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## On the Homefront:

In an effort to provide citizens with vital information in the event of an emergency, Collin County has created an emergency preparedness hotline. The number is 972.548.4114. You can also visit [www.co.collin.tx.us](http://www.co.collin.tx.us).

The City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Eggs Over Easy Egg Hunt, at 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., at Harrington Park, 401 West 16th Street. For children ages 2-7 years. Call 972.941.7250, or visit [www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org), for more information.

The Mesquite NAACP is hosting its 5th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on April 25, 2003 at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Mesquite. To sponsor the event and book a table, call Rodney Harmon at 972.288.0281.

Plano Repertory Theatre is accepting applications for its 2003-2004 Laith M. Radif Apprenticeship Program. This program provides young theatre professionals the opportunity to apply their academic training to the demands of a professionally staffed theater. Deadline for applications is Friday, April 4, 2003. Call 972.424.7285.

Volunteers are needed to advocate for residents in nursing and assisted living facilities throughout Collin County. No experience necessary. 36 hours of training is provided. Volunteers work 2-3 hours per week. Please contact Lisa at 1.800.272.3921, ext. 1172.

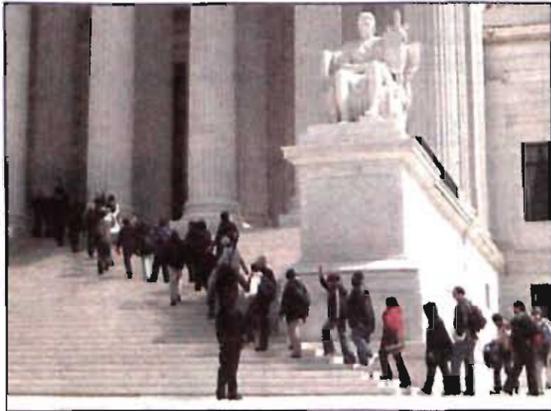
Samaritan Care Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to terminally ill patients. Call 972.690.6632 to register to the next training session.

Birthday Angels, a non-profit agency is seeking board members and volunteers. This agency provides birthday parties for children in shelters due to abuse, neglect and homelessness. They need people experienced in event planning, grant writing, fundraising, culinary design, donations, sponsorships, and memberships. Submit a letter of interest to: P. Barnes, P.O. Box 363, Frisco, Texas 75034, or email to: [happybirthdayangels@yahoo.com](mailto:happybirthdayangels@yahoo.com).

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## Affirmative Action Case Goes Before Court



People, some of whom have been waiting in line for many hours, walk up the front steps of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington to hear oral arguments, Tuesday, April 1, 2003 on affirmative action. Supreme Court justices, confronting affirmative action in higher education for the first time since outlawing quotas 25 years ago, debated Tuesday whether colleges and universities may legally consider race when admitting students. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

By ANNE GEARAN  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) -- Supreme Court justices, confronting affirmative action in higher education for the first time since outlawing quotas 25 years ago, debated Tuesday whether colleges and universities may legally consider race when admitting students.

Hearing oral arguments on admissions policies at the University of Michigan and its law school, the justices aggressively questioned lawyers for plaintiffs and the school. The Bush administration's top lawyer, also took part, arguing that the university's law school program "is a thinly disguised quota."

But Solicitor General Theodore Olson stopped short of declaring

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## The Texas Historical Commission Erected a Historical Marker March 31, 2003, To Commemorate The First Garland School.

This new marker commemorates the site of the first Garland ISD school built over 100 years ago. The first building was destroyed by fire, and the site has been home to 3 additional buildings since then.



Mr. Steve Knagg introduced Mr. Buddy Frazier and Dr. Michael Hayslip. Dr. Hayslip explained the importance of the site being used for educational purposes for over 100 years starting as a private school in 1846 and then evolving into the first Garland School in 1902, and now the site is home to the Districts Cooperative Behavioral Center.

With origins in the rural duck creek school, the first school in Garland opened soon after the community's establishment in 1887. Students and teachers met in temporary space until the first permanent building was erected three years later. Garland college, as the school was known, was a subscription school, charging tuition for its educational services.

In 1901, Garland voters elected to incorporate as an independent school district, which gave them authority to levy taxes for school improvements. The first classes began in September 1901 in the Garland College building with an enrollment of 130 students. Interscholastic football was introduced in 1906, and the first parent-teacher association formed in 1922. Facilities were

remodeled and expanded over the years as needed to accommodate a growing population.

Garland ISD opened its first school for african-american children in 1922-23. Carver School served students in grade one through eight; high school students had to travel to Dallas to complete their education. Integration of the schools began in 1964 and was completed by 1970.

As the Garland area became more urban, the neighboring rural schools consolidated with the Garland School District. In its first 100 years, public education in Garland grew from a six-room building with enrollment of 130 pupils in 1901 to more than 60 campuses with an enrollment of approximately 51,000 students.

## Talking to Your State Legislators Can Make a Difference in the Fight Against Cancer

By Lakeesha Joe

During this 78th Legislative session, which is scheduled to end in May, many of you may be wondering how you would talk to your state legislature about funding for different types of research.

Well, the American Cancer Society, who is always in need of funding for cancer research, list a few ways that you can affect public policy on cancer prevention, research, and funding.

The American Cancer

Society says that you can talk to you Legislators by sending a letter. Legislators and political appointees know that the public is the key to their understanding of important issues. Legislators and political appointees want and need to hear from the public on issues that they consider important.

The American Cancer Society says that you can also place a phone call when you need to get in touch with your lawmakers or write a letter to the Editor. Research has shown that letters to the editor are read more often

than editorials written by journalist. Also, letters to the editor are read often by community leaders and lawmakers to gauge public sentiment about current issues in the news.

The U.S. Government is the single largest agent supplying funds to cancer research, detection, and prevention programs in the country. Congress annually determines how much money will go to leading national cancer fighting agencies. Increasing competition for government

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## Smart Bombs and Dumb Children

By James Clingman

Whatever happened to George Bush's education mantra, "No child left behind?" Oh, I almost forgot. He has something much more interesting occupying his time right now. Maybe he'll get back to the children when his war is over. But maybe by then there won't be enough money left to assure that even one child gets ahead, let alone none of them being left behind.

Priorities come into question here. Do we prefer "smart bombs" rather than smart children? It looks as if George Bush does, considering his budget requests for the war in Iraq and its subsequent "clean-up" and "reconstruction."

Yet another "Gotcha" has

been played on the people by George and his merry men (and woman—that's right, I said woman, not women). I always wondered why old Dick Cheney left a \$36 million job for the job of vice president. Now I know. The Kellogg Brown & Root unit of Halliburton has pulled up to the national gas station and said, "Filler up, George," and he has accommodated. Cheney must be a soothsayer; he resigned from Halliburton just in time, didn't he? Yeah, just in time to make more "smart bombs" with which to decimate Iraq so Halliburton could waltz right in and make billions cleaning up the mess.

Meanwhile, leaving no child behind has faded into virtual oblivion, conjured up every now and then in our memory of a compassionate

conservative who, during his inaugural address, looked us in the eye and said, "America, at its best, is compassionate. In the quiet of America's conscience, we know that deep, persistent poverty is unworthy of our nation's promise. And whatever our views of its cause, we can agree that children at risk are not at fault."

Well, it may not be their fault, George, but they will certainly be the ones to pay for it.

Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, wrote an article last year titled, "Does President Bush Really Mean to Leave No Child Behind?" She noted, "The president has said that education is his highest

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## Black Americans in War - Many are Against

Many poor blacks joining US army as means of getting professional qualification help getting through university.

By Francis Temman (Washington) Michael Waters-Bey knew as soon as he opened his front door and saw three Marines officers in front of him that they were bringing bad news about his son in Iraq.

Kendall Waters-Bey, a 29-year-old staff sergeant in the Marines, was crew chief on a helicopter that crashed on the second day of the war in southern Iraq, killing all four Americans and eight British marines on board.

The father, carrying a picture of his son, appeared before television cameras at his family home in northeast Baltimore to express his bitterness.

"I want President Bush to get a good look at this, really good. This is the only son I

had, only son," said Waters-Bey.

