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### On the Homefront:

The following events will be held at the Plano Centre located at 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.  
March 12, 2005 from 10 am to 4 pm 94.9 KILT's Women's Expo 2005 to enrich women emotionally, physically, and spiritually. A fun-filled day of exhibits, demonstrations, artist meet-and-greets, free mini-concert and more! Bring the kids too! It's all from the station that's safe and fun for the whole family. For more information contact KILT at 972-870-9940 or visit www.kilt.com.

March 13, 2005 from noon to 5 pm Plano Bridal Show - a premier bridal event of North Dallas with over 100 wedding businesses to plan your perfect wedding will be in town. Plan to get married after this show! Admission is \$10 for adults; children and under \$5. For more information call 972-713-9920 or visit www.bridalshow.com.

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

This spring, Collin County Community College District is offering a new advanced-level law programming class at its Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, in Plano. The new class, Law Web Application Development II. For more information, call continuing education at 972-985-3750.

Plano Chamber of Commerce Women's Division Luncheon are held monthly at Glenlake Country Club 5401 West Park Blvd. from 11:30 am to 1 pm. For more information regarding future guest speakers and ticket pricing call 972-424-7547.

Plano ISD's early childhood schools are "Serious About Having Fun," and they are sharing that message with the community during a series of upcoming schools tours to encourage enrollment of three- and four-year old learners in the schools' tuition-supported program. The child-centered pre-kindergarten program reflects the belief that children are active learners. The schools provide hands-on learning opportunities rich in language, literacy, math, and science, led by degreed/verified teachers who prepare students for the expectations of the district's kindergarten program. Parents are invited to tour the campuses. For more information, visit the district web site: www.pisd.edu/earlychildhood.  
Collin County Community College District will host an information session for potential teachers from 10-11:30 am at 300 Rivercrest Blvd. The information session will be on March 12 covering a number of topics including application, costs, the 2005 schedule and area jobs. Also, application packets for the Collin College Teacher Certification packets will be available. The information session is free and open to the public. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, call 972-377-1060.

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## Your Sacred Temple



**By: Lakesha Joe**  
The natural and holistic approach to health and healing is on the rise due in part to business entrepreneurs like Brandi Richards. In 2000, Ms. Richards, who is a single mother of one daughter, decided that she needed a business of her own and created Sacred Aroma. Ms. Richards says that her business is dedicated to providing

natural bath, body, fragrance and life products that allow you to share your gifts with the world surrounded by the sacred aroma that fits you. The name for Ms. Richards' business came about because she believes that your body is the most sacred place on the planet. Your body houses your spirit and your special contribution to the world. Thus it is your "Sacred Temple" and should be

cared for as such. When Ms. Richards became a vegetarian several years ago, she really started getting into natural and whole foods for the body in an attempt to get her health together. In addition to putting natural foods in her body, Ms. Richards decided that it would be to her benefit to also use natural products on her body.

"I started making a lot of the products that I used on my body and thought that if I made something that appealed to people, they would buy it," said Richards. Sacred Aroma offers a variety of products that include such things as soaps, shea butter, fragrance and essential oils, soy candles, scrubs and soaks, hair products, etc. What's really unique about Sacred Aroma is that all the scents of the products can be customized so that you can create your own scent combination. Sacred Aroma offers products for men, women and children.

Ms. Richards says that Sacred Aroma strives to simplify your life by offering products that have

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## Blackonomics

### Bush-Leaguers and Minor Leaguers

By James Chingman

Used as jargon name for the minor leagues in baseball, the term, "Bush-League" has sunk to a new low. The term was originally used to point out unpolished manners, ignorance, and the lack of class. Interestingly, Bush-League is commonly used in baseball parlance and can also be used as a pun for the president's actions. Further, George Bush once owned a professional baseball team, and now he "thinks" he owns this country and a major portion of the world. His actions as a baseball team owner, and as president, give credence and new meaning to the derogatory term, "Bush-League."

We can start with that Bush-League budget proposal sent to Congress: More money for the warmongers and profiteering corporate thieves like Halliburton, KBR, Custer

Battles, and other shell companies formed by the Bushites, with less money going to the poor, disabled, and this country's veterans.

"Social Security is in a crisis," reminiscent of the WMD scare, is yet another Chicken Little Bush-League tactic. Two things could be done to assure Social Security's stability: Make members of Congress and the President enroll in the system and have their benefits dependent upon it. The crisis would be over in a heartbeat; they would make sure of that. Second, raise the cap on earnings from \$90,000 to, let's say, \$125,000. Oh yeah, now we're talking.

The lies and deceit just keep on coming, folks. Remember how quickly Bush did his best impersonation of the Apostle Peter when his buddy Armstrong Williams got his tail caught in the winger? It was Rod Paige's fault! I knew nothing about it! Yeah, right, George.

Bernard Kerik. "We didn't know about his background," was the message sent out to the masses from the White House. Kerik is the same guy Bush put in charge of training police in Iraq; sure he didn't know about Kerik's background. What a joke! Has anyone heard from Kerik's mentor, Rudy Giuliani, lately?

Alberto "Speedy" Gonzales and Condoleezza Rice. Gonzales said Bush has the right to detain folks without due process and it's all right to torture them while they're in custody too. He'll make a good A.G. won't he? Condi, as she is affectionately called by her "husband" (she said it! I didn't), George W., just a few months ago, was soaring right up there with the rest of the hawks, like Rumsfeld and Cheney. She now has the interesting job of playing the dove, and making peace with those she denigrated, intimidated, and lied to. Some

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## Denton "King's Dream Unfulfilled"

**By: Junichi Lockett Jr.**  
Denton - After arriving half an hour late, widow of Martin Luther King Jr. and human rights activist, Coretta Scott King addressed a diversified audience at the Murchison Performing Arts center on the

dream of her husband. "Nonviolence is a way of life, nonviolence is a permanent attitude," she continued. The founder of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change engaged the crowd with



University of North Texas campus. King's speech marked the conclusion of UNT's Eighth Annual Equity and Diversity Conference, which also included two pre-conference workshops.

"Nonviolence is the biggest tool against discrimination," King said, reinforcing the

conviction, as she expressed her disregard of discrimination against any category of human being.

