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Women's Division Monthly Luncheon's - Luncheons are on the third Wednesday at Gleneagles Country Club from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Reservations are due to the Chamber no later than the Friday prior and the cost is \$20 for members at the door with prior reservation.

Annual Membership Luncheon - The Plano Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the 2003 Annual Membership Luncheon Tuesday, January 21, 2003, 11:30 a.m. Harvey Hotel - Plano 1600 North Central Expwy. Reserve your tickets by calling 972-424-7547.

Debt Free Counseling - Learn how it would feel to be free of all credit card debt at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, in Plano. Please make your reservations at 214-495-9756. The cost is \$29.95 and the workshop is held on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m.

Education/Workforce Committee Meeting - Education and Workforce Development Committee Meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the chamber office. Participants help coordinate business assistance for the community and county educational institutions to support their programs and meet the job needs of the future. For more information, call 972-424-7547.

Ambassador's Club Meeting - Promotes the chamber by sponsoring new member investments and calling on existing members/investors in order to enhance the effectiveness of the chamber in its leadership of the business community. The meeting begins at noon. For more information, call 972-424-7547.

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Has Hip Hop Replaced the Civil Rights Movement?

By: Artelia C. Covington
NNPA National Correspondent

"It's been a long time, I shouldn't have left you without a strong rhyme to step to. Thinking of how many rhymes you slept through. Time's up, I'm sorry I kept you."

— Eric B. and Rakim, "I Know You Got Soul," 1987.

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Hip Hop is a movement. It hasn't spawned sit-ins or marches, it hasn't broken down racial barriers and it hasn't opened previously closed doors. But if you believe Todd Boyd, an associate professor of cinema studies at the University of Southern California, hip-hop has supplanted the Civil Rights Movement.

In his recently released book, "The New HNHC: The Death of Civil Rights and the Reign of Hip Hop," Boyd argues the Civil Rights Movement is dead and that hip hop, a popular music genre, is brimming with life.

"I decided on the title for the book because of all that was going on in hip hop and I started to think about what we had

going on in Hip hop that had replaced this new generation of people," says Boyd, 38. "I truly felt that the title best summed up what was going on right now in hip hop."

When pressed about his premise, Boyd refuses to back down.

"I believe that hip hop has replaced the Civil Rights Movement because a new gen-

eration has emerged, and being Black now is a lot different than it was during the Civil Rights Movement," Boyd contends. "Hip hop to me is the sort of thing that cuts across all boundaries and races the way the Civil Rights Movement did."

"I'm not denouncing the

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Cotillion Idlewild Club Debutante Values Family, Morality, and Helping People

By: Monica Thornton
Cotillion Idlewild

Debutante, Krystal Blair Gaffney, recently stepped out at an 'Evening of Elegance' at the Gleneagles Country Club in Plano, as a part of her introduction to society.

In the 2002 social season, the Cotillion Idlewild Club, marking its 81st presentation of debutantes, presented seven debutantes to society.

As a part of the training for debutantes to be presented, each debutante must hold several social functions, including brunches, luncheons and after-five dinners and balls. It was for her after-five occasion that Debutante Gaffney chose the Glen Eagles Country Club.

Dr. Myrtle Hightower of Plano, Krystal's grandmother, said it was almost a magical evening, "it was like a Midsummer's Night Dream."

Dr. Hightower added that preparations for the debutantes started July 2000, with continuing workshops on etiquette through the summer months.

"But the real pomp started the week of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving night we were all together from 6 until midnight," said Dr. Hightower. "The debutantes were presented on November 29th, and then they started their social season."

Tributes to Gaffney from family and friends all stressed that her strong family values, high moral character and a deep sense of help-

ing others have epitomized this young lady from an early age.

Her family also said that part of what makes her so special is her thoughtfulness toward others. They said she takes time to herself to reflect upon her life and her contributions to the world, helping her to become self-confident and diplomatic.

"She is a precious jewel. She is obedient, family oriented, she is

intelligent and has a focus on life," Dr. Hightower said. "Krystal has high integrity, and she is beautiful."

At Gaffney's 'Evening of Elegance', Plano Mayor, Pat Evans, gave a special presentation, Doc and Vera Gibbs presented a tribute in song, and John Hightower (Gaffney's grandfather) presented a special tribute in words.

Mistress of Ceremony, T.J. Johnson of Plano, praised Gaffney

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Plano's Mayor, Pat Evans presents Proclamation to Krystal Gaffney

Blackonomics How Much Money Do You Need Anyway?

By: James Clingman

I am reminded of the passage in Luke 12:15-21 that discusses the greed that some men harbor, how they build up huge caches of material things on earth, and overlook their moral and ethical responsibilities. You should read it sometime, and after you do, think about not only your personal situation but also the fact that are some in this country, and throughout the world, doing the exact opposite of what the passage admonishes. Their answer to our question of how much money is needed, is obviously, "All I can get." Let's take a look.

The headline in the local newspaper stated, "Worker/CEO pay gap widens," and cited J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. boss, William Harrison, who received \$22.2 million from salary, bonus and stock options in just one year. The article went on to report that an average worker could make that same amount-if he were willing to work for 440 years at \$50,000 annually!

As you probably have, I have heard all of the arguments for such exorbitant compensation packages, not to mention those golden parachutes awarded when a CEO gets fired. They say we should look at the big picture, at what the CEO brings to the table. That's all well and good, but any Joe-blow could fire thousands of employees and then boast huge cash surpluses. That's what I see happening today and in years past.

For example, AT&T chairman and CEO, Michael Armstrong, earned \$4.01 million in salary and bonuses in 2001, an increase of 70.8 percent over the previous year. Meanwhile, 5,100 employees "had left" the company's payroll by the end of 2001, and 5,000 more positions would be eliminated by the end of 2002, reported the "Cincinnati Enquirer."

But let's get back to the mega-salaries. A survey done by "Forbes" magazine points out that in 1970, the average full-time worker earned \$32,522, according to the National Institute of Pension Administrators, while the average compensation for the top 100 CEO's was \$1.25 million. In 1999, the average worker made \$35,864, while the average salary for the top 100 CEO's was \$37.5 million-a 2,800 percent increase! How much is enough?

Take a look at the following statistics for company CEO's in my hometown. Between 2000 and 2001, of the top 25 public company executives, the lowest percentage of increase in salary was 34.7 percent, a lowly \$200,041 per year to \$269,403, and this executive owned 66,652 shares of company stock. In the No. 1 position, a local executive enjoyed an increase in compensation of 514 percent, from \$1.4 million to \$8.7 million; he owned no shares of stock. No. 14

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Reed Enterprises, Giving A Competitive Edge In Schlotzsky's Deli



L to R: Crystal Reed, Clara Reed and Charles Reed (Reed Enterprises)

By: Felicia Coleman
In 1993, there were 300 Schlotzsky's Deli locations in the country and 33 locations in the DFW area. Currently, there are 700 Schlotzsky's Delis across the country, with over 65 locations in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Charles Reed owns and operates 7 Schlotzsky's Deli locations in Collin County (4 in Plano, 1 in Allen, 1 in McKinney and 1 in Frisco). Mr. Reed's business, Reed Enterprises, is an independent Schlotzsky's Deli franchise. It was established in the summer of 1993, when Mr. Reed attended a franchise seminar.

Schlotzsky's Deli was in the process of re-franchising 22 stores. "I attended the seminar and I saw what was out there. Back then, I was working for an oil and gas company. I did not want to let the opportunity pass. I decided to operate stores that were in my area. I've never worked in Schlotzsky's Deli. I think it would be difficult to actually work in the restaurant and also run the business", he stated. Mr. Reed purchased his first Schlotzsky's Deli at

Independence Parkway and Parker with franchise rights in Plano.

Mr. Reed left a well-compensated and stable career in the oil industry to pursue the goal of Reed Enterprises. "Most of my friends thought I was crazy, leaving a good job and going out on my own with no safety net. But opportunities come along to all people. It's a just the question of are you willing to make the sacrifice," he stated.

The duties of Reed Enterprises include strategic planning, budgeting, day-to-day restaurant operations and setting directions for the company. Working side by side with his family is meaningful to Mr. Reed. His daughter, Crystal Reed, is Marketing and Business Developing Manager for Reed Enterprises. She stated, "I think he is doing a wonderful job not only with the business but also with the community." While attending college, Crystal was responsible for the family payroll at Reed Enterprises. After graduating from the University of North Texas, she received a

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Cotillion Idlewild Club Reception



Dr. H. B. Bell and Susie Bell-parents, Dionica Bell-Debutante and Cole Robertson-escort



L to R: Nia Foster-Debutante, Marilyn Foster-mother, Opal Jones-grandmother, Carolyn Henderson-mother and Erin Henderson-Debutante



L to R: James Farris-escort, Bethany Mitchell-Debutante, Verna Mitchell-mother and William Mitchell-father



L to R: Brandon Smith-escort, Marjon Carlos-Debutante, Hazel Carlos-mother



L to R: DeRoyce Freeman-escort, Aloysia Shields-Debutante and Barbara Shields-mother

Cotillion Idlewild Club Proudly Presented Seven Debutantes for The 2002 Social Season

By: Monica Thornton

In October 1921, a group of African-American business and professional men with "The Young Men's Business League," organized the Idlewild Social Club (later re-named Cotillion Idlewild), with the purpose of presenting young African-American women to society. And in its 81st year of presenting young ladies to society, the Club presented seven debutantes to society.

To be selected as a debutante, young ladies must be college students who have shown excellence in education, community involvement and leadership.

In his congratulatory letter to the Cotillion Idlewild Club, dated November 2002, Senator Royce West said, "as a former Idlewild member and staunch supporter, I understand the importance of culture, beauty, refinement and excellence. You promote these principles every time your host a debutante ball. Through your efforts, young women are exposed to social and

self actualizing opportunities that will impact their lives forever."

The 2002 Cotillion Idlewild Club Debutantes are as follows:

Erin Christen Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Henderson. She is a 2001 graduate of The Greenhill School, where she was inducted into the National Honor Society, and was elected Vice-President of her senior class. Henderson also represented Greenhill as a Hill Guide, and was a member of Students Against Drunk Driving. For two consecutive years, Who's Who Among American High School Students recognized Henderson for her academic and extra-curricular success.

