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People In The News



The McKinney Track Attack club 4x400 team recently won first place at the Regional meet in Garland. The win qualified the team for the State Tournament being held July 21st through July 23rd at Baylor University in Waco.

McKinney Track Attack club 4x400 members pictured are: (Left to Right) Jonathan Shannon, Marquis Thomas, Grant Finney (with glasses), Rochelle Vasquez, Marcus Garrett, Jamal Crayton, Paul Johnson (bottom).

The McKinney Track Attack Club provides opportunities for young athletes to participate in the sport of track and field. The team is sponsored by the McKinney Parks and Recreation Department and has been coached for the past 5 years by Head Coach David McWhirter.

"We started a summer team for kids whose school track season wasn't long enough for them," he said. "We now have 31 kids in the program and 3 kids going to State this weekend along with the relay team."

The track team features participants from 6 to 18 years of age.

The summer season typically lasts for 5 to 6 meets, and then regional qualifying meets begin. The current summer season concludes with the State meet, however, parties interested in volunteering or signing up youth to join can call David McWhirter, Head Coach, (972) 548-9433 or send email to MCTATTACK@aol.com.

Celya Bowers, born in the small Texas town of Marion, just west of Waco, is a woman with big city dreams. Writing and reading, "everything in sight" as a child, to studying Journalism at Sam Houston State, Ms. Bowers now calls North Texas home. She has been writing professionally for six years since the sell of her first short story. Ms. Bowers classifies her writing style as humorous, sassy, and informative.

"Keeping You Close", released in May 2005, is her second book published by BET. The plot includes a DEA agent, drug lords, and a woman who learns there is a half a million dollars in her in now deceased mother's safe deposit box. The book is considered 'romantic suspense'. With drug lords how could it be considered romance? "Because romance always has a happy ending, regardless of what takes place to get there," Ms. Bowers explains.

A series of murder mysteries is an ultimate goal for Ms. Bowers, yet for right now her niche is the romance market. She is a member of the Romance Writers of America and will attend their national convention later this year. As for being labeled a romance writer, Ms. Bowers says, "I like good stories with happy endings and I am a hopeless romantic."

Celya Bowers will be conducting a book signing at Barnes & Noble, Irving Mall, July 23 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Ms. Bowers welcomes comments concerning "Keeping You Close", or her first BET novel, "Campaign For Love" at her website: www.celyabowers.com.



Tavis Smiley, the first American ever to simultaneously host signature talk shows on both PBS and Public Radio International will be appearing in Dallas at the Wells Fargo Wealth Building Strategies Seminar.

Smiley was selected by Time as one of the "20 people changing how Americans get their news." In addition, he has authored eight books and has his own imprint (Smiley Books) with Hay House. The mission of his nonprofit organization, the Tavis Smiley Foundation, is to enlighten, encourage

and empower Black youth.

The Wells Fargo Wealth Building Strategies Seminar will be held Saturday, August 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fairmont, 1717 N. Akard in Dallas.

Experts will be present at the seminar to give firsthand knowledge on how to realize personal wealth building goals. Instruction will also be given on how to build a financial legacy — through owning a home, starting a business, or saving and investing for a secure today and tomorrow.

The seminar is free and sponsored by NTheKnow.com Limited seating is available. For registration and more information visit www.ntheknow.com or call 972-517-4483.

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Harry LaRosiliere

By: Monica Thornton

"I truly feel my calling is to help people," said Plano City Council member Harry LaRosiliere.

The newly elected council member, representing District 5 in West Plano, added that he joined the council to help all of Plano, not just West Plano.

Mr. LaRosiliere moved to Plano from New York in 1992 to be near his wife-to-be, Tracy. Before moving, he sold his photography studio, with the intent of pursuing his goal of entering the financial advising field. He found that opportunity when he moved with Prudential Securities.

Although he was one of only three African American financial advisors out of 65 within the company, he said he was never made to feel like a minority, and hasn't felt different from anyone else since moving to Plano.



"Plano is such a melting pot, I never felt I was different," said Mr. LaRosiliere.

He is, however, well aware that there is an east-west divide within the city, both economically and socially. Rather than view this as a weakness for the city, he believes this is one of its challenges and strengths, presenting the opportunity for the council to bridge a gap.

Mr. LaRosiliere pointed out that the differences force the council to be more progressive in working with the city's boards and commissions and non-profit organizations as they explore ways to bring economic and social equality to all of Plano. He brings experience in this area having served on the boards of various non-profit organiza-

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Rights Pioneer Arthur Fletcher Remembered

Special to the NNPA from the Scanner Group SEATTLE (NNPA) Arthur Allen Fletcher, who was known to many Americans as "the father of affirmative action," has died at the age of 80. Fletcher's achievements included devising the nation's first equal opportunity policies and coining the United Negro College Fund's memorable slogan, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

The funeral took place in Washington, D.C. this week. Fletcher served as U.S. Delegate to the United Nations when the current president's father, former President G.H.W. Bush, was United Nations Ambassador.

"We lost a great civil rights hero for all people," said Lou Boston, director of business development for the Portland, Ore.-based technology firm Comotiv Systems. "He was a

champion of civil rights for all people — not just African-Americans but for all people."

In his later years, Fletcher became a keen education advocate, working on a plan to increase the involvement of parents and grandparents in their children's education through enlisting church support.

Born in Junction City, Ark., Fletcher's life was packed with drama. He served in World War II, sustaining a bullet wound from a German sniper. But that didn't prevent him from later becoming the first African-

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McKinney Arts Commission Preparing for 2005-06 Arts Grants

The McKinney Arts Commission has finalized the calendar for the upcoming FY 2005-06 Arts Grants. City Council has allocated \$100,000 to the Arts Commission for FY 2005-06 for the purpose of promoting and sustaining the arts in McKinney.

Area arts groups interested in applying for funding can begin the process by obtaining an application, available Monday, July 18. The Arts Commission offers 2 types of financial assistance: Season Support Grants and Special Projects Grants. Season Support Grants provide financial assistance for the costs associated with a full season of projects, performances or events. Special Project Grants provide financial assistance for the costs associated with a single project. These projects, performances and events must be held in McKinney between October 1, 2005 and September 30, 2006. Before submitting the application, the appli-

cant must attend one of two grant-writing workshops to be eligible for consideration.

The McKinney Arts Commission offers applicants a choice between two grant-writing workshops; the first one at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, and the second one at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3. Both workshops will be held at City Hall, 222 N. Tennessee in the Council Chamber.

The FY 2005-06 Timeline and Arts Grants Guidelines are available below as Adobe PDF files. The Arts Grant Applications will be available

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Toddler Killing Should Unite Not Divide Blacks and Latinos

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson

The instant LAPD officers gunned down 13-year-old Devin Brown following a car chase last February, blacks took to the streets in rage and protest. Black leaders loudly demanded that the officer that shot Brown be fired and prosecuted. The furious reaction from blacks to the Brown killing stands in stark contrast to the recent killing of Suzie Raul Pena. Police shot the toddler in the head during a shootout with her father, Jose Raul Pena in South Los Angeles.

The shooting again called into serious question the long-standing turbulent, and contentious relations between the LAPD and L.A.'s minority communities. LAPD violence against blacks and Latinos has continually gotten the department into

hot water, and tagged it as America's poster police agency for abuse. But the Pena killing also called into serious question the troubled relations between blacks and Latinos in L.A. The shooting of a toddler should have been more than enough to raise howls of protest from blacks.

It didn't. Brown was an African-American child, and Pena was a Latino child. The anger over the Brown shooting, and the relative deafening silence from blacks to the shooting of

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Walter Mosely Speaks on New Novels, Race

By: Paul Hailey

"It is easier to get someone that dislikes you to like you than it is to get someone to understand you, that is the essence of racial problems in America today."

These words set the tone for novelist Walter Mosely's appearance in Dallas last Sunday evening at Theatre Three. Sponsored by The Writers Garret and KERA 90.1 radio, he discussed his latest two novels and answered questions as part of The Writers Studio Series.

Walter Mosely is one of the most respected and prolific African-American authors today.

He is the author of 19 critically acclaimed books that have been translated into 21 languages. His Easy

Rawlins mysteries series began with Devil in a Blue Dress, which was adapted to film in 1995, and featured Denzel Washington



and Don Cheadle. Mr. Mosely's literary novel, Always Outnumbered, was filmed for HBO starring Laurence Fishburne in 1998. Mr. Mosely's latest two novels are 47 (about a

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Black Stakes in the Supreme Court Struggle

By: Ron Walters
NNPA Columnist

The relatively abrupt resignation of Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor took most people by surprise. Although, she was thinking about it, but wanted to be sure that a conservative was in the White House. Like Ronald Reagan's departure last year, this event has set off a celebration of her tenure on the Supreme Court as a "moderate" who was the swing vote among the liberal and conservative justices. This evaluation however, is always made with the racial majority in mind, rather than with an eye to the impact of her role in recent decisions on people of color.

