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### On the Homefront:

ArtCentre of Plano hosts "Jump Start for Arts," a Free Summer Arts Program. Classes taught by certified art teachers: 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.

Do you need a new home? Do you have income, and are willing to help build your new home? Then Habitat for Humanity may be your answer. The North Collin County branch is hosting two seminars, Thursday July 10 at 7:00 pm. and Saturday July 13 at 2:00 pm. at the McKinney Memorial Public Library, 101 East Hunt Street, McKinney. For more information call 972.542.5300 or 972.542.2371.

The SPCA of Texas is taking their furry residents to Valley View Center July 1 through July 20 in hopes of them getting new homes. Adoption prices include spay/neuter surgery, shots, deworming, heartworm tests for dogs, and 60 days of free Sheltercare Health Insurance for you new pet. Sponsored by PETCO and Valley View Center. Monday - Saturday 11a.m. to 7p.m., Sundays noon to 6 p.m. Valley View Center, Preston Road and LBJ (I-635).

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## Africa Sees Bush Trip As Image Strategy

By TERRY LEONARD  
Associated Press Writer  
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) -- Africa sees President Bush's visit this week as a key part of a strategy to combat rising anti-American sentiment and the image of Washington as an international bully.

The trip, the president's first to Africa, comes while he is considering sending American peacekeeping forces to Liberia, pressing for restoration of democracy in Zimbabwe and promising a new \$15 billion package to fight AIDS.

"Where else can they demonstrate Bush is more than just a cowboy than to come to the continent most in

need of assistance," said Jakkie Cilliers, of the Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria.

The focus on Africa is viewed here as a welcome change.

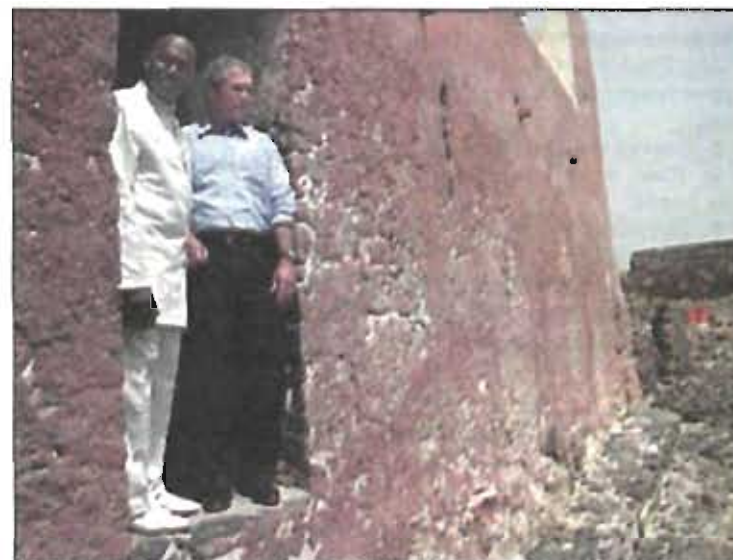
Bush's father went to Somalia as president in December 1992. But the United States shied away from the continent after its efforts to feed victims of famine in Somalia turned to fighting warlords and as Rwanda was devastated by a genocide, both in the 1990s.

The fallout from the Iraq war and the need to keep African states in the anti-terror campaign has changed U.S. attitudes toward the continent, said John Stremlau, head of the University of the Witwatersrand's department of international relations.

Bush's decision to attack Iraq was roundly criticized in Africa, partly because of large Muslim populations in some countries, but also because America was seen as thumbing its nose at the United Nations. In the poor, weak countries of Africa, the United Nations is seen as the only stage for the continent to exert international influence.

To cut down on growing anti-American sentiment around the world, Washington decided it had to restart the Mideast peace process and demonstrate it was sensitive to development issues, including HIV-AIDS, poverty and trade, Cilliers said.

"The U.S. decided, 'Our credibility depends on demonstrating the U.S. is not



US President George W. Bush, right, and Senegal's President Abdoulaye Wade tour a "slave house" on Gorée Island in Senegal July 8, 2003. Bush is on a 5-day, 5-nation trip through sub-Saharan Africa.

Photo by Luke Frazza / AFP

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## Church Leaders Recognized at Convocation



(Left to Right) Mr. & Mrs. Tim Brown, Joyce Rogers  
Tim Brown received a Certificate of Appreciation from Rogers for his work with the youth in COGIC Ministry  
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## The Southern Christian Leadership Conference Will Mark It's 45th Anniversary With A Special Forum

ATLANTA-The Southern Christian Leadership Conference marks its 45th year since it's founding in 1957 by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Marking this special occasion will be a community forum and fireside chat with notable leaders, and accomplished young adults. The forum is themed, "A Politically Incorrect Conversation: 45 Years of Struggle, Vision and Victory" and will take place in Cleveland, Ohio during the SCLC's 44th annual convention. The focus of this discussion will be on the history of the movement, the victory of today, and the vision for tomorrow.

The anniversary special is scheduled for July 23rd from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Cuyahoga Community College. The event will be comparable to the show Politically Incorrect. This event will be moderated and will have guests in a semi-roundtable set up to discuss the struggle, vision, and

victory of the past 45 years of blacks in America, and our lives as children and beneficiaries of the movement. This event will also offer a Q&A session for audience participation and involvement.

"A dynamic mix of men, women, young and old has been assembled to commemorate this special occasion. Their perspectives on the history, the present, and the future will be refreshing and enlightening," says Martin King, III. "This promises to be an outstanding discussion and event."

