

Community Spotlight

DBDT Performs at Westside Baptist Church



(L-R) DBDT dancer Darrell Cleveland, Sister Tropic, and Le'Von Campbell (DBDT Associate Artistic Director).

DBDT dancer Darrell Cleveland performs to the song "Motherless Child."



Rev. Rosalind Spencer, Children's Minister of Westside Baptist Church introduces Darrell Cleveland.

First Lady Heshae Blake and Senior Pastor Kenneth W. Blake, Senior Pastor of Westside Baptist Church.

St. Mark Baptist Church Welcomes DBDT



(L to R) DBDT dancer Edmund Gilreath and Stephan Jackson strike a pose.

DBDT dancer Stephan Jackson expresses worship to the Lord while lifting her eyes towards heaven.

DBDT dancer Edmund Gilreath performs during special Black History Service at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church.

(L to R) Pastor Charles Wesley Clemons, DBDT dancer Stephan Jackson, and DBDT dancer Edmund Gilreath at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church.

(L to R) Kristinna Higgins, Pastor Charles Wesley, Jason Colford, Edmund Gilreath, and Stephan Jackson. (Photo by Robert E. Miller/MON-The Gazette)

Edmund Gilreath, Stephan Jackson, Kristinna Higgins, Pastor Charles Wesley, Jason Colford, Edmund Gilreath, and Stephan Jackson. (Photo by Robert E. Miller/MON-The Gazette)

Ongoing

Eyes on America urges seniors to call the Senior Eye-care Helpline 1-800-323-EYES (3937). The helpline is intended to remind the senior community about the value of sight and the eye care program is available all year round. For more information, visit www.eyesonamerica.org.

The African Chapter of Concerns DFW chapter hosts weekly business luncheons every Wednesday from NOON - 1 pm featuring guest speakers, networking, technical assistance, etc. Location: The Farmers Market Restaurant, Dallas, TX 75210. For more information, call 214-470-5880.

PP Productions, distributors of the new multi-station show, The Vallet Radio Show, announces The Vallet Radio Show broadcast on "KXVI 93 FM - The Bridge Network" each Sunday, from 6 - 7 pm.

City of Alton, Texas - Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Alton Public Library, located at 801 Center Parkway. For more information, please call 972-727-0195. Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972-545-4114. You can also visit the web at www.cctia.org.

Tony Griffin seeks good students who want school scholarships. Who knows you could be Tony Griffin's Scholar Student of the Year! For contest rules and more information, visit www.tonygriffith.com, call 972-545-4114 or email info@tgcwritingchamps.org.

Job Seekers

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by the JobSeekers of Collin County. This group consists several chapters, group meetings from 11:30 am to

1 pm every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8209 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. For more information, log on to the Plano City Web site at www.ci.plano.tx.us or [jobseekers.org](http://www.jobseekers.org).

DHD is looking for qualified teacher applicants to begin employment in FALL 2005. If you are interested in becoming a teacher, an interview will take place in April. Call 972-479-4210 for more details.

General Information: The Urban League of Garland Community Service Center offers limited financial assistance for college, rent and mortgages, for local residents. Other services offered include housing counseling, focusing on reverse mortgages, default mortgages, and financial assistance for first-time home buyers. For more information, please contact Casandra Tack at 214-415-1736.

Dating the month of February, Wal-Mart will begin a nationwide program in celebration of Black History Month. Wal-Mart shoppers will have the chance to take home five copies of unique, inspiring and educational publications "Profiles in Pride" and "African Americans in History." These will be available at nearly 1,000 Wal-Mart stores. For more information, please visit www.walmartstores.com.

PEAK Leadership Development - Information - Lunchtime - PEAK. Leadership is an executive development program for corporate leaders and managers. Lunch is \$5 for individuals interested in an executive leadership development program. The next application deadline is April 1, 2005. Applicants may contact Felicia Connor, Neighborhood Vitality Manager, at 972-203-1804 or by email kenneth.j.gillett@ntx.rr.com.

February 4, 2005

Dallas Children's Theater proudly presents "Peter Pan's Visit to the Underground Railroad" in "A Midlife Cray" at El Centro College Performance Hall, Location: 801 N. Main St., Dallas, TX 75220 - Box office: 214-780-0573 for reservations and ticket information.