Justice O'Connor is a conservative and her role in the delivery of the 2004 election into the camp of George Bush was an unprecedented ("activists") usurpation of the power of a state Supreme Court over elec-

tions. Historically, it was a bald, raw use of Republican power to install a Republican president.

Then, her decision in the Shaw v Reno case of 1993 was abominable, since her activist decision virtually invented a set of precedents that did not exist before. She regarded the use of race to draw district boundaries as "political apartheid" and as a practice lacking sufficient justification. Where has she been? Race had been used historically to exclude blacks from political participation and so the use of race to include blacks had a long history rooted in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. Her real exception to that history was her demonstrated favoritism of states rights.

In the affirmative action decision in the Michigan cases last year, some have applauded her for voting to retain the principle of "diversity." But

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August 1, 2005 - Garland Youth Council Applications Due

The deadline is near for applications to be turned in for students wanting to be a member of Garland's first "Garland Youth Council". Members of this board will report directly to the City Council on matters that concern the youth of the community. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to learn city government works.

Garland residents who will be juniors in high school in the 2005-06 school year are eligible to apply. Each applicant should submit a completed standard Boards and Commissions application, two letters of reference, and an essay explaining why he or she wants to be part of the Youth Council. All applications are due by August 1, 2005. The Mayor and each of Garland's eight City Council

members will select one applicant to serve a one-year term.

"We want to give our young people the opportunity to learn first hand that they can make a difference in their community by getting involved," says Councilman Mark Monroe, who represents district seven on the Garland City Council. Mr. Monroe chairs the Community Services Committee, which recommended establishing the Garland Youth Council. "The City Council is looking forward to working with these young people, who will become the leaders of the future."

Applications are available at City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street, in the City Secretary's office and on the City's website, www.ci.garland.tx.us.

Good Fridays at Solomon's Porch



Denise Wolford, host of "Good Fridays," the 3rd Friday each month @ Solomon's Porch.



Sonja Cooper, owner of Michelle's First Lady Fashions, showcasing some of her fashions.



Simon Caldwell, Independent Consultant of NquZit Designs, showcasing some of her fashions.



Donnye Matthews sings with her daughter, Molly McGee with the song, "I've Just Seen Jesus."



Anthony Rush sings his new release, "Watch Out."



Members of the "Angels of Christ Praise Team" performs a routine at the "Good Fridays" event. Members are Detronne Coulson, Ernest Thomas, Cameron Sharp, Ciearra Berry, Daeshavette Harrison, and Shelia Thomas. Mrs. Emma Sharp is the Founder & Director.



Cameron Sharp performs with the "Angels of Christ Praise Team." Mrs. Emma Sharp is the Founder & Director.



Ernest Thomas performs with the "Angels of Christ Praise Team." Mrs. Emma Sharp is the Founder & Director.

By: Sister Tarpley

You have no doubt heard of "Thank God It's Friday (TGIF)." On last Friday, I was invited to a "Good Fridays" function that is held every 3rd Friday of the month at Solomon's Porch. This is a Christian function that was revived and is hosted

by Denise Wolford. Originally established in 1999 and stopped in 2001, Denise said that God told her that it is now time to, "Let it flow—get busy, it's time to go forward." So in April 2005 Denise asked a staff member to call various vendors in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, hand out flyers, and invite everyone to a gathering of Christian business folks, and Christian people in general, to a place that is relaxing with soft music, especially jazz; a nice place with good food, and to provide Christians with a venue to mingle and be

entertained. A place where Christian can un-wind, slow down, let go, and loosen up. Since the first gathering at Solomon's Porch, it has been word of mouth mostly.

Denise wanted a place that is away from the church, home and workplace; but with the same people and atmosphere of a good church and a good home. And Denise discovered Solomon's Porch in Arlington, TX.

Denise comes from a musical family. She has been singing since she was 4-years-old, and singing professionally since 1994. She has been involved in a myriad of musical ventures

in an effort to perfect and promote her craft. In 1995 Denise with five of her six sisters, produced a family gospel album entitled, "Listen To The Message," consisting of 9 to 10 songs, and the CD received some air time. In 1999 she went solo, and on July 22, 2005 she will debut a new CD, "When Your # Comes." Distribution will be handled by R & D Distribution.

At every "Good Fridays" function, the 3rd Friday of each month, three vendors are selected to showcase their business and to network with customers and businesses at the gathering. Local artists showcase their talents. There is a band or a DJ, and Elder Arion Cooper of Michelle's First Lady Fashions of Lewisville adds his expertise as the Master of Ceremony. Denise puts together a gift bag with things that she gathers from various vendors and hand out as door prizes.

For more information contact Bonnie Sanders @ 214-868-0269 or Angela Deloatch @ 214-476-1020.

Chambers Co-Host Diversity Member Mixer

The Denton Black Chamber of Commerce and the Denton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce are jointly hosting a "Diversity Member Mixer" as a celebration of diversity in the marketplace. The event will be held on Thursday, July 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Eagleton Photography, 1710 North Elm Street, Denton, Texas. This event is sponsored by Eagleton Photography, Wells Fargo Bank, Miller of Denton and Ben, E. Keith Beer.

Around The Town

On going

The North Dallas Business Professionals Networking After Business Hours - Wednesdays at Django on the Parkway, Addison, 5100 Beltline Rd, 6p.m. - 9 p.m.

The Collin County Multicultural Business Network Referral Luncheon meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at Texas Land & Cattle, 3191 Preston Rd, Frisco Log on to www.ntheknow.com

The Collin County, Plano and Frisco Bar Associations with Legal Aid of N.W. Texas sponsor clinics providing free legal help to residents. The clinics are at 6p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Salvation Army in Plano, 3528 E 14th St., and the second Thursday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave, in Allen. Call 1-800-906-3045.

Corcoran Gallery of Art presents the Gordon Parks Half Past Autumn Exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art, through

September 4th.

Cool Thursday Concert Series-Dallas Arboretum presents performances from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Martin Rutchik Concert Stage overlooking White Rock Lake. Call 214-515-6594 or visit www.dallasarboretum.org

Through July 30

Saturday Jazz-July 16, 23 and 30 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly. Esplanade Park, 5044 Addison Circle Drive.

Through August 30

Anne Lebovitz Exhibit presented by The Women's Museum., 3800 Parry Ave., Dallas. Features 37 large-scale portraits. Call 214-915-0860 or visit www.thewomensmuseum.org

July 21

Discover 19 ways to protect your assets, 12 problems that could cost your family a fortune, misconceptions about wills and trusts, potential problems with living trusts and more. Free. Presented by Attorney John R. McNair. For more information call 214-691-7781. Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Pkwy. 7 p.m.

Black Women Lawyers Assn of Tarrant County is hosting its "Hotter Than July" Happy Hour benefiting the BWL Scholarship Fund.

At the YWCA of Fort Worth, 512 W. 4th St., 5p.m.-7p.m. Tickets: \$10. Call 817-870-0182.

July 22

Gospel concert to benefit school children in Africa - Award-winning gospel great, Byron Cage, performs at 8 p.m. at the Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater, 2850 Park Ridge Drive, Cedar Hill. Proceeds benefit school. Presented by the Mary Wesley Ministries and Ivory Bradley of Friends, Inc. For tickets visit: www.ticketweb.com, or call 1-866-468-7621.

Plano Chamber of Commerce Business Interchange, 7:30 am. Network your business and have a 30 second 'commercial' prepared. Bring plenty of business cards. At the Chamber building, 1200 E. 15th Street, Plano. Call 972-424-7547, or visit www.planochamber.org.

July 23 & 24

Homebuying and Credit Seminar, Automobile Building, Fair Park. Sat-urday's seminar: Navigating the Home Buying Process, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday's topic: Establishing Credit Worthiness, 2 p.m. Limited space.

July 23 & 24

Merge 2005: The Black Expo. The largest exhibition of African American owned businesses in the state of Texas with Seminars, Live Performances and fun for the entire family. Automobile Building (Fair Park), 1111 First Ave. Dallas, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free. Call 214-827-7977.

July 23, 25, 30

The Plano Civic Chorus will audition all voice parts for their 2005-06 season. Choral experience preferred. Held at 1st Presbyterian Church of Richardson, 319 Lasalle Drive. To schedule an audition, or for more information call 972-606-5220, or visit www.planocivicchorus.org.

