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Plano Community Forum

invited to attend this creative event! Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For information more call 972-941-7272.

of "make it and take it" craft

booths. All children, including

those will special needs are

The Plano City Council nominations for accepts "Volunteer of the Month" on a regular basis. The deadline is the first of every month and the final selection is made by the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and the Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. For more information visit the city's website www.ci.plano.tx.us

Collin County Community College District (CCCCD) is offering several new advancedlevel Java programming classes at its Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, and at its Courtyard Center for Professional and Economic Development, 4800 Preston Park Blvd., both in Plano. New classes begin about every two weeks. Check out the continuing education schedule online at www.ccccd.edu/ce for specific dates and times.

The Allen Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12 Noon at the First Methodist Church on South Jupiter. For more information, call Randy Sandifer, 972-396-1118. or Grif Moore, 972-972-727-9945.

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you, yet again, that your presence is neither required nor preferred at these events.

requesting to participate in this year's

M. L. King Holiday activities;

however your request, as in past years,

has been denied. We regret to inform

The committee is concerned that were you allowed to participate, you might make comments that would be inappropriate or offensive to many of our white and Black constituents. We want everyone to feel comfortable during this time.

Also, your suggestion that this event be used to address current issues on racial justice is directly contrary to the purposes we have established for King Day celebrations around the nation. This is not about

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Requirements for the New York League office

* Minimum grade point average of at least 3.0

overall and 3.3 in their major for undergraduate

seniors; 3.3 for graduate students; or ranked in the

2005 or are currently seniors intending to enter a

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graduate or law students returning to school in the

* Located in United States at the time of the

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* Minimum grade point average of at least a 3.25;

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*Seniors in an undergraduate program in the Fall

at the NFL League and Films offices.

top 1/2 of their class for law students;

internship include:

Fall 2005;

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internship include:

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internship; and,

Mt. Laurel by March 1, 2005.

in a conflict that was initiated under pretenses that have proven totally false. You would certainly keep bringing up that tired old line about not finding any weapons of mass destruction or links to the Al Quaida terrorist network. You would want to rehash unnecessary memories, such as our recently reelected president's promises of few US deaths, Iraqi oil would pay for the war, and that the conflict would last only 90

Vietnam War. You would probably keep

bringing up the fact that over 1,000

U.S. troops have died (10,000 injured)

You would probably bring up the fact that oil companies are the only ones winning in this war. You probably would not be able to resist mentioning

to

became homeless overnight in 1948. when the US lead their mass eviction to form the current state of Israel.

has chosen to play in the Middle East.

You would feel obligated to bring up

how nearly one million Palestinians

There is no need to talk about the thousands of Palestinian children that die from lack of medical care due to the US-led embargo. Matter of fact, let's not focus on anything that happens to Arab peoples, we only need to discuss what THEY do wrong and call for 'peace' over their dead and steadily dying bodies.

You would probably make an unkind reference to the fact that when the recent Tsunami hit a non-

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Rice Receives Senate Panel Confirmation

WASHINGTON -The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday confirmed Condoleezza Rice as the nation's next secretary of state by a vote of 16 to 2, sending her name to the full Senate for approval.

Senators voting "nay" to putting Rice in charge of the State Department were Democrats Barbara Boxer of California and John Kerry of Massachusetts. The vote came after two days of tough questioning of Rice, who currently serves as President Bush's national security adviser.

Ranking Democrat Joe Biden of Delaware said that while he "could easily see how I would go that way," he would vote for her confirmation out of a sense of optimism and a recognition that they will have to work together.

A full Senate vote could come Thursday afternoon after Bush takes the oath of office and attends a congressional luncheon.

If confirmed, Rice would become the first black woman to be the nation's top diplomat, replacing Colin Powell. Powell was delivering his farewell speech to State Department employees, who he called his "family," on Wednesday.

"You were my troops, you were America's troops," the former Army general said. "You are the carriers of America's values."

He called Rice "a dear friend" and said she would bring "gifted leadership" to the department.

Before the vote during a second day of Rice testimony, Biden said Wednesday during the hearing that the goal of Tuesday's line of questioning was "not to play 'I gotcha' Rice Receives Senate Page 3

Installs 2005 Officers

The 2005 Officers were sworn in on January 14th at the Douglass Community Center in East Plano.



Plano Community Forum 2005 Officers (Sitting Left to Right) Myrtle Hightower (Vice President Civic Affairs), Brenda McDonald (President), Barbara Simpkins, Mazzie Moses (Financial Secretary) Standing Left to Right Fred Moses, John Hightower (Chaplin), Earl Simpkins (Vice President, Membership), Patricia Humphress (Vice President, Activities), Erma Spencer(Vice President, Public Relations), Arthur Young (Treasurer), Julius Chambers (Secretary), Charles Harris (Vice President, Programs), Felix Nnaji (Parliamentarian).

Keller Springs Baptist Church Welcomes The Dallas Black Dance Theatre

the congregation and the "Give Him the Highest spirit of God when Keller Praise". Springs Baptist Church warmly welcomed Sister expected Tarpley, Religious for MON-The Gazette and Armando Dallas Black Dance Theatre Silva, a ten-year dance to "Center of Your Will" by member of Dallas Black Grammy awarding winning Dance Theatre, as well as other guests to their spirit- McClurkin. Silva received lead morning service last numerous Sunday.

their best when they elated and blessed by the worshipped the Lord with the powerful presentation that songs, "Hallelujah You're

One could feel the love of Worthy to Be Praised" and

Silva performed with the polished, deportment and style of the gospel artist Donnie applauses throughout his performance. The Sanctuary Choir was at The congregation was so

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DBDT at KSBC Page 1

Left to Right Shirley Ann Washington (Evangelist Ministries, Bethel Temple Church of God in Christ), Ruby Sanders, Pastor Larry J. Sanders Sr. (Senor Pastor, Keller Springs Baptist Church), Reverend Harry "Rick" Jordan (Concord Missionary Baptist Church), and Sister Tarpley (MON-The Gazette Religious Editor).



Sister Ruby Sanders and Pastor Larry J. Sanders Sr. of Keller Springs Baptist Church.

Sister Tarpley thanks the church and introduces Armando Silva.



Sister Tarpley and Pastor Larry J. Sanders Sr.



DBDT dancer Armando Silva and Sister Tarpley.



they gave the performer a

standing ovation at the conclusion of the piece. Pastor Larry J. Sanders, Sr., Senior Pastor of Keller Springs Baptist Church in Carrollton said they were

delighted to have MON-The Gazette and DBDT bring such a wonderful God-honored presentation to the church.