"The US government owes me an explanation," he added in an outburst on the moves for the US invasion that shocked many Americans for the strength of the attack on President George W. Bush.

The dead man's sister, Michelle, said: "It's all for nothing, that war could have been prevented. Now, we're out of a brother. Bush is not out of a brother. We are."

Waters-Bey was expressing anger that many American Blacks feel about the war. While about 75 percent of white Americans support the war, according to a recent survey, 61 percent of blacks are against.

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# McKinney 2003 5 on 5 Flag Football Tournament

May 3rd and 4th, 2003

(Sponsored by McKinney Youth Organization and McKinney Track Attack)

**\$70.00 per Team**

Registration for the tournament begins February 1st through April 8th, 2003 for the following divisions: 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. You may register through:

**Larry Thomas**  
P.O. Box 2941  
McKinney, TX 75070  
(469) 667 - 9258

The tournament begins Saturday May 3rd at 9:00 a.m. and will continue through Sunday depending on the number of entries. The teams will consist of 7 players maximum and 1 volunteer captain or coach. The rules and regulations will be discussed at captain meeting on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Games will start at 9:30 a.m. The tournament is a fundraiser for McKinney Track Attack. The divisional winning team will receive a championship trophy.

## RULES:

- 80 yard field
- 4 downs to get to mid field and 4 downs to score
- No pass rushing
- Ball is turned over to other team on interception
- 5 men on field
- A fumble is a loss of down
- 5 men on field
- 2 games minimum
- All passing, No running!
- 2 - 20 minute halves with 5 minute halftime
- 2 time outs per game 2 time outs per game
- Clock stops at 2 minutes of second half
- 7 Yard Defense Rush is allowed
- All games are played with emphasis on fair play, honest, sportsmanship, and Christian/moral values.

## PLANO'S THORNTON HOUSE MUSEUM GAINS 501(c)(3) STATUS

### Historic Property Moves Closer to Relocation and Museum Establishment

The Thornton House Museum, slated to become the anchor for a planned multi-cultural museum complex near historic Downton Plano, has continued its momentum by attaining non-profit corporation status.

"Attaining this status is important to the Museum in that we are now in a better position to apply for grants and accept donations because of our tax-exempt status," said Mr. Ron Williams, CEO of the Thornton House Museum. "Additionally, the non-profit status lends credibility to our organization, as a rigorous review of our finances and activities by the IRS had to first take place."

One of Plano's oldest homes, the Thornton House, located on East 13th Street in Plano's historic Douglass Community, is slated to become the first phase of a community multi-cultural museum and experience.

Purchased by Mr. Williams to save it from the wrecking ball,

the home, constructed between 1896 - 1902, is slated for relocation to DART-owned property near a cul-de-sac adjacent the DART Rail line on 12th Street. Negotiations are currently underway for property acquisition.

"The Thornton House Museum has attained a momentum and spirit of its own," Mr. Williams advised. "We have in place an established Board, committed citizens and donors, and an organization that, through tax-exempt status, will see the project become larger and more permanent than its founding members."

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## McKinney's Comprehensive Plan Goes Out to the Community

The City of McKinney will host a series of public meetings this month to receive input from residents for the Comprehensive Plan update.

At the community workshops, the consultants, HNTB, will present the Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives, a series of alternative city form scenarios, and proposed land use modules.

Alternative city form scenarios describe the general geographic form or shape of the city's development. While land use modules describe the

mix of land uses (such as residential or retail) in an area. It is the unique combination of the city form scenarios, land use modules, community goals and the technical data analysis that will shape the initial draft of the new Future Land Use Plan, which guides future development in McKinney.

Residents will be encouraged to offer their ideas and input on goals and objectives, alternative city form scenarios and proposed land use modules.

Residents may attend any or all of the following meetings:

- 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 7 at Old Settler's Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana
- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9 at Wolford Elementary School, 6951 Berkshire Road
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10 at Slaughter Elementary School, 2706 Wolford Avenue

Following the presentation, residents may offer their input, including likes, dislikes and expectations. This input can be given verbally or in writing. Input gathered from the April community workshops will be presented at the next joint City Council

and Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, scheduled for April 28. At that time, Councilmembers and Commissioners will give direction to HNTB staff, who will proceed to develop a draft preferred city form scenario.

On May 26, HNTB will present the draft preferred city form plan to Councilmembers and Commissioners for review and consensus. Additional information regarding the upcoming community workshops and the comprehensive plan project can be found at <http://compplan.mckinneytxas.org>.

## Around The Town

### On-going

The Arts Gallery at Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus, displays works by students and professionals. Visitors and new artists are welcome. For more information call: 972.881.5154. Open Mon-Fri 8a.m.-9p.m., Sat 10a.m.-2p.m.

Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center (LBJ and Preston Rd) - interactive activities including a hospital fantasyland underwritten by Presbyterian Healthcare, a miniature grocery store by Kroger Foods, a farm (where you can milk a cow!), a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit, complete with rain forest, and arts and crafts. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Children 2-10 years \$4/Adults \$3. Call 972.386.6555.

Young Adult Writers of Allen, a self-directed group for teens ages 13-18 who like to write and would like feedback on their writing from their peers in a relaxed environment. New writers always welcome. Contact Debbie Vavra at [dvavra@ci.allen.tx.us](mailto:dvavra@ci.allen.tx.us) or 972.727.0195. Meet Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Allen Library, 301 Century Parkway, Allen, Texas 75013.

Free tax assistance provided by AARP at the following times and locations: Mondays through April 14, at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Mondays through April 14 at Harrington, Schimelpfenig and

Haggard Libraries in Plano, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Tuesdays through April 14 at Parr Library in Plano, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bring last year's return and required paperwork (W-2 forms, 1099 forms, etc.). In Plano call 972.769.4200.

Join the Allen Seniors for monthly activities, including luncheons, table games, line dancing, business meetings and more. Contact the Allen Senior Center at 972.727.0155, or [mandelman@ci.allen.tx.us](mailto:mandelman@ci.allen.tx.us).

**Through April 6**  
Texas Area Artists exhibit "Pigment of the Imagination" in the Main Gallery. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Mondays until 9 p.m.), Saturdays 5:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. Call 972.216.8122, or 972.216.6444.

**Through April 30**  
Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary presents 'Here's Looking at You!' A new 2,000 square-foot award-winning interactive traveling exhibit sees nature through different eyes. Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission to exhibits and grounds: \$8 adults, \$5 children 3-12 and senior citizens. Admission to grounds only: \$5 adults, \$3 children 3-12 and senior citizens. Call: 972.562.5566, or visit [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org).

**Through May 24**  
Saturday art classes at the Dallas Children's Museum - Learn the art of Adinkra stamping, how symbols in African textiles were developed, how to make your own stamps and print them on various surfaces. Different topic each week. \$5.

Times are: 11a.m.-1 p.m.; 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m.; 4p.m.-6p.m. Call 972.386.6555.

**April 3 through 19**  
Wingspan Theatre Company, with the Bath House Cultural Center, presents 'Old Times', by Harold Pinter. Friends meet again after 20 years, and the action shifts back and forth in time. Intimations of a frightening past, a battle of the 'psyche and soul' reigns. At the Bath House Cultural Center, White Rock Lake, 521 E. Lawther Road. Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., matinees Saturday at 2 p.m. For ticket prices call 972.504.6218, or visit [www.home.atthi.com/~wingspanthco](http://www.home.atthi.com/~wingspanthco)

**April 4 through 19**  
The furry orphans of the SPCA of Texas will be at 'Primavera at the Galleria,' in hopes of getting a new family. The Dallas Galleria, LBJ at the Tollway, SPCA Pavilion, first level, south end. Monday - Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday noon-6 p.m. Call 214.651.9611, ext 143 or 118 for more information.

**April 4 through 27**  
Dallas Children's Theater presents 'Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day,' at El Centro College, Main and Market Streets, Downtown Dallas. Tickets: \$18/adults, \$15/children. Call 214.740.0051 for times and reservations.

