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On the Homefront:

Viva Dallas! The Hispanic Expo presented by the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. A free two-day event Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, August 10, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. At the Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas TX.

G.M.O.R. Theological Institute DFW is now taking registration for fall classes in the Bachelor Program for the following degrees: Theology, Biblical-Studies, Counseling. Classes begin August 11, 2003. Classes held Monday and Tuesday, 7-9 P.M. For more information please call: 469-951-7393.

The 8th Annual Killis Melton Ice Cream Crank-Off, August 16, in front of Clyde's on the Square, downtown McKinney. Event received national coverage on the Food Network in 2001. Bring your freezer, pre-mixed ingredients and compete for the best homemade ice cream in Collin County! Or, just bring your appetite! Prizes in multiple categories. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Clyde's on the Square: 972.562.1945.

Dallas Entrepreneurs Network Convention, Saturday, August 16, hosted by John "Cowboy" Jimerson, Dallas' first #1 African American Author featuring "Why Do Black Women Cheat". For more information about vendor booths contact Ardelia Jones: 469.767.2053. At the Aristocrat Hotel, 1933 Main Street, Dallas Texas 75201.

Saturday August 16, 2003 - Miss Asian American Texas Pageant, Scholarship & Talent Competition. Talent begins at 4 pm, other events begin at 6:30 pm. At the Hill Performance Hall, Eisemann Center, Richardson. Tickets: \$25-\$50. Call 214.244.9114, or 214.228.5129. Visit www.missaatx.org

This hasn't appeared in our sky for almost 60,000 years - Mars will appear six times larger and 85 times brighter than usual. The Heard Museum presents a "Mars Watch and Perseid Meteor Shower" Friday, August 15, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Texas Astronomical Society will bring experts and telescopes to the Heard Museum's meadow at 1 Nature Place, McKinney. \$5 per carload; bring a picnic, blanket or lawn chair. Call 972.562.5566, or visit: www.heardmuseum.org

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Black Contractors Association Paves the Way for Success

By: Monica Thornton

Just over a year ago, a group of independent Black contractors in the Dallas area decided to form an organization that would help Black contractors procure contracts on the scale that their non-black counterparts were enjoying. And in the spring of 2002, the Black Contractors Association, Inc. (BCA), was formed.

Cecil Starks, one of BCA's organizers, and owner of contracting company, Purple International, said BCA was formed to afford the Black

contracting community an opportunity to compete for work and develop their firm's capabilities.

"We were not being afforded an opportunity in the market, but since its inception, we have seen the majority of the contracting community display a greater interest toward us," said Starks. "We are also hearing success stories from our membership at our monthly meetings."

Marvin Gooch, owner of Gooch Excavation and Grading Services, said forming the BCA was a call to action, because every

other minority construction group in north Texas was organized, except Black contractors.

"And I understand that a difference is made when there is just one voice versus many voices," Gooch said. "Numbers speak, and when we looked up the public entity of Black contractors, the numbers weren't there."

Gooch is also the director and chair of the marketing committee for BCA, and said he brings

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Mathew Harden, Chairman, BCA

Former White House Photographer Visits Dallas



Elaine Thornton, Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation for the Arts, and Sharon Farmer, former White House Photographer, and some of the students of the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop gather together for a pose with the veteran photojournalist for whom the Workshop is named, Mr. RC Hickman (Center).

The Guest Lecture Series, during which Ms. Farmer gave a sterling presentation, is the culminating program for the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition and the photo workshop. Farmer recently gave a presentation at the Dallas Museum of Art on her experience in photography.

A special reception was also held, giving guests the opportunity to meet and mingle with the renowned photographer. The event was held at Paul Quinn College in Dallas.

The programs are presented each summer by the Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation for the Arts.

This year's sponsors include Albertsons Supermarkets, the City Of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, MON-The Gazette, Minyards food Stores.

Sharpton Supporters Gather in Plano



2004 Presidential Candidate Al Sharpton with Religious Editor Shirley Tarpley at second annual Dallas Black Expo where Sharpton was keynote speaker.

By Belinda G. Alexander
Politicians and supporters attended a meet and greet/fundraiser for U.S. presidential candidate, Al Sharpton, on Monday, July 28, 2003 at Millennium Motor Cars of Plano. The event was part of a series of events presented by the

Dallas Black Expo. Although Sharpton was able to attend the Dallas Black Expo on Sunday, he was unable to attend Monday's fundraiser due to an emergency.

But Sharpton's absence did not sour the crowd's mood, with people networking and discussing business

and politics. The Tom Brownlee Jr. Jazz Trio provided sleek jazz sounds, Creative Events of Dallas catering company provided steaks, coconut-rolled chicken, deserts, hors d'oeuvres and plenty of drinks.

Shirley Demus Tarpley, Religious Editor with MON-The Gazette, said despite Sharpton's absence everyone had a wonderful evening.

"It was a wonderful time, everyone mingled and got to know each other," said Sister Tarpley. "We talked about business and politics, and enjoyed the food."

Working behind the scenes helping to coordinate the fundraiser and the Dallas Black Expo was Loretta Morgan of Media One Group. She said, "I think more African Americans should support each other for the political and economic future for our community."

Morgan added, "We at Media One are proud to have worked with the Dallas Black Expo 2003 and with the fundraiser as follow-up. I met Rev. Sharpton backstage briefly at the Expo and found him to be

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Bond Election Set For September 13

Allen, TX- The Allen ISD Board of Trustees has called for an election on Saturday, September 13 to seek approval for a \$71.5 million bond proposal.

