recall that in their youth, adults of the community would, when necessary correct young people for misbehaving. In those days, the Village was alive, active and involved. If you saw a child misbehaving, using bad language, cheating, bullying another child or doing things that conflicted with the Village norms, you would either tell the parents, reprimand the child or both. It was good for children to know that others are observing their behavior and that their neighbors also have expectations for them to grow up and become good citizens.

But something happened as we moved into the modern day fast lane and embraced

the new generation mantra "I'm doing my own thing." In our quest for materialistic success the Village began to disappear and instead of a well-knit cooperative community we retreated in fear behind closed and double locked doors and often ignored or rejected neighbors.

There is very little harmony in our society today. Parents, educators, and policy-makers often contradict and sometimes even undermine each other. In fact, it seems that the united community is more of an unattainable idealized fantasy that replaced the supportive Village of yesteryear. And we're paying an awful human price for that loss.

During the Depression of the 1930's, there was plenty of poverty and misery. But people connected with each other. They had family and friends around them. Everybody was broke and faced life's adversity riding in the same boat. And as everyone who is poor knows, there is nobody who is more generous than another poor person. People looked out for each other, supported one another, and shared their joys and sorrows, good times and bad times. They not only shared the physical necessities of life -- such as food, clothing and shelter -- but also the spiritual and emotional necessities. Life is a lot easier when you are part of a network of friends, family and a concerned Village.

Now no one dares to be a surrogate parent to another person's child for fear of incurring enmity from the parents. Many of our youth are well-behaved responsible persons but there are many who are not the "innocent

angels" their parents believe they've raised.

It does take a village, to work with a family, to raise a child. If we want that kind of support, the place to begin is with ourselves. Community, like charity, begins at home. You start building a good neighborhood when you yourself decide that you will be a good neighbor.

It does not matter whether or not you have a job, an education, or a car or have just moved into the neighborhood. Be the first one on your block to reach out and touch your neighbor. Stop opting out of the Village. Take your child to the neighbors on your block and introduce them. Exchange phone numbers. Let neighbors know that you would appreciate their input when they see your child out of line. Make your neighborhood your Village and find the truth that humans have learned the hard way. United we stand, divided we fall.

We must understand that parents represent only two of the many factors influencing a child's development. The messages he receives from teachers, from those around him, and from the Village at large have every bit as much bearing on him as those he receives at home. For any of them to be effective or successful, they must complement each other. When a community accepts diminished standards, trouble follows. We see the result of our disconnected Villages every day as society targets our children to fill its prisons and detention centers.

Perhaps, by working together, we can reinvent our lost Villages.

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Sandra Lohr-Robinson

By: Sandra Lohr-Robinson
Question: My grandfather died recently and we found unopened mail-some even dating back several years. There are numerous checks that had never been cashed. Are these checks still negotiable and are heirs eligible to receive this money?

You might consider this....

Billions of dollars go unclaimed each year by consumers. The government has more than \$30 billion in cash and other assets that belong to millions of Americans. Some of these assets are in cash, investments and bank accounts. Some are Social Security payments and tax refunds, insurance proceeds and inheritances.

Assets are deemed abandoned in the eyes of the government when contact with the owners is lost, typically due to death, a name change after marriage or divorce, incomplete or illegible records and even unreported changes of address or clerical errors. States and the federal government make only very

limited efforts to locate the owners and return the cash, so it is up to the consumer to contact government or other institutions directly.

Here are the best places to look:

Insurance policies are the largest depository of unclaimed money. Hundreds of millions of dollars in policy benefits go unclaimed and unpaid each year because often the beneficiaries do not know that the policy even exists. Many times, in addition to policy benefits, beneficiaries and heirs are entitled to unexpected windfalls such as stock, cash and policy credits since many mutual life insurance companies have demutualized or converted from being owned by policyholders to becoming a publicly held company with shareholders.

Rebate checks are the second best place to look. Often because the check is payable within a certain time limit, many consumers fail to deposit it before the expiration date. When this happens, just call the manufacturer or retailer and request a reissue. You may be asked to return the expired check before a reissue can occur.

The IRS has more than \$7,000 refund checks worth \$73 million that were returned by the U. S. Post Office last year. Also,

approximately \$6 billion in IRS refund checks are delivered by never cashed by the taxpayers. If you do not file a return for any period during which you are due a refund, you will lose the right to claim that refund after 3 years. So if your grandfather paid taxes, filed his tax return and did not cash the refund check, his heirs may be eligible to any tax refund he should have received. Contact the IRS for more information.

State databases also maintain a database of unclaimed property. Most may be searched online by contacting the Unclaimed Property Administrators web site www.unclaimed.org. Check every state in which your grandfather may have worked or lived and include middle initials and middle names. ...**you might consider this....**

Email your questions and comments to ... Sandra Lohr-Robinson at: consumerscorner@monthegazette.com.

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updates, Garland Chamber of Commerce president Paul Mayer gave a synopsis of new projects such as the



Local citizens attending the Garland Family First Town Meeting at Naaman Forest High School.

Eastgate redevelopment, which will span 38 acres in South Garland.

Mayer also touched on the Firewheel Town Center opening in October, the Bass Pro Shop and the redevelopment surrounding it along I-30, noting that Garland has more than \$200 million in projects currently.

"I love the new projects we have on board, but what I love more is the people who have been waiting for these things to happen," Mayer said. "It's our payoff for being patient and waiting for this day to come."

During his keynote speech McCaa, an award-winning anchor for Channel 8, mainly talked about the power of words: "The Right Word At The Right Time."

