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On the Homefront:

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, 7p.m. Tickets are \$5 and \$3 available at the door. Jeff Smiley is the DAYJO director. The concert is being recorded, and CDs/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.

August 1 through 3 - National Night Out Kick-Off Weekend at The Shops of Willow Bend Mall, during mall operation hours. Crime Prevention, Traffic Unit with demo on child car seat installations, 911, Fire Dept. Law Enforcement Explorer Post #911, Crime Advisory Board, Neighborhood Crime Watch, H.E.A.T. and squad car and more.

August 4 - Plano's Apartment Complex National Night Out - from 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Contact Crime Prevention 972-941-2431

August 5 - Plano's National Night Out - from 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party Neighborhood Block Parties. Contact Crime Prevention 972-941-2431

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Small Kids with Big Moves Show Their Talent at Annual Puttin' on the Hits



Kids from the Forest Lane Center groove to the sounds of The Jackson 5's hit, "I Want You Back"

Twelve centers, part of Children's World Learning Center, from the Dallas area gathered on Thursday, July 24 at the Plano Market Square Mall for their 4th annual Puttin' on the Hits. The event is presented by Children's World Learning Center, part of the Knowledge of Learning Corporation. Al Johnson, a music instructor, acted as the DJ and host of the event. The children who participated lip-synched and danced to music from as far back as the 1960s! "This event is a lot of fun for the

kids; it builds their self-esteem," said Sylvia Benoit, District Manager for Children's World Learning Centers.

Amrein's West impressed the crowd with their impersonation of The Beatles. And North West Highway Center and Skillman/Abrams Center got creative with their rendition of "The Wiz". The Forest Center showed off their smooth moves as they performed "I Want You Back", by the Jackson 5. Cindy Watts, Amrein's North Director said that

the kids "do it all". They choose their songs and make their costumes.

"Puttin' on the Hits gets bigger and better each year and the kids and staff are enjoying it," said Benoit. Vickie Lawrence, Center Director at the Forest Lane center agrees that the event gets bigger each year. "It's one of our biggest events of the summer, and soon as the summer session begins, the kids become excited about the show and start preparing by

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Dallas Black Expo Kick-Off Reception Was a Great Success



Joy Smith, Washington Mutual; Geovanna Fawcett and Smokin' Kevan, 94.5 K Soul

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Texas GOP, Dems Duel Over Redistricting

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Democratic and Republican senators dueling across the Texas-New Mexico line as each camp tried to score political points in the intensifying battle over congressional redistricting.

Republicans on Tuesday tried to coax 11 of the 12 Senate Democrats to return from Albuquerque, N.M., following their walkout Monday that forced the Senate to a standstill.

"No Texas problem has ever been solved in New Mexico," said Sen. Todd Staples, chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus. Democrats remained firm.

"We're not here on a vacation," said Democratic Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos in Albuquerque.

The walkout comes less than three months after a similar move by House Democrats, who broke a quorum in their chamber and killed a redistricting bill by fleeing to Ardmore, Okla.

The Senate met briefly Wednesday, but with no quorum present no business could be conducted. The Senate is to meet again Thursday.

Republicans are pressing for more seats in the state's 32-member delegation to

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Dallas Urban League President Honored For Work Benefiting Women



Congratulating Urban League President and CEO Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks (center) on her award are from left: Keitia Hill, senior; Gale Duff-Bloom, event chairman; and Sharon King, 2004 event chairman.

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas recently honored Dallas Urban League President and CEO, Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks at the 3rd Annual Women's Advocacy Awards at The Forks Restaurant. The Non-Profit Leadership Award was presented to Dr. Brooks by Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT) for her exceptional service in advocacy for improvement in the lives of women and children in the area.

The awards reception raised nearly \$40,000 for LANWT's Women's Legal Advocacy Center.

The Center conducts research into and advocacy on legal issues affecting women and their children living in poverty. Proceeds from the reception help provide funding for the attorney who is currently conducting this important work. "This program is the first of its kind in North Texas," said Gale Duff-Bloom, event chairman. "It's unique in that it seeks to improve and stabilize the lives of women by providing free legal representation, which in turn helps them to help themselves," she added.

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Shirley Tarpley, Religious Editor, MON-The Gazette (Center); Loretta Morgan, Proctor & Gamble (left); Lisa Jackson (right), Media Group One



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Cress Frannin, Saniqua Rischer



Kenneth Dean and Pam Reed, both of New England Financial



George Laughlin, General Manager Radio One and Michael Ceasar



Carla Cohen and Deirdre Cornett

The Dallas Black Expo held its VIP kick-off reception last Thursday, July 24, 2003, at the offices of Radio One (94.5 K Soul and 97.9 The Beat). Attendees had the chance to meet and greet the organizers and staff, along

with the events major sponsors and corporate sponsors. Major sponsors included Proctor & Gamble, Washington Mutual, AT&T Wireless, and Radio One. Their was plenty of food and beverages, mingling and meeting, and musical

entertainment. In its second year, the Dallas Black Expo was again a great success, with 100 guests in

attendance at the kick-off reception, and approximately 20,000 people attending the two-day expo. The expo



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provided people the opportunity to showcase their products and services as vendors, and for other to come and network and meet with the vendors.

The series of events ended on Monday with a political fundraiser, honoring Rev. Al Sharpton, presidential candidate and community activist.

ride DART in August

August is Commute Solutions Month, so "Try Parking It!" Visit DART.org to complete the Bike & Ride survey, then visit tryparkingit.com to learn more about alternative commuting options and enter to win sporting event tickets and a trip on Southwest Airlines.

Ride DART to West End Station and join The Wolf 99.5 on August 7, from 5-7 p.m., for a happy hour party at Spaghetti Warehouse in the West End. Show your DART pass for great giveaways.

Take the free special events shuttle from West End Station to American Airlines Center August 1-10 for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Or ride the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) to Victory Station!