The proposal calls for the construction of two elementary schools, the expansion of Allen High School, relocation of the Administration Center to make room at the Lowery Center for expected student enrollment growth, the purchase of additional portable classrooms, installation of a new heating and air conditioning system at Ford Middle School, and the purchase of school busses and technology

upgrades.

The bond proposal is based upon findings of the Project Kids community study group and subsequent school board workshops. The groups identified and prioritized approximately \$150 million in building projects for Allen ISD in the Spring of 2002 to meet continued enrollment growth. The Board of Trustees opted for a smaller figure of \$55.5 million in September 2002 while the district continued to study secondary growth and the future relationship with Lovejoy ISD.

Since that time, a vote to

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Sibling Rivalry? I Hope Not.

By: James Clingman

The snubbing of the NAACP by George Bush, followed by his acceptance of an invitation to speak at the National Urban League (NUL) convention, could lead to a rivalry between the two groups. And as we look back in history, that's just the way the establishment wants it. Will we fall for it again? Divide and conquer is the name of this game. Remember that commercial where the kids were singing, "My dog's bigger than your dog"? I hope the NAACP and the NUL don't get into comparing the size of their dogs, especially over who gets most of George Bush's attention.

The NAACP should not only be insulted but thoroughly embarrassed as well, not only because of Bush's snub—what else did they expect? At least he's honest about his disdain for them—but because of the Democrat candidates' snub of them too. Of course the Dems came in and gave their apologies, hugged and kissed, and moved on with their agendas. Bush has not only refused to meet with the NAACP during his tenure in office, he is rubbing salt in their

wound by attending the NUL conference, even though all he did was give the league an Economics 101 primer on goods and services.

Isn't the NAACP the same organization that gave Bush's national security chief its Image Award? Well, maybe they should have called Condoleezza Rice to intercede on their behalf. I don't know why they gave her the award in the first place, but they should have leveraged their relationship with Rice to see if she has "the juice" everyone professes she has with George Bush. You know what I mean: quid pro quo.

Why would Bush accept the Urban League's invitation and shun the NAACP? Maybe the NAACP is a bit too vocal in its criticism of Bush and his policies. Maybe Bush just does not like Kweisi Mfume and Julian Bond. Maybe Bush believes that since the NUL focuses more on economic empowerment than it does on politics, he's better off dealing with the NUL over the NAACP.

Maybe, when faced with the choice of which organization to

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Portraits of Black Expo Recently Held in Dallas



Billy Fields, David Stevens,
Millennium Jaguar Owner



Tom Brownlee, Jr. Saxophonist and Shirley Tarpley-
Religious Editor, MON-The Gazette



MON-The Gazette's Cheryl Jackson with Proctor &
Gamble's Berrace Andrews, Jr.



GOSPEL RECORDING ARTIST, Trin-i-tee 5:7
(Left to Right) Cheryl Jackson (2nd Left), MON-The
Gazette Columnist poses with Adrian, Chanelle, and Angel



Tom Brownlee, Jr. Jazz Trio performing at the Al Sharpton Fundraiser



(Left to Right) Thomas Whitaker, Julius Thompson, and Billy Thompson

Texans Should Look Beyond Redistricting Battle to Constitutional Amendment Election

As the Texas Legislature's congressional redistricting controversy continues, it appears that the city coffers of Ardmore and Albuquerque may be the chief beneficiaries of the redistricting battle.

I am disappointed that we have been unable to agree on new boundaries for Texas' 32 congressional representatives. In addition, I am concerned that the redistricting debate will eclipse the work we did during the 78th Regular Legislative Session, which included passing 22 resolutions that need your vote in an election on September 13 in order to amend the Texas Constitution.

Because there are no "live" candidates on the ballot and because the amendment language may be confusing, voter turnout for constitutional amendment elections is historically low. I hope voters, even those weary of redistricting

news, will ignore historic patterns and vote in an election that will profoundly affect present and future generations of Texans.

Propositions 6 and 16 affect home equity loans. Proposition 6 would make it easier for senior Texans to convert home equity loans into reverse mortgages. Supporters say this proposition is important to senior citizens who took out home equity loans to supplement their incomes before reverse mortgages were available. Now that Texas allows both home equity lending and reverse mortgages, many seniors would like to convert their home equity loans to reverse mortgages. Proposition 16 would allow a home equity loan to be in the form of a line of credit. Opponents argue that because reverse mortgages and lines of credit are not subject to all the safeguards of home equity loans, seniors could lose their homes to unscrupulous lenders. Propositions 13 and 17 could lower

property taxes paid by disabled and senior Texans and their spouses. If Proposition 13 passes, counties, cities, towns and junior college districts could establish an ad valorem tax freeze on the homesteads of disabled and senior Texans. Supporters argue property taxes have increased over time, and these increases are particularly hard on Texans with fixed incomes.

Opponents claim that limiting taxes for disabled and senior Texans shifts the burden to other taxpayers. In addition, taxing districts will be forced to consider imposing higher taxes on other property owners to continue to provide current levels of services.

Disabled Texans would benefit from Proposition 17, which would grant them the same homestead tax freeze currently granted senior Texans and their spouses. Proposition 17 would prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district property

taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person.

Supporters argue that since seniors are already protected from rising school taxes, the same protection should be afforded to disabled persons, who, like many senior Texans, are on fixed incomes.

Opponents employ the same argument against Proposition 17 as they do Proposition 13, that is, lessening the tax burden for one group will shift it to another.