July 26

Songs of South Africa Presentation - the sounds used in the Zulu and other languages. Boitumelo will introduce insects and animals of Africa through the renditions of folk songs. Audelia Road Library, 10045 Audelia Rd. For more information call 214.670.1350 or visit: dallaspubliclibrary.org

Free HIV Testing is offered by the LaSima Foundation, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at two locations. For locations and more information call 214-928-9303.

July 27

Just Like Us!, a free performance of a lighthearted story of how to get along with those who are different, 10 a.m. at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 200. For more information call 972-252-7558.

July 27 - 30

Institute in Basic Life Principles, Basic Seminar, Anger Resolution Seminar and Children's Institute, taught by Bill Gothard at The Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. For times and admission fees call 214-421-0001 or visit www.iblp.org

July 27 - 31

The 2005 Dallas Comedy Festival, featuring workshops, performances and live entertainment, at the West End Comedy Theatre, 603 Munger Ave., Suite 100B. Call 214.880.9990.

July 28 - 30

The Anger Resolution Seminar taught by Bill Gothard, presents Biblical principles to show how God's truth and power can achieve what our resolve cannot. At The Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. For times and admission fees call 214-421-0001 or visit

www.iblp.org

July 29

Small Business Loan Seminar at Bill Priest Institute, at noon. Free. 1402 Corinth Street, Dallas. Visit www.billpriestinstitute.org, or call 214-860-5900.

July 30

The Project Hope Foundation Health Rally 10:00am -2:00pm at Praise Cathedral Ministries, 2409 Pennsylvania Ave. Dallas. Health screening, free food for kids, entertainment. All Smiles Dental Center will provide free services for children with Medicaid (bring your Medicaid card.) For more information call 214-538-7629.

July 30 - 31

DFW Expo for Educators, Dallas Market Center-Main Hall, 2200 Stemmons Fwy, Dallas. Tickets: \$6 - 8, under 17 free. Visit www.4star.com Information, resources, products, Spirit Reward Program, Fashion Event, Massage Oasis, Books Are Fun Shopping Corner and Healthy Cooking Demonstration. Call 972-293-9719 for times.

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What Mexico Thinks of You

By now the any intelligent black person in the USA has heard of the deplorable comments made by President Vincente Fox of Mexico. Most of us probably wrote him off as just another idiot and went about our business. Such business may have included planning our next trip to Cancun, Cabo, Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta or some other beach haven. Well, my people you might want to reconsider that trip to Mexico in favor of some other tropical destination such as a Caribbean Island.

Mexico, under the dubious leadership of President Fox, has announced the issuance of a series of postal stamps featuring one of the most racially offensive characters black people in this country have seen in years. The character, called Memin Pinuin, is reminiscent of Little Black Sambo (i.e. big lipped, ape-like and dumb as a post). Every black person should be insulted by

this depiction.

Postal stamps of every nation in the world are OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS of the government that issues them. They commemorate cherished and revered persons, icons and ideals of the nation that issues them. These cartoons, BLACK PEOPLE, are the official view that President Fox and the Mexican government have of YOU.

The Congressional Black Caucus demanded an apology from President Fox, only to be told that "El Presidente" was proud of the image to be depicted on the Mexican stamps and that there would be no apology.

The Caribbean is chock full of islands and countries that have a much more favorable view of black Americans. So why spend even one of your dollars in Mexico? If you do, then you are just the kind of black person they love to ridicule.

Harold K. Lloyd



DCCD Selects site for Eastfield College Garland Campus

Dallas County Community College District unveiled the sign that proclaims the property located on the Northeast corner of Glenbrook and Walnut as the future site of the Eastfield College Garland Campus.

"The campus and surrounding TOD development will mainly occupy the vacant land at the corner of Walnut and Glenbrook and the property (the Walnut tax office) that the City of Garland will be getting in trade for the old Kroger Building that is located at Main at Garland Rd.," Mayor Day said.

This particular corner has stayed vacant while businesses have been built to the North and

the East and neighborhoods have sprung up to the West. While nothing permanent has ever been on this corner, baseball season would see a backstop put up for practice and occasionally the circus would come to town and use this site for their performances.

"I think this is great for Garland. This land has been vacant as long as I can remember. I don't think there could be any better use of this land than to build a facility for higher learning. Redevelopment of downtown is very important and this will go a long way to help get that started," said Jackie Feagin.

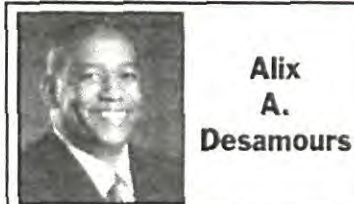
In May 2004 Dallas County voters approved a \$450 million bond program for Dallas County

Community Colleges. Projects included in this bond program include five centers in either underserved or fast growing areas of Dallas County. Garland's new facility is one of those centers that will offer credit and continuing education classes, plus services such as career development and workforce development programs.

"The purchase of this land and the construction of this facility signals progress for both Dallas County Community Colleges and Garland," said Jerry Prater, chair of the DCCD board of trustees. "It represents an educational and community partnership that will help us enrich lives

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How Can I Plan for my Child's Education?



Alix A. Desamours

Children are always asked what they want to be when they grow up. Doctor. Lawyer. Astronaut. And as a parent, you want to make sure nothing stands in their way, especially something like finances.

The Cost of Learning

Funding a college education is one of the most valuable gifts you can give a child, but unfortunately, it can also be one of the most expensive.

The average cost of one year of school (tuition, fees, and room and board)*:

Public School \$13,833
Private School \$29,541

Add to that the historical 5% average inflation increase for college costs and these prices can skyrocket.

The average cost of four years at a public school

(tuition, fees, and room and board)*:

Today \$59,620
Year 2021 \$143,484

You're not alone if you think a financial goal like this seems intimidating or out of reach. But with careful planning and early saving, it doesn't have to be.

Your Savings Plan

The first step in creating a college savings plan is to estimate how much money you may need. To reach this number, you should take into consideration the type of college (public or private) your child may be interested in, your time horizon and, of course, inflation.

Starting early and investing consistently are two key factors to reaching your goal. For example, look at how your savings could grow if you start when your child is a newborn.

Child's age now Newborn

Current savings for college \$0
Total cost for a four-year pub-

lic college in 2021 \$143,484

Assuming a 7% investment rate of return, this goal can be reached with:

Monthly investment \$284
Or One lump sum investment \$31,960.

This calculation includes the estimated cost of college, including tuition, fees, and room and board. It assumes monthly savings will stop once the child begins college. Rate of return is for illustrative purposes only; it does not represent any currently available investments.

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Guest Lecturer David Parks to appear in Dallas

David Parks will do a special photography presentation regarding his experiences behind the camera, as this year's Guest Lecturer. Mr. Parks is a noted writer, film maker and producer, and is the author of the nationally acclaimed book GI Diaries, an autobiography detailing his experiences in the military and his tour in Viet Nam.

Mr. Parks will be lecturing at the Dallas Museum of Art on Saturday July 30, 2005 beginning at 11am, as part of the celebration of Gordon Parks, his father. The Guest Lecture series is the culmination program for the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop and the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition. The winners of the competition, now in

its ninth year, will be announced immediately following the photo presentation. The public is invited to attend. Although donations will be accepted, the admission is free. For more information, log onto www.artiststuff.com. An Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation for the Arts presentation, and sponsored by the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs.

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this new definition of affirmative action does not require that Blacks be included, based on their history of exclusion and on the remedy of the 14th Amendment standard of "equal protection." Rather, it is a definition that recognizes the value of having people of different ethnic heritages as participants in American higher education. So, in her swing vote role on court votes, Justice O'Connor has also played a role in deconstructing the legal basis of the rights of the disadvantaged, especially Blacks.

President Bush wants to leave a legacy of a Supreme Court that issues decisions with a reliable and strong conservative bent. This means that he must nominate someone to the Right of O'Connor. Seven Democrats in the Senate have signed an agreement that they will not use the filibuster, except in what they consider a case of "unusual circumstances." But the no-filibuster pledge they made amounted to a sell-out of Blacks by permitting the Black conservative California Supreme Court Justice Janice Rogers Brown to accede to the federal bench.

The current danger is that Blacks will be sold out again.

Many thought that the first opportunity Bush might have to nominate a Supreme Court justice was when Chief Justice William Rehnquist left because of his poor health. If Rehnquist's replacement came from inside the court, that would leave a vacancy that Bush could also fill and if a conservative justice were nominated and confirmed, it would not change the nature of Supreme Court decisions. But if Rehnquist leaves in any case, Bush would have two replacements, giving him the opportunity to really change the nature of high court decisions.

Democrats have demanded that Bush "consult" with them before his nomination and he has talked with Democratic leader Senator Harry Reid (R-Nev.). But what do Reid and Bush consider adequate consultation? Meanwhile, Senator Edward Kennedy has shot back that if a far right candidate is nominated by Bush, that would be considered an "unusual circumstance" which might trigger a filibuster. In order for this threat to be eventually carried out, the seven Democrats would have to join him. Recent Gallup polls find the American people sympathetic to the right of Democrats to fight for fair justices and reflect a continued

downward slide in their confidence of High Court decisions.