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On-going

Collin County has created an emergency preparedness hotline: 972.548.4114. You can also visit www.co.collin.tx.us.

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

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

Interactive Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland by Presbyterian Healthcare, a Kroger Foods miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit complete with rain forest, arts and crafts. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Children 2-10 years \$4/Adults \$3. Call 972.386.6555.

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.

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Mickey Mantle World Series Of Baseball - 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.themwos.com.

August 1 - 16

"Charlie Brown" is presented by the Mesquite Community Theatre. Call 972/216-8126 for tickets, reservations and information.

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. \$15 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. Police and Fire Annual Softball Game, 7 p.m. (subject to change). Shawnees Trail Sports Complex, 6501 Hillcrest Road (subject to change). It's the classic case of "GOOD vs. GOOD". The Frisco Police Department takes on the Frisco Fire Department. Support our hometown heroes as they bat it out for the coveted trophy and most importantly, bragging rights!!

Special Post Office renaming at East Kiest Blvd, Dallas, to honor Dr. Caesar A. W. Clark, Sr. With Congresswoman Eddie B. Johnson, David F. Martin, Dallas Postmaster, State Senator Royce West, State Representative Jesse Jones, City Council Member, Maxine Thornton-Reese, Good Street Baptist Church. 9 a.m. 1502 E. Kiest Blvd. Dallas.

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 members. Reservations required. 972.569.6909, 972.542.5340 or email heardcraig@texoma.net or visit www.heardcraig.org.

The Senior Source of Greater Dallas offers a free job search seminar, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho, Richardson. Registration 9:30 - 10:00. Call 214.823.5700 to register and for information.

August 7

Boy Scouts of America Tomahawk District 2003-2004, Program Preview & Octoberfest; open to scout leaders, parents and the public with food, games and information about upcoming Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing activities for youth and adults in the area. 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Rorie-Galloway Day Camp, 3100 Lawson Road. For more information call 214-902-6728.

The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas host a support group dedicated to older adults looking for a job, 10 a.m.

to 11:30 a.m., with the topic "Dressing for Success." RSVP Renae Redwine or Judy Burk at 214.823.5700.

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 Hedgecoxe 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 972.529.2272.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC The Sharpton Whirlwind Hits Dallas

Reverend Al Sharpton hit Dallas like one of the seasonal tornadoes last Sunday afternoon, dropping in as the keynote speaker for the Dallas Black Expo at Centennial Hall in Fair Park. He is the first Black person to throw his hat into the Presidential arena since the well-publicized Jackson campaigns of 1984 and 1988 and the little publicized aborted campaign of Douglas Wilder in 1992.

Needless to say, Rev. Sharpton has thrown a political bombshell into the Democratic primary. His presence in the race is definitely making the competition for black votes, young votes, minority votes, women's votes, gay votes, lesbian votes, and even white votes more intense. By his own admission he has better name recognition than any other Democratic candidate.

But more important than the name — he says he can speak to and for the dissatisfied, the demoralized, and the disenfranchised — with more credibility than the other candidates.

These outsiders, who are growing in numbers, need someone who can get inside the hallowed halls of the power brokers and articulate the case for the voiceless. It was an embarrassment to see the leader of our largest civil rights organization complaining several weeks ago at the NAACP national convention about the three Democratic candidates who did not show up for the NAACP presidential forum or that President Bush during his three years in office has not afforded Black Leaders the opportunity to have a meeting to discuss important issues.

Blacks especially ought to be sick and tired of politicians running into our communities two weeks before an election, making big promises, and then magically disappearing right after the election.

One thing for sure, Rev. Sharpton won't be sitting around waiting for an engraved invitation for a meeting. In fact, he'll find a way to make power brokers beg him for a meeting.

The political gurus, and conservative pundits have already begun to cast aspersions on the Sharpton presidential candidacy. They are trying to imply that he's not qualified or he's not experienced enough.

But what are the qualifications for President? Section 1, Article II, of the Constitution gives the following qualification criteria: Be a Natural born citizen, at least 35 years of age, a resident of the United States for 14 years before the election. Rev. Sharpton says he meets those criteria.

Regarding his experience he has been active in the Civil Rights Movement since the 1970s and has spent over 40 years preparing for this new role.

He was raised in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Brownsville. He preached his first sermon at age 4 and became an ordained Pentecostal minister by the time he was 10. In early 1971 He founded the National Youth Movement, an organization that focused on fighting drugs and raising money for ghetto youth. The organization grew to 30,000 members in 16 cities.

Rev. Sharpton ran for political office in 1992, 1994 and 1997. His first campaign for a seat in the U.S. Senate garnered him 70 percent of the New York statewide black vote. His 1997 run for New York

City mayor came within one percentage point of forcing a Democratic primary run off.

He has organized demonstrations in many high profile cases that have given him national recognition. In May 2001 he was jailed for 90 days for protesting Navy bombing exercises on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques.

He is definitely a politician. He has combined a flamboyant personality with instincts honed by life experiences into an uncanny ability to get the real issues onto the public stage, something the bureaucratic old line organizations have difficulty doing.

Still, while his chances to win the Democratic Party nomination are slim, few doubt that a Sharpton candidacy will bring much needed life and spirit to the presidential debate.

A quote from the remarks used to introduce Rev. Sharpton to the Dallas audience places his candidacy in perspective. "You may love him or hate him based on his media persona. But before making up your mind you should listen carefully to what the man is saying. Lend him your ears for a moment, then decide."

His view of his slim chance was this, "If one child who may come out of the projects like I did changes his mind about what he believes can be done because he has seen me debating senators and governors then this race for president is worth the effort. Our children need to understand we can be what anyone else can be."

And for now, Rev. Sharpton's whirlwind is shaking up the race.

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



Eddie Bernice Johnson

"Republican proposal leaves stark choices for America's seniors"

Dallas, TX— Recent congressional proposals aimed at addressing exorbitant prescription drug costs faced by seniors will be discussed at a listening session hosted by Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson.