**April 6**  
Book signing of 'A Parent's Guide to Dallas Fort Worth' by Kevin Shay, at Barnes & Noble, at 2 p.m. 801 W. 15th Street, Plano.  
The North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. proudly

present its first 'Emerging Artists Showcase & Exhibit', at Stephanie's Collection, 2546 Elm Street, Dallas, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Local artists will showcase their masterpieces in an eclectic and sophisticated atmosphere. No charge for the event. Artist's pieces will be available for purchase. For more information call 972.317.2251.

**April 6 to 12**  
This is National Library Week. Plano Public Library System is hosting the following programs:

April 8, 7:00 p.m. Friends' Day Author Lecture and Book Signing, with author and Collin County historian Joe Blevins. Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road.

April 9, noon. Brown bag lunch talk. 'Outings and Adventures in Dallas/Ft Worth With Children 1-6 & Beyond', by author Lynda Morley. Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Road

April 9, 7:00 p.m. Youth Poetry Contest Party. Poetry contest winners, grades 6 - 12

Davis Library, 7501 N. Independence.

April 10, 7:00 p.m. A Visit With "Mrs. Schimelpfenig." Dramatic interpretation about Plano history in cooperation with Heritage Farmstead Museum. Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Road.

April 12, 1:00 p.m. Children's Special Guest Storytime With Curious George

Co-sponsored by Plano Barnes and Noble Booksellers. Davis Library, 7501 N. Independence.

April 12, 2:00 p.m. Family Movie: "The Rookie." A family movie for all ages. Free popcorn & drinks. Parr Library, 6200

Windhaven Court.

**April 10**  
Plano Repertory Theatre presents "Cyrano," through May 4. Call 972.424.7285, or visit [info@planorep.org](http://info@planorep.org) for more information.

**April 11**  
Night Easter Egg Hunt for ages 9-12, at Evans Recreation Center, Hillcrest and Gross Road in Mesquite, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Bring a flashlight. There will be games and face painting before the hunt. Egg Hunt begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

**April 12**  
Spring and Holy Week in Seville - Daniel de Cordoba Bailes Espanoles presents "Primavera y Semana Santa en Sevilla." Easter extravaganza theatrical interpretation of ancient pagan and Christian customs, traditions, music, song and flamenco dance. Cordoba's vision is to bring the cultural experiences of Spain to Dallas. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Horchow Auditorium, Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood Street. \$15 adults/\$12 seniors/\$8 students and children.

Garland Crimestoppers present 'The Taste of Garland' at The Hella Temple in Garland, at 7:30 p.m. An annual fundraiser with sampling foods from local restaurants and specialty eating establishments. Silent and live auctions, door prizes. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. For tickets and more information contact Lt. Don Martin at 972-205-2130, or Cindy Hale at: 972-205-2012.

Girl's Day Out in Frisco, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hosted by Girl's Night Out - home-based women

entrepreneurs are invited to showcase their business and network at Plantation Golf Resort. Tables: \$25 (deadline April 5). Limited space. Call 214.387.8866, or email to [girlsnightouttx@yahoo.com](mailto:girlsnightouttx@yahoo.com). Event is open to the public.

Work at Home Job Fair, Radisson Hotel, Richardson, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet with over 50 companies that are seeking people who want to own their own home-based business. Christy Northrup will speak on 'There's No Place Like Working From Home'. Call 888.395.6661, or 972.422.2314.

**April 12 and 13**  
Annual Native Plant Sale at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary. Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Over 300 varieties of native Texas trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, woody lilies, cacti, perennials and wildflowers. Howard Garrett presents 'Edible Landscaping' at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and Mark Klym presents 'Designing a Natural Landscape' at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. One Nature Place, McKinney. 972.562.5566, [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org).

**May 1**  
Collin County Christian Prayer Breakfast with Albert C. Black, Jr. noted business person and civic leader. 7:00 a.m. at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. \$15 per person. For information and details on how to pay, call 214.757.7259.

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# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## Supreme Court Hears Michigan Affirmative Action Case

On April 1st, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments regarding the constitutionality of the University of Michigan's affirmative action admissions policies. This is one of the most important cases on affirmative action that has been considered in the last quarter-century. The stakes for American higher education could hardly be greater. University of Michigan has previously won lower court victories upholding its policies. These are the rulings now under review by the Supreme Court.

Thousands of demonstrators from across the country have traveled to Washington to show support for this case. The rally at the U.S. Supreme Court is designed to demonstrate that a wide range of Americans support affirmative action and to galvanize support to fight the far right wing's assault on affirmative action policies.

There are actually two cases before the Court. *Gratz v. Bollinger, et. al.* was filed on October 14, 1997 and *Grutter v. Bollinger, et. al.* was filed on December 3, 1997. The plaintiffs are challenging the University's affirmative action policy and take the position that the University's admissions practices unlawfully discriminate against them, because the University takes race and ethnicity into account as one factor among many other factors in its admission process.

The University's position is that the Constitution and civil rights statutes, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in the 1978 *Bakke* decision, permit it to take race and ethnicity into account in order to achieve the educational benefits of a diverse student body.

*Bakke* is the controlling law for these two challenges to the University of Michigan's admissions programs. In May 2002 the Sixth Circuit court of appeals applied the *Bakke* precedent in upholding the University of Michigan's Law School Admissions program. Similarly in December 2000 the district court upheld the University's current undergraduate admissions policy.

A victory at the Supreme Court will open up a new struggle for progress towards integration and equality not only in education but also throughout American society. A Supreme Court certification will present a better opportunity than has been available for generations to reconcile the unequal reality of our educational system with the high expectations that the overwhelming majority of Americans of all races feel in the prospect of integration and equality. But if the court finds for the plaintiffs the negative ramifications could be profound.

A defeat would outlaw any and all affirmative action measures in this society, without which there has never been and can never be any prospect of a level playing field. If positive integrationist measures are barred, *Brown v. Board of Education* will become just a set of legal hollow words.

The outcome of such a ruling would parallel those at selective schools in states with prior negative rulings such as Florida, Texas, and California where only token numbers of minority students now attend their higher education institutions.

At least 80 organizations have joined in to support the University of Michigan's admission policy. In addition, there have been a record-setting 66 friend-of-the-court briefs filed from

hundreds of leading businesses, members of Congress, states, labor unions, professional associations, two former defense secretaries, three former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the former superintendents of all three service academies.

The supposedly race neutral alternatives the court is being urged to embrace are the only permissible means of implementing affirmative action has many obvious defects. The best known among those proposals is automatically admitting the top 10 percent of each high school graduating class which would conflict with the objective of treating each applicant as an individual. It would also be useless above the college level and for colleges too small to admit even the top 1 percent of high school graduates nationally.

But the significance of these cases reaches far beyond America's ivory towers. Elite higher education is the primary preparation for access to influence and power is dispensed. If blacks and Hispanics are to achieve genuine equality in this society, they must be able to have access to these gateway institutions. Diversity also helps break down prejudices and stereotypes by showing students that every ethnic community includes a broad range of viewpoints and experiences and that perceived differences often turn out to be only skin deep.

The die is cast again. The Supreme Court has no fixed deadline for its decisions, but normally they are issued before the end of the current term, which this year concludes July 1, 2003.

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

## 'Writer to Writer' with Anyika McMillan-Herod

Arts & Letters Live, the popular literary series presented by the Dallas Museum of Art, in conjunction with the Friends of the Dallas Public Library, will present Writer-to-Writer with Anyika McMillan-Herod on Saturday, April 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the O'Hara Exhibit Hall on the 7th floor at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young. The FREE writing workshop is for young adults ages 13-18. Call (214) 670-1708 or (214) 922-1220 for advance registration and information.

Anyika McMillan-Herod holds a BFA in Theater from Prairie View A&M University. She also attended graduate school at the California Institute for the Arts in Valencia. Ms. McMillan-Herod has worked extensively in Dallas as an actress, writer, teacher, and director. She is co-founder and former Executive Director of Soul Rep Theatre Company, Dallas' first professional African-American theater company.

Her writing experience includes working as a journalist, playwright, and grant writer. As a journalist she has written for *The Dallas Examiner*, *Onyx*, and *Eclipse Magazines*. As a member of Soul Rep's Writing Consortium, she developed several plays for the company, including, *Slim*, *The Prophet*, *Shorts in Black*, *Drenched in Light: A Conversation with Zora*, and *The Freedmans*.