"We must say no to racism, sexism, homophobia. We have to be together, before we can learn to live together," King said.

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## National Fifty Years: Brown Vs. The Topeka Board of Education As Seen Through the Art of Dr. Samella S. Lewis

The African American Museum's New Exhibition Commemorates the Groundbreaking 1954 U.S. Supreme Court Decision  
Dallas, TX - On May 17, 1954 at 12:52 pm, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a decision that forever altered the economic, political and social structure of this nation. That decision struck down an 1896 ruling (Plessy vs. Ferguson) that the doctrine of "separate but equal" was not unconstitutional. This decision allowed public schools to be segregated.

"Fifty Years: Brown vs. The Topeka Board of Education" is a visual arts commemoration of the decision that desegregated public schools. The exhibition consists of 27 original works on paper, canvas and mixed media by celebrated artist Dr. Samella S. Lewis. Through her art Dr. Lewis examines the history of African Americans in the educational arena.

In many respects five decades after the Supreme Court decision questions remain: What were the true effects of the Brown decision on African Americans? Was integration good? What was the effect on the community and those who integrated the schools? Whether you have your own

opinions about the integration of public schools or not, this exhibition is designed to be reflective, educational and thought provoking.

The artist, Dr. Samella S. Lewis, was born in New Orleans, LA in 1924. She is a graduate of Hampton University, once known as Hampton Institute and received her Ph.D. in Fine Arts and Art History from Ohio State University, becoming the first African American woman to earn a doctorate in the subject. Dr. Lewis is a seminal figure in the American art community of the second half of the twentieth century. She is a painter, printmaker, and mixed media artist, an educator, author, filmmaker, and arts administrator. In each of these areas, her work has been characterized by innovation, experimentation, and other path-breaking accomplishments.

The African American Museum, a Smithsonian Institution affiliate, is supported, in part, by funds from the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, The Texas Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Admission to the African American Museum is free except for groups of 10 or more.

## New Meaning For The Words, "High Five!"

On Sunday, March 6, I worshipped with Reverend & First Lady Billy R. (Shelly) Robinson and their congregation at North Dallas Community Baptist Church in Carrollton in their 11:00 am Service. From the time I arrived at the church, I was warmly greeted by a young man of the church at my car, and the heavenly reception continued until I pulled out of the parking lot leaving the church.

During Pastor Robinson remarks prior to the morning message; Pastor Robinson invited everyone that is involved with any church Music Ministry to register to be in the workshop on Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday morning, March 12 at 10:00 am. The workshop will feature Clinician Ronald J. Materre, Minister of Music at New Faith Baptist Church in Houston; and he is also the General Music Director for

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# Frederick Douglass Oratorical Contest: Remember! Celebrate! Act!

The 16th Annual Oratorical Competition/Black History Program was showcased at the Frederick Douglass Elementary School this past Meagan Nash and Darius Wiley were the moderators of the special event. Students from kindergarten thru the third grade competed for best speaker.

The event is tailored after one of the greatest orators in African American history: Frederick Douglass. He was one of the foremost leaders of the abolitionist movement, which fought to end slavery within the United States in the decades prior to the Civil War. A brilliant speaker, Douglass was asked by the American Anti-Slavery Society to engage in a tour of lectures, and so became recognized as one of America's first great black speakers.

He won world fame when his autobiography was publicized in 1845. Two years later he began publishing an antislavery paper called the North Star. Douglass

American history and is still revered today for his contributions against racial injustice.

The event also featured The Sensational Singing Dolphins, a skit on "The Underground Railroad," and step dancing. Community leaders were judges including, Rev. Elliott Lambert, Pastor of St. James AME Church, William Rossi, Financial Planner and Dallas Council of PTA Presidents, Ms. Mollie Belt, Publisher of Dallas Examiner, Mr. Joe Newton, Project Director of DFW Minority Business Development Center, Ms. Shewanda Riley, Managing Editor of The Dallas Weekly, Mr. Randy Luster, Loan Specialist with US Small Business Administration, Dr. Mary Beck, retired teacher DISD, and Mr. Dewayne Gibson, Account Executive for MON-The Gazette.



**Names of Judges (L to R)**  
Rev. Elliott Lambert-Pastor St. James AME Church, William Rossi-Financial Planner and Dallas Council of PTA Presidents, Ms. Mollie Belt-Publisher of Dallas Examiner, Mr. Joe Newton-Project Director of DFW Minority Business Development Center, Ms. Shewanda Riley-Managing Editor of Dallas Weekly, Mr. Randy Luster-Loan Specialist with US Small Business Administration, Dr. Mary Beck-retired teacher DISD, Mr. Dewayne Gibson-Account Executive for MON-The Gazette



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**Eastfield Career Week Page 1**  
accept resume and job applications. Participants should dress for a professional interview and bring plenty of updated resumes. The job fair is sponsored by the Employment News, Mesquite, Police Department, Primerica, Rentway, Texas Apartment Locators, Texas Department of Public Safety, and UPS. Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30. For more information visit [www.eastfieldcollege.com](http://www.eastfieldcollege.com) or call (972) 860-8310.



## Praising The Lord Early

Little Miss Mkola Kapanga, 11 months, at the 10:45 am Church Service with her grandmother, Mrs. Rose Thomas. She is the daughter of Peter & Stephanie Kapanga. It is good to praise God by raising hands in submission to Him. All are members of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in North Dallas where Dr. Curtis Wallace is the Pastor

## 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
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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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**EISEMANN CENTER**

March 19, 2005  
Entrance 101 Seminar will be held at New Mount Zion Baptist Church Family Life Center from 10 am-2 pm. The Free seminar focuses on early college planning and preparation for 7-11 graders and their parents. Cash awards will be given for the best essay on "Why I want to Attend College." Complimentary lunch will be provided. To enroll, register online at [www.cel01.com](http://www.cel01.com) by March 7, 2005 to compete for cash awards or call 214-460-0537.

**Support Groups**  
"Healing Matters" Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For more information, call 972-519-1588. DwellCare meets at 7 pm each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800.