Pastor Sanders invited everyone to look at the DBDT display in the lobby at the end of the service. He also encouraged everyone to **DBDT's** attend performance at the Eisemann Center, in Richardson on March 2-3, 2005 at 7:30 pm. Tickets to the event are

now on sale at the Eisemann Center Ticket

DBDT dancer, Armando Silva extends praise to God as he dances to "Center of His Will" by Grammy award winning gospel recording artist Donnie McClurkin.



DBDT dancer Armando Silva on bended knew in worship to the Lord.

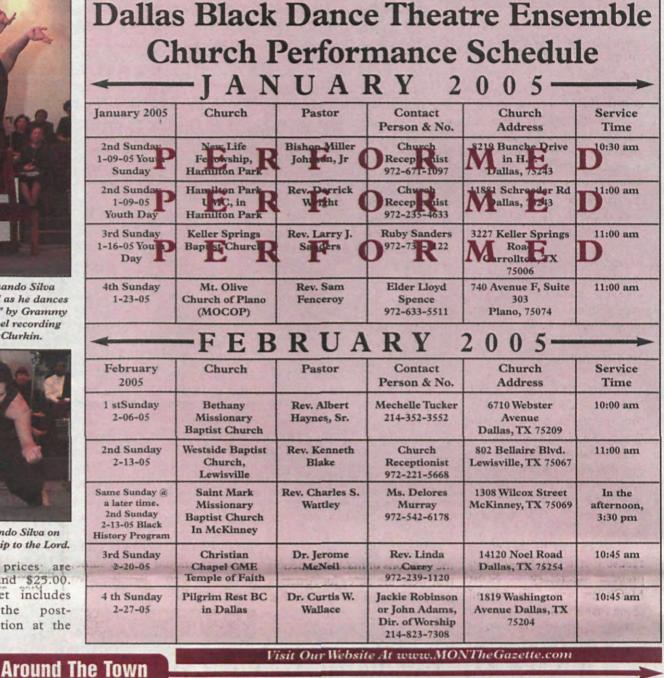
Office. Ticket prices are \$10.00, \$15.00, and \$25.00. The \$25.00 ticket includes admission to the postperformance reception at the Eisemann Center.

Keller Springs Baptist Church Awards College Scholarship

Keller Springs Baptist Church member, Charles Miller was recently awarded a college scholarship from the church to support his undergraduate studies. The money he received will help defray the cost of tuition, books, room and board. Miller plans to attend the University of Texas Dallas. He will major in Electronic Engineering.



Left to Right (Leford Stevenson, Veronica Stevenson, and Charles Miller Jr (members of Keller Springs Baptist).



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ages 4 to adult are welcome to learn ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip-hop and musical theater. For more information contact Cylinda visit Chapman at 214-275-7284 ext. 117.

Teen Graffiti Seeks Good Classes are held every Saturday write, revise or update a business at Eastfield College Room C-135. December 26th tsunami in from 10:15 am to 2 pm Children plan. This seminar will be held on The program will provide easy

southern Asia. The Tsunami Victim's Memorial and Assistance Prayer Vigil will be held at 3 pm in the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State Street, in downtown Garland. Representatives from the wide variety of religious congregations and ethnic groups in Garland are invited to offer prayers for the thousands of people affected by the deadly tsunami. Participants will have the opportunity to give donations to various organizations assisting with relief efforts. more information For contact Mrs. Dickson at 972-494-1836 or Clay Womack at 972-272-3471.

seniors to call the Seniors Eye-care Hotline: 1800-222-EYES (3937). The help-line is intended to remind the senior community about the value of sight. The free eve care program is available all year round. For more information, visit www.eyecareamerica.org. The African Chamber of Commerce DFW chapter business hosts weekly luncheons every Wednesday from 12:00pm - 1:00pm, at the Farmers Market Resource Center, 1010 S. Pearl Street in Dallas. The luncheons feature guest speakers, networking, technical assistance and referrals. For more information please call 214-670-5880.

PIP Productions, distributors of the new multistation show, The Valder Beebe Show, announces The Valder Beebe Show broadcast on "KXVI FM The Bridge Network" each Sunday, from 6 pm to 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 For more Parkway. Information, please call 972-727-0195. Collin County preparedness emergency hotline: 972-548-4114. You can also Visit the web at www.co.collin.tx.us.

Who knows- you could be Teen Graffiti's Scholar Student of the Year! For contest rules and more information 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. No reservations are required and more information is available online. The Plano Chamber of Commerce offers a weekly networking opportunity called "Business Interchange" every Friday

7:30 am to 8:30 am, 1200 E. 15th Street, Plano 75074. For more information, log on to the Plano City web site www.planochamber.org.

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.

The Dance Academy of Pathway of Life Church is registering!

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, 12 Noon -4:00pm.

January 21

The Roy Williams Safety Net Foundation will host is 1st Annual Benefit for its Single Mothers Initiative at 7 pm at the Omni Park West Hotel in Dallas. Leading up to the benefit single mothers will be able to participate in a Single Mother of the Year Competition. The will received a free Sacred Experience day of pampering and makeover on January 22nd. The Foundation is committed to making a difference in the lives of low-income single mother households in the Dallas Metropolitan community. For ticket information call 1-888-244-8772.

January 22

The Paul Quinn College Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute presents "Project Eli" a free seminar for anyone interested in starting a business, growing an existing business or wanting to

Saturday between 11 am and 2:00 pm at the Paul Quinn College Library in the Professional Development Room (2nd Fl.). To RSVP call 214.302.3510.

The Club del Libro del Centro Argentikno de Dallas Fort Worth, in collaboration with DFW International, presents Ardiente Paciencia (Burning Patience, better known as 'Il Postino') IN SPANISH at 7 pm in the Latino Cultural Center. The event is one of a series entitled Tribute to Pablo Neruda, a year-long global cultural festival celebrating the centennial of the Chilean poet and statesman, winner of The Nobel Prize in Literature 1971. The Latino Cultural Center is located at 2600 Live Oak. Tickets for the event cost \$3, and children under 12 are free.