Information about these and other propositions is available on the Texas Legislative Council's web site at www.tlc.state.tx.us. In subsequent columns, I will focus on the other propositions. I will also have the information you need to make an informed decision when you vote on September 13 or during the early voting period which begins August 27.

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

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.

Sistuh, Sistuh, Sistuh, a non profit organization, will provide life skills workshops Saturday's, through December 13, 2003, from 10:00-11:30, with the goal of empowering women with informational sessions on topics such as self-esteem, finances, computer literacy, obtaining employment and

goal setting. At St Phillip's School and Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Dallas Texas 75215. 214.421.5221 ext.122.

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.

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 16

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

Through August 16, the Allen Heritage Center, hosts Artists of

the American West, at 100 E. Main. Indians, trappers, traders, settlers, Pony Express riders, and railroad construction illustrated in hand-colored lithographs and wood engravings that comprise the exhibition Artists of the American West. Free. Call 972.727.0140 for viewing times.

Through August 23

An exhibition of Italian images captured by 20 photographers at the ArtCentre of Plano, at the corner of Ave K and 15th Street. "Eyes on Tuscany" runs through August 23. For more information call the ArtCentre of Plano at 972.423.7809.

The Vision From Within: New Images From Historically Black Colleges and Universities, at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, NW Corner of Canton and Akard Street Room A414, Dallas TX 75202. Featuring the work of over 25 visual artists who teach at historically black colleges and universities in a variety of mediums, including paintings, drawings, prints, mixed-media, and cast bronze. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

August 7

Boy Scouts of America Tomahawk District 2003-2004,

Program Preview & Oktoberfest; 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.

August 9 & 10

North Texas Mustang Club hosts the 14th Annual Yellow Rose Classic Southwest All Ford Nationals Car Show at the Amon G. Carter Jr., Exhibits Hall, Will Rogers Memorial Center. Featuring the Bonnie & Clyde "ambush" car, and the 1952 Dr. Pepper delivery truck from Dublin, Texas. Proceeds go to assist needy individuals and local programs. Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission - \$8, children under 12 - free. Visit www.ntmclub.org.

August 16

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary presents a Heard Nature Walk - Insects On The Sanctuary. Learn how researchers gather a large variety of insects living within a healthy prairie. Nature walks led by expert staff for nature enthusiasts ages 8 and up, feature exciting monthly topics. Walk begins at 8:00 a.m. and lasts approximately one

hour. Pre-registration and payment required. \$8.00 museum members, \$10.00 non-members. For more information: 972-562-5566 or visit www.heardmuseum.org.

August 17

The Women's Museum hosts Colleen A. Rickenbacher, for a discussion based on her book, "Be on Your Best Business Behavior." Rickenbacher, the past Vice President of Event Planning at the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau, offers tips on how to handle hosting/attending business meals, networking, and more. Begins 3:00 p.m. in the SBC Auditorium. Free. 3800 Parry Avenue at Fair Park. Call 214.915.0860.

August 22

The City of Allen will conduct the grand opening of its interim senior center at 11 a.m. on August 22 at the former Central Fire Station, located at 105 S. Anna Drive. For more information, contact Margaret Andleman, Senior Program Coordinator, at 972.727.0155.

August 25

The Plano Family YMCA is hosting the Tournament For Future Champions at Stonebridge Country Club in McKinney. Proceeds go to the YMCA Scholarship Fund for participants in YMCA programs. Need teams,

volunteers and sponsors. Call 972.378.6962, ext 25, or www.planoyymca.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 Hedgcoxe 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 becoming 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 Dearth of Moral Authority

There appears to be a severe void or at least a conflict with moral authority these days. Various pronouncements by religious leaders and politicians make it seem like the morality compass has been lost.

But who or what is the moral authority? In the apparent void there are many trying to cloak themselves with the mantle of morality. It seems easy to articulate what others need to do to be on the right side of moral issues, but most who dare don the morality cloak are finding it difficult to set their own house in order. For example, the Catholic Church has spoken out strongly against the homosexual relationship while slow rolling its own sexual scandal, and the president took the country into an immoral war on the basis of his moral outrage. The Biblical admonition of getting the mote out of one's own eye first is most appropriate. An unclear house makes moral pontification seem self-serving.

The Catholic Church issued a papal paper denouncing homosexual relationships and urged catholic members of legislatures to vote against any measure that sanctions same sex marriages. Bishops and priests are expected to teach, preach, and lobby on this issue. The document also argued that gay couples should be prevented from adopting children, since it would "actually mean doing violence to these children," by depriving them of proper moral upbringing.

However, Catholic leaders are having a difficult time convincing the rank and file. Gay rights groups the world over began to express outrage over the papal

message. Marianne Duddy, who's the director of the 3,000-member Dignity/USA organization that represents gay Catholics said, "For the Vatican to try to impose its moral viewpoint on the democratic process of countries around the globe is totally inappropriate. In the wake of the child sexual abuse scandal, for the church to now claim that same-sex couples pose a threat of violence to children is beyond outrageous."

And it's not just the Catholic Church taking on this divisive issue. As gay rights issues gather momentum, major religious groups are being forced to confront where they stand on the same-sex topic - and are often taking widely varied approaches.

Episcopalians are having a conflict over the election of a gay New Hampshire bishop. The United Church of Christ and Reform Judaism not only perform gay union ceremonies but ordain gay clergy. Presbyterians have voted to allow "holiness" ceremonies, but not full-fledged weddings. The flexible line in the sand drawn by church leaders makes it difficult for laypersons to know what to believe.