Using hilarious examples of where the media accidentally used a word that sent out the wrong message, McCaa made his point, in a jokingly manner, that one word can tell a totally different story. As for Family First Day, McCaa stressed its importance and how events of this nature could make a big difference.

"There isn't any way you are going to change the community unless you really deal with the family level first," said McCaa, following the luncheon, which was held at the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center. "You can do politics and everything else, but once you can deal with issues within the family then everything else is going to change itself."

The luncheon also included Megan Kelly, from the Garland Civic Theater production of "The Women", performing a song entitled "My Man" and Ashley Puckett, from the Garland Summer Musicals, singing Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Other performances featured a group from the Jim Henderson Chorale

singing a couple of selections.

To conclude the day, Channel 8 News Anchor Macie Jepson and film critic Gary Cogill hosted the Town Meeting at Naaman Forest High School.

During their introductions, Jepson shared her most important job as a wife and mother to two young daughters; and Cogill discussed the importance of on-going dialogue with his two teen daughters.

The expert panel for the Town Meeting featured Madelyn Swift, international speaker and author of seven books on parenting; Dr. Shelley Weiss, pediatrician, and



Gary Cogill, WFAA Film Critic, speaking with local mother during the Town Meeting.

Kassie DePaiva, singer and actress, best known as Blair Cramer on the ABC-TV soap opera "One Life to Live."

When DePaiva's young son JQ was one, he was diagnosed as hearing impaired, and six months later received the cochlear implant. As a result, DePaiva became a child advocate recently speaking at a Congressional hearing to encourage passage of legislation requiring all newborns receive a hearing screening before leaving the hospital. This will allow parents and doctors to seek the appropriate treatment immediately. A young mother in the audience shared her child also has the cochlear implant, and expressed concern about the cruelty of children when they see the implant device. DePaiva cautioned that children are not cruel

they are just naturally curious. Simply take time to answer their questions and they will move on. DePaiva also advised speaking with the teachers one on one, as some can find the situation challenging.

After brief opening remarks by each panel member, a skit was performed highlighting common argument points between a mother and her teen son regarding his cell phone bill. The panel commented on mistakes made by parent and child. Swift pointed out the need to teach your child responsibility.

Not only were parents quick to share their concerns, but also several young children sought advice on dealing with siblings. A10-year-old sister is disappointed that her 15-year-old brother does not want to spend time with her. Swift suggested she remind him that the two will always share a history together. So, everything he does now, he will hear about at every Thanksgiving dinner throughout their adult lives. Swift also advised backing off when he does not want to include his kid sister, allowing him to have his space to grow.

Another young girl candidly shared that she gets frustrated with her special needs twin brother. Swift said often children with special needs siblings do not understand the limitations of their sibling and anxiously push them to progress faster. She suggested turning the frustration into assistance, but admonished the



The Jim Henderson Chorale group entertain the luncheon guests by singing several selections.

sister it is important to understand not to take on too much responsibility. "Remember you are his sister, not his mother," she said.

The evening closed with an invocation and the 10th Annual Garland Family Outreach Candlelight Vigil. Earlier in the evening, guests received a candle and a candle was extinguished in honor of the 204 children killed by abuse and neglect in Texas in 2004.

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followed, leaving more than a dozen dead.

Within hours, mobs of Whites converged upon the Black residents of Tulsa's Greenwood Avenue district, a 40-block showcase of Black businesses and homes, known as the Black Wall Street. The governor activated the Oklahoma National Guard and two companies of soldiers from nearby Fort Sill were called to duty.

Machine guns were used to shoot any Black person in sight; airplanes dropped nitroglycerin on the neighborhood. When it was over 16 hours later, at least 300 Blacks were dead, 1,503 residences had been destroyed and more than 600 businesses had been closed, including two Black newspapers, the Tulsa Star and the Oklahoma Sun.

Now, more than eight decades later, victims of the White riot are still seeking justice.

More than 100 insurance claims and lawsuits have been filed seeking damages, but not one has been successful. Attorneys for the victims have not given up.

"By the end of this month, we expect the Supreme Court to decide whether or not the Tulsa race riots case will be heard this fall," says Harvard Law Professor Charles Ogletree. "And we're very encouraged by both the strength of our arguments and the public outpouring of interest and concern for what happened in Tulsa in 1921."

Ogletree is the attorney for John Melvin Alexander, whose parents housed many of the victims. One indication of public concern was a decision by Black members of Congress to hold hearings last week.

"The fact that the Congressional Black Caucus was able to hold hearings on the Tulsa race riots of 1921, although there have not been floor hearings on HR-40 (a 16-year-old reparations bill sponsored by Rep. John Conyers of Detroit), gives the sense that we're not forgetting survivors of the tragedies

of the 20th Century," explains Ogletree.

The city of Tulsa has refused to honor claims, asserting that the statute of limitation for filing claims has expired. Furthermore, officials add, insurance does not cover damage caused by riots.

Last year, a federal district judge sided with the city and dismissed Alexander's lawsuit. The Tenth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the lower court ruling. In March, Ogletree asked the Supreme Court to review whether the survivors have the right to file claims with the city and state. The court is expected to announce by summer whether it will accept the case.

A state-ordered commission concluded that Oklahoma and the city of Tulsa participated in the death and destruction and therefore should be forced to compensate surviving victims. Ogletree argues that victims were reluctant to file claims in a timely fashion because of fear and intimidation.

"The Tulsa police chief deputized between 250 and 500 men, commandeering local gun shops and pawnshops in order to arm the new deputies," the suit states. "The police department ordered members of the mob to 'go home, get a gun, and get a nigger'...When the State National Guard arrived to assist the police, the guardsmen joined in the destruction and fired at will at African-American Greenwood residents."