February 17, 2005

The 10th annual "Art of Life" exhibition is being held every Saturday from 10:15 am - 2 pm. Children ages 6 to 16 are welcome to learn basic, less, modern, lyrical, hip-hop and musical theater. For more information contact Cyndra Chapman at 214-273-7394 ext. 112.

The work of artist Ann Lee, "African Lee The Artist, Her Life, His Work" will be exhibited at James E. Kemp Gallery at

considered GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease), potentially serious complications of GERD and medical and outpatient treatment options to treat symptoms. During Questions will take place in the main conference room at the Medical Office Complex beginning at 7:30 AM. Location: 800 Main Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76104. Space is limited, so please RSVP to reserve your spot at 817-884-GOT GERD (817-884-4373).

February 18, 2005 The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce 21st Annual Queen for Success Awards Luncheon will be continuing business achievement and community service of African-American entrepreneurs in the Dallas/FW metroplex. The luncheon begins at 11:00 am and the luncheon will start promptly at noon. For more information, contact the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce at 214-421-2300 or log on to www.dbcc.org.

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February 20, 2005 Eyes on America will be hosting an African American Read-in from 11 am to 1 pm in room 100. This FREE event is part of Eyes on America's celebration of Black History Month and the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

This year's event is expected to be the biggest and best yet! First time Presenting Sponsor and Education Partner is Countrywide, R&B soul Morris Day & The Time will provide the entertainment. For detailed information on the event, please call UNCF at 972-234-1007 or email 972-234-4114.

February 21, 2005 In keeping with the spirit of the Black and Black History Month/Music, HBO is offering an exciting multi-faceted sweepstakes that gives consumers a chance to honor and celebrate Black music at the Essence Music Festival 2005, July 1-3 in New Orleans, LA. To enter, consumers should visit www.HBO.com and follow the instructions back and forth to the internet interaction.

February 22, 2005 "Healing" Ministry

Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every Month at 7:30 pm at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a Pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death, etc.

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MLK Parade



(L - R) RJ Lape-Videler - Dallas County Sheriff Of State Representative District 111 Vernon Davis.



K104 EB Rodriguez and jeep Rig.



(L - R) O.H. Jackson, Constable Deverick Evans, E. Colley & R. Estamante.

African American History Page 2

together court records, buildings, letters, and memories as well as the research of historians.

*Separate and Unequal:

Race Relations in theAAF During World War II - Describes relations between white and black Americans in the Army Air Forces during World War II. Through confrontation with black and white liberal groups, the Army Air Forces learned that active commitment, viral leadership, and equal opportunity produced a more viable military organization than segregation and unequal treatment.

***Educational Achievement and Black-White Inequality** - Explores the relationship between

black-white differences in a variety of educational achievement and economic outcomes. Makes comparisons between overall average outcomes for blacks and whites, and also between average outcomes for blacks and whites with similar levels of prior educational achievement.

***Black Soldier/White Army: The 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea** - Analyzes the operations of all-black 24th Infantry during the Korean War to determine how well the unit and its associated engineers and artillery unit performed, and whether deficiencies occurred. Seeks their military causes and looks at how those influences and events intersected with the racial prejudices prevalent at that time. Additionally this publication gives a

brief history of the service of black soldiers in the Civil War and World War I.

***Down Home Healthy: Family Recipes of Black American Chefs** - Contains "down home" recipes that show how you can enjoy foods that are lower in fat, cholesterol, and sodium, higher in fiber, and promote good health. Illustrated with photographs of meals and the authors.

***Blacks in the Marine Corps** - Presents a brief history of blacks at the United States Marine Corps. If you are interested in any of these publications they can be ordered online at <http://bookstore.gutenberg.org> or you can call 202-512-1800.

RadioOne Dallas Sponsors MLK Parade



Coca Float: Front Row (L - R) LaDonna Smalley, Jamil Beard, Shandrell Lewis, BackRow (L - R) Monique Mitchell, Houston Mitchell.



(L - R) Michael King, Pope Gafford (District 8 Dallas Park & Recreation) & Shannon Cole.

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Day Care, to name a few.