President Bush had campaigned on bringing a new integrity, honesty, and morality to the White House. But recent revelations show that this administration is perhaps more devious morally than the previous administration that he and his party castigated so mercilessly.

Currently, the media is having a feeding frenzy over the yellowcake passage in the President's state of the union speech. It is obvious that some high administration official opted for this passage because evidence shows the administration had been

warned of the flawed data when it was removed from the President's October 7 Cincinnati speech at the insistence of CIA director, Tenet.

In addition to yellowcake, the President's moral foundation for war was structured around other serious flaws that turned out to be untrue: weapons of mass destruction were an imminent threat, the cost of the war had not been estimated, the war was necessary because Saddam would not give inspectors total access, Iraq had to be democratized for Middle East stability, and Iraq was directly connected to the 911 attacks. The bottom-line being America went to war on the basis of overt lies. And brave soldiers are still needlessly dying in Iraq for shameless immorality parading as morality.

As a result of the administrations Pre-emption Doctrine the United States has lost the vestiges of any moral authority it had for world leadership. At no time in our history have we launched an unprovoked attack on another sovereign nation that had not done us harm. Our unilateral actions against Iraq put us in the same company as the most hated dictators and tyrants of the last century.

In setting the tone for a new vigorous America John F. Kennedy spoke the famous lines, "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

Perhaps these lines need to be spoken again to prod self-serving leaders into becoming serving leaders.

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

Treatment vs. Rehabilitation

Whether a person is genetically or bio-chemically predisposed to addiction or alcoholism is a controversy that has been debated for years within the scientific, medical and chemical dependency communities. One school of thought advocates the "disease" concept, which embraces the notion that addiction is an inherited disease, and that the individual is permanently ill at a genetic level, even for those experiencing long periods of sobriety.

Another philosophy argues that addiction is a dual problem consisting of a physical and mental dependency on chemicals, compounded by a pre-existing mental disorder (i.e. clinical depression, bipolar disorder, or some other mental illness), and that the mental disorder needs to be treated first as the primary cause of the addiction. A third philosophy subscribes to the idea that chemical dependency leads to "chemical imbalances" in the neurological system. Often, these first three philosophies are treated with some type of substitute drug or medication.

The fact remains that there is scientific research to support all of these concepts, but that none of these theories are absolute. Based on national averages, we have about a 20% recovery rate.

The message is clear that we have a lot more to learn if we are to bring the national recovery rate to a more desirable level.

There is a fourth school of thought, which has proven to be more accurate. It has to do with the life cycle of addiction. For whatever reason, be it physical or emotional pain or discomfort, boredom, peer pressure or any other problem of life, an eventual addict takes a drug to ease that pain or discomfort. As soon as the addict experiences relief from the discomfort, he inadvertently attaches value to the drug or drink, because it helped him feel better. Even though the relief is only temporary, it is adopted as a solution to the problem and this assigned value is the only reason the person ever uses drugs or drinks a second, third or more times. At this point, it is just a matter of time before the person becomes fully addicted and loses the ability to control their drug use.

When a person becomes addicted to drugs or alcohol, treatment is what is given, but rehabilitation is what is needed to fully recover. The definition for treatment is to care for or deal with medically or surgically. This is where the substitute drugs and "quick patch" programs fall in place, but don't always provide an effective solution.

The definition for rehabilitation is to restore to a former capacity. This simply means for a person to be in the condition he was in before he had the ailments and the subsequent addiction. The three main barriers to overcoming addiction are the cravings (mental and physical), guilt and depression associated with the drug use.

In today's society, there are few programs that effectively address and handle these areas of addiction on the way to full rehabilitation. One such organization is Narconon Arrowhead, utilizing the drug-free social education methodology of L. Ron Hubbard and achieving a success rate greater than 70%, more than three times the national average. Through replacing vital nutrients stripped by drug use, dry-heat sauna detoxification therapy and a series of life skills courses, addicts regain the respect and responsibility for themselves to become happy, ethical and productive members of society again.

To get help for a loved one in need of effective rehabilitation or to find out more about the Narconon program, call 1-800-468-6933 today or visit www.stopaddiction.com.



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Auto Theft

you should still take precautions to protect your vehicle. The best anti-theft protection of course is common sense. Always take your keys and lock your vehicle, even if parking for short periods of time. Nearly 20 percent of all stolen automobiles had the keys in them, and approximately 50 percent were unlocked. Whenever possible, use well lit parking lots that have attendants present, especially in high crime areas. Never leave your car running, even if you will only be gone for a few minutes. Many automobiles are stolen from convenience stores, gas stations, and on cold mornings when owners leave their cars running to warm up. Leaving your vehicle's engine running while unattended is a crime in Texas and can result in a \$200 fine plus court costs. Never leave items in plain view, and don't keep your registration or title in your automobile. If you have a garage, take the extra time to use it instead of leaving your vehicle out where it is more vulnerable.

Vehicle protection systems are an option you may want to consider to reduce the odds of your vehicle being stolen. You may also qualify for discounts on your comprehensive insurance rates by installing certain vehicle anti-theft devices. Commonly used anti-theft

devices include audible alarms, steering column collars, window etching, and theft deterrent decals. The most popular decal program in Texas is the Help End Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) program. H.E.A.T. is a statewide vehicle registration program aimed at reducing auto theft during the nighttime. You can contact your local police for more information or to enroll in the program. Other anti-theft devices available include immobilizing devices that inhibit the flow of electricity or fuel, and tracking devices that emit a signal to the police or to a monitoring service. Tracking devices have proven especially effective in helping law enforcement recover stolen vehicles.

