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Plano's Picnic in the Park - On the Road, June 19, 7pm - 9pm, Crawfish - 40's Big Band, Classic Rock, Country, and Dixieland, Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel.

ArtCentre of Plano hosts "Jump Start for Arts," a Free Summer Arts Program for low-income students. Classes taught by certified art teachers. Ages 8-9, June 16-27; ages 10-12, June 30-July 11; ages 13-15, July 14-25. At the ArtCentre, downtown Plano, at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue K, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Call 972.423.7809 for information and registration.

Free Beginners Computer Classes at the Urban League Community Service Center in Garland, 210 Carver Street. Classes held Monday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Some state income guidelines may apply. Call 214.413.1720 for more information.

Celebrate Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, at the Frisco Public Library, 8750 McKinney Road, Saturday June 21, 11a.m. to 4 p.m. Dress as your favorite Potter character, bring your camera for pictures in Hogwart's Great Hall. Test your knowledge with Potter Trivia and dress up a magical creature. Try Bertie Botts' Every Flavour Beans. For information call the library at 972.335.5510.

My Big Fat Greek Lawyer, by Bar None, a group of metroplex attorneys, at Greer Garson Theatre, SMU campus in Dallas. Don't miss this spoof of lawyers, judges and politicians, as Bar None puts on a show to raise money for a full 3 year scholarship to SMU School of Law for a minority student. For ticket information visit www.barnoneshow.com. Thursday June 19 7:30p.m.; Friday June 20 and Saturday June 21 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate Freedom with KLTU at Southfork Ranch, FM2551 (Murphy Road). Gates open 7 a.m. Fourteen contemporary Christian Recording Artists and a fireworks extravaganza at 10:30 p.m. Free. Tickets available at Chick-Fil-A, Kroger and Washington Mutual.

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North Texas Job Corps Center Celebrates Its New Buildings



(Left to Right) John Stewart, VP of Job Corps Operations; Dale Gatz, Director of Job Corps Operations; Ruby Bowman, Manager of HR; Jack Mencia, President & CEO of The CUBE Corp.

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Russell Simmons, Entrepreneur and Pioneer Inspires Dallas



Simmons and Michael Hill of CBS News

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Surviving Cancer, Celebrating Life

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By Jacqueline Perry Williams

Surviving cancer is something that Rev. Buford Kemp is proud to talk about. In September of 1999, Kemp was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Now, four years later, he is living cancer-free.

At 49, Kemp had several health screening exams, including prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test and a digital rectal examination (DRE), two of the most common tests used by physicians to detect prostate cancer. It was when a second biopsy was performed that the cancer diagnosis was confirmed. Two months

later, in November 1999, Kemp said he had a complete prostate removal.

A Dallas Firefighter of 27 years, he said he is now enjoying living an active life, and is in the process of returning to work.

"I'm maintaining a healthy diet, and I'm looking forward to going back to work," said Kemp.

Kemp is also the Associate Pastor of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, and now ministers and teaches the male community about the importance of early detection. With early detection, doctors are able to treat the cancer in its early stages, and have a

better chance of preventing the cancer from spreading. Because prostate cancer may not show symptoms at first, preventative screenings are essential. The American Cancer Society estimates that during 2003 about 220,900 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. African-American men are more likely to have prostate cancer and to die from it than are white or Asian men. The death rate from prostate cancer has been decreasing, and men are being diagnosed earlier.

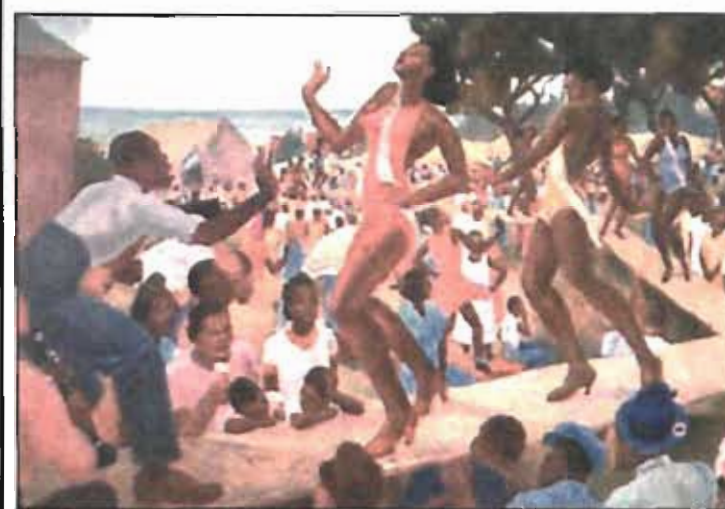
At least 70% of all prostate

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Garland NAACP Celebrates the Significance of Juneteenth

The Garland branch NAACP held its Juneteenth Celebrations at the Gale Fields Recreation Center in Garland on Saturday June 14th. Mr. John Washington, Assistant Superintendent of Garland

The Youth Council members shared readings describing why Juneteenth is important to African Americans in Texas. While it is the 40th anniversary of the murder of Civil Rights



"Juneteenth Revue" Antonio E. Garcia, 1900-

ISD was guest speaker, and he addressed the meaning and significance of Juneteenth and revealed how the holiday was celebrated during his childhood. Washington also noted that the Garland ISD staff will celebrate Juneteenth at the Administration building on June 19.

Leader Medgar Evers, the Youth Council also used this time to remember and reflect on the life of Evers, slain civil rights activist and NAACP Field Director.

In his memory, the Garland NAACP emphasized voter registration and encouraged

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We Have Been Programmed by Programs

By James Clingman
Have you noticed every time a problem arises between African-Americans and "the establishment," the usual result is another program for Black folks? Have you also noticed that the programs we get usually result in economic progress for the establishment? Have you ever wondered why we accept "programs" as the solutions to our problems, all the while standing on the sidelines and watching "the establishment" get progress in their efforts to "help" us? Well, I have noticed these and other Black strategies being implemented over the years, and I have come to the conclusion that we have indeed been programmed by programs.

Let's look at some examples, but first let me clarify what I mean by "the establishment;" it comprises members of our local societies who always seem to "get the call" or come to the rescue when a socially oriented problem needs to be solved. They can be Black, White, or otherwise, but they are considered "safe" by those who really run the show.

The two factions get

together and make the plans, which more often than not result in new (and sometimes old) programs for the rabble-rousing, dissatisfied, angry Black folks. But those who make the plans are the ones that get real economic progress. They get the high-level positions; they get the consultant contracts; they get access to the funds allocated to set up the programs; they get development rights to build more housing. They get progress; we get programs.

And check this out. Even when we get our programs, you know, like affirmative action, set-asides, and the like, "they" develop ways to get in on that action as well. For instance, affirmative action benefited White females more than any other group. Hey, wasn't that "program" developed in response to past injustices against Black people? Some of the set-aside programs, again, originally designated for Black folks, were soon compromised by changing the names of those programs to Women Business Enterprise

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North Texas Job Corps Center

"Flying High with Pride"



Flags fly high above the new buildings at the North Texas Job Corps Center. On June 12, 2003, the center held its ribbon-cutting ceremony, celebrating the grand opening of three new buildings. The center opened a new Education and Career Preparation complex, Administrative and Wellness Center complex, and a recently built Office Technology Training complex.

North Texas Job Corps Center
1701 North Church St.

To learn more about the Job Corps program and how you can get involved, contact the center's Business and Community Liaison office at 972-547-7738.

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The President's Credibility Is Questioned

In the last few weeks many in the main stream media who had been all too eager to glorify the war with Iraq are now posing serious questions which, if not answered, could cast doubt on the credibility of the President.

In preparing the American public for the war, President Bush and Administration spokespersons specifically and repeatedly stated that they had proof that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction (WMD's) that posed an imminent threat to the security and safety of our nation.

The Administration used self-serving data in this matter and whipped the American people into a fearful frenzy. Various spokespersons, including Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Powell, made the case that Iraq had 25,000 liters of anthrax, 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, 500 tons of sarin, mustard and nerve gas - all primed and ready to be unleashed on American cities at a moments notice.