January 25

The NAACP Garland Branch invites you and your family to share with us in our monthly Branch meeting where we will hold Jubilee Observance and Installation of Officers on at 7:00 pm at the Garland Women's Building, 713 Austin at Gleenbrook, Garland (downtown). Minister Etta Whitman, Pastor, New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church of Garland will be the guest speaker. Admission: (FREE)

January 26

The Dallas Area Agency on Aging will provide a Benefit Counseling session to residents of Dallas County who are 60 years old and older from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

information and access to assistance regarding eligibility for public benefits and long-term care insurance including Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Medicare, Medicaid or Food Stamps. Come learn what resources are available for you or someone you know. For more information call 972-860-7185 or visit www.eastfieldcollege.com.

January 27

North Texas Housing Coalition (NTHC) will hold the 2005 Housing Summit, "Housing Solutions in Today's Economic Environment," from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Adams Mark Hotel, 400 North Olive St. in Dallas. The Summit will bring together private and public sector leaders in workforce housing from across North Texas to discuss strategies for increasing affordable housing supply in the region. The Honorable Reverend Dr. Floyd Flake, former member of Congress and senior pastor of the Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral in Jamaica, Queens New York, one of the nation's most successful community development programs, will deliver the luncheon keynote address. To register, contact the Coalition at 214-946-3500 or register online at www.nthcinc.org.

January 30

The City of Garland's Community Multicultural Commission will host a citywide event to remember victim's of the

Support Groups

"Healing Matters" Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every Month at 7:30pm at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a Pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic stillbirth, pregnancy, 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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Editorial THE TRUTH CLINIC **CBS 'Fessed Up-- Bush Should Too**

By: James W. Breedlove

CBS in the relatively short span of 90 days commissioned an independent outside panel to investigate the controversial "60 Minutes" report casting doubt on President Bush's National Guard service that aired on September 8, 2004.

The action taken by CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves on the panel's findings was swift, direct and accountable. He admitted that mistakes had been made, identified the responsible parties and immediately initiated corrective actions. Four of the directly responsible individuals were fired and administrative safeguards were revised to ensure that future investigative reports are thoroughly and independently authenticated.

In his statement announcing CBS's response to the catastrophic breakdown in internal checks and balances, Mr. Moonves said: "As far as the question of reporting is concerned, the bottom line is that much of the Sept. 8th broadcast was wrong, incomplete or unfair. We deeply regret the disservice this flawed '60 Minutes' Wednesday report did to the American public, which has a right to count on CBS News for fairness and accuracy in all it does."

He described his personal dismay with, "I was shocked by the extent of some of the things that went unchecked. I was not surprised at many of the panel's findings, but the fact that none of our experts truthfully authenticated the documents - that was shocking to me."

The reaction of the White House as stated by Presidential press secretary Scott McClellan was, "We felt all along that it was important for CBS to get to the bottom of

this. CBS has taken steps to hold last September that concluded people accountable, and we appreciate those steps."

Releasing and defending a known flawed report during the height of the Presidential election was a serious breach of journalistic ethics and a disservice to the millions of viewers that have a right to expect truthfulness, fairness and some degree of objectivity from the major media services. While the credibility of CBS and perhaps by association the credibility of other media organizations has been damaged by the unfair and misleading broadcast there were no lives lost and other than the four fired CBS employees no collateral damage.

There is an eerie similarity of rushing to judgment in both the CBS misadventure and the Iraq war debacle even though the war consequences are much more devastating.

When reading the CBS panel's 244 page final report it would be easy to believe you had mistakenly picked up an analysis of Bush's rush to war. The same descriptive terms are used to explain how data was skewed to support а preconceived decision. Hast to meet an artificial deadline, secrecy, maneuvering, bureaucratic ambiguity, the use of unauthenticated documents, making false, inaccurate and misleading statements, defending decisions while ignoring legitimate concerns, and the constant claim of "irrefutable evidence" and "unimpeachable sources" were the missteps of CBS and Bush.

The 1,700 members of the Iraq Survey Group (ISG) have recently stopped searching for the weapons of mass destruction that were the bases for America going to war. It is expected that the ISG leader will quickly finalize the interim report issued

Iraq had no stockpiles of biological and chemical weapons and its nuclear program was non-existent. This is a direct contradiction of all the weapons of mass destruction and imminent danger assertions made by the Administration to sell the war.

The opinions of experts on conventional weapons and nuclear programs were minimized or simply ignored by the Administration as it built momentum for war. The haste, secrecy, ambiguity, "this is a crises do not ask questions" scenario used by CBS was also used by the Administration to publicly push its nebulous positions while carefully denying debate on opposing viewpoints.

Many of the administration's war assertions were based on the "National Intelligence Estimate" that the Senate Committee Intelligence concluded had findings that were mostly unfounded, overblown or wrong. The ISG findings of no weapons are complemented by the numerous intelligence mistakes identified in the independent reports of the Joint Senate/House Intelligence Committee and the National Commission On Terrorism.

If it is so important for the people to have the highest regard for the credibility of a news organization how much more so should the people have confidence and faith in the credibility of its government?

It is time for the Administration to come clean with the American people. It took Les Moonves only 90 days to stand up and admit his organization's mistake. The President should do the same, even though it is two years over due.

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or embarrass the president but [to find out] what we learned, what we'd do different [in Iraq] ... or, given a different circumstance, which we may face" in Korea, Iran, or Syria.

"We're trying to get some insight into how a second term, a second chance, a second round, might be different - not because anyone else would have done it better, that Al Gore, had he been president, would have done it differently,' Biden continued.

But instead of "seizing the opportunity" to describe how the administration has learned from the experience in Iraq, Biden said Rice, "danced around it, you stuck to the party line: You're always consistent, you're always right, you're never wrong ... I wish instead, you'd acknowledged the facts."

Sen. Lincoln Chafee, R-R.I., meanwhile, urged Rice to consider reconciliation with Iran, which he said was about as repressive as China was when the Nixon administration approached Beijing for better relations. But Rice said, "It is really

hard to find common ground with a government that thinks Israel should be extinguished," supports terror groups and is undercutting U.S. peace efforts in the Middle

East. During a sometimes contentious first day of questioning Tuesday, Rice vowed to reach out to America's friends and allies around the globe in future policy decisions and said she would try to mend relations that were strained in the run-up to the war in Iraq.

In a daylong hearing, Rice heard praise and criticisms relating to her role in forming Iraq policy and advice on how to approach international relations challenges in the coming years.

"The time for diplomacy is now," Rice told members of the panel, adding, "if confirmed, I will work with members of Congress, from both sides of the aisle, to build a strong bipartisan consensus behind America's foreign policy. I will seek to strengthen our alliances, to support our friends, and to make the world safer, and better."