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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 its 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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consolidate both school districts was defeated. As a result, Lovejoy students in grades 7-12 will gradually move out of Allen ISD beginning in August 2006. A full day kindergarten program for all Allen schools was also approved in November 2003, which affected long range elementary classroom needs.

The new \$71.5 million proposal mostly addresses secondary growth needs including expansion of the Lowery Freshman Center and Allen High School.

To handle the expected ninth grade enrollment growth, the Lowery Freshman Center will gradually move into space currently occupied by the Allen ISD Administration Center. Approximately one third of the offices will be moved into renovated space in the Dillard Special Achievement Center. Other administrative offices will be consolidated into a smaller part of the Lowery Center until new office space can be added to the Dillard Center in 2007. Funds for the renovation of offices back into classrooms at Lowery will be covered by the 2002 bond election. The relocation and addition of administrative offices at the Dillard center are part of the 2003 bond proposal. It was anticipated in 1998 that the administrative offices would only be able to occupy Lowery's south wing for six years.

One additional academic house will be added to Allen High School under the proposal. The house, which will accommodate 600 additional students, builds the campus out to a capacity of 4,200. The high school cafeteria and parking lots will also be expanded to meet future growth needs.

The purchase of 15 temporary portable classrooms will be needed to accommodate growth in grades K-6 and the new full day kindergarten program. Purchasing the portable classrooms is more effective

than leasing them. Approximately 24 busses will also be purchased with bond funds to replace older busses and to add bus routes due to growing enrollments.

A total of \$7.8 million will help replace obsolete or below standard computers in the district. The money will also be used to develop student technology centers in all K-6 classrooms by the 2007-2008 school year.

The bond proposal also calls for a new heating and air conditioning system at Ford Middle School to replace the 20 year old system now in place.

Allen ISD has contracted

with the Collin County Election Office to run the election concurrently with the 2003 county election on Saturday, September 13 at Allen City Hall. Registered Allen voters may also vote early at the Allen City Hall on August 28 through September 9 or on September 13.

More detailed information on the 2003 bond proposal, voting information and Allen ISD election history is available online at www.allenisd.org.

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Special Report: Gentrification-Black and White Churches Spur Neighborhood-and Corporate-Growth

By Jamal E. Watson

NEW YORK (NNPA) At the time it was considered unprecedented, perhaps, in the history of the religious community, it was a last-minute effort to rekindle the communities where their churches and mosques were located. They had seen abandonment decades before and vowed that no matter what it took, they wouldn't let it happen again.

So as developers began to demolish inner-city neighborhoods like Harlem during the 1980s, Black churches and some mosques quickly helped to fill the void and did something that took even some of their own parishioners by surprise. They began to build.

They started building apartment buildings, two-family homes and community centers. They created senior citizen homes and school

buildings. They negotiated and closed deals that brought supermarkets and neighborhood centers where none had ever stood before. More than 20 years later, those religious institutions are real places on the map, reshaping some of the city's working class neighborhoods, propelling development in places that were once ignored. These local churches and mosques, which have formed community development corporations (CDCs), are landing lucrative multimillion-dollar contracts and drawing money and economic resources back into their communities.

For example, the Abyssinian Development Corporation, a project of Abyssinian Baptist Church, spearheaded the creation of the Harlem Center, a \$60-million retail and office building on West 125th Street. The corporation also brought to the neighborhood an H&M and Marshall's discount stores, CVS

pharmacies, Staples office supplies and Washington Mutual Bank. The Abyssinian Development Corporation is also at work finishing construction on a new school, the Thurgood Marshall Academy for Learning and Social Change, the first new high school to be built in Harlem in more than 50 years. And the corporation continues to build housing, some of which is priced at market rate, with units that have sold for about \$100,000.

"We think things are going well," says Rev. Calvin O. Butts III, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church. "We are involved in total community development, from residential to commercial to educational and cultural. We are very happy with our efforts because we have created thousands of apartments and homes without any displacement."

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support, it is a matter of who gets the most money from White corporations, thus keeping the door open for more control over that organization. And, maybe it's the age-old game of creating an atmosphere in which Black people are made to believe they must choose. Remember W.E.B. and B.T.W.? (See my article: "Booker T. and W.E.B.—Two Schools of Thought")

Maybe Bush is listening to the Black (small "b") apologist, Armstrong Williams, who was recently quoted by CNN, saying, "Some of these organizations have been downright hostile to this president, and he realizes that there is more than one avenue to reach Black Americans. Early on, he wanted to attend the Urban League's convention, and the president should be praised for this. And Marc Morial has not been willing to buy into the demagoguery that [NAACP President Kenneth] Meese, Bond, and Jackson have heaped on the president. He, too, should be commended." Uh Oh, I smell something. Who's it going to be, Black people, Marc or Meese?

According to the same CNN report in 2000, Morial said, "I'm fearful of a George Bush administration. I'm fearful because when I'm reminded of Reagan-Bush, I'm reminded of the most difficult economic times in this state in my lifetime." But Morial subsequently praised Bush

for meeting with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which he headed before leaving office in 2002. "We've had a good start with President Bush," Morial told a crowd at the National Press Club in 2001.

A good start? Why? Because of a meeting? I have always been told, it's not how you start, it's how you finish. We will see if the rhetoric turns to progressive action for Black folks, but history tells us it will not. So, let's not get too hyped about a meeting, or a speech, or a hug and a kiss.

