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On the Homefront:

The Collin County Historical Society is holding their first Heirloom Identification, July 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Collin County History Museum, two blocks east of Courthouse Square in McKinney. Dealers and serious collector are invited to bring one portable item per person to be identified and valued. \$5 for museum members, \$10 for non-members. Also needed are experts on antiques to help. For further information call Donald R. Hoke, Ph.D. at 972.542.9457.

The annual "a mezzo & 4 sopranos" concert is presented by the Mesquite Arts Council, Sunday July 27. Call 972.216.6444 for tickets (\$5) and more information.

Collin County Community College District's All-College Council is sponsoring a Back to School Supply Drive, through July 31. Donations needed: packaged school supplies for pre-K through seventh grade children, such as spiral notebooks, notebook filler paper, construction paper, folders with pockets, #2 pencils, ballpoint pens, colored pencils, crayons, watercolors, glue sticks, erasers, backpacks, highlighters, scissors, and more. Drop off at any CCCCD campus bookstore: Central Park Campus, 2200 W. University Drive, McKinney and Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Call Stephanie Hanson at 972.985.3734.

An exhibition of Italian images captured by 20 photographers opens August 2 at the ArtCentre of Plano, at the corner of Ave K and 15th Street. "Eyes on Tuscany" runs through August 23. A reception for the photographers is August 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the ArtCentre. For more information call the ArtCentre of Plano at 972.423.7809.

Bandfest at the Plaza: Dallas Area Youth Jazz Orchestra (DAYJO) junior and senior bands perform in downtown Garland, at the Plaza Theatre, August 1, 2003, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and \$3 available at the door. Jeff Smiley is the DAYJO director. The concert is being recorded, and CD/videos will be available for purchase. Further DAYJO information may be obtained at www.dayjo.com

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Dallas Field Office invites you to "Homelessness and Financial Education" brown bag luncheon, a Faith Based & Community Initiatives forum - Wednesday August 6, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas, 75204. Lunch will be provided. Space limited to 2 individuals per organization. RSVP to: Ahmad Goree at 214.767.8309/8300, by August 4.

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A Meeting of the Minds at Texas Publishers Association Meeting



Thurman Jones, President of Texas Publisher's Association, honors Joycelyne Fadojutimi, East Texas Review

Texas Publishers Association Wire

By: Monica Thornton

DALLAS - Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson's Special Assistant, Frank Johnson, joined members of the Texas Publishers Association for lunch on Saturday, July 12, 2003, following TPA's monthly meeting.

"I appreciate your invitation today, and I appreciate breaking bread with you," said Johnson. "Congresswoman Johnson is very impressed with the TPA because you are on the ground where the word is,

and she values your support."

He said things happen when you get a group of people together, and he added that he was encouraged to see so many TPA members at the meeting.

"You believe there is something worthy to be said, or you wouldn't have come out today," said Johnson.

Saturday's meeting, held at the Sheraton Dallas Brookhollow, marked the first one under the current presidency of Thurman R. Jones, publisher of MON-

The Gazette, and was cause not only for business, but for congratulations, as two former presidents were presented with awards.

Jones presented Joycelyne Fadojutimi, publisher of the East Texas Review and current TPA vice president, with an award for her outstanding leadership as TPA President for 2000 through 2002.

"When Thurman was president I thought he made TPA his life. Then when I was president, I

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Local, World, and US Champs Compete in Kickboxing Match in Mesquite

By: Monica Thornton
Kickboxing fever reached its pitch Saturday in Mesquite, when defending champion Chris Jones was dethroned by McKinney's Tony Lozano.

Lozano's coach, John Garcia, said, "it was a great fight, some people disagreed with the decision, but we beat him fair and square."

Garcia said although Jones has a good record, Lozano had 28 wins and 5 losses, and experience won the night.

"Chris was the hometown favorite, his record was good, but we took the belt away," added Garcia. "Although some disagreed, I told them it was their judges giving the decision."

Before the fight, Lozano said he was feeling good and was in

good shape, adding "I'll take him (Jones) tonight."

26 year-old Lozano said he has trained under Garcia since he was 13 years old, but has been



Jorge Dela Rosa (left) vs. Eddy Lemos (right)

doing karate since he was nine. He said he trains about 4 hours a day, running, weight lifting, and doing abdominal work. Lozano said Coach Garcia not only trains his people hard, he also wants to make sure those at

school level are keeping good grades.

Garcia, owner and CEO of United States Amateur Kickboxing Association, Inc., in McKinney, said his goal is to make sure all his students keep their lives together, and stay in school. He is a third degree black belt and two time 'Hall of Fame' recipient, once for instructor of the year, and once for his work with at-risk youth. Garcia added that Lozano will be fighting at the pro-level soon.

Also on top of their game Saturday was Texas One, who train at Guy Metzger's Freestyle Martial Arts in Dallas, Texas. Texas One, captained by Freddie Poole, took on Bill Packer's AKKA Forte USA

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Garland Native Selected As Texas Junior Miss 2004

The 2004 Texas Junior Miss Scholarship Program was held at the Watson Fine Arts Center on the campus of St. Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas on July 19, 2003.

Our current state representative is Shannon Essenpreis. Shannon Essenpreis, Garland's Junior Miss, was selected as Texas Junior Miss for 2004. She also received the Scholarship Award. Shannon will represent Texas at America's Junior Miss Scholarship Program in June 2004.

Shannon attends Garland High School in Garland, Texas. She lives there with her parents Don and Kim Essenpreis. She is a Full International Baccalaureate student and is the Senior Class President. She is a member of the National Honor Roll and is the mascot (Ollie the Owl) for her high

school. Shannon plans to attend Redlands University in



Redlands, California to study Broadcast Journalism and Broadway

If chosen to represent Texas,

you will travel (all expenses paid) to the historic port city of Mobile, Alabama, home of the national finals of America's Junior Miss. There she'll spend two weeks getting to know outstanding girls from across the country, experiencing the fun and beauty of the area, enjoying the hospitality of local and national sponsors, and preparing for the challenge of scholarship competition.