Blacks should follow Kennedy's lead and they also should teach the major media that this is not all about Roe v Wade. It is about the balance between the rich and poor, about how all children will be educated, about whether the country will continue its unfinished responsibility to protect and administer civil rights fairly, about reforming a racist criminal justice system and about the devaluation of American civil liberties by a distorted conception of patriotism.

Above all, the vigor of the Right Wing should be matched by a mobilization of those who favor an inclusive, not a narrow vision of freedom to let the White House and the nation hear our voices.

Ron Walters is the Distinguished Leadership Scholar, director of the African American Leadership Institute in the Academy of Leadership and professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland-College Park. His latest book is "White Nationalism, Black Interests" (Wayne State University Press).

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tions and city commissions since moving to Plano. These include serving as Commissioner of the City of Plano Planning and Zoning, Chairman for the City of Plano Community Relations Committee, and he is currently a member of CASA of Collin County Advisory Board.

Mr. LaRosiliere said that the biggest issue facing minorities in Plano right now is affordable housing.

"It's increasingly harder for lower income families to find affordable housing, there's just not much land left in Plano on which to build affordable housing," he said. "We've talked about it, and it's a fine line. Existing property owners don't necessarily want lower income housing in their neighborhoods."

Mr. LaRosiliere said The Community Relations Committee of Plano is involved with this issue.

"They get the federal funds to build homes for lower income families, and they help provide lower percentage mortgages," he added.

Habitat for Humanity and other non-profit organizations are involved in the process of identifying those families in greatest need for housing, together with the Community Relations Committee, Mr. LaRosiliere said.

"It's important for the city to work alongside these non-profits so we can keep families off the streets," he added, continuing that non-profit organizations are attempting to address many social issues.

He noted that another issue facing the City of Plano is the growing Hispanic population, expressing that he thinks it is a socio-economic issue. As for the children of this growing population being able to adjust to the language and cultural barriers, Mr. LaRosiliere said he believes the issues of English as a second language have to be addressed not only in the schools, but with the parents.

"When you have a large influx of another culture, it will naturally place a burden on the existing culture," he said. "We have to trace it back to the home and help the parents to be able to help their children. We have to

let them know what is available to them through the city and non-profits."

Mr. LaRosiliere said the city has an excellent city council and staff, and that is needed to effectively resolve these issues and the fact that the city has transitioned from a growing one to a maturing city.

"We now have to work harder to keep and entice businesses to locate in Plano. There is tough competition from Allen, Frisco and McKinney," he added. "The city has to ensure we stay competitive in that arena as having businesses in our city helps us maintain our standard of living."

Harry LaRosiliere currently resides in Plano with his wife and two young daughters, and is a financial planner for a major financial group.

Editor's Note: MON-The Gazette will be running a weekly series of profiles featuring minority elected officials in our coverage area of northern Dallas, Collin and Denton Counties. The above profile of Plano City Council Member Harry LaRosiliere is the first in this series.

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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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Global Games

Global Games Basketball Tournament

The Global Games basketball tournament will begin play on Saturday, July 23rd.

The Global Games is the preeminent international basketball tournament played in the United States. The tournament annually brings the world's top athletes, ages 21 & under, to the DFW area. This year's tournament

marks a new era in Global Games competition with the event moving to the Deja Blue Arena at Dr Pepper StarCenter-Frisco.

This year's field includes men's junior national teams from USA Basketball, Lithuania, Mexico, Nigeria, Slovenia, and Ukraine. Additionally, it will feature regular Global Games participants Team Africa and

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Tickets can be purchased online at www.globalgames-basketball.com, by calling 214-467-8277, or by appearing in person at the box office. Tickets will be available for sale at the box office throughout the tournament. The box office will open one hour prior to the tip-off of the first game daily.

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SATURDAY, JULY 23
3:00pm Game 1
Global Games Select
vs. Africa

SUNDAY, JULY 24
12:00pm Game 1
Global Games Select
vs. Ukraine
2:00pm Game 2
Mavericks summer league
vs. USA

MONDAY, JUNE 25
1:00pm Game 1
Africa vs. Texas
3:00pm Game 2
Slovenia vs. Ukraine

TUESDAY, JULY 26
1:00pm Game 1
Africa vs. Ukraine
3:00pm Game 2
Global Games Select
vs. Texas

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
12:00pm Game 1 Slovenia
vs. Lithuania
2:00pm Game 2 USA
vs. Ukraine
6:30 pm Opening ceremony

THURSDAY, JULY 28
4:00pm Game 1
Africa vs. Texas
6:00pm Game 2

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vs. Lithuania
8:00pm Game 3
USA vs. Slovenia

FRIDAY, JULY 29
4:00pm Game 1
Ukraine vs. Texas
6:00pm Game 2
Global Games Select
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8:00pm Game 3 USA
vs. Lithuania

SATURDAY, JULY 30
4:00pm Game 1 5 vs. 6
6:00pm Game 2 Bronze
8:00pm Game 3 Gold

National Black Marathoners Association Scholar

The National Black Marathoners Association (NBMA) has announced Giovanni Vaquerano of Dallas as one of its 2005 scholarship winners. Nthando Thandiwe Giovanni Vaquerano is a National Honor Society graduate of Warren Travis White High School of the Dallas Independent School District. He ran various track distances. He was involved with the Art Club, Chess Club, Dead Poet's Society, Math Club, Yearbook staff, and the Key

Club. He was also President of the French Club.

He is very heavily involved in The Kwon Do. In 2003 and 2004, he was the Kansas State Champion. He is currently a 6th degree blue belt and is a member of the school's team. He has also participated in the MS Walk since 2003.

The National Black Marathoners' Association is a not-for-profit organization. It is open to runners and walkers, regardless of athletic ability or previous marathon experience.

The association objectives are to

— Encourage Black Americans and others to pursue a healthy life-style through long distance running and walking.

— Serve as a vehicle for Black American distance athletes across the nation to meet in mass at a single marathon.

— Provide scholarships to deserving high school boy and girl distance runners. Donations for the scholarship fund may be made at www.BlackMarathoners.org.

Walter Mosely Page 1

young slave boy named 47 living under a brutal master in 1832), and Cinnamon Kiss (an Easy Rawlins mystery set in Watts one year after the 1965 riots).

Not content with simply answering questions, Mr. Mosely expounded on racial issues in America, and commented on the differences between how white and black people view freedom in the United States.

"White people view freedom as a physical notion. They see black people as free and that creates a problem of understanding," he said. "For black people, freedom is much more of an emotional and spiritual concept. Our racial issues are tied to a lack of understanding about where we came from."

He continued that black people have been robbed of the opportunity to fully understand their history. "There is no home for black people to go back to—no language, no memory, no history. The only way for us to get there even partially, is to embrace the horrid history of slavery. It simply is not very appealing to reflect on ancestors that suffered from morning till night every day for years."

Mr. Mosley, 53, grew up in Los Angeles, went to college in Vermont, became a computer programmer and then wrote his first novel in his mid-30s. He offered advice for aspiring writers.

"If you want to be a writer, you have to write every day. The consistency, the monotony, the certainty, all vagaries and passions are covered by this daily occurrence. You don't go to

a well once but daily. You don't skip a child's breakfast or forget to wake up in the morning. Sleep comes to you each day, and so does the

rhyme. I know I have a novel in me. I often hear people say, 'But how can I get it out?' The answer, always, is every day."

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North Texas Tollway Authority buys Plano office complex

The North Texas Tollway Authority on Tuesday said it has bought the two-building Gleneagles Office Center in Plano for an undisclosed amount.

The NTTA already occupies about 50,000 square feet in the 163,000-square-foot building complex, which consists of two buildings that are about 82,000 square feet each.

Healthcare Forum focuses on workplace wellness

Collin County businesses have a chance to participate and learn about healthcare issues facing their companies.

The Collin County Employer Health Forum, established in 2001, addresses current issues and gives employers the information they need regarding healthcare and how it affects their business.

"That makes them more savvy and knowledgeable about their healthcare topics," said Lisa Engel, Medical Center of Plano Director of Managed Care and Center for Lifestyle Enhancement.

The forum, which meets twice a year, is a partnership between Medical Center of Plano, Medical Center of McKinney and a local physician net-

"This was an excellent opportunity to secure a facility that will serve both our short-term and long-term growth needs," said Allan Rutter, NTTA's executive director.

Rutter said the NTTA spent more than a year evaluating its options for expansion.