Here is the interesting point about the entire matter, also included in the CNN report, which said, "Most recently, the Urban League lost an annual \$15 million federal grant that it used to assist low-income seniors, after the U.S. Department of Labor announced an open-bid competition for the grant money. The Urban League this spring lost the funding, which it has received for 25 years, in the bidding process." Hmmm.

What's the lesson here? The NAACP should realize it has absolutely no clout with Bush. Condoleezza's Image Award notwithstanding, but neither does the NUL. They really don't have much clout with the Democratic Party either. So what should they do to gain clout?

In my opinion, they should rally their constituents around collective economic strategies, and build a coalition that can leverage not only the mere

"attention" of Bush, the Democrats and their corporate puppet masters, but also their genuine support. Seems to me, we just want to be liked, paid attention to, and accepted. Oh yeah, and be apologized to as well. We buy the sizzle while everyone else gets to eat the steak.

The most important lessons are those of the past. The NUL and the NAACP had better look back in those lessons and finally recognize the divide and conquer tactic worked then, and is still being utilized in 2003. Black folks can least afford to be divided. Imagine what we could accomplish if the NUL and the NAACP worked together and stood up for one another, and rallied African-Americans around what both organizations have deemed to be the last hurdle in our freedom race: economic empowerment.

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Cecil R. Starks, Owner, Purple International

his business expertise to the table of the organization. He added that what they have found is many contractors know their trades well, but don't have the business expertise. But as a part of a collective body, Gooch said the contractors are able to glean knowledge and support from each other.

Gooch added that he sees better opportunities ahead for BCA and its members, but said they have to be prepared for those opportunities.

"We're not looking for a handout, we're looking for an opportunity to compete," Gooch said.

One company ready to compete is Purple International, who has just procured a strategic alliance with Johnson Controls. At BCA's last monthly meeting (July 26, 2003), Johnson Controls announced its strategic planning contract with the company.

"Johnson Controls is holding a workshop to get more contractors from BCA involved in their strategic alliance, and they're using Purple International as a role model," added Starks.

Starks' said his company is involved in general contracting, construction management, electrical sub-contracting and rentals, and has been chosen as one of the electrical contracting groups to build the automated train system at DFW airport.

Gary Carlisle, sub-contractors manager with Johnson Controls, Irving, Texas, said his company is committed to working with BCA, saying, "I think there's a real opportunity for growth for Johnson Controls and BCA."

Carlisle said Johnson Controls also enjoys a relationship with Minority and Women Business Enterprises, and he himself is a member of BCA.

Gooch added that Johnson Controls has been recognized by the Billion Dollar Round Table as the 12th company worldwide to be acknowledged as doing over one billion dollars in business with minority firms.

"They get it, and as a result they are able to expand their market share and sales volume," said Gooch. "It's a competitive edge to them to do business with minorities, it's not about being the right thing to do, it's about business."

Gooch said that companies who embrace diversity will move ahead because they are tapping into minority ideas and markets, and tapping into differences. "And all it does in the long run is

grow the total community."

And to help its members prepare to compete in the market, BCA is committed to its mission of providing education and training to Black contractors in the construction industry.

Matthew Harden, BCA Chairman, said they not only put together workshops to help contractors in all areas of the construction business, But BCA also provides a database of their contractors and their abilities so they are able to match them with prime contractors.

"By putting together training and education programs we are providing our members with better access to other contractors," said Harden. "And although we are growing individually, being a part of this, where vital information is communicated, helps us all the more."

And the BCA has also aligned itself with the Hispanic Contractors Association, putting together a memorandum of understanding that they will work together, pulling

together their expertise to help each other.

As a result of BCA's mission to provide such opportunities, Harden said the BCA is growing, and already has about 150 members, and numerous sponsors. He said their second annual banquet in the fall is expected to exceed last year's numbers, when they had over 600 participants.

With growing numbers and awareness, Harden said the BCA is achieving its goal of "Helping to position black construction firms for success in the North Texas construction industry by developing their skills and



Rodney Moss, Executive VP, Centex Construction Company

marketing their companies, and thereby empowering them to compete for contracts in the public and private sectors."

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Arts & Entertainment



B2K Headlines Scream III Tour

"They knew our voices so this album really feels like it's us." Teaming up with P. Diddy also proved to be a rewarding experience. "We bonded with Puffy at the video shoot," says Omarion. "He's really funny and he has a lot of energy," agrees Lil Fizz. "He's just a great guy."

pyrotechnics—even more than last summer's sold-out Scream 2 Tour with co-headliner Bow Wow. "The arena tour is the Big Kahuna," he promises. "Fans demand more so we're going to give them more."

That goes for the entire pandemonium! experience. The pandemonium! LP features five different album covers, including limited edition, individually signed covers of each band member, as well as two bonus tracks. Besides releasing two DVDs, a Christmas album, and a remix album of their first CD, B2K penned ten of the 16 tracks on their new disc and drew inspiration from their devotees. "The title came from our fans," says Lil Fizz, with a laugh. "They're always banging on windows or shutting down malls. It really has been pandemonium."

But it's an experience that the guys wouldn't trade for the world. "Our fans made it possible for us to come this far," says Omarion. "That's an accomplishment, for real." But B2K's fans aren't the only ones who have recognized the group's talent. Since releasing

their debut in early 2002, the group has been nominated for two MTV Video Music Awards, two American Music Awards and won BET's coveted Viewer's Choice award. In addition, they were voted "Best Group" by the editors of Vibe magazine as part of their annual "Vibe of the Year Awards," and received a Billboard Music Award for having the "biggest selling R&B single of the year".