Congresswoman Johnson is inviting her constituents who have comments, questions and concerns about prescription drugs and the Medicare program to attend the open forum, scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd from 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m. at the Lakewest YMCA on 3737 Goldman St. in West Dallas.



Lt. Ed Drain

There is a good chance that someone you know will be involved in a motor vehicle crash this year. Research by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) indicates that African Americans and Hispanics are over-represented in these crashes. Additionally, these minority groups are less likely to wear seat belts or use child safety seats according to NHTSA's research studies. The situation is especially grim when crash data involving minority males is examined.

Although African American and Hispanic male teenagers travel fewer vehicle miles per year than their white counterparts, they are nearly twice as likely to die in a motor vehicle crash. According to the Centers for Disease Control, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for African Americans males through the age of 14. Between the ages of 15 and 24, motor vehicles crashes are the second leading cause of death for African American males, surpassed only by homicides. In the Hispanics community, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death through the age of 24, and the second leading cause of death for ages 25-44.

There is no specific research on why certain minority groups use seatbelts less than others. Some may argue that it is a

Congresswoman Johnson To Hear Citizens Concerns At Medicare/Prescription Drug Forum

Congresswoman Johnson also seeks to solicit citizens' opinions on the competing legislative plans for tackling the skyrocketing prices seniors pay for medicine. The House and Senate passed different prescription drug measures recently and are now negotiating a final version. Congresswoman Johnson voted against a Republican backed House bill that makes the most drastic changes to the fundamental tenets of the Medicare program since its inception in 1965. Some fear if this version is enacted, it could lead to the privatization of Medicare and exclude a number of seniors from desperately needed coverage.

"Across America seniors on fixed incomes are faced

with the stark reality of rising prescription drug costs and something must be done. Getting to a final bill will not be an easy undertaking by any means; however, I am committed to advancing legislation that is equitable, affordable, and deserving of our nation's seniors," states Congresswoman Johnson. "I urge seniors and interested citizens to come and share their thoughts and experiences with me on August 2nd. Knowing their experiences will enable me to become a better advocate and help put a legislative debate into terms that are personal and real."

The forum is free and open to the public; however RSVPs are preferred to (214) 922-8885.

Use of Seatbelt

matter of personal freedom to drive unbuckled. However, the needless loss of life, preventable injuries, and skyrocketing medical cost associated with failure to use seatbelts demand that government officials implement laws and public education campaigns to encourage seatbelt use. A study by Meharry Medical College and General Motors found that if African Americans used seatbelts 100% of the time, 1,300 lives would be saved, 26,000 injuries would be prevented, and 2.6 billion dollars in medical cost would be saved annually.

The Plano Police Department considers seatbelt and child safety seat use a priority and takes appropriate enforcement action when these violations are observed. In 2001, 879 citations were issued for offenses related to seatbelts and child safety seats. The fine for a seatbelt citation is \$105.00 and \$130.00 if the violation occurred in a school zone. The fine for a failure to restrain a child in a safety seat is \$155.00 and \$180.00 if the violation occurred in a school zone. Even with a committed enforcement effort and steep fines there were still 781 occupants involved in motor vehicle crashes in Plano who were not wearing their seatbelt last year. The primary emphasis of seatbelt and child restraint enforcement is on saving lives. The Plano Municipal Court supports this initiative by offering a Seatbelt Safety Course. Eligible individuals who have been

issued a citation for a seatbelt or child restraint violation may take the course to have the citation dismissed.

Members of our community are dying needlessly because they are not wearing their seatbelts and children are not being properly restrained. Fortunately, there is a remedy that can be easily implemented for this public health issue. Ensure that all occupants in your vehicle are properly restrained, and that small children and infants are placed in child safety seats as the law requires. Also, deactivate passenger side airbags when transporting children under age 12 in the front passenger seat, or restrain the child in the backseat of vehicles that have passenger side airbags that can't be deactivated. You may call the Plano Police Department Traffic Unit at 972- 208-8055 if you have questions regarding seatbelt or child restraints laws.

Editor's Note:

Ed Drain is a Lieutenant with the Plano Police Department. Lieutenant Drain joined the department in 1994 and is currently assigned as the Administrative Lieutenant in the Office of the Chief. He concurrently serves as the Commander of the SWAT Team and Bomb Squad, and is the department's Emergency Management Coordinator.

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-

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

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



City of Garland Hosts NAACP Health Fair

The Garland Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) invites the public to take advantage of a variety of health screenings and other services on Saturday, August 16, 2003. The NAACP is partnering with the City of Garland, Baylor at Garland, Garland Independent School District and Lifescan for the event at Gale Fields Recreation Center at the corner of Dairy and Miller Roads in Garland.

The health fair will offer people

an opportunity to ask questions of doctors and pharmacists about such things as allergies, asthma, diabetes, nutrition and much more. Booths will focus on the special health needs of everyone from babies to senior citizens. Sick cell screenings and vision health screenings will be available.

Mammograms can be scheduled in advance by calling 1-800 BAYLOR. The cost for mammograms is \$96, but most insurance will be accepted.

Childhood immunizations will be administered for five dollars

per child. The child's written immunization record is required for this service.

Other booths will provide information about back care, PSA testing, organ transplant and donation, hospice care, aging issues, as well as information about recent studies regarding health impacts on specific ethnic groups and communities. Participants will also have the opportunity to donate blood.

Admission to the Health Fair is free.

New Montessori School Promotes Academic And Spiritual Education

Radiant Heart Academy, now enrolling for its fall program, is a new non-profit Montessori school in Plano, Texas, scheduled to open in September 2003. The school's mission is to be a truly world-class school with a vision that is world-embracing. This vision emphasizes that the ultimate goal of education is not only the advancement of the individual, but, more importantly

the betterment of humanity. Radiant Heart Academy seeks to provide an environment that will help children develop four key qualities: Global Understanding, Universal Values, Excellence in All Things and Service to Humanity. The curriculum focuses not only on the importance of students to develop academically, but the importance for them to become good and virtuous people who will

make the world a better place.