Through Soul Rep, the Dallas Public Library's Teen Wise Centers, the YWCA, and Junior Players, McMillan-Herod has conducted numerous writing workshops and seminars for young people. She often encourages youth to use creative writing and journaling as a positive tool of expression. She is the recipient of journalism honors awarded by Black Texas news organizations and a 1998 Yvonne Ewell Emerging Leader Award. KRLD 1080 and Guaranty Bank also recently recognized Mrs. McMillan-Herod for her contributions to the community. She is currently working on a novel, editing her grandmother's memoirs, and developing a play and book entitled, "Mary's Baby".

ABOUT ARTS & LETTERS LIVE  
Widely acknowledged as a major contribution to the city's cultural life, the series has been a sellout at the Museum since its inception in 1992. Audiences estimated at over 80,000 have attended more than 200 series programs, offered locally or on tour. Five broadcasts on public radio, three on the Internet, three books and four audio

publications have greatly extended the series' reach. To date, Arts & Letters Live has showcased some 250 regional, national and international writers, often in combination with performing or visual arts. The most innovative program - readings by Texas actors of short fiction by Texas writers called *Texas Bound* - plays to two packed houses a night in Dallas and tours widely. The series has been the subject of articles in the *New York Times*, *Southern Living* and other national sources.

For further information: call 214-922-1220 or 922-1219 or visit Arts & Letters Live at [www.dallasmuseumofart.org/artsandletterslive.htm](http://www.dallasmuseumofart.org/artsandletterslive.htm). Kay Cattarulla is founder and producer of Arts & Letters Live. Associate producer is Carolyn Bess. Lisa Taylor is marketing director, and assistant producers are Barbara Roseman and Paula Zeitman.

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## HealthCheck© 2003 Calendar

We're keeping you informed about health-related events happening in your area!

### Fairs

**April 5**  
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**April 17**  
Immunization Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Ava Stanczak.

**April 18**  
Sickle Cell Disease Association Annual Willis Johnson Golf Tour. Call 214.942.1262.

**April 24**  
Colon Cancer Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Robert Barnett.

**May 12**  
The MLK Family Clinic is holding a Health Fair in celebration of National Women's Health Week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**May 15**  
High Blood Pressure Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Robert Barnett.

**May 22**  
Osteoporosis Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Katrina Lee.

**May 29**  
Osteoporosis Seminar at Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest, Allen, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring guest presenter Dr. Phyllis Gee.

**Free Blood Pressure Screening**  
Each Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center, Medical City Dallas.

**Diabetes Support Group meets** at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Medical City Hospital, 7777 Forest Lane, Building A, 12th-floor classroom. Call 214.788.6175.

Diabetic Support Group meets at 1 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Maurice Barnett Geriatric Wellness Center, Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th St. Call 972.941.7335

### Walks/Runs

**April 4 and 5**  
American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at PC Cobb Stadium. Call 214.421.1680.

**April 5**  
2003 Bank One MS Walk in Plano - National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Start and finish at Plano West Senior High (corner of Parker and Willow Bend). Free parking in the West parking lot of the school, with volunteers guiding the traffic.

The route leads through Willow Bend and is open to walkers, roller-bladers, runners and pets. There are 2 routes, a 5k and a 5-mile option. Join us for music, free

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### Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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

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funds means the fight for cancer-related priorities must have some real weight on its side. Legislators often lose focus of health care and fail to increase budgets. If there is an increase, it is very small. In order to rid the United States of cancer, budget increases for cancer research needs to be huge. The American Cancer Society works to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Defense Department and other agencies which fund and support cancer research and detection programs for the nation.

You may be wondering if talking to state legislators will really make a difference in the fight against cancer and other diseases affecting the country, well it does. In 2002 congress was overwhelmed with thousands of requests asking them to protect cancer research. They heard and listened. In February 2003, the American Cancer Society volunteers worked together and sent a message to Congress to fully fund the fight against cancer. After all the efforts of the American Cancer Society, Congress decided to increase the funding for major cancer programs

such as the Institutes of Health, the National Cancer Institute, and the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. There was a billion dollar increase for cancer funding because the public decided that State Legislators needed to hear their voices.

According to Anne Harding, Director of Government Relations for the Dallas Metro American Cancer Society, the American Cancer Society has a very active grass roots campaign (individuals in the community who care about the issue, who have survived cancer, or have family members who have survived cancer) that is helpful in securing money for cancer research.

"It's incredible when you take volunteers into the office of a state legislator or congressman to ask for cancer research money," said Harding. A Congressman only cares if you give him a compelling reason to give money or when you put a face on an issue."

The American Cancer Society says that it challenges lawmakers and policymakers to adopt public policies that affect cancer outcomes and health care initiatives. Currently, the American Cancer Society is doing such things as seeking to protect medical records and pushing privacy laws, while respecting the need for data for

lifesaving research, encouraging drug advancements via established federal and state guidelines, and working to ensure any Medicare reform proposal meets the needs of people with cancer.

During this 78th legislative session, the American Cancer Society has two bills that they are hoping to have passed. The first bill is a \$1 increase on existing cigarette tax, which would generate 1.2 billion dollars for the state that could be designated to state programs related to cancer and would drop youth smoking. The second bill that they are hoping to have passed is that there be no securitization, which is the selling of future tobacco settlement dollars.

Also related to the fight against cancer is the smoke-free ordinances that have been passed throughout the state of Texas. Currently, 23 cities in Texas have strong clean indoor air ordinances. Passing smoke-free policy requires significant education and grassroots support and is best achieved at the local level, where tobacco industry influence is minimized.

The city of Dallas recently passed a smoke-free ordinance that prohibits smoking in all public workplaces, including restaurants, bars, nightclubs, and taverns. The new ordinance took effect on March 1.

food and drinks, 2-bounce houses, caricature artist, balloon giveaway, raffle, face painting, police cars, and fire trucks. For more information contact Marie Holte-214-373-1400.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Walk begins at 8:00 a.m. Register online at [www.mswalklonestar.org](http://www.mswalklonestar.org)

**April 11 and 12**  
Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society, beginning 6 p.m. on the 11th and finishing the morning of April 12, at Eastfield Community College, Mesquite. Walk or run, or just join us to raise money for cancer research and

awareness. This is not a race... just an opportunity for friends, family and co-workers to get together for the sake of honoring those who have had or currently have cancer. Wheelchairs are welcome too. Bring your tents, sleeping bags, food, and walking shoes. To organize or join a team, call Debbie Durden at 972-860-7180, or send an e-mail to [ddurden@dcedd.edu](mailto:ddurden@dcedd.edu). Don't delay, teams are filling up fast!

**April 25 and 26**  
Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. at the Plano Family YMCA. A fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs

of the American Cancer Society. Teams of about 10 will take turns walking or running laps. The Relay begins with the Survivor's Lap where all survivors are invited to join each other around the track. The event also includes a touching lighting of luminaries in memory or honor of a loved one; entertainment; food; community camaraderie and 12 hours of fun! Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated. Contact: Sherry Koven, event chair, [shkoven@atb.com](mailto:shkoven@atb.com), 972.625.8199

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Run Date	Topic	
March 20	Introduction to HealthCheck 2003/ Breast Cancer/ African American Breast Cancer Outreach Summit	✓
March 27	Diabetes	✓
April 3	Talk to Your State Legislature about Research (diseases such as cancer)	✓
April 10	Importance of Physical Fitness	
April 17	Kidney Disease	
April 24	Alternative Medicine	
May 1	March of Dimes (Preventative Healthcare for Pregnant Women)	
May 8	STD Awareness	
May 15	Asthma and Allergy Awareness	
May 22	Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention	
May 29	High Blood Pressure Education	
June 5	National Digestive Disorders Awareness (and Colon Cancer)/ Overview of Health as it relates to the body AND mind	

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### GET INVOLVED!...HEALTH EVENTS & HEALTH FAIRS GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY!