"We concluded that this purchase was the most prudent not only for our customers but also our long-term

business development," he said.

The seller of the buildings was not named in a news release Tuesday.

The NTTA is authorized by the state to build and repair turn pikes in North Texas through the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds; and to collect tolls and maintain and pay debt service on those projects.

work called the Patient Physician Network. That partnership sought out to form relationships with local business owners and to create an open dialogue between the employers and the healthcare providers in Collin County.

"They can come meet us and get to know who we are and use us as a resource if they need to in times when maybe they have a question about managed care company or physician," Engel said. "So now they are getting some of the resources that they can use at their company."

In an effort to continually improve the forum and bring employers the resources they are seeking, forum organizers sent out a survey to local business people to gain insightful feedback. From that they saw a need for two forums — a breakfast

and a lunch. They also moved the location to the Medical Center of Plano.

"We got a tremendous response — that's why we're offering a luncheon and a breakfast," Engel said.

The latest forum, held July 20, featured Dr. Gijs van Oort, PhD who spoke on the topic of "financial justification for corporate health and wellness programming."

"Probably from the breakfast and lunch together we'll have anywhere from 100 to 150 people," Engel said.

Because worksite wellness is such a buzz word, Engel feels like the topic is relevant to what the business community wants to hear.

For more information about the Collin County Healthcare Forum, contact Lisa Engel at 972-519-1216.

FHLBank of Dallas awards \$7.7M in grant money

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas on Monday said it will award \$7.7 million in affordable housing program grants to help fund projects in five states, including Texas.

The grants will be used to help buy, build or renovate housing projects for very low- to moderate-income families in the five-state area FHLDallas serves.

FHLBank Dallas, one of 12 district banks in the FHLBank System created by Congress in 1932, is required by statute to return 10 percent of its profit each year to the communities served by its member banks in the form of affordable housing grants.

Texas will receive the bulk of the funds — \$3.74 million. Louisiana will receive \$1.8 million, Mississippi will get \$864,000, Arkansas will receive \$825,000 and New Mexico gets \$536,528.

The bank, with assets of \$65 billion, is a member-owned cooperative that supports housing and community development through low-cost funding and other credit products provided to more than 890 member and affiliated institutions in Arkansas,

Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

FHLBank Dallas returned \$14.4 million in affordable housing grants in 2004, and it has awarded more than \$157 million in grants since 1990.

Web site: www.fhlb.com.

~Editor's Note~

MON-The Gazette would like to solicit its readers for stories and pictures of United States servicemen and women from the North Texas area that are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This would include enlisted personnel

as well as National Guard and reservists. We plan on using this information for an upcoming story on the impact of the Iraq war on North Texas. Please email this information to editor@monthegazette.com

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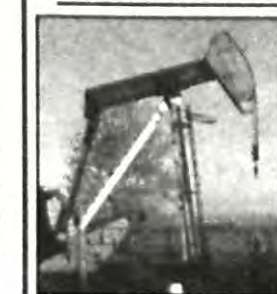
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Pena and her father strike to the heart of the rocky state of black and Latino relations. The relations continue to be badly discolored by fear, mistrust, and outright violence. The day before young Pena was gunned down, a young African-American woman was shot on an L.A. freeway. The assailant was described as a young Hispanic male. That in itself did not mark this as a racial hate crime, but the shooting didn't happen in isolation. During the past few months, L.A. has been hit with a spree of freeway shootings. Many of the victims have been black, and witnesses have described the assailants as Latino males. The freeway shootings have come on the heels of fistfights and outright brawls between black and Latino students at several Los Angeles high schools. The wariness of many blacks toward Latinos even extended to L.A. mayor Antonio Villaraigosa during the city's recent mayoral contest between him and former mayor James Hahn, who is white. Though Villaraigosa markedly bumped up his vote total among blacks from his campaign four years ago, and made a mighty effort to promote diversity in his campaign, many blacks still voted for Hahn because they feared that Villaraigosa's win would diminish black political power in L.A.

The wariness even hostility of many blacks toward Latinos hit home when a local black activist normally progressive on most issues including police violence, berated me for attending a press conference called by noted Latino civil rights attorney, Luis Carillo, who represents the Pena family. She angrily asked, "Why are you supporting them, when they don't support us." The "them" was Latinos. I patiently explained that a toddler had been killed and that should evoke outrage, and that it had nothing to do with whether she was Latino, white, or black. But she would have none of it. She

continued her irate attack, and insisted that Latinos didn't protest when blacks were gunned down. I countered that many Latinos did protest when the police victimized blacks, but that fell on deaf ears. Her insensitivity to the Pena killing was not isolated. In the days immediately after the shooting, African-Americans were careful to express sympathy for the child, and mildly questioned police tactics. However, they did not see Pena as a victim of the same type of LAPD violence that has claimed countless black lives over the years. Only a handful of hardcore black community activists showed up for candlelight vigils that were held at the shooting scene.

Carillo was deeply troubled by the mute response from African-Americans to the killing. He also chalked the silence up to the continued tense relations between the two groups in the city and elsewhere. But Carillo is not content to let it go at that. He sees the shooting as a golden opportunity to unite blacks and Latinos in struggle not only against police violence, but also around the issues of unemployment, school, and gang violence that slam black and Latino communities. Carillo called on black and Latino leaders to organize a march for peace and justice.

It's a noble, and well-intentioned call, and certainly an effort worth making, and in the past, tragedies have united people of diverse backgrounds. But in this case, a tragedy hasn't been enough to stir the passions of blacks. That's a troubling sign of the deep-seated division between blacks and Latinos.

Black and Latino leaders should answer Carillo's call for a black and Latino peace and justice march. It would represent a significant breakthrough. It could serve as a model of ethnic cooperation for blacks and Latinos in other cities that have also experienced tense relations. If that happens, Susie Pena would not have died in vain.

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Baldness Formula Actually Works, Says New Research

(FSN) Approximately one quarter of men in their twenties experience hair loss, half of men in their fifties are bald, and one-in-three women suffer from some form of hair loss. Baldness treatment has been the subject of as much hype as science, leaving consumers with sour tastes in their mouths. Now, there is a formula that provides the only medical treatment to successfully regrow hair. Developed by Adam Lewenberg, MD, Dr. Lewenberg's Formulas are stable and non-irritating mixtures of tretinoin and minoxidil.

Recent clinical studies have shed light on how Dr. Lewenberg's Formulas work to reverse hair loss. In two recently published studies—one, at the University of Pennsylvania, released in the February 24, 2005, issue of *Nature*, and a second, which appeared in the April 2004 edition of *Nature Biotechnology*—scientists used tretinoin to stimulate stem cells,

helping encourage them to replace hair follicles.

Results of the studies confirmed Dr. Lewenberg's long-standing belief that using tretinoin in a formula provides many advantages and actually works to regrow hair. The studies' results also explain why treatments, which only use minoxidil and/or anti-DHT components, are not effective in counteracting hair loss: without tretinoin, the stem cells remain inactive and the damage is not reversed.

Dr. Lewenberg was one of the first physicians to use minoxidil to treat hair loss. He explains, "I was not satisfied with the quality of hair growth with minoxidil alone and searched for a way to improve the formula so that my patients would be able to regrow strong, natural hair that would not fall out. I found that this new treatment could regrow the healthy hair that is desired, while still being easy to apply."

Dr. Lewenberg cautions, however,

that all minoxidil/tretinoin formulas are not equal. "Increasing the percentage of minoxidil, when tretinoin triples its absorption, is irresponsible and increases the risk of affecting the cardiovascular system. I made sure that my product and its application would be safe," explained Dr. Lewenberg.

These newer findings support an earlier study, published in the September/October 1996 issue of the medical journal *Advances in Therapy*. In the two-year clinical trial, 90% of over 2,200 patients, who used Dr. Lewenberg's Formula as prescribed, started to regrow their lost hair in three months.

"These studies seem to confirm the effectiveness of Dr. Lewenberg's Formulas. We will continue to refine our formulas and look forward to further research in the area of reversing hair loss," Dr. Lewenberg said. More information on the formulas can be found at <http://www.hairformula.com>.

Computer Users Saying No to Noise

(FSN) For computer users, sleek, aesthetically-pleasing computers have become the norm. But now users are turning their attention to another facet of the machine—noise. Reducing the noise generated by computers has become increasingly popular, especially in light of the data that proves that it can have a positive effect on a user's health.

"Noise from a computer isn't just an annoyance—it can have a profound impact on your body," says Peter Kim of Silenx, a leading producer of computer noise reduction components. "There have been numerous studies that show negative consequences from noise and loud computers."