Radiant Heart Academy, for ages 3 to 6 years, will be housed in the newly constructed Plano Bahá'i Center, 4200 Hedgecoxe. For its first year, the school will accommodate 25 children, so space is limited. For more information or to receive an enrollment packet, please call 972.530.0593 or visit www.radiantheartacademy.org.

Networking

August 8-9, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

VIVA DALLAS! Hispanic Expo, presented by Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, free event at the Dallas Market Center-Main Hall located at Stemmons Frwy. and Wycliff-A comprehensive and multifaceted consumer products and service exposition with cultural diversity and activities for the entire family. Exhibitors call 214-521-6007.

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Puttin' on the Hits Page 1



Al Johnson introduces the next act on stage

choosing songs and coming up with themes," said Lawrence. She added that although winners are



Northwest Highway Center & ShullmanAbrams Center performing their rendition of "The Wiz", lip-syncing to "Ease on Down the Road"

announced, the organization is committed to acknowledging all

students. Watts said that at the end of the summer session all kids, including those who helped behind the scenes, are given ribbons.

The judges for the event were Wendy Story, Metro Tech Electric; Brenna Eason, Stretch-n-Grow; Kim Luczyckia, Beverly Elementary; Vincent Scott, Shin e Plus; Brandy Jones, MON-The Gazette, and Mark Bouaazzi, BBX Technologies. All twelve schools received trophies for participating in this year's Puttin' on the Hits. With a difficult decision, the judges awarded 3rd place to Forest Lane Center; 2nd place went to Amrein's West; and 1st went to Amrein's North. "The kids were very excited to win first place; we had a big party for the kids at the center," said Watts. Other schools participating in the event included Stars & Tykes, Spring Creek Center, Los Rios Center, Beltline Center, Addison Center, Nantucket Center, and Plano Parkway Center.



Judges enjoy the performances of the kids. (Left to Right) Wendy Story, Brenna Eason, Kim Luczycki, Mark Bouaazzi, Vincent Scott, Brandy Jones

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Beltline Center performs to "Surfing in the USA"



Amrein's West as The Beatles, lip-syncing to "I Saw Her Standing There"

Blackonomics Page 1

for Black people than any other leader in modern history." (Did I say Strong-arm Williams? I'm sorry, I meant Armstrong Williams.) I wonder how Williams defines "modern history." Must be two years or less, and if Georgie Boy has done more for Black folks than anyone else, in such a short period of time, we should elect this guy to the lifetime office of "King of the World."

The Door of No Return was obviously the highlight of Bush's trip. It was the crowning glory of our president's commitment to and concern for Black people—in Africa. He has yet to show the same thing in this country. However, the trip continued from Senegal to South Africa, where he did not meet with Nelson Mandela or Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe. He thought he would let Thabo Mbeki take care of Mugabe, but once again made a fool of himself when the cameras and his microphone were turned on. And then, on to Botswana.

Botswana? What was that all about? Scouting for a new military base, no doubt.

He left there and went to Uganda; I guess they figured with Idi Amin near death it was safe enough to go there. Finally, the coup de grace, Nigeria, the country that has the fifth- or sixth-largest oil reserves in the world, the last stop on the tour.

Hmmm. Now we're getting somewhere, George. We went all over Africa pretending to care about human beings and some how we ended up in Nigeria, one of the most corrupt country on the continent.

Nigeria, a place where people are protesting high gas prices, despite having tremendous oil reserves, is a country where the annual per capita income is only \$290.00. Did I say Nigeria has the fifth- or sixth-largest oil reserves in the world? Why would people protest high gas prices

with so much oil under their feet?

Because they have no control of their own resources. I guess that's why I get so many e-mails from the relatives of Mr. Sani Abacha, offering me millions of dollars if I would just....

Big oil conglomerates such as Chevron-Texaco and Shell make tremendous profits exporting millions of barrels of oil from Nigeria to other parts of the world, while the Nigerian citizens remain extremely poor.

Can you say, Bush, Cheney, Rice? Among those three, there is an oil connection somewhere. I am sure more oil deals were cut during Bush's visit to Nigeria. After all, why make the trip if there is no money in it for his corporate buddies?

Finally, since Bush was so concerned about Africans, I wonder why he didn't visit Kenya to offer his personal condolences to the families of those killed when our embassy was bombed?

Then again, what must have I been thinking? There's no oil in

Kenya, at least not a lot, right?

It was quite significant that Bush began his trip in Senegal, visited Goree Island, and stood in The Door of No Return. I can hear the people in that football field saying, "Please make it come true once again, Mr. President; don't ever return."

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Arts & Entertainment

Sprite Liquid Mix Tour With N.E.R.D., The Roots, & O.A.R. Comes To Smirnoff August 26

N.E.R.D. Rocks The House At Sprite Liquid Mix Tour



The Neptunes is one of the most well-known and respected production teams in the hip-hop community. Comprised of super duo Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo since 1997, they have helped propel the talents of a number of

artists, their punctuating beats and syncopated rhythms fueling a unique sonic aesthetic. They have worked with Jay-Z, Mystikal, and the Backstreet Boys, but are well-known for their work on the debut set from Kelis. N.E.R.D., which stands for No One Ever Really Dies, is their own individual side project, and their debut album *In Search Of...* mixes everything from hard hip-

hop beats to black psychedelic pop to classic rock to new wave, the album brings a beguiling new sound to the pop landscape. They describe themselves in this persona as NERDs because they have a "different outlook on life" and the album is likened to "a life soundtrack." This project may well turn out to be a one-off, but the music world will be a better place as a result of its release.

Sprite Liquid Mix Tour Brings In The Roots

Though popular success has largely eluded the Roots, the Philadelphia group showed the way for live rap, building on Stetsasonic's "hip-hop band" philosophy of the mid-'80s by focusing on live instrumentation at their concerts and in the studio. Though their album works have been inconsistent affairs, more intent on building grooves than pushing songs, the Roots' live shows are among the best in the business.