## Around The Town

**Ongoing**  
Eycare America urges seniors to call the Seniors Eye-care Hotline: 1-800-222-EYES (9397). The help-line is intended to remind the senior community about the value of sight and the eye care program is available all year round. For more information log on to [www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org).  
The African Chamber of Commerce DFW chapter hosts weekly business luncheons every Wednesday from Noon - 1 pm, featuring guest speakers, networking, technical assistance, etc. Location: The Farmers Market Resource Center, 1010 S. Pearl Street - Dallas, TX. For more information call 214-670-5880.  
PIP Productions, distributors of the new multi-station show, The Valder Beebe Show, announces The Valder Beebe Show broadcast on "KCVI FM The Bridge Network" each Sunday from 6 - 7 pm.  
City of Allen Teen Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Allen Public Library, located at 301 Century Parkway. For more information, please call 972-727-0195. Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972-548-4114. You can also visit the web at [www.co.collin.tx.us](http://www.co.collin.tx.us).  
Teen Graffiti seeks good students who take school seriously. Who knows - you could be Teen Graffiti's Scholar Student of the Year! For contest rules and more information visit [www.teengraffiti.com](http://www.teengraffiti.com), call 972-496-9457 or email [info@teengraffiti.com](mailto:info@teengraffiti.com).  
**Jobseekers**  
Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking of Collin County. The non-profit group oversees several chapters, group meetings from 11:30 am to 1 pm every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. For more information, log on to the Plano Chamber web site at [www.planochamber.org](http://www.planochamber.org).  
DISD is looking for qualified teacher applicants to begin employment in FALL 2005. If you are interested in becoming a teacher, job fairs will take place in April. Call 972-925-4238 for more details.  
**General Information**  
The Urban League of Garland Community Service Center offers limited financial assistance for utilities, rent and mortgages, for local residents. Other services offered include housing counseling focusing on reverse mortgages, default mortgages, and financial literature for first-time home buyers is available by appointment only. For more information, please contact 214-413-1739.  
**PEAK Leadership Development - Information Luncheon-PEAK**  
Leadership is an executive development program for corporate leaders and managers. Lunch is \$5 for individuals interested in an executive leadership development program. For more information contact Wm. Jan Duhaeren at 214-808-0849.  
The Dance Academy of Pathway of Life Church is registering applicants! Classes are held every Saturday from 10:15 am - 2 pm. Children ages 4 to adult are welcome to learn ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip-hop and musical theater. For more information contact Cyndia Chapman at 214-275-7284 ext. 117.  
The work of artist Annie Lee, "Annie Lee: The Artist, Her Life, Her Work" will be exhibited at James E. Kemp

Gallery at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAAL) January 16 - May 14. The artwork may be viewed Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday Noon - 4:00 pm.  
St. John's First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, TX is sending local youth on a Black College Tour. The church is asking for donations from all who can help in the DFW Metroplex with the \$2500 that needs to be raised. The trip will take place in March. For more information on how you can help, contact the program coordinator, Candace Tuck at [crucet@DISD.org](mailto:crucet@DISD.org).  
The National Black Marathoners' Association (NBMA) has launched its website. This is a not-for-profit organization that promotes distance running to African American adults and offers scholarships to Black high school distance runners. For more information and to see the new website log on to [www.blackmarathoners.org](http://www.blackmarathoners.org).  
The City of Garland is encouraging neighborhood improvements through a Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant program. This program is designed to provide assistance to specific neighborhood projects that provide a public benefit by promoting a stronger, safer, and healthier community. The next application deadline is April 1, 2005. Applicants may contact Felicia Conner, Neighborhood Vitality Manager, at 972-205-3864 or by email [fconner@cityofgarland.com](mailto:fconner@cityofgarland.com).  
The Foster Adolescent Workshop Inc. is sponsoring its first national oratorical contest for two and four year college students, 10-12th graders, 9th graders, and K-5th graders. To enter this competition the participants must submit a videotape of themselves reciting a poem. All entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2005. For more information and official rules log on to [www.fosteron.com](http://www.fosteron.com).  
**March 10-April 1, 2005**

The Mesquite Arts Center will host and exhibition of recent work by local artist Diane Walker-Gladney. A public reception will be held for the artist on March 19, 2005. The show entitled Road Art and Discontinuity Series is a collection of mixed media paintings reflecting the artist's interest in the Japanese aesthetic called, "Wabi-Sabi: finding beauty in the imperfect, impermanent and incomplete." The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway. Log on to the website at [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org). For more details call 972-216-8132.  
**March 11, 2005**  
D.L. Hugley will perform at the Addison Improv. One of the "Kings of Comedy," D.L. Hugley is one of the most highly recognized and popular stand-up comedians on the road today. He can currently be seen as the star of his own sitcom "The Hugleys." The Improv is located at 4980 Beltline Rd. #250, Addison, TX 75240. For more information regarding tickets log on to [www.addisonimprov.com](http://www.addisonimprov.com).  
**March 11, 2005**  
City of Garland 11th Annual Buyer/Vendor Mixer - learn how to form business entities. Meet buyers from The City of Garland, Garland Independent School District, Garland Chamber of Commerce, City of Plano, City of Mesquite, and the North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency. Location: Griffen Annex Building, 1310 W. Avenue F, Garland, TX 75040. For more information call 972-205-2415.  
**March 11, 2005**  
The NAACP of Garland, TX will be hosting a Teen Summit and Lock-In, at Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church at 1233 State Hwy 66. For more information call 972-381-5044.  
**March 11, 2005**  
The Black Women's Film Festival will

be in full force at the South Dallas Cultural Center. Featuring two dynamic stories regarding Nina Simone and Hill Harper, two great individuals in their own right debuting at 8 pm. Location: 3400 South Firsthigh Ave., Dallas, TX 75210. For details or ticket information call 214-919-2787.  
**March 13, 2005**  
Gospel Superfest TV salutes mom & pop Winans during 5th annual Black History special. For more information on show times and listings regarding the show log on to [www.gospelnet.com](http://www.gospelnet.com).  
**March 14-19, 2005**  
The Irving Arts Center is excited to present the 5th annual KidsArts Spring Break Camp featuring the acclaimed Minotaur Children's Theater at the Irving Arts Center. The Irving Arts Center is located at 3353 North MacArthur Blvd., one mile north of Highway 183. In addition to this the Irving Arts Center will offer a limited number of KidsArts Spring Break Camp scholarships. For information on registration-ticket details log on to [www.irvingartscenter.com](http://www.irvingartscenter.com) or call 972-252-ARTS.  
**March 15, 2005**  
Experience the joy of learning after age 55 at the Emeritus Program's March 2005 Symposium at Richland College. This year's event, "Dazzling Gems that Connect Us," features Rosemary Rumbley, talented storyteller, James Ragland columnist for The Dallas Morning News, and Steve Lund, academic dean for Lutheran High School in Dallas. The Symposium will be from 10 am-3 pm in Fannin Performance Hall of Richland College, 12800 Abrams Road, Dallas, TX. To register by phone, call 972-238-6144 before March 11, 2005.  
**March 17, 2005**  
The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas announces the