Yet, in the six weeks since the end of major fighting and with carte blanche access to the sites identified by intelligence, American search teams have located neither weapons nor evidence that WMD's had been at the sites. According to weapons experts, it is no easy task to destroy the materials to make "500 tons of sarin, mustard and VX nerve agent" and erase all evidence of their existence. The Associated Press reported that military units searching for W.M.D.'s in Iraq have run out of places to look. One American officer talking to a Newsweek reporter described the list of probable weapons sites supplied by the CIA as

"garbage."

Concern about why did we go to war, has escalated to the point that many members of a heretofore recalcitrant congress have begun to demand that an independent inquiry be conducted. Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH) issued the following statement about his Resolution of Inquiry. "This Administration made many assertions, for which they have yet to produce any evidence, about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The President led the nation to war, and spent at least \$63 billion on that war, on the basis of these unfounded assertions. It is long past time that the Administration shows its evidence.... This Administration owes an explanation to this Congress and to the American people. Now is the time for truth telling."

Representative Henry Waxman (D-CA) recently transmitted a letter to National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice demanding answers to the debunked claims made by the President. "What I want to know is the answer to a simple question: Why did the President use forged evidence in the State of the Union address? This is a question that bears directly on the credibility of the United States, and it should be answered in a prompt and forthright manner, with full disclosure of all the relevant facts."

Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) in speaking about the inability to find WMD's stated, "These are very serious and grave questions.... Every member of this body [Congress] ought to be demanding answers."

Aside from the public's right to know the truth about why we went to war there is another

issue that poses potentially serious consequences. The President has articulated a policy of pre-emptive strikes against any country identified as having weapons of mass destruction that potentially might be a threat to the United States. The only way a country will be identified as a threat will be through information supplied or validated by intelligence agencies.

If it turns out that the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the ad-hoc intelligence cliques used by the Administration did not know that weapons existed or where they were hidden then a clear question will be raised about the effectiveness of our intelligence capability and our ability to act with moral authority and certainty.

It would be wrong to let these questions become simply another politically based skirmish. War is such a horrendous, immoral, deadly and expensive undertaking that the truth about how a war decision is made should not be tainted with partisan politics. Most Americans want to believe and trust their president. The polls show that 60-70 percent of the people are clinging to that thread of trust. But how can peace, democratization and negotiation be promulgated as the proper moral and political course for other nations when simultaneously America uses war and dictatorial threats to obtain its objectives?

The truth about the Iraq war must stand in the light of day and not hide behind the mysterious shadows of national security.

James W. Breedlove
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com



Cheryl Jackson

By Cheryl Jackson

What are Heelys? Heelys are high grade sports shoes that have a stealth wheel in the heel that allow you to roll like skates, but when you take the wheel out you have a great tennis shoe that you can walk and run in like normal. Heelys shoes were invented by Roger Adams. This story is extremely special to me because I worked with Adams at Middlekauff Ford in Plano, Texas and we became good friends.

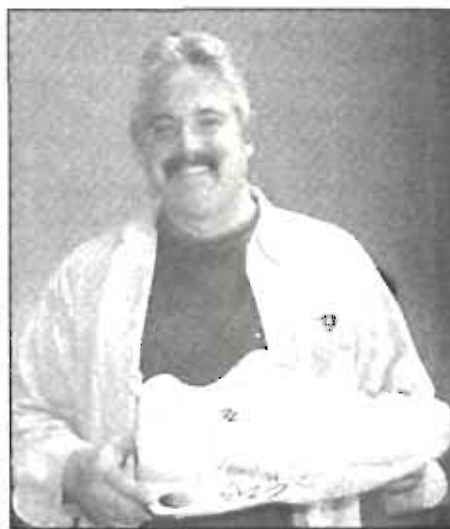
In my first column I informed readers that they have to believe in themselves, well, Adams did. I can recall several conversations when Adams said, "If I can get someone to believe in my invention I know this idea will work." Someone finally did, and

The Plain Truth about Heelys

in December 2000, Heelys hit the shelves. In 2001, Heelys sales were over \$20 million dollars and the following year e sales doubled. Adams' shoes have appeared in several movies and he has made shoes for celebrities, including Shaquille O'Neal!

What I like the most about Adams is that he hasn't forgotten his roots. Last month, he helped sponsor a local charity and supplied over 70 families with Heelys shoes! When I asked for his assistance he supplied shoes, shirts and caps to all the kids at Plano's C.I.T.Y. House.

Here is the Plain Truth- Roger Adams has used his Heelys shoes to heal others by providing



Roger with Shaq Shoe

TXU and TPA Announce Scholarship Winners

June 6, 2003 - TXU and the Texas Publishers Association announced the six winners of their 4th Annual "Bright Minds, Bright Futures" scholarship contest. Each student will receive \$2,500 towards his first year of college education.

Winners are: Clinton Broyles, Garland; Gitta Venix, Paris; Obie Lansford, Sherman;

Lee Nathan, Sherman; Megan Watson, Sulphur Springs; and Praseetha Cherian, Sunnyvale. All of the students will start their college studies this fall.

Winners of the scholarships were required to submit an original essay of 800 to 1200 words on one of three subjects: responding to international terrorism, funding public education in Texas, or

improving the Texas economy. The contest was open to graduating high school seniors in Texas.

TXU serves 2.7 million competitive electric customers in Texas where it is the leading energy retailer. The Texas Publishers Association represents more than twenty African American owned and managed newspapers.

"Bright Minds, Bright Futures" 2003 Scholarship Contest Winners

Contest Sponsored by TXU and Texas Publishers Association
Each student won a \$2,500 scholarship for his or her first year of college.

Name	High School	College Plans
Clinton William Broyles 3710 S. Country Club Drive Garland, Texas 75043 972.240.4279	Garland High School	Texas A&M University Architecture
Gitta Venix 1840 Silverleaf Paris, Texas 75462 903.783.0202 (2538 Dundee Lane, Salina Kansas 67401; 785.342.9255)	Paris High School	Boston University
Obie Lansford 702 E. Summit Sherman, Texas 75092 903.870.2492	Sherman High School	Baylor University Political Science, Pre-Law, Sociology
Lee Nathan 2512 Sherwood Drive Sherman, Texas 75092 903.893.6660	Sherman High School	Montana State University Engineering
Megan Watson 500 Benjamin Street Sulphur Springs, TX 75182 903.885.8557	Sulphur Springs High School	Baylor University Chemistry (Pre-Med)
Praseetha Cherian 413 Stone Canyon Drive Sunnyvale, TX 75182 214.563.3612	Mesquite High School	Southern Methodist University International Business and Biology

The Arts Come to Life for Plano Students

By: Monica Thornton

The ArtCentre of Plano is hosting "Jump Start for the Arts" through July 25, an innovative program designed to introduce students ages 8 through 15 to four art disciplines.

Cliff Redd, executive director of the ArtCentre, said the program is the brainchild of the Plano City Council.

"The city council conceived this idea, and they are to be commended for having this vision," said Redd. "There are very few cities who think it's important enough to have art programs."

Primarily targeted toward low-income students, the program is divided into three age groups, with two weeks allocated to each group. Redd said they are taught in a fun, hands-on environment, by people certified and experienced in their respective fields of dance, drama,

music and visual arts. With a multi-thousand dollar exhibit of Japanese kites at the ArtCentre, Redd said they are incorporating that theme into the visual art program, to bring the arts alive for the students.

"We want them to have a functional knowledge of each element of the arts," said Redd.

He added that there are 80 children registered for the first two-week session for children ages 8 and 9, and these are divided into four groups, having an hour learning each discipline daily. Each group is also assigned a counselor who nurtures and assists the students.

"By having them split into groups and assigned a teacher and counselor we are able to give the students a higher quality of education," Redd said.

Funding for the program came through a Request For a Proposal (RFP) from the Plano City Council.

Redd said RFP's have very specific terms that have to be met. The council put out the request asking different organizations to bid on the program, and The ArtCentre of Plano was chosen. Teachers were chosen by program coordinator Chelisa Herbrick, who interviewed many qualified people before choosing the final four, three of whom are Plano ISD teachers.