Scheduled participants include: Coretta Scott King, Rev. C.T. Vivian, Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Martin L. King, III, Dick Gregory, Al Sharpton, Cathy Hughes, Dr. Mary Frances Berry, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, 17 year old SCLC Vice President Jeremy Ponds, 14 year old national magazine publisher of Black Girl

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## Hearing But Not Doing

Blackonomics

By James Clingman  
"But be ye doers of the word, and not just hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

On June 24, 2003, Ken Bridges would have been 54 years old; he was killed on Oct. 11, 2002, by a sniper in Virginia. Brother Ken, co-founder of the MATAH Network, was cut down in the prime of his life, as he was On His Way To Freedom. His earthly flame was extinguished as he revealed in his latest and greatest business accomplishment, on his way to economic freedom, not leaving his people behind but taking them with him. Ken died as a result of some very strange circumstances and twists of fate. His demise reminds me of other brothers—strong brothers who loved their people and tried desperately to lead them to economic freedom.

Booker T. Washington died 88 years ago, at age 58, after he

contracted some strange affliction. Marcus Garvey passed away 63 years ago, at age 53; certainly doing everything he could to lead his beloved people to economic freedom. Malcolm X died 38 years ago, barely 40 years old, after he had made a shift in his thinking and demonstrated his willingness to resist continued psychological enslavement of his people. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated 35 years ago, at the tender age of 39, when he decided to take the path to economic freedom and show us the way as well. All of these strong Black men and others, of course, died on their way to freedom, but they left a legacy here for us: Their words. Just consider what Amos Wilson, dead at 53, left us in his 850-page volume, "Blueprint for Black Power."

These men repeatedly told us what to do, how to do it, when to do it, and even why we should do it. They talked until their voices rasped with pain; they wrote

down their words for us to see and to ponder; they did radio and television interviews for posterity; and their lives have been chronicled biographically and autobiographically for the world to review. Did we hear them? Did we follow their instructions? Were we merely hearers of their words rather than doers of their words?

It seems we wait for years before we even appreciate the words of our fallen leaders, especially those who promoted economic empowerment. Some of us are just now recognizing what Booker T. was trying to accomplish with his National Negro Business League. Marcus Garvey was vilified by some his own people, the elitist Negroes of his time, but now we hear so many of us invoking the name of Garvey, and saying his strategy was the right thing to do. King is probably the most quoted of the freedom fighters,

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## Dallas City Hall get a Breathtaking View of Sharon Farmer's Exhibit: Retrospect.



David Parks checks the level of balance of each picture in the display of Retrospect: An Exhibition by Sharon Farmer, at Dallas City Hall. The exhibit will be up for the entire month of July.

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**Elyse Jenkins**

**By Elyse Jenkins**  
Hopefully you had the chance to review and start applying the tips I have shared with you in Parts I and Part II. Just in case you haven't let's recap.

In Part I, I discussed that you will need to Put First Things First and FOCUS.

The key points on Focusing include:

1. Get Prepared.
2. Get Educated.
3. Get the Facts.
4. Get a Plan.

The outcome of Focusing will set your foundation on which you build your business.

In Part II, I shared with you that the Keys to Your Business Survival is to CONNECT.

Here I covered:

1. Know your purpose in the given opportunity.
  2. Find out why the opportunity has come your way.
  3. Expect the Unexpected.
  4. Plan your exit before you begin.
  5. Network, network, and then network.
  6. Build the Relationship.
- When these steps are put in place, you are bound to connect, reach more, and

## Taking Care of Business Part III Keep Moving Forward- Anywhere but Backwards

give more to get more.

Now with excitement, I bring you Part III of this series. Get Moving!!! Keep Moving Forward- Anywhere but Backwards.

And here's how.

1) **Be Positive.** Those who have an optimistic outlook tend to have an optimistic outcome. Remember the saying, 'you are what you think'. When you are positive, you'll carry yourself in a positive manner, and guess what - people will treat you positively.

2) **Be Proactive.** Stop waiting on things to come to you. In today's economy you don't have a choice but to get up, get moving, get going and make things happen. It's not going to rain down on you, and as we all know biblically, FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD. So be proactive.

3) **Be Professional.** It means so much when you are doing business with professional individuals. There's nothing worse than making a phone call, all kinds of distractions are going on in the background, the other person really is not pleasant, and it's just plain out right difficult to deal with an unprofessional "business" people. If you are not sure, feel free to write to me and I will be happy to share some feedback. Always seek out training to aid with the

professionalism as well. Best rule of thumb, if you feel uncomfortable about doing it, saying it, then don't do it.

4) **Don't Be Perplexed.** Don't give up on doing the right thing. It will take time. I've seen many people too often expect things to just happen. Give it some time. Conversely, don't linger too long and become indecisive which can lead to you becoming perplexed about something you didn't anticipate. Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

5) **Be Practical - Be Real.** As I have been taught and know first hand, there's nothing worse than doing business with individuals who put on. If you get rejected as my mentor tells me, then at least you got rejected for being who you are. I want to be around individuals who are willing to work with me where I am, so be real, and be you.

If you have been moved by what I shared with you in the past three articles, please contact me at: ejenkins@elebrian.com. Visit our website and share your feedback. Because of MON-The Gazette's support, it is our pleasure to share these tips, also shared in seminars and training. Take advantage of them.

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## Dallas City Hall get a Breathtaking View of Sharon Farmer's Exhibit: Retrospect.

For the entire month of July 2003, you can visit the lobby at Dallas City Hall and get a breathtaking view of Sharon Farmer's exhibit: Retrospect.

Her photos gently grace the walls displaying Farmer's experiences during the Clinton Administration. Farmer was the Chief White House photographer for both terms of President William Jefferson Clinton. Ranging from the president playing his sax, to his fun sitting in with Lionel Hampton, to his time spent with dignitaries, Farmer was present and clicking the shutter of her camera. She shares it all in her exhibit Retrospect.

Check it out any time during July at Dallas City Hall in the lobby.

You can meet Sharon Farmer on July 26 at the Dallas Public Library at 11am, at Paul Quinn College at 4pm, and on July 27 the Dallas Museum of Art at 1pm. She will share her experiences behind the camera, which will make for an interesting and informative time. Don't miss her!