Rice answered some tough questions about her role combating terrorism and waging the war in

"The fact is, relations with many of our oldest friends are, quite frankly, scraping the bottom right now and we need to heed the advice of the president of the United States just before his first inaugural when he talked about acting with humility as well as force," Biden said.

National

deal with the North Korean nuclear situation, since, he said, "we seem to be sitting on the sidelines" there. "Every nation that benefits from

living on the right side of the freedom divide has an obligation to share freedom's blessings. Our first challenge, then, is to inspire the American people, and the people of all free nations, to unite in common cause to solve common problems," Rice said.

Rice to Rubber Stamp?

Rice said the United States faces "daunting tasks" in this day and age as it faces a "long-term struggle against an ideology of tyranny and terror, and against hatred and hopelessness."

She added that American diplomacy has three "great tasks": - Unite the community of democracies in building an

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Sen. Joseph R. Biden (D-Del.)

international system that is based on our shared values and the rule of law.

- Strengthen the community of democracies to fight the threats to the common security and alleviate the hopelessness that feeds terror.

Spread freedom and democracy throughout the globe. "That is the mission that President Bush has set for America in the world and the great mission of American diplomacy today," she said.

Some critics, however, say she will only rubber-stamp President Bush's views, rather than represent the views of U.S. diplomats, while others question her service as Bush's national security adviser during the last four years.

"I personally believe that your loyalty to the mission you were given overwhelmed your respect for the truth," Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., told Rice before the hearing. On Wednesday, Boxer continued to barrage Rice with a myriad of the adviser's own statements made regarding Iraq over the past two years, and stressed how the senator thought Rice, who she said has been the "face of the administration," had helped the administration mislead the American public about the threat in

Hussein to see the light of day. I don't. So that's not the point," she continued, adding, "It's about candor, it's about telling the whole story."

She also criticized Rice and the administration for tying Al Qaeda to Iraq and for what she considered was a White House push for the idea that Al Qaeda and Saddam were in collaboration with each other -- an idea Rice denied.

"I think we did say that there was never an issue of operational control, that Saddam Hussein has nothing to do with 9/11 as far as know or could tell," Rice replied. "It wasn't a question of

operational lines. It was a question about an attitude about terrorism that allowed [Abu Musab al-Zarqawi] to be in Baghdad and operational in Baghdad."

On Iraq, Rice repeatedly has defended the administration's reasons for war, including the premise that Saddam possessed dangerous weapons of mass destruction and would use them or pass them to terrorists if he was not stopped. No such weapons have been found in two vears.

Republican senators joined Democrats in asking Rice about the weapons discrepancy and about the adequacy of U.S. planning for the war and its aftermath. But she refused to be nailed down on a specific exit strategy for the United States.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., challenged Rice's claim that the right number of troops were in Iraq and criticized the administration's postwar policies, saying "you are going to be confirmed and everybody knows that ... I have reservations but they are not personal. But they do go to the story and trail of the next four vears.

"It seems to me ... we went in to rescue Iraq from Saddam Hussein. Now I think we have to rescue our policy from ourselves." said the senator, who lost the presidential race against Bush last November, and mused that he was sort of happy to be back in the Senate.

"We do have some big tactical challenges to get to the strategic goals that we have," Rice replied.

"This was never going to be casy. It was always going to have ups and down[s]. I'm sure we have made multiple decisions - some of which were good, some of which were not good, but the trategic decision to overthrow Saddam Hussein was a good one.'

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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 date to expand your quest for economic parody outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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Biden also said he hopes "we can start leveling" on the realistic prospects for success in Iraq and wanted to know how Rice would

MLK Breakfast Page 1

help students in Collin County continue their education beyond high school.

Michelle Melancon was the recipient of the first Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Scholarship presented by Juanita Austin and Steve Hardy. Melancon is a sophomore at CCCD majoring in Business Administration. She is the mother of two, a Phi Beta Kappa member, who consistently makes the Dean's list, and is active in her church's Women's ministry.

"I feel that [race relations] are much better than they were during King's lifetime. He made it possible for all of us to get to know all the other races, and help us to familiarize ourselves with different races in order to get to know one another," Melancon said.

A panel discussion, moderated by Dallas Morning News Assistant Managing Editor, Leona Allen was lively and informative.

Participants included: Plano Mayor Pat Evans, former City Council Member David Perry, Plano Police Chief Greg Rushin, Texas State Senator Florence Shapiro, Collin County Judge Ron Harris, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), and DFW Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce board member Jane Jin among other Plano political and business leaders. The panel addressed issues of racial profiling, school finance, mobility problems, healthcare, education, as well as single member districts versus open districts, among other topics.

Perry also recognized those in the community that helped establish Dr. King's birthday as an official school holiday. Perry discussed

Iraa "I find it so troubling that the

Bush administration used the fear of terror to make the war against Iraq appear to be in response to 9/11," Boxer said.

"Now I don't know one American who wants Saddam

some of the obstacles and

challenges they faced, such as

battling white officials who did not

want to recognize Dr. King's

accomplishments, and the divisive

methods used to try to get them to

Special mentions went out to

Howard Breckenridge, Jr., Harold

Perrell, Jay Lewis, Calvin Wilson,

Caroline Howard, and Ted Dickey

who took the heat and fielded the

hate calls, in order to make this a

"Race relations in Plano are very

good, but there is an unrest,

because of some bidding in the

mode of taxation without

representation. I get a lot of

comments from people indicating

[we] have a good city council, but

are not so sure that it represents

their views, as far as the

community. We have a budding

community of Hispanics, Asians,

and Middle Eastern Americans

who feel they should have someone

representing them that understands

current race relations Mayor Evans.

stated, "Looking around here

today, I'm very encouraged, and I

think that weekends like this are

such a great beginning of a

dialogue. I can only hope that

things like [the MLK Power

Breakfast] will keep going. It's not

just a one-time thing. I know of

friendships that have started here

that have been ongoing. Every time

we do this, our ties get stronger.

The working relationships and the

trust we have here really benefit the

community. That makes what

happens here so much more

successful."

When asked his opinion on

their plight," Perry explains.

turn on one another.

possibility.

FOX News' Liza Porteus and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Email Comments to Politics a Mon The Gazette.com

shared his views: "Things have certainly improved since we started having these almost 16 years ago. I have been to every one of these type opportunities to at least explain what the city is doing, and we have made significant strides

"Generally speaking, I think we are on an even keel. There is some turmoil underneath the surface that just hasn't surfaced, and there is a possibility that some incident could spark this unrest," said LULAC Vice President Mary Alice Garza.'