Erin Henderson is a sophomore at Columbia University in New York City, where she is planning on a double major in History and Middle Eastern Studies.

Mia Elizabeth Foster, daughter of Mrs. Marilyn Jones Foster and Mr. Marvin E. Foster. She is a graduate of M.B.

Lamar High School in Houston, Texas, where she was involved in the Student Council, Key Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a sophomore at Dillard University in New Orleans, LA, with a double major in English and Psychology.

Bethany Camille Mitchell, daughter of William S. and Verna G. Mitchell. During her high school years she invested many hours in community service with her church, Friendship West Baptist in Dallas. She was also a member of the Ecology Club and Science Club. Mitchell is a sophomore at Mountain View Community College in Dallas, where her major is pre-medicine. She aspires to practice cardiology.

Aloysia Queena Shields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heiser and Barbara Shields. She attended David W. Carter High School, where she graduated within the top ten percent of her class, and

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saying, "Krystal is a young woman with high moral character, strong family values and an elegant presence reflective of the influences of her family."

Gaffney is the granddaughter of Dr. Myrtle and John Hightower of Plano, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Coffey and Mr. William F. Gaffney of Langston University, Oklahoma. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. T.S. Whited and the late Bessie M. Whited of Oklahoma, and her paternal grandparents are Mr. John and the late Dr. Doreatha Gaffney of Oklahoma.

Gaffney is a Hier-O-Link (daughter of a Link), and has attended national and area Link conferences, since 1994. She has traveled throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, the highlights of her travels being Martha's Vineyard, Northern California, a Caribbean Cruise, and top of the list, a nine-day Alaskan Cruise.

She is now enrolled in a six-year medical program at Tennessee



Bottom row L to R: Gloria Berkins and Bessie Coffey, Bernard Coffey Top Row L to R: John Hightower, Myrtle Hightower, Aaron Coffey-escort, Krystal Gaffney-Debutante, Johnnie Hightower and T.J. Johnson Back Row: Thurman Jones

State University in Nashville, and is in her sophomore year. Gaffney completed her freshman year at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, maintaining a 3.8 grade point average. While at Dillard she volunteered approximately 100 hours of tutoring children in local elementary schools in math and reading. She also volunteered services in painting and repairing classrooms.

A graduate of Lake Highlands High School, Gaffney was on the school's swim team, basketball team, and participated in the

D.A.R.E. program. She was on the A/B Honor Roll throughout her high school years, and was a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was awarded an academic scholarship to Dillard University, and to Tennessee State University.

Krystal Blair Gaffney is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, and aspires to complete her medical internship at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, and to earn a PhD in Physical Therapy, and to operate a Physical Therapy Clinic.

Around The Town

On-going

Nature Stories at Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, every Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Stories will be narrated by the staff and include music, nature crafts and nature walks. Free with general admission. For topics and more information, call 972-562-5566.

Come and see Belgian draft horses, the mascot hitch team for Owens Country Sausage and the farming museum in Richardson, 401 E. Lookout Dr off Plano Rd. There will also be a petting zoo with pygmy goats, lambs, turkeys and pot-bellied pigs. It's open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 972-235-0192 for more information.

Learn how it would feel to be free of all credit card debt at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, in Plano. Please make your reservations at 214-495-9756. The cost is \$29.95 and the workshop is held on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m.

Barnyard Buddies at Fairview Farms, 3316 N. Central Expwy, at Parker Rd. next to Hoffbrau. There will be country activities with a western theme for kids. Visit the petting zoo, take a hayride or a pony ride, or have a picnic at the

tables on site. Call 972-633-9779 for more information. Open 7 days a week.

January 9

January VIP Coffee will be held at Babe's Chicken Dinner House, 1456 Beltline Rd., in Garland from 8-9 a.m. For more information, call 972-272-7551 or send an e-mail to information@garlandchamber.com.

The Networking Group for Home Based Businesses will meet at SOHO Café at 8:30 a.m. at Allen Premium Outlets 820 W. Stacy Road (in the Food Court). For more information call the chamber office at (972) 727-5585.

January 10

Garland Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Business Development Seminar from 7:30-9 a.m. at 914 S. Garland Ave. For more information call, 972-272-7551 or send an e-mail to information@garlandchamber.com.

January 11

The City of Plano is hosting a ribbon cutting at 9:15 a.m. at The Main Event, 3941 N. Central Expwy. (southbound access road by Texas Land and Cattle) For more information, call 972-424-7547.

Get a sneak preview of 24 Hour Fitness, 109 Central

Expressway (behind Jason's Deli). Come out and see Allen's newest fitness center between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Call (214) 547-8825 to RSVP.

January 12

The City of Plano is hosting a ribbon cutting at Pebble Creek Montessori, 3901 Pebble Creek Court (Spring Creek and Coit) at 10 a.m. For more information, call 972-424-7547.

Through January 12

The new Roger Moore Photography Exhibit at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney unveils the richness and beauty of nature through photographic art. The exhibit also includes scenes from Big Bend National Park. Free with regular admission to the Heard Museum.

January 14

Annual Business Meeting sponsored by Dallas Morning News Tuesday, January 14, 2003 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Dr., McKinney. Gary McCaleb, Ph.D., Vice President of Abilene Christian University, will speak at the Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25

at the door. The program and business meeting are free of charge, and will begin at 12:00 p.m. Reservations are required for both the luncheon and the program/meeting. For more information, or to reserve your place, please contact Cammy at chenderon@mckinneytx.org.

January 15

Open networking group meeting at 7:30 a.m. to promote business relationships at 2700 Custer Parkway, Richardson. No reservation is required and the cost is \$3. For more information, call 972-234-4141.

Grand Opening Wal-Mart Neighborhood Store will begin at 7:30 a.m. at 1520 W. Exchange Parkway, Allen. Join us in welcoming Wal-Mart to Allen.

January 16

The Plano Chamber of Commerce invites you to "Business After Hours" hosted by Hooters, 720 N. Central Expwy, January 16, 2003, Thursday, from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Please RSVP by January 14 at 972-424-7547 Ext. 230. Richardson Chamber of Commerce is hosting a small business roundtable sponsored by the Dallas Morning News called "An Economic Overview for Small Business" at Holiday

Inn Select (1655 N. Central Expressway) from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. The speaker is Donald A. Hicks, Ph.D., Professor, UT Dallas. The cost is \$25 RCC Members; \$35 Prospective Members. Please R.S.V.P. at rsvp@telecomcorridor.com. Reservations check-in and networking begins at 11:15 a.m.

January 17

2003 Technology Innovation Showcase from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Kick off the New Year as the technology industry rebounds to showcase your technology innovations, new products/services and next generation devices. It will be held at the Omni Richardson Hotel. Exhibitors and sponsors are needed. For more information, call 972-234-4141.

January 21

The Plano Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the 2003 Annual Membership Luncheon Tuesday, January 21, 2003, 11:30 a.m. Harvey Hotel - Plano 1600 North Central Expwy. Reserve your tickets by calling 972-424-7547.

January 24

Annual Awards Banquet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Dr. The attire

after 5 and there will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$45 per person if purchased before January 17, \$50 after Payable in advance or at the door (Cash, Check or MasterCard). Tables are set for eight and table sponsors encouraged & welcomed. R.S.V.P. at 972-285-0211 or info@mesquitechamber.com by 5 p.m. Friday, January 17.

January 27

Garland Chamber of Commerce is having their monthly luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Holiday Inn Select, 11350 LBJ Frwy, Dallas. The speaker will be Beverly Carmichael-Southwest Airlines. For more information, call 972-272-7551 or send an e-mail to information@garlandchamber.com.

January 31

The McKinney Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to the Annual Community Awards Celebration Friday, January 31, 2003 at 7 p.m. at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Dr., McKinney. Tickets are \$40 per person (Payable in Advance) and \$600 for a reserved table of ten. For more information, please contact Cammy at chenderon@mckinneytx.org or 972-542-0163.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

A Senior Citizen's Wish List For 2003

By James W. Breedlove

Another year has come and gone and it seems like senior citizens are taking one step forward and two steps back. Not much progress is made doing that.

It's tough trying to put together a wish list for 2003. But it's really not a list, just a set of quizzing observations that impact senior citizen quality of life. The difficulty is having to hunt and peck type since the finger joints don't move like they used to. More and more aches and pains and Ben Gay don't seem to penetrate deep enough to provide relief. But, as life has taught us, we must struggle on.

The price of prescription drugs and pharmaceutical products are a matter of great concern to older Americans. The recession's painful impact is evident in the drastic changes to the Medicaid program. Most of Medicare's 40.4 million beneficiaries will see their costs increase in 2003. For Medicare Part A, the deductible paid by the beneficiary will be \$840 in 2003, up 3.5 percent from this year's \$812. The monthly premium for Medicare Part B, will be \$58.70, an increase of 8.7 percent over the 2002 premium.

Medicaid spending grew by 11 percent last year and is expected to grow at least that much this year. The increase in spending on prescription drugs has been especially dramatic, averaging 19 percent the last three years.

At the same time senior expenses increase, Medicare payments to doctors will be cut 4.4 percent in 2003. Many doctors, already hard pressed by past cuts and slow federal pay-

ments will be less willing to accept new Medicare patients, making it even more difficult for seniors to get quality care. We desperately need relief. Is the administration and congress listening?

On the subject of war, can we cut through the double talk and separate the North Korea wheat from the Iraqi chaff? Senior citizens are patriotic to the core. But we find it hard to understand why America with all of its super intelligence can't seem to point the UN inspectors to one cache of weapons in Iraq. And on the assumption that terrible weapons exist, America has gone on war alert.

Now North Korea, a charter member of the "axis of evil" has kicked the UN inspectors out of the country and publicly announced they will move ahead with a nuclear weapons program. America's response is economic containment. The containment rhetoric is a vivid contrast with the administration's "zero tolerance" approach toward Iraq, whose weapons programs are considered to be less advanced than those of North Korea. Senior citizens would like to understand this confusing national rationale. Would someone please make sense of it so we can have some peace of mind?