This is an Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts presentation that is sponsored by Albertsons Supermarkets, MON-The Gazette, the Dallas Morning News, Minyard Food

Stores, and the City Of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs.

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## Church Leaders Recognized at Convocation



B.J. Warren, first female member serving on COGIC Judiciary Board

**By Shirley Tarpley**  
Recently, Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction held its 2003 General Holy Convocation.

The theme for the Convocation was "Uncompromising Faith," Daniel 3:17 KJV and Hebrews 11:1 NLT. Bishop J. Neaul Haynes is the Presiding Bishop.

There were a number of great speakers for the day services as well as the evening services. Bishop David R. Houston, Prelate, Texas Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, COGIC, Tyler, TX; Bishop Paul S. Morton, Presiding Bishop of the Full Gospel

Baptist Church Fellowship, New Orleans, LA; Pastor Phillip Jackson, Seth Temple COGIC, Detroit, MI.

Mother Freddie Carter, Supervisor of the Department of Women, Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Waco, TX; Missionary Pia Haynes Williams, First Lady, Love Sanctuary COGIC, Dallas, TX; Dr. Robert L. Asberry, Administrative Assistant, Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Dallas, TX; Judge B.J. Warren and Missionary Janice Craig, both are Jurisdictional Music Department Coordinators, TX Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Dallas, TX. And, of course the Honorable

Bishop G. E. Patterson and Bishop J. Neaul Haynes.

One important highlight was Bishop G. E. Patterson, Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Worldwide, headquartered in Memphis, TN. He brought the Wednesday night message on June 25, 2003. His subject was "He Was There All The Time," with the subtitle, "Don't stop Until You Get The Holy Spirit."

Two individuals that were appreciated on June 25th at the convocation were Ms. B.J. Warren, the first female to serve and become a member of the Church of God in Christ's Judiciary Board, and football star Mr. Tim Brown, for his work with the youth ministry.

## 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](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 information call: 972.881.5154. Open Mon-Fri 8a.m.-9p.m., Sat 10a.m.-2p.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.

**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.

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](http://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.

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.

Youth-n-Service begins for youth ages 12-16, through July 15. Youth will participate in community projects for the elderly, give support to organizations that help those in need and work in projects that keep Mesquite beautiful. Contact 972.222.3198 for more information.

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.

Interurban Railway Station Museum, 901 E. 15th Street, Plano, Historic Downtown. From 1908 to 1948, this was a station on the Texas Electric Railroads' Interurban Line. Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. You can also arrange for special tours. 972.941.2117.

### July 10 - August 3

Plano Repertory Theatre presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," at the ArtCentre Theatre, 15th and Avenue K, downtown Plano. Call 972.422.7460, or visit [www.planorep.org](http://www.planorep.org) for ticket

prices and performance times.

### July 12

Texas Southern University DFW Alumni Chapter hosts its Scholarship Banquet, featuring keynote speaker, Roger B. Brown, of Soul 73 KKDA. Souvenir books available. \$40.00 individual ticket price, table purchase available. July 12, 7:00 p.m., Holiday Inn Select, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas. Call James Pennick at 972.943.3536, or Tina at 972.475.5313.

### July 14 - July 19

As part of its Summer Children's Series, Plano Repertory Theatre presents "The Revenge of the Space Pandas or Binky Rudich and the Two-Speed Clock." Zany comedy for children, held at the ArtCentre Theatre, corner of 15th and Avenue K, downtown Plano. Performances run Monday - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Call 972.422.7460, or visit [www.planorep.org](http://www.planorep.org) for ticket prices.

### July 15 & 22

As part of the Dallas Independent School District bond program, DISD is hosting free summer workshops for contractors. Topics include doing business with DISD, bonding and insurance, risk management, design build and

much more. Held at the Quoin Complex lecture hall, 11111 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. To register contact Paul Umemezie at 972.925.7219.

### July 17, 18, 19

Plano Public Library presents 20th Annual Friends Book Sale, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek Pkwy and Jupiter Road. Entry fee July 17: \$5/individual, \$10 family; 6pm-10pm; July 18, 9am-9pm, free admission; July 19, 9am-3pm, free admission. For additional information, call 972.769.4200.

### July 18 - July 22

Garland Summer Musicals presents 42nd Street at the Patty Granville Arts Center, 300 North Fifth Street, 972-205-2780. Tickets \$15-22.

### July 19 through August 1

Windows to the Soul, at the Stephanie Ward Gallery, 2546 Elm Street, Dallas. 214.752.5588. By artist Steven Bartu.

### July 20

The SPCA of Texas is hosting a walk-in vaccination clinic. Includes core vaccines that every dog and cat should receive yearly, and rabies vaccines, for a total of \$20. No appointment necessary. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at: McKinney Clinic, 8411 FM 720, 972.562.7297, ext 105 and Dallas Clinic, 362 S. Industrial Blvd, Dallas. 214.651.9611, ext

116.

### Support Groups

Bipolar Disorder & Depression Support Group is a safe place for those experiencing these disorders to come together to share, gain support and for education. 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m. at Grace Community Church, 4501 Hedgecote Rd, Plano. Childcare available. Call Sara Boswell at 972.335.3112, ext 450.

### Volunteer opportunities

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, 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

## Independence Day...The Good and The Ugly

On July 4, 1776, America claimed its independence from England and Democracy was born. Each year on Independence Day in hamlets, town and cities across the nation Americans recognize and celebrate that freedom.

Anyone participating in or watching a Fourth of July celebration is embraced by a feeling of pride. It is impossible not to be moved by the rousing renditions of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" punctuated by spectacular bursts of fireworks shot into the nighttime sky that explode into waterfalls of majestic colors as they slowly descend and dissolve.

And from these sites, small and large, we see the diversity that makes up America. All races, colors, religions standing shoulder to shoulder making a collective statement to the world reaffirming that we are the land of the free. Every day thousands of immigrants come to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" to begin their quest for the American Dream.