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Sickle Cell Disease Association Annual Willis Johnson Golf Tour. (April 18) - Info: 214-942-1262

### HEALTH TIPS YOU SHOULD KNOW?

#### IMMUNIZATIONS

Adults need immunizations (shots) to prevent serious diseases. The following are common shots that most people need:

Tetanus-diphtheria shot-Everyone needs this every 10 years.

Rubella (German measles) shot-If you are a woman who is considering pregnancy and you have not had a shot for German measles, you should talk to your provider.

Pneumococcal (pneumonia) shot-Everyone needs this one time at about age 65.

Influenza (flu) shots-Everyone over age 65 needs this every year. If you have lung, heart or kidney disease, diabetes, HIV, or cancer you may need pneumococcal and flu shots before age 65. Health care workers may also benefit from annual flu shots.

Hepatitis B-If you have contact with human blood or body fluids, you may be at risk for hepatitis B. You may also be at risk if you have unprotected sex or share needles during intravenous drug use. Hepatitis B shots will protect you. Health care workers should also consider getting hepatitis B shots. Discuss this with your provider.

Remember to keep track of the immunizations you receive

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Where ever you turn the question of health is being discussed and the lack of awareness for action in the African American community is still a great concern. HIV AIDS, Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Sickle Cell Disease, Heart Disease, and Stroke top the list of health concerns for many African Americans families throughout the Dallas Ft. Worth area and the nation. That is why we are asking you to take charge of your health with "HealthCHECK© 2003". Minority Opportunity News: The Gazette secured the services of Parker Originals & More to develop HealthCHECK 2003 and work with our staff to manage the initiative from start to finish. Community partners helping to spread the word are KHVN, KNON, KSOUL, KGGR and NTheKnow.com, because each knows the importance of service and giving back to our community!

#### How Does "HealthCHECK© 2003" Work?

- Each week we will provide a list of non-profit organizations who offer resource information and services for health issues in our community.
- List free health fairs available to the community.
- Provide information on health events going on in the community that you may want to support.
- Weekly Health Tips.
- Provide extensive cover stories on health topics that concern our community each week.

At the end of "HealthCHECK© 2003" we want African Americans in the DFW area to have made an appointment with their family physician for a complete checkup. We hope this will start the dialog about our health and bring people to recognize the importance of taking personal responsibility for it. Remember "Good Health Is No Accident...It's A Planned Outcome!"

#### WE NEED YOU HELP...Please Read The Following & Respond Today!

Join your friends at MINORITY OPPORTUNITY NEWS: The Gazette and support "HealthCHECK© 2003". If you have a health fair planned or health event ... we want to know about it and spread the word across the community. E-MAIL OR FAX US YOUR INFORMATION TODAY! E-mail [POMORE@SWBELL.NET](mailto:POMORE@SWBELL.NET) or FAX: 972-509-9058

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# Trust Fund Set for Son of First Black U.S.-Iraqi War Casualty

(Special to the NNPA)—A trust fund has been established for the 10-year-old son of slain U.S. Marine Kendall D. Waters-Bey.

Waters-Bey, a staff sergeant from Baltimore, was one of the first African-American casualties of the Iraqi war when his helicopter crashed in the Iraqi desert, March 20, 2003.

Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-Md.) told reporters that money from the trust will go to pay for the college education of Kenneth Waters-Bey. Donations can be sent to: The Harbor Bank of Maryland, 3240 Belair Road, Baltimore, Md. 21213-1228; Account No: 8100247851.

Waters-Bey was among 12 allied soldiers who died when their helicopter crashed approximately nine miles south of an Iraqi town near the Kuwait border. He was the crew chief of the CH-46 Sea Knight, a bush-shaped helicopter with twin rotors used to fly troops to forward positions. The helicopter was returning from a mission when it crashed, in an apparent accident.

Based at Camp Pendleton in California, the last time his family had seen him was Thanksgiving. He had been living there with his wife of 11 months, Angela, who

serves in the Navy. "I'm devastated," Michael Waters-Bey, the Marine's father, told reporters. "He was my only son, my oldest child."

Reports say the Vietnam War-era aircraft had been plagued with mechanical difficulties.

"It's all for nothing. That war could have been prevented," his sister, Michelle Waters told reporters, as tears ran down her cheeks. "Now we're out of a brother. Bush is not out of a brother. We are."

Waters-Bey is survived by his father, his wife, Belinda Waters-Bey of San Diego, Calif.; two other sisters, Sharita Waters-Bey and Nakia Waters; and his son, Kenneth.

"I'm feeling sad now because my father is gone and I won't see him again," Kenneth, who is in the fifth grade, told reporters.

Kenneth was sent to live with his father in San Diego last Thanksgiving. He returned to Baltimore to live with his mother when Waters-Bey received orders to go to Kuwait in February.

"He wanted to do something positive to take care of his son. I want President Bush to get a good look at this, really good look here," said Michael Waters-Bey as he held a photo of his son. "This is the only son I had, only son."

## Black Americans in War I

ranging from Congress members to rappers and the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) have spoken out against the war.

"Black Americans are routinely told that there's not enough money for housing, medicine, education and rebuilding the inner city, but ... considerable sums can be raised for war and rebuilding Iraq," said Ron Walters, a political science professor at the University of Maryland, told the Washington Post.

Many poor blacks joining the army as a means of getting a professional qualification or help getting through university so blacks make up a disproportionate amount of the 300,000 US forces in the Gulf.

While African-Americans make up 12.7 percent, according to latest government figures, but make up 22 percent of the 1.4 million strong military: 26 percent of the US Army and 18 percent of the US Navy.

But they are less likely to go for frontline jobs. About 32

percent of the navy's 'administrative specialists' are black.

David Segal, a sociologist at the University of Maryland, said that blacks preferred a job they could use in later life such as in mechanics, computers or in the administrative field.

"There aren't a lot of corporations looking to hire people who fire rifles for a living," commented Segal.

A qualification was what Shoshana Johnson, the first woman US prisoner in Iraq, was looking for. The 30-year-old single mother of a two-year-old daughter joined the army because she wanted to become a chef.

Johnson was among a group from the 507th Maintenance Company, based at Fort Bliss in Texas, that got lost and captured in southern Iraq three days into the war. Her family in Fort Lee, Virginia had never even imagined her going to war.

"This was not something we thought was going to happen to her at all," said Nikki Johnson, one of Shoshana's younger sisters and also a captain in the US Army.

## NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED Two Lake Highlands H.S. Senior Earn National Recognition

(Richardson, TX) Richardson Independent School District today announces that two Lake Highlands High School seniors, Khadir Abdullah and John Newhouse, have been named National Achievement Scholarship award winners for 2003.

The students emerged from among the top African-American academic performers in the United States to earn the coveted recognition, and can use their scholarships for undergraduate study at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university of their

choice. "We are extremely proud of these outstanding students," said district Superintendent Carolyn Bukhair. This national recognition is richly deserved, and they have represented their school and district extremely well.

The awards are based on test scores and community involvement. Winning places Newhouse and Abdullah in the top one-half of one percent academically among African-American high school seniors across the nation.