Ogletree and other attorneys working on the case recognize that whether the Supreme Court accepts the case will turn on narrow legal issues. They are hoping the court will remand the case to district court where victims can share their powerful personal testimony.

Otis Clark, now 102, told the Black Caucus in the House Judiciary Room that he witnessed a funeral home employee getting shot in the hand as he tried to open the door of an ambulance.

Clark, then 18, says he arrived home later only to find it burned to the ground.

Families not only lost their

homes, but also their land, he said. "They never did do anything about our property. One of the railroads, they just ran over my grandmother's garden spot."

Olivia Hooker, 6 years old at the time of the riot, told the CBC that she heard what she thought was hail on the roof of her mother's house that day.

"My mother told me to come here. Then she said, 'Look up through there. There's a machine gun with an American flag on top of it.'"

In a telephone interview with the NNPA News Service, Hazel Franklin Hackett, now 93 and living in Valley Springs, Calif., says she will never forget the degradation of coming home back home after staying nearly a week in a tent on the fair grounds.

"It was really heart-breaking. There was nothing there but just ashes where there had been homes, beautiful homes. Black people, we were doing so well. We had businesses, even our own drug stores," she said.

Retired Oklahoma State Sen. Don Ross, who sponsored the bill that established the special commission, says: "Until Nine-Eleven, that was the worst civil disturbance in the U. S. since the Civil War. Blacks, who were placed in concentration camps, were ordered by state government, without pay, to clean up the debris," he says. "So that says to me that they were put in servitude. So, it suggests to me that there were issues that neither courts nor political figures dealt with at the time. In my view, those issues are still outstanding. They went through the entire remedy that

they could and there was no justice there."

The local White-owned newspaper, the Tulsa Tribune, had another name for Black Wall Street: "Niggertown." It published an editorial on June 4, 1921, saying, "...Such a district as old 'Niggertown' must never be allowed in Tulsa again. It was a cesspool of iniquity and corruption...In the old 'Niggertown' were a lot of bad niggers and a bad nigger is about the lowest thing that walks on two feet. Give a bad nigger his booze and his dope and a gun and he thinks he can shoot up the world. All of these four things were to be found in 'Niggertown.'..."

The case against the Black teen, Dick Rowland, was dismissed after the elevator operator said she did not want to press charges. However, Police Chief John Gustafson was convicted for failure to control the situation.

Former Senator Ross says there was a reason to be suspicious of law enforcement officials.

"Part of the credentials of becoming a policeman was that you had to be a member of the Klan," he stated. "Everybody was a member of the Klan... People were just scared to death. The Klan didn't wear sheets. They wore pin stripe suits."

And Hackett believes they should be made to pay.

"I feel that justice will have been done when they pay us for all that we had to endure and for burning our homes," she says. "We had no place to go. No banks would even lend us any money. We had to start from scratch."

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His efforts this year include:

- Visiting Washington's predominantly black Howard University to recruit potential independent voters concerned with economic empowerment.

- Appearing on the Tavis Smiley talk show on PBS.

- Meeting monthly with his recently formed African-American Advisory Committee.

Mehlman is trying to

build on the slight gains made among blacks in the 2004 election. Nationally, Bush got 11% of the black vote, compared with 9% in 2000. The extra votes have



inspired Republicans to keep pushing their faith-based agenda. By doubling the national number, analysts agree, Republicans would be in a position to consistently have a lock on the White House.

Cal Jillson, professor of political science at Southern Methodist University, says Democrats probably don't take the

Republican push very seriously because on Election Day, nearly 90% of blacks vote Democratic. Still, Jillson says, because many blacks wonder whether they're being taken for granted by Democrats and ignored by Republicans, their votes are up for grabs.

If inclusiveness is the true goal, then both parties must work harder to rid themselves of political paternalism that makes black voters feel

slighted. Democrats preach about the "40 acres and a mule" that blacks never got. But more and more, Republicans are pushing an economic agenda that

claims to correct that. The last time I was in a Dallas church service with a powerful Texas Republican, he later moved from the governor's mansion to the White House.

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celebration ended Sunday with Rev. Howard E. Anderson, Sr., Senior Pastor of The Exciting Singing Hills Baptist Church in Dallas as guest speaker.

Sunday Services started promptly at 3:00 pm with the Singles Ministry hosting the activities. Sis. Yuralondon Woodrow and Bro. Quincy Randolph were the Mistress & Master of Ceremonies; from the beginning the Holy Spirit was invited to come in and take charge of the service. The Devotional Praise was spirit-filled, heavenly sent, and very energetic; it was lead by Sis. Shontique Jenkins, Sis. Tammy Reed and Sis. Cathy Scott.

The combined choirs lead the congregation with Songs of Praise, 'Lord We Bless Your Holy Name' and later in the service 'Yes God is Real.' Sis. Valerie McCurdy welcomed guests, family and friends; she asked each to feel at home and to help Friendship's members to lift up the name of Jesus in the service.