Another sister set up her own Web site for the sole purpose of spreading the word about the BMDC; another member created a flyer that we use to get information out to those who inquire about the BMDC; the Black Data Processors of America wrote an article about the BMDC in their newsletter; a brother in West Palm Beach, Fla., communally sends out emails enlisting new members; a sister, one of this nation's best attorneys and director of an entrepreneurial organization, often advise and direction on a continuous basis; one brother is soliciting members who do not have access to a computer, personally collecting their donations and sending them in with his; several Black radio hosts have done shows on the BMDC.

There are many who have stepped up to do a little more to promote the BMDC, and I could not cite every instance, but they already know how much we appreciate them and their willingness to make a small sacrifice for others. One of our newest members, someone whose books many of you have read, T.J. Butler, author of the best-selling book, *Sorority Sisters*, will be encouraging all of the "sister birthday" to sign up when they come together on Butler's *Sororhood Cruise* in August 2005 www.tjbutler.com.

The BMDC is the ideal way to assist entities and causes that we value; it is also the ideal group of individuals because it comprises brothers and sisters from every economic stratum, all working together by pooling our funds to do something positive for one another. So big "I" and little "You" in the BMDC. Everyone is on equal footing because each of us has made the same commitment: \$5, five times per year. Although many send in more when the call goes out, usually from \$10 to \$25, we are only asking for \$5, something most of us can do.

Once again, when we reach our goal of 200,000 members we will donate \$1 million to our organization, \$250,000 to four different ones, or however we decide to do it. Knowing that well over 200,000 people read this column every week, I thought we should have the 200,000 members in an issue; but my confidence in my peers has not yet been justified. I am hopeful, however, that many more of you will sign up now that you have read this. At least I have done my job by informing you.

So go to www.blackeconomics.com and add your name to the BMDC E-Mail List. Don't delay and don't be dissuaded by the usual paralysis by analysis syndrome that overtakes many of our people. This is too simple, too easy, and can have a tremendous positive impact on the institutions, organizations, and causes that WE value. Sign up for the Blackomics Million Dollar Club today. And tell your friends, your fraternity brothers, your

sorority sisters, your club members, your coworkers, and your family members to do the same.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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AGGIELAND SATURDAY

February 26, 2005

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www.tamu.edu/aggiesaturday

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DEPRESSED AGAIN?

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas is conducting research sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health on cognitive therapy for depression. **Treatment is free.** The symptoms of depression include:

- Depressed or sad mood
- Loss of interest in activities
- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much
- Feeling slowed down
- Feeling tired or having low energy
- Feeling guilty or worthless
- Changes in weight or appetite
- Difficulty concentrating

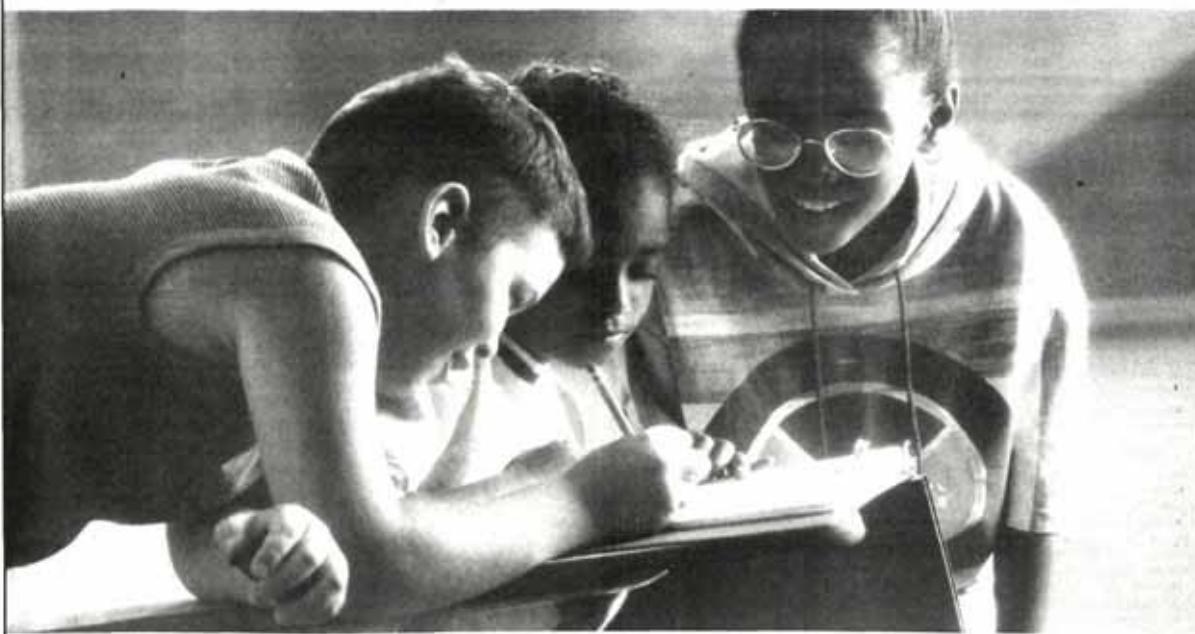
If you have experienced these symptoms more than once in your life, are drug free and not currently in psychiatric treatment, please call the Psychosocial Research and Depression Clinic at 214-648-5351.

