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### On the Homefront:

The Plano Children's Medical Clinic is trying to extend its services by purchasing a mobile unit. Join with Jerry Huffman Custom Builders at their 3rd Annual Spring-Fling Monte Carlo Style Event (Black Tie event) and help raise funds. Event is May 16, 7:00 p.m. - midnight, Harvey Hotel, Plano. To be a sponsor, donate money or items for the auction: 972.248.1667, or visit [www.jhuffman.com](http://www.jhuffman.com)

Richardson's Wildflower! 2003, May 9, 10, 11. The largest and most highly profiled ticketed arts & music festival in the North Texas area! A weekend full of live performances from the country's biggest stars to daily exhibits, art and craft vendors, activities and fun for the entire family! Galatyn Park and Nortel Networks Campus, Galatyn Parkway and US 75, Richardson. Friday, 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.

R U TUFF ENUFF? II 2003 - the second annual 'Evening of Teen Empowerment' will convene May 9 for 12 hours of food, fun, facts and fellowship. Awareness and education of the obstacles endangering the future of teens in Collin County. Begins Friday at 6 p.m. at the Harvey Hotel, Plano. Reconvenes at the Hotel at 6 a.m. for a Power Breakfast and closeout. Sponsored by Plano Housing Authority. Motivational speaker, DeWayne Owens, will speak. Call 972.424.6301 for more information.

11th National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive, Saturday May 10, please donate non-perishable items of food and place them by your mailbox. Visit [www.ntxfoodbank.org](http://www.ntxfoodbank.org), or call Sayeda Ismail, 214.330.1396.

McKinney Art & Jazz Festival May 16 & 17, - boutiques, antique shops, art galleries and collectibles, street performers, face painters, contemporary jazz, blues, swing and original music by singers/songwriters. Cuisine prepared by local restaurants. Family Area with children's hands-on activities, music and entertainers. For more information contact the Downtown McKinney Association at 972-562-6880.

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## Health Fair at St. John Baptist Church of Grand Prairie



MON-The Gazette Religion Columnist Shirley Tarpley poses with Servant Denny Davis, pastor of St. John Baptist Church.

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## The Longer We Ignore the Problem, the Worse it Grows Living with STD's in America

MON-The Gazette HealthCheck® 2003

By: Monica Thornton

The subject matter of this week's Health Check 2003 is sensitive in nature and uncomfortable for many people to talk about. It has thus become a silent epidemic, and is destroying lives. This silent epidemic is made up of sexually transmitted diseases (STD's), formerly referred to as venereal disease.

Maybe for you STD's have never been a concern, you've never contracted one and more than likely never will, so what relevance could this article have in your life? If you answer yes to any of the following questions, this subject matter is relevant to you:

Do you have children or grandchildren? Are you, or somebody you know, in a relationship? Do you know any people between the ages of 13 and 35? Are you associated in any way - through church, work for example -

with teenagers? Do you know any professional people? Do you know anyone that works? Do you care about people?

Somewhere in there you answered yes, which means this topic is important to you, because STD's are among the most common infections known, and more than 15 million people in the United States become infected with one or more each year. Even if you are not at risk of contracting one, someone you know, it could be a son or daughter, nephew, niece, neighbor or someone at your church, is at risk of becoming infected this year.

Once associated with people working in the sex business, and having a connotation of uncleanness, STD's have a certain stigma, which only perpetuates people's reluctance to discuss the matter. But they don't discriminate according to profession or income; they don't discriminate according to the car a person drives or

the area in which they live. And they don't discriminate according to the clothes you wear, your hairstyle or the soap you use.

"When you think of STD's you think of someone who is filthy, but that is not true, especially now," said Elmer Smith, Nursing Director with the MLK Clinic in Dallas. "You know have people who are very well dressed, clean and respectable."

So who is at risk of contracting one of the many STD's? Anyone having unprotected sex (sex without use of a latex condom); people who have more than one sexual partner - not necessarily concurrently; those who have sex with anyone who is currently using, or has used, intravenous drugs. Even with the use of a condom, the active virus or bacteria could be present in a part of the genitals not protected by the condom, giving a false sense of

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## Bishop Minnie Hawthorne Can't Stop Giving



Bishop Minnie Hawthorne

By: Monica Thornton

Bishop Minnie Hawthorne doesn't have to think about giving to others, for her it's a natural instinct, so natural she started The Touch Ministry, an organization dedicated to providing assistance where others cannot.

And in keeping with this, on May 16 and 17, she is hosting her 5th conference/giveaway at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson. The conference, called W.I.T. Conference, stands for Women in Transitions, and is designed to equip women with the spiritual tools they need to assist them in their daily walk with God. But Bishop Hawthorne also knows that

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## Hypnosis- Part II

Part 2

### SATISFIED CLIENTS

Gay Ploegstra came to Nanci Chiappetti for help on weight control. Gay found positive lifestyle changes became a pattern and it was not as difficult to make those choices that would help accomplish. "I was standing in line at a checkout counter of a small gift shop and there were two or three trays of goodies there. I automatically took a sample of chocolate mint (my all-time favorite) but as soon as I had it in my mouth my brain kicked in and I thought, 'Oh no! I can't have this!' I came close to spitting it out but had to swallow it. Normally, it would have required 3 or 4 more ounces of candy to satisfy me. I handle stress a lot better now and even in tough times, I have no desire to turn to food. I gave your phone number to a friend of mine who says he should quit smoking. I hope he will make the decision to call. Thanks for your help!" Gay Ploegstra.

C.C. is another successful client helped by Nanci Chiappetti's Hypnosis system. The sessions helped C.C. to stop using cocaine. After experiencing the death of a loved one, cocaine seemed to be the only way to 'deadend the pain.' C.C. wrote: I wanted to stop. I looked into acupuncture, meditation and a few other things

but decided on Nanci's service as recommended by a friend. I have had a chance to change this habit as well as gaining a focus to work on other challenges. I believe that it takes a talented hypnotherapist with skill, and a caring attitude to facilitate changes such as drug usage. Hypnotherapy slows a person down, relaxes and gives hope for change. I can give much credit to Nanci for being a talented hypnotherapist. Sincerely C.C.

Bobby Jones, professional golfer, was quoted in the May 1990 'GOLF Magazine' as being able to play his best when he had little conscious control of his swing. Golfers described this as being in "the zone." If you've never been there yourself, you might consider seeing your local hypnotist.