At the 2002 National Finals, scholarship awards totaled more than \$225,000. Scholarships were given in a number of categories including scholastics, fitness, talent, poise and personal expression. Over the course of local, state, and national competition, the current America's Junior Miss, Oregon's Amy Kerr, earned \$76,300 in cash scholarships which she is using at Willamette University.

"Let the Churches Say, Amen." Please!

By: James Clingman
That's a phrase we hear a lot during our church services, isn't it? Well, I am saying it now here because of an article I read by Bishop Noel Jones. The Jones article is published in the second-quarter 2003 edition of the "One Hundred Magazine," the official publication of the 100 Black Men of America Inc. Titled, "Our Late Summer Should Be Their Spring," this outstanding article not only laid out what we must do for the future of our children, it also delineated how we can do those things—via our churches.

Brother Jones attended the symposium hosted by Tavis Smiley in Detroit, at which a panel of ministers from across the country discussed the relevance of the Black church in today's society. By the way, one obvious absentee was Pastor Jonathan Weaver, Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church, the Harvard educated, progressive, action-oriented brother who founded the Collective Banking Group (CBG). I called Pastor Weaver and asked if he had been invited to participate; he said, "No." What a shame, I thought. Here is a man who is doing what many on the panel and in the audience talk about, but he was not there to share the CBG's success with the world.

Jones' article cited the "alarming but revealing statistic" shared by economist E. Lance McCarty. "There are 65,000 [Black] churches, 25 million members which deposit \$50 million a week, therefore depositing \$2 billion annually, with the members having a spending power of \$300 billion annually, yet 70 percent of these same churches cannot get a loan." In my book, "Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement, We have a Choice," I cite a similar scenario—and that was written in 1994!

Obviously we are still in the same shape when it comes to our lack of cooperation, our reluctance to move our egos aside, our unwillingness to pool our resources and leverage our so-called spending power, and to make even the slightest dent in our horrendous situation. We continue to create wealth for everyone else and neglect doing the same for ourselves. We continue to carry money, by the sack-full, to someone else's bank instead of establishing our own banks. Is that "good and faithful" stewardship? Are we using our "talents" wisely?

We continue to allow discrimination, insulting and

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Dallas Black Expo Returns



It's back, the largest African-American consumer tradeshow in North Texas! "The 2nd Annual Dallas Black Expo" is coming, bringing in some of the hottest entertainers, speakers, and hair, fashion, and comedy shows. This year the Expo will also be showcasing

some of Dallas' best local talent in its "Ten Minutes of Fame" Talent Showcase. It will take place Saturday and Sunday, July 26 & 27, 2003 from 11 am to 7 pm each day at the Fair Park Centennial Building.

Gail Finney, founder and producer of the Dallas Black Expo, goal's for the Expo are three-fold. Her first goal is to enhance business networking and promotional

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Texas Publisher's Association Meeting Recently in Dallas



Thurman Jones and Dairy Johnson



Hattie Kelly of Power Pages & General Berry of Our Texas



Joyceline Fadojutimi



Frank Johnson



Willie Hodby, Hattie Kelly, Frank Johnson, and Twyla Williams

Local Businessman Launches New Event Planning Company



D. Stephan Gray

Local businessman, D. Stephan Gray launches a new event planning company - Full House Events. Based in Arlington, TX, the company is a full service event planning company, which provides services such as entertainment to

recommending the ideal scene for a particular event. The company specializes in planning and executing a variety of events, whether you prefer a themed, traditional, elegant or corporate setting.

Gray says the desire to reach his personal potential has given him the strength to step out on faith and into the realm of the unknown. In this quest to fulfill his life-long dream, Gray decided to launch his own company specializing in what he loves most. Full House Events not only represents the spirit of its founder, but showcases his versatility, vision and uniqueness of talent as well.

In 1996, Gray created a Motivational Speaking Program called "You

Decide", which targeted junior high school students in the DFW area. The program served as a tool by which students were guided into their potential career choices.

In 2000, in his quest to pursue his dream, Gray resigned from a major corporation and joined a local newspaper as an account manager. Gray re-invented a section in the newspaper, "In The Black" which served to exhibit African-American Businesses through advertisements. Gray also assisted the Director of Marketing with events and movie screenings.

For more information, or to plan your next big event, visit www.fullhouseevents.com

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Team from Albuquerque, New Mexico, with each of the five-team members going two rounds against an opponent. Before the fight, Metzger said, "I always come expecting to win. The other team is young, we'll win tonight."

Metzger has a professional fighting record of 121 wins, 18 losses and 6 draws, including



Dela Rosa wins match

professional world titles, the only school in the world that can boast that.



Mateo Romero (left) vs. Fabian Perez (right) - Compete for the Youth Texas Title



Perez wins Youth Texas Title

2000 three time World Free-Fighting Champion, and he trains his team to be as tough as he is. Although Packer's reputation precedes him, his team wasn't tough enough on the night. Before the fight, Packer said he brought five good guys with him and was looking forward to a good match. Packer has over 30 schools throughout the United States and Mexico, and between the schools has 20



Mikey Garza (left) vs. Sage Northcutt (right) - Compete for the North Texas Title



Sage wins North Texas Title

who trained under Demetrius "Golden Greek" Havanas - American Karate Champion and Instructor. Billy Jack, with an impressive 26 wins, 3 losses and two world titles, is a 6-degree black belt. Although the crowd was anticipating a great fight from Billy Jack, an injury to his hip prevented him from fighting. He said that he and Metzger train together.

James "Rabbit" Brown and his wife, Lisa Brown, of Brown & Brown Productions put the evening together. "Rabbit" Brown said, "We want to take the sport and bring it back to where it was meant to be. We'd go to a kickboxing show but there wouldn't be the top fighters."

That was when he decided to

approach people he knew in the industry to have a real fight, and had great response. Brown also trained under Demetrius "The Greek" Havanas, whose name was honored on Saturday. He is kickboxing champion, retiring from his 17-2 career after sustaining an injury to the retina of his eye. He now trains professional and amateur kickboxing and karate.