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Tammy
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Vickers

If you want to retire before you reach age 65 ask yourself how to avoid the risks of early retirement. The biggest risk is inflation. Even a modest increase in prices has a huge cumulative effect over time, especially since Americans today are living longer than ever. The National Institute of Health calculates that a 50-year-old American woman will live to an average age of 80...a man, to about 75. When prices rise just 2% per year, your expenses will

Can You Afford To Retire Early?

increase by nearly 30% in 20 years. At 4% inflation, they will more than double.

A good way to determine your yearly lifestyle needs is to add up six months of your fixed costs—include mortgage payments, income taxes (if applicable), property taxes and insurance. Also look back six months in your checkbook and credit card statements for all expenses that you may have left out. Then, double the amount you spent during those six months to arrive at your annual income needed.

Retirees often take too much out of their investment portfolios. Financial holdings should continue to grow and they may reach four or five times what you invested.

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Franchise began forty-six years ago. One of five children from a military family, Mr. Fowler spent most of his formative years in Tucson, Arizona.

His first job was in his father's restaurant, known throughout Tucson's African American community as a signature, high-quality establishment. Mr. Fowler cooked, washed dishes, bussed tables and did whatever was required to support his family's business. He also assisted in the oversight of the restaurant's business operations—an invaluable experience that, in many ways, served as the genesis of his remarkable business career.

Mr. Fowler's early drive and determination in the family business quickly translated into academic and athletic pursuits and achievements. An annual member of his school honor roll, Mr. Fowler also began receiving recognition for his athletic talents as early as the sixth grade. In that year, he was the recipient of a Presidential Accommodation from President Richard Nixon. At eleven years old, Mr. Fowler's performance as an all-star baseball player earned him and his team a spot in the Little League World Series.

While blessed with athletic talents in several sports, football became Mr. Fowler's first love. After graduating high school, he accepted a football scholarship from the University of Wyoming, where he excelled on the gridiron and in the classroom. The early years in the restaurant business, where he developed a passion for numbers, led him to pursue a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on Finance.

On the athletic front, Mr. Fowler's stellar performance as an outside linebacker provided him an opportunity to pursue his dream of playing professional football. For three years Mr. Fowler realized that dream by playing for the Cincinnati Bengals of the National Football League, the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League and the Arizona Wranglers of the United States Football League.

Upon his retirement from professional football, Mr. Fowler remained in Arizona and enrolled at Arizona State University's MBA Program. Based on his academic success at ASU, Mr. Fowler applied for and was accepted into Mobil Oil Corporation's internationally renowned "White Kids" program. This two-year matriculation program is designed to train gifted, young professionals to become executives of large corporations. Mr. Fowler participated in the program through Mobil Chemical, where he developed knowledge in the marketing of plastic products, as well as different forms of bags, trays and trash containers.

Mr. Fowler's performance at Mobil was consistent with the standard of excellence he had demonstrated on the field and in the classroom since childhood. He was named Mobil Chemical "Rookie of the Year" and earned additional honors as the

group's top sales person.

However, when his accomplishments prompted Mobil Chemical to offer a promotion that would have necessitated a move to Southern California, Mr. Fowler declined. Instead, in the spirit of the entrepreneurial vision established by his father, Mr. Fowler began a stunning career in the private sector that brings him to this historic moment in American and professional sports history.

With a \$1,000 investment in the late '80s, Mr. Fowler founded Spiral, Inc., presently the 11th largest African-American owned firm, according to the June 2004 edition of Black Enterprise Magazine. Spiral is comprised of six divisions, with a focus on the following industries: Real Estate, Aviation, Manufacturing, Agricultural, Entertainment and Banking.