March meetings of Senior Connection, Dallas' first support group dedicated to older adults looking for a job. The Senior Source is located at 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas, TX. The meeting topic will be: Marketing Yourself. All meetings are free. Open to adults 50+. RSVP is required. Please contact Renae Perry or Judy Burk at 214-823-5700 or [SESDallas@SeniorSource.org](mailto:SESDallas@SeniorSource.org).  
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# THE TRUTH CLINIC Is NCLB Dismantling Public Education?

By: James W. Breedlove  
The promise of equal access to an education regardless of race, gender or economic status began with Thomas Jefferson's proposal for a free system of education in America. His ideas were the basis for the public education system that evolved during the 19th century.

Initially, the education system was available primarily to wealthy Whites. Efforts by school reformers in the early 1800's gradually resulted by 1918 in all states requiring American children to attend at least elementary school.

In spite of the theory that a good education makes better citizens and public education should be available to every child, reality was substantially different. Race and gender discrimination in schools resulted in many students receiving unequal and inferior educations.

Blacks have been denied equal access to education since they were first brought to America as slaves in 1619. The economics of slavery along with the rigorous social barriers established by Whites demanded that Blacks receive no education or an inferior education consistent with their status as second-class citizens.

During the 1950's segregation in America's public and private schools was still common. The South had separate schools for Blacks and Whites and the Supreme Court in Plessy v. Ferguson (1896) sanctioned the system. In the North even without such laws segregation in education was the norm. Average expenditures for white schools exceeded expenditures for black schools. White teachers generally received higher pay than Black teachers and school facilities for Whites were far superior to facilities for Blacks.

Significant progress was made during the latter half of the 20th century in providing access to

public education for minorities and women. The doors of America's schools began to open as the 1954 landmark Brown v. Board of Education struck down segregation, Title IX of the 1972 federal Education Amendments prohibited gender discrimination, and the Education for Handicapped Children Act of 1975 dictated that disabled children have access to public education.

With educational access assured there was growing concern about the quality of education children were receiving. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 was passed with the intent of improving the quality of education by directing more resources into communities with the greatest needs. While efforts focused on school improvements, almost no correlating action was taken over the last four decades to improve the background environment (health, care, housing, and family life) for poor and minority children.

The continuing education gap became a political hot topic in the 2000 presidential race and led to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, the reform designated by the Bush Administration in the legislation reauthorizing ESEA in 2002.

The administration's public relations team told America that NCLB would increase funding for schools that serve the poor; ensure highly qualified teachers would teach every child; and that schools would be held accountable for raising achievement of every student. Based on these noble objectives and good intentions the NCLB legislation received overwhelming bipartisan support from Congress.

It is difficult to decipher motives, but as the experts examine the administration's implementation of NCLB many have concluded that NCLB is the Trojan horse for the vested

interests intent on eliminating the current public education system. NCLB instead of strengthening schools seems focused on destroying them through the punitive sanctions legally authorized by NCLB.

Media reports and independent studies by experts such as the RAND Corporation reveal that the criteria for making required "adequate yearly progress" are such that virtually no schools serving large diverse student populations can legitimately achieve the NCLB standards.

NCLB has forced schools and states into a throat cutting competition for impressive scores and statistical indicators that actually mask educational shortcomings. The net effect of NCLB is more low-income and minority students are dropping out, more teachers are leaving the profession, and more educational resources are expended on test preparation rather than genuine instruction. NCLB is designed to humiliate and hurt the schools that, according to its own objectives, are most in need of help.

So who are the real beneficiaries of NCLB? Privatization advocates hoping to take over public schools and their billion dollar budgets have jumped into the education debate with glowing promises and untested education strategies. The companies that design and score standardized tests and hundreds of supplemental service providers have already received significant contracts from NCLB.

The Department of Education is funneling millions to every anti-public education movement such as pro-voucher groups, home school advocates, school choice projects, and religious schools.

Wake up Black America. More of your children will be left behind attending the NCLB magic show.

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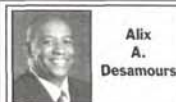
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# Develop "Grown-up" Investment Habits



Alix A. Desamours

When you were a child, you probably acted like one. But when you're grown, you "put away childish things," as the old quotation goes. Unfortunately, many otherwise mature adults still approach investing in a rather immature manner - and it costs them.

Let's look at some youthful behavior traits and how they manifest themselves as unfortunate investment techniques - and how you can avoid these problems and develop "grown-up" investment habits.

Lack of focus - Many children find it hard to concentrate on any one thing for long periods of time. They get excited about a particular game or activity for a while, and then they move on to another one. Some investors do essentially the same thing; they follow one investment strategy for a while, then they take some time off, then they follow a new strategy - the pattern goes on and on. If you want the opportunity to achieve investment success, though, you need to choose a strategy that works for you and maintain the discipline to follow through.

Pursuit of what's "hot" - Children love the newest toys. In fact, if they see a playmate that has one of these "hot" items, they will let their parents know, in no uncertain terms, that they, too, would like to acquire this toy - quickly. Sadly, some investors also chase after what's grabbing the most attention - in the form of "hot" stocks. This is not a formula for success; by the time you buy a "hot" stock, it may already be cooling off. And, in any case, the stock may not even be a good fit for your individual risk tolerance or for your diversified portfolio.