Lisa Brown said they have another fight scheduled in November, and are expecting a team from South Africa to fight. She said Saturday's show was great, and already people are looking forward to future shows. "The team from

Albuquerque wants to come back, they were so impressed with the show," said Brown.



R&B Artist, Silky G, sings National Anthem

Scoring on a 10-point system, Sharon Messich, one of the judges, keeps score during one of the matches

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 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 \$8. Call 972.386.6555.

General Information

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.

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.

Through 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 for ticket prices and performance times.

July 24

Logan the Juggler presents an exciting and fast paced show that includes juggling balls, clubs, fruit, and even dangerous objects. Logan will perform at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, Mesquite at 3:30 p.m.

July 26

In-Line Hockey Registration for the Fall season: Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon, Mesquite, 9a.m. to 12p.m. For students living in Mesquite or within the MISD. Age groups from 6 to 18 years old as of September 1, 2003. Call the Mesquite Athletic office at 972.216.6466 for more information.

July 28

McKinney Storytelling Guild presents, "Humorous Stories," at 7:00 p.m. in the historic Foote Chapel of Chestnut Square Historical Park located on the SW corner of

McDonald St. (Hwy 5) and Anthony Street. No admission fee, donations accepted. For more information call Adah Leah Wolf at 972-548-7186 or email eflat@attbi.com.

July 30 & 31

Mickey Mantle World Series Of Baseball - Players Welcome Celebration Wednesday, Opening Ceremony, Thursday, Al Alford Field, McKinney. 8th Annual Mickey Mantle World Series tournament in McKinney. 15-16 year old ballplayers from the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. For more information, to volunteer or to sponsor, call 214.544.0379, email mingle@mcKinneymainstreet.org, or 972.569.6301, visit www.themmw.com.

August 2

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary Presents Gardening With Nature - Irrigation, The New Rules. Learn about water conservation. Begins 10 a.m. and lasts approximately one hour. Pre-registration and payment required. \$45 members, \$20 non-members. 972.562.5566 or visit www.heardmuseum.org. Annual Health and Safety

Fair/Green Home Fair, Spears Elementary, 8500 Wade Blvd., Frisco. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Learn about public health, safety, education, environmentally friendly products, services and information for homeowners. Child fingerprinting, bounce houses, clowns, police and fire department vehicles and helicopters. For Green Home Fair information: Jody Purvis at 972.335.5540, Ext. 187. For Safety & Health Fair: Officer Robert Monts at 972.335.5603, Ext. 107, or Officer Shonda Robertson at 469.633.4630.

August 6

Around The World In Eighty Days Tea & Conversation At The Heard-Craig House, 205 W. Hunt St. 2:00 p.m. The Victorians toured the "continent" and traveled the world as part of life's adventure. Share the adventure at the Heard-Craig House during tea time, with delicious desserts, treats and afternoon tea. Reservations required. \$15/\$10 Heard-Craig members. Reservations required. 972.569.6908, 972.542.5140 or email heardcraig@texoma.net or visit www.heardcraig.org.

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 Hedgecove 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.

CASA of Collin County, Inc. is an opportunity to become a child's voice in court, for abused and neglected children in the court system. Flexible scheduling. Call 972.529.2172.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

A Black Dilemma- Black Brain Drain

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, delivering his keynote address at the organization's Miami Beach convention last week, gave a strong rebuke to three no-show democratic presidential candidates who missed the forum where candidates were given the opportunity to present their views on issues important to the Black community.

The Democratic absenteees were Rep. Richard Gephardt, Sen. Joseph Lieberman and Rep. Dennis Kucinich. President Bush and Florida Governor Jeb Bush had also been invited but respectfully declined.

The flap between NAACP leaders and the political candidates highlighted the fine line white candidates are walking while trying to court critical black votes without displaying too much "black love" that might scare off white constituents.

W. E. B. DuBois, the great black intellectual, addressed this reality almost sixty years ago. "Most White people do not like Negroes and are neither planning for their survival nor for their definite future. A saving few are worried about the Negro problems; a larger group is not ill disposed to Negroes, but they fear public opinion. The great mass of Americans just muddle along with their own affairs and scarcely can be expected to take seriously the affairs of people whom they partly fear and partly despise."

For Black America, those sentiments are just as valid today. It is obvious that well crafted mind games are being played on Black America in the absence of sufficient skilled Black thinkers and problem solvers to checkmate the game. While more of our young people are going to college and obtaining the

requisite skills, they are not returning to their home communities to apply those skills and Black America is the worse for it.

Carter G. Woodson in his 'Mis-Education of the Negro' said, "One of the most striking evidences of the failure of higher education among Negroes is their estrangement from the masses, the very people upon whom they must eventually count for carrying out a program of progress.... too many Negroes go to school to memorize certain facts to pass examinations for jobs. After they obtain these positions they pay little attention to [Black] humanity."

White power brokers are not only aware of this Black dilemma but are taking full advantage of it on two fronts. The first is to fill their needs for brainpower to maintain and maximize their economic power base. The second is to keep the Black community deficient in new savvy leadership resulting in disorganized reaction to problems instead of organized proactive solutions.

How is this accomplished? The establishment power brokers are constantly on the look out for the most gifted and talented Blacks at colleges and universities. They are first in line to offer these thinkers and problem solvers internships and summer employment during the undergraduate years. At graduation they make offers for high paying job packages complete with bonuses and perks. Our future Black leaders are then gradually indoctrinated into a life style that is far removed, physically and emotionally, from the needs of the Black community.

Black communities desperately need dedicated young Blacks to groom as future leaders. There are currently too few to plan, manage and

implement solutions for the host of problems that lay ahead. And contemporary Black leadership has no plan to deal with this critical need. In fact, most Black organizations strive to be champions for education by giving myriad scholarships to the brightest and best students with no thought that their good intentions are feeding brilliant recruits into the army of the oppressor.