"Everything is looking really positive right now," says Omarion, confidently looking toward the future. "We just want to keep it moving and be successful and have a third album."

The K104 Back To School Starring B2K - Featuring Mario & Marques with special performance by Nick Cannon and DJ Jus August 16th at NextStage at Grand Prairie.

In 2002, B2K incited riots at New York City's Planet Hollywood, scored platinum album sales with their self-titled debut and hooked the nation with their number one hit, "Uh Huh." Nearly a year later, the L.A.-based foursome - Omarion, 18, J Boog, 17, Raz B, 17, and Lil Fizz, 17 - is proving lightning can strike twice with their fierce follow-up CD, pandemonium! "It all came together," says Lil Fizz of B2K's latest effort, while Omarion describes the collection as "magical."

The pandemonium! sessions began earlier this year while B2K was on the Scream 2 Tour and the resulting songs reveal a more

personal side to B2K. "We just set our minds to getting it out for our fans in time for the Holidays," says Lil Fizz. Mission accomplished. Besides achieving their lofty goal, B2K delivered "Bump, Bump, Bump," a stellar duet alongside renowned rapper P. Diddy. The Top 10 tune, about cooing up on the dance floor, was written and produced by super-hitmaker R. Kelly (Michael Jackson, Toni Braxton). Plus, B2K lured plenty of influential producers, including Tricky Stewart (Mya), Lil' Steve Russell (3LW), Troy Taylor (Mary J. Blige), and Platinum Status (Destiny's Child). "We wanted to keep a consistent sound with the few producers we did use," explains Omarion.

But the famed hip-hopper wasn't the only hotshot to make an appearance on pandemonium! B2K also invited fourteen-year-old newcomer Jhene, Lil Fizz's cousin, to lay down vocals on two songs. "She has a beautiful voice," says Lil Fizz, proudly. "She dances and she's really energetic too." He's not the only one who thinks so. The talented teen will release her first disc on Epic Records in February before hitting the road with B2K in the spring. So what can fans expect from the family affair? Says Raz B: "The stage and the props are going to be a lot bigger. It's going to be a longer show and we're going to spend a lot more money." Plus, count on plenty of

Playwright Willie Holmes Brings African-American Life To The Forefront of Dallas Theatre

Dallas, TX...When Willie Holmes founded Blacken Blues Theatre in 1998 his goal was to share the rich culture of African-American life with the Dallas/Fort Worth community and provide a forum for artists. Five years and dozens of riveting performances later, he has made an indelible impression on the Metroplex's theatre scene.

Holmes, who writes all of the productions for Blacken Blues, seeks to promote culturally diverse and inspirational stories that not only entertain, but challenge the boundaries of conventional theatre. "Most theatre is either traditional or gospel" says Holmes, "but that's not what we're about."

Blacken Blues is searching for the theatre patron who can step outside of the confines of the classics and entertain more than a lot of the stereotypes found in some of today's urban theatre."

Holmes' productions have been called: "superb...powerful," "original and full of humor," and said to "challenge your mind and moral foundation." This season's line-up promises to deliver all the power and passion that has come to be expected from this dynamic theatre group. This season's line-up includes The Family Debt (Sept. 5-7 & 12-14), CARL SANDERS, a twenty year police veteran steps outside the law in

order to provide for his family's material needs. This course leads him down a path of betrayal and murder. Eve's Garden (Nov. 14-16



& 21-23) EVE's father was a man of God, her mother a woman of the world. She is a young woman torn between her spirituality and her own desires. Blacken Blues Annual African American Play Festival (Feb. 13-15 & 20-22) This annual festival captures the essence of contemporary American life by romancing the drama of everyday struggles with stories that are thought provoking and entertaining. Four Play (Apr. 8-10 & 16-18) Four vignettes of romance and drama marinated in live music adding mood and depth to smoldering tales of seduction. There is nothing like a smooth groove to wash down the bitter after

taste of being fooled. All shows are performed at the African-American Museum located at Fair Park. Friday and Saturday shows are performed at 8 PM, Sunday shows at 3 PM. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and are available at Black Images Book Bazaar in Wynnewood Village.

Holmes is an educator in the Dallas Public School system and a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Bethune-Cookman College and his Masters Degree in Political Science from Ohio State University. His first goal in life is to save the children by any means necessary, and the second is to share the beauty of African American Life through his writing.

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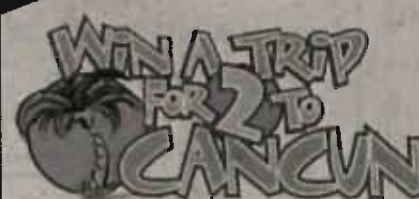
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Sister Tarpley

I received this prior to Father's Day. I didn't have time to run it, but when I met the mother and daughter, I thought in terms of my own father. My father, Mr. Lloyd David Demus passed in 1970, but I want to express appreciation for him and all that he did for my mother and siblings; this will speak for the memory of my father.

By Cathy, Brittany & Chelsea Johnson

My daughters' father and my husband has worked in the restaurant field for over 17 years and has been successful. I believe he has been successful primarily because of his personality and his unique ability to be resilient in most any circumstance.

He has this wonderful quality of finding humor and the good in most everyone he meets. Whether fast food or full service dining, people are his business and people are as vast and different as the pebbles in the sand. My husband has a knack for public servicing because he genuinely loves people. I think one of his unsung survival techniques is that he role-plays his day for our daughters and me. When an unusually difficult customer has crossed his path, he comically shares his day with us over dinner. We all have a good laugh and I always resolve with the same adage: "Better you than me sweetie."