There were smiles and nodding of heads as Rev. James & Sis. Clarence Jenkins; Bro. Howard & Sis. Janell Patton; and Sis. Ellen (Linda) Taylor stated the Occasion, did a History Video Presentation, and recalled fond memories over the 24 years. Rev. Jenkins said that in the early days, he was quite content to stay at home on Sundays while his family faithfully attended church and praised God. He said that one day, with Sis. Jenkins devotedly praying and worshipping God, that God, through Dr. McBride put the

"Hook in his jaw" and he has been dedicated to God and attending church. Bro. Patton said there are many things that Friendship's family is grateful to God about because He has truly blessed them. One of his fondest memories was when they were in the white frame church at a location that was near a construction site. He said that every time trucks and cars would pass the church, dust would fly everywhere. One Sunday the construction site was opened (which was rare) but with the spirit of God



(L to R) Rev. Howard E. Anderson, Sr., Senior Pastor, The Exciting Singing Hills Baptist Church; Dr. C. Paul McBride, Senior Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, The Colony; and Sister Tarpley, Religious Editor for MON-The Gazette

in the church and apparently surrounding the outside of the church the workers stopped the trucks, joined the services and left a big offering. Bro. Patton said that with what God had inspired the workers to give combined with the member's tithes and offerings that it was the largest amount that they had ever collected in the church at the time.

The highlight was the message from Rev. Anderson. He said that he wanted to add something to the theme, "Conditions For a Revival," he added "In Your Heart." He explained II Chronicles 6:1-7;

12-17; 22-39; and 7:11-13 to give some background leading up to the theme's scripture, II Chronicles 7:14. Rev. Anderson said, "The redeemed needs to be revived every now and then," and he asked, "How do you know when you get to the point that you need to be revived? He said there are three things that is a good indication that you need to be revived: 1) When you start doubting that there is no one like God. 2) You start drifting in your devotion to God. 3) When you fail to turn

from your sin. He concluded the message by saying, "Revival is possible if you follow God's conditions because God is able to bring light in dark places." He further said, some "Conditions For a Revival": 1) Humbling yourself. When you humble yourself you esteem someone else greater than you; and humility is strength under control. 2) Pray without ceasing. Prayer will help you come out of troubled conditions. 3) Seek God's face and let Him have control of your life. 4) Turn from your wicked ways.

continue to follow after the standards of others and not be proud of - and seek after - the standard our ancestors set for us many years ago.

It is inappropriate for Black people to finance our own oppression. It is inappropriate for us to participate in our own oppression. It is inappropriate for Black people to cut back door, side door, and under-the-table deals that go against the welfare of our people. It is inappropriate for brothers and sisters to run away and hide when the going gets a little tough and it's time to take a collective stand against discrimination and mistreatment. It is inappropriate to think that because you have achieved a certain status, level of income, or wealth, that you are no longer a member of the group that paid the price, in some form or fashion, for you to get there. It is inappropriate for those of us at the lower end of the economic continuum to be envious of and try to pull down those who have done well.

All over this country we see inappropriate behavior by Black adults. In our political arena especially, we see "politricksters"

smiling and doing the election-year mating dance that often turns into the "stomp" after they get elected. We see more and more of our preachers capitulating to their selfish desires to have more money and more stuff, and sliding deeper and deeper into the abyss of immorality and unethical behavior.

In Detroit, we see a city that is 85 percent Black, with a Black mayor, and cannot get together on building a Black business enclave like the several other ethnic business areas in that town. Washington, D.C., the original Chocolate City, still has Black folks mired in a rut of marginalization and lack of ownership and control. In Harlem, what used to be called Black is now a potpourri, a veritable hodgepodge of ethnic groups, all owning their businesses and selling their wares to a Black population in which its men have a 50 percent unemployment rate.

In North Carolina, we see Bennett and Barber Scotia Colleges barely hanging on financially, despite a statewide economic initiative for Black colleges. In Cincinnati, nearly 50 percent Black, inappropriate behavior by Black folks includes

duping their own people out of their homes, selling their people out for personal gain, corruption by Black political officials, and slick ministers looking for their next handout - or payoff.

Until we discontinue our inappropriate behavior, we have no reason to expect appropriate behavior from our children. So let's stop the hypocrisy.

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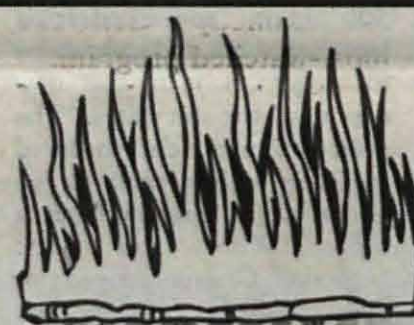


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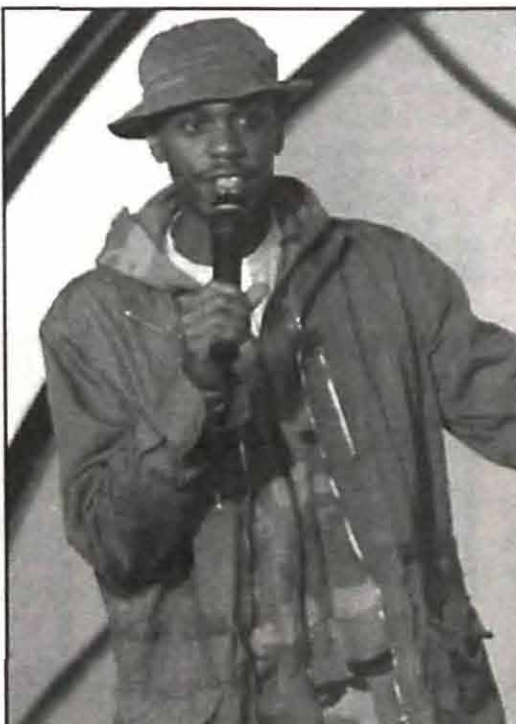
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David Chappelle Responds to Buzz Surrounding His Mental State

NEW YORK — Comedian Dave Chappelle wants to set things straight: "I'm not crazy, I'm not smoking crack," he tells Time magazine in an interview more than a week after his hit Comedy Central show was suspended and the rumors started to fly.