Blacks have got to assume the ultimate responsibility for their own destiny if this 'give-today, take-back-tomorrow' cycle being perpetuated by the establishment is to stop. Who knows the problems of the Black community better than someone who has lived the problem and, therefore, is in a better position to create real solutions instead of perpetual studies? But they cannot work on Black problems if they are kept busy solving White problems.

Whites still largely determine black leadership. The reason, of course, is the financial backing--which--for most major Black organizations is White establishment money. Moderate Whites who control the inflow of money into Black organizations permit liberal oratory on issues of racial equality, economic parity, justice and leveling the playing field but keep the realization of those goals proceeding at a snail's pace. Blacks must cease accepting the role of America's prime conspicuous consumer and invest capital to attract Black human assets back to the Black community.

Stopping the Black Brain Drain must become a priority issue if Black progress is to continue.

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

Secretary Of State Colin Powell Named Most Influential African American Political Figure In New Poll

Secretary of State ranks highest in national poll of African American voters

Washington, DC - In a national poll of African American registered voters commissioned by Black America's Political Action Committee (BAMPAC), Secretary of State Colin Powell was named the most influential African American Political figure. Powell (42%) was followed by Rev. Jesse Jackson (21%) and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice (6%) and Rev. Al Sharpton (5%). The poll was conducted June 6th - 26th among 1800 African American registered voters via telephone and the internet.

Secretary Powell also received the highest favorable rating (77%) among a list of African American leaders including Rev. Jackson (69%), NAACP President Kweisi

Mfume (44%), Dr. Rice (42%) and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas (41%).

In response to the poll findings, BAMPAC President and CEO Alvin Williams said, "African Americans recognize the important role that Secretary of State Colin Powell is playing on the political landscape. The scope of his influence has been seen on a domestic and global level especially in recent months as he has been focused on promoting democracy in various regions of the world. African Americans also acknowledge the historic ramifications of Sec. Powell's tenure in the Administration."

Other key findings include: • Seventy-two percent (72%) of African Americans feel that the country is headed in the wrong direction.

• Sixty-eight percent (68%) of African Americans believe that affirmative action is good in principle but needs to be reformed. Only 18% of African Americans believe that affirmative action policies are "fine as is".

• One of five African-Americans (21%) believes that President Bush deserves reelection.

• Fifty-one percent (51%) of African Americans feel that the U.S. Health Care system is inadequate.

• Nearly half of Africans (42%) who plan to vote in the 2004 Democratic Presidential Primary are undecided as to whom they will vote for.

Founded in 1994, BAMPAC is a non-partisan federal Political Action Committee committed to electing tomorrow's leaders today.



Lt. Ed Drain

Identity Theft

theft, there are ways to minimize your risk. If your social security number or other personal information is requested, find out why it is needed and if it will be shared. Since the business or organization requesting your information may refuse to provide you service without your personal information, decide if releasing it is worth the risk. Pay attention to your credit billing cycle and follow up with creditors if your bills don't arrive on time. Guard your mail from theft by depositing outgoing mail in post office collection boxes and promptly removing mail from your mailbox after it has been delivered. Minimize the credit cards and identification information you carry to those you will actually need. Do not give out personal information over the phone or Internet unless you initiated the contact. Be careful of where you leave personal information in your home, especially if you have a roommate or employ outside help. Purchase and use a shredder to dispose of pre-screened credit offers you don't accept and other documents that contain your personal information. You can reduce the number of pre-screened offers you receive in the mail by calling 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688). Find out who has access to your personal information at work and verify that your personnel records are kept in a secure location. Memorize your ATM personal identification number (PIN) and do not keep it written on paper in your wallet or purse. Order a copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union and ensure it is accurate. It is important to take action immediately if you suspect your personal information is being

used fraudulently. The Federal Trade Commission recommends you take the following three steps at a minimum. First, contact the fraud department of the three credit bureaus and request a fraud alert be placed on your file. This may help prevent identity thieves from opening additional accounts in your name. Second, contact the businesses or creditors where you suspect your accounts may have been tampered with. Close any accounts that have activity you did not authorize and re-open new accounts with a different PIN. Keep a log of who you speak with and follow up all phone calls with a letter. It is especially important that you notify credit card companies in writing for consumer protection laws to apply. Third, file a report with the local police where the identity theft took place. Having a police report on file may be helpful when dealing with creditors even if the person fraudulently using your identity is not caught.

Editor's Note:

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Public Safety

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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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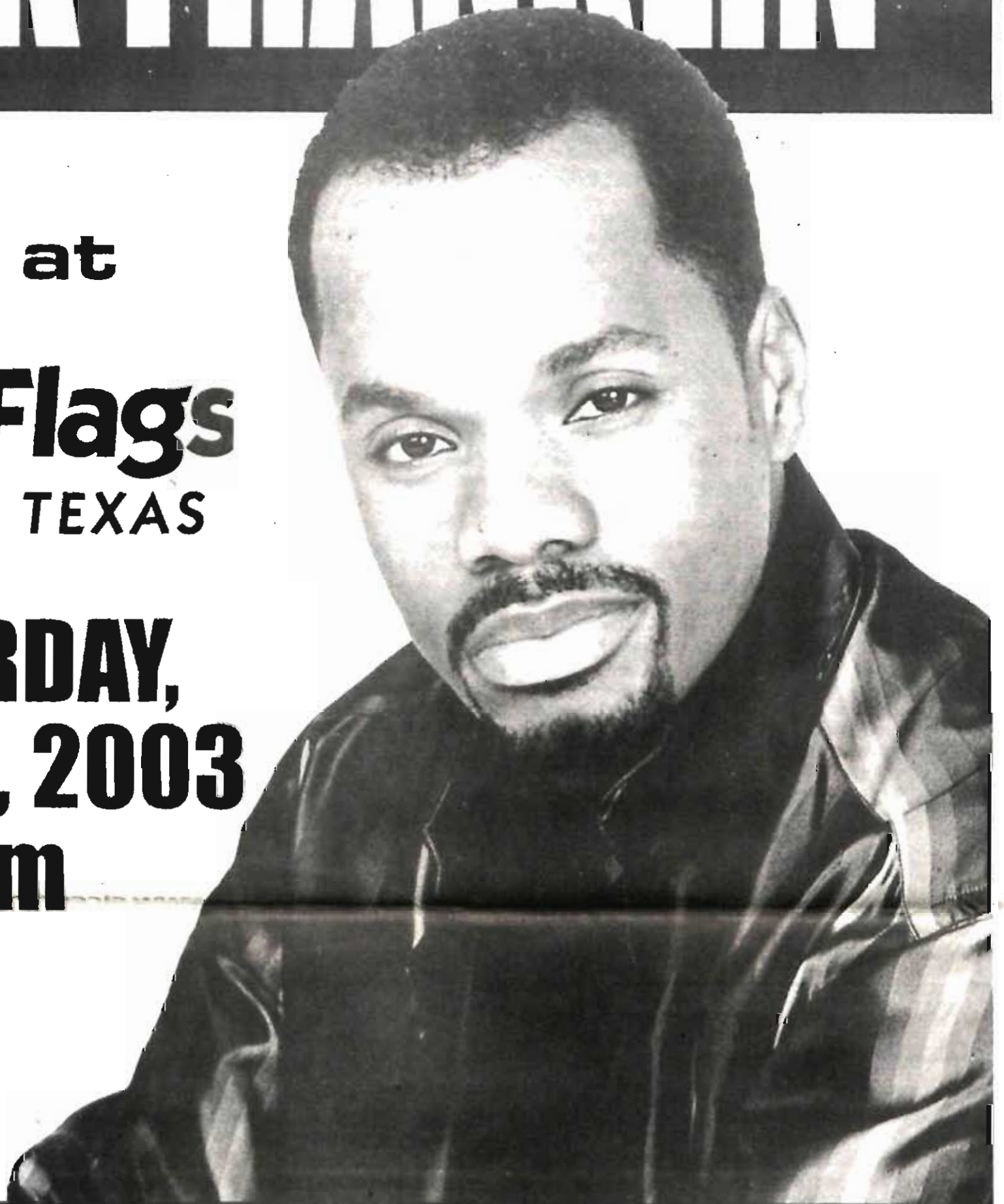
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Chevy Tough - The Silverado LT 1500

More seating, a wide variety of engines, comfort features and tough performance bring the 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Extended Cab into a class of its own.

With seating for up to six people, the extended cab has three models: base, LS and LT, and comes in a 6.5-ft. flare-fender Sportside Box, a 6.5-ft. Fleetside Short Box, or an 8.1-ft. Fleetside Long Box. All 1500s come with 2WD or 4WD options. The LT model also offers GM's QuadraSteer system, a 4-wheel steering system, enabling the rear wheels to turn in the opposite direction of the front wheels, making for tighter turns, great for cornering or getting into a tight parking space.

Get ready to choose the right engine for you, because Chevy offers you a lot with the Silverado. The extended cab short box offers a 4.3-liter V6 with 200 hp, the

extended cab long box has a 4.8-liter V8 with 270 hp, and the extended cab sportside box comes with a 5.3-liter V8 with 300 hp, which is standard on the LT model.

For safety, Chevy has given the Silverado 4-wheel ABS with dynamic rear proportioning, driver and front passenger dual stage air bags with passenger side sensing, theft deterrent ignition, daytime running lights and outboard lap and shoulder safety belts.

The base model is equipped with air-conditioning with dual-zone manual climate control, trip computer, AM/FM radio and other features. The LS model add AM/FM CD player, carpeting and power

everything, and move on up to the LT for the OnStar system, steering wheel radio controls, a Bose AM/FM radio with 6-disc CD changer, embroidered headrests, leather wrapped steering wheel, white backlit gauges, OSRV mirrors with driver side auto dimming, power fold and adjacent heat, tilt and turn signal, and many, many others.

With a monochrome color scheme in a choice of black, arrival blue metallic and victory red, exterior lamp control, wide access rear doors and 20" 5-spoke aluminum wheels, not only is the Silverado 1500 a heavy-duty truck, it's got the looks to match.



Local Non-Profit Ballet Company Relocates

Plano Metropolitan Ballet, host of the annual Plano Dance Festival, is relocating with **Gotta Dance** to a new location in Plano, a brand new facility at the southwest corner of Custer and Parker.

PMB creates performance opportunities for young dancers by presenting an original ballet each year. Students audition for the production in the spring and the name of the production and casting are

announced at the beginning of August, when fall classes begin. The dancers receive their training at Gotta Dance. Based on children's stories, Plano Met's ballets have included Little Mermaid, Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan, Anastasia and many more, spanning 15 years as a non-profit ballet company.

Dancers will enjoy four spacious rooms with high ceilings and state of the art dance floors for rehearsals,

while the ballet company will benefit from its four studios of rehearsal space.

Gotta Dance is currently taking registration for the 2003-2004 school year. They are seeking interested individuals to move with them this fall, as a new chapter begins for Gotta Dance. Classes begin August 4.

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Ruff Endz Performs at Dallas Black Expo This Weekend

The R&B vocal duo Ruff Endz (David "Davinch" Chance and Dante "Chi" Jordan) grew up on the same street in their native Baltimore, MD, but didn't start singing together until high school. The two gained notoriety locally before signing a production deal with DJ/producer Oji, which paved the way for a contract with Epic Records in 1998.

In 2000, Epic released Ruff Endz' debut album, *Love Crimes*.

True talent not only stands the test of time: It stands out in its own time, rising above the competition to connect with an audience and establish its own indelible, original voice.

In 2001, the Epic recording duo known as Ruff Endz burst out of the mean streets of Baltimore, Maryland and onto the national music scene. With the #1 R&B smash "No More", Davinch and Chi demonstrated beyond doubt that they possessed timeless talent.