Impatience - Patience is not in big supply among the juvenile set. When children want something, they want it now, and they are not interested in delayed gratification. As an investor, though, you really shouldn't expect to get big returns in a short period of time. You're far better off building a portfolio of high-quality investments and holding them for the long term. You may encounter some ups and downs along the way, but your patience should eventually be rewarded.

Acting emotionally - Children often wear their emotions on their sleeves. If they're happy or angry, they'll show it - and they may act on their feelings.

For example, if they're delighted with a new toy, they may drag it with them continuously, never wishing to let it go. Interestingly enough, some adult investors often behave the same way. They may "fall in love" with a stock and never want to sell it, even if it no longer meets their needs; conversely, they may get tired of waiting for a stock to pay off and sell it before it has a chance to move up. To be a smart investor, you need to use your head, not your heart.

**Put your experience to work**

When we grow up, we learn from the mistakes we made in childhood. Investors can change the errors of their ways, too. By drawing on your accumulating investment experience, you'll find yourself making fewer and fewer mistakes - and you'll start making steady progress toward your important goals.

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### Blackonomics Page 1

say she is well qualified for the job; she had better be.

Oh yeah, only now that Condi has been confirmed and the presidential "selection" has been made, do we find out about memos and strategies regarding Al Qaeda and its plans to fly airplanes into tall buildings. But didn't we already know they knew? Richard Clark told us.

What about that mysterious energy policy over which our "vice" president presided? As we now hear tapes of Enron executives laughing about ripping their customers off, we might have vague memories of Cheney saying he would not release the records of his meetings with his energy buddies.

As the definition of bush-league states, "unpolished manners, ignorance, and the lack of class" this Bush definitely meets the criteria. Manners? Why would any news reporter want to be in the White House Press Corps, (unless your name is Jeff Gannon, or Jon Guckert, or whatever his name is) and ask questions that are never answered, and be insulted and disrespected by Bush during his so-called press conferences? In his last one, Bush allowed one Black female, two white females, and about ten white males to ask

questions he never answered. Bush's tone was arrogant and his responses were condescending; the reporters just sat there and took it. They should have walked out in protest, but that would take backbone, wouldn't it?

Ignorance? Well, if you heard Bush's definition of "tribal sovereignty," as he related it to a group of Journalists, you would know exactly what I mean. Say what? You have more evidence of his ignorance? You say he knew nothing about the extension of the Voting Rights Act that comes up in 2007? Nooooo! Get outta here!

No-bid contracts, Ahmed Chalabi, Abu Ghraib, Jessica Lynch, illegal kickbacks, cost overruns, billions in cash unaccounted for, "bring 'em on," smart bombs and dumb children, denials, lies, deceit, Afghanistan, heroin, gasoline price hikes, just say "No" to the Kyoto Protocols. What's left? Oh yeah, gay marriages and abortions. Okay, now we're bringing it home to Black folks.

Bush and his brain, Karl Rove, slicked Black preachers and some of their flock to fall for the morality charade; of course, a little money on the side, or under the table, made things easier, I'm sure. The election was all about sin. The crazy part is how they got us so

caught-up in the two sins they were railing against, and how we completely forgot the sins Bush and his flock were committing and presiding over, sins such as lying, killing, and covering. Sin is sin, isn't it? On those recently discovered tapes, Bush himself said,

"...How can I differentiate sin?"

Now that I have thought about it, the president may be a Bush-Leaguer, but when it comes to Blacks playing on his team, we are strictly minor-leaguers.

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## Minorities Express Higher Confidence in Building Wealth via Lottery above Saving and Retirement Planning

Bethesda, MD (BlackPress)-What are the methods that minorities are using to build wealth? Are minorities in the U.S. comfortable that they can build wealth through the traditional means of retirement planning and saving? A survey released by Minority Wealth Magazine reveals some surprising results. When minorities were asked, "which of the following do you think provides the best opportunity to build wealth," and given the following choices: Save in a retirement plan, Save outside of retirement plan or Play the state lottery, the number one response from minorities was playing the state lottery. Nearly twice as many minorities surveyed admit that they have a higher confidence in building wealth through playing the state lottery, rather than contributing to a retirement fund. (Minorities surveyed consisted of 48% African Americans, 41% Hispanic Americans, 5% Asian Americans, and 6%

other minority.) These results express the lack of confidence that minority groups have in the traditional methods of saving and investing. Overall, Minority Americans have a low degree of confidence in their ability to build wealth by saving within retirement plans and general saving outside of a retirement account. This difference in confidence level can be attributed to a lack of experience and information available to those minorities surveyed. Of those surveyed, over sixty percent stated they had a higher degree of understanding and more information was readily available to them on their state lottery as opposed to retirement and other types of saving. "The survey findings suggest that even though Minority Americans have made significant progress in terms of wealth building, there is still a lack of confidence in the traditional savings and investing methods in the minority community," says Kizzie

Bozeman Brown, Executive Editor of Minority Wealth Magazine. "Until we address this issue of a lack of understanding and education about financial planning, Minority Americans will continue to find more comfort in activities like playing the lottery than in basic financial planning tools as a means to build wealth." In terms of age, contributing to a retirement fund, understandably, is most prevalent for those approaching retirement. Thirty one percent of minorities surveyed between the ages of 45 and 54 contribute to a retirement fund versus an average of only 24% for those ages 18 to 44. The only age group surveyed that claimed to save outside of a retirement fund more than play the lottery as a way of building wealth were minorities ages 25-34, the age associated with young professionals. In terms of ethnicity, more Asian Americans surveyed claimed that they preferred saving outside of a retirement

account instead of playing the lottery as a method of wealth building. Of the Black Americans and Hispanic Americans surveyed, over 40% of each group claimed that they played the lottery in order to build wealth. This response was over 10% higher than those claiming to actively save outside of a retirement plan. "We suspect this is due to the fact that historically, Black and Hispanic Americans have had limited exposure to financial educational material," said Tyson Q. Bellamy, Chairman of the Board for the Coalition of Financial Educators of America, Inc. A larger percentage of men surveyed stated they felt playing their state lottery was the best way to build wealth, as compared to women. Although the non-retirement savings response levels between the genders was even, forty-eight percent of minority men preferred playing the lottery over savings as a wealth building method, compared to forty-one percent of minority women surveyed.