The Roots' focus on live music began back in 1987 when rapper Black Thought (Tariq Trotter) and drummer Questlove (Ahmir Khalib Thompson) became friends at the Philadelphia High School for Creative Performing Arts. Since the duo had no money for the DJ essentials — two turntables and a microphone, plus a mixer and

plenty of vinyl — they recreated classic hip-hop tracks with Questlove's drum kit backing Black Thought's rhymes. Playing around school, on the sidewalk, and later at talent shows, the pair began to earn money and hooked up with bassist Hub (Leon Hubbard) and rapper Malik B. Moving from the street to local clubs, the Roots became a highly tipped underground act around Philadelphia and New York. When the group was invited to represent stateside hip-hop at a concert in Germany, they recorded an album to sell at shows; the result, *Organix*, was released in 1993 on Remedy Records. With a music-industry buzz surrounding their activities, the Roots entertained offers from several labels before signing with DGC that same year.

The Roots' first major-label album, *Do You Want More?*!!!!, was

released in January 1995; forsaking usual hip-hop protocol, the album was produced without any samples or previously recorded material. It peaked just outside the Top 100, but was mostly ignored by fans of hip-hop. Instead, *Do You Want More?*!!!! made more tracks in alternative circles, partly due to the Roots playing the second stage at Lollapalooza that summer. The band also journeyed to the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. Two of the



guests on the album who had toured around with the band, human beatbox Rahzel the Godfather of Noyze — previously a performer with Grandmaster Flash and L.L. Cool J — and Scott Storch (later Kamal) became permanent members of the group.

O.A.R. Brings Down The House At Sprite Liquid Mix Tour

O.A.R. (aka Of a Revolution) converted from an Ohio State frat band to Billboard chartbuster and headliner at major venues across America.

First, college reps hawked the band's two demo recordings to people and servers at universities. Then, word-of-mouth news spread about the band's roots rock and reggae-inflected upbeat songs. Before long, the band got thousands of hits daily on their website at www.ofarevolution.com.

O.A.R.'s third CD, *Risen*, was produced by John Alagia (Dave Matthews Band, Ben Folds Five) and recorded in summer 2000 at Water Music in Hoboken, NJ, and at Dumbo Studios in New York City for the group's independent label, Everfine Records. The CD debuted at number 11 on February 24, 2001, on the Top Internet Album Sales chart in Billboard.

O.A.R., likened to Dave Matthews

Band, consists of lead singer/rhythm guitarist Marc Roberge, lead guitarist Richard On, saxist Jerry DePizzo, bassist Benj Gershman, and drummer Chris Culos.

O.A.R. formed in 1998 at Ohio State University. Roberge had known Culos since childhood in Rockville, MD, where he also became friends and played in local bands with On and Gershman. DePizzo, who hails from Youngstown, OH, met the others at Ohio State.

O.A.R. first recorded *The Wanderer* independently as a demo in 1997. Many of the songs on O.A.R.'s debut

disc were written while Roberge and Culos were living in Israel. During their stay in Israel, Roberge and Culos in 1996 and later Gershman in 1997 visited the Masada, where 900 people committed suicide rather than die at the hands of the ancient Romans. They also hiked to the Dead Sea.

Two years later, the switch from student band to headliner started with the arrival of their popular song, "That Was a Crazy Game of Poker." A lot of the lyrics for the band's songs came from Roberge's interest in literature, particularly Stephen King's novel (*The Stand*).

The group went back into the recording studio for a second demo, which was released independently as



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David Gray Onstage at NextStage August 8th

Welsh singer-songwriter David Gray released his self-titled debut album in 1993 to glowing reviews and earned him a dedicated cult following. *Flesh*, his 1994 follow-up, also received positive reviews and

expanded his audience. After 1996's *Sell, Sell, Sell* failed to break Gray commercially, he did not resurface until issuing 2000's *White Ladder* through avowed fan Dave Matthews' newly-formed ATO imprint.



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the U.S. House. The Democrats hold a 17-15 advantage, which Republicans say does not reflect the state's increasingly Republican voting patterns.

Most Democrats want to keep the congressional map drawn by a three-judge federal panel in 2001. They say redistricting amounts to a power grab pushed by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

As long as the Senate Democrats stay away, business in the chamber stops. It takes two-thirds of the Senate's 31 members to form a quorum and allow the chamber to take up business. Senate rules also require that two-thirds of the chamber support a bill before it can be taken up for debate.

"These members are good members," Republican Sen. Robert Duncan, said of the Senate Democrats. "I would prefer them to be back here working with us to try to resolve some of the issues that we have with regard to redistricting."

The latest walkout was triggered when Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst arranged the order of bills so that the two-thirds rule is not needed to bring up redistricting.

The Democratic senators left the state to stay out of reach of Texas law officers

who might be sent to get them. They say they will return to Texas if Republican Gov. Rick Perry ends the special legislative session or Dewhurst reinstates the so-called "two-thirds rule" in the Senate.

"When either of these two requests are granted, we will be on the first flight home," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

GOP-backed redistricting proposals could cause more than 1.4 million minorities in Texas to lose effective representation in Congress, Van de Putte said.

"There's nothing fair about a partisan redistricting effort that turns a deaf ear to the overwhelming majority of Texans and turns it back on

the minority opportunity," Van de Putte said.

But Republicans denied that minority representation would be hurt under their plans. Staples, chief architect of the Senate's Republican proposals, said the maps would protect minority voting rights.

In the House, many Democrats applauded their colleagues in the Senate.

"This is a grave time, I think, for the state," said Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, who sits on the House Redistricting Committee. "I feel personally very proud of the statesmanship and action that our senators have taken. It takes a lot to get 11 senators to get on an airplane and fly away. That's no small feat."