Ruff Endz' acclaimed debut album, *Love Crimes*, further confirmed this judgment. *Love Crimes* was a quintessential collection of modern soul songs, including such future

classics as "Missing You," "I Apologize," "Are You Messing Around," and "Please Don't Forget About Me" (the latter reprised from its first appearance on

declaration of a man's devotion to a determined young woman struggling through hard times, one who simply needs someone to love her. "Love of All Time (Will You Be Mine)," "You Mean The World To Me," and "You" all strike similar chords of sincerity and male vulnerability.

These passionate ballads are complemented by such sharply contrasting songs as "Shake It," an up-tempo anthem of raw sexuality; and "Cash, Money, Cars, Clothes," a bouncing, bare-bones club track laced by the lyrical stylings of rapper Memphis Bleek. Another high point of *Someone To Love You* is a moving song of loss and hope, "Look to the Hills," written by Davinch after the death of his father in 2001 and recorded with additional lyrics by Chi.

Ruff Endz spent nearly



the Blue Streak soundtrack). It was also the album that put Ruff Endz on the road, appearing as both club headliners and support to superstars like Mary J. Blige.

Now Davinch and Chi are consolidating their impressive gains and expanding their musical horizons on a new 14-song collection entitled *Someone To Love You*. The title single, produced by Corey Rooney and Troy Oliver, is a stirring

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Arts & Entertainment

Young Plays Smirnoff August 5th



After Neil Young left the Californian folk-rock band Buffalo Springfield in 1968, he slowly established himself as one of the most influential and idiosyncratic singer-songwriters of his generation. Young's body of work ranks second only to Bob Dylan in terms of depth, and he was able to sustain his critical reputation, as well as record sales, for a longer period of time than Dylan, partially because of his willfully perverse work ethic. From the beginning of his solo career in the late '60s until the late '90s, he never

stopped writing, recording and performing; his official catalog only represented a portion of his work, since he kept countless tapes of unreleased songs in his vaults. Just as importantly, Young continually explored new musical territory, from rockabilly and the blues to electronic music. But these stylistic exercises only gained depth when compared to his two primary styles -

gentle folk and country-rock, and crushingly loud electric guitar rock, which he frequently recorded with the Californian garage band Crazy Horse. Throughout his career, Young alternated between these two extremes, and both proved equally influential; there were just as many simpy singer-songwriters as there were grunge and country-rock bands claiming to be influenced by Neil Young. Despite his enormous catalog and influence, Young continued to move forward, writing new songs and exploring new music in his

fourth decade as a performing artist. That restless spirit ensured that he was one of the few rock veterans as vital in his old age as he was in his youth.

Born in Toronto, Canada, Neil Young moved to Winnipeg with his mother following her divorce from his sports-journalist father. Young began playing music in high school. Not only did he play in garage-rock outfits like the Esquires, but he also played in local folk clubs and coffeehouses, where he eventually met Joni Mitchell and Stephen Stills. During the mid-'60s, he returned to Toronto, where he played as a solo folk act. By 1966, he joined the Mynah Birds, which also featured bassist Bruce Palmer and Rick James. The group recorded a couple of singles for Motown, which were ignored. Frustrated by his lack of success, Young moved to Los Angeles in his Pontiac hearse, taking Palmer along as support. Shortly after they arrived in L.A., they happened to meet Stills, and they formed Buffalo Springfield, who quickly became one of the leaders of the Californian folk-rock scene. Despite the success of Buffalo Springfield, the group was plagued with tension, and

Young quit the band several times before finally leaving to become a solo artist in May of 1968. Hiring Elliot Roberts as his manager, Young signed with Reprise Records and released his eponymous debut album in early 1969. By the time the album was released, he had begun playing with a local band called the Rockets, which featured guitarist Danny Whitten, bassist Billy Talbot and drummer Ralph Molina. Young renamed the group Crazy Horse and had them support him on his second album, Everybody Knows This Is Nowhere, which was recorded in just two weeks. Featuring such Young staples as "Cinnamon Girl" and "Down By the River," the album went gold. Following the completion of the record, he began jamming with Crosby, Stills and Nash, eventually joining the group for their spring 1970 album, Deja Vu. Although he was now part of Crosby, Stills and Nash, Young continued to record as a solo artist, releasing After the Gold Rush at the end of the year. After the Gold Rush, with its accompanying single "Only Love Can Break Your Heart," established Young as a solo star, and fame only increased through his association with CSN&Y.

Train "Pulls Into NextStage August 10th"

What started as two guys with strong voices and one guitar became San Francisco's Train by 1994. It was in late 1993 that Patrick Monahan left Erie, Pennsylvania and met up with the Los Angeles band, the Apostles. Lead singer-guitarist Rob Hotchkiss and fellow guitarist Jim Stafford had basically disbanded by this time, but the chance meeting with Patrick Monahan proved fortuitous as Hotchkiss extended an invitation to the crooning Monahan to become a two-man band. After making exhaustive appearances in low-key coffee houses, they

decided to form a full band and enlisted former Apostles'



members Stafford and bassist Charlie Colin. Colin brought along his good

friend, drummer Scott Underwood and Train was on its way. Train settled in San Francisco to develop their sound in a relaxed, laid-back atmosphere. In an unlikely scenario, executives from Columbia Records expressed an interest and, in a somewhat cooperative strategy, farmed the fledgling band out to the minors -- in this instance, Aware Records -- where they

could grow naturally and unhurriedly. In 1997, they went on tour, opening for the likes of Blues Traveler, Barenaked Ladies and Counting Crows. Train knew they had arrived when they sold out a performance at San Francisco's prestigious venue, The Fillmore. Their completed debut album was released the following year. Drops of Jupiter followed three years later.

Lara Croft: Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life



Angelina Jolie again plays Lara Croft, the video-game vixen brought to the big screen in the first Tomb Raider film. In the sequel, Croft travels across the world in hopes of finding an ancient underwater temple called the Cradle of Life, which, as legend has it, is the resting place for Pandora's Box, an artifact mentioned in Greek mythology that can unleash hell upon the world if it falls into the wrong hands. In this case, those hands belong to Chen Lo, the leader of a Chinese crime syndicate.