### King's Dream Unfulfilled Page 1

"There are laws that can regulate behavior but none that can fix attitude," King expressed as he focused her scope on the government.

King poured out her concern for the lack of full healthcare and insurance for all people in a country of such economic magnitude as the United States. Furthermore, she relayed revelation that Affirmative Action is not only advantageous for women and minorities, but it allows white citizens and students the opportunity to associate with and understand minorities. Without hesitance, King highlighted the fact that the pay scale in the workplace has yet to become equal between whites and blacks and men and women.

"For equal work, we don't get equal pay. History is calling to put right to the injustices," she continued.

At the evening program entitled, "World Religions, Communities and Campus Environments: Learning from Each Other," the crowd of about 1,500 tuned in as King unleashed her challenges to the youth and the American people.

"Education equals power. Education is the biggest

equalizer," King expressed as the crowd applauded in agreement.

"America needs to make a better investment in education," She continued as Dr. Herman Titan moderated a question and answer session.

"Be the kind who reaches back and helps someone who is struggling. You can help fulfill the dream of someone else. Pursue dreams with all courage and intelligence," King challenged.

King exposed with a sigh of disappointment that she felt that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would be still unsatisfied with the state of the United States today. She further expressed that the youth must step up to the plate to accelerate social change and justice. She then provoked the youth to utilize education and become leaders.

"The torch of leadership is being passed to your generation; raise up now. You have to be an example. You have to vote," King branded the students.

In the midst of a standing ovation, King was presented with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Cassandra F. Berry, Associate Vice President for Equity and Diversity at the University of North Texas.

"Your words emphasize the

motto of the Diversity Program," Berry said as she extended Mrs. King her honors. "The Human Rights Activist exited the stage with one last

ovation, but a clear message remained on the stage facing all that had witnessed her oration, "The Dream is yet to be fulfilled."

## NAACP Garland Branch March Meeting & Political Forum Rescheduled

The March 2005 meeting of the NAACP Garland Branch and the Political Forum for the City of Garland City Council and Mayor candidates has been rescheduled for 7:15 pm, Tuesday, March 29, 2005. The location remains at the Women's Activity Center, 713 Austin Street (Glenbrook, Garland) (downtown). For questions regarding the Political Forum, the please contact Mr. Ricky McNeal, Political Action Chair at 972-381-5044, extension 5.

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## The Violet Hour Casts A Spell at Dallas Theater Center

By: Ruth Ferguson

The Dallas Theater Center's current production, *The Violet Hour* written by Richard Greenberg is an enjoyable blend of science fiction, humor, friendship, and romance. The play marks the main stage debut of David Kennedy, the DTC's new associate director. Recently, as a part of the DTC's Prologue program Kennedy spent an hour with theatergoers providing background information regarding the play and answering audience questions.

Although the play is set in 1919, Greenberg references events of the Jazz Age in the 1920s. Kennedy said Greenberg specifically wants the play to begin immediately after World War I to capture the mood of the nation. "He [Greenberg] fell in love with the period after September 11th [2001]." Greenberg felt in the wake of WWI and post 9-11, America enjoyed a period of high patriotism. Also according to Kennedy, Greenberg believes, "The end of WWI symbolizes the beginning of American cultural dominance," and the "seeds of where we are today," can be found in the post war euphoria and hope of 1919.

The characters of *The Violet Hour* include John Pace Seaverling (Matthew Floyd Miller), and his assistant Gidger (Matthew Boston), as the only employees of Seaverling's new publishing company. His college buddy, Denis McCleary (Chris Henry Coffey) author of the next great American novel is engaged to the lovely socialite Rosamund Plinth (Jessica D. Turner). The final character is Jessie Brewster a famous African American singer trying to persuade Seaverling to publish her memoirs.

Seaverling was born with a silver

spoon in his mouth, but he remains determined to make his own mark in the world as a publisher. Therefore he insists on using a limited amount of his father's money to finance his fledgling publishing enterprise. This self-imposed restriction means he can

afford to print only one book.

His assistant Gidger feels rather taken for granted. He has good reason, Seaverling does not even know if Gidger is his first or his last name. Like most editorial assistants, he is a writer at heart and has submitted a manuscript. The high-strung Gidger is disappointed Seaverling will not publish it but he will settle for respect and hopefully a genuine friendship.

Although McCleary attended Princeton with Seaverling, he does not have the benefit of a Daddy with deep pockets. What he does have is talent as a writer and he believes finally true love with Plinth, a meatpacking heiress. The graceful Plinth's eccentricities are amusing at first, but hint at possible imbalance.

Christen Simon gracefully brings the enigmatic Jessie Brewster to life, and her costumes look as if she stepped out of a fashion magazine from the Roaring 20s. Although Brewster and Seaverling are secretly enjoying a passionate affair, Seaverling and the audience are never certain whether her heart truly belongs to him, or is she merely manipulating Seaverling to assure publication of her life story. Brewster has an air of sadness and mystery until her secrets are revealed.

During the Prologue program, Kennedy confirmed that playwright Greenberg based four

of the characters loosely on well-known figures of the time. Publishing giant Maxwell Peters, the editor who discovered F. Scott Fitzgerald, legendary writers Thomas Wolfe, F. Scott Fitzgerald and his wife Zelda Fitzgerald are the models for Seaverling, McCleary, and Plinth.

Brewster is crafted in the image of the legendary Josephine Baker. Director Kennedy marvels, "Josephine Baker truly lived nine lives in one lifetime." This beautiful woman from humble beginnings in America would find herself, "courted by princes and dukes and active in the French Resistance."

The events of *The Violet Hour* take place on a single day, April 1, 1919. Seaverling and Gidger are frantically searching for theater tickets when McCleary waltzes in declaring his love for Rosamund. However, her wealthy father will agree to the marriage only if McCleary has prospects of fortune so his novel simply must be published. Seaverling seriously doubts McCleary's manuscript can be culled down from three crates into a publishable book.