John Adams' shared his thoughts about celebrating the Fourth in a letter dated July 3, 1776 to his wife Abigail. "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.... I am well aware of the Toil and Blood

and Treasure that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means."

For 227 years America has been working to perfect the ideals of equality and freedom stated in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. We know who we were but have not yet attained all we can be.

While it is fitting and proper to celebrate America's independence and freedom it is also important for Americans to know of the dark side of their liberty. Liberty for some Americans came at the price of enslavement for other Americans.

At the very moment the founding fathers were declaring that all men are created equal, many of those same patriots were slave owners and the new nation though espousing freedom was ensuring that the slave trade would continue.

There is still much debate on the truthful acknowledgement of the Founding Father's contradictions. Of the 55 Constitutional Convention delegates, 25 owned slaves. People like Benjamin Franklin were conflicted about using their moral capital to eliminate slavery. There were questions of compensating slave owners for their slave property, and the concerns that black and white people would not be able to live together as equals.

How can we truly appreciate the American Dream if we do not know the truth about America's beginnings? The potential imbedded in the sacred documents that form the foundation of this nation cannot be fully unleashed without an understanding of

the struggles of past generations to achieve the promise.

History has tended to separate 'democracy' and 'American capitalism' from 'slavery,' according to Harvard historian Dr. Sven Beckert. But the three are intimately connected in the slavery compromise made by the Constitutional delegates that defined the three-fifths rule, the extension of slavery, and the fugitive-slave law. The compromise gave permission for racism and was an ugly legacy of the Founding Fathers."

Abraham Lincoln recognized the possibility of a divisive civil war and reached out to the South in his 1861 inaugural speech. "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield, and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

Although meant to allay the fears of Southerners, the speech did not dissuade them from starting the war. Without the compromise there probably would have been no union. But the country paid a high price with the Civil War, when 600,000 died. And bridging the black-white divide the compromise perpetuated has continued to pose a dilemma for America. America has been and still is a glorious promise still in progress.

James W. Breedlove  
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Royce West

By Royce West  
Texas Senate

By now, citizens across the state and country know that Texas is involved in a supremely partisan battle over congressional redistricting. It's a fight that did not have to be.

Congressional redistricting entered the Texas Legislature through the back door at some point during mid-session. That's because pounding at the front door, were problems already identified by citizens and lawmakers alike long before the January start of the 78th Session.

Since last fall, lawmakers knew that serious work would need to be done to piece together a budget short nearly \$10 billion from the previous biennium. Since last summer, Texas consumers have raised the roof about homeowners and auto insurance premiums that have nearly doubled over the past two years.

When legislators departed Austin in 2001, we knew that our current system of public school finance was in need of a major overhaul. It was not repaired during the 2003 Regular Session. There will be a Special Session called for public school finance later, but not now. U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay has convinced this state's leadership that redistricting is more important.

According to the U.S. Constitution, redistricting is to

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occur every 10 years, following the most recent decennial census. And it did. All across the nation at every level of government, district boundary lines were redrawn and eventually approved in 2001.

It is well established that redistricting is a politically divisive process. That's because the way boundary lines are drawn for a respective district determines the concentration of a particular community of interest. They could cluster or divide ethnic or racial groups and can radically alter the political balance between urban, suburban and rural areas. There are other examples but by far, the most divisive drawing of a political boundary surfaces when party affiliation is the motivation.

In Texas, the last redistricting plan resulted in Republicans gaining control of the Texas House for the first time in 130 years and in the Senate, Republican's margin increased from 16-15 to 19-12. Usually, majority Democratic districts elect Democrats and majority Republican districts choose Republicans. But there are also so-called "swing districts" where a candidate's individual merit can outweigh rival party affiliation.

Due to swing districts, House Democrats now hold a 17-15 edge in Congress, even though Republicans have an advantage in 20 of Texas' 32 Congressional districts, based on current maps drawn by federal judges. Their candidates failed to impress voters. But the voter's mandate will disappear if Tom DeLay has his way. He wishes to paint the

entire state with one broad Republican brush.

Simply stated, this special session is taking place because Tom DeLay wants it. But it is part of an overall plan that left a bitter taste in the mouths of many at the end of the 2001 Session.

What is at stake is the next decade of political control. These Congressional seats are said to be important to the President in moving his agenda forward. But where will citizens have their say? A valid questions is raised that touches the basic tenets of democracy: should voters be able to choose their elected officials, or should politicians be allowed to choose their voters?

Just 11 days separated the Governor's call from the start of this special session. In between and continuing, are a round of public hearings. As a member of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, charged with discussing the current Congressional redistricting proposal, I have sat through hearings spread from Laredo and McAllen, to Houston and San Angelo. More hearing are scheduled for Corpus Christi, Dallas and Waco.

So far, testimony from these communities has been vehemently opposed to an out-of-season redistricting process. They have rejected Tom DeLay's power grab. But public consideration or communities of interest are not what this redistricting plan is about. This plan is about the wishes of a few overriding the voices of many.



Joe Jaynes

MUDS, SUDS and PUDS. Those are acronyms for just a few of the many special districts that are available to developers in Texas. These special districts live big in the Houston area but most governmental entities in this part of the state, with the exception of Denton County, view them with suspicion.

Recently, an application was filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the approval of Collin County Municipal Utility District No. 1. This is a 443-acre subdivision, which is part of an overall 1,200-acre master plan, just north of Prosper, east of Business 289. (By the old Hope Lumber Building.) In a MUD, the developer is allowed to sell bonds to provide for water and wastewater treatment. If they can do this, the density of the subdivision is their call.

Under current statutes, a developer can start a MUD in the unincorporated area of a county and is under a very vague obligation on notifying the county or the school district involved. The developers build, sell and move on and it is the local entities that must deal with what is left behind.