Following the panel discussion area students showcased their talent for singing, stepping, and more at the MLK His Vision is Our Mission Youth Extravaganza and Talent Show. Miss Southlake 2005 and Miss Teen Texas 2005 Natalie Jenkins, from Plano High sang a touching rendition of "God Bless the Child" followed by some fierce stepping from the East Side Steppaz Step Team from Plano East Senior High. Rapper soloist Tavoris M.O.E, and Johnson rounded out the entertainment. afternoon Highlights also included DCC Girl Talk dance troupe, and a solo violin performance by Tyler Melancon.

No matter what your opinion on race relations today, we, as a society, can look back at what Dr. King was trying to accomplish and see that things have indeed changed for the better. But much more needs to be done to ensure equality of all. Forums like the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Leadership Power Breakfast are a step in the City Manager Tom Muchlen right direction.

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Business Directory To Advertise Call 972-509-9049 Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau Appoints Sales Manager to Focus on Hispanic Convention Market

DALLAS, TX - Dallas is again heavily pursuing emerging convention markets, with a strong focus on Hispanic conventions. In her first year as Sales Manager of Minority Conventions, Veronica Torres has already seen the community come together to compete for major Hispanic Conventions.

In 2005, Dallas can already expect to see more Hispanic conventions. Booked conventions include The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, The National Bar Hispanic Association, Hispanic CREO and The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber and our local community leaders to create a system of support," said Veronica Torres.

"Every convention we pursue receives letters from our Hispanic members on the Dallas City Council, local Hispanic

"We are working together with organization chapter presidents and our local Hispanic corporations. Dallas has a really close Hispanic community; it's amazing to see how passionate everyone is about our Latin culture."

A Hispanic originally from Austin, Texas, Torres is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University

with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. She is continuing her education at The University of Texas at Dallas, pursuing a degree in Public Administration with a focus on Hispanic Studies.

Torres currently is a member of the International Hispanic Meeting Professionals and Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She also serves on the Multi Cultural Committee for Meeting Professionals International (MPI).





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Carnivale 2005! Comes to Bass Hall

Carnivale 2005! on January

31, 2005 at Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth. Soulful Benin-born and Paris-based singer Angélique Kidjo and New Orleans' own The Neville Brothers will heat things up

for an unforgettable night of rhythm and soul.

Since the release of her self-produced, debut, solo album, Pretty, in 1988, Kidjo has been embraced by the international press. "The New York Times", hailed her for "growls and swoops that link African tradition to American soul music."

The daughter of an actress, dancer and theatrical producer, Kidjo was born in Quidah, a coastal city in the West African country of Benin. Inheriting her mother's love of performing, she made her stage debut with her mother's theatrical troupe. Inspired by the rock, pop and soul music of Jimi Hendrix, Santana, Miriam Makeba, James Brown and Aretha Franklin, she was singing professional by her twentieth birthday.

Kidjo's albums have been strengthened by contributions from top-



album, featured jazz keyboardist Jasper Van't Hof, the leader of Pili Pili, a Holland-based Afro-jazz band with whom Kidjo had performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival in 1987.

Logozo, recorded in Miami in 1991 and produced by Joe Galdo of the Miami Sound Machine, featured Branford Marsalis on saxophone.

Marsalis later performed on Kidio's album, Oremi. The album featured Kidjo singing duets with Cassandra Wilson ("Never Know") and Kelly Price ("Open Your Eyes").

Kidjo's most ambitious album, Fifa (1996), featured more than one hundred percussionists, flautists, cowbell

berimbau players, singers and dancers from Benin and one track featuring Carlos

Sundance Square with producers. Parakou, her first Jean Hebrail, a French bass internationally-distributed player and composer she met in 1987, has played a

major role in the recording of her albums.

Throughout their long careers the Neville Brothers as both solo performers and as members of the group that bore their family name proudly carried the torch of their native New Orleans' rich R&B

legacy.

Eldest brother Art was the first to tackle a recording career, when in 1954 his high school band the Hawketts cut "Mardi Gras Mambo," a song that later became the annual carnival's unofficial anthem.

Both Aaron and Charles later joined the Hawketts as well, and when Art joined the Navy in 1958, he handed



and Aaron the group's vocal reins. Two years later, Aaron scored his first solo hit, "Over You"; in 1966, he notched a pop

Mardi Gras comes alive in notch guest musicians and Santana. Kidjo's husband, smash with the classic "Tell It Like It Is," a lush ballad showcasing his gossamer vocals.

> In 1967, he formed Art Neville and the Sounds, which included both Aaron and Charles as featured vocalists and quickly became a sensation on the local club circuit. In 1968 producer Allen Toussaint hired the group as the house band for his Sansu Enterprises; minus Aaron and Charles, the Sounds evolved into a highly regarded rhythm section which backed artists as diverse as Lee Dorsey, Robert Palmer, and LaBelle before eventually finding fame on their own as the Meters.

In 1975, the Meters backed the Wild Tchoupitoulas, a group led by the Nevilles' uncle, George "Big Chief Jolly" Landry. Both Aaron and Charles were enlisted for

> youngest brother Cyril; when the Meters disbanded the following year, the four brothers backed the Tchoupitoulas on tour, and in 1977 officially banded together as The Neville Brothers.

Join the soulful Benin-born and Paris-based Angélique Kidjo - known world-wide for her stunning vocals and intense

combination of Afro-funk, carrying the torch of their reggae, samba, salsa, gospel, jazz, Zairean rumba, zouk and R&B legacy wherever they makossa -- and The Neville go for this one night only Brothers -- famous for performance.

native New Orleans' rich

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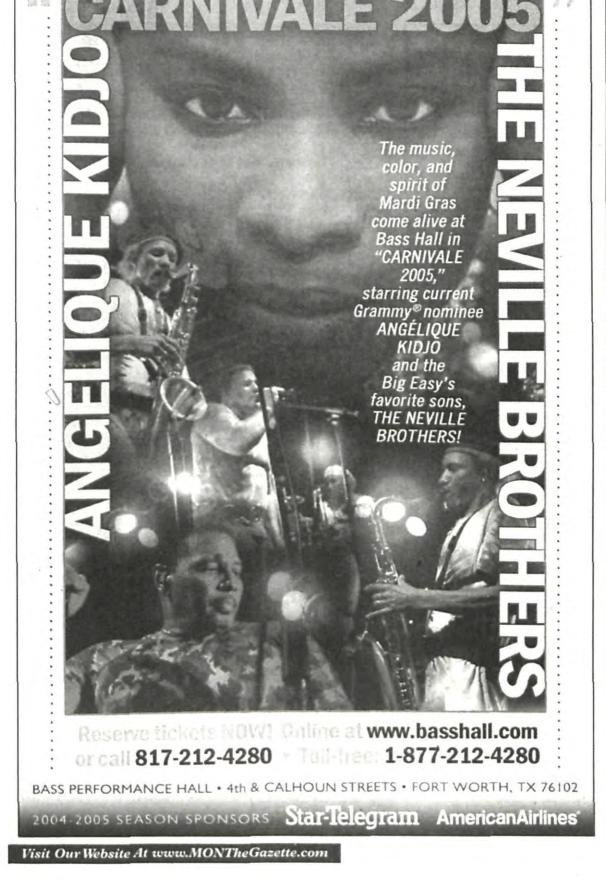
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Car Review Car Review-2005 Cadillac Escalade ESV

By: E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.