Jump Start For The Arts students meet at Bowman Middle School for lunch, and are then bussed to the ArtCentre for the program, which runs from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The schedule for age groups is: ages 8-9, June 16-27; ages 10-12, June 30-July 11; ages 13-15, July 14-25. The ArtCentre is located in downtown Plano, at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue K. Call 972.423.7809 for information and registration.

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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-

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

MON-The Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

Black Press Frets About FCC Ruling

Newspapers: Publishers serving minority communities fear that the decision to relax media ownership restrictions threatens their publications.

By Sara Neufeld and June Arney

Maryland- Levi Henry Jr. founded The Westside Gazette in Fort Lauderdale in 1971 to tell the story of South Florida's black community, passing the business down to his son, Bobby Sr., when he retired.

The Henrys say their newspaper and others in the black press have become pillars of the African-American community, right behind the family and the church. But they fear that pillar could collapse in the wake of a ruling by the Federal Communications Commission to relax media ownership restrictions.

"Level playing field?" Bobby Henry said. "It's wiped out, it's gone."

The Henrys are not alone in their concerns. This week in Baltimore at the annual convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, about 400 black publishers, editors, writers and sales representatives fretted about consolidation of media power, economic hard times and other issues threatening the minority press.

The 62-year-old association, also known as the "Black Press of America," represents more than 200 black community newspapers that combined have about 18 million readers weekly.

Between sessions at the Wyndham Hotel on Friday, Janis Ware, a second-generation publisher of The Atlanta Voice, spoke for many: "It is more imperative today than ever before that the black press continue to exist. Otherwise the information is going to be disseminated in one view and one view only."

Ware and others said that, in tough economic times, giving the most powerful media companies license to become more powerful could spell disaster.

The FCC voted, 3-2, this month to allow individual companies to own more television and radio stations and newspapers than before.

"There's a threat by the diverse

media on newspapers in general, but it becomes frightening when you talk about the black press," said Robert Bogle, president and chief executive officer of The Philadelphia Tribune, which - at age 119 - is the oldest black newspaper in the country.

Mainstream newspapers have made significant efforts in recent years to diversify their ranks and the subjects of news stories. But they will never take the place of black newspapers, Bogle said. He said black newspapers are providing the only real challenge to the assault on affirmative action.

Other pressing issues facing the black community, according to the newspaper executives, include the achievement gap, the disproportionate rate of incarceration and racial profiling.

They said readers also are looking for positive news about themselves, a break from the headlines in the mainstream press about black drug addicts and criminals.

"The need for the black press is as great today as it was yesterday," Bogle said. "Our nation is still divided by race. No one can tell our story better than we can. You have to live it. You have to be a part of it to understand it."

George E. Curry worked for the mainstream press, for publications including Sports Illustrated and the Chicago Tribune, for more than two decades before becoming editor in chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service. Covering the war in Iraq in recent months, he looked for stories about African-Americans in key military roles - stories, he said, that readers likely would not find elsewhere.

"My whole approach to questions was different," he said. "Your role is to give voice to the voiceless."

The biggest difference between black newspapers and mainstream newspapers is the trust factor, Curry said. When reading black newspapers, black readers "know there are no hidden agendas, and the people have their best interests at hand. They're more likely to

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North Texas Job Corps Center Celebrates Its New Buildings



(Left to Right) June Boswell, Dallas Regional Director Job Corps; Billy Domino, Student and President of Student Government Association; Richard Abbott, Center Director; Jack Mencia, President & CEO of The CUBE Corp.

By: Monica Thornton

Neither torrential rains, flash flooding, thunder nor lightning could stop the ribbon cutting ceremony at the North Texas Job Corps Center in McKinney, Texas on Thursday June 12, 2003.

What should have been an outdoors ceremony under the pavilion, was held in the center's cafeteria, as the rains kept coming down, flooding pathways and soaking every one. The organizers for the day did a great job with the back-up plan to use the cafeteria, getting the ribbon set in place and even having hot tea and coffee for the wet and cold guests.

The ceremony celebrated the opening of two buildings at the center, the Administration Building, dormitories and the Academics Building, part of a five-year development plan to transform the center into a college campus atmosphere.

"Now we can better serve our young men and women, and facilitate their progress," said Ronda Herrell, Career Development Services Director for the center.

Present for the occasion were Jerry Durham, representing Congressman Sam Johnson, U.S. Congressional District III, June Boswell, Dallas Regional Director Job Corps, Jack Mencia, president & CEO of The Cube Corporation, Robert Rosti, director Job Corps Operations, Vinnell Corporation, Jose de Oliveras, Regional Director, Job Corps, and Richard Abbott, director, North Texas Job Corps Center. Job Corps Center in The

Security Academy Color Guard, the Student Government Association and musically talented students also took part in the ceremony. Janon Williams, student, gave the musical interlude on the keyboard, and student Torrey Bryant sang the National Anthem better than most people have sung even on television.

The Job Corps is a national program designed to help youth in transition, some of whom go through a High School Diploma program and others who go through training in the fields of medicine, security and



Rev. Willie Watley gives the invocation during the Building Dedication & Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

finance, just to name a few. Once the students have completed their six (6) month program they are ready for the job world, and are monitored and mentored for a year after graduation by the Job Corps staff.

Abbott, director at the North Texas Job Corps Center, said his students, "Have courage and perseverance, courage to leave their families and friends behind, and courage to take on a new life for themselves."

Billy Domino, Student Government Association President, made presentations to Boswell, who was representing Job Corps Regional Director, Jose de Oliveras; Cube Corporation's CEO, Mencia; and Rosti of Vinnell Corporation.

"I'm happy to accept this on behalf of our Regional

Director," said Boswell.

She added that the growth of the center has been under his leadership.

"It's been because of the commitment of our Regional Director. It is truly because of the work he has done, his faith in the center, and faith in the leadership at the center," Boswell continued.

Mencia, who traveled from Virginia for the occasion, said, "This is awesome, I am so proud to be a part of this team."

Before the ribbon was cut to officially open the new buildings,

Durham, of Sam Johnson's office, presented to the center the flag of the United States of America that had flown over the United States Job Corps Center in Washington, D.C.

And at the time of the ribbon cutting, students and staff at the center released red, white and blue balloons.

Abbott, proud of the progress made at the center, said, "These new buildings are a



Job Corps Student Torrey Bryant sings the National Anthem

step in the right direction, a major step. Our students are in a much better learning environment."

He added that private

contractors built the buildings, and many of the students worked side by side with them, getting into trenches to help dig and build. Abbott said once the buildings were complete there was landscaping to be done.

"We had to put in grass, trees, shrubs and everything that goes with landscaping, and that was all done by the students," Abbott continued.

The day finished with tours of the new buildings, conducted by the SGA students. Inside the dorm and academic building, and the new administration building, everything is bright. The floors are tiled in white, with cranberry tiles interspersed, the walls are clean, and the rest rooms are spotless. The administration building also houses the center's medical center, which looks like a modern hospital.

Students are able to go to the dentist, see the doctor, and there is also a hospital ward for the males, and one for the female students. And nursing students are taught in this part of the building.

Abbott said that the students have pride, pride in themselves, their facility, and in what they do. The new buildings at the North Texas Job Corps Center in McKinney can only serve to enhance the student's sense of pride.

Around The Town

On-going

Collin County has created an emergency preparedness hotline: 972.548.4114. You can also visit 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 information call: 972.881.5154. Open Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Interactive Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland by Presbyterian Healthcare, a Kroger Foods miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit complete with rain forest, 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.

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.

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 for details.

General Information

The City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department hosts a free summer lunch program for area youth through July 25. Served at Bowman Middle School, 2501 Jupiter Road, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., for ages 1 to 18.

Administered by the Texas Association of Developing Colleges (TADC), the Urban Scholarship Fund is accepting scholarship applications. Must be Texas residents and U.S. citizens, full-time undergraduates in good academic standing. Must demonstrate financial need. Deadline is June 30, 2003. Call 214.630.2511, or apply through high school guidance counselor or college financial aid officer.

Junior Players offers a free Discover Shakespeare Camp for middle school students, grades 6 to 8. June 30-July 11, Monday-Friday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, 5170 E. RL

Thornton Freeway. Call 214.526.4076, or visit: www.juniorsplayers.org.