In the proposed Collin County MUD No. 1, the developers are planning a high-density subdivision with over 1,900 homes. That translates to 4-5 homes per acre and 50-foot width lots. This particular MUD has also not set aside any land for

school sites and parks. If this MUD is built, we could be looking at an additional 3,800 cars added to two-lane 289 heading south through Frisco. The build out time is at this point still unknown.

With a projected average of 1.5 children per household, Prosper ISD will face the prospect of educating an additional 2,850 students. The current student population for Prosper ISD is 1,250.

This week, the commissioners' court will request that TCEQ hold a formal hearing on this development. This is not the first serious effort by a special district to come into Collin County. Already there is a rumor that a developer is considering a 1,400-acre MUD in the Weston area. Prosper ISD is also dealing with a Fresh Water Supply District, another special district, in Denton County. There is also word that developers are interested in properties in southeastern Collin County as well.

I believe that if we do not stand firm on this District, many more will come and nothing will eat up our land quicker and tax our services more than these sprawling subdivisions, which are quasi-governmental, tax accessing entities.

Homeowners in MUDS do not pay municipal taxes. However they do commit to paying an alternative tax to the developer in order to pay off the bonds. In this particular MUD, the developer tax rate is 96 cents per \$100 evaluation, which is far higher than any city tax rate in the county. Also, once a MUD is established, cities will not be able

to annex it unless the city is willing to take over the debt and have their citizens pay it off.

Unfortunately, there is very little a county can do, except request a public hearing. To the best of our knowledge, the state has never ruled against a MUD in favor of a county. Through our legislators, Jodie Laubenberg and Ken Paston, we tried to get legislation in the last session to give fast growing counties the authority to approve/disapprove these types of developments but it never made it out of committee.

I will be working with the city of Celina, Prosper ISD and our state legislators to try to stop this development. However, we have very little chance of success unless we get YOU involved. Please let the TCEQ know that you would like to request a hearing and please express your concern on this topic.

On my website, I have the address of the appropriate person to contact at TCEQ. Also, there are some bullets that you can use in a letter requesting a hearing. Please feel free to cut and paste and send it on as soon as possible. Due to the vagueness of the law the cut off date in requesting a hearing could be as early as July 9 or as late as July 30.

Once we get a hearing scheduled I'll let you know. This may even require a few plane tickets to Austin, but if we do not take a stand here, the whole landscape of our county can change dramatically in a just a few short years.

County Commissioner Joe Jaynes' website is [www.joejaynes.com](http://www.joejaynes.com).

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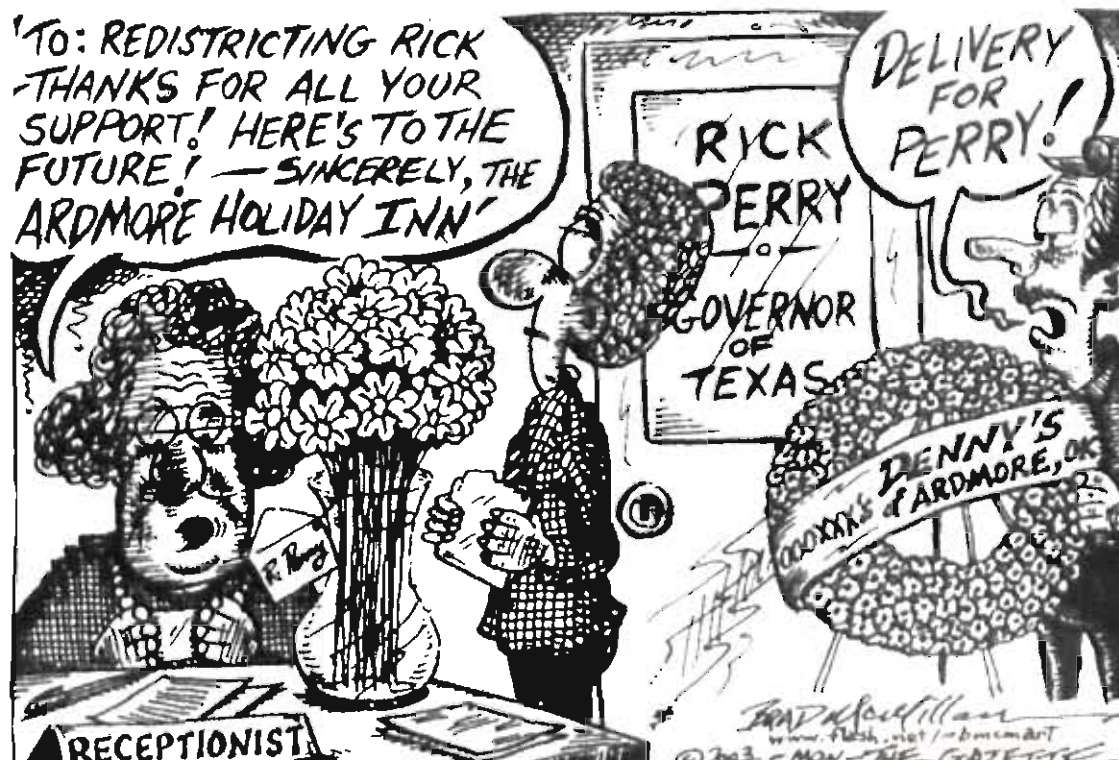
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## Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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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although many of those who quote him have reduced his life and mission to two one-liners. (It's funny they never quote his words on economic empowerment) The "Biography of Malcolm X" has now become a household item, and today millions parrot his words.

We certainly heard the words of these giants, but did we heed them? The answer: a resounding "no." Yes, we celebrate their birthdays and get real excited about their words. Take the King holiday, for example. We gather by the thousands, hear nice speeches, and then leave without even collecting one dollar from each person in attendance to start doing some of the things King advocated.