The year ended on a sad note for nearly 800,000 unemployed Americans who saw their federal jobless benefits end on December 28th. And thousands more, including many senior citizens who had to return to work after the economic meltdown decimated their retirement accounts, will be added to the

roles each week. What is holding up help for these desperate people, some having been out of work over a year?

And why can't we let market conditions bring domestic gasoline prices in line with the rest of the world? Maybe this would force Americans to rethink their fascination with gas-guzzlers and the disproportionate share of the world's oil we use. And while on the subject of autos, can't the auto manufacturers agree to place the gas caps on the right side or left side but not both without relinquishing competitive advantage.

When seniors have to dial toll free numbers to get critical questions answered, does it have to be so difficult to reach a live person? Many senior citizens don't see or hear well and the maze of prompts along with the holds and cutoffs can be very intimidating and frustrating.

Are we ever going to get honest answers to what happened on September 11th? We would like to know and as citizens feel it is our right to know.

Why are we being forced to live our last few years playing dodge ball with poverty? What kind of life is it when daily decisions are a toss up between eating or paying for medicine? Should we continue to be brainwashed into believing that a prescription drug benefit is too expensive while we can afford to undertake a multi-billion dollar iffy missile defense system?

Happy New Year. Health, happiness and peace of mind to all.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: jaydubub@swbell.net

About MON-the Gazette

One of the most striking perspectives that is gained by our newspaper is the breadth and depth of issues and needs that exist within the communities we serve. Throughout its history, MON-The Gazette has strived to stay in touch with the heartbeat of the perspectives and trends that shape the quality of life for our readers. While some of these indicators are fairly easy to identify, we have also found it beneficial to solicit the thoughts and input of key community stakeholders - individuals with the involvement, perspective, and commitment to improving our communities. In addition to our own professional staff and writers, these individuals have insured that our paper stays in touch with the matters that are vital to you, our readers.

As we begin another year, it is appropriate that we take this opportunity to thank the individuals who have contributed to our success over the last year. MON-The Gazette Advisory Board has functioned to provide six areas of service:

- Program Development** - With the particular program identified, the Board helps develop appropriate policies and guidelines.
- Public Relations Planning and Implementation** - Influencing community thought leaders and advocates towards supporting our initiatives continues to be a critical Board responsibility.
- Business Growth Referral** - The growth of the paper is closely related to the ability to be responsive to community needs. The Board has offered great assistance in this regard.
- Goals** - This focus insures that the paper maintain a strategic focus consistent with the tenets of freedom of expressions and community education.
- Quality Assurance** - Consistent delivery of an excellent product is the hallmark for MON-The Gazette. The Board helps maintain and assess focus on this goal.

In each of these areas and in other ways too numerous to list in this editorial, the Advisory Board has and continues to make invaluable contributions to both MON-The Gazette and to the betterment

Policy of each of the communities we serve. A particular and heartfelt thanks is extended to our Advisory Board members: Cory Rodriguez Anderson, Fred Moses, Cecil Starks, John Hightower, Ben Thomas, Myrtle Hightower, Willie Wattley, Annie Dickson, B.J. Williams, and Barbara J. Simpkins.

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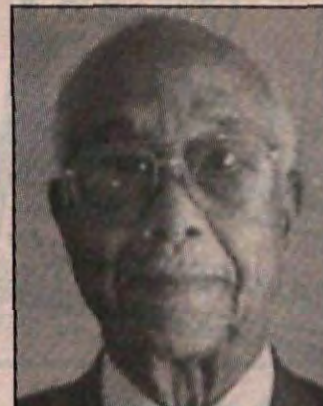
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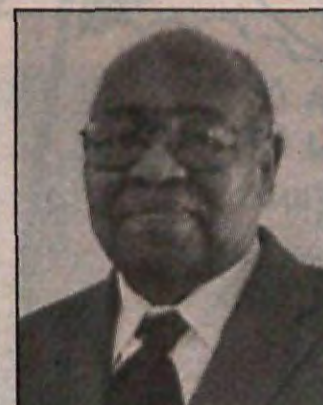
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was an honor graduate. Shields is a Make-A-Wish Granter, and dedicates several hours volunteering to children organizations, the Salvation Army, and other groups. She is a sophomore at University of North Texas in Denton, Texas, and is majoring in health. She aspires to become a Pediatric Gastrologist and have her own practice in a major children's hospital.

Dionica Britte Bell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H.B. Bell. In high school, Bell served as secretary of the Science Club, and was vice-president of her freshman, sophomore and junior class. She has received many honors, including

the United States President Student Service Award. She is a sophomore at Kansas State University, where she has a double major in Spanish and Electronic Journalism, and is planning a Master's Degree in Political Communication. She aspires to become an international political journalist.

Marjon Rebecca Carlos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carlos. Marjon is a graduate of Hockaday School in Dallas, where she was a staff member of the school's award-winning literary/art magazine, a major performer with the Hockaday/St. Marks Readers Theater, and a member of the debate team and National Forensics. Her voluntary work includes feeding the

hungry at St. Paul United Methodist Church, and serving as museum assistant at Dallas Museum of Art. She is a sophomore at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, where she is majoring in History of Art.

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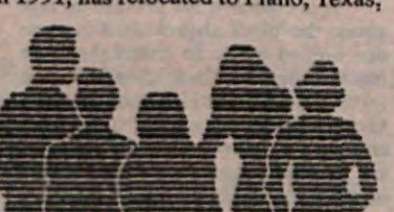
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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition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



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Inspiration

New Year's Resolution: Ten Tips for Organizing Your Finances

WASHINGTON, /PRNewswire/ — As the New Year approaches, a good resolution to make is getting your finances in order. The American Bankers Association Education Foundation has tips and ideas to get fiscally fit in 2003:

1. Set goals and write them down. Do you want to own a home? Save for retirement? Start a college fund for your kids? Write down your goals and create a plan to achieve them. Learn more about money management, investing and personal finance at your library, bookstore or the Internet at <http://www.aba.com/ConsumerConnection>.
2. Save for the future. Pay yourself first. If you wait to see what's left over, you are less likely to save. Determine in advance how much money you plan to keep on deposit each month.
3. Set a realistic budget. Keep