Plano's Household Hazardous Waste Reuse Center offers Plano residents free, quality garden products (herbicides and pesticides), pool chemicals, household cleaners, repair products, pet products, paint and automotive products. 4110 West Plano Parkway, at the Parkway Service Center. Mondays: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. For information or to schedule a free chemical collection, call 972.769.4150.

The City of Garland hosts a Summer Food Service Program, providing free lunches to children up to 18 years old in Garland and Dallas. People older than 18 years are eligible if they are mentally or physically disabled, through July 25, 11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. Snacks served 2-3 p.m. For a list of sites available visit: www.ci.garland.tx

DISD Food & Child Nutrition Services Department, with Texas DHS, is sponsoring the 2003 Summer Food Service Program through July 25, for ages one to 18. Free lunch and snack each day at more than 40+ sites. Call 214.932.5500.

Through June 20 "Just Like Me" is exhibited in the Main Gallery, Mesquite

Arts Center. Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Through June 21

"Catch Me If You Can" is presented by the Mesquite Community Theatre. For tickets and reservations call: 972.216.8126.

Through June 22

Plano Repertory Theatre presents "The Last Five Years." A fresh and contemporary musical from Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown, chronicling a young couple's romance in a few and exiting way. Tickets \$24 to \$42. Call PRT's box office at 972.422.7460.

Through June 28

Collin County Community College District's "The Arts" gallery presents "Revealing the Subconscious," by artist Morris Yanger, using metal and steel. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. Visit www.ccccd.edu/THEARTSgallery, or call 972.881.5873.

Through June 21

Plano Repertory Theatre presents "Hank the Cowdog & The Incredible Priceless Cornucop." Tickets are \$8/group tickets \$6 for twelve or more. Performances run Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. At the ArtCentre Theatre, 1028th 15th Place, Plano.

June 21

Black Dallas Remembered, Inc. presents the "Ninth Annual

Young and Gifted Concert," 2 - 4 p.m., at the Yvonne A. Ewell Town View Center. All funds raised will benefit the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House. Call 972.681.7029, 214.3333.0983, or email: info@pomore.com

Heritage Farmstead Museum Outdoor Concert, 1900 W. 15th, Plano. With the North Dallas Men of Note in a family-oriented outdoor concert. Grounds open at 7:00 pm, concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tours available for the Victorian Farrell-Wilson House. Chairs and picnic tables provided or bring lawn chairs. \$3.00/adults; \$2.00 HFM members; \$1.00/child under 12.

June 23

Music in the Park "Around the World" will be performed by the Mesquite Symphonic Band at Westlake Park, 600 Gross Road, 7:30 p.m. Free admission.

June 24

JazzBreaks on the Plaza begins at 7:30pm. FREE! Call the Mesquite Arts Council for updated information at 972.216.6444.

June 26

Dan Gibson, Banjo and Storysinging. Dan Gibson is known for his outrageous tall tales, cowboy poetry, and humorous folksongs, at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Sandy Shroud and her puppets will perform The

Paperbag Princess. This is a must see. At the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive at 2:30 p.m.

Volunteer opportunities

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, fund-raising, culinary design, donations, sponsorships, and memberships. Submit a letter of interest to: P. Barnes, P.O. Box 363, Frisco, Texas 75034, or email happybirthdayangels@yahoo.com

The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. 972.578.7510. And here's 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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cancers are found while they are still localized (confined to the prostate), and at least 85% have not spread beyond the surrounding tissue or lymph nodes. The 5-year relative survival rate for all of these men is nearly 100%.

Nisaa Muhammad, 62, was diagnosed with breast cancer in November of 1997. She found a lump during a self-examination, and immediately consulted with her doctor. Muhammad said she underwent a series of tests, including a biopsy, but nothing was found. It wasn't until she visited a surgeon that she was formally diagnosed with cancer.

Muhammad said her initial reaction was her concern of how her children would accept the news. She has 12 children, ranging in age from

24 to 42. Muhammad went through chemotherapy and radiation, and is now cancer free. She has an active life, spending time with her children and 33 grandchildren, and she also volunteers with the American Cancer Society.

"I also attend support groups which is very beneficial dealing with cancer," said Muhammad. "Keeping a positive outlook once the cancer is gone is also an important part of recovery."

According to the American Cancer Society, in 2003, about 34,500 women and 400 men will die from breast cancer in the United States. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, exceeded only by lung cancer.

Both Kemp and Muhammad live positive lives

by educating the community and sharing their stories of survival.

June 1, 2003, marked the celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day™ (NCSD), the world's largest cancer survivor event. The Medical Center of Plano and the North Texas Regional Cancer Center hosted "Life! That's My Final Answer!" as part of their second year celebration, locally. Over 700 events took place across the country to honor cancer survivors. About 8.9 million Americans are now living with and beyond a diagnosis of cancer.

Many forms of cancer can be prevented, and most cured, if detected early on. Detecting cancer early is the key to a greater chance of survival. For specific guidelines on early detection methods visit www.cancer.org.

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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	Health and Wellness Education	✓
June 5	National Digestive Disorders Awareness (and Colon Cancer)	✓
June 12	Mind and Body	✓
June 19	Surviving Cancer	✓

Pastor Renee Hornbuckle Empowers Women to BE all God Created Them to BE

By: Monica Thornton
Pastor Renee Hornbuckle is challenging women to be all that God has called them to be, and is helping them do so through the her "Women of Influence Personal Development and Empowerment Conference," June 26 - 28, 2003.

"Women today must be challenged to awaken the unique talents that lie within," says Hornbuckle. "What sets this conference apart is that it is designed not only to encourage women to set goals to become their personal best, but also provide vital knowledge that have a phenomenal impact on their life!"

Hornbuckle is the founder of Women of Influence, Inc., an organization committed to the personal development of women worldwide. Her ministry is dedicated to training women by using practical and biblical principles, to empower them to live enriched and fulfilled lives. These principles are carried over

into the conference, where women will be taught how to renew their self-confidence, ignite their passion for life and powerful success strategies for shaping and nurturing their individual lifestyles, unique talents and personal strengths.

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It's A Question Of Health?

A Personal Message From Sister Tarpley
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As typical in most African American families, my family has a history of hypertension (high blood pressure), diabetes, over-weight people and some asthma and allergies, to name a few. However, recently because of HealthCheck 2003™ I decided that I would take control of my lifestyle and take better care of myself.

When my mother, Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus died in 1984 at the tender age of 72, she was suffering from a multitude of illnesses, hypertension, diabetes and other major health concerns including a steady loss of blood that made her extremely cold all of the time. We were putting heavy winter clothes on her in the Texas' August heat. If you were in Texas in the 80's you know that we set a record for the hottest days in Texas history.

Mr. Lloyd David Demus, my father died at the young age of 60. He was the typical male never going to the doctor to see what was wrong and to learn more about preventative measures he could take to eliminate some of his health problems.

In January 2003, my niece Ms. Vendetta Lynn Avery Jones wasn't taking care of her hypertension and diabetes; as a result, she died at the young age of 48.

It is clear to me my mother, father and my precious niece died too young! I miss each one so very much. Only God knows how each must have suffered needlessly, when an annual checkup could have pinpointed the problem and provided a health plan for a change in lifestyle, which could have resulted in each having less pain to deal with.

My siblings and I all have high blood pressure and diabetes. We are all prime candidates for a heart attack or a stroke. Once when my older sister, Ms. Eloyd Demus Avery was getting on to me for not taking my blood pressure medicine on a regular basis, I told her that it didn't make a difference, because my time of death was planned and it didn't matter what I was doing. She said that my statement was true, but by taking care of myself I didn't have to feel bad while living. Needless to say, I started taking my medicine on a regular basis and now thanks to HealthCheck 2003™, I am also making a change in my lifestyle.

Since Thurman Jones, Publisher of MON-The Gazette commissioned Parker Original & More to create HealthCheck 2003™, I have been more conscious of taking better care of myself. The articles and stories serve to keep me aware of my health and what I can do to live a better lifestyle.