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**Sunday April 6, 2003**  
Guest Ministers:  
**10:30 am - Dr. Wright Lassiter, President of El Centro College**  
**3:00 pm - Pastor Anthony Sharp, Sr. and the Tabernacle of Praise Church from Dallas, TX.**

Keller Springs Baptist Church  
3227 Keller Springs Rd  
Carrollton, TX 75006

For More Information  
**972-735-8077**

# The Horses Are Ready. Are You?

It's Opening Weekend! Thursday, April 3 through Sunday, April 6



### Thursday, April 3

- ★ Grandstand Gates Open at 4:30 p.m.
- ★ Special Autograph Session with Hall of Fame jockey Pat Day at 4:30 p.m.
- ★ Opening Ceremonies begin at 5:30 p.m.
- ★ First live race at 6:35 p.m.
- ★ Opening Night Extravaganza - Entry Deadline at 7:00 p.m. Enter to win prizes including an opportunity to win \$50,000 on opening night and our Sports Fantasy Package including tickets to a Dallas Mavericks Playoff Game, the EDS Byron Nelson Championship and the Bank of America Colonial, plus other prizes including a \$1000 shopping spree at Neiman Marcus, a spa package from the Four Seasons in Las Colinas and much more!
- ★ Live band on the Courtyard of Champions stage from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

### Friday, April 4

- ★ Grandstand Gates open at 5:00 p.m.
- ★ First live race at 6:35 p.m.
- ★ See Willie Nelson live after the races. Presented by Old Whiskey River Kentucky Bourbon. Free with your \$3 admission until 9 p.m. or \$10 after 9 p.m.
- ★ See the finalists from *D Magazine's "10 Most Beautiful People in Dallas"* contest

### Saturday, April 5

- ★ Grandstand Gates Open at 11:30 a.m.
- ★ First live race at 1:35 p.m.
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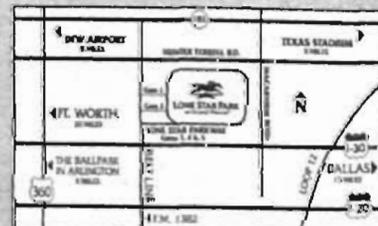
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- ★ Grandstand Gates Open at 11:30 a.m.
- ★ First live race at 1:35 p.m.
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## Chaplain Duo Prepare for Duty, Sacrifices Alongside Their Troops

By Gregory Tomlin  
FORT HOOD, Texas (BP)—Maj. Jim Caraway has spent the past two months readying the soldiers of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division for combat in Iraq, but he doesn't teach them how to shoot rifles or throw grenades. He teaches them about God's Word.

Caraway, a Southern Baptist minister in uniform, is assistant division chaplain and responsible for the spiritual health of the more than 29,000 soldiers being deployed with the combined elements of the Fort Hood-based division's combat task force.

Soldiers and their spouses embraced and wept after the 4th Infantry Division's deployment ceremony March 27. Caraway said his feelings about leaving the Texas army base for the Persian Gulf aren't any different from those of the soldiers he watches over.

"We cry a lot. My wife talks about the time I spend at work as opposed to the time I spend at home with her. Families sacrifice and ours is no different. You have to make quality time out of the time you've been given," Caraway said.

As much as he wants to remain with his family in Texas, Caraway knows he has a job to do. That job, supervising battalion chaplains, means he will ensure that ministry is provided on the battlefield. He will care for casualties, keep track of the number of religious services held in the field and even work with displaced civilians.

One of the battalion chaplains

Caraway will supervise is 1st Lt. Virgil Thomas, who only recently transferred to Fort Hood. Thomas and Caraway both graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

"We have been training for our deployment and now that time is here," Thomas said. "The experience of combat is going to be so new to us. It's been ... years since we've been in a sustained shooting war. I see it on television and think, 'I'm about to go into that.'"

That is why Thomas stresses preparedness. "Chaplains

must be spiritually fit themselves. In combat we will experience it all except for the killing. We will treat the wounded, counsel the medics and even our commanding officers, and also honor the dead. That is our job."

Thomas, however, is quick to remind that soldiers should concentrate on living, a task that can only be accomplished once they are certain about their eternal destiny. "Know where your soul is going and make sure you're all right with God, and everything else will be okay. I always ask soldiers, 'Do you know where you're headed?'"

Still, both Caraway and Thomas understand that they will be surrounded by death on the battlefield, and both realize they will not be immune from the potential of death at the hands of the enemy.

"We are prepared for death," Thomas said. "Any Christian is prepared for death, and that's what makes Christians unique."

"I have already talked to my children. I constantly tell them that if

### Affirmative Action Page 1

that race could never be part of admissions policies, and several justices made the point that the high court has allowed limited use of race as a criterion in other contexts.

Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's only black member, broke his customary silence during oral arguments to closely question a university lawyer about whether affirmative action has furthered the broader social goal of racial understanding and harmony.

"Do you think your admissions (policies) at least provided some headwind toward that?" Thomas asked.

The arguments took place in the ornate courtroom as a crowd of 5,000 to 7,000 mostly pro-affirmative action demonstrators carried placards and shouted slogans outside.

Not since the court ruled out quotas in the University of California v. Bakke decision a quarter-century ago had justices come to such a direct confrontation with the affirmative action issue. Their decision, expected by July, will be awaited not only by higher education but by the business world as well.

Kirk Kolbo, a lawyer for white applicants rejected by the university and its law school, told the justices the goal of promoting diversity on campuses is not a compelling reason to justify giving preferential treatment to minorities.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, considered a key swing vote on this issue, said law schools make many choices in picking students, and she wondered aloud why they could not also consider race.

Said Olson: "They're using stereotypes in an effort, they say, to break down stereotypes."

In a fractured ruling in the 1978 Bakke case, the court struck down quota systems but left some room for race to be a factor in university admissions.

Olson, in fact, stopped short of calling on the court to end affirmative action. And O'Connor pressed him on whether the court should use these cases to ban the use of race.

"We're reluctant to say never," he said.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, another key vote, asked Kolbo if

colleges should be concerned when blacks and Hispanics are underrepresented, making up a small percentage of students.

"We need to get away from the notion that there's some right number," he responded.

Kennedy said that leaders often look at diversity, adding: "I should think that's a very legitimate concern of the state."

Justice Stephen Breyer said there were arguments that schools should reach out to people of all races, to train minorities to be leaders in law, military, government and other fields.

The court was hearing back-to-back arguments asking how and whether race can be a factor when public colleges and universities choose their students. More broadly, the cases stemming from the University of Michigan's admissions policies ask wrenching legal and constitutional questions about equality, fairness, opportunity and history.

The court's ruling effectively end any state-sponsored affirmative action, or it could rewrite the rules for when race may be a factor in government decisions. The law school, considered in the top 10 in the country, receives about 4,000 applications a year and admits just 350 students.

Scalia said the university, in creating such a hard-access school, set itself up for a situation that would result in racial imbalance.

Michigan's admissions policies have been under fire since 1997, when the university was sued by two whites denied admission to its undergraduate school and a third denied admission to its law school. Each claimed they were passed over in favor of less-qualified minority students.

Applicants for Michigan's undergraduate classes are scored by points, with minorities or some poor applicants receiving a boost of 20 points on a scale of 150. At the law school, admissions officers use a looser formula that tries to ensure each class has a "critical mass" of about 10 percent or 12 percent minority enrollment.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson was among speakers outside the court Tuesday morning, where the large crowd was decidedly pro-affirmative action.

"There are more blacks in prison than in college. Young America, fight back," Jackson said.

Many people bore signs and chanted slogans supporting affirmative action. "They say Jim Crow, we say hell no," one group of

demonstrators chanted. Police barricaded the plaza and steps in front of the court, keeping protesters on the sidewalk.

The cases are Grutter v. Bollinger, 02-241 and Gratz v. Bollinger 02-516.



**Chaplain's gift**  
U.S. Army Chaplain 1st Lt. Virgil Thomas, left, hands a soldier of the 4th Infantry Division a camouflaged Bible just after the March 27 deployment ceremony. Lead elements of the division began arriving in Kuwait on March 29. Photo by Richard D. McCormack

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## Queen Latifah Hit With \$15 Million Lawsuit



Steve Martin & Queen Latifah

A few years ago, a New York lawyer wrote a screenplay called "Amoral Dilemma" about an attorney who meets a female prisoner online and has his life turned upside down by their ensuing relationship. This is similar to the Queen Latifah and Steve Martin blockbuster "Bringing Down the House." The writer of "Amoral Dilemma," Marie Flaherty, thinks so, and on last Friday she filed a \$15 million lawsuit in Manhattan federal court against executive producer

Latifah and other creators of the movie. Flaherty claims she hired Boston attorney George N. Tobia Jr. in 1999 to help pitch her script, which attracted little interest. Then, several months later, Tobia contacted her to tell her that he and co-writer Jason Filardi had sold a script called "Jailbabe.com," which was eventually picked up and turned into "Bringing Down the House."

According to the suit, Filardi claims the similarities between the two stories are superficial since his screenplay was a comedy and hers a drama.

In addition to Latifah, Flaherty is suing Tobia, Filardi, Hyde Park Entertainment, which produced the film, and the movie's distributor, Walt Disney Co.