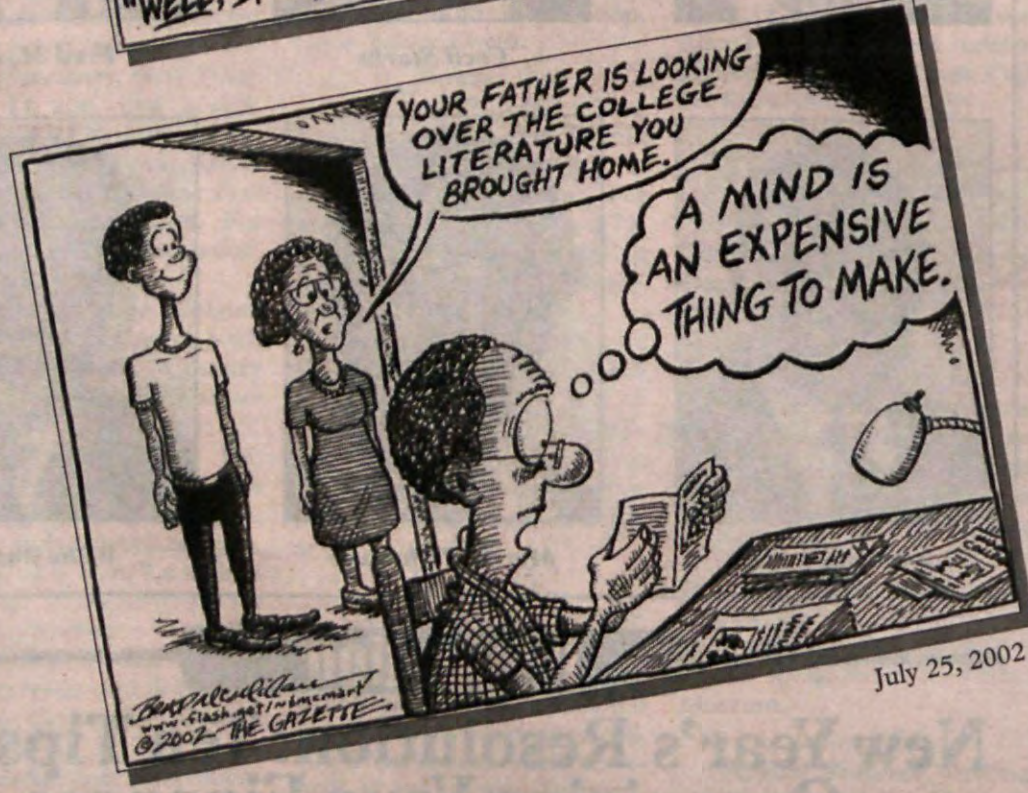
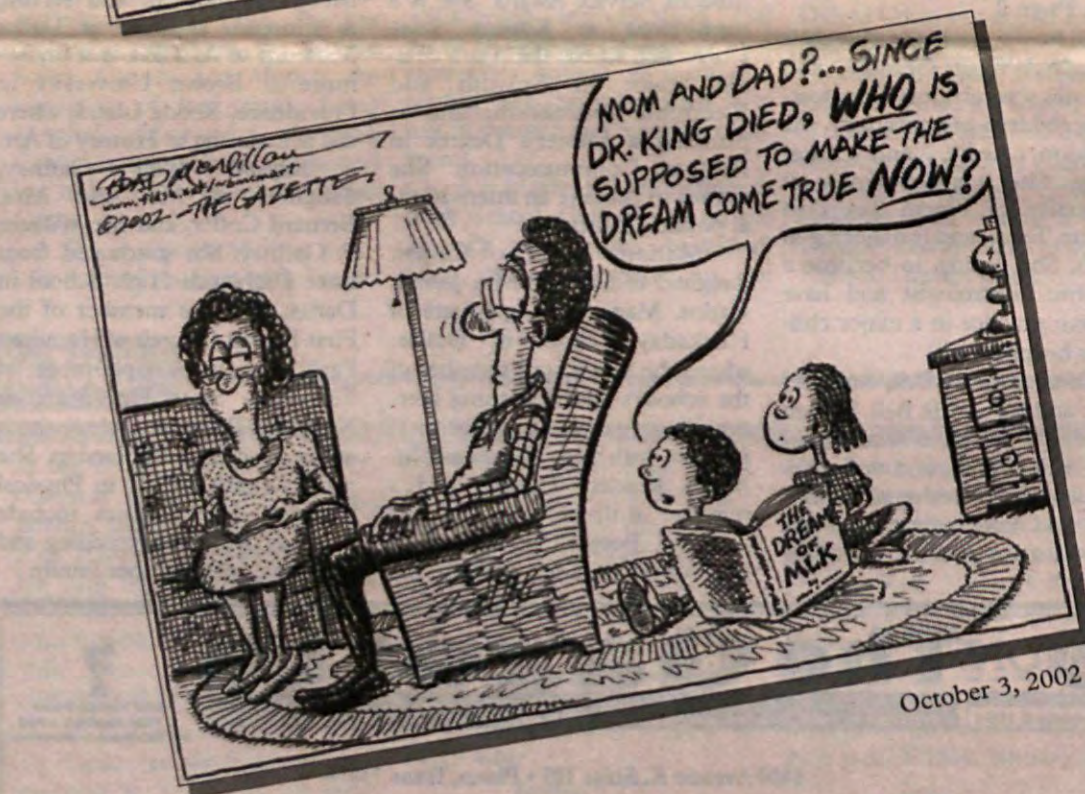
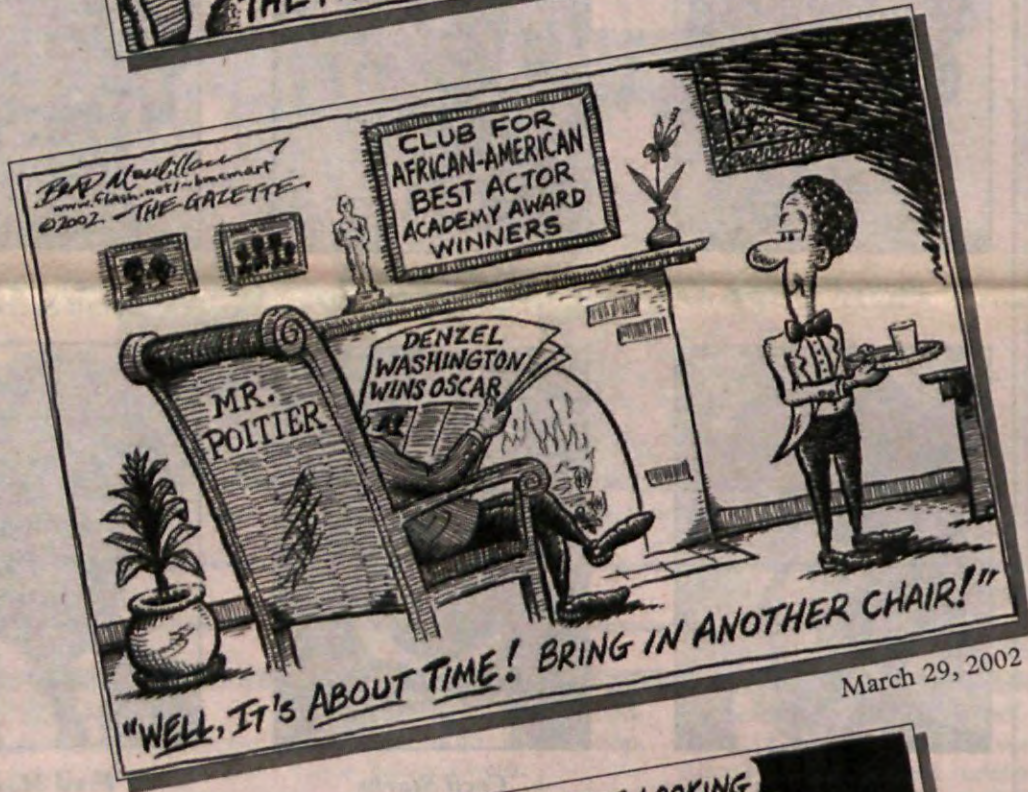
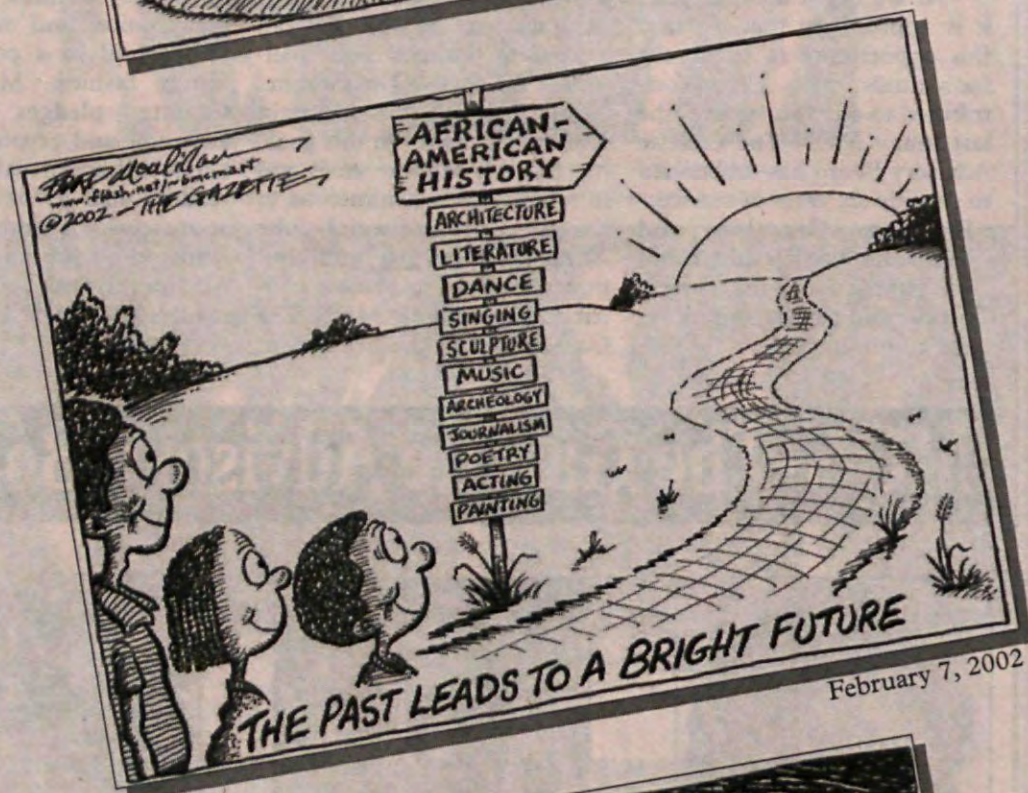
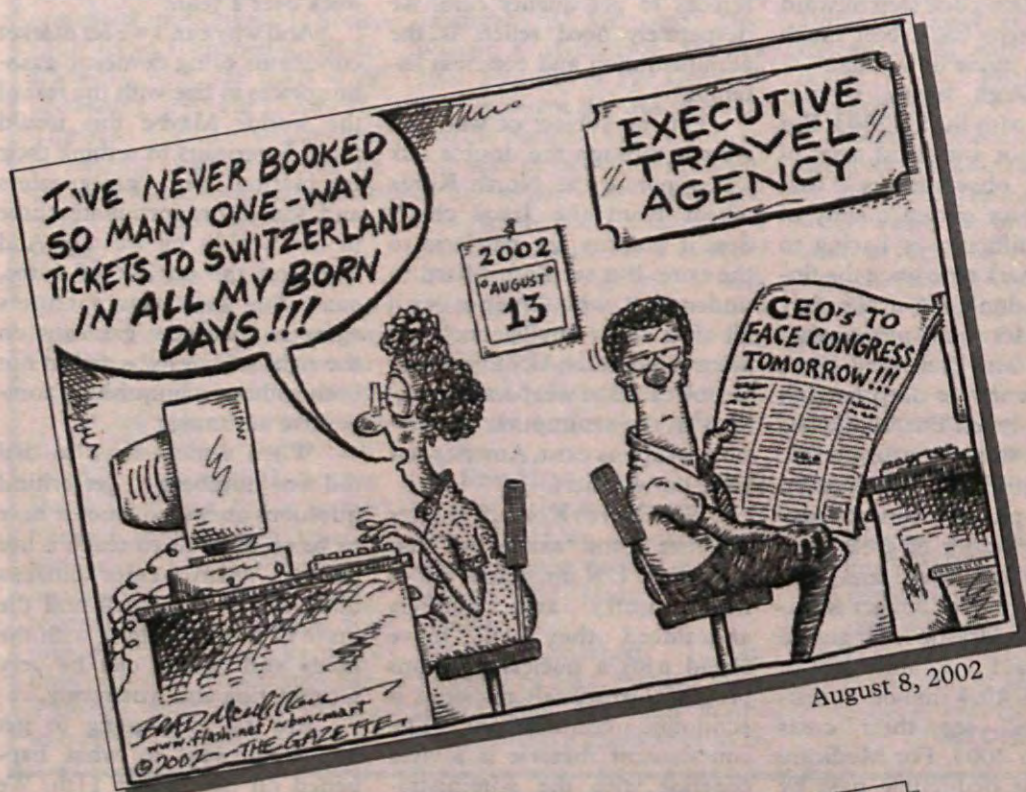
monthly records of your spending and living expenses. Consider cutting out the gourmet coffee every morning, or bringing your lunch to work. Small changes will add up to hundreds of dollars over time.

4. Get organized. Keep ATM transactions, bills, purchases and tax records organized together in labeled files. This will help you stay on track with your budget and make it easier when it's time to pay bills.
5. Use credit wisely. Credit cards are not magic money; they're a loan with an obligation to repay. Don't spend more than you can afford to pay back.
6. Get out of debt. Pay off credit cards with the highest interest rates first, while paying the minimum balance on low/no interest credit cards. Determine how much you owe creditors and prioritize payments.
7. Shop around. Compare prices

and be selective to get the best prices, services, convenient locations and lowest fees for credit cards, bank accounts, mortgages and certificates of deposit (CDs).