According to a study that appeared in the 2005 issue of the journal *Ergonomics*, a test group reported "major deterioration" in their ability to concentrate due to the kind of background noise caused by computers. Noise can also contribute to the development and aggravation of stress-related conditions such as high blood pressure, coronary disease, ulcers, colitis, and migraine headaches,

according to the National Association of Noise Control Officials. "We've also heard people report the inability to rest due to 'echoes' or 'humming' sounds that result from the long-term exposure to noise," Kim added.

The fact that computers are becoming noisier today can be linked directly to their heat production. In the last five years, the heat production of processors has increased by 30%, and the average processor generates more heat per surface area than a nuclear reactor. As a result, computers are being equipped with more powerful—and noisier—cooling mechanisms. It has spurred an increase in the use of noise reduction components, with users seeking out products from companies such as Silenx.

Unlike modifying the visual appearance of a computer, improving the sound output of a computer doesn't require the purchase of a new machine. "Two areas we focus on are quiet fans and hard drive silencers," said Kim. "These are usually the loudest components of any computer. We've focused specifically on the noise performance of

these parts, and developed innovative new ways for them to operate silently. Our fans, for example, push more air at lower noise levels. And swapping them out for replacements takes just a few minutes."

To create equipment that runs quietly, Silenx used extensive testing in fluid dynamics modeling. The resulting technology was applied to power supplies, fans, heatsinks and hard drive cooler/silencers. The advancements have made noise reduction a viable option for computer users.

Whisper-quiet machines are particularly welcomed in the homes of computer users. "The movement towards home theater computers have created a real demand for silent components," Kim points out. "For many people, computers are no longer being hidden away in a back office. They are in major traffic areas of a home, and noise reduction has become an issue."

To learn more about the various types of noise reduction components available, such as whisper-quiet fans, hard drive silence, and power supplies, go to www.silenx.com.

Convenient Internet Service Helps Poker Flourish

(FSN) While poker is enjoying a surge in popularity due to several hit television shows, the real catalyst may be the Internet. At sites such as AbsolutePoker.com, online poker is attracting a variety of players who are finding that advances in technology are making the Web the world's favorite new pokerroom.

With variety of multiplayer games & tournaments, advanced interactivity, and 24/7 availability, AbsolutePoker.com appeals to players of all calibers. "The more advanced player will like our no-limit tournaments," explained Gian Perroni, Poker Room Manager at AbsolutePoker.com. "They also like our promotions, freerolls, and our exceptional graphics and customer support."

For a newcomer to the game, the

Internet can be an ideal place to test the waters. Players don't need real money to play or have to pay for a membership. "Many poker schools use our 'play money' games to teach their students," said Perroni. "It's an ideal way to learn the game, especially if you just want to play for fun."

AbsolutePoker.com, one of the Top 5 largest online poker-rooms, is able to offer a tremendous breadth of service. Players can play Texas Hold'em, Omaha High, Omaha Hi/Lo, Seven Card Stud, Seven Card Stud Hi/Lo, and One on One. There are also a variety of tournaments that draw players from around the globe. "We have more than 1,000 poker tables available for our users at any time," said Perroni. "On our site, players can get to

know each other. They can watch games and cheer for each other with our poker chat room feature."

The Internet also allows the site to cater to specific markets. For example, 24x7 accessibility makes online poker appealing to college students. "For an Internet savvy student looking to play for ten minutes here and there, it's ideal," Perroni said. AbsolutePoker.com sponsors promotions designed for college students, including a "Win Your Tuition" Texas Hold'em, with a semester's tuition as the prize.

Perroni is not surprised by online poker's popularity. "Analysts have predicted that online gaming will soon become the largest Internet industry, outpacing both retail and travel," he said. "It's time has come."

Forgot a Computer Password? No Problem!

(FSN) Can't keep track of all your passwords? You're not alone. The number of passwords a user needs to access Internet sites and networks increases on a daily basis and many passwords get forgotten. New SeePassword.com software allows computer users to see their forgotten passwords.

When a user arrives at a login screen, their computer generally au-

thenticates a password with a series of asterisks or dots. SeePassword.com, available at www.SeePassword.com for \$19.99, looks like a magnifying glass which displays the password that the asterisks are masking. PC Magazine reported that, "In our testing, SeePassword.com had no problem with passwords stored by Internet Explorer—all the sites we tried yielded their secrets."

"Keeping your passwords stored on your computer, open for any hacker, is beyond careless," says Alex Konanykhin, Chairman of the Internet Security Foundation. "To protect your passwords from being accessed over the Internet, remove them from your computer using software called AsteRisks.com which can be downloaded at InternetSecurityFoundation.org.

The Internet Revolutionizes the Look and Pricetag for Jewelry

(FSN) The appearance of jewelry is changing because of the power of the Internet—and so is its pricetag. Thanks to the "direct to public" flexibility of online marketers such as JEWELZ.COM, consumers are now able to design the jewelry "from the gem up", and avoid exorbitant mark-ups in the process.

Previously, only jewelers had access to "loose gemstones", and

customers were forced to pay markups estimated between 100 to 1,000-fold. "With the Internet, you can pick from among thousands of loose gems, then design your jewelry around your selection," said Dr. Richard Shimkets of the JEWELZ.COM Corporation, a leading direct-to-consumer provider of loose gemstones and fine jewelry.

While JEWELZ.COM also sells

to jewelers and manufacturers, they use the Web to provide flexibility for consumers. "Some will prefer the expertise of a jeweler or a manufacturer," Dr. Shimkets added. "This is for consumers who want to design their own jewelry and also save a tremendous amount of money."

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Janet, Jimmy & Terry Back Together

Twenty years ago, production team Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis brought the youngest member of the Jackson clan out of her "dream street" doldrums and helped to make her a superstar. "Control," Janet Jackson's classic 1986 album, spawned a number of classic hit singles and set the bar for many more collaborations to come, including the multi-platinum "Rhythm Nation 1814."

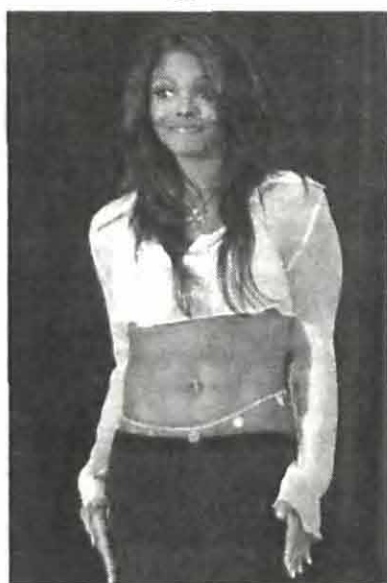
In 2006, the three will hook up again for Jackson's new as-yet-untitled album for Virgin records, due in 2006. Lewis expects the

process to fall into a familiar rhythm.

"It used to be a lot of involvement from all of us, and at some point when Janet became more confident with her writing ability, she [did] the bulk of the writing," he tells Billboard. "And it's kind of back full circle. We're all kind of back in there doing it again together, which I really enjoy."

Jam adds, "It's the physical nature of sitting in the same room and really hashing it out. It's like, 'You're not going to leave until we got a lyric,' so it's fun."

Jackson's boyfriend Jermaine



Dupri is the executive producer on the set and has overseen some recording at his studio.

Hip Hop's Future Rests On Kanye West

Kanye West has suggested that the future of hip-hop rests on his new album 'Late Registration', which is due out on August 15.

Talking to NME.com the rapper and producer explained he faced a lot of pres-

sure while recording his second record.

"I think I carry a lot of stuff on my records," declared the beats man. "Sometimes I feel like I'm carrying the whole of hip hop itself, the state of music too. I've just tried to push the envelope."

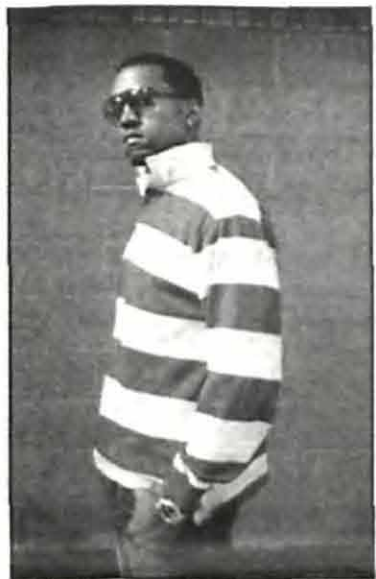
However West insists he's not carrying the burden alone, as his sampling has enable him to ally himself with the world's greatest talents.

He recently released the first single from this album - "Diamonds (from Sierra Leone)", which contains a sample from the James Bond theme "Diamonds Are Forever" performed by Shirley Bassey. The song was originally a reference to his record label Roc-A-Fella, which is known for its "diamond" hand gesture. The title of the single and a

subsequent remix (with Jay-Z) directly address the issue of conflict diamonds, which are a major factor in Sierra Leone's civil war. West thinks that it could have the same impact as Jay-Z's excerpt from the film 'Annie' on 'Hard Knock Life (Ghetto Anthem)'.