In a lifetime filled with an inordinate amount of self-made success, rooted in principles formed in the Southwestern Desert and foothills fields across North America, Mr. Fowler is now embarking on an unprecedented new venture—a majority ownership of a National Football League franchise. When he succeeds, he will take with him the disciplines of hard work, integrity and passion that have fueled his achievements for over four decades.

"Managing The Whole You": Revolutionary Seminar Proves A Career Is Much More Than A Job

DallasBlue Executive Career Seminar features four well known national speakers.

DALLAS — The DallasBlue Business Network announced its innovative Executive Career Seminar will be held Thursday February 24th in Richardson. The seminar features four well known national speakers and includes lunch.

"Most career programs focus on the basics like writing your resume, interviewing, and finding job openings," said DallasBlue Founder and Executive Director Marc Freedman. "That's important. But today's professionals and managers need more, much more. A career is not just a job. It's a lifetime pursuit that is sculpted over time. It's how we speak, how we present ourselves, and how we develop opportunities

and contacts, at work, at church, and even in our personal life."

"Most professionals work long hours. They leave little time to develop themselves and their careers. When they suddenly find themselves out of a job, they realize they're stranded with no career. They have no network, no plan for the future, and limited skills. I set out to create a new kind of seminar that would truly help people be the master of their own careers, both in and out of their jobs. The seminar topics and speakers were specially selected to equip professionals and executives to "Manage The Whole You."

WHAT: DallasBlue Executive Career Seminar: Managing the Whole You
WHEN: Thursday February 24th 10 am to 3 pm

WHERE: Swan Court in Richardson, TX

COST: \$45 if pre-registered 1 day before the event, \$55 cash on site. Includes lunch and beverage.

ATTENDEES: The Executive Career Seminar is for executives, managers, and professionals who are earning or have earned \$50,000 to \$250,000 per year. It's oriented to people who were recently laid off, are open to new opportunities, or want to maintain their professional edge.

REGISTRATION: Get more information and register online at <http://dallasblue.com> or directly at <http://dallasblue.com/events/022405-career.htm>. Attendees may also register by calling (214) 770-3800.

other friends and family members in the law office after they realize they can afford to hire a lawyer. As a result, he has a network of clients.

"If a client believes you are working hard for him, he can tell his cousin, brother, sister and the news spreads," says Ndakwe.

Besides offering legal services to primarily lower wage earners, Ndakwe attributes the firm's growth to his ability to handle a large volume of cases. Along with a paralegal and three legal assistants, Ndakwe handles 85 to 100 cases per month.

Seventy percent involve family law, primarily divorce cases, 15 percent are landlord tenant disputes and the remaining are felony and misdemeanor cases.

Ndakwe says in the near future he would like to hire two more lawyers to share the workload. He currently works past 10pm weekdays and weekends to accommodate clients.

Despite the long hours, he believes in being accessible to his clients. He believes dedication is more important than tenure.

"Look for someone who is willing to put the effort there—not whether the person has been working 10 years and doesn't respect their clients."

His future plans for the Law Office of Vincent & Associates is to become a medium sized firm with 15 to 30 lawyers. With this vision for the future, Ndakwe has no plans to change the business model.

"It's a misconception that low cost means low quality. Humanity always associates high cost with high quality...just because a person charges \$500/hour doesn't make him a good lawyer."

"They can't afford to pay \$2,500," he explains.

Despite this fact, he also stays competitive by keeping the rates low. Most of the clients are unable to pay minimum legal fees \$500. However, Ndakwe and his staff put clients on an installment plan.

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Arts & Entertainment

A Midnight Cry: The Underground Railroad to Freedom

Reviewed by: Kimberly Keeler

"My soul wants something that's new," Lida Anderson (played by Rhianne Mack) shouts to the young crowd in the El Centro Performance Hall this past Saturday. Dallas Children's Theater presented one woman's journey to freedom on the Underground Railroad in "A Midnight Cry." Children, parents, and adults packed the small auditorium that showcased a beautiful stage production.

Director Dally Fiorella states, "A Midnight Cry" provides inspiration for us all. Imagine leaving everyone and everything that you know behind, risking it all for freedom. A

freedom that encompasses more than just freedom of the body, but freedom of the mind and this freedom comes from learning."