Ken Bridges, yet another strong Black man who left us much too soon, also left his words. It has been less than a year since his departure. Are we going to wait 30 or 40 years to realize that he also was a giant, that his message was vital to our survival in this country, and that loved us so much that he devoted his life to help lead us to economic freedom? I certainly hope not. We cannot afford to keep wasting the lives of our warriors, reducing them to a few sound bites and quotes. Are we going to do what he told us?

We have not done what Booker said; we have failed to follow the prescription Marcus left us; we have squandered Malcolm's directions; we've not followed Amos' "Blueprint;" most of our politicians don't have one Maynard Jackson vertebrae, much less an entire backbone; Martin's words still ring loud and clear; but our actions are far from reciprocal.

Here are some of Ken Bridges' words:

"Our ability to obtain our true freedom is directly related

to the level of consciousness that we have and continue to have...and our willingness to redirect a greater portion of our consumption spending toward ourselves."

"We can shape our condition, including true freedom, if only we would think that we can be successful in our quest for freedom."

"As of today the concept of white supremacy has been eliminated from my focus other than to point out that it exists in the minds of most people of African descent, and raising our consciousness is the only way to eliminate it."

"Let's go get our freedom, brothers and sisters!"

"The non-MATAH, the 'need-to-grows', will continue to make butprints instead of footprints when it comes time to run for freedom."

"Our problem is that we have been programmed to hate everything African about ourselves."

Want more? Do what Ken asked us to do as a critical part of our quest for economic freedom. Get involved with the MATAH Network ([www.matah.com](http://www.matah.com)) and

don't just listen to Brother Ken; do what he says. And while you're at it, make a commitment to purchase some of the products, all made by your brothers and sisters across the country, from MATAH. Did you know that Black people spend nearly \$1 billion per year on laundry detergent alone? You can buy a Black-manufactured laundry detergent from MATAH. So, whom are you paying to wash your clothes?

Be a doer, not just a hearer. Ken, and the many who preceded him, will be proud.

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## Arts & Entertainment

### Jackson Browne - With Special Guests Steve Earle & Keb Mo At NextStage

In many ways, Jackson Browne was the quintessential sensitive Californian singer-songwriter of the early '70s. Only Joni Mitchell and James Taylor ranked alongside him in terms of influence, but neither artist tapped into the post-'60s zeitgeist like Browne. While the majority of his classic '70s work was unflinchingly personal, it nevertheless provided a touchstone for a generation of maturing baby boomers coming to terms with adulthood. Not only did his introspective, literate lyrics strike a nerve, but his laid-back folk-rock set the template for much of the



With his first four albums, Browne built a loyal following that helped him break into the

mainstream with 1976's *The Pretender*. During the late '70s and early '80s, he was at the height of his popularity, as each of his albums charted in the Top 10. Midway through the '80s, Browne made a series of political protest records which caused his audience to gradually shrink, but when he returned to introspective songwriting with 1993's *I'm Alive*.

Comprised of personal songs, *I'm Alive* received his best reviews since the late '70s and the record went gold without producing any major hits. In the spring of 1996, Browne released *Looking East*, which failed to gain the same attention as *I'm Alive*.

## Car Review

### Blazing the Trail with Chevrolet

2003 brings changes to the Chevrolet TrailBlazer line-up, with the introduction of 'The North Face Edition' and V8 power for the TrailBlazer EXT (available in the Fall). Power-packed with high-tech precision, they add to the many reasons the TrailBlazer has become a leader in midsize SUVs.

The complete 2003 line-up includes three trim levels, the LS, LT and LTZ, with the TrailBlazer EXT coming in LT trim only. While the LS models come well equipped, the LT models get a power driver seat with premium cloth, 16-inch polished sport wheels, keyless entry, the OnStar communications system, foglamps and an electrochromic rearview mirror with compass. LTZ drivers get power-adjustable leather seating with memory, 17-inch aluminum sport wheels, automatic climate control with separate rear-seat controls, a premium audio

system with rear-seat controls, rain-sensing wipers and a leather-wrapped steering wheel with satellite stereo and climate controls.

The North Face Edition package is designed to grab the attention of outdoor enthusiasts, and is based on the TrailBlazer LTZ or TrailBlazer EXT trims with the Leather Plus Package. Chevy also



cladding, unique seats, mesh map pockets, rain-sensing wipers, litgate lighting, an underfloor storage cargo liner, heavy-duty cargo mats, an adjustable cargo shelf (EXT model only) and The North Face duffel bags and blanket. The TrailBlazer offers ample interior room, with five adults able to fit comfortably. Chevy offers an extended-length EXT

model for true seven-passenger capacity, and fold down both rows of seats for just over 100 cubic feet of cargo space.

The TrailBlazer's standard 4.2-liter inline six is up from last year's 270 hp, trail blazing in at 275 hp with 275 lb-ft of torque, with 6,400 pounds towing capacity on properly equipped two-wheel-drive models. But Chevy knows some people can't get enough, so the TrailBlazer EXT offers an optional Vortec 5.3-liter V8 with 290 hp and 325 lb-ft of torque, giving it 7,200 pounds of towing capacity when properly equipped.

Four-wheel disc brakes with ABS are standard, as are dual-stage air bags for front seating positions and three-point restraint systems for all seating positions. With the optional side-impact airbags for the front passengers, the TrailBlazer earns five out of five stars in the NHTSA's frontal side-impact crash test. Rear side-impact safety also scores five stars. Front-impact testing gets three stars for driver and front-passenger protection.

## Bush Trip to Africa Page 1

the international bully," he said.

Africa benefits from the renewed U.S. interest, which is also fueling a competition for influence on the continent with the French and British.

Analysts say Bush's African strategy revolves around building stability in key states. His stops include South Africa, which is seen as the key to continental peace and security; Nigeria, the top player in West Africa; and Senegal, West Africa's oldest democracy.

While supporting nations that are doing well, the administration also is going on the offensive against what it views as rogue African leaders, such as Presidents Charles Taylor in Liberia and Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe.