"Diamonds..." has potential to go because it's like Jay-Z's 'Annie' sample. It's like (previous single) 'Jesus Walks', aside from the religious aspect of that song, it's taking a rapper that you already like and having him associate himself with something bigger than him, an icon. It's not to compare James Bond with Jesus but both of them are pop icons."

West added that 'Late Registration' also features samples from the likes of Curtis Mayfield and Ray Charles.



Dave Chappelle Update: Comedy Central Puts The Call Out For Comedian's Return.

Comedy Central's president Doug Herzog addressed the Dave Chappelle situation following the channel's presentation at the Television Critics Association Press Tour in Beverly Hills.

The comedian took off to South Africa for a break just as the third season of his top-rated sketch show on the network had been scheduled to begin under a \$50 million

deal.

"The ball's in Dave's court," Herzog told The Hollywood Reporter. Herzog said that he had spoken to Chappelle a few weeks ago in a hotel lobby. According to Herzog, Chappelle said he needed a bit more time; Herzog said he told him they looked forward to working with him again.

"If you see him, tell him to phone home," Herzog joked.



Ruben Studdard, Smokie Norful, Out of Eden and DJ Maj at Six Flags Over Texas



Six Flags Over Texas presents four amazing acts, Ruben Studdard, Smokie Norful, Out of Eden and DJ Maj to celebrate the soulful sounds of Gospel. Young and old alike will enjoy an evening of joyful sounds and united praise on Saturday, July 23, at the Music Mill Amphitheater at Six Flags Over Texas.

Ruben Studdard, the dynamic singer who initially won the hearts of audiences nationwide as the 2003 winner of the hit television series, "American Idol"

and followed with "Soulful", his double-platinum Grammy nominated record will perform. His sophomore album, "I Need An Angel" encompasses new versions of several inspirational classics and traditional tunes.

Smokie Norful has been one of the popular music's great success stories since 2002, and has generated acclaim with his gold-selling debut album, "I Need You Now". Smokie calls his music "urban/inspirational" and the encouragement that he gives his audiences is definitely inspiring.

Also performing will be the entertaining female group, Out of Eden. They deliver songs on Love, Peace and Happiness with a flavorful ingredient that make for an undeniable recipe of R&B, Hip Hop and Inspirational Pop driven songs with a twist of soul. The group's signature harmonies cater to a diverse audience and showcase their love for entertainment, inspirational and blessing. DJ Maj, is establishing a musical source within the

industry and cultures that appeal to the younger demographic.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Six Flags Over Texas Music Mill Amphitheater. Tickets are \$8 each plus park admission and are available at www.ticketmaster.com or buy online at www.sixflags.com; you can also charge by phone at (214) 373-8000 or purchase at the park during operating hours. For more information call 817-640-8900 ext. 4100.



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Car Review

Infiniti G35 and Beyond

By: E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.
(in Iambic Pentameter)

The interior leather upholstery and seats reek of authentic beauty.

Sleek as a feline, equally displaying qualities of modernity and felinity.

One can acquire an Infiniti as a coupe or a sedan.

In invigorating new colors such as Lakeshore Slate and Serengeti Sand.

Real aluminum or Rosewood trim is also a new option.

Driving an Infiniti alludes to the feel of 'next to luxury'.

I felt as if I were driving a vehicle with a pricier sticker but it's less expensive than it's competitors handles and performs very much just the same.

Although interior controls are a little confusing.

The smooth ride is comfortable and responsibly amusing.

Tempted to use my heavy right Achilles to test speed and agility.

Unfortunately, the Infiniti G35 is bound only to stops signs and speed limits.

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very good on fuel economy: 26 in the city and 29 on highway partially due to exterior aerodynamics diffusers and deflectors reduce degrees of front lift to 0.

With increasing gas prices, an Infiniti G35 can be your near-luxury hero.



Plano credit union sues federal regulator

Plano's Community Credit Union has filed a lawsuit against its federal regulator for blocking its bid to convert to a mutual savings bank.

The lawsuit, filed in the federal court's Eastern District of Texas names the National Credit Union Administration, the agency's regional director and executive director.

Community says the NCUA refused to certify its members' vote to switch to a mutual savings bank charter based on the way one piece of paper was folded in its mail-

ings to members.

Community says that ruling on that basis goes beyond the scope of the regulator's authority.

Community, with more than \$1 billion in assets, would be the largest credit union to switch to thrift status. Bank-side regulators and the Texas credit union regulator have approved the switch.

In addition to seeking to overturn the NCUA ruling, Community is asking the regulator to turn over \$10 million of its deposits that are deposited with NCUA to insure

member deposits.

An NCUA spokeswoman could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon.

On Tuesday in Congress, representatives including Plano Republic Sam Johnson filed a bill to limit the authority of the NCUA to block conversions like ones pursued by Community and Fort Worth's OmniAmerican Credit Union.

Members of both credit unions voted to approve the switch.

Web sites: www.community-cu.org and www.ncua.gov.

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August 14, 10:00 am

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

I was invited to a "Good Fridays" event this past Friday at Solomon's Porch in Arlington, TX. I enjoyed the Christian atmosphere as well as the entertainment. One performer was De Farron Keith Hill, an inspiring and prolific writer who writes about life and life's experiences. A graduate of Grambling State University, he is a Marketing Consultant in Dallas. Hill loves music, especially jazz, and the arts. He also likes traveling and playing the guitar. The following are three interesting poems written by Hill that he read for the audience.

All time is relevant. Time is relevant to all times. Whatever you did today is gone; even if you do the same thing tomorrow, it is not today.

Every day changes; every day brings forth new changes, new situations. If you only take the time from your monotonous schedule and realize the change, you will see, no two days are alike.

Loneliness is present in this world, take the time 2 comfort someone, take the time 2 meet someone, take the time 2 listen 2 them. Selfishness and hatred is only in vain, don't be guilty later of the pain.

Music is beautiful; music is joy, take the time 2 have a girl or a boy. Think about it now, later might be too late. Instead of worrying about the money, think about the rate (death.)

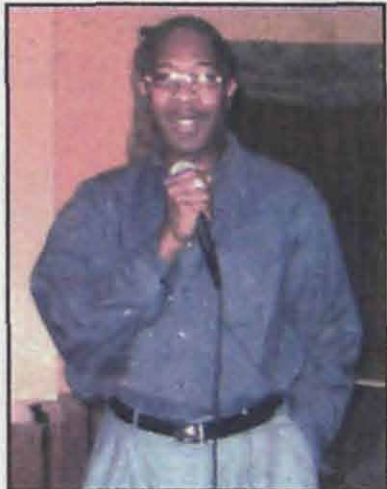
Life will always throw you changes that you won't anticipate;

~ TIME ~

this is no nursery rhyme, think about how U spend it, think about the time, enjoy.

Thank God for all the time He has given you; everything and everyone must come to an end, even you too. Baby-Boo.

A HIGHER HEIGHT



Picture of The Week
De Farron Keith Hill reciting three of his poems.

We are all trying to get higher, and high. When we get high and go into the sweet by and bye, we think we can fly. We are always trying 2 get high; a higher paying job which results in a higher cost of living; a finer car, which results in a higher note; a higher house which results in a higher boat. A higher shoe which puts your head in the clouds and makes U forget that you are really feeling blue.

A higher Benz, which causes you to have to work harder to have more ends; just 2 ride all of your new friends; who grins, and grins, and grins along with you; and all your new high toys and high price sins. But guess what? The high price of the entrance into Heaven is the Cost

of Salvation; and you can't pay it!!! It has already been paid by God. Who is Higher than You. The only way to receive it is through the Grace of God. Get high and excited about the Word of God and it will become the safest dope. Get high and excited about the Word of God and it will become your safety rope. Don't knock it until you try it; I triple (Father/Son/Holy Ghost) dare you. Get high on God and He will bring you through!!!

ROOFTOP PEACE

My Nights Turn Into Days; My Days Turn into Night, I can't Sleep, I can't Fight.

I'm Tired of being Tired. I'm TIRED of Seeking Right. I Wish I could take flight & GO out of sight. I Wish I could disappear into the Night. But Deep Down in My Soul I know that Ain't right.

TIRED OF Being TIDE; And SICK OF Being Sick, Thoughts of this situation Hit Me Hard AS A Brick. THOUGHTS OF Being Tired, JUST MAKE ME SICK. OUT OF THE HOUSE I Left; And A ROOFTOP DID I Find; This Was the only Place That I could get Peace of Mind.