Nanci Chiappetti says, "Many golfers suffer from lack of concentration and nervousness. I have worked extensively with golfers to help them gain confidence, concentration and stay relaxed in pressure situations. Being able to keep your focus can make all the difference in performance of specific tasks."

Steve Blow wrote an article in the Dallas Morning News on July 6, 1990. He gave a positive review of his experience with Nanci. After talking with Nanci, Blow wondered if she could help him

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## Is Black Talk Radio All Talk, No Action?

Blackonomics

As we await the Federal Communication Commission public hearing on further deregulation within the radio and television industries, and what move chairman Michael Powell will make this time, I wonder what will happen to Black radio, specifically Black Talk Radio.

You may not know it, but there are only a few Black-owned radio stations that can be characterized as "talk" stations. One is here in Cincinnati, Ohio, WDBZ, "The Buzz," which carries our show, "Blackonomics," each week. Considering the dearth of Black talk radio throughout this country, what should we do, if anything, in light of the impending expansion of a playing field already filled with heavy hitting media giants?

In light of its stark resemblance to an oligopoly, where a handful of owners virtually control the airwaves, radio in general and talk radio specifically should be at the top of the list when it comes to empowering Black people. Sharing ideas and establishing relationships through which to build and leave an economic legacy for our children and their children, could be greatly enhanced via Black talk radio. The question is: Do

we use it for that purpose?

As we assess the current landscape, we see one company that owns 1,200 radio stations, some of which are piping in music 24/7 to Black youth. We have other conglomerates saturating the airwaves with White talk show hosts who could condense all of their shows to one because they all say the same things. You know what I mean, the political rhetoric abounds throughout the day; it's like the hosts all read the same notes and rehearse their lines together. You know exactly what you are going to get from them, but then again, who's in control of the media?

As far as Black talk radio is concerned, we do get a variety of opinions. But unlike the rallying cries I hear on those "other" stations, calls to action against events or persons that rub the host the wrong way, or calls for collective political action against an "enemy," much of our Black radio talk is just talk—without action. I don't mean to use a broad brush with that statement; I only want to sound the alarm.

The next round of deregulation could mean an even further decline in Black ownership of radio outlets and, more importantly, a decline in

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# Health Fair at St. John Baptist Church of Grand Prairie



John McNeil (left) and Sheryl Grace (right) provide information on mental health and substance abuse.

On May 3rd, 2003, St. John Baptist Church in Grand Prairie held its 2nd Annual 'Healthy Mind, Body and Soul Health Fair.' The fair started with a fun run/walk, and activities continued through the day with expert advice from fitness experts Don and Marilyn Halstied, Deidre McClain leading praise dance, advice on mental health and substance abuse, and health and dental screenings.

Lifestyle Consultant Malcolm Hoard, who helped Dallas-based preacher Rev. E. K. Bailey in his fight against cancer, had the opportunity to lead people to healthy living as he conducted a workshop on the importance of healthy eating habits. Fair participants were also able to get chair massages, take mini health classes, and eat a variety of healthy foods.

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE



Deidre McClain (far right) leads in a praise dance exercise during St. John's health fair last Saturday.



Fitness Experts Don and Marilyn Halstied with daughter, Kenedi.

And there was plenty of information on sickle cell disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, breast and colon cancer, and there were doctors on hand to check people's teeth, eyes and hearing. No one walked away empty handed, as there were plenty of samples and goodies given away. There were door prizes including clocks and a DVD, and one lucky winner, church member Mrs. Lula Daniel, walked away with a portable black and white television. Daniel said she found the fair helpful, and is now going to put into practice the things she learned at the fair.



Dr. James Dzandu collects blood from Armonda Hillman (left) for a glucose test.

## FREE TUTORING

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## ride DART in May

Discover the DART destination deals guide

The new DART destination deals guide lists special shopping, dining and entertainment offers available exclusively to ticket- or pass-carrying DART customers. Look for the yellow destination deals decal in the window of participating locations and present your valid DART ticket or pass to receive a special offer! Visit DART.org for a regularly updated list of great destinations and special offers, pick up a guide at participating merchants and the DART Stores in downtown Dallas, or call 214.979.1111 to order one by mail.

Enter to win May's destination deals prize package!

Through May 31, visit DART.org and click on the banner to win big from DART's destination partners. Included in the monthly giveaway prize package: dinner for two at Tony Roma's, Joe's Crab Shack and Cadillac Bar, two 3-month memberships at Bally Total Fitness, two monthly DART passes and a voice-activated, Internet-ready cell phone from Cingular Wireless. The winner will be notified via email on June 1, 2003.

Ride DART to the Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival

The weekend of May 9-11 marks the return of Richardson's annual Wildflower Arts and Music Festival, featuring exhibitor booths and live music from Smash Mouth, Peter Frampton, the Old 97's and many more. Visit wildflowerfestival.com for more information. Ride DART Rail to Galatyn Park Station.

Dance with DART at Asian Festival 2003

Celebrate the many cultures from 16 different Eastern countries on Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the 13th Annual Asian Festival. Ride DART Rail to Pearl Station and walk a few blocks north to Annette Strauss Artist Square, 1800 Leonard Street, in the Dallas Arts District. Entrance to the festival is free. The festival features the Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra, martial arts displays, food and music!

Sample the delights offered at Taste Addison 2003

Dishes from 50 Addison restaurants and great live music beckon you to the 11th annual Taste Addison 2003, May 11-18. Ride DART Bus Routes 31, 36 or 183 to the Addison Conference and Theatre Centre; entrance to the festival is \$5 for ages 4 and up, free for children under 4.

XTREME connections to DFW Airport

Looking for an alternative to that \$40 airport cab ride? Monday through Saturday, buy a premium single-ride ticket for just \$2.25, ride DART Rail to Union Station and transfer to the Trinity Railway Express (TREX) serving CentrePort/DFW Airport Station. From there, hop a free DFW Airport shuttle bus direct to your airport terminal.

West Village celebrates at West Fest 2003

West Fest is West Village's annual block party, with great food, sidewalk sales, art exhibits, live music, fashion shows and a mobile SPCA pet adoption center. Join the free fun from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 11. Ride DART Rail to Cityplace Station, then either stroll or hop a ride on the M-Line Streetcar to West Village.

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## Around The Town

### On-going

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).

Residents of Collin, Rockwall, Dallas, Hunt, Navarro, Denton, Kaufman and Ellis counties can now dial 211 for free advice on who and where to call for support.