"Bringing Down the House" was the #1 film for three weeks in a row and has brought in over \$83.3 million at the box office.

Following her success with "Bringing Down," Latifah will produce and star in the modern Cinderella story "Just Wright" and she's also developing a movie called "The Cookout." Her next album, "First Love," is tentatively scheduled for release this summer.

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priority yet that is not reflected in his budget. For every \$1 he has proposed to invest in education, he has proposed to invest at least \$40 in a tax cut that will leave millions of children behind and widen the gap between the rich and the poor." Edelman is the real soothsayer, folks.

What we have now is a country that is willing to sacrifice its children's education for more smart bombs. Many of us, including our compassionate president, are willing to accept smart bombs and dumb children, smart bombs and poor children, smart bombs and hungry children. At this point in the "No Child Left Behind" charade, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is doing more than our government to help our children get a good education! But I keep forgetting, we are at war and Bush needs \$75 billion to pay for it. What could I have been thinking?

At a time when a large percentage of our children are functionally illiterate, dropping out of school, displaying the lowest of social and interpersonal skills toward their classmates and their teachers, and then ending up in prison, you would think the "No Child Left Behind" cry would get top priority. But remember back in the 1980s when Reagan and Daddy Bush were in the Big House ("wars" on crime and drugs)? And remember what Master Clinton did when he moved in (\$20 billion for new prisons)? According to an article in "Time" magazine, "...And Throw Away The Key," by Jill Smolowe, (February 1994), the spending priority during that period centered on

prison-building, private as well as public. Are things getting clearer now?

While telling us more money does not make a better student, our prison-crazed leaders were spending billions on new prisons that were equipped far better than our schools. Their obvious reasoning was that more money made better criminals. How ridiculous was that? But just look at what we have today. The stock market loves the prison industry. How can you do better than owning hundreds of acres of land, complete with a prison facility, and to top it all off, it comes with its own group of slaves? What a deal, huh? In that "Time" article, Robert Gangi, executive director of the Correctional Association of New York, warned, "Building more prisons to address crime is like building more graveyards to address a fatal disease."

Now we have ushered in a new era. The moneychangers have subscribed to the notion that building more smart bombs is more important—and more profitable—than building smart children. Remember the old Doritos commercial on television? I can see some Jay Leno impersonator in Washington saying, "Go ahead, use as many as you like; we'll make more." Well, we are also making dumb children. But who cares about that? We'll just put them in our nice private prisons—and throw away the key.

"Pass me another billion dollars," Cheney says to Bush. "They won't miss it." George asks, "What ever happened to my No Child Left Behind policy, Dick?" Cheney mused, "We didn't leave any behind, Mr. President; they are

all in jail. Hey, you wanna send 'em some smart bombs for Christmas?"

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something happens to Daddy, they should know that he was doing what he wanted to do, ministering for the Lord. If I were to die on the battlefield, that would be okay because I would die ministering to soldiers."

"Part of my role will be ensuring that the prisoners of war are being treated justly, if such a case should arise, and according to the Geneva Convention. We will also be resourcing with civil affairs officers, non-governmental organizations and the U.N. High Commission on Refugees to make certain that food, water and medical supplies are getting to the Iraqi people," Caraway said.

By doing so, Caraway said he and other chaplains like Thomas will achieve their goal of "recognizing the value of every human being" while providing ministry in a combat zone. While there may be evangelistic opportunities among the local populace, the chaplains'

primary concern will be caring for soldiers. That isn't always easy to do, Caraway said.

The only thing the military needs is more chaplains, said Lt. Col. Gil Richardson, senior chaplain with the 4th Infantry Division. A Presbyterian chaplain, Richardson said, "Tell all Southern Baptists to send us more chaplains."

Richardson said he became a chaplain because of the influence of a Southern Baptist chaplain while he was serving as an infantry officer in Germany.

The field of combat may not have a baptistry or offering plates, Thomas said, but chaplains must improvise and conduct church just the same. "We will hold services out there. We'll feed everybody. What better way to feed someone than to preach to them or baptize them in the field? We don't have to have a big sanctuary. We have everything we need there with us, the Bible and the grace of God."



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- National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
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- "Marijuana use may trigger panic attacks, paranoia, and even psychoses, especially if you are suffering from anxiety, depression or having thinking problems."  
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- National Education Association
- "Recent research has indicated that for some people there is a correlation between frequent marijuana use and aggressive or violent behavior. This should be a concern to parents, community leaders, and to all Americans."  
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And, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, marijuana can be addictive. In fact, more teens are in treatment with a primary diagnosis of marijuana dependence than for all other illicit drugs combined.

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## On Stage At NextStage April 23rd



Myra Ellen Amos was born in North Carolina in 1963, the daughter of a Methodist minister and a homemaker. Amos' musical talent was evident from the beginning; she began playing piano at two-and-a-half, at four she was singing and performing in the church choir and by five she received an invitation to study piano at the prestigious Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. "I was a freak child who had really good rhythm," Amos remembers. "I'd be invited to parties simply because I played the piano. I

quickly realized that I had some kind of calling. But, just as quickly, I realized that what was most important to me was following my own path -- and not the one that was laid down by others." Unwilling to follow the regimented "path" of classical piano study at Peabody, Amos was expelled from the conservatory at age 11. It was at this time that Amos discovered freeform rock music. She began writing her own songs and performing in local clubs and, by the time she was in her late teens, Amos (now calling herself *Tori*) moved to Los Angeles to follow her pop-star

musical muse. Atlantic Records took notice and signed the then 24-year-old singer in 1987. She released an eponymous album with her hard-rock band, *Y Kan't Tori* Read, the following year. The album, however, was a commercial and critical disappointment and its failure sent Amos back to the musical drawing board.

In 1992 she rebounded with her debut solo album, *Little Earthquakes*. The acclaimed CD contained 12 haunting, ultra-personal tracks; including the cut "Me and a Gun," on which Amos recounts the details of her own rape. The album was an international success, selling more than two million copies worldwide and establishing Amos as one of the most compelling female vocalists to emerge from the '90s.

Amos followed up with *Crucify*, an EP of covers that included a remake of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit."

In 1994 Amos released her second full-length, *Under the Pink*, on Atlantic. The CD, which contained the hits "God" and "Cornflake Girl," debuted at No. 2 on the British album charts and went on to sell several million copies.

Amos' ambitious third album, *Boys for Pele*, came out in 1996 and further solidified her extremely loyal, if somewhat frighteningly obsessive, fan base.

In early 1998 Amos contributed a couple tracks to the *Great Expectations* soundtrack, returning later in the spring with her fourth full-length album, *Songs From the Choirgirl Hotel*.

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## National Gospel Recording Artist Carolyn Traylor Performs in Tyler



Community First Television and Texas Publishers Association present Gospel recording artist and song-writer, Carolyn Traylor, in concert Friday, April 11, 2003, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Tyler, Texas. Traylor and other recording artists will perform at the East Texas Heritage Building, 1900 Bellwood Road, Tyler. Traylor, from Greenville, Texas, began her singing career at Wesley Chapel CMI, as a young child. She attended Texas Southern University, Houston, and was

tutored by the late Olivia Branch Walker. She returned home to Greenville in 1986 to be with her parents, and began singing in churches in Greenville, Dallas, Louisiana and surrounding areas. Traylor has shared the stage with Vicki Winans, Kurt Carr, and many more.

Joining her in concert are Barbara Tucker from Tyler, Genesis from Dallas, BTM Voices of Power from Longview, and Martha Tuley from Tyler.

Community First Television of Tyler was born from Community of Faith Television. The group showcases gospel acts and community events happening in and around East Texas. The group consists of President Thorndike Lewis, Vice President Shirley McKellar, Secretary LaLoni Leffall, and Treasurer Stephanie Pierce. Texas Publishers Association is the African American Press of Texas, founded in 1986, and is comprised of 21 of the 36 African American newspapers in Texas, serving 12 different markets. Reginald Blow, Vice President of TPA, said, "We're glad to partner with this fine

organization for this event." Tickets for the event are \$8.00 in advance, and \$10.00 at the door. They are available at M and M Record Shop, Tyler (903.592.6010), and T & T Lewis Texaco, Tyler (903.535.9551).