Bush is demanding Taylor step down to bring peace to the country founded by freed American slaves. He also demands Mugabe restore democracy in Zimbabwe, where 200 people have been killed in state-orchestrated political violence and many more have been beaten, tortured, raped and jailed for their beliefs.

Before his visit, Bush upset some here by cutting military aid to countries, including South Africa, that do not support the U.S. position on the proposed international criminal court. His trip also comes at the same time as, and takes some of the attention away from, an annual meeting of African leaders - the African Union summit in Mozambique.

Bush will have a tough time persuading African leaders to exert more pressure on Mugabe to restore democracy in Zimbabwe.

"I don't think President Bush will get much joy from African leaders. There will be the usual niceties but it will be so much hot air," said John Makumbe, a political scientist at Zimbabwe University in Harare.

Zimbabwe will be high on the agenda when Bush and South African President Thabo Mbeki meet. Both countries favor resumption of political talks in Zimbabwe leading to a government of national unity. They differ on how to deal with Mugabe.

Bush has imposed limited sanctions on Zimbabwe's

leaders, refuses to acknowledge the legitimacy of Mugabe's reelection, and is seeking more, concerted international pressure, especially from Africa.

Mbeki says he will not pressure Mugabe and instead favors what he calls "quiet diplomacy."

Beyond the continuing violence, Zimbabwe teeters on the brink of economic collapse. Unemployment stands at 70 percent. Inflation is over 300 percent a year. Millions face starvation, while shortages of fuel, currency and medicine worsen.

Washington blames Mugabe for the problems. Writing recently in *The New York*

Times, Secretary of State Colin Powell accused Mugabe of "violent misrule" and predicted he and his cronies would lose power, "dragging their soiled record behind them into obscurity."

Mbeki's quiet diplomacy is often criticized in South Africa for being simply silent. Unlike the Bush administration, he does not publicly condemn the policies of Mugabe and has sought, at times, to defend him.

Stremmler said Bush doesn't have an answer for Zimbabwe's problems.

"He will defer to South Africa to handle the problem, as have the British," he said.

## Public Meetings

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments welcomes the public to the following meetings:

**Monday, July 14, 2003, 6:30 p.m.**  
Grapevine City Council Chamber  
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Dallas City Hall, L1 Auditorium  
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### MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The RTC encourages you to join policy officials for an ongoing dialogue about these projects:

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- The schedule and process for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). A new schedule is being suggested so critical projects can be planned, programmed, and implemented while still being flexible enough to respond to potentially changing circumstances.
- The Railroad Crossing Reliability Partnership Program. The RTC has set aside \$9.4 million to address safety at railroad crossings. Join us to hear about how projects will be selected so you can encourage your local officials to apply.
- Learn about the Institutional Structures for Regional Rail. Transit studies are underway in 10 corridors in Dallas-Fort Worth. Find out what impact these studies could have on your community.

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Under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

The Lord didn't do it all in one day what makes me think that I can?

To ignore the facts does not change the facts.

When you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

That love, not time, heals all wounds.

The easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

Everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

There's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

No one is perfect until you fall in love with him or her. Life is tough, but I'm tougher.

Opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

When you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I wish I could have told my mother and dad that I love them one more time before they passed away.

One should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

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Vacation Bible School

For more information, call 972-424.8500

All Nations United Methodist Church  
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor  
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### DAWN OF A NEW DAY CHRISTIAN KINGDOM

Daily, 9:30 a.m. & 6:45 p.m.  
School of the Prophets  
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Dawn of a New Day  
Apostle Calvin Brown  
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3200 S. Lancaster  
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### FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

July 21-26  
Vacation Bible School  
July 26  
6th Annual Golf Tournament  
For more information, call 972-625-8186.

Friendship Baptist Church  
Rev. C.P. Paul McBride

4396 Main St.  
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### GOODWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

July 12, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Community Health Fair- Free screenings, food, and prizes!  
For more information, call 214-660-9465.

Goodwill Baptist Church  
516 N. Jim Miller Rd.  
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### GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

3rd Sunday of Each Month  
Free blood pressure screening in the gym after evening services  
July 19, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
First Aid/CPR Class- \$5  
Pre-register by July 13. Call 972-644-0134.

Through 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"

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Greenville Ave. Church of Christ  
1013 S. Greenville Ave.  
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Sundays, 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Word Explosion  
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Hotel, 7138 N. Stemmons  
Freeway, Dallas, TX

### 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 [www.mesquitefriendship.com](http://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.  
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### NORTH DALLAS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

July 16, 6:30 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.  
Summer Fest Program for

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Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor



### Schedule of Services:

**Sunday**  
Early Morning Worship  
8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes  
9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m.

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

### Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
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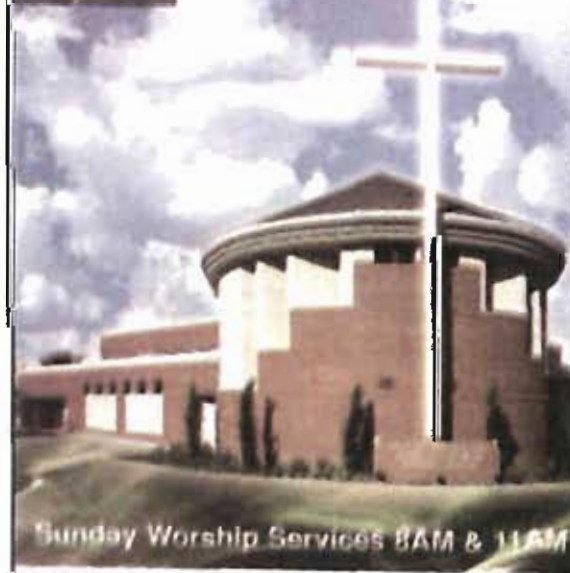
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Men & Women Ministry 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Leadership Meeting ..... 2nd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Marriage Enrichment & Singles Ministry ..... 4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Deliverance from Issues ..... Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Mid-Week Service ..... Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM  
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# Black Church Initiative Hosts Workshops Designed to Assist Congregations in Making Healthy Life Choices

Washington, D.C.- In these times when HIV/AIDS, teen pregnancy, and domestic violence, are reaching epidemic proportions in the African American community, over 600 religious leaders and laity from diverse interfaith congregations across the country gathered earlier this week to dialogue on significant reproductive health issues during the National Black Religious Summit VII on Sexuality. The Summit began Wednesday, July 9 ending on Friday, July 11 at Howard University School of Divinity, in Washington, DC.