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 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center (LB Jand 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. - 5 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 Nava at [debbie@ci.allen.tx.us](mailto:debbie@ci.allen.tx.us) or 972.727.0195. Meet Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. at the Allen Library, 301 Century Parkway, Allen, Texas 75013.

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).

International Library of Photography announces that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Beginners and seasoned photographers welcome to enter, entry is free. Deadline is June 30. Visit: [www.picture.com](http://www.picture.com) for details.

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

### May 9

The National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame will induct its inaugural class of Hall of Fame inductees, at the Museum located at 3400 Mount Vernon Avenue, Fort Worth, at 7:00 p.m. Call 817.922.9999 for reservations.

### May 9, 10

"All Goodbye's Ain't Gone", a dramatic play set in the 1940's about two sisters reminiscing their childhood. Their mother left them at an early age to be raised by their father. Suitable for all ages. At the Debra Lynn Woods Theatre, 4305 Colonial Avenue, Dallas, 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$12 adults/\$8 senior citizens, and children to 12 years. Contact Robert Helm at 214.421.1109, or 214.571.4644.

The Contemporary Choral's presents "A Musical Smorgasbord," 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12. 972.233.2516 Plaza Theatre, Garland.

### May 10

African American Museum's 19th Annual Gala, at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, 7:30

p.m. Entertainers and singers on writers Nickolas Ashford and Valerie Simpson, auction, glamour and pizzazz. Cocktails and silent auction begins 6 p.m. For sponsorship and tickets call the museum at 214.565.9026 ext 302.

Mckinney Symphony Orchestra presents Classical Jazz featuring Mary Humm, Drew Lang, and Helen Blackburn performing a lively jazz and classical fusion. This popular event sold out last year, so reserve your tickets early. For more information: 972.562.9276 or [www.mckinneysymphony.org](http://www.mckinneysymphony.org).

Mother's Day Brunch at Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive, Garland, 10:00 a.m. to noon. \$8 for mom & child. 972.205.2770.

Heard-Craig Children's Garden Party - Victorian refreshments and games on the lawn. Cost: members: \$10 adults \$7.50 children; non-members: \$15 adults \$10 children. 1:00 p.m. Reservations required. For more information and reservations: 972.569.6909, 972.542.5340 or [heardcraig@texoma.net](mailto:heardcraig@texoma.net).

5th Annual Teen Parent Conference at St. John Baptist Church, 2600 Marsalis, Dallas. Girlfriends Ministries.

International Praise Dance, Teen Age Communication Theater (YACT) Troop. College information, lunch, speakers, fun, prizes. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### May 14

Join Fathers for Equal Rights, Inc. in celebrating their growth at this fund raising open house. 1515 Elm Street, suite 870, Dallas (1600 Pacific Building), 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

### May 15

Senior Source of Greater Dallas hosts a support group for older adult job-seekers. Topic is "What Employers See When Interviewing a Mature Applicant." RSVP required. Contact: Renae Redwine, or Judy Burk at 214.823.5700, or visit: [www.TheSeniorSource.org](http://www.TheSeniorSource.org).

The UNT Elm Fork Education Center presents: numerous Summer Camps in June. Register early. Call Alice Delaney at 940.369.7956.

### May 17

Junior Anglers & Alena Parks and Recreation presents Kids All America Fishing Derby, Bethany Lakes Park, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free.

Volunteer opportunities. 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 for 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)

A friendly reminder that there are thousands of pets at shelters needing homes. Check out your local pet shelter for a furry addition to your family. Or consider being a foster parent while permanent homes are found for animals. Contact your local animal shelter for details.

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## THE TRUTH CLINIC Bush Tax Cut Hurts Black Children

A recently released analysis by the Children's Defense Fund shows that the number of Black children living in extreme poverty is at its highest level in 23 years. To look more closely at the experience of Black children, the Children's Defense Fund conducted a computer analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Poverty Survey.

Children's Defense Fund President Marian Wright Edelman said these numbers are clear indicators that, as a country, we must invest in children now instead of passing irresponsible tax breaks for the rich.

Despite several years of a booming economy, nearly one million Black children as of 2001 lived in a family with an annual income of less than half the federal poverty level defined as disposable income below \$7,064 for a family of three. The Bush Administration plans to dismantle Head Start, block grant Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIPs). The negative impact on education and children's services is already being evidenced as state legislatures in all 50 states are drastically cutting programs designed to help our poorest children.

Past studies have shown overall poverty declining among Black children, but fail to show the record-breaking increase in extreme poverty among these children. This analysis further shows that safety nets for the worst-off families are being eroded by Bush Administration policies, which cause fewer extremely poor children of all races to receive cash and in-kind assistance that

could help these families. The analysis reveals several troubling trends:

- Nearly 1 million Black children live in extreme poverty — with after-tax income (including food and housing benefits) below half the poverty line. The number of extremely poor black children is now at its highest level in the 23 years for which such data exist.

- A dwindling safety net for the worst-off families appears to have influenced the trends. Fewer and fewer otherwise-extremely-poor children of all races receive cash public assistance. A growing number have no assistance, despite their extreme poverty.

"It is shameful that one million Black children are left behind in extreme poverty," said Edelman. "It is hard to be poor. It is harder to be an extremely poor Black child in America when our president who says we should Leave No Child Behind is proposing massive new tax breaks aimed to give more money to the richest Americans."

The Bush Administration claims its plan to dismantle, eliminate, cut and freeze essential services for children to pay for massive new tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans will spur the economy. The most recent Economic Report of the president, which the president's own Council of Economic Advisers issued in February 2003, explicitly acknowledges that tax cuts are unlikely to pay for themselves -- let alone pay for investments in children and working families.

Supporters of tougher welfare-to-work requirements often note that annual Black child poverty figures reached their lowest point on record in 2001. They cite this to suggest that the last round of welfare-to-work requirements, enacted in 1996, resulted in no serious

loss of income to affected children. There is, however, another side of the story for Black children. Trends among children living in "extreme poverty" — with family income below half the poverty line — paint a dramatically less rosy picture.

Deepening poverty is at the core of the story of Black children in poverty in the wake of the

1996 welfare law. That is because more than 8 in 10 Black children on AFDC were already poor in 1995, the year before the law was signed. Therefore, any deterioration in the economic circumstances of most Black children on welfare can only be measured by looking at the deepening or lessening of the severity of poverty for these already-poor children — not by changes in official poverty rates.