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18 months recording their first album in Davinch's words, "finding the right sound, finding our place in music." But in the creation of Someone To Love You, the duo felt more certain of their footing and more capable of flexing creative control over the project.

In addition to "Look to the Hills," Davinch and Chi had a direct hand in either writing or producing five cuts: "Would U Leave Me" and "Kamasutra"; "Threesome" and "Love Of All Time (Will You Be Mine)" with Nate and Michael Clemons; and "Cash, Money, Cars, Clothes" with Memphis Black. Ruff Endz also worked with such gifted production teams as Nite & Day ("Bigger") and Troy Taylor and Charles Farrar as the "The Characters" ("You").

The two singers grew up together on the same block of Baltimore's tough West Side, also home to Dru Hill. "We've known each other since we were little, though we didn't hang out then," Chi recalls. "When we got to high school, we

sang with different groups. Eventually we got together and realized that just the two of us, singing together, was the best move to make."

Now, in addition to promoting and performing behind their own album, Ruff Endz are expanding into songwriting and production for other artists. Both men see these pursuits as essential to their longevity in a fickle and fast-changing music industry. As Davinch wisely points out: "We've seen too many artists have it all one day and lose it all the next."

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 10. GODS AND GENERALS

Bush Hailed for Calling Slavery 'a Crime'

By Kevin Herrera
LOS ANGELES (NNPA)—Leaders in the reparations movement for African-Americans are calling on President Bush to back up his passionate statement last week that slavery was "one of the greatest crimes in history."

Those leaders want the president to issue a formal apology on behalf of the United States for participating in that crime and to back H.R. 40, a bill that would create a commission to study slavery and its effects on the country and the descendants of enslaved Africans.

Standing near the slave dungeons of Goree Island, Senegal, during his trip to Africa, Bush denounced the slave trade and the dungeons where "liberty and life were stolen and sold." Goree Island is considered by many scholars to be the main slave trading post where more than 85 percent of Africans were processed and sold.

"Anybody who has been to the Goree Island or Ghana, it is impossible to go into those dungeons and not be

overwhelmed," said Ray Winbush, author of "Should America Pay," and a spokesman for the Global African Congress, a group formed out of the Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, in September 2001. The Bush administration pulled out of the conference because it opposed the discussion of Zionism and reparations.

"The island is like Auschwitz or other concentration camps," Winbush said. "No one, not even the president, can go through there and not break down," he said.

Supporters of reparations in general were pleased with the president's speech and are confident he was not overcome by emotion when he made the statement regarding slavery as a crime. They believe the speech was written in advance and must be used as ammunition in the movement and in lawsuits targeting companies who benefited from slavery.

"I applaud President Bush's statement made on Goree Island that slavery was 'one of the greatest crimes in

history," said Deadria Farmer-Paellmann, lead plaintiff in the class-action lawsuits filed in Chicago for reparations from blue-chip corporations. "Our lawsuit against 19 blue-chip corporations for slavery reparations is based on this fact."

"The president's statement should send a message to defendants in the lawsuit that the truth about slavery being a crime is reaching all levels of society. Corporate defendants should not be able to continue profiting from their crimes," she said.

While lawyers like Paellmann can use the statement as support in lawsuits, those involved in other areas of the movement also can gain some momentum from the speech.

"The Bush administration is not friendly to the entire movement at all and we don't expect them to be friendly," said David Horne, spokesman for several reparations movements and a professor of Pan African Studies at California State University-Northridge. "Whenever we have a chance to gain more leverage, we need to take it and even though he didn't intend to give us ammunition, we appreciate the statements and we definitely think they are useful," he said.

The White House failed to return calls seeking comment regarding the president's support for H.R. 40 or issuing an apology on behalf of America for its participation in the slave trade.

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In return, the City shall not unlawfully interfere or inhibit DHA's completion of specific portions of its order dated March 15, 2001, and for the next three years continue police patrols at selected DHA locations, continue to operate Neighborhood Assistance Centers at selected DHA locations, continue funding of the Section 8 landlord bonus program, provide funding for market rent survey, use the same code enforcement standards for DHA multifamily units as private multifamily units, and provide crime statistics.

You are entitled to know about the settlement, give the Court your comments, and object to or oppose the settlement. If the Court approves the settlement, then the City's duties and your rights in connection with the claims in this lawsuit would be those described in the settlement. In exchange for the benefits of this settlement, the members of the class will agree to the dissolution of the Consent Decree and dismissal with prejudice of all motions. The Court has set a hearing on the proposed settlement for August 12, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in Judge Buchmeyer's courtroom, 1100 Commerce, Dallas, Texas.

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A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared, the man sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if the butterfly had gotten as far as it could and it could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly, he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

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Trials Can Make You Stronger

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Church Happenings

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July 28-August 3, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

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July 26
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July 24
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3rd Sunday of Each Month
Free blood pressure screening in the gym after evening services

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"

August 3-7
Sunday: 7:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m.
Monday-Thursday: 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming & Gospel Revival, Theme: "The Bible is Right"

October 3-5
Marriage Retreat -Sign-up begins

July 13
Total cost: \$225 per couple (Deposit of \$75 due by July 30)

For more information call, 972-644-2335

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1013 S. Greenville Ave.
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July 28-August 1, 6:00 p.m. daily
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Morse Street Baptist Church

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NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

July 28-31, 7:00 p.m.

88th Annual Session of the State Congress of Christian Workers of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas

Host church is New Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Drill Teams will meet at: First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park

All Ushers and Nurses will meet at: Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church

Youth Congress will meet at: Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

Congress Musical- Monday, July 28, 7:00 p.m. at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church

For more information, call Linda Adams at 214-341-6459.