The ESV comes equipped with new features for 2005. Cadillac Virtual Advisor provides threeday weather forecasts and traffic reports within pre-selected ranges of 5,10, or 15 miles of the vehicle's location in most major markets. Also monitors personalized routes and gives up to 10 stock updates. New burled walnut trim replaces traditional Zebrano trim. New cooling system with two electric cooling fans, and the charging system has been upgraded with a new 160 amp alternator and regulated voltage control.

The ESV indeed has a powerful engine. A Vortec 6.0 Liter V-8 engine with 345 horsepower and 380 torque. The transmission is a 4-speed automatic. Working

seamlessly in conjunction with GM's advanced traction and stability control systems, the Escalade ESV uses the latest technology to optimize control and



ride characteristics under and road or load conditions.

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european, mostly Muslim part of the world, president Bush first offered them less financial assistance (\$14 million) than was spent to get him reelected. You would challenge the honesty of the claim that this was only an 'initial' offering. Unfortunately, it is almost certain that you would make mention of the fact that the US has spent over 100 times more money destroying Iraq than it is even thinking of spending on Tsunami aid. Of course, you would try to make a racial issue out of the fact that African countries impacted by the Tsunami receive relatively little mention or assistance.

Dr. King, you know how you are, when you get a crowd. You have this tendency to claim that the United States is not qualified to promote justice anywhere else because there is still injustice here. That is not the kind of talk we want to hear at King Day events.

If allowed to speak in New Orleans, you would want to bring up issues, like the St. Thomas housing development fiasco, where false promises were deliberately made to displaced residents. You would spend too much time discussing the fact that city leaders want to repeat the St. Thomas deception in at least two other neighborhoods. Yes, the systematic elimination of affordable housing is causing homelessness and many other problems, but King Day is not the time to address those kinds of concerns.

You would certainly try to make a 'justice' issue out of the cutbacks on health care for the poor and the president's efforts to make the health industry richer at the expense of the less-rich. If you were in New Orleans, you would try to make a race and class issue of the closure of vital sections of Charity Hospital, not to mention attempts to close the hostipal where most Black residents were

Black crime and the cultural disintegration of Black families and communities. You would blast the drug-based street culture that reaches all facets of our community. You would severely chastise Black men who did not support and raise their own children. You would not be pleased with some of the styles, behaviors and messages coming from Black entertainers nowadays. Go get 'em, Dr. King!

Then you would probably get offtrack and start blaming some of the irresponsible behavior on the poor education offered to the average Black student and an economic system that does its best to concentrate wealth in the hands of a few. You would even want to bring up the exclusion of Black businesses from government contracting opportunities and the practice of continuing job discrimination against Blacks.

Most people don't know about your passionate and persistent call for affirmative action, including quotas, to balance out the effects of past discrimination, so we can't let that slip out during the King Holiday events. And as for your past references supporting slavery reparations...let's not spoil the spirit with unnecessary controversy, eh?

While everyone else is talking about how far we have come since your time, you would ruin things by claiming that the clock is turning backwards. You would just have to mention the harassment and elimination of millions of Black voters, from the pe would want to bring up the soaring rate of Black incarceration in a time when there are supposedly fewer crimes. You would want to make a big deal of the Department of Justice reports that show Blacks getting more convictions and more jail time than whites with comparable evidence and criminal backgrounds. You would have the nerve to waste this day talking about the police harassment and abuse of Black

Discharge headlamps (HID). The headlamps have chrome bezels, which have a jewel-like appearance. The ESV is 22 inches longer than the Escalade, with more 20

extra inches of interior length, translating into more premium seating and cargo-carrying capability.

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King. Why do you think it was finally

(and reluctantly) signed into law by the

same president (Ronald Reagan) who

started the war to reverse civil rights by

crippling the US Civil Rights

Commission? Reagan worked hard to

popularize the use of 'code words' to

This is a day for politicians to be seen

proclaiming racial harmony. This is a

day for photo opportunities that go a

long way in election campaigns. It's a

day when people who will never take a

stand for justice, 'pay their dues' by

publicly cheering someone who died

to celebrate the idea that the 'dream'

you talked about in the only speech we

dare quote, has finally come true. We

offer, as proof of that arrival, the scene

of different races of people walking

together down a ghetto street one day

If allowed to be heard, in New

Orleans, your voice might ask why King

Day parades are banned from Canal

Street, the most famous and vital street

in the city... if they represent everybody?

Of course, you would even ask the

forbidden question as to why the street

named after you changes back to its old

name when it crosses to the 'white' side

If we wanted rabble-rousers, Dr.

King, we could have invited any

number of the male or female activists

that we try to keep quiet every year this

time. We just don't need your type of

participation or influence in the King

to be turning you down again next year.

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For more information call Mechelle Tucker @ 214-352-3552.

Bethany MBC Rev. Albert K. Havnes, Sr. Senior Pastor 6710 Webster Avenue Dallas, TX 75209 214-352-3552

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH Sunday Mornings, now through

March, 8:45 am - 9:45 am Winter Adult Discipleship P. O. Box 225863 Series Workshop, entitled, Dallas, TX 75222-5863 "Restoring Your Spiritual Passion." Facilitators include 6519 Johanna Fisher of KCBI-FM, 90.9 Radio; Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Music Minister and Teacher; and Dr. Terrance S. Woodson, Pastor.

For details and to register, please contact the church office @ 972-492-4300.