8. Smart spending equals big savings. Check out sales racks, consignment shops, cut coupons or search the Internet. If you do a little research, you will save money.
9. Protect yourself. Don't be a victim of fraud or identity theft. Guard your credit card, PIN and account numbers. Buy a shredder so you can dispose of statements, receipts and bills properly.
10. Pay attention. Read your bills and statements each month. This helps you keep track of your spending, alerts you to fraud and any mistakes that may occur on your account.

2002 in Review



Brad McMillan

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degree in Business Administration with emphasis in Strategic Management. After graduating, she began working full time with Reed Enterprises. "I'm proud of her. It's great because now I can see my daughter 7 days a week", Mr. Reed said. "She does a little bit of everything like catering and marketing to outside stores, technology, and changing the computer software. Sometimes, she manages the stores if a manager is not present in a particular store. That's the benefit of having a small business, we get to learn every aspect."

Mr. Reed's wife, Dr. Clara Reed, is co-owner of Reed Enterprises. Dr. Reed is also senior pastor of All Nations United

Methodist Church located in Plano. As co-owner, Dr. Reed has made several sacrifices. "We make and bake our own bread. When we didn't have a baker or the baker did not come in for the day, so my wife would come into the store and make the bread. There are a number of things that I can think of like this throughout the career when we work together as a family", Mr. Reed said. Mr. Reed is also President of Dallas/Ft. Worth Schlotzsky's CO-OP, a Schlotzsky's Deli marketing group. Compared with other places, the DFW area has more Schlotzsky's Deli owners. Mr. Reed and 35 different DFW Schlotzsky's owners discuss marketing and advertisement (ads on television and the radio) and operation issues.

In 1998, Reed Enterprises won

the Business Award at the Plano Community Forum's 16th annual Awards Banquet. In many ways, Reed Enterprises is involved with the community. Mr. Reed stated, "The community is very important to us. We usually provide discount lunches to community events."

Craig Littlefield, manager of Schlotzsky's Deli in Plano, said, "It's nice to work here. Mr. and Dr. Reed are both wonderful people. They do a fine job with the franchise and with the community."

Mr. Reed said that he would like to grow from 7 to 10 Schlotzsky's Deli locations in the Collin County area. "As far as future plans, there are economic storms but I do want to grow. It depends on the economy. However, I will continue to enhance technology, train and develop people."

The Black Church

By Charyn D. Sutton
Excerpts From Pass It On:
Outreach to Minority
Communities

It is common for persons to talk about the black church as if it were one unified entity. In reality there are many different black churches that serve African-American communities. Generally the most influential churches in many black communities are Baptist, which are independent institutions affiliated with one or more of the major Baptist associations. However, black Methodists are also quite strong. The oldest independent African-American denomination is the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church, founded in 1787.

Another important constituent of the black church is Pentecostal.

These tend to be the smaller, storefront or movie-theater churches that are focused primarily on evangelism and spiritual service, rather than more "worldly" activities. While ministers of some of the larger Pentecostal churches do play a major role in their communities, they are less likely to become part of community-based networks that do not have a major religious thrust.

In some instances, well-known African-American ministers in a community belong to denominations that are overwhelmingly white—Episcopal, Lutheran, United Methodist, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic. Often these ministers are largely supported by the diocese rather than by income generated by their own churches and may minister to relatively small congregations.

These congregations tend to attract a higher percentage of educated, middle-class congregants than other churches that draw their membership primarily from minority communities.

In working with black church leadership, it is important to recognize that the involvement of ministers in secular activities is generally encouraged by the black community. Many powerful black politicians are also ministers. For example, during the 1980s, three African-Americans served as members of Congress while simultaneously maintaining positions as senior minister for congregations in Philadelphia, New York City and Washington, D.C.

Generally the most powerful and influential black churches can be

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Searching For Peace On Earth

By James W. Breedlove

In his 1963 Encyclical Pope John XXIII stated, "Peace on Earth-which man throughout the ages has so longed for and sought after-can never be established, never guaranteed, except by the diligent observance of the divinely established order." What is that divinely established order? God as ruler of the mind and the mind as ruler of the body. The world will never be at peace, till peace has found a home in the heart of each and every man, till every man preserves in himself the natural order ordained by God.

And yet, as we enter the season of Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward all Men, there is disunity among individuals and nations, which are in striking contrast to this perfect order of the universe. One begins to think that the relationships that bind men together can only be governed by brute force.

President Bush epitomizes this as he drives America at warp speed toward war. Last week America declared Iraq in "material breach" of UN Security Council Resolution 1441 because of "flagrant omissions" in that nation's 12,000- page declaration on weapons of mass destruction.

Over 50,000 troops are poised to deploy to the Persian Gulf region in early January along with planes, ships and other armaments.

And all this war preparation is going on while the United Nations inspectors have been in operation only one month. During this time no evidence of weapons of mass destruction have been detected.

Chief weapons inspector Hams Blix has asked for intel-

ligence assistance to help determine whether Iraq's declaration submitted two weeks ago is truthful. "We can send in the inspectors if we had clues from the intelligence data of the United States and other countries on where the Iraqis are storing weapons."

The quest for peace is an immense task for those who would be world leaders. And if leaders are to achieve peace they must take on the task of establishing new relationships in human society. Relationships under the guidance of truth, justice, charity and freedom-between individual citizens, between citizens and their respective States, between States, and finally between States and the world community.

Hotheadedness has never been constructive; it has always been a destroyer. It has inflamed human passions, but never assuaged them. It only sows seeds of hatred and destruction. Far from bringing about the reconciliation of contending parties, it reduces men and political parties to the necessity of laboriously redoing the work of the past, building on the ruins that disharmony and fear have left in its wake. Just look at the history of Israel and Palestine.

And yet, we often find the law of fear reigning supreme among nations and causing them to spend enormous sums on armaments. Fear is nourished each day by the words and actions of leaders not aligned or obedient to the natural order of God's universe.

We know from experience, men differ widely in knowledge, virtue, intelligence and wealth. That is not a valid argument in favor of a system whereby those in a position of

superior power impose their will arbitrarily on others. On the contrary, such men have a greater responsibility to help others to reach perfection by their mutual efforts.

Universal peace cannot be achieved through force. It must be set up with the consent of all nations. If its work is to be effective, it must operate with fairness, impartiality, and with dedication to the common good of all people. The forcible imposition by the more powerful nations of a universal authority inevitably arouses fears of its being used as an instrument to serve the interests of the few or to uphold the desires of a single nation. This undermines the effectiveness of the force approach. Even though nations may differ widely in material progress and military strength, they are keenly sensitive to political subordination and intrusion into their way of life.

While a ruling authority is indispensable to peace in a civil society, such authority cannot be misdirected against God's moral order. It could not continue to exist, being deprived of its reason for being. God Himself warns us of this, "Hear, therefore, ye kings, and understand. Give ear, you that rule the people, and that please yourselves in multitudes of nations. For power is given you by the Lord, and strength by the Most High, who will examine your works, and search out your thoughts."

Hear and heed these words President Bush. . Nothing is lost by peace; everything may be lost by war.

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Fine Arts Comes to Richardson

The recent opening of the Forrest and Virginia Green Mezzanine Gallery at the Eisemann Center in Richardson has brought the world of fine arts to the far north Dallas corridor, and given opportunity to local artists to display their work.

Jane Greer, Chair of Richardson's Friends of the Arts, said the Richardson community is growing in the arts, and display space is a necessity.

The mezzanine gallery is now hosting its second show since opening, with featured reproductions of 17 pieces by

Thomas Kinkade. The exhibit will run until January 7.

The gallery also played host to work by 13 artists from the annual Cottonwood Arts Festival, in a pre-festival showing.

Officials at the Eisemann Center are planning to highlight a different artist each month and give each artist ample scheduling and publicity, in hopes of generating interest throughout the region.

The mezzanine boasts approximately 4,950 square feet of exhibit space, on the west side

of the center's Hill Performance Hall. It is named for Richardson donors Forrest Green and his late wife, Virginia. According to Managing Director, Bruce MacPherson, the Green's liked the idea of having an area for fine arts to be displayed in the building where symphonies, ballet companies, theater troupes and choirs now perform.

The gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, and during all events.

Major Expansions to Undergo for Presbyterian Hospitals of Allen And Plano

Texas Health Resources recently announced that Presbyterian Hospitals of Allen and Plano will undergo major expansions during the next few years as part of a 10-year, \$1.5 billion project, representing the largest investment in its hospital buildings and equipment since it was founded by the merger of Harris Methodist, Arlington Memorial, and Presbyterian hospitals in 1997.

The population boom in Allen and the surrounding area has meant that the Presbyterian Hospital of Allen is ready for more facilities, even though it only opened in December 2000.

The hospital is invariably operating at full capacity, and is in need of the expansion that will add 28 new patient beds and enhanced diagnostic services.

Construction on the Allen expansion will begin in early 2004, with completion expected in early 2005. Expansion will include the opening of a much-needed intensive care unit, as intensive care patients have been sent to other hospitals.

Expansion plans for the Plano facility include increasing parking spaces, upgrades in its radiology equipment, and a much larger emergency room. Phil Wentworth, President of

Presbyterian Hospital of Plano, said Wentworth said hospitals nationwide are seeing more people use emergency rooms for their primary care services, resulting in crowded buildings. The expansion will upgrade the hospital emergency unit from 10,400 to 37,600 square feet.

THR plans to raise the \$1.5 billion for its projects through operations, bond financing and philanthropy. Wentworth said he doesn't expect the slow economy to prevent THR from being able to sell its bonds and secure other financing to fulfill the plan.

Garland City Program Links American Local Government with Counterparts in Developing Countries

Garland City Manager, Jeff Muzzy, and fellow city workers recently visited Indore, India, as part of the International Resource City Program, a program linking American local government professionals with their counterparts in developing countries and countries in transition.

Assistant City Manager Marsha Meeks and Pat Fowler, Managing Director of Health and Environmental Services accompanied Muzzy on the trip.

Muzzy said that this initiative is a partnership allowing cities and countries to learn from each other. The United States Agency for International Development paid the direct

costs. The agency administers the program with the International City/County Management Association. Muzzy said the visit to Indore helped establish a preliminary work plan for the 18-month program. The plan between the two cities is expected to be formalized in Garland early in the year.