Never Thinking About JUMP-ING; But Peace Did I find; It gave Me A TIME TO TALK TO GOD And Ask HIM TO COME INTO MY LIFE & BE MY LIGHT;

TO HELP ME SEE CLEARLY AND MAKE THIS SITUATION RIGHT.

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Let MON-The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of James, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."

eligible 501(c)3 arts groups who plan to apply for Special Projects grants or Season Support grants. Eligible groups must also hold their events/performance in McKinney. Grant applications must be submitted by Thursday, August 18 at 5:00 p.m. Presentations by applicants will be made before the Commission on August 31 and September 1. Art Grant recommendations will be presented to Council at the September 20 City Council meeting and art groups notified the following day.

Arts Commission Vice Chair and former McKinney City Council member Julie Vargo.

"The commission wants to help support a wide range of artists and art groups from dancers to gospel singers to actors to writers and everything in between so that McKinney can express itself creatively and can become a cultural arts destination for its citizens and for the citizens of Collin County," stated Nelsen.

The workshops are mandatory for

Arts Commission Page 1

Monday, July 18. You can also contact Micki Lewis at City Hall at 972-547-7501 to request applications by email or for hard copies.

The workshops cover the grant-writing process and will be taught by Robert Nelsen, Chair of the McKinney Arts Commission. Nelson is the Director of Creative Writing at the University of Texas at Dallas. He was recently named Teacher of the Year at UTD. Nelson will be joined at the workshops by

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CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH (CBC)

July 31 - August 4, 2005

CBC, and Heritage & Hope Ministries, Inc. will host "Family Fest '05." Our Building Dedication and Opening Service will be July 31st @ 6:00 pm. This FREE conference will be the largest conference in the D/FW Metroplex designed for the entire family. We will have six conferences in one location. Special guests will include Fred Hammond; Byron Cage; Kelly Price; Joann Rosario; Dr. Tony Evans; Dr. Sheila Bailey; Rev. Maurice Watson; Dr. Cliff Ashe; Rev. Bryan Carter; Rev. John Jenkins; Rev. Herb Lusk; Dr. Thomas Fortson, Jr., President of The Promise Keepers in Denver, Colorado and more. There will be power-packed day sessions, luncheons, and exciting evening concerts and services.

Our theme is "Building Faith, Family, Fellowship, and A Future!" Topics of discussion will include Political Platforms and Biblical Morality—A Black Perspective; Black Economic Empowerment; and Restoring The Black Family By Restoring The Black Male.

Remember this is a FREE conference, but registration is required; it will be held at the church. The conference will close, Thursday, August 4, 2005 with an interactive panel discussion on the State of the Black family with featured guests: Clarence Page of the Chicago Tribune; Rev. Herb Lusk; Bob Ray Sanders of the Fort Worth Star Telegram, Star Parker, Texas Representative Marc Veasey; Tara Wall of the National Republican Committee; Art Brender, Chairman of the Tarrant County Democratic Party; Gerald Alley, CEO of Con-Real Construction; Dr. Michael Bell, and others. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend "Family Fest '05." There will be individual conferences for men, women, singles, young adults, youth, and children. For more information please contact Veronica Griffith @ 817-467-4665 (Metro), Ext. 203

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Rev. Wm. Dwight McKissic, Sr., Senior Pastor
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Arlington, TX 76018
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Tonight, July 31, 6:00 pm

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God's Holy Tabernacle
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Dallas, TX 75238
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July 30, 2005

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August 7 - 11, 2005

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July 31, 11:00 am

We cordially invite the public to greet our new pastor, Rev. Clarence Ford, his wife Hope, and their two sons Jared and Jordan, and to hear Pastor Ford bring the Word to the congregation.

Hill Chapel CME Church
Rev. Clarence Ford, Pastor
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Plano, TX 75074
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July 18 - July 22, 7:30 pm

Our Evangelist Board presents "Reviving The Stones" Conference 2005. This is our first Annual Revival—Conference. Our theme: Preparing The Saints for Victory and Eternal Life Which is in Christ Jesus. The public is invited to share in this wonderful conference.

Holy Temple COGIC
Elder Raymond Jones, Pastor
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Plano, TX 75074
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KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

July 30, 8:00 am

The Men of Purpose and Promise will host a garage sale; all proceeds will benefit the MOPAP Scholarship Fund. For more information contact Royal Hines @ 469-726-8070.

Keller Springs Baptist Church
Rev. Larry Sanders, Pastor
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9:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday Service

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Thursday

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Tuesday

7:15 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Church School

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at the 19th Annual African American Texas Publisher's Association Conference. The contest was judged by the University of Texas at Tyler.

DCCD Selects Site Page 3 and build communities."

The DCCCD will develop plans and construct the facility on the property within the next 24 to 36 months. The new facility will be ready for classes in 2007.

"This new campus is exciting for two reasons," said Mayor Day. First, Garland residents (both new high school gradu-

ates and people going back for additional training) will have an opportunity to advance education near where they live or work. Secondly the downtown campus is the first of many projects that will make downtown Garland the center of the community again."

The facility - which will be named the Eastfield College - Northeast Campus - is one of five education centers in DCCCD'S

current bond program.

The unveiling of the sign was attended by State Rep. Joe Driver, Mayor Bob Day, Chamber of Commerce president Paul Mayer, Dr. Roger Pool President of Eastfield College, Chairman of the DCCCD Board Jerry Prater, former Garland City Councilman Jackie Feagin, as well as many other interested Garland citizens.

Arthur Fletcher Page 1

American to play pro football for the Baltimore Colts. He also played for the Los Angeles Rams.

A lifelong Republican, Fletcher campaigned for the Republicans in Kansas and California before moving to the Tri-Cities area of Washington state, where he served on Pasco City council in the 1960s. Supported by Gov. Dan Evans, he ran for lieutenant governor of Washington. He narrowly lost the election, but was hired by Gov. Evans as his special assistant for urban affairs.

"He campaigned nowhere but on college campuses," said Rye, who has known Fletcher since his early days in the Tri-Cities area. "He was receiving a lot of death threats so he would make reservations at one hotel and check into another hotel under a different name. At that time the serial killer Ted Bundy was also working for Gov. Evans, and it was Bundy who would sleep across the foot of his door so nobody could come in."

Because of Fletcher's success in Washington, President Nixon appointed him as Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards in the U.S. Department of Labor. Later, he was an adviser to presidents Ford, Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

Among the other influential positions he held were: President of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, Deputy Urban Affairs Advisor to President Gerald Ford, Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania Ave. Development Corp., Executive Director of the United Negro



College Fund and Chair of the U.S. Commission of Civil Rights.

It was while working for the Department of Labor that Fletcher launched affirmative action.

"There was a massive federally funded public works program in Philadelphia," Boston said. "There were difficulties with the union bringing in minorities as apprentices. So President Nixon asked Art to look at that, and he came back with the Philadelphia

Plan, the first affirmative action program."

For many years, Fletcher and his wife, Bernyce, managed their own consulting business, Fletcher & Associates, conducting seminars and workshops at universities and corporations across the country.

"One thing you can say about him was that he was always on the cutting edge," said Bernie Foster, publisher of The Skanner. "He was an advocate for African-Americans and he was also an advocate for small business. Whether you agreed with his politics or not, he stuck by his beliefs and he didn't care whether you liked it or not."

"I was with Art in Philadelphia last week," Boston said. "It was the 27th anniversary of the Philadelphia Plan, which was the affirmative action program that started affirmative action across the country. Art was being recognized and he was also presenting his new program, Moving America Ahead. It's a strategy to build economic opportunities for minorities through using technology, education and faith-based programs."

"It's about getting churches involved and getting parents involved with their children's education. I'm sure it will continue."

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RESTORATION TRIUMPHANT CHURCH

July 24, 6:00 pm
Please join us at our "Super Sunday Program;" our special guest speaker will be Apostle Bobby Myles, Sr., Senior Pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church in Garland, TX.

August 28, 6:00 pm
Please join us at our "Super Sunday Program;" our special guest speaker will be Rev. Earlene Martin, Co-Pastor of the Union Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, TX.

For more information on the above two events, please call 972-202-8975.

Restoration Triumphant Church
Elder Mavis Adams,
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There will be performances by the RWM Dancers & Karate Team, the McKinney Fellowship Youth Band, and many, many more. Registration is FREE, but seats are limited. Please

register early, by phone @ 214-544-1886, online @ www.reynoldswood.org or by mail @ P.O. Box 650, McKinney, TX 75069.

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We will feature the FBCHP Praise Team and JUMC Praise in Motion Dance Ministry. There will be several soloists including Sandra Finney, Minister Diane Frazier, Rick James, and Valerie Williams from FBCHP. We will also have prize drawings.

Proceeds from this event will benefit "Meals on Wheels of Tarrant Country." For more information and ticket prices, please call Angela King @ 214-450-7634.

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