"A Midnight Cry" was



originally produced at First Stage Children's Theater in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in January 2003. The play by James DeVita was conceived to help audiences learn more about Wisconsin's Underground Railroad.

Lida Anderson and her

family lived on a plantation where they experienced harsh cruelty. It was forbidden that slaves read or learn to write; but she was determined. Her brother, Eli

taught her how to read and write when their master and all the slaves were asleep. Lida's first word that she pronounces correctly is... "The."

Persecuted, and challenged on a daily basis was something that was the norm for most slaves on the plantations. Either they had

to wash the master's clothes, plow the fields, or pick cotton all the while wondering if they would be lashed. On this particular day Lida's sister was sold to the highest bidder, which was very common in those times. Lida was terrified and

angry that her sister has been sold and wanted to runaway and be free.

Her family forbids that she tries to leave because they knew the consequences of her being caught. Lida begs and pleads with her mother to tell her how to get to the Underground Railroad. After being threatened that she too would be sold by the master, her father and mother both inform Lida on the particulars of connecting with the Underground Railroad.

With her pursuers close behind, she narrowly avoids capture in several thrilling episodes. Lida is shown kindness from abolitionists that help her being literate. In addition to this she gained her

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independence and knowledge of self-worth.

"A Midnight Cry," was accompanied by soul-stirring spirituals, and "call and response" songs that expressed a yearning for freedom. The songs were very emotional, and had some in tears.

Dallas Children's Theater's cast did a great job depicting the life of a slave and what it actually took to make it through these times.

Though the play was one hour and five minutes it put a lasting impression on everyone's mind and hopefully their lives. For more information on upcoming theater presentations with DCT log on to www.dct.org or call 214-978-0110.



Movie Review: Hitch

Review By: Kent Williams
Writer for DallasBlink.com

Alex Hirsch (Will Smith) wrote the book when it comes to romance. And, for a considerable time, this self-taught doctor will secretly pursue any female teacher that has crossed the threshold of his dreams. Hitch has been so successful, in fact, that his doctor comes with a money-back guarantee that any chick will get his girl in three dates or less.

Albert Brennerman (Kevin James), on the other hand, is an overweight, awkward nerd who is smitten with Allegro (Cole Ambler Waller), a svelte, stunningly-beautiful New York extrovert. The only reason Albert and Allegro's paths even cross is that the two students share the same dorm room, but the passive-blonde student is yet to notice the penitent-looking wallflower.

If anyone, it comes as no surprise that Al the geek might be referred to Al the player for assistance in attracting Al the blonde. The masterfully among this trio of Al lies in the center of Hitch, a mindless, insipid romantic that turns out to be far funnier than anything this year expected. After all, it was just last year that

Jamie Foxx and Peter MacNicol mind the outer sort of material in *Breakfast At Tiffanys*, another buddy adventure about a naive, sophisticated black dude taking a dicky white babe at love under his wing.

The good news is that Hitch, if anything, has improved on the formula. The movie is a solid, well-made film, with its lead actors, Will Smith (of *The Fresh Prince*) and Kevin James (of *The King of Queens*), are awesome



TV stars and whose heavy load of comedy translates easily into this sitcom style vehicle. Plus, they seem to have a genuine affinity for working off each other and that chemistry is readily apparent on screen.

While the front story revolves around the question of whether Albert will develop enough to

land Allegro and her millions, the back story reveals hitch to have some relationship issues of his own to resolve. For, while he has a great track record when it comes to winning others, he still has failed to find Ms. Right for himself.

We get a lot of what's to come early on, after his heart skips a beat when he spots sexy Sarah (Mia Farrow) sitting across a dark room in a dimly lit restaurant pick-up bar.

Hitch doesn't know it, but Sarah is a group enthusiast and assigned to dig up dirt on Allegro. This is the first of an astounding number of coincidences per minute in a picture where New York seems to have a population of about 8 hundred instead of 8 million.

So long as you're willing to check your brain at the box office and overlook an unapologetic lack of originality, Hitch is a good laugh at most of the sort of antics you've undoubtedly seen in all the comedies. There's Hitch having an allergic reaction to shabbish, or accidentally knocking Sarah off a Jet 261. There's spastic Albert laughing to dance, or shating a "homophobic" moment after practicing kissing scenes. A flick which breaks no new ground yet in still somehow funny enough to remain highly recommended.