Although financial management, energy efficiency, solid waste management and resident participation are four areas of focus in the draft plan. Fowler said there will probably be the opportunity to learn things from each other in other areas. He added that the Indore officials have dealt with communicable

diseases that most American public health professionals have never encountered.

Meeks was impressed with plans that the Indore government officials have to bring automation of many services to the city, and noted that they are also planning a cost of service, consumption based approach to billing for public services.

Muzzy was the first American city manager to participate in an Indian exchange program through the International City/County Management Association. In 1999 he and the chief engineer of the Bhavnagar Municipal Corporation exchanged visits.

TEXAS NATIVE ANDREA GARDINER TO COMPETE IN THE 2003 STATE FARM U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS



See Texas skater Andrea Gardiner compete at the 2003 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships

Dallas, Texas—Texas skater Andrea Gardiner has been working hard to perfect her triple-triple combo and is looking forward to competing in the

2003 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships, which will be held in Dallas at the American Airlines Center, Sunday, January 12 through January 19, 2003.

Ms. Andrea Gardiner is the first African American to win a gold medal in the junior division at the 1997 National Championships and has no intention of stopping there. Now 21, her ultimate goal is to be part of the United States World and Olympic Teams, and with hard work and dedication she believes that her dream can become a reality.

She began her skating career at the age of four, after seeing a Christmas ice show at the Galleria in Houston. Soon after the Christmas show, Andrea's mom enrolled her in skating lessons. By the age of seven, she was enrolled in private skating lessons and had turned her skating career competitive. Preparing to compete is not easy

work and requires Ms. Gardiner to train for more than five hours a day, every day of the week.

In addition to a minimum of three hours of practice on the ice, she spends several more hours training off the ice. Ms. Gardiner offers this great advice to young aspiring skaters, "You must work very hard, and when it gets tough do not quit, just keep going."

As an aspiring competitor, Ms. Gardiner looked up to skaters Brian Boitano, Kristi Yamaguchi and Kurt Browning. She admires them because they are great, consistent performers on the ice. Andrea Gardiner says her role model has always been her mother. "She is a very strong person and has stuck with me throughout everything including the countless practices and the long drives to and from practice."

Ms. Gardiner still remembers the first Nationals competition she attended, and how very excited she was to see the competition in person. She encourages all young aspiring skaters living in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and throughout Texas to attend the 2003 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships. "It is a great opportunity that the Championships will be local and you will get to see a competition live and in person, you get a different look of what actually goes on rather than watching it televised."

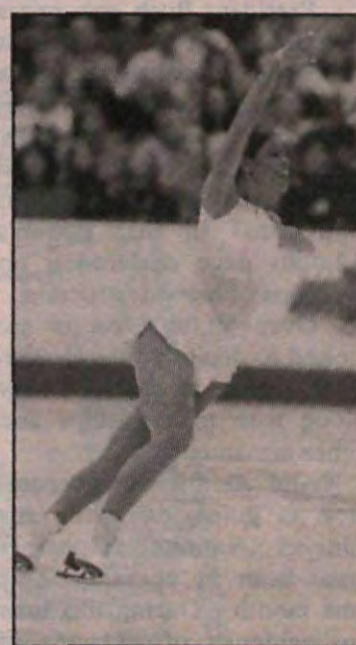
Fans can watch Andrea Gardiner perform in the Women's long and short programs at the 2003 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held annually since 1914, is the nation's most prestigious figure skating event. The competition crowns a total of 12 "National Champions" in ladies' and men's singles, pairs and ice

dancing in each of the Championship, Junior and Novice divisions. Tickets ranging in price from \$20 to \$85 and are available at the American Airlines Center box office, all Ticketmaster locations, by phone (214) 373-8000 and

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Get Street Smart in Mesquite

The City of Mesquite has a program to help you fix cracked or broken sidewalks at half of your normal cost. Mesquite City Code places responsibility for the maintenance and repair of curbs, gutters, driveway approaches and sidewalks on the property owners. To help residents make these repairs, the city has a 50/50 program. The city crews provide concrete replacement work, and the resident is required to pay only one half of the total cost of repairs.

Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Full payment of a resident's share is required before work can begin. For more information contact Street Services at 972.216.6282.

Mesquite Expands, and so does the Freeway

Construction on the first

phase of the LBJ Project gets underway this month in Mesquite. This first phase will be constructed over two years with consideration given to holiday shopping seasons.

The LBJ Project - Mesquite Section will introduce a new access point into the Town East Blvd. Intersection to provide better traffic flow to Town East Mall and to new retail areas west of LBJ. First will be the reconstruction of the Towne Centre Bridge, which will be expanded from four to six lanes, and will add a U-turn lane to allow travel from the southbound service road to the northbound service road without going through the intersection. Towne Centre Drive will be widened with additional turn lanes at the North Mesquite Drive intersection to alleviate

congestion. A new exit ramp from southbound LBJ to Towne Centre Drive and a new entrance ramp to northbound LBJ are also planned. This will allow shoppers easier access to the mall from Towne Centre, and is projected to relieve the congestion on Town East Blvd.

All of the construction at Towne Centre and LBJ is scheduled for completion by November 2004. Future phases of the Mesquite section will make improvements to the Town East Blvd intersection, reconstruct the entrance and exit ramps serving this intersection and provide new access points to northbound LBJ. The Texas Department of Transportation anticipates this construction to begin in 2005.

Mt. Olive Church of Plano's 10-Year Anniversary

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on the list was S. Craig Lindner, CEO and president of Great American Financial Group Inc. His increase was only 42.8 percent, but he owned 35,169,868 shares of stock!

I don't think there is a threshold upon which these greedy executives will say, "That's it. I have enough." And if there is a threshold, and they finally reach it, then their quest for more salary becomes a quest for more power. Old Ben Franklin is said to have been very afraid of this lethal mix of money and power, when he lamented, "There are two passions which have a powerful influence on the affairs of men. These are...love of power and love of money... When united...they have the most violent effects." And, we all know what Lord Acton said about power corrupting and absolute power corrupting absolutely.

We are living in an era of unprecedented avarice and disregard for those who have not. When we see CEO's stealing billions of dollars from publicly held companies and buying \$8,000 shower curtains and the

like, we should all realize that we are in deep trouble, especially when those who commit the thievery get nothing more than a wink and a nod. We should realize as a collective that we are living in a corrupt society and we should-no, we **MUST** concentrate more on our future economic foundation by working together to build a legacy that we can leave for our children and grandchildren. On an individual level, I hope and pray that we reconsider our economic position and make sure that we are storing up our treasures somewhere other than on this earth, because just like the man in the book of Luke, we will soon be separated from our stuff.

I am not accusing all executives of being greedy and power-hungry. Many of them are doing wonderful things for many people, and they are building up their asset base to pass on to their children. However, there are those who are so greedy and who have such a low regard for their fellow man that they would steal, lie and cheat to gain material possessions. And then they lavish themselves with the trappings from their ill-gotten gains. Our country is steadily

becoming more and more divided, not only by race but also by class. We are swiftly moving to two levels of participation in this society: Those who have it all and those who have nothing. But to you who have it all, you had better give some serious thought to what you are doing with all the riches you are accumulating. As God told the man who said he would build more barns in which to keep all his stuff, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

How much money do you need anyway?

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HipHop from Page 1

Civil Rights Movement for what it stood for, I'm simply saying that it was useful in some ways and in some ways it wasn't—it's played out now."

But Esther Iverem, cultural critic, author and editor of SeeingBlack.com, disagrees.

"The Black social movements of the past were rooted in grassroots organizations and while hip hop in its infancy may have had the potential to speak to racism of the times, now it's become an entertainment venue," Iverem says.

Rev. Otis Moss Jr., pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., sees an element of truth in both positions.

"I agree that hip hop is most definitely a cultural movement but I don't think it's as prophetic as the Civil Rights Movement is," says Moss, 32, a Morehouse College graduate who considers himself a part of the Hip hop generation.

He does see a gulf, however.

"The problem that I see is that my elders and those associated with the Civil Rights Movement have no problem supporting missions, but the younger generation doesn't," Moss explains. "We've [young people] got to learn how to be critical of class and color issues, we can't be afraid to speak out about certain things."

Kevin Powell, a political activist and former Vibe magazine writer and editor, sees a clear connection between the Civil Rights Era and the hip hop culture.

"As you know, it was the poor who created hip hop in the first place and it was the poor that Dr. King was trying to organize in a sincere way with his poor people's campaign near the end of his life," Powell says. "So in a sense, the Civil Rights Movement literally spun into the hip hop movement."

And while Powell agrees that the Civil Rights Movement is meaningless to most young people, he doesn't see hip hop as a social or political movement yet.

"Because hip hop is a music, a culture, an art form, it has not been able to transform

all that material and commercial influence into my generation going to the polls, participating in civic or community-based organizations or taking a keen interest in the issues of the day," he says.

Boyd feels that the older and younger generations can learn something by coming together.

"We need to sit down as a community and discuss the good things about the Civil Rights Movement and those things that are bad and discard them," he says.

To Iverem, it's not that simple.

"There is no comparison between hip hop and the Civil Rights Movement," she says. "Hip hop hasn't gotten anyone any rights and I think that by writing this, the author is trying to force a generational divide rather than figure out a way to close that gap."

There is evidence of a generational divide. For example, when the movie "Barbershop" was released in theaters recently, many civil rights leaders were critical of comments made by the character Eddie about Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. and presidential-candidate-in-waiting Al Sharpton threatened a boycott. But many among the younger generation saw this movie for what it was—a comedy—not an assault on civil rights icons. The producers apologized but made no changes.

Hip-hop did not begin in controversy. Rather, it started in 1979 as rap music by Afrika Bambaataa and Grandmaster Flash deejaying at parties in the early 1970s. They would play the beats from popular rock, soul and disco records. And at first words were spoken over the beats to get the dancers hyped, then rhyming slowly emerged. Thus began the ascension to hip-hop from rap music.

According to the Recording Industry Association of America's survey of 2001 sales, rap and hip-hop accounted for 11.4 percent of all U.S. music releases, the second-highest percentage in a decade. It trailed only rock with 24.2 percent and pop with 12.1 percent.