The Bush Budget implies a deficit of \$5.4 trillion by the end of ten years, but the addition of a Bush Iraq war deficit of 700 billion will push it up to \$6.1 trillion, and assuming Bush will continue his ill-advised economic plans, the deficit by the end of his present term in office will reach \$6.7 trillion. Bush plans to plunder the taxpayers' money coming in to support Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security to bring down the deficit to \$3.2 trillion, which will pretty much eliminate those three programs, thereby destroying the key economic safety nets nearly all of the poor and middle class have. By then, the government may have to delete another 30% of its social programs driving even more age 18 and under Black children into extreme poverty.

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## State Fair of Texas Honor 19 DISD Students

Recently the board of directors of the State Fair of Texas honored 19 scholarship recipients from four Dallas Independent

School District high schools. The awards luncheon was held at the Women's Museum at Fair Park. The keynote speaker was Dallas Mavericks President and CEO, Terdema Ussery. The scholarship program was established in



(Left to Right) Dr. Mike Moses, Errol McKoy, Terdema Ussery, Robert Smith, George A. Shafer, Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Ruben E. Esquivel, Michael King

1994 to benefit students who attend high schools in the Fair Park area.

This year's \$1,000 college scholarship winners include Terod T. Hall, Lincoln E. Morgan, Shaquela Lanette Stanley of James Madison High School; Brittany Jenay Blair, Michaela C. Brisby, Koren Walker McNeil, Charlette LaChez Matts, and Ariawna Christine Talton of

Lincoln High School; Gema Esmeralda Arizmendi, Sabina Celebic, Carolina De Los Rios, Peter Odam Lara, Ann Lan Thi Nguyen, and Phuoc

Bao Van Ly of North Dallas High School; and Charles Bryan Ackerman, Emily Ruth Cole, Elizabeth Gomez, Adam Shreve Greenfield, and Keneisha Vonsay Wilson of Woodrow Wilson High School. The State Fair of Texas will renew \$1,000 scholarships for 34 graduates of DISD high schools for the 2003-2004 school year. Students from

colleges such as Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, University of Dallas, Richland College, UT

Dallas, Prairie View A & M University will be awarded for making outstanding progress towards their college degree. The State Fair Scholarship Program also offers assistance to

young people within the state who participate in State Fair livestock shows.

Co-sponsor of this year's luncheon was AT&T. Companies that supported the scholarship program included Tom Thumb Food & Pharmacy, Baylor Health Care System, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of North Texas, 7-Eleven, Inc., and Comerica Bank-Texas.

## R U T.U.F.F. ENUFF? II Returns for Collin County Teen Empowerment Lock-In

Plano, Frisco and McKinney, TX-- R U T.U.F.F. ENUFF? II 2003, returns for its Second Annual Evening of Teen Empowerment, Friday, May 9 at 6pm and concludes at 6am, Saturday, May 10 at the Harvey Hotel in Plano. Teens United For the Future is reaching out to provide awareness and education of the obstacles that endanger the future of our teenagers in Collin County, while embracing the efforts of those in the community that support teen programs. The evening is focused on a forum of support that identifies and provides positive alternatives and support for teens.

R U T.U.F.F. ENUFF? was a big hit last year attracting over 250 teens provides an evening of social, educational and recreational enrichment for teens ages 13-18. Sponsored by Plano Housing Authority, the keynote speaker is Rickie Clark, Founder and CEO of DA (The) Village, a comprehensive youth development center in Fort

Worth, Texas.

The Friday program emcee is Plano Housing Authority Executive Director, Helen Macey and includes: dinner, a Q&A positive panel of community leaders, age appropriate breakout workshops (We Got Game and Just A Friend for ages 13-14; Bump-n-Grind, Y'all Ain't Ready for ages 15-16; and Can Guys and Girls Just Be Friends, Is Image Everything and All About the Benjamins for ages 17-18). Following the educational components will be a Talent Show and session on 'Are music lyrics a big issue?' The group will transport by bus to Main Event family entertainment complex and stay until 5:30am for a lock-in of bowling, games, billiards and pizza buffet.

The Teen Empowerment concludes at 6am with a return trip to the hotel for a Power Breakfast and Closeout. It's twelve hours of food, fun, facts, and fellowship -- R U T.U.F.F. ENUFF?!

The event is geared towards youth groups but it is for any teen 13-18 years old. Registration is \$10 per person for the entire conference. Community participants include:

- Planned Parenthood
- Turning Point (formerly Rape Crisis Center)
- Real Options for Women
- Collin County Community College
- Graffiti Magazine
- United States Army Recruiting Office
- North Texas Job Corp
- Mary Kay
- Avenues Counseling Center
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- DA (The) Village
- KXEX 92.1FM

For more information call Karen Johnson, 972-424-6301, email kjohnson@bgccc.org or Brenda McDonald, 214-544-8924 ext. 102, 214-682-8364 (cell), email bmcDonald@bgccc.org.

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## Bishop Minnie Hawthorne Can't Stop Giving

the basic physical needs of food, clothing and shelter have to be taken care of, and at the end of the Saturday conference, attendees are invited to let her know of their need, and receive help.

"We give away money, clothing and food," said Bishop Hawthorne. "We have a room set up with clothes, all neatly set out on hangers, and in another room we have food to give away."

Hawthorne said she started the ministry for her mother, who was always giving things away, and bringing people in off the streets to help them.

"She would tell us 'this is your brother or sister', and we were so poor ourselves but she always helped others."

Before her mother died in 1995, Hawthorne said she told her, "You did such great things, I'm going to start a ministry to help others."

She said the Lord impressed her to start the ministry to help women, because women go through so much. And what started out on a small scale, with 38 in attendance, has grown in just a couple of years, with over 150 people already registered

for the up-coming conference.

"The Lord told me to start it, and said He would take care of it, and He does," said Hawthorne. "It's growing, and we're just praying for it continuously."

The conference is free, with The Touch Ministry covering the cost of the conference room and meals. Hawthorne added that all the conferences have been free, and they have never left owing the hotel anything.

She said that people coming to the conference can expect to be met with the real love of God.

"This is a great time of fellowship with other sisters going through some of the same things," said Hawthorne. "We pray and sanctify the place to heal every hurt. You'll see a lot of crying, praising, hugging and tears."

There will be music, preaching and teaching, good food and plenty to take home afterwards. Previous conference attendees said they were totally blessed, and will be back for this one.