Meanwhile a mysterious machine arrives and begins spewing pages from books published in the 1950s and 1990s. As Seaverling and Gidger read these pages, they discover the destiny of four characters. Leaving Seaverling to finally decide, whose book will he publish? With the additional insight gained from the machine's pages, Seaverling recognizes depending on his selection a different doom faces his friend or his lover.

*The Violet Hour* is on stage at the Dallas Theater Center through March 20th Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday at 7:30 pm, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm with weekend matinees at 2:30 pm. For tickets call 214-522-8199 or visit [www.dtcinfo.org](http://www.dtcinfo.org).



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By E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.

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Rev. Isaac Johnson, Coordinator  
P.O. Box 225863  
Dallas, TX 75222-5863  
972-235-6432 or 214-632-6519

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### TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

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## Church News



**Sister Tarpley**

African Americans women have always played a vital role in shaping American history. I will continue to honor them in my column this month.

**Sarah H. Goode** was the first Black female patent holder. She was issued a patent on July 14, 1885 for a Folding Cabinet Bed. **Miriam E. Benjamin** was the second Black woman in history to receive a patent. It was for a Gong and Signal Chair for mortals on July 17, 1888. **Patricia Bath** was the first Black female doctor to receive a patent for a medical invention; an apparatus for ablating and removing cataracts in 1988.

**Ruane Jeter** invented a digital toaster on April 14, 1987. **Ellen Upton** invented the Clutter Winger in the 1880's. **Madeline Turner** in Oakland, California invented a Fruit Press on April 25, 1916. **Henrietta Mahlin** Brodberry from Chicago, Illinois invented a bed rack which was an attachment to the bed that permitted to pass through and refresh worn clothes on May 25, 1943, and on December 11, 1945, the device operated pneumatically and was adapted to discharge torpedoes under the water surface (the "Torpedo Discharger"). **Vivale M. Ammons** invented a Fireplace Damper actuating tool on September 30, 1975. The instrument opens and closes a fireplace damper and is also intended to operate as a securing means to prevent chattering of the damper due to wind.

**Marie V. Brittan Brown**, invented the Video Home Security System that utilized television surveillance on December 2, 1969 (the same year that Sheila, my only daughter was born). **Bessie Blount**, a physical therapist who worked with soldiers injured in WW II, invented a device allowing amputees to feed themselves in 1951. **Sarah Boone** invented the leveling board on December 30, 1887. **Mary J. Reppel** invented a Hoisting/Lowering Mechanism on April

## March Is Women's History Month

20, 1920. **Natalie R. Lowe**, invented a T-Top Roof Cover on May 5, 1992. **Marjorie Joyner** from Chicago, Ill. invented a Permanent Wave Machine, which could wave the hair of both White and Black people on November 27, 1928.

**Alice H. Parker** from Morristown, NJ on December 19, 1919 invented a new and improved gas heating furnace. The invention provided a mechanism for regulating heat to be carried to various



**Picture of The Week**  
**Euphemia (Phemia) Clement-Timmer and George W. Bush, U.S. President pose for a picture.**

rooms in a building. **Valerie Thomas** in 1960, invented an Illusion Transmitter; this futuristic invention extends the idea of television, with its images beamed daily behind a screen to having three dimensional projections appear as though they were right in your living room.

The U.S. Postal Service in 1992 issued a stamp series in Black Heritage stamp series has paid tribute to 28 African American leaders, inventors, educators, scientists, entrepreneurs, entertainers, and athletes since the "First stamp in the series was issued on February 1, 1978 to Harriet Tubman."

This month, I proudly wear two issued stamp pins, one of Opera Singer **Marion Anderson** that was issued in January 2005, and the other one dedicated on October 13, 2004, to focus attention on **Nickle Cell Disease**. Stop by any post office and inquire about purchasing one of each and don't forget, as Carl T. January, Dallas District Manager, says, "Buy The Stamps."

**Mary McLeod Bethune** founded the National Council of Negro Women; and

what is now known as **Bethune-Cookman College**. Her stamp was issued March 5, 1985. Before **Aretha Franklin** "Queen of Soul" we had **Mahalia Jackson**, known as "Queen of Gospel Music." **Mrs. Jackson** received national recognition by appearing at Carnegie Hall. An active participant in the civil rights movement, she sang at the "March on Washington" in 1963, and at the funeral for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Roberta Martin** was founder of the **Roberta Martin** stamps were issued July 15, 1998; the same year my first grandchild (a girl) was born.

**Ethel L. Payne** was an internationally recognized writer and composer; she was the first African American woman to receive accreditation as a White House correspondent. Her stamp was issued September 14, 2002. **Gerrude Malissa Nix Priggett**, (Ma Ralney) AKA "Mother of the Blues," specialized in a down-home style of classic blues. Her stamp was issued September 17, 1994. **Wilma Rudolph** AKA "The World's Fastest Woman," as a child suffered from polio and wore leg braces for years; she won three gold medals in sprint events at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Italy. Her stamp was issued in 2006.

Last week, I inadvertently wrote that my friend, **Euphemia (Phemia) Clement-Timmer**, maiden name was "Solomon," this was her father's first name, rather than his last name which is "Clement." I apologized and she will lives!

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## Church Happenings

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**COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**  
**On-Going**  
Hope Preschool, ages 2-5 has begun pre-registration for 2005. Call the church office on Tuesday through Thursday @ 972-424-8989.

For more information and ticket prices, please call the church office @ 972-424-8989.

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

### HILL CHAPEL CME CHURCH

March 13, 3:30 pm

Women's Annual Day: our guest speaker will be Dr. Sharon Patterson, Senior Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Dallas. Don't miss this special event!

**Hill Chapel CME Church**  
Rev. James E. Larry, Pastor  
1113 Avenue I  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-423-4990

### MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH (THE MOUNT)

Wednesday Night, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
FREE Tutorials. SAT packets are available, and with 1:1 help.

March 23, 7:00 pm  
Men's Choir will perform in the Wednesday Night Service. Rehearsal for Men's choir will be held on Thursday, March 10 and 17, 2005.

March 26, 8:00 am  
The Mighty Men of The

Mount will have our monthly Brotherhood Breakfast. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Don O'Bannon, Vice President of DFW International Airport. All men are encouraged to attend. 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

### NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH IN CARROLLTON

March 13, 11:00 am  
Join us in celebration of our 5th Church Anniversary, with special musical guest, the United Voices from Denton, TX.