But this year, with Eminem

owning the top of the charts with his latest CD release and a movie soundtrack, it would seem that hip-hop and rap would be more popular than ever. But sales in this category were down 26 percent last year and the first quarter of 2002.

Boyd is no stranger to controversy, as evidenced by his previous books: "Am I Black Enough for You?: Popular Culture from the Hood and Beyond" (Indiana University Press, 1997), "Out of Bounds: Sports, Media and the Politics of Identity," (Indiana University Press 1997), and "Basketball Jones: America Above the Rim" (New York University Press, 2000). Hip-hop as a theme runs throughout each book.

But this effort has created a firestorm, generating debate on radio talk shows and commentary in newspapers and magazines.

"I hope that this book will start some dialogue with the younger African American generation and the older one," he says. "I hope that people will begin talking about ways to bridge the gaps between the two."

Iverem says Boyd's latest work has had the opposite impact.

"We don't even control the so-called hip hop movement now—it's controlled by Whites. So does that mean that our movement is being led by them?" she asks. "I don't see Hip hop sparking a movement, but I rather see one coming out of the spoken word group, there is more potential there to spark a social movement."

And that is just what Boyd hopes will happen.

"We aren't in the 60s or 70s any more; we aren't even in the 90s anymore—just like when people wanted to air dirty laundry about Dr. King and his human nature. You can't create these God-like qualities. You can't shy away from something just because it isn't pristine," Boyd says. "I'm not with this you can't say anything, sentiment, you should be able to say what you want, just so long as you can defend it. And I think that I've done that with this book."

Car Review

2003 Ford Expedition



The all-new 2003 Expedition looks to be a class leader in the large SUV segment, with improvements all around, with nearly everything underneath being new. A double-wishbone independent rear suspension system, a rack and pinion steering configuration, and an all-new frame give the Expedition much improved handling dynamics, and little intrusion into the cabin, even over potholes and road hazards. AdvanceTrac stability and traction control system, Control Blade four-wheel-drive system and an increased width of 1.7 inches all combine to distribute power where it's needed and

keep the vehicle shiny side up.

The Expedition looks bigger and bolder, and has the egg-crate grille and raised hood. Inside, a redesigned center console and larger door pockets provide increased storage.

The Expedition remains the only full-size SUV to offer power adjustable pedals to help drivers of all sizes maintain comfort and safety. The second and third-row seats fold flat, with a 40/20/40 split in the second row, and 60/40 in the third. A CD-based navigation system is a new option for 2003, with the screen placed high in the dash for easy viewing. The base model XLT Value comes with a CD player, a/c, and a flip up rear hatch window. The Popular package adds running boards, rear-seat climate controls and auto-dimming mirrors. Premium adds

power seats in leather and a floor console, and the Eddie Bauer package has automatic climate control, reverse sensing system and an in-dash six-disc CD Changer.

The Expedition's standard 4.6 liter V8 makes 232 horsepower and 291lb/ft of torque, with the 5.4 liter mill giving an impressive 260 horsepower and 350lb/ft of torque. Refinements for 2003 produce smooth and quiet engines. A heavy-duty rear differential gives the Expedition a maximum tow rating of 8,900



pounds, the highest in its class.

The Expedition received double five-star ratings in front crash tests last year, and the same is expected this year. All Expeditions come standard with four-wheel ABS equipped disc brakes, enhanced with Electronic Brake Assist and Brakeforce Distribution. The optional Safety Canopy side-curtain airbag system provides side and head-impact protection for first and second row passengers. The Expedition also provides seatbelt pre-tensioners and seat-track sensors that match airbag deployment to driver size and crash severity.

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The Black Church from Page 4

identified by three major criteria:

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Often an individual African-American minister will gain considerable name recognition, particularly in the broader community, even though he or she has a relatively small congregation. While these individuals can be quite helpful, the most resources generally come from ministers who can speak for congregations with hundreds or even thousands of members and whose networks touch other major institutions, such as city, county and school district boards.



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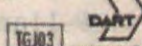
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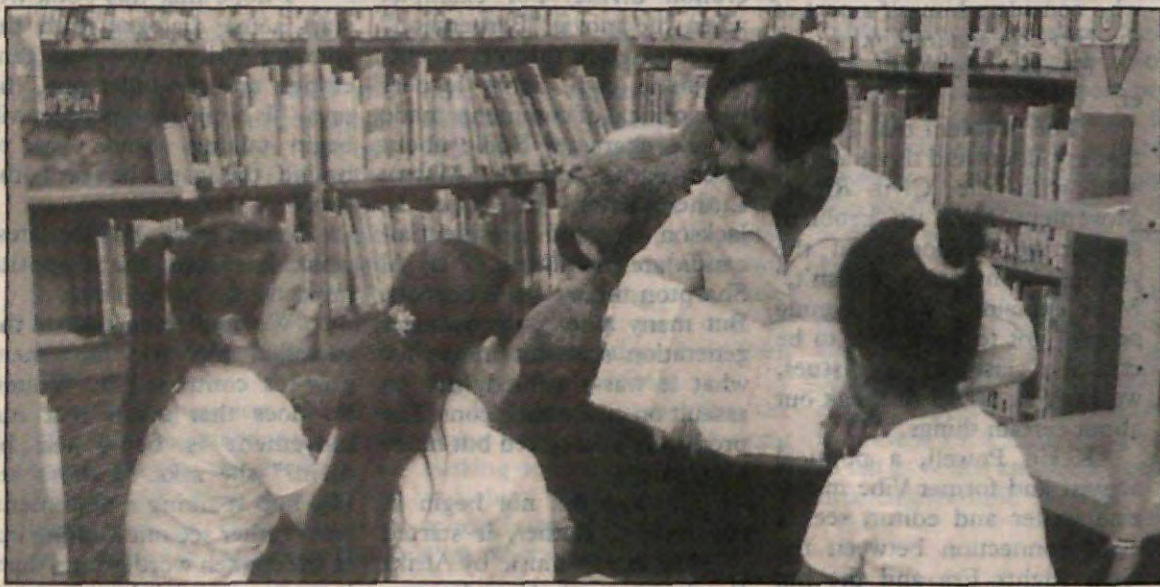
BILLY DEE WILLIAMS grew up in Harlem in a family that encouraged artistic expression in all forms - so it's no surprise that in addition to being a gorgeous leading man and superstar, Billy Dee is also a serious actor, writer and painter. He made his debut on Broadway at the age of 7 and then attended the High School of Music and Art, and was awarded the prestigious Hallgarten Award Scholarship to attend the National Academy of Fine Arts and Design. In those years painting was his first love and he turned to acting over the protests of his art

teachers, to earn money to buy paints and canvas. But he quickly distinguished himself in the performing arts, and today he has appeared in more than 100 films, including Star Wars epics, Lady Sings the Blues, Mahogany, Nighthawks, Batman and many more. He performed on Broadway in Fences, and as Martin Luther King in I Had a Dream. He was nominated for an Emmy for the television film Brian's Song. He recently starred in the comedy Undercover Brother, and his latest project is the film "Zen," made in China. Painting has been Billy

Dee's lifelong passion. He incorporates ideas from music, philosophy, history and psychology in his work, which is usually done in acrylic on canvas. He's had many gallery exhibitions and recognition across the country. His works are included in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC, the Schomburg Center for Research and Black Culture in New York, the African American Museum in New Orleans, and the Museum of Jazz in Kansas City. His paintings are also found in prestigious private collections. Billy

Dee joined B. in the garden of the Kent Hotel in Miami, to chat and later to take a Salsa Lesson from Maykel Almuina and his dancing partner Diana Pineiro. Maykel is a professional dance instructor from The Salsa Lovers Dance Studio in Miami. With its strong Latin beat, Salsa is enormously popular in the area, and the dance studio enrolls 100 new students a week. Since 1994, when the Studio was founded, more than 42,000 would-be dancers have learned the Salsa there. To find out more, visit www.salsalovers.com on the web.

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas Share the Joy of Reading with Local First Graders



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Dobie is one of nine elementary schools in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area that will receive books and equipment through this initiative. During a special presentation in the school library, first-graders thanked Coca-Cola and Richardson Kiwanis Club volunteers for their generous donation. Employees of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas, and Kiwanis' volunteers took the time after the presentation to read some of the new books to the students.

The Richardson Central Kiwanis Club has been involved in the local RIF programs for the past ten years. The club provides academic enrichment, including reading, and tutoring sessions to area schools.

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Arts & Entertainment

2003 State Farm US Figure Skating Championships to be held in Dallas



2003 State Farm U.S. Championships Get Underway This Month in Dallas

The 2003 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships will get underway in Dallas, Texas, this month with the event scheduled for January 12-19. The eight-day event will attract 250 competitors from across the U.S. and contribute a significant economic impact to the Dallas area. The American Airlines Center will serve as the primary competition venue. Novice and junior competitions will be conducted at Reunion Arena, and Dr. Pepper StarCenter in Duncanville will serve as a practice venue.

The U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held annually since 1914, is the nation's most prestigious figure skating event. The competition crowns a total of 12 "national champions" in ladies and men's singles, pairs and ice dancing in each of the championship, junior and

novice divisions. In addition, the U.S. Championships serve to select the members of 2003 U.S. World Team, 2003 U.S. World Junior Team and the athletes who will compete at the 2003 Four Continents Championships.

The championship ladies competition will feature an impressive lineup of stars including six-time U.S. ladies champion Michelle Kwan, 2002 Olympic champion Sarah Hughes and two-time U.S. silver medalist Sasha Cohen. Kwan will be participating in her 11th U.S. Championships and is looking to continue her current five-year winning streak. Hughes, who has become one of the most well-known sporting figures since claiming Olympic gold in February, will be competing in her sixth U.S. Championships and is looking to claim her first U.S. title to go with her three previous U.S. medals. Cohen, who placed

fourth in the Olympics, is a two-time U.S. silver medalist and has been a force on the international competition circuit this season. Cohen is also looking to claim her first U.S. title.

The championship men's competition is highlighted by 2001 U.S. champion and current Olympic bronze medalist Timothy Goebel as well as two-time U.S. champion Michael Weiss. Goebel is looking to recapture the U.S. title after a successful season that included his medal performance in Salt Lake City and a silver medal at the 2002 World Championships to end the season. Weiss also is hoping to return to the top of the podium after winning his last U.S. title in 2000. Weiss, who placed seventh at the Olympics, is a two-time World bronze medalist.