The program will include cultural works by Moussa Diabate and Fernando Hernandez, a Spanish Classical work, "Tiempo Goyescas" by internationally known Luis Montero, and premieres, Repertory Dance Companies 1 & 2, African and Dance Ensemble, and LumaSol will perform on Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26, 2005, at 8 p.m. in the Eisemann Theatre, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson, TX 75082. Tickets are \$10-\$25 and will be available at www.eisemanncenter.org or February 18, 2005 or at the Eisemann Center Box Office on the nights of performance.

The program will include

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Car Review

2005 Nissan Titan Crew Cab

By E. Desprez Gibson Jr.

The Titan Crew Cab is built on a rugged F-Alpha truck platform, featuring a Nissan Endurance 5.6-liter DOHC V8 producing 305 horsepower and 370 lb-ft of torque, standard 5-speed automatic transmission, and when properly equipped, a maximum towing capacity of up to 8,400 pounds.

Entering its second year, the Titan Crew Cab adds a power up/down rear privacy glass window with defrost standard on all models. New for 2005 is a damped tailgate assist, which helps reduce effort in opening and closing the tailgate, front seat active headrests, new packaging and a new exterior and interior color.

The 2005 Nissan Titan Crew



electronically controlled automatic transmission, power rack-and-pinion steering and 17-inch wheels and tires.

For 4WD models, Titan uses an advanced shift-on-the-fly 4-wheel

drive system with 2WD/4WD/LO modes with electronic control part-time transfer case. Also contributing to Titan's off-road capability is an advanced torque split control strategy that works in cooperation with the 4-wheel limited-slip Traction Control System to transfer drive torque to wheels automatically according to road and driving conditions.

When properly equipped, the Titan can tow up to 8,400 pounds and up to 1,455 payload capacity.

In its initial model year, the Nissan Titan significantly raised the standard for power, utility and style within the full-size truck segment, said Mark McDonald, vice president and general manager, Nissan Division.

For 2005, Titan will continue to be a major player in the segment, offering full-size truck buyers innovation, performance and value.

Technology Helps African-Americans Discover Their Roots and Honor Black History Month...

Although African-Americans face more challenges than almost any other ethnic group when it comes to tracing their roots, online records can make the discovery of family history easier than ever before. MyFamily.com, the most popular and comprehensive family history research and connection resource online, offers the following tips to make the search a bit easier:

Sketch your family tree based entirely on memory

Even if it's full of question marks, a rough draft will tell

you what you'll need in research in the coming months. Gather the records you have on hand and compare them with your outline information. Birth certificates, marriage licenses, and death records can provide much of the information you are missing.

Search the U.S. Federal Census

For many African-Americans, the paper trail begins with the 1970 Census. This is the first U.S. Census that listed former slaves as citizens and may also include the last-known residence of

their earliest free ancestors. Another great resource is the Census Free Population Schedules. These schedules list the names of African-American citizens living in the northern Free states prior to the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. Glancing at a census record can reveal information like an ancestor's occupation, annual income and home ownership. Census records are available online at Ancestry.com.

Study family trees submitted by genealogists

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**Sister
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I have written in my columns, at least twice, that Henry T. Boxerwood invented the cellular phone on July 6, 1971, but when I haven't written it is Dr. Philip Emeagwali, as he is a Father of Technology. He helped to bring the telephone to the supercomputer, the technology that spawned the Internet; and I think in John Rose, my friend, we can Black History monthly, I would like to add that Dr. Emeagwali is a Black man considered to be a "Father of the Internet," as he told me the story by my column, he told me about Dr. Emeagwali and how he is a Black man who was born in Nigeria, was named History's 30th greatest African by New African Magazine. However, not being too competitive, I didn't dare add him to my column and now, remember, Dr. I am very Black History Queen, I will add him.

President Bill Clinton, said Dr. Emeagwali as a "great man." A poll of 300 African search engines showed that Dr. Emeagwali was the most searched (for scientific).

For additional information on Dr. Emeagwali, visit his website, www.emeagwali.com it will be worth your while to see that you will never reach the information and will learn something.