--Remember to read Sister Tarpley's Weekly Column "Church News"--

Morning Star Baptist Church, located in Grand Prairie, TX is having a Health Fair on July 19th, for more information, please contact Catherine Butler (817)649-3048

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MetaSolv Renovates Boys & Girls Clubs' Plano Teen Center, Donates Computers for Workforce Training Program

"MetaSolv Makes a Difference" program completes extensive refurbishing project in time for launch of summer jobs training and education program.

PLANO, TEXAS, — MetaSolv Software, Inc., a global leader in communications management solutions for next-generation and traditional networks and services, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County announced Monday a major renovation of the Plano Teen Center, and the donation of eight complete computer workstations to support a new workforce training and education program. MetaSolv employees and several local companies donated time and materials for the extensive renovations, which included cleaning, painting, electrical systems upgrade, and the installation of computer systems with high speed Internet access.

"The renovation and technology donation at the Teen Center will have a lasting impact on the young people participating in our programs," said Sharon Watson, Chief Operating Officer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County. "Our teens are very excited to have a safe, inviting place to gather and the key technological tools to help them learn about job and career planning and development."

Following several weeks of

logistical planning coordinated by the MetaSolv Makes a Difference community relations committee, the renovation project at the Teen Center facility at 1321

Avenue G culminated with more than 40 MetaSolv volunteers participating in two Saturday workdays in May. In addition to the clean up and painting, Innovative Electric Contractors of Mesquite contributed its services to upgrade the Teen Center electrical system to accommodate the computer equipment. AMS mechanical contractors donated repair and maintenance to the heating and cooling system at the center. Paint and painting supplies were donated by Home Depot and the City of Plano's paint recycling program.

The computer systems donated by MetaSolv include eight Dell Optiplex 500 MHz mini-towers, and peripherals including additional memory cards, power strips, monitors, headphones, and printers. MetaSolv also contributed one year of high speed DSL Internet service to the Teen Center. The computers will support the implementation of a jobs and career development education program offered through the Texas Workforce Commission.

The comprehensive education program spans the entire job development process, from interviewing skills, to work place etiquette and attire, to basic office computer skills.

"This kind of support from the business community is much more than just a one time donation. This is truly an investment in the future of the teenagers we serve — and in the community," said Charles Dillon, Boys & Girls Clubs Teen Center director.

The Teen Center project is part of MetaSolv's ongoing community partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County. Earlier this year, MetaSolv donated more than 200 books collected through an employee book drive. MetaSolv will launch its second annual book bag/school supplies collection drive later this summer, and an advanced computer skills, training/program will be launched this fall. Last year, the company donated more than 40 complete computer systems to four Boys & Girls Clubs locations, along with more than 50 sets of educational software.

"As a software company, we believe there is an important link between technology and success in today's competitive business environment. That's why we are excited to be a part of helping provide teens participating in the outstanding Boys & Girls Clubs programs access to the technology that will enable them to realize their full potential," said Curtis Holmes, president and COO, MetaSolv Software, Inc. "We look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationship with the Boys & Girls Clubs organization."

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WOMEN IN FILM ISSUES CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR 2003 PSA PROGRAM

Dallas, TX...The Dallas chapter of Women in Film is accepting submissions from non-profit organizations around the country for consideration for its 2003 Public Service Announcement Program. One organization will be selected to receive a professionally produced, pro-bono television PSA. Eligible groups can log onto www.wifdallas.org to download an application. The submission deadline is July 15, 2003. The WIF.Dallas PSA Program is modeled after a similar, very successful initiative that was launched by the Los Angeles WIF chapter several years ago. With a bias towards issues crucial to women and children, the program provides a unique service to the community; it promotes causes that are often in need of greater public exposure. Most non-profit organizations are tightly budgeted

and therefore poorly equipped to meet the prohibitively high cost of "A-level" commercial production.

The WIF.Dallas PSA committee members wear a variety of hats — writers, producers, actors — and work in a variety of markets — broadcast advertising, feature filmmaking, corporate communications. Independent producer/director Garry Potts, a "Friends" level WIF.Dallas board member is chairing this year's committee, but he intends to defer to the "distaff side of the team" when production gets underway. "There are no job descriptions in any aspect of film production that can't be filled proficiently by women from this region," WIF President Lenora Whitehead adds. "We want to give non-profit organizations the chance to get their messages of hope and help to individuals who need it. That's the whole goal of the program."

WIF produced its first PSA campaign in 2002 for Gilda's Club Worldwide. Named after the late comedienne Gilda Radner who died of ovarian cancer in 1989, the group provides living communities around the country where men, women and children with cancer and their loved ones can live and receive emotional support as an adjunct to medical care. The TV spot was produced by June Owens of Irving Community Television and veteran Wishbone producer Betty Buckley. Direction and cinematography was provided by the KERA Channel 13 team of Linda Stogner and Jenny Martin, respectively. Academy Award Winner Meryl Streep narrated.

For more information about the Women in Film.Dallas PSA Program or to submit a non-profit organization for consideration, log onto www.wifdallas.org, email psa@wifdallas.org or call 214-954-4488.

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believe it."

Brian Townsend, publisher of the Precinct Reporter Group in San Bernardino, Calif., which includes three newspapers with a combined circulation of 75,000, said the main issue for African-American papers is staying relevant to their readers.

"Our circulation is not dropping like other publications," he said. "We're serving our communities well, and that's why they continue to support us."

Nevertheless, the troubled advertising market has hit minority newspapers harder than other forms of media, Townsend said.

"Even though we've established our legitimacy, we're still fighting for advertising dollars," he said. "Since we're a specialty group, those dollars go first. With the consolidation of newspapers and television stations, we're such a small market for them, we may not even be on the radar screen. We're going to have to fight that."

Coming together at the annual conventions is a first step, said John J. "Jake" Oliver Jr., publisher and chief executive officer of the Baltimore and Washington Afro-American newspapers and the outgoing president of the association.

"We're going to be squeezed out by the larger conglomerates," he

said. "We need to begin to more effectively speak as one voice."

At a luncheon yesterday, the association honored a member who has seen the black press through highs and lows over the past 65 years: Libby Clark, who is about to celebrate her 85th birthday and has worked at more black newspapers than anyone else in the country, the association said.

"Newspapers have been the

salvation of the black community," Clark, book editor of the Los Angeles Sentinel, told the audience as she accepted her lifetime achievement award.

But after the luncheon, she said the future of the industry she has loved so much is perhaps more uncertain than ever.

"Who knows?" she said. "Maybe it'll be extinct as the metro papers take over."

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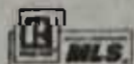
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Special for the MON The Gazette Diverse Vendors Contribute to Rail Build-Out

The expansion of DART Rail bears the imprint of disadvantaged, minority and woman-owned business enterprises (D/M/WBEs) that contributed significantly to its completion. D/M/WBEs provided more than \$84 million in architectural, engineering, design and construction services for the build-out to North Dallas, Richardson, Garland and Plano.

Throughout the agency, DART paid more than \$30 million to D/M/WBEs in Fiscal Year 2002, more than 25% of its total vendor activity. Over the past five years, D/M/WBEs have won more than \$281 million in DART contracts.

Last December, DART received the highly coveted "Public Sector Agency of the Year 2002" Award from the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Business Development Council, Inc. According to Margo Posey, the

organization's president, "DART is the winner because of its community relationships and improving access to economic opportunity for minority enterprises."

Building on these accomplishments, DART took further action in 2002 to streamline procurement for all vendors as well as save thousands of dollars in paper, postage and time. New procurement opportunities are now announced on DART's website, DART.org, and vendors can register to receive solicitations automatically via email, based on their specific product or service. Internally, a paper-based procurement requisition process was replaced with DART's intranet system.

"DART is dedicated to promoting contracting opportunities to minority contractors," says Gloria Dixon, DART vice president for Diversity and Economic Opportunity.

Russell Simmons, Entrepreneur and Pioneer Inspires Dallas

By Jacqueline Perry Williams
Top Black business owner and co-founder of Def Jam Recordings, Russell Simmons, was in Dallas recently as a guest speaker for the 'Global Diversity Group, (GDG) 2003 Business Exchange: Tour for Success.'