"My soul was truly blessed at this conference. I enjoyed the topic 'Take your Mask off'. As women of God it is important

that we live holy all the time..." said Sister Tri Lewis.

Sister Sharaunda Rogers said she was, "taught and then blessed, taught again, and blessed again and again."

The Touch Ministry is a 501 C 3 organization, and Hawthorne said they are always grateful for donations. Her daughter, Cheryl Jackson, has been successful at bringing many corporations on board to help sponsor the ministry. For this year's conference, Jackson and Hawthorne are seeking donations in the form of money, gift certificates for door prizes, food and clothing, and anything tangible.

Hawthorne is also a minister with her husband for the church they started, called Day Star Deliverance Ministry, which meets at the Harvey Hotel, Plano on Sunday mornings.

Anyone interested in attending the free W.I.T. Conference, or being a sponsor, can register on-line at [www.thetouchministry.com](http://www.thetouchministry.com), or call 972.769.8826.

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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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Nanci E. Chiappetti, C.Ht.

bowl better. Nanci used her insight and skills to guide him to a more relaxed state. Blow said, "I was able to receive positive suggestions to envision myself as a dynamic bowler." Steve Blow felt more confidence as soon as he went bowling and his game began to improve very soon after visiting with Nanci. Hypnotherapy helped to get his bowling game onto a better track.

In December 1997, Optometrist, Jack Vaughan wrote a note of thanks for successful services from Nanci Chiappetti's Hypnotherapy Clinic. The note was as follows: "Dear Nanci, Many thanks for the super service and therapy I received from you recently. I am most pleased with the results and feel I am moving toward my goals. I appreciate your friendship and would not hesitate to consult you again in the future!" Sincerely, Jack Vaughan O. D., FAAO

#### FINDING A STATE OF RELIEF

Nanci worked with teen mothers at the YWCA Women's Resource Center. She received a note of thanks from Lisa Ciminelli at that Dallas facility. The letter said: "Dear Nanci, I cannot thank you enough for coming to my School Age Mothers class yesterday. The girls seem to constantly communicate their stress. I was obviously concerned about their behavior initially, but I am glad that they gave in to your helpful suggestions. I think you have a very special gift to share, and I want to thank you again for bringing it to our classroom. Hopefully, you can continue to work in the school, and I will do my very best to make that happen!" Sincerely, Lisa Ciminelli.

Nanci helped Cindy Kaplan to find relief after her wrist was broken in an auto accident. Cindy said, "Surgery was required after the accident. Nanci called to ask what she could do for me and I said, 'Hypnosis.' My wrist was very painful, but the soothing sound of her voice helped me to relax so that I could rest and heal. I spent many hours with Nanci during the first month. I don't know what I would have done without her!"

In May 2002, Joe H. Ledford, D.D.S., shared how Nanci's Hypnotherapy helped him in several areas. (1) In 1989, I came to Nanci Chiappetti to help me stop smoking and I have not smoked since.

(2) In 1993 I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. I went back to Nanci with positive healing suggestions and visual imagery. I visualized my bad cancer cells vanishing. (3) I was diagnosed with colon and liver cancer and again used the same technique with Nanci. The last time I saw my oncologist, he was smiling. I said that's all I need to know. Now we are working on weight loss, and I believe we will be successful. -- Dr. Joe H. Ledford

#### RELIEF FOR ALZHEIMER'S SYMPTOMS

When a person is in pain, it is very difficult to focus on anything else. It can be even more of a challenge when it affects your family. Nanci Chiappetti has the

skill and desire to make the negatives into positives even when dealing with it up 'close and personal.' She was able to use Hypnotherapy for her mother who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease several years ago. Nanci said, "I have been using Hypnosis with my mother and the results have been amazing. She is now full of love, life and memory! Caregivers and staff members at the 'Golden Acres Home for Jewish Aged' where Nanci's mother resides say Hypnosis has made a wonderful difference in the Alzheimer's patient. Nanci also offers assistance to other residents of the nursing home where my mother is a resident."

She is currently doing extensive research on the effects of Hypnotherapy in the management of Alzheimer's. She says, "If you have a loved one afflicted with this disease, please let us see if my system of Hypnosis may help them!"

Nanci Chiappetti recognizes how important healthy choices are to a person's total health. She works to make Hypnotherapy available and affordable to more people who need the help. Her services are available to businesses and groups.

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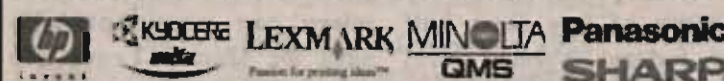
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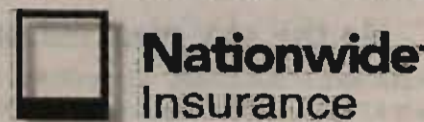
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security to the infected person. Smith said the groups they see most often are between the ages of 13 and 35, and are mostly African Americans and Hispanics.

It also doesn't take having more than one partner in a lifetime to be infected. It can be a person's first sexual experience with an infected partner who didn't tell them - either they didn't know themselves or didn't take it seriously enough - or a cheating spouse could bring the disease home.

Because many of the diseases have no symptoms, some people don't even know they are infected and transmit a disease unknowingly. Then there are those who are too embarrassed to say anything to their partner and put them at risk. This combined leaves many people

tell their spouse.

Left untreated, chlamydia damages the female reproductive tissue, causing pelvic inflammatory disease, which in turn can cause debilitating pelvic pain, infertility, or fatal pregnancy complications. Babies born to mothers infected with the disease are also at risk of developing eye and lung infections.

According to the American Social Health Association, at least one in four Americans will contract an STD at some point. And not all STD's are curable, leaving a lot of people walking around with an incurable disease, compromising their immune systems, leaving them vulnerable to more infection.

reason they are easily and often unknowingly transmitted. Symptoms include burning urination, and genital discharge, and for women, intermittent bleeding.

A potentially life threatening STD, syphilis can now be treated with penicillin, but with each recurrent bout of the disease it becomes resistant to the effects of the penicillin, making it harder to treat each time. Syphilis symptoms include the appearance of a genital sore which eventually disappears on its own, often leaving people to think they don't need treatment. Left untreated, syphilis can affect the brain and heart, causing stroke and meningitis.

Another STD not mentioned often is Human Papillomavirus, or genital warts. This virus affects the skin in the genital area and a woman's cervix. Symptoms can be warts or abnormal cell changes, and are often accompanied by extreme pain and discomfort.