"I'm definitely stressed out," said Chappelle, who took off last month to South Africa for a "spiritual retreat," leaving his fans — and even his agent and publicist — wondering where he went.



"You hear so many voices jockeying for position in your mind that you want to make sure that you hear your own voice," he said. "So I figured, let me just cut myself off from everybody, take a minute and pull a Flintstone — stop a speeding car by using my bare feet as the brakes."

After Comedy Central announced that the planned May 31 debut of the third season of "Chappelle's Show" had been postponed, the

magazine Entertainment Weekly reported that Chappelle had checked himself into a mental health facility in South Africa.

so I decided, 'Let me remove myself from this situation,'" Chappelle said.

Comedy Central president Doug Herzog told Time that the star has "complete creative freedom." He has told staff he believes there won't be a "Chappelle's Show" in 2005, but leaves the option open for the comedian's return.

Chappelle, whose wife and two children live in Ohio, said he hopes to start up the show again, but did not indicate when he would return.

Comedy Central had inked a reported \$50 million deal to keep "Chappelle's

"I'm not in a mental facility," said Chappelle, who also said he did not have a drug problem but had consulted a psychiatrist for one 40-minute visit.

The 31-year-old comedian said he fled to stay with friends in Durban because he wasn't happy with the direction of the show, which is behind only "South Park" as Comedy Central's most-watched program.

"There's a lot of resistance to my opinions,

Show" for two more seasons, and the comedian hinted to Time about struggles associated with the power and fame that come with that kind of success.

"If you don't have the right people around you, and you're moving at a million miles an hour, you can lose yourself," he said. "Everyone around me says, 'You're a genius, you're great, that's your voice,' but I'm not sure that they're right."

Black Cinematheque Dallas proudly presents the 9th Annual Black Man's Film Festival

Dallas — Black Cinematheque Dallas proudly presents the 9th Annual Black Man's Film Festival "Celebrating the Birth of El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz/Malcolm X" Friday, May 20, 2005 and continuing on Friday, May 27, 2005, 8:00 pm in the Magnolia Lounge 1211 Grand Avenue Dallas, Texas (inside Fair Park behind the African American Museum). Admission is \$5.00 for each screening and tickets can be purchased at the door. For information the public should call Black Cinematheque Dallas at 214-426-1683.

"For the past 9 years the Black Man's Film Festival has served the community by presenting positive, entertaining cultural films and events, built around the legacy of a strong African American male role model — El Hajj Malik El-Shabazz/ Malcolm X," explains Marilyn Clark, Founder/Curator for Black Cinematheque Dallas. This year the Festival will feature

Friday, May 20, 2005, 8:00 pm—the film El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz: Malcolm X by Gil Nobles 1978 Profiles the life of Malcolm X, focusing on the ideas and personal qualities that made him an important leader of the 1960's black liberation movement in America. The film raises questions about attempts on his life and his violent death. Narrated, written, and produced by Gil Noble for WABC.

Mr. Frank Robertson, a Dallas resident who lived in Ghana for over 50 years will share his memories of living in Ghana and Malcolm's visit to Ghana.

Rights of Passage Program for Girls.

The Rites of Passage Program, a seven year old organization for 36 Dallas girls, will join us in celebrating the legacy of Malcolm X. Six participants in the ROPP for Girls will travel to Ghana, West

Africa in June as part of their womanhood training. They will carry a donation of hundreds of pencils, erasers, sharpeners and hard-back composition books for the children in the Akome Village School in the Volta region of Ghana.

"In May 1964 Malcolm X traveled to Ghana to build a working relationship with Africans in the Motherland. It's only appropriate that our young women continue this legacy of connecting with the youth and families in Ghana. To help finance their trip, the girls will sell books on Malcolm X and homemade desserts at the screenings on the 20th and 27th," explains Marilyn Clark, founder/Curator for Black Cinematheque.

On Friday, May 27, 2005 at 8:00 pm A Black Man Speaks: Retrospective of the films by Narcel G. Reedus will be shown. Narcel Reedus is a writer, director, independent filmmaker and currently an Assistant Professor at UT Arlington in the Film Dept. Reedus has won national awards for his dramatic short films For Colored Boys Who've

Considered Homicide, Race Juice: An Elixir for the Soul and The Fight. His films have screened at the Lincoln Center in New York, on PBS, in Los Angeles, Miami, Houston, Austin, Chicago, Atlanta... and in international film festivals in Rotterdam, Bermuda, Milan and Berlin.

He taught youth media at Kent State University, the Maine Photographic Workshops, and through a MacArthur Foundation Grant in Atlanta where his teaching methods were documented in the High School Journal. He earned his MFA in film from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA.

Filmmaker Narcel G. Reedus will be in attendance during these screenings.

9th Annual Black Man's Film Festival Schedule for Friday May 27, 2005

For Colored Boys Who've Considered Homicide

This award winning short film is an intense drama about an ancestor who travels through time to interrogate a murderer.

Race Juice:

An Elixir for the Soul

Awarded Best Narrative at the 'Keepin It Reel' Film Festival, and a Judges' Commendation at the Harvard Black Film Festival, this film is a satire on race, the media, and suburbia. A little white girl accuses her parents of being racists.

Ezekiel's Dream Psalms 69

This film is about a prayer from a man wrongly accused of a crime who begs God to punish his accusers. In between is the story of an attractive, articulate, educated woman named Tracy who meets a tall, fine and charismatic man named Raoul Luise, photojournalist from Haiti.