The ten-city tour offers free, interactive workshops and seminars to minority business owners, and those interested in owning their own business. The Dallas event was held at the Adams Mark Hotel, downtown Dallas, and was sponsored by Volvo Cars of North America, along with Citibank, Hewlett-Packard, and Office Depot, and several local supporters.

This is the second year that GDG has held the tour. Last year's keynote speaker was former LA Laker's player, Magic Johnson.

Global Diversity Group specializes in bringing together entrepreneurs, professionals and industry experts to share business concepts. Melodie Cunningham, Founder of GDG, said she was excited to bring the tour to Dallas, the fourth city on the circuit.

"This is our first time touring southwestern part of the country," said Cunningham. "The cities are chosen based on the support level."

The highlight of the event was Simmons' keynote speech and VIP reception. During his speech, Simmons shared his success story. He spoke about the early part of his career and his development of

Def Jam Recordings, which he co-founded in the mid '80s. By the early '90s, Simmons was producing Def Comedy Jam, featured on HBO. The show ran for seven years and featured some of the hottest comedians today, such as Steve Harvey, Jamie Foxx, Martin Lawrence, and more.

To add to his list of accomplishments, Simmons is now also producing Def Poetry Jam for HBO, and he recently won a Tony Award for Def Poetry Jam on Broadway. Other business ventures include Phat Farm, founded in 1992, D R U S H advertising agency, and R U S H Communications.

Simmons spoke frankly about how important it is to give back, saying he believes that what you have received is a result of what you have given, a point he reiterated throughout his speech.

"A success story comes from within...real success is happiness," said Russell, a multi-millionaire business man.

Simmons also took time to answer questions from CBS Reporter, Michael Hill, and

members of the audience, including questions on his success and how he handles it, and questions on the how-to's of preparing to build your own success story.

The Dallas tour came to an end with an evening of live music, food,

and networking during the VIP reception.

According to Cunningham, Global Diversity Group's future goals include bringing in more community groups and expanding the tour to smaller communities.



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★ Grandstand Gates Open - 4:30 p.m.

★ All-Star Jockey Autograph Session - 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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★ First Live Race - 6:35 p.m.

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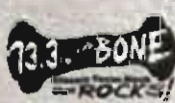
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Alpha Kappa Alpha Award Scholarships to Local High School Graduates



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(Left to Right) Scholarship Reception Chairperson, Michelle Moses-Meeks; Jacqueline Amos, Ch'Nell Amos, Brandy Piggins, Karen Piggins; Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Rosalind Williams

The Chi Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. held its first annual

scholarship reception on recently at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Plano.



The Scholarship Committee- Chi Zeta Omega Chapter of Plano

(Left to Right) Audra Shirley, Vanessa Johnson, Michelle Moses-Meeks, Shirelle Winzer, Deborah McRae, Rosalind Williams, Courtney Brooks

The sorority decided they wanted to do something in order to reward high school seniors for their accomplishments as well as provide them with the necessary tools to head off to college on the right track.

In doing so, the seniors as well as others in attendance were challenged by Dr. Clara Reed, Senior Pastor of All Nations United Methodist Church to "know their companions and choose them carefully." She urged the graduates to attendance to remember to "Take Jesus with them and everything would be alright."

The sorority

decided this year that they wanted to provide seniors with a small token in order to curb some of their school expenses by giving away two \$500.00 scholarships. Seniors were asked to write an essay on "The Importance of Giving Back to the Community." Since Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is an organization, founded in 1908, that prides itself in promoting scholarship and education through giving back to the

community that is where the title for the essay and idea came from. The sorority decided to offer the scholarships in the following two categories: A senior in the Plano community and a senior that is an active member of the sorority's Pearls and Ivy Clinic. The Pearls and Ivy Clinic is the sorority's clinic for young ladies

seventh through twelfth which provides exposure in the area of the Arts, Etiquette and Life Coping Skills.

This year's scholarship winners were Brandi Piggins, a senior at Plano East High School and Ch'Nell Amos, a senior at Plano East High School and member of the Pearls and Ivy Clinic. Both young ladies stated that they will utilize the funds to help with their school expenses.

The sorority also provided every senior in attendance with a basket that included all kinds of school supplies and snacks that are essential for the first year in school. Afterwards all guests were asked to stay for cake and punch and meet the graduates.

According to the sorority's scholarship committee chair, the event will prayerfully get bigger



(Left to Right) Scholarship Reception Chairperson, Michelle Moses-Meeks; Keynote Speaker, Dr. Clara Reed of All Nations United Methodist Church of Plano and Shirelle Winzer

and better in the years to come and hopefully with events throughout the year more money can be raised allowing for more scholarships to be given out to seniors in the Plano community.

The event took place for the first time on last year when the group was formerly known as the Pearls of Service Interest Group.

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(WBE), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) programs.

The result: Black businesses, for which the programs are written, get lost in massive "certification" paperwork (Can you imagine having to "certify" your Blackness in order to get a portion of the meager percentages set aside for all of these groups?), and end up, if they are lucky, getting the crumbs that fall off the set-aside biscuit. To make it even worse, White males get the lion's share of the resources, without having to certify they are White, and because they are married to and are the fathers of White females, they get in on the WBE action as well.

In my hometown, White males can now also get in on the city's 30 percent "small business" set-aside program, because of its "race-neutral" criterion and its increase in the net worth ceiling of an individual small business owner from \$325,000 to \$750,000! Thus, White males get the all of the 70 percent and even some of the 30 percent. They get progress; we get programs.

We have been programmed to believe that all we need is another program and things will be just fine. We have fallen for the ruse of corporate greed shrouded in a cloak of largess toward Black people; we have accepted politicians who pretend they are working to "level the playing field," all the while advancing themselves and forgetting

about those upon whose shoulders they stand; we have been programmed by programs, mesmerized by programs, hypnotized by programs, put to sleep by programs, and we are being killed—literally and figuratively—by programs that put millions into the pockets of others and leave us dangling by a thin string hoping there is a safety net below. That safety net: Another program, of course.

Why do we keep buying the same old song and dance? Why do we keep allowing others to play us that way? How can we look at ourselves in the mirror and not see the sad eyes of our children who long for a better world? How can we not hear the desperate cries of our youth, who are asking us to stand up as Black men and women and stop this madness? How can we sleep at night when what is happening to our people is so blatant and overt that even a child can recognize it? When are we going to stop feeding on the pabulum placed before us, fighting over the portions, which were originally and entirely meant for Blacks, only to end up with a small percentage of the percentage designated for "minorities," women, and "small" business owners?

Programs would be all right if they were doing what they were originally set up to do. But we have allowed them to deviate so far from their purpose that they have become nothing more than a joke—with Black folks being the punch line. If White females have been discriminated against, they

should have a long talk with their fathers, uncles and husbands. Blacks didn't have anything to do with that, so why should White females share in our programs? Minorities did not suffer the horrendous treatment that Blacks suffered in country. So where did those minority programs come from? Small businesses, according to various definitions, can employ hundreds of persons, have receipts in the millions and, as I said earlier, comprise owners who have a net worth, not income but net worth, of \$750,000. How can Black-owned micro-enterprises and sole proprietorships compete with that, especially within the same small business program?

Yes, programs have programmed us, and we had better start deprogramming ourselves right now.

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The Gospel, 'Accord'ing to Honda

For 2003, Honda wanted people to go beyond the practical and choose an Accord for its power, looks and feel. So they increased engine power, improved the suspension, reworked the transmissions, spiced up the interior comforts and coated it all with a sporty look.

Offered with a choice of two engines and three trim levels, there's an Accord to suit any style and price.

A 2.4-liter four-cylinder and an extensively revised 3.0-liter V6 give the Accord more power and torque than previous years,

at the same time improving fuel economy and lowering emissions. These engines also feature Honda's variable valve timing system, called i-VTEC. The 2.4-liter four-cylinder makes 160hp and 161lb.ft. torque, but for a real kick to your drive, consider the 3.0-liter V6 engine for 240 hp, making for a great freeway drive. A five-speed manual

transmission is available on the four-cylinder, and a six-speed automatic is available for both engines.