Bethel Bible Fellowship Church

Pastor 1944 Hebron Parkway Carrollton, TX 75007 972-492-4300

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME TEMPLE OF FAITH

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Church Happenings

Christian Chapel CME Temple of Faith Church Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr. Senior Pastor 14120 Noel Road Dallas, TX 75254 972-239-1120

COALITION OF CHURCHES IN PRISON MINISTRY

On-Going Mentor Program Our host church, True Lee Baptist Church, 3907 Bertrand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210, 214-421-9435 where Rev. Donald Parish is the Pastor, is working with a mentor program for children parents that of are incarcerated. Come or call to find out how to get involved. For more information, please call Carolyn Johnson a 972-235-6432.

Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry Rev. Isaac Johnson, Coordinator 972-235-6432 or 214-632-

COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST **CHURCH**

January 22, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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For more details, ticket prices and volunteering to help organize the event, please contact Jian Li @

Community UU Church Rev. Priscilla Richter, Minister 2875 East Parker Road Plano, TX 75074 972-424-8989

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January 23, 11:00 am You are cordially invited to our Annual Friends and Family Day; and our Annual Building Funds Day. We pray to see you there!

Hopewell MBC Rev. Michael Hubbard, Pastor 5144 Dolphin Road Dallas, TX 75223 214-823-1018

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

January 23, 11:00 am Our children and Youth Choirs will be featured in the 11:00 am Service. The public is welcomed to join us and hear our children and youth praise God in songs.

February 6, 5:00 pm Men of Purpose and Promise will host a Super Bowl Fellowship. Call Bro. Kevin Davis @ 972-735-8122 for more details.

February 11 - 12, 2005 The Marriage Ministry will host a Marriage Retreat at the Marriott Quorum Hotel in Addison. The final day to register for the retreat is February 2, 2005.

February 19,

11:00 am - 2:00 pm The Women of Grace and the Youth Ministry will host a Resume and Interview Workshop. There will be breakout sessions and handson assistance to update and prepare your resume. This event is opened to all youth and adults.

For more information on the above events, please call the church @ 972-735-8077.

Keller Springs Baptist Church Rev. Larry J. Sanders, Pastor 3227 Keller Springs Road Carrollton, TX 75006 972-735-8122

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Dr. Terrance S. Woodson,

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You would focus undue attention on the president's 'No Child Left Alive' education bill that raises standards for children to advance in school, while not offering a dime to help children meet those standards. You don't hear rich people complaining about this, now do you? Just tell your poor people to hire tutors and get their kids in the best schools, like everyone else.

Fortunately, you would certainly mention the prevalence of Black-on-

people. You would want to pretend that something is wrong with racial profiling...or that it really exists.

You would not be able to resist mention of the revived use and meaning of the Confederate flag, including its display in the upcoming 'Dukes of Hazzard' movie, where it is painted on the top of a car named after a rabid racist confederate general. Let's not be petty, Dr. King. After all, it's not a swastika, right?

Confronting today's racism is not what the King Holiday is about, Dr.

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if we are ungrateful for what He

has given us. Third, may we

determine to be sympathetic

toward all less fortunate persons



2004 IS BEHIND YOU FOREVER! Some things God gives often, but He only gives time once. The flowers of spring return new again and again. The

grass turns green, and trees burst into new foliage year after year. But time does not come twice to anyone.

We can enter the New Year with high hopes. Every New Year that we see holds a brighter hope than the last, and we should be ready to shake off bad habits and to give life a new start and a new best effort. Thoughts such as these have great possibilities; for every improvement begins

with a thought and the journey of a thousand miles begin with one step. This was the power that turned the feet of the ancient Psalmist, who said, "I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies" (Psalm 119:59.) The trouble has been that we have allowed some conflicting thoughts to grab us and change the direction of our feet. Here are some things to keep in mind and put an effort in doing.

First, we should keep Christ as our center. Second, we



Picture of the Week Mr. Joe Bagley, a long time and famous Radio Personality in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex area and host of the Joe Bagley Morning Show, KHVN, 970 AM (Heaven 97)

> reasonable construction on the words and deeds of others. Fifth, let us build our life on the good foundation of loving God and our fellowman.

What lies behind the ability to fight through periods of discouragement or depression? And what causes the belief that sooner or later that bad times will get better? It's a small four-letter word that has enormous power it. It has the power to bring failures back to success; the power to bring the sick back to health; and the power to bring the weak back

New Beginning should be grateful for the many to strength, it is the word called

HOPE. blessings of the previous year. We are not worthy of more from God

There's something about HOPE that makes clear thinking possible. When you are faced with a problem do you regard it with HOPE or with despondency? If than we are. Having a soft heart is you HOPE there is a solution or if a big accomplishment Fourth, you believe that somewhere there's a solution, you will probably find it. On the

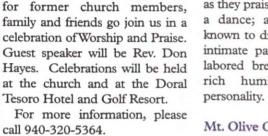
other hand, if you think dismally about it, you are likely to come up with dismal results.

You may have gone through some difficult times-but who hasn't? It is easy to think that troubles have become a constant companion. You can even begin to enjoy this sense of hopelessness, in a perverse sort of way. It may give you an excuse for not trying to improve the situation.

The remedy for this state of mind is a good strong dose of HOPE, taken at least three times a day. Don't ever say, "I've had it. This is more than I can handle." Say aloud the words of the Psalm, "HOPE thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him" (Psalm 42:11.)

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Morse Street Baptist Church Rev. A. R. Stokes, Pastor 921 Morse Street Denton, TX 76205

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Mt. Hebron BC (The Mount) Rev. Leonard Leach, Pastor 901 Dairy Road Garland, TX 75040 972-276-5218

MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO (MOCOP) January 23, 11:00 am

Come and join us for a glorious and spiritual time; our special guest for the day will include MON-The Gazette's representative, Sister Tarpley, Religious Editor, and the

International Renowned Dallas Black Dance Theatre. DBDT Ensemble will perform with refinement and dignity to honor God. The dancer or dancers will show poise and physical prowess as they praise and worship God in a dance; and they have been known to draw the audience into intimate participation with each labored breath and reveal their rich humanity and unique

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Mt. Olive Church of Plano (MOCOP) Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Senior Pastor 740 Avenue F, Suite 303 Plano, TX 75074 972-633-5511

NEW LIGHT CHURCH February 5, 2005

We will host a workshop, "Singles Moving Forward" featuring Joe & Ramona Bailey of Abide in The Word Marriage Ministry. All singles are invited. Child care and food will be provided.