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Speakers for the Convocation were: Apostle Lobias Murray, Full Gospel Holy Temple (FGHT) Founder/Overseer and Pastor; Bishop Larry B. Kiel, Jr., Pastor of FGHT, Marshall, TX; Bishop Paul Cannon, Pastor of FGHT, Nash, TX; Elder Clifford Boyce, Pastor of FGHT, Lancaster, TX.

Other speakers were: Bishop Phillip H. Porter, Pastor of All Nations COGIC, Aurora, CO; Elder Andre Lee, Pastor of FGHT, Houston, TX; Elder Martin Trammell, Pastor of FGHT, Waco, TX; Elder John Horne, Pastor of FGHT, Austin, TX; and Evangelist Herman L. Murray, Jr., grandson of Apostle Murray, whom he said that he is proud of. Apostle Murray said that when Evangelist Herman Jr. was six years old, he told him that he was going to be a preacher when he grows up.

I was able to attend only two nights, but each night I was there the Holy Spirit was ministering to the saints. I heard testimonies by people saved by God, being filled with His spirit and speaking in "tongues."

Bishop Larry Kiel, Jr. preached one night on "An Unchanging God That Changes Things." Bishop Kiel spoke from Malachi 3:1-6 and 12-14. Another night Evangelist Herman Murray, Jr. brought the message, "God Is Setting Our Tails on Fire," Judges 15:1-5. These are two powerful and Holy Spirit filled messages that you need to order for some of your family and friends that could not attend.

A Holy And Spirit Filled Convocation

As stated, I wasn't able to attend every night because of prior commitments, but Evangelist Ida Demus Eggers, a long time member and a church usher, assured me that each night God met them in their "beautiful and spacious" sanctuary and the Holy Spirit ministered to the needs of the people. Listening to many of the members talking about how God blessed them each night, I wish I could have attended each night.

The donation for their souvenir booklet was only \$7, and it was indeed a bargain. It had personal greetings from the founders, Apostle Lobias and Evangelist Shirley Murray, a schedule of day and night events for the week, pictures of speakers, and biographies of the main speakers, along with a Pastor's Directory of each Pastor in their Fellowship.

What was different about this souvenir booklet that I had not see before and I believe that is well worth the price is the helpful information in the booklet. In addition to a listing of the regular seminars that many churches have for convocations, there are additional articles to help Christians in their daily walk with God. There is a personal miracle healing testimony and Advice for a Successful Ministry by Evangelist Murray. Apostle Murray gives "Tips for a Successful Ministry" and he has an article about Family Life Issues in the booklet. There's information on Church Etiquette, Being an Effective Witness, How to Study the infallible Word of God and Time Management so that Christians will not feel stressed out. There's an article on Christians Conflict Resolution and Tips to Avoid Becoming a victim of Identity Theft. Also there is a section congratulating the Senior Class of 2003 with their individual picture. This is an indication that education is very important to Apostle and Evangelist Murray.

And for those individuals whom God has called to preach His Word,

Apostle Murray asks this question in an article, "So, You Want to be a Preacher?" He has a list of things that a Preacher has to expect and what is expected of the preacher.

Call the church and if they have any souvenir books left go by and pick up one for the information call will help you, not only as a Christian but also as an individual in your daily life.

THAT'S GOD

Have you all of a sudden felt like doing something nice for someone? That's God! He talks to you through the Holy Spirit.

Have you been down and out and nobody seems to be around for you to talk to? That's God. He wants you to talk to Him.

Have you thought about someone that you haven't see in a long time and the next thing you know you see them or receive a phone call from them? That's God. There is no such thing as coincidence.

Have you received something wonderful that you didn't ask for, like money in the mail, a debt that had mysteriously been cleared, a coupon to a store when you had just seen something you wanted, but couldn't afford or a visit from a friend? That's God. He knows the desires of your heart.

Have you been in a situation and you had no clue how it is going to get better, but now you look back on it? That's God. He takes us through tribulation to see a brighter day.

In all that we do, we should totally give God thanks and our blessings will continue to multiply.

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Let MON-The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of James, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."

Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 9, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
5th Annual Back to School Workshop- Grades 1-12

For more information, call 972-424-8500

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

CAMP WISDOM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 6, 7:00 p.m.
Pre-Anniversary Workshop Service

August 10, 4:00 p.m.
20th Anniversary Service
"20 Years: Faithfully Pressing Toward the Mark"

For more information, call 972-224-4556.

Camp Wisdom UMC
Rev. L. Charles Stovall, Pastor
1300 West Camp Wisdom Rd.
Dallas, TX 75232

DAWN OF A NEW DAY CHRISTIAN KINGDOM

Daily, 9:30 a.m. & 6:45 p.m.
School of the Prophets

For more information, call 214-375-4225.

Dawn of a New Day
Apostle Calvin Brown
Prophetess Debra Brown
3200 S. Lancaster
Dallas, TX

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

August 8-10,
"Youth Explosion 2003"
Friday, 7:30 p.m.

"One Night Revival"

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

"Fun Fest"-games, rides, food!

Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

Morning worship with Minister Eric Roberson, Greater Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, TX

For more information, call 469-853-2380.

Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen
Rev. John Wilson, III, Pastor
200 Belmont St.
Allen, TX

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

August 24, 3:00 p.m.
Pastor & Wife 20th Anniversary Celebration

For more information, call 972-625-8186.

Friendship Baptist Church
Rev. C.P. Paul McBride
4396 Main St.
The Colony, TX

FRIENDSHIP-WEST BAPTIST CHURCH

August 2, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Caregiver Health & Information Fair 2003

Contact Ms. Flora Webb at 214-371-2029, ext. 224, for more information.