Dallas Alumni of Southern University Present Bayou Bash XXI

The Southern University Alumni Federation-Dallas Chapter will be hosting its 21st Bayou Bash on Saturday, June 4, 2005 at the Skyline Ranch, which is located at 1801 E. Wheatland Road in Dallas, Texas. The festivities will begin at 6 pm and last until 11 pm. This year's event features a Gumbo Cook-off.

The Kitten's Corner features planned games for the children, 2 playgrounds, and a swimming pool with a certified life guard. Presale tickets are available through May 21, 2005 at a cost of \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (6-12 years of age). Tickets purchased after May 21 are \$35 for adults and \$15 for kids. Admission is FREE for Kids 5 and under. A portion of your ticket price is tax deductible.

An all-you-can-eat buffet including Louisiana style boiled crawfish and Natchitoches Meat Pies will be served. The buffet will also include various non-alcoholic beverages. Other beverages will be

available for purchase at the CASH bar.

Come out and partake of this delectable display of Louisiana cuisine. For more information on purchasing tickets, participating as a vendor, or participating in the Gumbo Cook-off, call the

Jaguar Hotline — 972-480-JAGS or email the chapter at SUAFDall@yaho.com. For further details on this and other chapter events visit the Southern University Alumni Federation-Dallas Chapter website at www.suafdallas.com.



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district's drive to close the achievement gap for its Limited English Proficiency and low-income students. "Our district is trying to target specific strategies that can be employed at all of our schools that can narrow those gaps," Otto said. The fact that Destination Success courseware is so engaging – and that Destination Math is available in Spanish – made it particularly appropriate for the district's students. "It's a quality piece of software that our students and teachers will enjoy using. They'll be able to use it at home and use it at school – we think it's going to go a long way in helping us close those achievement gaps," Otto said.

Jim Hirsch, Associate Superintendent for Technology Services, agreed. "We're always trying to extend our learning day," Hirsch said. "We've placed computer systems in apartment complexes and community centers in the district, and of course many students have Internet access at home. The fact that Destination Success is web-based will enable students to extend their learning outside the school day. We really do look for those 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week links."

Hirsch added that Plano liked the way Destination Success could be adapted to meet the needs of all kinds of learners. "One of the real enticing parts of the program is that it allows for differentiated instruction, both for students who are at-risk and those who are ready to accelerate," he said. "Along with that, we thought the way the product put learning in context

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Car Review



F 250 King Ranch

By: E. Dwayne Gibson Jr.

The F 250 King Ranch is a big and tough enough to be classified as a commercial truck, yet the popularity of the truck makes for a mainstream, all purpose "muscle truck". Naturally, Texans love pick-up trucks to haul, move, and travel in. The amenities of the King Ranch give the staunch Ford driver even more reason to continue to have a sense of brand loyalty.

The Four-door, 6-speed manual overdrive, Super Duty Truck has a 3-valve 5.4 liter Triton V-8 with best-in-class power and torque: 6.0 – liter Power Stroke turbodiesel, 300 horsepower and 356 pound-feet of torque. The F 250 has towing capacity up to 15,000 pounds.

F-250 Super Duty frame features a new fully boxed front section, improving strength and torsional stiffness. Ford's Industry-first TowCommand with integrated electric trailer brake controller also includes TorqShift® transmission with tow-haul mode, best-in-class brakes and telescoping trailer tow mirrors. All Super Duty trucks – from F-250 through

F-550 – benefit from chassis upgrades, including stronger frames and available stronger axles.

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For more information, please call Carolyn Johnson @ 972-235-6432.

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Rev. Pricilla Richter, Minister
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June 19, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Summer Blood Drive being held by the African American Pastor's Coalition; for more information, please call Sam Ross @ 972-572-8648.

Concord Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Bryan Carter, Senior Pastor
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FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS MINISTRIES

June 2 – 3, 7:30 pm
We are hosting a Pastors & Leadership Conference; our theme is: "Leading By Example." The conference will be held at the Quality Inn Market Center, 1955 Market Center Blvd., Dallas TX 75207. Bishop Gregory D. Crawford, International Presiding Prelate for Fellowship of Believers International Church Association is the Host Speaker. Other guest speakers include: Bishop John B. Williams, Pastor Deborah Jackson, Attorney Alisha Darden, Minister Darrell King (formerly of KNON Radio 89.3 FM), and Elder Erica Jackson.

June 4, 2005
Our Pastors & Leadership Conference will conclude; Seminar Sessions will be from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm; and our evening services will start @ 5:00 pm. For registration fees and other information, please call Elder Erica Jackson, National Secretary @ 214-405-3173.

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People for years have been deceived into believing that just because a person said or did something to hurt them, that person is the one they need to fight or to be angry with. But they are wrong. The Bible says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12 (KJV) And since people are definitely flesh and blood, they're never the source of our problem.

Some will say, "But Brother/Sister, you just don't know what So-and-So did to me!" Believe me, it doesn't matter. If you waste your time fighting So-and-So, your real enemy (Satan and his demons) will get away scot-free. They are your life long enemies. They are behind every personal affront you encounter.

People who hurt and persecute you are only Satan's tools. When he wants to discourage you, to strike out at you, mentally and physically attack you, he uses people to get the job done.

Please keep in mind that persecution is not the manifestation

Fight The Right Foe

of another person's hate for you. It's a manifestation of Satan's fear of you, because as a Christian, he knows that you have the Word of God in you. When you take God's Word and start swinging it around—using it as the Sword of the Spirit, because that's what the Word of God is, the Sword of the Spirit, Satan gets scared. Remember that Jesus always used the Word to send Satan packing, and when he returned (you can be sure that Satan and/or his demons will come back,) Jesus used the Word every time. Satan will look for some person that he can send in

mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) . . . II Corinthians 10:3-4 (KJV) Zero in on Satan with authority and the Word of God and bring your real enemy down! "Fight the Right Foe."