This is just the surface of the problem, as there are at least 25 infectious STD's. Although diagnosis and treatment are getting easier, it is important to remember that contracting any of these diseases can affect a person's chance of having children and a healthy long-term relationship, especially as many STD's are incurable.

Smith said STD's can be diagnosed through vaginal and penile swabs, except syphilis for which a blood test is used.

But diagnosis and medicines should not be used as a way to deal with the problem. As Smith said, education is one key to prevention, "People need to be getting information on the end result of what happens if STD's go untreated."

If you or someone you know is at risk of contracting an STD, it is essential to be tested, either by your own health practitioner, or through a clinic. If you do have an STD you do need to tell your doctor, and if you haven't already done so, you do need to tell your partner.

No one can control another person's actions, we can only control our own. The true effective ways of avoiding STD's are abstinence and monogamy, and even with monogamy you have to know that your partner is also monogamous.

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undiagnosed and untreated, and at risk of suffering the long term effects of untreated STD's, including the possibility of male sterility and female infertility, and cervical cancer.

Certain viral STD's are transmitted not only through sexual contact, but also through infected blood, and also by an infected mother to her child, either during the pregnancy or when giving birth, or after the pregnancy through the mother's milk.

And the effects of STD's are devastating. A mother who contracts Herpes Simplex Virus during pregnancy has an extremely high risk of her baby being infected in the birth canal during childbirth, causing death or blindness to her newborn.

"Some people coming into the clinic are really devastated when they find out they are infected," said Smith. "I have women and men whose spouses have given them the disease, and they are really in shock. And there are mothers bringing in their daughters who are devastated, especially when they have herpes as they know there is no cure."

Smith added that certain diseases, such as chlamydia, the most frequently reported disease in the U.S., can lay dormant with no symptoms for years, making it possible for someone to be infected before marriage yet not know, and therefore not knowing of a need to

The ASHA said an estimated 65 million people in the US have an incurable STD, with two-thirds of all STD's occurring in people 25 years and younger. And still the numbers rise. Smith, of the MLK Clinic, believes this is due to lack of education on the topic.

"There's not enough education, in the schools sex education is nothing," Smith said. "I see people coming in with gonorrhea, getting it repeatedly, thinking medicine will make them better. They don't understand that with every bout of infection, scar tissue builds up and causes sterility."

She added that people are unaware of the physical pain associated with certain diseases.

"Usually by the time they come in, patients are in a lot of pain," Smith said.

Herpes is one of the most excruciatingly painful diseases, producing flu-like symptoms, and lesions in the genital area. It is incurable, and for women, the lesions can recur in rhythm with their monthly cycle. Genital and oral herpes can be cross-transmitted. Symptoms usually appear within two weeks of infection, but the herpes simplex virus can lie dormant, and as an estimated 80 percent (ASHA) of those with herpes are unaware they have it, it is further estimated that one in four Americans has genital herpes.

Gonorrhea and chlamydia often are symptom-less, and again for that



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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

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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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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Texas A&M International University

is accepting seal Proposals for a pipe organ for the campus located at 5201 University Blvd., Laredo, TX 78041

Scope of work includes labor, materials, and services required to produce the completed installation of a pipe organ which is acceptable to the University.

Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 P.M. on July 9, 2003. A pre-proposal mandatory conference and site visit are scheduled for June 2, 2003 at 1:30 P.M. Late proposals will not be considered.

Proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to: Texas A&M International University, Purchasing Department, Killam Library, Room 315 5201 University Blvd., Laredo, TX 78041

Questions regarding the RFP should be directed to the Purchasing Department, 956-326-2350

### TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist.Div: Fort Worth  
Contract 6084-45-001 for STORM SEWER AND INLET CLEANING in DALLAS County will be opened on June 10, 2003 at 10:30 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$211,540.00.

Contract 6086-60-001 for CHAIN LINK & HIGHLIGHT BARRIER FENCE in DALLAS County will be opened on June 10, 2003 at 10:30 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$168,600.00.

Contract 6095-46-001 for TREE TRIMMING & BRUSH REMOVAL in DALLAS County will be opened on June 10, 2003 at 10:30 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$105,232.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 9848

State Office  
Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)  
Dallas District  
District Engineer  
4777 E. Hwy 80  
Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643  
Phone: 214-320-6100

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.



## Dallas Housing Authority Request for Proposals for After School Program

The Dallas Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas ("DHA") hereby requests Proposals from responsive and responsible firms and individuals qualified to administer an effective after school program for children between the ages of 8-18 living in public housing

Request for Proposals will be ready for pick-up or mailing on Monday, May 5, 2003. If you are interested in submitting a Proposal, please call (214) 583-2038, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. C.S.T. and one will be mailed to you no later than the next business day, or you may pick up a copy of the Request for Proposal at 3131 Fish Trap Rd., Dallas, Texas 75212 during the same days and times. Written Proposals are due by 3:00 p.m. C.S.T. on Friday, May 30, 2003.

**DHA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS IF SUCH ACTION IS IN PUBLIC INTEREST AND TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL INFORMALITIES AND MINOR IRREGULARITIES**



## CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH FIRE DEPARTMENT "Caring Service...Proud Tradition" Firefighter/Paramedic \$44,077-\$50,116

Beginning May 12, we will be accepting application packets for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. Position closes June 12, 2003, at 4:00 p.m.

Recruitment requirements include:

1. Certified TCFP Basic Firefighter by August 1, 2003;
2. Certified TDH EMT-Basic by August 1, 2003.

The City of Farmers Branch is located in the heart of the Dallas Metroplex. The FBFD provides fire, rescue and ALS EMS service to a diverse commercial and residential customer base. We offer an excellent pay and benefit package.

Application packets with complete hiring requirements are available at Human Resources, City Hall Plaza, 13000 William Dodson Parkway, Farmers Branch, TX 75234, or at our web address [www.farmersbranch.info](http://www.farmersbranch.info). Only complete applications will be considered. E.O.E.



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**Sister Tarpley**



# Local Churches Give 'Light' To Community

**St. John Baptist Church of Grand Prairie**

**Mt. Olive Church of Plano**  
Last Wednesday I had the privilege of visiting Mt. Olive Church of Plano's evening service and my soul was blessed.

God led Rev. Sam Fenceroy to have his church's first 7-Up Wednesday Service. On the style of "round-robin" seven leaders of the church were given ten minutes to tell about their spiritual passion for God. The speakers were excited and on fire for God. The messages were thought provoking and food for the soul.