Friendship-West Baptist Church
Rev. Frederick D. Haynes, III,
Pastor
616 W. Kiest Blvd.
Dallas, TX

GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Through July 30 (Wednesday)

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-ups going on now
Total cost: \$225 per couple
(Deposit of \$75 due by July 30)

For more information call, 972-644-2335

Greenville Ave.
Church of Christ
1013 S. Greenville Ave.
Richardson, TX 75081

INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST

August 6, 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
AIDS Town Hall Meeting featuring actor, Danny Glover
*HIV testing will be available on site

For more information, call 972-572-4262.

IBOC
Pastor Rickie G. Rush, D.D.
7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.
Dallas, TX 75237

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

August 10, after 10:45 a.m.
worship service
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Wednesday Service
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Brotherhood 7:00 pm
Missions 7:00 pm
Singles Group 7:00 pm
Bible Study 7:45 pm



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Friendship Baptist Church

Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor



Schedule of Services:

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

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

Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting and 7:30 p.m.
Evening Bible Study

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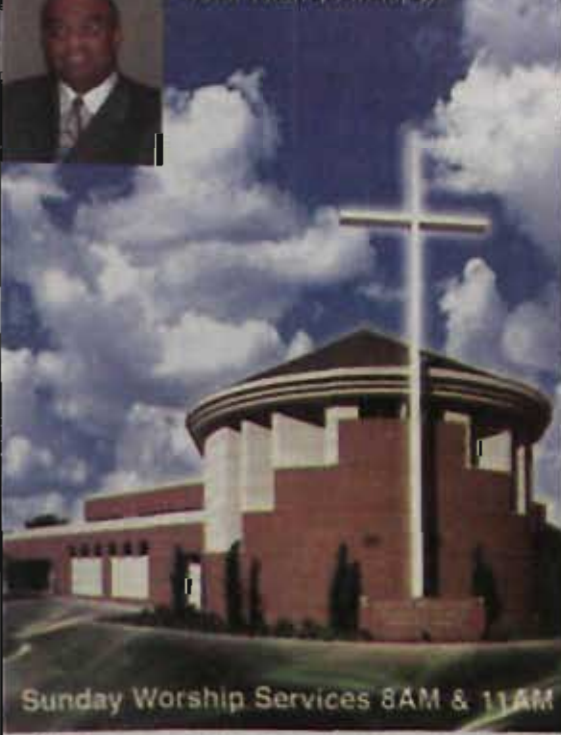
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Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service
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Sunday School9:30 AM
Worship Service10:45 AM
Men & Women Ministry 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
Leadership Meeting2nd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
Marriage Enrichment & Singles Ministry
.....4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
Deliverance from IssuesTuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM
Mid-Week ServiceWednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM
Youth Bible StudyWednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM

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

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

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Pastor Charles S. Wattley



Sunday

Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Celebration... 11:00 am.
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Wednesday

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

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Elite News Religious Hall of Fame Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Ada Williams, Jennifer Walker, Evelyn Walker, Deborah Blair-Abram, Dr. Vernon Johnson, Saxophonist

Friday, July 25, Elite News held its ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating their Religious Hall of Fame Museum, 5554 South Hampton Road in Dallas. Jordan R. Blair, Publisher, The Elite News, and William Blair, Jr., founder of the Elite News & Religious Hall of Fame shared smiles, as the crowd grew larger to watch the cutting of the ribbon.

Debra Blair Abram, Director, Religious Hall of Fame Museum, welcomed guests to their much-anticipated occasion. Saxophonist, Dr. Vernard Johnson entertained guests with tunes of "God Bless America".

About 150 people of the surrounding communities gathered to get a sneak preview of the new museum. The museum features some of the most influential ministers in the Dallas metroplex. Bishop Harold Edwards, Church of the Living God, presented the building dedication and Robert Blair, Editor, The Elite News, introduced the staff that helped make the museum a success. Inductees from years 2000 and 2001 were also involved in the occasion.

The grand opening of the Elite News Religious Hall of Fame to be announced soon.



Rev. Adrian Drake, Deborah Blair-Abram, Melissa Norris



Shirley Tarpley, Religious Editor, MON-The Gazette; Rev. Derrick Wright, Deborah Blair-Abram, Director, Religious Hall of Fame Museum

Community Mourns The Loss of a Giant

William Robertson Toles: May 23rd, 1926 - July 16, 2003

William Robertson Toles wasn't a man to sit back and let life pass him by. Neither did he let life pass by those that were near and dear to him. From his own children and grandchildren, to the students he taught in High School and the McKinney Job Corps, he gave all he could to help people succeed.

His wife of 36 years, Mrs. Mary Allen Toles, said, "He was a great husband, father and friend, and he was a terrific grandfather. He was always concerned that the children whose lives he touched in any way would do their best in everything they did."

Toles was born to the late Minnie and Mark Toles, in Calvert, Texas, and had five sisters and five brothers. Mrs. Toles was taught in school by C.F. Toles, one of William's brothers.

He graduated from Calvert Colored High School in 1944 and immediately began collegiate studies at Bishop College in Marshall, Texas. His studies were interrupted after one semester when he was drafted in the U.S. Army for two-and-a-half years, after which he returned to Bishop College where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree. He later earned a Master of Science Degree from Prairie View A&M University.

He then began his professional career at Marshall High School, in Angleton, Texas, as a Science Teacher and Coach. There, he coached his track teams to state titles in 1959, 1960 and 1961. He also coached former Houston Oilers, Charlie Frazer, and NFL Assistant Coach, Emmitt Thomas.

As his career bloomed, he moved to Dallas, Texas and began teaching and coaching at Lincoln High School,

where he coached his 1970 track team to win the Texas U.I.L. State Championship, breaking the national record in the 440 relay (40.2 seconds) and a state record in the 1600 relay (3:12.0). Toles coached twin brothers Gene and Joe Pouncy, Rufus Shaw and John Delley. The 440 relay can never be broken as it was measured in yards, and is now measured in meters.

Joe Pouncy, now Principal at Newman

SMU where he earned a business undergraduate degree, and an MBA. Pouncy added that both he and his brother, Gene, earned their undergraduate degrees from SMU, and Masters of Liberal Arts degrees from SMU. Delley is an evangelist.