Athletes qualified for the 2003 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships through regional and sectional

qualifying competitions that were conducted in October and November.

Tickets range in price from \$20 to \$85 and are available at the American Airlines Center box office, all Ticketmaster locations, by phone (214) 373-8000 and (972) 647-5700, and online at www.ticketmaster.com.



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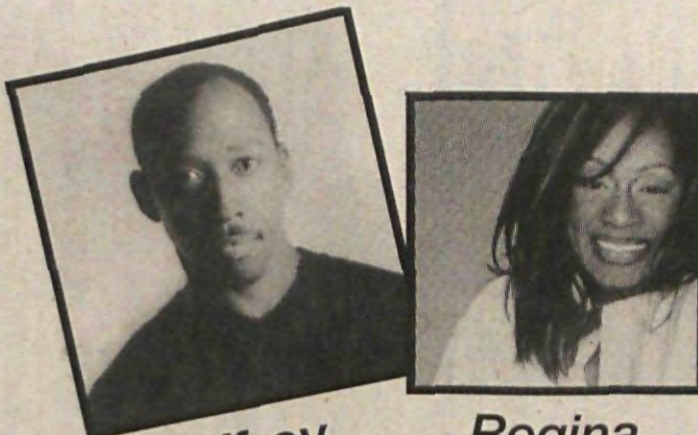
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25th Hour
Monty Brogan (Edward Norton) has been dealing drugs since his prep-school days, but now his past crimes have caught up with him. After being busted by the DEA, Brogan gets a seven-year jail term. 25th Hour tells the story of his last night of freedom, a fleeting period of time during which he catches up with his two best friends, an investment banker (Barry Pepper) and a teacher (Philip Seymour Hoffman), at a nightclub. His girlfriend (Rosario Dawson) wants to spend time with him too, but he begins to wonder whether she was the one who turned him in. Brian Cox plays Brogan's father, a recovering alcoholic who still has faith in his only son's future.
Starring Edward Norton, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Barry Pepper, Rosario Dawson, Anna Paquin, Brian Cox

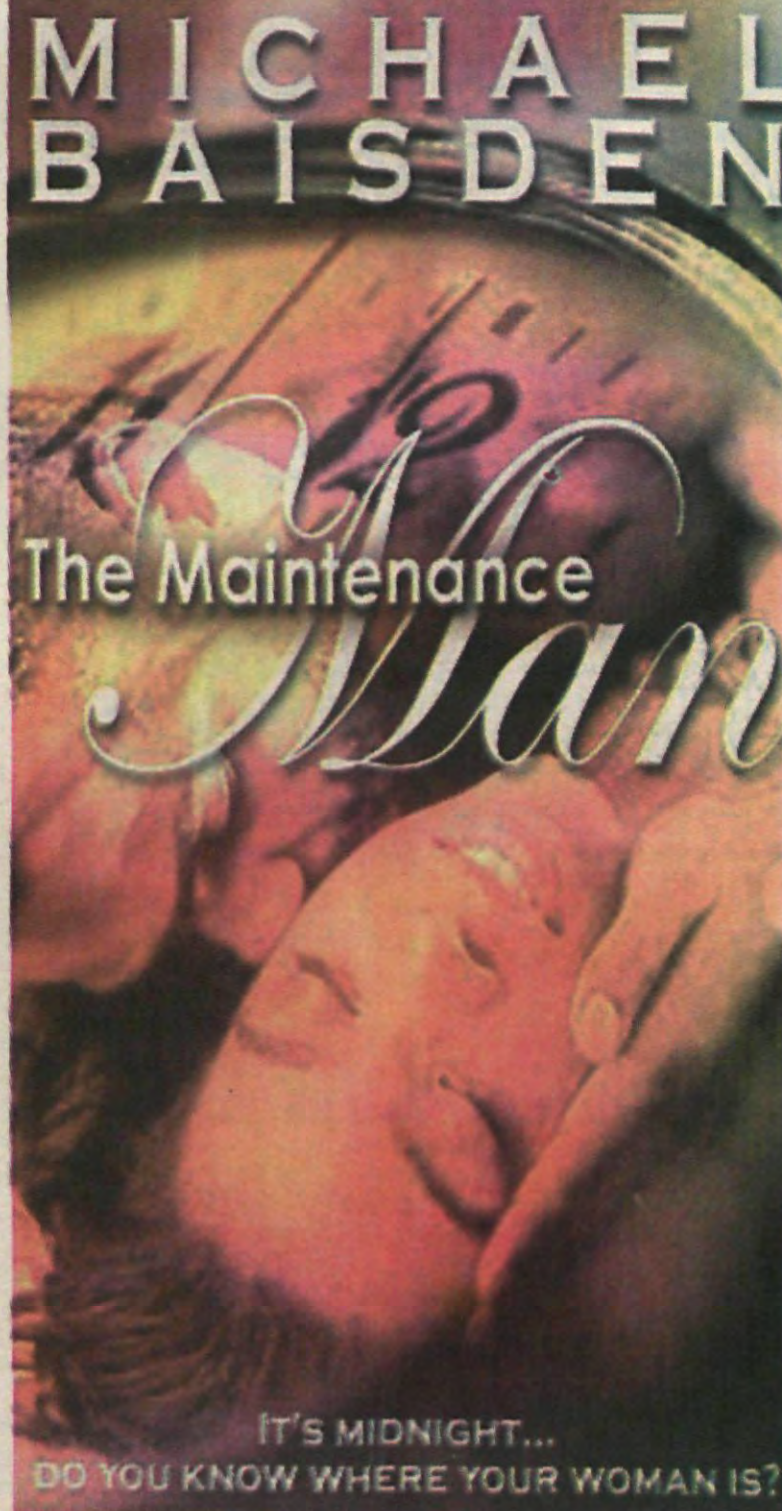
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Sister Tarpley

Greetings to All:

I come to you in humble submission to our Lord and Savior as the new Religious Editor for MON-The Gazette, a Weekly Newspaper.

I am Shirley Demus Tarpley, born and raised in the Dallas metropolitan area, and a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Prairie View A & M University in Prairie View, Texas, and I have a Master's Certificate in Mediation from Southern Methodist University.

In 1996, I retired as a teacher from the Carrollton-Farmers Branch I.S.D. I taught in Dallas and completed my teaching career in Carrollton, Texas where I presently live.

In my church, Love Chapel COGIC in Dallas, I have served as the Sunday School Superintendent, Adult Sunday School Teacher, and the Church Activities and Events Announcer. Presently, I am the Personal Executive Secretary to the pastor, Elder Philip White.

As Religious Editor of MON-The Gazette, I want to personally become acquainted with the leaders, staff, and members of your church. Your weekly activities will also be important, because I want to inform our readers of what is going on in

your church and how our community and individuals can attend your public activities and benefit from them.

Future columns will include information I see and learn of when I attend some of your church services and events, especially when you call, fax, or email me with this information. In short, this column will be about you and your church services, the events and activities in your church. I believe our readers and community want to know about your church's functions.

From time to time, I will feature heartwarming and faith-building stories that I may read about or pick up from other sources, in addition to any legislation that I believe will affect the religious community.

Please forward to the contact person for your church's events, announcements and functions. Please contact me by phone, fax, or email me your name and information about your church, including a phone or fax number, an email address, hours of services, your pastor's name, etc.

I want to get to know you and the individual that is responsible for activities of your church. I am ready to tell your stories and get your information to our readers and in the community.

You are Special!

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

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church- Church Happenings

Sunday, January 12

Mt. Hebron will celebrate Hat Day -8:00 a.m. and the 11:30 services. Everyone is welcome to come out and learn about the origins of several hats and see what the Bible says about the covering of the head.

January 15-February 26

Mt. Hebron will continue with weekly tutoring, but will be preparing students specifically in grades 3 for the TAKS test each Wednesday from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The test is March 4th. This is free and open to the public. Tutoring is conducted in all subject areas but tutors are specialized in Chemistry, Algebra, Algebra 1, English, Writing, and Reading.

January 25

The Men's Ministry Council will host their monthly Men's fellowship Breakfast at 7:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Pastor Leonard O. Leach from Mesquite, TX.

This event is free and open to all men in the community.

February 7

The Men's Ministry, along with the Parenting Ministry will sponsor a Father/Daughter Sweetheart Ball at the Alexander Mansion, 333 West Ave. D from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. If you are a father, uncle, grandfather, brother, or a male mentor and would like to attend this event, this is the place for you. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

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For more information, contact Minister Daniel Shaw at 972-291-0449 or email lakeith7510@yahoo.com

Shiloh Baptist Church
Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr.
1310 Ave. I
Plano, TX 75074

ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 12: Free Financial Seminar- Open to the Public!

Session 1- 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.- Credit Inquiry Services, Facilitator: Brenda Loyce Mason
Session 2- 6:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m.- Executive Tax Preparation, Facilitator: Jay Haney

For more information call 972-542-6178.

St. Mark Baptist Church
Pastor Charles S. Wattley
1308 Wilcox St.
McKinney, TX 75069

A Night of Laughter Helps Families in Need

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith recently held a free comedy show, benefiting the children of One Church/One School, a ministry of the church. The Comedy Toy and Clothing Drive featured Comedian Dwight Scruggs, BET Comic View regular, and other local artists.

Scruggs kept the crowd rolling in laughter as he told hilarious jokes, and Genesis Mime Ministry captivated the audience with their profound expressive movements. Souls for Christ Choir brought a chill of holiday spirit in the air as they sang uplifting songs of joy.

"The night was a success", said Cheryl Scruggs, wife of Comedian Dwight Scruggs. "Families with kids of local schools attended the event, and Mrs. Scruggs was happy to announce that the event left them with more than enough toys. "This was a blessing that we were able to give to even more families in need", said Mrs. Scruggs.



Genesis Mime Ministry



Dwight Scruggs



Souls for Christ Choir

Please send your church announcements via email or fax to: (Please send in care of Church Directory)
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Leadership Meeting2nd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
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.....4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
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