February 12, 2005

You are invited to attend a special Valentine Workshop for Husbands and Wives to educate and encourage couples. The workshop, "Things That Lovers Do" will feature Joe & Ramona Bailey of Abide in The Word Marriage Ministry. All couples are invited. Child care and food will be provided.

You must register to attend, please call the church @ 214-391-3430 or Ramona Bailey @ 469-682-7258 to register.

New Light Church Rev. Shaun Rabb, Senior Pastor 9314 Elam Road Dallas, TX 75217 214-391-3430

PILGRIM REST **BAPTIST CHURCH**

February 8, 10:45 am Installation of Officers February 15, 2005 Junior Brotherhood Program February 17 - 18, 2005 Evangelical Conference at the church

February 22, 10:45 am African American History Program, and an Old Fashion Dress-Up Day; special guest for the day will include MON-The Gazette's representative, Sister Tarpley, Religious Editor, and the International Renowned Dallas Black Dance Theatre. DBDT Ensemble will perform with refinement and dignity to honor God. The dancer or dancers will show poise and physical prowess as they praise and worship God in a dance; and they have been known to draw the audience into intimate participation with each labored breath and reveal their rich humanity and unique personality.

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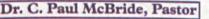
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immediately followed in the main auditorium of the Patty Granville Arts Center. The theme of the program was "Serving as Role Models for



(Left to Right) Dale Long and B.J. Williams (Parade song of "God Grand MarshallINAACP Garland Branch President)

the Next Generation."

"God saw fit to bless our country and put a man in it like Martin Luther King," said MLK event-coordinator Gwen Daniels in her welcome.

"He left a legacy which we are here to celebrate."

And celebrate is what everyone attending the program did. Kicking off the uplifting commemorative and rededication service was a Scripture reading and prayer from Chris Nolan (Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church) and Taylor Polk (First Baptist Church). Then the Ida Handley Elementary Choir ignited the packed crowd with two selections.

"This was simply awesome," said Daniels of the program that consisted of majority of the participants being kids to young adults.

"We gave it this theme because we have those men serving as role models for our children. But we also need to have more male role models to serve as mentors for our

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youth." Following the Ida Handley Elementary Choir was a sensational puppet presentation from the Puppet Ministry of St. Luke A.M.E. Church. Bringing

> the crowd to its feet _ eventually a standing ovation - the puppets resembled that of a choir as they sang, danced and even jokingly fanned one another to the

is Good." "This was a tribute to Dr. King ... for his work," said NAACP Garland Branch president B.J. Williams.

"Hopefully this is a motivator for us to get out there and do what we have to do, to make a difference in our community."

Many organizations have made a difference in the Garland including the

city's area-wide Brotherhood, the Theta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Xi Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. For their respective work each received the Community Appreciation Award.

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people, which is why we had them involved," said Williams of the program.

"They have to know, not only how to sing the songs but what they mean. And unless you involve them and teach them they will never know."

Closing out the program was the much anticipated reading of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech by Perfect Praise COGIC Elder Albert Baker and the singing of the 130-member MLK community-wide Youth Choir.

"This was a great program. Remembering the past makes us look to the future," said Stafford Counts, the Youth Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, which won first place in the float competition, followed by St. Luke A.M.E. Church and North Garland Bible Fellowship.

"He did so much for us and our children need to know how we got here," NAACP member Lillie Hopkins echoed Counts.

"Dr. King was a great man and a great person. These young community over the years people need to know this history.



Patrick Smith (center) and members of **Omega Psi Phi receive Community Appreciation** Award from B.J. Williams (right)

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February 13, 2:00 pm

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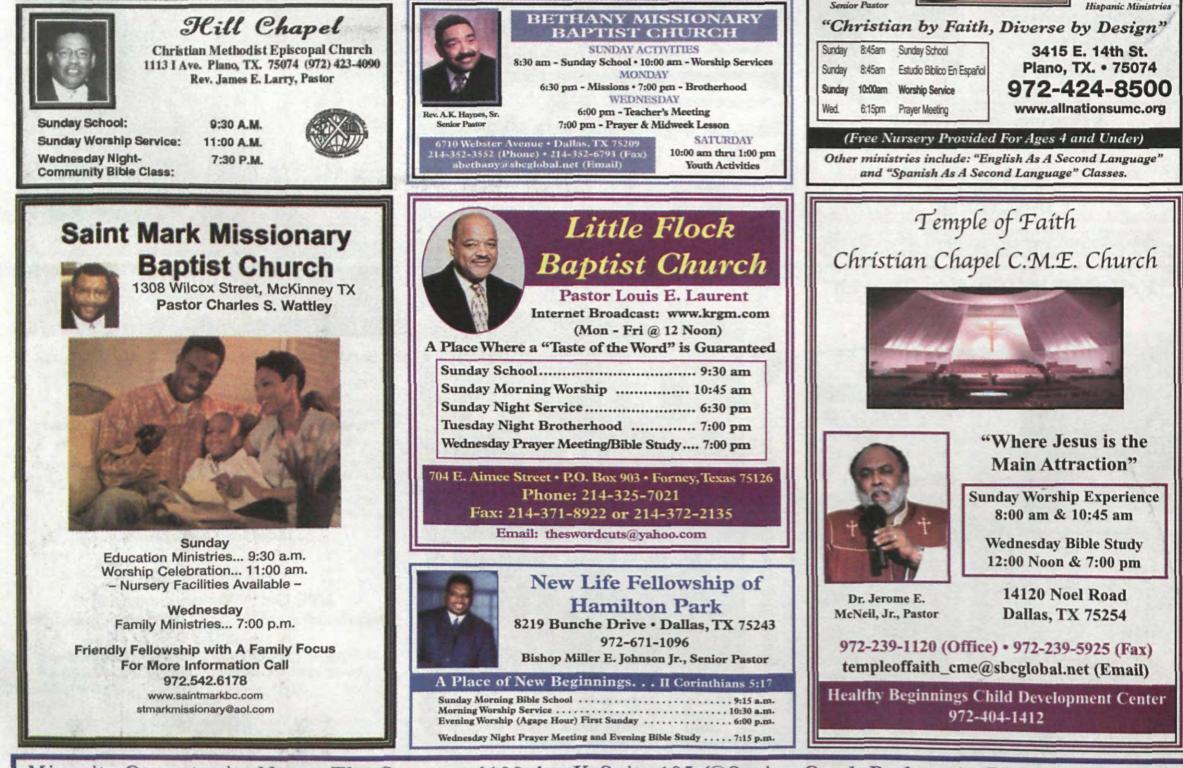
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