Toles' daughter, Ms. Freida Michelle Toles, said her dad often received calls from former students, and they would even pick him up at the airport and take him to eat when he was visiting another town. She added that her father would also call to check up on them.

"I knew his students loved dad, but I didn't realize how much until his demise. I truly thank God for my dad and the time that I had with him." And his granddaughter, Gabrielle, said in a letter to him, "You never made me mad, not once in my life, which doesn't happen with a lot of people.....I will tell my children about my grandpa, one of the greatest and smartest men in the world."

At the Service of Celebration for the Life of William Robertson Toles, his son William Marcus Toles, Joe Pouncy, William Blair, Rev. Dr. Jerome McNeil, Jr., and Dr. Fredrick Todd all gave remarks on their remembrance of his life. Congressman Eddie Bernice Johnson gave the proclamation, and Reginald Bibb, of Christian Chapel Temple of Faith C.M.E. Church (and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. of which Toles was a 56 year member), gave one of the resolutions. William Toles' brother, Reverend Mark Toles, gave the eulogy. Toles' wife also said of him, "William was a good man, and he was truly blessed by God."



L-R: John Delley, Joe Pouncy, Coach Toles, Rufus Shaw and Gene Pouncy

Smith High School in Carrollton, Texas, said "Coach Toles was one of the finest men I've ever met. He has had a profound influence on my life."

Pouncy said Toles' emphasis was first on academics, then on sports.

"Coach Toles was an academician who just happened to coach. He had an inner ability to reach students and especially young black males with his message of academics, ethics, integrity and character," said Pouncy.

He added that Rufus Shaw attended Stanford University, and transferred to

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Keller Springs Baptist Church
Rev. Larry Sanders, Sr.,
Pastor
3227 Keller Springs Rd.
Carrollton, TX 75006

MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

2nd & 4th Sundays
Blood pressure screenings
available after 11:00 a.m. service

August 23, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Free Marriage Seminar- \$5
donation is requested to provide lunch
Deadline to sign up is August 15

For more information, call 972-329-5030, ext. 28.

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

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

July 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

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

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Rev. R.E. Price, Pastor
9550 Shepherd Rd.
Dallas, TX 75243

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

July 31-August 3
Singles Conference, Tulsa, OK
Registration: \$60
Event is open to the community

For more information, call 972-276-5218.

August 3
Mighty Men of the Mount to share the WORD with other men at Union Gospel Mission
Bus will leave the church at 6:30 p.m.

August 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Back to School Supply Give-Away!
"Off the Hook" worship service 6:30 p.m.

August 9, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Mt. Hebron Christian Academy
Garage Sale, Handy Elementary School Parking Lot, 3725 Broadway Blvd., Garland, TX

To donate items, drop them off by 7:00 a.m.

Through August 18,
5:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.
40-Day Prayer & Fasting
For prayer requests call 972-276-5218

August 21-23
Annual Choir Workshop
Pre-register now
Cost: \$25
Open to all church groups
Musical held Sunday, August 24, 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Ann Williams at 972-768-4792.

Beginning August 20, 6:45 p.m.
Free tutorials, students K-12.

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

NORTH DALLAS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

July 30, 6:30-8:45
Summer Fun Program- Grades 1-6
Call Gail Miller at 972-437-3493.

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship
Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor
302 Centennial Blvd.
Richardson TX 75081-5057
Office phone: (972) 437-3493
Fax: (972) 744-9514

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

SIMS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

August 9, 6:00 p.m.
Praise & Worship Explosion 2003- hosted by SCBC Praise Dance Ministry

August 10, 4:00 p.m.
88th Church Anniversary and Homecoming 2003

For more information, call 972-276-0014.

Sims Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. A. Louis Patterson, III,
Pastor
317 Parker Dr.
Garland, TX 75040

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

August 2, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bring clean, used clothing or school supplies, bring them to the Sherman St. location, July 28-August 1 or July 29 at the North Church location in Southland by 6:00 p.m.

For additional information, call 972-264-1483.

August 30, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Care Fair 2003-hosted by Caregivers Ministry
Family Life Center
2600 S. Marialis Ave., Dallas, TX

Lunch provided. RSVP 214-372-1177.

St. John Baptist Church
Denny Davis, Servant
1701 W. Jefferson
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

ST. LUKE "COMMUNITY" UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 6-12
Praise Workshop & Youth Revival (Grades 7-12)
Workshop Fee- \$5

For more information, contact Monya Logan at 214-887-3902.

St. Luke UMC
Rev. Tyrone D. Gordon, Pastor
5710 East R.L.
Thornton Frwy.
Dallas, TX 75223

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All Nations United Methodist Church



Dr. Clara M. Reed, Senior Pastor



Dr. Bert Affleck, Hispanic Ministries

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Sunday 8:45am Sunday School
Sunday 8:45am Estudio Biblico En Español
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Sunday Services
Early Morning Worship: 8:00 am
Sunday School: 10:30 am
Mid-Morning Worship: 11:30 am
Bible Study
Wednesday Night Live @ 7:30 pm

317 Parker Drive • Garland, TX 75040
Phone: 972-276-0014 • Fax: 972-276-2444

Website: www.SimsChapel.org



Hamilton Park United Methodist Church



Rev. Derrick Wright (Senior Pastor)

Sunday School
8:30 am - 9:30 am

Sunday Church Services
9:45 am - 12 noon

Wednesday Service
6:30 pm

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Sunday
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Midday Service: 11:00 a.m.

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Rev. James L. Larry, Pastor

Hill Chapel

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
11131 Ave. Plano, TX. 75074 (972) 423-4000
Rev. James L. Larry, Pastor

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



Reverend Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor

New Life Fellowship of Hamilton Park

8219 Bunche Drive • Dallas, TX 75243
972-671-1096

Reverend Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor

A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17
Sunday Morning Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Evening 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.

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