Starting Tonight, March 10 - 13-2005

Music Workshop with Ronald J. Materre, Minister of Music at New Faith Baptist Church, Houston, TX, and General Director of the Texas Mass Choir of the Gospel Music Workshop of America. The workshop will culminate with a musical on March 12th @ 3:00 pm, with special guests, in celebration of our 5th Church Anniversary.

For more information about registration fees for the Music Workshop, and the above Church Anniversary Services, please call 972-484-1185.

**North Dallas Community Baptist Church in Carrollton**  
Rev. Billy R. Robinson, Pastor  
1718 Trinity Valley Drive  
Carrollton, TX 75006  
972-484-1185

### NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

March 25, 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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**North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Richardson**  
1010-1020 South Sherman Street  
Richardson, TX 75081  
972-437-3493

### OASIS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

March 13, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Women's International Network (WIN) quarterly Networking Meeting. Our theme is "Empowering The New You to Prosper" to be held at the contemporary Homewood Suites at Jupiter & George Bush Toll way in Plano.

For more information, and to register, please call 469-467-6797.

**Oasis International Church**  
Doctors Charles & Vera Hughes  
Founders  
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Plano, TX 75093  
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## Church Directory

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Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor  
www.ndcbf.org

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9:00 am Sunday School  
Wednesday Service  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
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Bible Study 7:45 pm  
Dr. Robert E. Price, Senior Pastor

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Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7:15 pm  
Youth Bible Study: 7:30 pm  
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9:00 a.m. Prayer & Worship  
10:15 a.m. Worship Experience  
Thursday  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
Tuesday  
7:15 p.m. Bible Study  
Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m. Church School  
Reverend Charles E. Franklin, Pastor

**RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
3801 Avenue K.  
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SERVICE TIMES  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 am  
Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm  
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# "High Five" Page 1

Texas Mass Choir, Gospel Music Workshop of America. Those that are interested in the workshop should call for more information and to RSVP at 972-484-1185. The workshop will culminate with a Musical on Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 pm with special guest, the United Voices from Denton, TX.

Pastor Robinson said that Fifth Anniversary Church Services has given new meaning to the words, "High Five" in the North Dallas area (he was referring to Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) project at the intersection of I-635 (LBJ Freeway) and I-75 (Central Expressway), named the "High Five." He said that their Fifth Church Anniversary Service which will start at

11:00 am on Sunday, March 13, 2005 is going to be full of God's Glory and the needs of people will be met.



Sister Turley, Religious Editor at MON-The Gazette, Rev. Billy R. Robinson, Senior Pastor at North Dallas Community Baptist Church (NDCBC) in Carrollton, and First Lady Shelley Robinson.

Pastor Robinson's message was "Living Above The Pump and Circumstance." The text of the message is found in Acts 25: 21 - 27. He reminded the congregation that God is not about symbols or any such

things; and without the Lord, that it's just all "Pomp and Circumstance." If you were not there, you missed a powerful message; and surely if you miss their Fifth Church Anniversary Service you are going to miss a Holy Spirit treat.

This was Communion Sunday, The Lord's Supper; the Trustees, Deacons, and Brothers of the church administered to the people at the end of God's sent message. It seemed that burdens were lifted from the people as the congregation break bread together as a group. The way the choir ministered in songs ("Lift Him Up," "In The Sanctuary," "I surrendered All") and other songs to the audience, it doesn't appear that they need a workshop; however, I believe that they know that there are always deeper depths and higher heights in God.

# Your Sacred Temple Page 1

Since its beginning in 2000, Sacred Aroma has expanded into retail locations in several different states that include Illinois, Colorado, New Jersey, California, Ohio, Maryland, and Arkansas. Ms. Richards is originally from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and now resides in the Dallas area. She attended college at Oklahoma University and has recently received her Naturopathic license from The University of Texas at Dallas. A Naturopathic license gives Ms. Richards the ability to prescribe natural products for different ailments.

"In November 2004, I opened the Sacred Healing House that is considered an extension of Sacred Aroma," said Ms. Richards.

The Sacred Healing House offers classes and seminars for all to attend. Such classes that have been offered are Foods to Love Cooking Class, Children's Love Crafts,

Sacred Wisdom Tea Time, A Sacred Experience in Love, Couples Experience of Love, Love Thyself Healthy Series, and many others. Currently, the Sacred Healing House has a focus group every Sunday for women. The group is there to allow women to talk about what they are doing in their lives.

Ms. Richards is also planning to start a focus group for men that will also be held at the Sacred Healing House. Many people are excited about their Sacred Aroma experience and have nothing but good things to say. Some of Richard's customers have commented that the work she is doing is a beautiful empowering experience, truly a blessing and touches many lives.

"Treat your body as a sacred temple everyday by choosing healthy foods, friends, and activities is a tip that Richards offers on her website [www.sacredaroma.com](http://www.sacredaroma.com).

You can also visit Sacred Aroma's website to get a brief description as

well as order all of the different products that are offered. The website also provides information on happenings at The Sacred Healing House.

In 2005, Ms. Richards says that she plans to use her business to enlighten more people on health matters especially single parents because she is a single parent herself. Ms. Richards also mentioned that she wanted to go into the churches and educate them on healthy living. Ms. Richards, who previously worked in the insurance business, expressed her concern for church groups. Richards, who attends Mount Hebron Baptist Church in Garland, Texas, learned from working in the insurance business that church groups are considered unhealthier than any other and hard to insure with health insurance.

"A lot of people live unhealthy lifestyles by the foods they eat and how they treat their bodies," said Richards. In 2005, I want to help people learn to live healthier lives."

# Church Happenings

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**PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
March 12, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
FREE Praise Dancing Workshop, for more information, please call Stephanie Cook-Jones @ 214-564-7860.

March 13, 5:00 pm  
Our Tribe of Judah Adult Praise Dance Ministry presents "A Tabernacle Experience" in a Praise Dance. The public is invited.

March 19 - 20, 2005  
Deacon's Ministry Workshop, and Dallas area Ushers and Nurses Workshop

March 27, 5:00 pm  
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Scholarship Workshop  
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