PRAYERS CAN'T BE ANSWERED UNLESS THEY ARE PRAYED:

Life without purpose is barren indeed – There can't be a harvest unless you plant a seed. There can't be attainment unless there's a goal, and man is but a robot unless there's a soul.

If we don't send ships out, no ships will come in, and unless there's a contest, nobody can win. For games can't be won unless they are played; and prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed.

So whatever is wrong with your life today, you'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray. Not just for pleasure, enjoyment and health; not just for honors and prestige and wealth. But pray for a purpose to make life worth living, and pray for the joy of unselfish giving. For great is your gladness and rich your reward, when you make your life's purpose the choice of the Lord.

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Picture of The Week

The 2nd picture from last week's column:

Little Mr. Jeremiah Tarpley-Roland, age 2, seems to be saying, 'What! I love playing cymbals to honor and praise God,' as he pauses to smile for a picture.

there to dishearten you and to stop you from using God's Word. **The Word of God is the only thing that can stop Satan and his demons.**

The next time that someone hurts you, don't let yourself get sidetracked into fighting them. Pray, and then bind the spirit behind them. Put flash and blood battles behind you and war with the weapons of the Spirit. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but

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KAUFMAN COUNTY AREA CHURCHES

May 5 – June 4, 7:00 pm Nightly

Kaufman County Pastors, Churches, Evangelists and laypersons invite you to a "30 Days of Revival Under The Tent" at City Lakes Park, 1500 Highway 34 in Kaufman, TX 75142. Doors will open at 5:00 pm; and there will be special events for youth and kids every Saturday starting at 11:00 am and going through to the night services.

Volunteers are needed for many aspects of this tremendous event. Please call RexAnne @ 972-962-4168 to find out how you can be blessed being a blessing.

May 30, 2005

Memorial Day Services will be conducted all day. Don't forget to join us.

Kaufman County Area Churches
Steve Partain, Coordinator
1-972-962-4168

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

June 4, 2005

The Men of Purpose and Promise Ministry will hold their 2nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament @ the Indian Creek Golf Course in Carrollton, TX. This event provides financial scholarships to college recipients within the Dallas Metroplex.

For more information, please call 972-735-8077.

Keller Springs Baptist Church
Rev. Larry Sanders, Senior Pastor
3227 Keller Spring Road
Carrollton, TX 75006
972-735-8077

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May 21, 7:00 pm

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June 11, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

North Dallas, Denton & Collin Counties (NDDC) Alumni Chapter of Prairie View A & M University will sponsor its First Annual Fish Fry that will benefit Prairie View A & M University with scholarships for area high school graduate students. There will be catfish plates, and a combination of catfish & shrimp plates. All plates will be served with potato salad, cole slaw and hush puppies.

Fish plates on June 11, can be purchased at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 9550 Shepard Road in Dallas, Shepard Road is East of Central Expressway off of Forest Lane near the Hamilton Park Community. Join us for great food, and wonderful fellowship as you help to send someone to college and/or buy books for them.

For advanced tickets and more information, please call Bill Heath @ 972-669-0261 or Walter S. Gerard @ 214-375-9700.

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For more details about this wonderful project, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant at 972-437-3801 or call Toll Free at 1-800-370-Oasis (376-2747),

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Richardson
Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
1010-1020 South Sherman Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-437-3493

OASIS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

June 11, 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

The Women's International Network (WIN) will host their second networking meeting of 2005. This event will be held at the contemporary Homewood Suites at Jupiter & George Bush Toll Way in Plano, TX. The meeting will start promptly at 9:00 am with a full breakfast buffet. Inspirational and international speaker Mary Hughes will be the guest speaker. Other special guests includes: Express Fitness, Future Leaders Travel, Chaska Designs, and Hoity Toity Bags. Free gift bags, and an opportunity to win free Cinemark movie passes will be available.

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9:00 am Sunday School

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday
Early Morning Worship
8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday
Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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7:15 p.m. Bible Study

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7:00 p.m. Church School

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A volunteer blood donor must be 17 or older, must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. There is no upper age limit for donors but all possible donors must pass a physical exam given by a trained American Red Cross employee.

The Red Cross encourages minority donors to donate, particularly for patients like Walter.

Typically, transfusions for Sickle Cell patients are matched for several blood factors in addition to the usual blood type, such as O positive. These blood factors are inherited so it is easier to find a match for an African American patient by screening blood donated by African Americans, Red Cross officials said.

"We want to be able to fill an order for a transfusion quickly and not have to delay while screening many, many units of blood to find the correct match," said Ruth Cordell, Regional Quality Director for the American Red Cross Blood Services - Southwest Region.

In the United States, someone needs a blood transfusion about every two seconds. But only five percent of the eligible population in the U.S. donates blood. As the baby boomers age, the demand for blood has also increased however the percentage of blood donors have not increased, said Brad Clark, the Regional Manager of Hospital Services for the American Red Cross Blood Services - Southwest Region.

In the Dallas and Fort Worth metroplex, the percent of blood donors is even lower than the general U.S. stats. That's why there is a great need for African Americans and Hispanics to become volunteer blood donors, Red Cross officials said.

"I get concerned when blood levels are low in local hospitals," Mr. Clark said. "I also get concerned when people just assume that blood will be available for every emergency without realizing that we need all eligible volunteer blood donors to make the difference."