The basic DX is very basic, coming without air conditioning, keyless entry, power door locks, power mirrors, rear stereo speakers or a seat height adjuster, all features that are standard on the LX. It also has smaller 15-inch wheels.

The basic LX is very basic, coming without air conditioning, keyless entry, power door locks, power mirrors, rear stereo speakers or a seat height adjuster, all features that are standard on the LX. It also has smaller 15-inch wheels.

wheels, black door handles and black mirrors.

It's worth paying the extra to get the popular LX with a long list of standard features. Getting sportier looking every year, the LX handles well and it comes with quality materials and construction. And with the V6 version, extras like a six-disc in-dash CD changer and a power driver's seat are included.

Step into the seat of the top-

line LX model and enjoy a power sunroof, alloy wheels and steering wheel-mounted stereo controls. And for those who just can't get enough, the EX V6 Sedan has your name on it, with heated leather seats, a power passenger seat and dual-zone climate control. The EX V6 Coupe with the six-speed manual transmission includes 17-inch alloy wheels and a 180-watt sound system. Also available on the EX models is a voice-activated GPS navigation system.

Side airbags are optional on DX and LX models with the four-cylinder engine and standard on other models. Only the Accord EX V6 can be equipped with the side curtain airbag system, and four-wheel-disc ABS is standard on all Accords.

With increased body and structure strength for solid road handling, and getting sportier looking every year, the Honda Accord is perfect for those who want everything in a sedan or coupe.



Housing Rehab Assistance for Homeowners

The City of McKinney's Affordable Housing Program has HOME grant funds available for home rehab for low-to-moderate income households in McKinney. Applications will be accepted between June 16 and July 18, 2003 and will be reviewed after the July 18 deadline. The target date for repairs is August 2003.

To be considered, applicants must:

Own the home • Provide proof of income, homeownership, insurance and have current property taxes
Have annual household income that does not exceed 80% of median income

Dallas MSA - Maximum income by household size - 2003						
Income	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons
80% median	\$7,210	\$12,550	\$18,900	\$25,200	\$31,750	\$38,400

Benefits include:

* Grant of up to \$3,000 per home for air conditioning and heating systems, water heater and roof replacement only

Applications are available at the McKinney Public Library on the first floor (301 E. Hunt), the City Hall information desk (222 N. Tennessee) and in the Development Services building (221 N. Tennessee). Applications may be returned to the Development Services building or mailed to P.O. Box 517, McKinney, Texas 75070. Please attach income verification.

If you have any questions, please call the City of McKinney Housing Services Coordinator in the Community Services Department at 972-547-7519.

This program is funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs's HUD funded, state administered grant. Homes funded under this program are subject to environmental review.

An overwatered lawn is a wimpy lawn.

That's right. Lawns watered more than once a week don't develop the strong, deep roots needed to thrive in Texas. An inch of water every week to 10 days is plenty to keep your lawn green, plus it encourages a sturdier root system to help your lawn through the summer. So here's a tip: place a tuna can somewhere in your yard when you're watering. Once the can is full, that equals 1 inch and your lawn's had enough. Doing this saves you water and money.



Remember the city watering guidelines:

- From June 1 to Sept. 30, water only before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. when using sprinklers. Watering with a hand-held hose or soaker hose is permitted at any time.
- Water just your lawn, not driveways, sidewalks or streets.
- Promptly repair broken or leaky sprinkler heads and systems.
- Turn off sprinklers when the forecast calls for rain.

In addition to these guidelines, Dallas residents are finding all kinds of ways to save water. So, what are you doing?



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Diversity and Economic Opportunity

If you have a question about DEO, I personally want to hear from you. Contact me, Gloria Dixon, the VP of Diversity and Economic Opportunity, by calling 214.749.2599 or email me at gdixon2@dart.org today.

we'll take you there



At left, from left to right: Deborah McVean, EEO Specialist; Gloria Dixon, VP of Diversity and Economic Opportunity; Elsworth "Wig" Wiggins, AVP of Economic Opportunity; Angela Rockmore, Specialist, ADA/Comp/Wellness; Kout Auri, DEO Training Coordinator; Frank Cortez, AVP of Community Outreach.

Pastor Renee Hornbuckle Empowers Women to BE all God Created Them to BE

is her ability to communicate with people from diverse backgrounds, from senior-level business executives and entrepreneurs, to "NFL" wives and stay-at-home moms.

If you attend this year's conference you can expect to be inspired to reach the potential God gave you, as Hornbuckle has an impressive array of speakers and seminars arranged. Take a look at this line up, and you will know you will be equipped to move further toward the greatness God has for you:

CeCe Winans, renowned musical artist, Becky Fender, pastor and founder of Living Praise Choir, Janice Mixon-Thompkins, prophet, pastor and founder of A Call to Arms Ministry; Dr. Sheron Patterson, radio personality and author, and pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, and Denise Ford, certified Herbalist and Iridologist, health/nutrition expert and founder of The Ford Health Group.

'Women of Influence Personal Development Conference' is in its sixth year, and has established itself as one of the nation's premier women's empowerment events. This event draws highly affluent business and community leaders along with notables from the world of performing arts.

This year's theme is BEYOU, and to help you be the best possible you, the very best vendors have been brought together to bring you 'The Health, Wellness and Business

EXPO' on Thursday and Friday. Come and explore healthy living, balanced nutrition, image enhancement, stress management, basic self-defense skills, and more. And to ensure you take care of yourself, for the first time you can enjoy the WOI 'The CompleteYou' Mini-spa and take part in WOI LIVE, a talk show event.

"It is His (God's) desire that we Be who He created us to Be! With that understanding, we must resolve that it is okay for us to fulfill all the various roles, while at the same time learning to just BE. The word BE means to live; it's our state of existence," said Hornbuckle.

Additional conference events include the highly anticipated WOI Gala Awards, Power Women of Influence Luncheon, and concludes with the incredible "BE YOU" Fashion Show. And back by popular demand is the "Teen

Extreme" Explosion, a fun-filled weekend of life changing excitement for girls age 12-18.

Hornbuckle herself is a busy woman. She operates 'Truly Yours Interiors,' a first class interior design firm, and she provides a personal shopping business for an elite clientele. She also founded 'Agape Presents' a youth development program. Cheryl Jackson, MON-The Gazette columnist, said "Renee is down to earth, she's beautiful on the inside and the outside, and her conference is outstanding."

Conference proceeds will benefit "Rachel's House," a transitional home and life coaching center for women, of which Renee Hornbuckle is the founding president. For details on becoming a sponsor, expo vendor, awards nominee, or to register, visit www.womenofinfluenceonline.com or call 817.557.5811.

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Burlesque Fest June 20	Stained July 14
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NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

The North Texas Tollway Authority will receive sealed proposals at 5900 W. Plano Pkwy. Suite 100, Plano, TX 75093, (214) 224-3059, until Thursday, June 26, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. for the following projects:

Project DNT RM-215. Generally consists of the installation of infrared heaters in the open stair-ways that access the tunnel at Main Lane Toll Plaza #3 on the Dallas North Tollway. Approx. quantities: Infrared heater = 12 EA. Bid packet cost is \$25. Plans currently available. Contact Sherry at 214-224-3059 for more information.

Project DNT RM-216. Generally consists of the installation of new interior light fixtures, ballasts, and bulbs in 21 facilities of the Dallas North Tollway. Approx. quantities: Light fixtures = 620 ea, Ballasts and/or bulbs = 347 ea. Bid packet cost is \$25. Plans available Monday June 2nd. Contact Sherry at 214-224-3059 for more information.

Project DNT-453. Generally consists of the replacement of vehicle impact attenuators and metal beam guard fence, the construction of concrete traffic rail and removal of curbed exit and entrance gores, and the rehabilitation of asphalt shoulders on the Dallas North Tollway. THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON JUNE 16TH AT 1:30 P.M. AT THE NTTA MAIN OFFICES IN PLANO. Approx. quantities: Coal-Tar Rejuvenator Sealer = 13,000 SY, Mill & Replace Asphalt Shoulder = 32,000 SY, Concrete Pavement = 7,600 SY, Slotted (Trench) Drain = 3,900 LF, Traffic Rail (T501) = 13,800 SY, Metal Beam Guard Fence = 6,800 LF, REACT-350 (Narrow) = 3 EA, REACT-350 (Wide) = 3 EA, TRACC (Fast) = 2 EA, TRACC (Wide) = 2 EA. Bid packet cost is \$50. Plans will be available on Monday, June 2nd. Contact Sherry at 214-224-3059 for more information.