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Epps To Play Bass Hall



Tall, African-American Indiana native Mike Epps found fame as a touring stand-up with Def Comedy Jam but left the circuit for Los Angeles when given a chance at starring opposite Ice Cube in the highly-anticipated sequel "Next Friday" (2000). A troublemaking class clown who admitted to spending four months in a juvenile center after a prank involving super glue, Epps successfully attempted stand-up in Indiana, took his comedy to Atlanta and was soon honing his skills in the clubs of New York City, where he was spotted and welcomed into the Def Comedy Jam family. With a stop along the way to appear in actor Vin Diesel's directorial debut "Strays" (1996), Epps was well on his way to becoming one of the bigger names in stand-up.

He appeared in a 1999 episode of "The Sopranos" in 1999, the same year the uncommonly handsome comedian learned that Ice Cube was soon to cast his co-star (effectively, Chris Tucker's replacement) in the "Friday" sequel "Next Friday". Epps headed for Los Angeles, where he invited Ice Cube to catch his stand-up set. Impressed, the rapper-actor-producer asked Epps to try out for the part of Day-Day, which he landed after weeks of auditions. Opening at Number One on the box-office charts, "Next Friday" was a breakthrough for the new actor, who was already familiar to much of the audience from his stand-up work, but still had a hard time winning over those expecting a Chris Tucker clone despite his consistent, though often improvised, performance. Epps played down his good looks to play the ineffectual Day-Day, a smoked-out loser stalked by his obsessive ex-girlfriend (Tamala Jones) and her brutish younger sister (Lady of Rage). Later that year, he had a cameo in DJ Pooh's "3 Strikes" and supported

Jamie Foxx in the action comedy "Bait".

Epps began 2001 with a voice role in the family comedy "Dr. Dolittle 2" and finished the year with a featured role as comical pimp Baby Powder in "How High", starring hip-hop artists Redman and Method Man, the Cheech and Chong of the new millennium. Epps played the bumbling thief to Ice Cube's bounty hunter in the action comedy "All About the Benjamins" and again reteamed with the rapper-actor-filmmaker in the continuing "Friday" saga's

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**Be Patient, God Has Something Better For You**

On a mountaintop, three trees dreamed of what they grew up. The first tree looked at the stars and said, "I want to hold a treasure; be covered with gold and filled with precious things. I'll be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world."

The second tree looked at the small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. "I want to travel mighty waters and carry powerful kings. I'll be the strongest ship in the world."

The third tree looked at the valley below where busy men and women worked in town. "I don't want to leave the mountain top at all. I want to grow so tall that when people look at me, they'll raise their eyes to Heaven and think of God. I'll be the tallest tree in the world."

Years passed; the rain came, the sun shone and the trees grew. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain. The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, "This tree is beautiful, it's perfect for me."

With a swing of his ax, the first tree fell. "Now I shall be made into a beautiful chest, I shall hold a wonderful treasure!"

The second woodcutter looked at the second tree and said, "This tree is strong, it's perfect for me." With the swing

of his ax, the second tree fell. "Now I shall sail mighty waters," thought the second tree. "I shall be a strong ship for mighty kings."

The third tree's heart sank when the last woodcutter looked her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to Heaven. But the woodcutter never looked up. "Any kind of tree will do for me," he muttered. With a swing of his ax, the third tree fell.

The first tree rejoiced when the woodcutter brought her to a carpenter's shop. But the carpenter fashioned the tree into a feed trough for animals. The tree was not covered with gold nor filled with treasures. She was coated with saw dust and filled with hay for farm animals. The second tree smiled when she was taken to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ship was made that day. Instead the once strong tree was hammered and sawed into a simple fishing boat. She was too small and weak to sail an ocean, or even a river; instead she was taken to a lake. The third tree was confused when the last woodcutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard.

Many days and nights passed; then one night, starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feeding trough. Suddenly the first tree knew he was holding the greatest treasure in the world.

One evening a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the boat quietly sailed

on the lake. Soon a thundering and thrashing storm arose. The tree shuddered; she knew she did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through the storm; the tired man was awoken. He stood up and said, "Peace, be still!" The storm stopped as quickly as it had begun. And the second tree knew he was carrying the King of kings.

One Friday morning, the third tree was startled when her beams were taken from the woodpile. She was carried through an angry jeering crowd. The soldiers nailed a man's hand to her; she felt ugly, harsh and cruel. But on Sunday morning, when the sun rose and the earth trembled with joy beneath her, the third tree knew that God's love had changed everything. It had made the third tree strong. And every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God. This was better than being the tallest tree in the world.

The next time you don't get what you want, sit tight, be patient and be happy because God has something better to give you!

James Roberts' Final Column  
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**NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

April 6, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Premarital Class-** For engaged couples and individuals interested in learning more about marriage. This class is designed to prepare couples/individuals for marriage.

Please contact Tera McFarland 972-4373493, Ext 111 or email [tmcfarland@ndcbf.org](mailto:tmcfarland@ndcbf.org).

April 6, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15

**Youth Bible Fellowship-** Designed to nurture youth in the Word of God in a dynamic and creative manner! (junior high & high school students)  
April 6, 8:00 a.m.-9:25  
Hang Tyme!-Join us for spiritual encouragement, as youth interact in a small group setting.

Please contact [rtriggs@ndcbf.org](mailto:rtriggs@ndcbf.org).

April 6, 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**Financial Concepts-**  
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North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship  
Leslie W. Smith, Pastor  
1020 S. Sherman St.  
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**SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday,  
7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

The Singles Ministry of Shiloh Baptist Church is sponsoring a single's fellowship, providing positive life enrichment opportunities, support, and interaction with other singles within the context of the Christian Faith.

Light refreshments served.

For more information, contact Minister Daniel Shaw at 972-291-0449 or [lakeith75104@yahoo.com](mailto:lakeith75104@yahoo.com).

April 4-5, 7:30p.m. - 8:00 a.m.

**2003 Youth Lock-In- Back** by popular demand! "Live at Shiloh" Gospel Talent Show

Shiloh Baptist Church  
Isiah Joshua, Jr., Pastor  
920 E. 14th St.  
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**ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH (Garland, TX)**

For more information,

27th April 6 Church Anniversary  
8:00 a.m.- Hour of Power Worship Service  
10:45 a.m.- Guest Minister, Rev. Emmanuel Lupo  
\*Dinner following service

April 13, 5:30 p.m.  
Easter Program

For more information, call 972-240-6674

St. Mark Baptist Church  
Dr. Roosevelt Griffin, Pastor  
601 Rowlett Rd.  
Garland, TX 75043

**ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH (McKinney, TX)**

April 5, 10am-2:00 p.m.

Community Blood Drive- Help your community and family by donating blood so that the supply is adequately maintained should a critical situation occur.

For more information, contact Vanessa Wilson at 972-542-6178

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Singles Group 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:45 pm



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Pastor Charles S. Wattlely



**Sunday**  
Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Celebration... 11:00 a.m.  
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**Wednesday**  
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**Friendship Baptist Church**

Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor



**Schedule of Services:**  
**Sunday**  
Early Morning Worship  
8:00 a.m.  
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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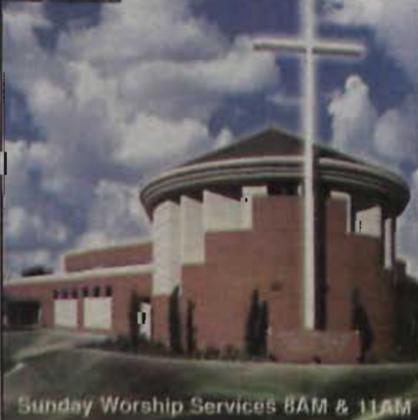
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**Tuesday** 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir  
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**Thursday** 7PM Mass Choir

For more information call (972) 423-6695  
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Leadership Meeting.....2nd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
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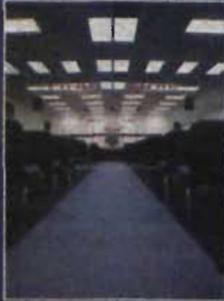
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Genesis 26:22

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