Reginald Smith, a 32 year old college student from Plano, said he does not take blood donations for granted.

Within nine years, Mr. Smith has had two heart attacks and a kidney transplant.

"I can't donate blood because of my health but I tell everyone how a volunteer blood donor saved my life," he said. "It's hard for people to understand something like blood donations until you or someone you love is in need of blood."

"I just hope that this pilot program really encourages people throughout the entire metroplex to be volunteer blood donors - I know they save lives."

Rev. Annette Lary from Kirkwood Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Oak Cliff said The Pastors' Coalition's mission is to make a positive difference in the community and

working with the Red Cross is an excellent way to accomplish that.

"I think we have an excellent partnership," Rev. Lary said. "The program will certainly make our congregations more aware of the need for blood and get more to donate."

Another important reason to donate blood is the fact that one donation can be used to potentially save three patients' lives. The unit of whole blood is separated into different components and one unit could be transfused into a cancer patient, an accident victim, and a premature baby. Another unit could be transfused into a Sickle Cell patient, a kidney dialysis



Walter Johnson, Jr. hugs his father, Walter Johnson, Sr.

patient, and a heart bypass patient, Ms. Cordell said.

Lisa Johnson, Walter's mother, gets very emotional when she talks about her son and his need for blood transfusions.

"My son is a big bundle of joy. He's all boy and very compassionate," said Mrs. Johnson, a mother of three. "He's always concerned about others. If a student is out sick, he will ask if he can pray for them."

"Walter is a kid beyond his years and if I had a chance to talk with a volunteer blood donor - I would tell them to look at my son and realize that he is alive today because someone we don't know donated blood."

As Mrs. Johnson hugs her son, Walter realizes that his mother's eyes are full with tears.

"I didn't cry when I had to go to the hospital this time," said Walter with his head up high. "Everything is going good now."

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Summer Blood Drives held by The African American Pastors Coalition

St. Luke Community United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 29, 2005 8 am-2 pm
5710 RL Thornton Pkwy
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214-374-7614
Contact: Quida Lee @ 214-887-3901

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Sunday, June 5, 2005 8 am-2 pm
1819 North Washington
Dallas, TX 75204
214-823-7308
Contact: Reginald Simmon @ 214-823-7308

Christian Chapel CME Church
Saturday, June 11, 2005 10 am-4 pm
14120 Knoll Rd.
Dallas, TX 75254
972-239-1120

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Sunday, June 12, 2005 9:30 am-2:30 pm
11881 Schroeder Rd.
Dallas, TX 75243
972-235-4633
Contact: Don Yancy @ 214-808-3113

Concord Missionary Baptist Church
Sunday, June 19, 2005 8 am-2 pm
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214-331-8522
Contact: Sam Ross @ 972-572-8648

Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church
Saturday, June 25, 2005
1300 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.
Dallas, TX 75232
972-224-4556
Contact: L. Moore @ 972-283-2063

New Hope Baptist Church
Sunday, July 10, 2005 8 am-2 pm
5002 S. Central Exwy
Dallas, TX 75215
214-421-5296
Contact: Audrey Francis @ 214-421-5296

St. Luke Baptist Church
Saturday, July 16, 2005 9 am-2 pm
6702 Victoria Ave.
Dallas, TX 75209
214-352-6409
Contact: Veronica Ward @ 214-352-6409

Zion Baptist Church
Saturday July 30, 2005 10 am-4 pm
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PEOPLE OF GOD WORLD WIDE MINISTRIES

May 20 - 22, 2005
Please join us for our First Annual Women's Conference 2005 @ The Comfort Inn Hotel, 5000 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, TX 75063. Our theme is: "Chosen to Do a Work." Our speakers for Friday night @ 7:30 pm will be Evangelist Mary Galloway from the Prayer Tower COGIC in Grand Prairie, TX; and Evangelist Jamell Vincent of the Abundant Life COGIC in Dallas, TX. On Saturday morning @ 10:00 am, our speaker will be Pastor Loretta Williams of the Voices of Deliverance Evangelist Outreach Ministries from Battles Creek, MI; and our speaker for Saturday night @ 7:30 pm will be Pastor Willie Jean Jones from Wilson Chapel CME in Coweta, OK. You don't want to miss this exciting and spirit-filled women's conference.

For registration, and more information, please call Missionary Malisa Manuel, Conference Coordinator @ 817-654-2861 or Evangelist Mary Galloway, Conference Hostess @ 817-545-2769.

People of God World Wide Ministries
P.O. Box 2088
Coppell, TX 75019
817-654-2861 or 817-545-2769

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

June 5, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Summer Blood Drive sponsored by the African American Pastor's Coalition; for more information, please contact Bro. Reginald Simmons @ 214-823-7308.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Dr. Curtis Wallace, Pastor
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May 21, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Join us for our Women's Brunch; our theme: "Sisters in The Spirit: A New Beginning, Scripture 1 Peter 2:9 - 10 with Sister Verna Whitaker from Shiloh Baptist Church in Plano, as our guest speaker.

For additional information, please contact Sister Anicia Jones @ 469-467-7575.

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Please join us and bring a friend as we study Women of The Word in our Truth on Tuesday Bible Study Night.

Rhema Life Fellowship Church
Reverend James W. Thomas, Pastor
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469-467-7575

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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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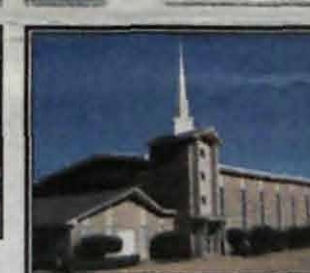
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