Bid packets include plans (if any), specifications, and quantities. Cost of the bid packet is non-refundable. Acceptable methods of payment include cashier's check, money order, company check, or personal check. Cash will not be accepted. Bid packets may also be examined at the NTTA offices. In order to bid, you must purchase a bid packet from the NTTA. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked clearly with the project number, company's name, and bid opening date. No oral, telephoned, or faxed bids will be considered. Late bids will not be considered and will be returned unopened. All rights reserved.

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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: Dallas
Contract 6098-31-001 for REFLECTORIZED PAVEMENT MARKINGS & MARKERS in DALLAS County will be opened on August 05, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$342,178.05.

Contract 6098-49-001 for REFLECTORIZED PAVEMENT MARKINGS & MARKERS in DALLAS County will be opened on August 06, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$612,638.40.

Contract 6099-19-001 for RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS in DALLAS County will be opened on August 06, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$573,446.46.

Contract 6099-57-001 for SWEEPING & DEBRIS REMOVAL in DALLAS County will be opened on August 06, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$562,798.95.

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 and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor NPO: 10196

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas ("DHA") is accepting Proposals from responsible and responsive businesses for a two (2) year contract with the possibility of two (2) one-year extensions for Trash Chute Cleaning and Repair Services.

Written Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. C.S.T. Monday, June 30, 2003 at 2075 West Commerce, Building #200, Dallas, Texas 75208. A non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. C.S.T. at DHA's Central Maintenance Conference Room, 2075 West Commerce, Building #200, Dallas, Texas 75208.

Proposal package may be obtained from DHA's General Services' Office at 2075 West Commerce, Building #100, Dallas, Texas 75208 or by calling 214/672-0232.

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

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Please fax a letter along with a resume to Lon Sosh, Sales Department at 214-561-9662.

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For a listing of Current Business Opportunities with the City of Allen go to www.ci.allen.tx.us/purchasing/purchasing.htm or call 972-727-0185

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24 HOUR CAREER INFORMATION HOTLINE (972) 941-7116
Home Page: www.planotx.org
FAX (972) 941-7239
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Tarleton State University

REQUEST FOR BID: Facility Condition Analysis Project 07-02-0037 for Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas. RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS: Proposals will be received by Ms. Beth Chandler, Purchasing and Central Services, at Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Stephenville, Texas 76402, until 3:00 p.m. July 8, 2003 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

SCOPE OF WORK: Provide a proposal to conduct a thorough facility condition analysis on the main campus and agriculture center to identify existing backlog maintenance and deficient conditions, calculate costs for maintenance projects, rank and prioritize projects, develop projects with AutoCAD utilizing existing facility space drawings and develop a fully functional database for maintaining all project data. The facilities to be analyzed include 40 buildings, which contain approximately 946,406 gross square feet and range in age from 16 to 50 years.

INFORMATION AND BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Obtain from Tarleton State University, Mail Stop T-0600, Tarleton Station, Texas 76402, telephone (254) 968-9611. A Pre-Bid Conference has been scheduled for June 25, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Purchasing & Central Receiving Services, 201 St. Felix Street, Room #104. Contact Joe Standridge at (254) 968-9065, to schedule a time to view the facilities and/or verify conditions prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.



Sister Tarpley

OBITUARY OF COMMON SENSE

No one really knows how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes, factories and offices, helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness. For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense. He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as, **to know when to come in out of the rain, the early bird gets the worm, and life isn't always fair.**

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) reliable parenting strategies (the adults are in charge, not the kids) and it's okay to come in second (or even last, as long as your best efforts were given.) A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression and the Technological Revolution, Common Sense survived cultural and educational trends including body piercing, whole language and "new math." But his health declined when he became infected with the "If-it-only-helps-one-person-it's-worth-it" virus.

In recent decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of overbearing regulations. He watched in pain as self-seeking lawyers ruled good people. His health rapidly deteriorated when schools endlessly implemented zero tolerance policies, reports of six-

year-old boys charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teen suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch and a teacher was fired for reprimanding an unruly student.

It declined even further when schools had to get parents' consent to administer aspirin to a student but cannot inform the parent when the female student is pregnant or wants an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victims and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional sports. And when a woman who was stupid enough not to realize that coffee is hot, and was awarded a huge payout for her stupidity, this really caused Common Sense to finally throw in the towel!

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, **Truth and Trust**, his wife, **Discretion**, his daughter, **Responsibility**; and his son, **Reason**. Two stepbrothers, **My Rights** and **Ima Whiner**, survive him. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized that he was gone.

Author Unknown

FREE FROM FEAR

What would you think if I told you that you could live without fear? Would you believe me if I said that despite what you saw on the news tonight, you could be perfectly at peace? Impossible? Unrealistic? No!

Fear isn't just a reaction to

external circumstances. It's a spiritual force. It begins inside a person, and it is totally destructive. In fact, fear is Satan's primary weapon. He moves in response to fear, the same way God moves in response to faith. He challenges the promises of God with it.

An excellent example of this is found in Matthew 14 when Jesus invited Peter to come to Him on the water. "But when Peter saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying Lord, save me" (verse 30).

Peter's faith in the Word of Jesus enabled him to walk on the water; and the fear of the wind defeated him. Peter looked at his circumstances and the result was defeat. If Peter had kept his focus on Jesus, his faith would never have wavered. All the blustering and blowing in the world couldn't have drawn him off course.

Meditating on God's Word develops faith. Meditating on Satan's lies on the other hand develops fear. Such fearful meditation is called worrying. Don't do it!

The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. Use it to fight Satan every time he comes against you. Hold up your shield of faith and quench all of his fiery darts. Speak words of faith and fear will depart.

By Frank Ortiz

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Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 19, 7:00 p.m.
Community Night Out!

June 22
Phone Card and Clothing Drive - Mission Committee will be collecting clothing and phone cards to benefit Hope's Door and Samaritan Inn.

June 29, 10:00 a.m.
Old Time Gospel Hour
Through July 24, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Summer Day Camp -

For more information, call 972.424.8500

All Nations United Methodist Church
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor
3415 E. 14th St.
Plano, TX 75074

EASTRIDGE PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

June 21, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
NAACP of Mesquite & Eastridge Park Christian Church Health Fair
Free immunizations, vision screening, asthma screening...

For more information, call the church at 972-279-7201 or call the NAACP-Mesquite at 972-288-0281.

Eastridge Park Christian Church Health Fair
2701 N. Town East Blvd.
Mesquite, TX 75150

FULL GOSPEL HOLY TEMPLE

June 27, 8:00 p.m.
"Don't Miss the Rapture" - gospel stage performance

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Rev. Lobias Murray, Pastor
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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 20, 7:00 p.m.
June 21, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Musical Adaptation of Noah's Ark - "We're Going on a Big Ol' Cruise"
Admission is free!

For more information, call the church at 817-468-0868 or Mitch Lechelt at 817-468-3178.

Grace Presbyterian Church
5500 Mansfield Rd.
Arlington, TX 76017

GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

3rd Sunday of Each Month
Free blood pressure screening in the gym after evening services

June 18-July 30 (Wednesdays)
Summer Lectures - Prayer services: 7:00 p.m., Lectures: 7:30 p.m.

Theme: "Developing the Fruit of the Spirit in the Home"

For more information call, 972-644-2335

June 22-July 30, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Summer Lectures to Strengthen our Families - Variety of topics and speakers

Theme: "Developing the Fruit of the Spirit in the Home"

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For more information concerning registration, call 972-422-4221.

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OUTREACH FAMILY CHURCH

Sundays, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Word Explosion
Minister James Washington, Pastor

For more information, call 214-629-3819.

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Sunday School Classes
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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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
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