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Schedule of Services:

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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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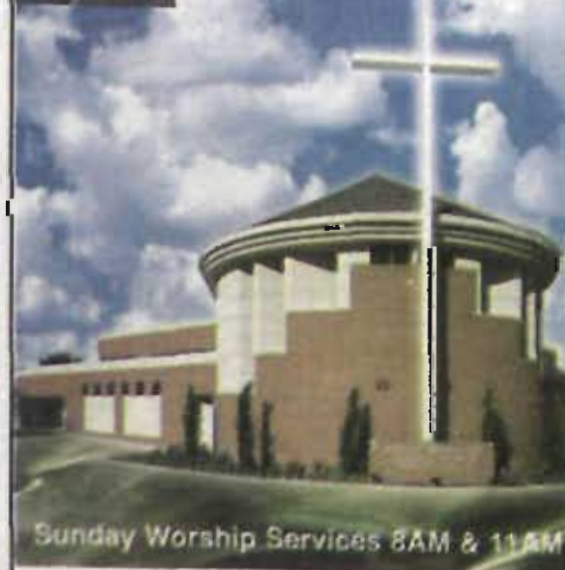
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Church Agency Draws Corporate World into Dialogue on Issues

By United Methodist News Service

As a major investor, the United Methodist Church has been able to nudge some well-known companies into taking steps that address corporate governance and social concerns this year.

Financial giants such as Citigroup and Morgan Stanley have agreed to enter into dialogue about keeping financial analysts independent from other areas of their businesses – a step that would help avoid the types of conflict-of-interest scandals that have hit Wall Street in recent years. Pharmaceutical giants Merck and Pfizer are entering into dialogue about providing affordable medicine to fight HIV-AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, which are devastating parts of the developing world. And Gillette and Reebok are in discussions with the board about factory emissions that affect the global climate.

Those are a few of the reasons why Vidette Bullock-Mixon, director of corporate relations and social concerns for the United Methodist Board of Pension and Health Benefits, is pleased with this year's series of annual shareholder meetings.

"We feel that it was a successful year," she says from her office in Evanston, Ill.

Each year, from March through June, many if not most publicly traded companies in the United States hold meetings where stockholders vote on policies and conduct other business. As an institutional investor, the Board of Pension and Health Benefits uses the meetings to advocate for the church's official positions on a range of concerns.

With more than \$10 billion in assets, the board manages the largest pension fund of any Protestant denomination. Using the church's Social Principles and other policies as a guide

in its investing, the board screens out companies that draw income from tobacco, alcohol, pornography, gambling or weapons-related businesses. Church policies also inform the board's advocacy work with companies in which it invests.

This year, the board filed resolutions for consideration at 32 shareholder meetings – an increase from 25 last year. Most of those resolutions were withdrawn ahead of time. "Of the 32 resolutions that were filed, a total of 20 shareholder resolutions were withdrawn due to constructive dialogue" and a willingness by the companies to address the concerns raised, Mixon says.

The fact that so many companies are willing to engage the board in conversation, particularly about corporate governance, is significant, she says. After so many issues around corporate misconduct came to light in 2002, companies this year seem more interested in showing investors that they're trying to be open and transparent, she says.

Investors also have been more vocal in expressing concerns and offering recommendations to their companies, she says.

Shareholder groups filed 862 proposals for corporate reform – an increase from 802 last year, according to the board, citing figures from the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility and the Investor Responsibility Research Center. The Interfaith Center teams up with the board and other partners in filing resolutions and attending meetings.

The board and its interfaith partners were able to get many companies to commit this year to greater disclosure about practices and policies. Those concerns include ensuring proper governance in companies where the same person is both chairperson and chief executive, and promoting global standards

for how corporations treat their workers and the environment.

"An issue that continues to be a priority with the general board is the environment and climate change and global warming," Mixon says.

After Gillette and Reebok agreed to disclose efforts to address carbon dioxide emissions, Mixon attended their annual meetings to commend them. Providing that positive reinforcement is part of building a rapport with companies, a process that takes years and involves trying to raise issues in a non-confrontational way.

"The general board's preference is to be in dialogue with corporations in which we invest, especially over the long term," Mixon says. The board finds that it gets more accomplished when it spends several hours talking with a company about policies instead of a few minutes at a shareholders' meeting stating a position on a resolution, she says. It is in ongoing conversations with about 60 companies, such as Abbott Laboratories, Coca-Cola, Disney, Nike and McDonald's.

This year, the board will begin a second round of conversations with six to eight major institutions, including Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch and Bank of America, about ensuring financial analysts' independence, says Laurie Michalowski, the board's coordinator for socially responsible investing. The board plans similar conversations with international companies, such as Credit Suisse.

As a long-term investor, the pension agency wants the companies to do well and generate good financial returns for United Methodist constituents, Mixon adds.

Along with the successes, Mixon says there were "several disappointments" this year. Companies have the

right to challenge shareholder resolutions at the Securities and Exchange Commission, and it seemed the SEC's opinions varied from the past, she says. For example, the SEC allowed Johnson & Johnson to omit a resolution on glass-ceiling concerns, and Conoco Phillips was allowed to drop a resolution on climate change.

Other resolutions simply went to a vote. A statement calling on Delphi Corp. to adopt global standards for labor practices and human rights at its facilities drew a 27.5 percent vote. Another resolution urging Exxon Mobil to address climate-change concerns drew a 22 percent vote. Shareholders with about 20 percent of Bed, Bath & Beyond's stock supported a resolution on glass-ceiling concerns. And the board got a 9 percent vote supporting its call for PG&E Energy Corp. to report on gas emissions at two Massachusetts power stations – emissions cited by the Environmental Protection Agency as harmful.

The percentages are significant, though they may seem small. Michalowski explains that a 3 percent vote is enough to bring a resolution back to the shareholders' meeting the following year, and that can be an incentive for a company to go ahead and address a concern through dialogue. A vote in the 20 percent range sends a clear message to management that "there are significant institutional investors" who are concerned about a particular issue, she says.

For the Board of Pension and other socially responsible investors, change is often a gradual process, not a sudden outcome.

"In many cases," Michalowski says, "it will take several years before we see the result that is expected or hoped for. It is a sustained effort."

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Rev. A. Louis Patterson, III, Pastor
317 Parker Dr.
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For additional information, call 972-264-1483.


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