Hosted by the Black Church Initiative of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC), "Breaking the Silence: In Times Like

These," offered workshops designed to empower congregations, teens, parents, guardians and clergy with additional skills needed to address sex and sexuality and assist teens in making healthy life choices. A critical look at sexuality in the Bible, exploring issues regarding relationships and roles for men and women, sexual addiction, sexual orientation, depression, and effective family planning methods as people of faith were all apart of the workshops.

"Faith based sexuality education is crucial to the health of our communities," says Reverend Carlton W. Veazey, President and CEO of the RCRC. "Our diverse group of experts will speak to the critical health issues that impact the lives

of young men and women and help them to make sound choices when faced with life-threatening, life-altering sexual decisions," adds Veazey.

Distinguished speakers included Reverend Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Trinity United Church of Christ (Chicago, IL); Reverend Dr. Susan Newman, Amistad St. Paul United Church of Christ (Lanham, MD); Dr. John Kinney, Dean, Samuel D. Proctor School of Divinity (Richmond, VA); Reverend Mary Moore, New Salem 4th Street Missionary Baptist Church (Memphis, TN); Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, author of "God and Gangsta Rap;" Reverend Dr. Alvin O. Jackson, National City Christian Church (Washington, DC), and, Dr. D. Kim Singleton, author of

"Broken Silence."

The three-day summit offered something for people of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds, including a session, "Keeping It Real," conducted in Spanish. Other workshop topics included, "Grandparents Raising Teens," "Reconciling What The Bible Says About Sex," "Risky Sexual Behavior: Substance Abuse, STIs, STDs and Teen Pregnancy," and "Sexual and Domestic Violence."

"The Summit is an interfaith experience designed for self-reflection, self-discovery, and dialogue," says Leslie Watson, director of MultiCultural Programs Department and the Black Church Initiative of RCRC. "Our goal is that each participant will leave with a greater ability to speak more

comfortably on issues related to sex and sexuality, and also, recognize the dire need for the African American faith community to Break the Silence In Times Like These."

The Black Church Initiative, a program of RCRC, since 1997 has led the nation in advancing reproductive health and faith-based sexuality education in African American churches around the country. Celebrating

30 years, the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice is a national interfaith organization that brings the moral power of religious communities to ensure reproductive choice through education and advocacy. The Coalition seeks to give clear voice to the reproductive issues of people of color, those living in poverty and other underserved populations.

## I know I Can Make It Right

Boys & Girls Club of Collin County, Plano  
The 2nd Annual Drug Rally "I Know I Can Make It Right," will be held on July 17, 2003, at the Douglass Community Center. The event will be from 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend. Activities include performances by members, guest speakers, FUN, games and lots of entertainment! Lunch will be provided for our members and their families.

Douglass Community Center  
1111 Avenue H  
Plano, TX 75074  
Phone: 972.424.6301

## Joe Powell

### Professional Biography

Joe Powell is a licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor who has treated people with addictions and co-occurring mental illness and substance use problems for 14 years. He has 12 years of clinical experience and is in his 15th year of recovery from addiction and alcoholism. Mr. Powell currently works as Project Director for the Association of Persons Affected by Addictions, an organization run by Recovering People for Recovering People, funded by the federal government.

Mr. Powell started the first African American National Alliance for

Mental Illness (NAMI) in Dallas, and is now the active board chairman. NAMI-DCAA serves families with loved ones that have mental illness. He has also participated in several SAMHA (federal agency) initiatives on addiction recovery, co-occurring mental illness and substance use and cultural competency.

Mr. Powell serves on the national advisory committee for the Faces and Voices of Recovery. He is originally from Harlem N.Y.C., from a family of seven brothers and one sister. He has been married for 15 years to Sylvia Kemp-Powell, a major in the U.S. Army, and has two sons, Max (14), and Tery (10).

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Magazine Kenya Jordana James, Rev. Eddie Valez, and Kwesi James of N'Cobra.

Established in 1957 by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders, the SCLC is dedicated to promoting human rights throughout the United States and abroad. Founded on Christian principles, the SCLC is dedicated to addressing key issues that improve the quality of life for all people.

This year's annual convention will be in the city of Memphis, TN, August 2-6. This historic

occasion represents the first time that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will have returned to the City of Memphis since Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s assassination.

Hotel Accommodations:  
Memphis Marriott East  
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1.800.627.3587  
Reference Code: SCLC  
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Midday Service: 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.  
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### Hill Chapel

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
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Rev. James E. Larry, Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.

### New Life Fellowship of Hamilton Park

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Reverend Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor

A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17

Sunday Morning Bible School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship (Agape Hour) First Sunday ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study ..... 7:15 p.m.

## Hamilton Park United Methodist Church



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grades 1-6  
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Rm. C117

For more information, call  
Gail Miller at 972-437-3493,  
ext. 112

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### SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Light refreshments served.  
For more information,  
contact Minister Daniel Shaw

at 972-291-0449.

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

### ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Through July 11, 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Vacation Bible School  
Theme: "Explore the Power...Jesus!"

July 11, 9:00 p.m. - Midnight  
Friday Night Extravaganza!  
July 13, 5:00 p.m.  
Closing Program

For more information, call 972-240-6674.

### ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Roosevelt A. Griffin, Pastor  
601 Rowlett Rd.  
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