Reconstruction - was the period immediately after the Civil War, during which the freed slaves and their descendants struggled to survive. Freedmen also petitioned a new form of plow and a rotary steam engine.

In 1870, Congress created the District of Columbia, where Washington did not have its own local government or mayor. In 1874, Walter H. Washington, was chosen as the people of Washington, D.C. first mayor in 1874.

Dr. Hopkins had more than 25 electric devices used in computers and guided missiles. The small heart pacemaker was first invented by Paul Babb, however, in 1955, Hopkins caused an international stir by introducing

the first heart pacemaker.

I know that U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney and his family are very thankful to Mr. Hopkins. Based in Dallas, Cheney's doctor uses electrical impulses to keep his heart from having a

stroke in Congress. However, he was able to obtain back pay for Black Civil War

BLACK HISTORY FACTS CONTINUES

workers, but his colleagues refused to hear his federal anti-punching bill. However, nearly two years later, Oscar De Prado of Chicago, was the next African American that was elected to Congress. It is said that, "Necessity is the mother of invention." In 1945, Dr. Jackson Beard was working between two railroad cars, linking them together. He was crushed between the cars and lost his leg. His accident was Beard's incentive to create a device to hook cars

and 40%. His writing, is a style called "creole" (creole you say). The TV reality show reflected the experiences of the period. His novel, *Natina, Sosa*, published in 1945, tells the story of the accidental murder of a white woman by a young Black man. It was based on the Book-of-the-Month Club, the first book by an African American writer to achieve that distinction. Wright's entry of his life, *Black Blits*, (the history of this future and his own life) is a true account of the economic impact of racism (or people of color) came out in 1945 and was the Club's second selection by an African American.

INVENTIONS: P. Walker, a Machine for Cleaning Seed Cotton on February 16, 1897. R.W. Stewart, the Map of June 13, 1897. Frank M. Jones, the Map of June 13, 1897. F.J. Losoff, the Key Chain on January 9, 1894. J.H. Robinson, Life Saving Guards New York & San Francisco on March 27, 1894. Elijah McCoy (The Real McCoy), the Lubricator on May 27, 1891. G.W. Murray, the Plaster & Cudicines on June 5, 1894. H. Pfeifer, the Rotory Engine on April 23, 1878.

Lydia Newman invented the Hair Dryer on March 14, 1895. A.L. Crispin, the Ice Cream Cone on February 2, 1897. D.A. Fisher invented the Joliner's Clamp on April 26, 1875. Michael C. Harve, the Locomotive on August 18, 1884; and P. Johnson, the Singing Chorus on November 15, 1881.

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Church Happenings

MT. HERBON BAPTIST CHURCH (THE MOUNT)

Wednesday Nights, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

FREE Tutorials. SAT packets are available, and with 1:1 help.

For more information, please call 972-276-5218.

Mt. Hebron BC (The Mount)

Rev. Leonard Leach, Pastor
901 Dairy Road
Garland, TX 75040
972-276-5218

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

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 hands-on assistance to update and prepare your resume. This event is open to all youth and adults.

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

Keller Springs BC

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

MORSE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

March 5, 6:00 pm – 12 Noon

Church Prayer Summit
For more information, please call 940-320-5364.

Morse Street Baptist Church

Rev. A. Steele, Pastor
921 Morse Street
Denton, TX 76205
940-320-5364

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Sister Tarpley, Religious Editor, MON-The Gazette, and the

International Renowned Dallas Black Dance Theatre.

DBDT Ensemble will perform with refinement and dignity to honor God. The 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.

For more information or directions, please call 214-825-7308.

March 6, 2005

State Ushers & Nurses Planning Meeting

March 19-20, 2005

Deacon's Ministry Workshop, and Dallas area Ushers and Nurses Workshop

March 27, 5:00 pm

Easter Sunday and Musical

March 28, 6:00 pm

Tribe of Judah Dance Gala

March 31, 7:00 pm

Anniversary Word Explosion

For more information please call the church @ 214-823-7308.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

Dr. Curtis Wallace, Pastor
1819 N. Washington Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
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Supt. Kenneth D. Davis, Pastor
608 Lakey Street • Denton, TX 76209
940-345-3797 (Home)
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12:15 p.m. Young Peoples

Thursday
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Wednesday
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7:30 p.m. Church School

Reverend Charles E. Franklin, Pastor

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