Sister Bridgette Carter's passion is Light. She asked, "How Bright is Your Light?" Her text was Matthew 5:14-16; she demonstrated her message by using a flashlight vs. a candle. Brother Tim Haggerty's passion is Success, using Matthew 6:36 and Joshua 1:8 as references. Sister Rene Murphy's passion is Salvation, references John 3:16 and 3-10; Romans 10:1-10 and Proverbs 6:16-19. Brother Bob Searcy's passion is The Temple of God is Holy, Take Care of Your Temple. He asked, "Do you Know What Time It Is?" He used Matthew 16:3 as a reference. He also said that God does the impossible but you must do the possible.

Sister Tondalyn Perry's passion is doing God's Will. She used St. Luke 22:23 & 24. Sister Quintrell Griggs' passion is God's Love for His Children—God's Word is True. She said, "Do No Harm to His children and to tell God's true word, no matter what. Brother Charles Carter's passion is If I Knew on Yesterday, What I know Today, I Would Do Things Differently (It's a 20/20 is hindsight thing). He said, "Confess your sin and learn to leave it at God's feet—and that there's Power in praying and fasting.

Grand Prairie, Texas was the place to be this past weekend. From start to finish St. John Baptist Church's 2nd Annual Health Fair offered an array of helpful and life-saving information for healthy minds, bodies and souls.

There was glaucoma and cataracts screening, nutrition and wellness consulting, stroke and heart attack risk screening. The health fair started with a walk and run that seemed to be not only healthy but a lot of fun for the participants. At the health fair you could get massages, take mini health classes, and eat plenty of healthy snack food. There were door prizes and many more door prizes. No one walked away without a lot of goodies.

I have visited St. John Church several times and I can tell you, they know how to make you feel at home; you get the feeling of God's love everywhere. As people entered the spacious gym to register they were greeted with a big hearty smile; they were given a large bag to collect lots of free items. There were information brochures on subjects such as sickle cell disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, breast and colon cancer, the importance of physical fitness and eyes and dental care. You could also get information on what to do if you have high blood pressure. There were doctors there to check your teeth, eyes and hearing.

Rev. Denny Davis, Servant of St. John was there in complete support of the health fair. He stopped at tables and had words of encouragement for visitors and volunteers.

St. John's youth group was on hand and they were everywhere, helping all organizations and attendees. It is easy to tell that youth involvement is really big at St. John and their,

obvious, belief that you should "train up a child..."

Some of the door prizes were several clocks, a DVD and a portable Black & White TV. An amusing story is about the TV; when the first name was drawn, you could tell the lady was very excited. She jumped and clapped from the back of the gym to the prize table to collect her gift. Sister Romma Williams, the prize coordinator and announcer (doing her job well) discovered that she had not taken the mini-classes (one criteria) and she wasn't eligible to win the prize. The lady was very disappointed to say the least.

However, Mrs. Lula Daniel, a member of St. John had taken the mini classes, she was the 2nd name drawn and she walked away with the portable TV prize. When I asked Ms. Daniel to comment. She stated that she had gained a lot of helpful information that she is going to put into practice for a healthier life, and the topping was winning the TV. According to Sister Beverly Sneed, RN, BSN,

Nephrology Nurse Educator and the Health Fair Coordinator, that's the purpose for the Health Fair to encourage people to get an annual checkup and having a healthier lifestyle for living well.

Rev. Davis has every right to be proud of his members. It was easy to tell that a lot of hard work was done and it was a job well done. I am so looking forward to St. John's Health Fair 2004.

Email: starpley@wt.net  
Pager: 214-833-1639  
Voice Mail: 972-606-3878  
Fax: 972-516-4197

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."

## Church Happenings

**ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

May 17, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Church-wide Garage Sale - Items to include clothes for all, toys, books, furniture and exercise equipment.

**Mondays-Thursdays,**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Project Transformation (8-week program) - Free summer educational enrichment and recreational program for elementary age children. Meals and snacks will be provided without charge. Registration- May 19-20 Contact the church for more information.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.**

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes- Strengthen your English!

**Through May 22**

Spanish class for church leaders!

Visit our website at [www.allnationsumc.org](http://www.allnationsumc.org)

All Nations United Methodist Church

Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor  
34185 E. 14th St.  
Plano, TX 75074

**DUNAMIS CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

**Fridays (unless otherwise notified),**  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

"Start your weekend off right"

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This month's study and series- "How to Recover From Loss"

\*Dunamis Christian Ministries-a biblically based non-denominational ministry, dedicated to empowering people's lives through worship, and the relevant study, teaching and preaching of God's Word.

For more information, contact Rev. J.C. Matthews, Pastor, at 972-557-7077 or email, [revjcmatthews@yahoo.com](mailto:revjcmatthews@yahoo.com)

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3100 N. Dallas Parkway  
Plano, TX 75093

**GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Month of May, Sundays at 5:00 p.m.**

Leadership Training for Men (Young & Old) Room 316

For more information call, 972-644-2335

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ  
1013 South Greenville Ave.  
Richardson, TX 75081

**HAMILTON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**May 18**  
Women's Day

For more information, call 972-235-4633.

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church  
Rev. Derrick R. Wright,  
Senior Pastor  
11881 Schroeder Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75243

**OUTREACH FAMILY CHURCH**

**Sundays, 11:00 a.m.**

Sunday Morning Word Explosion  
Minister James Washington, Pastor

For more information, call 214-629-3819.

Location- The Clarion Inn Hotel, 7138 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX

For more information, call 214-629-3819.

**MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**

**2nd & 4th Sundays**

Blood pressure screenings available after 11:00 a.m. service

For more information about our events, call the church at 972-329-5030 or visit

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**Sunday Service**

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9:00 am Sunday School

**Wednesday Service**

Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Brotherhood 7:00 pm  
Missions 7:00 pm  
Singles Group 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:45 pm



Pastor Robert E. Price

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Dallas, TX 75243

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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.  
Prayer Meeting and 7:30 p.m.  
Evening Bible Study

**4396 Main Street**

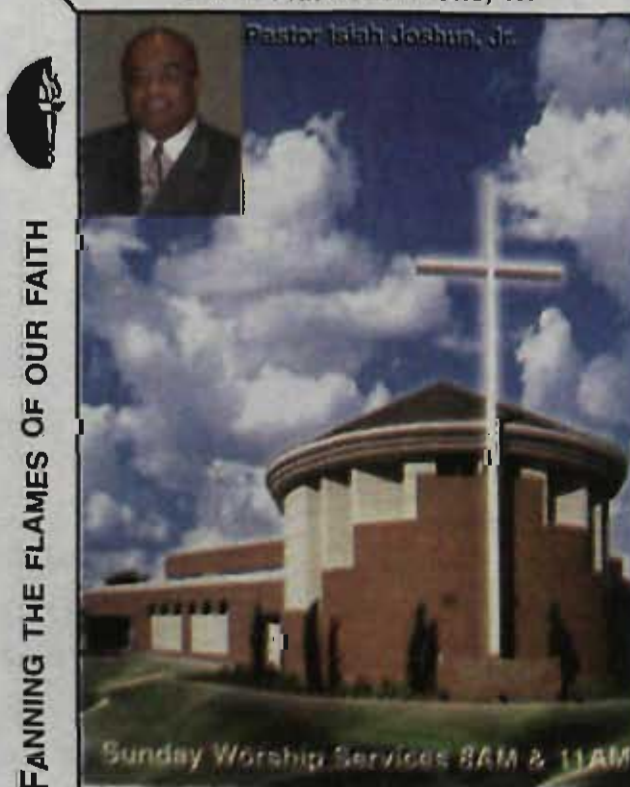
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**Tuesday** 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir  
**Wednesday** 7PM Mid-Week Service  
**Thursday** 7PM Mass Choir

For more information call (972) 423-61395  
[www.shilohbaptistchurch.org](http://www.shilohbaptistchurch.org)

**Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church**

1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney Tx  
Pastor Charles S. Wattley



**Sunday**

Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship (Celebration)... 11:00 a.m.  
- Nursery Facilities Available -

**Wednesday**

Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

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972-542-0178

[www.saintmarkbc.com](http://www.saintmarkbc.com)

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Men & Women Ministry 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Leadership Meeting .....2nd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Marriage Enrichment & Singles Ministry  
.....4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Deliverance from Issues .....Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Mid-Week Service .....Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM  
Youth Bible Study .....Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM

Radio Broadcast Station 1040AM-KGGR  
M-F 10:25-10:30 AM

For More Information: (972) 633-5511  
or E-Mail [sfenceroy@aol.com](mailto:sfenceroy@aol.com)



# Church Happenings

www.mesquitefriendship.com.

Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church  
Terry M. Turner, Pastor  
2232 Franklin Drive  
Mesquite, TX 75150

## MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night Tutoring,  
7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Tutoring for students in grades K-12 in all subject areas. Free and open to the public

For more information concerning any of these events, call 972-276-5218.

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church  
Rev. Leonard Leach, Pastor  
901 Dairy Rd.  
Garland, TX 75040

## MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.  
& 11:30-2:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Free 30-minute singing lessons, limited to one lesson per week

Call the church to schedule a lesson.

Tuesdays & Thursdays,  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Counseling by Minister Gloria Fenceroy-Call the church for an appointment

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Deliverance by Pastor Sam-Deliverance Issues Sessions-Call the church for an appointment

May 24, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
MOCOP Development Center-Free business workshop  
Snacks and drinks will be provided.

For more information, call 972-633-5511

Mt. Olive Church of Plano  
Pastor Sam & Minister Gloria Fenceroy  
740 Ave. F, Ste. 303  
Plano, TX 75074

## 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.

May 10, 11:00 a.m.  
2nd Annual Fish Fry- Sponsored by the Brotherhood Mentoring Program

For more information, call thebrotherhood@shiloh.org.

Shiloh Baptist Church  
Rev. Isaiah Joshua, Jr., Pastor  
920 E. 14th St.  
Plano, TX 75074

## ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH (Dallas)

May 10, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

5th Annual Teen Parent Conference- College information, prizes, complimentary lunch, salute to graduating teens, entertainment and more!

Morning Guest Speaker- State Rep. Yvonne Davis (TX)

For more information, call 214-375-4876.

St. John Baptist Church  
Rev. Leroy Armstrong, Pastor  
2600 Marsalis  
Dallas, TX 75216



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Senior Pastor

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Tuesday	7:00pm	Prayer Meeting

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- Mr. J. Raphael Fields (Friend)
- Rev. & Ms. Emanuel Baker (Cousins)

## MS. SHEILA DONNISE TARPLEY LOTT

In times like these we need loving and dependable spiritual leaders. With our troops sacrificing and fighting in the Middle East, with unemployment numbers in these United States without historical precedence and the media coverage bombarding us daily with homicide, fratricide, suicide and familicide numbing us in such a way that we don't know if we are coming or going. However, God has never left his children without a witness.

Like the cooling waters flowing down from a rock in a barren desert, behold, we are blessed with Sheila Tarpley Lott, a godly woman, embracing all the adulatory virtues expressed in Proverbs 31:10-31. Sheila looks well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children, Tyanna Donnise, David Edward and the yet unborn will call her blessed and her husband, Bill, will praise her.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou Sheila excel them all. Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain; but Sheila, you are worthy to be praised because you fear the Lord our God. You exalt Him in all your ways. Even your home-recorded telephone message is a witness to our Lord's love for mankind; "Remember, no matter what it is, God can turn it around."

Additionally, the very grounds where you reside reminds family and friends that you too adherers to the profound words of Joshua 24:15(b) "... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

With her hard-earned college degree and successfully accommodating the mammoth task of parenting and maintaining her household, she desired more. Sheila diligently searched to find ways to reach a deeper and intimate relationship with our God. She was not content to stay within her demanding homemaker's niche and sought with the ever-pressing need to "go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever Christ have commanded ..."

Sheila found ways to address that need through the Covenant Church's Minister's Training Institute, Mr. John Rodriguez, MTI Director. With their appointed and spirit-filled curriculum she is better equipped to offer hope to the challenges of a dying world. Staying in God's will, her formal matriculation culminates with a trip to Nicaragua/Costa Rica on June 21, 2003.

Her informal training is just beginning and she understands that we have a great High Priest, Jesus, the Son of God, which is passed into the Heavens. She is ready to hold fast to her profession and ready to come boldly before the throne of grace that she may obtain mercy and find grace to help in this urgent times of need.

Sheila Donnise Tarpley Lott, we are so proud of your missionary journey. You have our spiritual and financial support and as you pursue the greater goal, we honor and salute you!

by Aunt Rose

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