Recently I had the pleasure of testing my own restraint with one of my husband's coworkers. She approached my vehicle shouting expletives. She had commented that my husband had a "cleaning bug" and was biting everyone with it. By now this peer wasn't smiling and I felt that nagging sensation that at any moment this conversation could turn for the worse. I smiled and playfully chided; "My husband 'loovvves' a clean store doesn't he?" Then came the comment, "You need

"A BOY HE AIN'T"

to take that boy home before I shoot him." While the words resonated an uneasy twinge on the inside of my jaw, I made sure to raise my eyebrows and widened my eyes ever so slightly to appear undaunted and kindly remarked, "Excuse me?" She repeated it. This time she became louder and began biting off her words.

My grin turned into a smile now and my mind was racing for politically



The Johnson's
Michael & Cathy with daughters
Brittany and Chelsea

correct responses to help her understand my uneasiness with the term she persisted on using while referring to my husband. I was at a loss so I simply repeated it to her in a disbelieving tone, "Boy?" She continued, "Yes boy! I suppose you all don't call him that? What is it a black thang?" she said.

By now my two daughters have stopped playing "Miss Mary Mac" and have given us their full attention. Aware of their eyes and ears on me, I very carefully choose my words and tone. "Well, we don't refer to their dad and my husband as boy. After nineteen years of marriage, the loss of both his fathers, (biological and step), after having served in the Armed Forces,

seeing me through two miscarriages and two caesarian births, an identity crisis and dysfunctional deliverance; both his and mine and too many pms bouts of mine to name; after having to survive the constant stigma unjustly placed on him because his pigment runs deep and as a result working harder than less qualified counterparts, boy is not a label we use to address my husband and their father. Actually we call him 'King.' It's not that we're staunchly people but frankly my dear, 'boy' just doesn't fit." The silence was broken.

"Hey honey ready to go?" my husband said as he appeared smiling broadly, standing tall as an oak and eyes warm as a cozy fireplace blaze. "Sure." I said smiling. "We were just saying goodbye."

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- 12) Forgive.

I'll leave you with this statement by Lynn Johnston: "A sincere apology is the superglue of life. It can repair just about anything."

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Special Report Page 5

That question of displacement, often a result of gentrification, has long worried some longtime activists who struggle to find ways to spruce up their neighborhoods without forcing low-income and working-class people to move elsewhere. In 1986, about 90 religious leaders, such as the well-known pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church, Rev. Wyatt T. Walker, came together to form the Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, an umbrella CDC organization aimed at facilitating community housing and business projects. Currently, plans are underway to build a 45,000-square-foot Pathmark supermarket near 145th Street and Fredrick Douglass Boulevard. The project will also include market-rate housing and is slated to be completed in late 2004.

Lucille McEwen, president and CEO of Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, says that religious leaders are working hard to ensure that there will always be enough housing for the poor and the working class. She also knows that unlike 20 years ago, there is a renewed interest in Harlem that is attracting middle-class Blacks, immigrants and Whites to the neighborhood.

"If I had to choose gentrification over blight and destruction, I would choose gentrification," says McEwen, adding that there have been extensive outreach efforts to poor and working-class residents, helping them realize that if they save and invest, they too can buy their first homes, right in the neighborhood.

It's not a surprise, McEwen says, that the religious community has become involved in development.

"We [the church] have always been the leaders in our community," she says, adding that Black churches were instrumental in helping to form some

of the country's historically Black colleges and universities.

Butts says the church has a responsibility to be involved in the "political, educational, and social cohesion and economic stability of our communities."

"From the point of view of pure economics, the church was the first place Africans in America pooled their resources to accomplish something," he says.

At a time when some have argued that Black religious institutions have lost their way and become complacent in revitalizing the places where their parishioners live and worship, the success of these development corporations indicates a renewed commitment to community stabilization.

"Why should we have these people who don't know our community come in to develop our community?" asks Gertrude Tisby, 57, a resident of Brooklyn's East New York neighborhood. "The same work can really be done by our religious organizations like the church. They know the issues that we face."

Just a few blocks from where Tisby lives, Rev. Johnny Ray Youngblood, pastor of St. Paul's Church, has been active for more than two decades in helping to restore one of the city's more economically ravaged neighborhoods. Youngblood is one of the organizers of the East Brooklyn Congregations, a collection of churches that have organized development initiatives in Brooklyn. Youngblood is credited with spearheading the Nehemiah Housing Project, which to date has constructed about 2,500 owner-occupied single-family homes in three of the most devastated communities in Brooklyn, according to church officials.

Even in other boroughs such as Queens, church leaders like the Rev. Floyd Flake, pastor of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church in

Jamaica, has helped to build an empire of sorts. During Flake's 23-year pastorate, Allen has become one of the nation's foremost Christian churches and nonprofit corporations. The church's annual operating budget of \$27 million, expansive commercial and residential development, 500-student private school, and various commercial and social service enterprises, have placed it among the nation's most productive religious and urban-development institutions. The 11 corporations, church administrative offices, school and ministries comprise an 825-person workforce, making it one of the Borough of Queens' three largest private-sector employers.

Despite the gains made by the religious community, some argue that the churches themselves, in pushing this development, are merely clearing the way for middle-class Whites to move into Black neighborhoods, ultimately changing its racial make-up.

To that concern, Butts offers a pointed response: Blacks should invest in their own communities.

"Our time to do this was 20 years ago," he says. "When others come in and want to invest in our community, suddenly we want to get in on the action. A lot of this takes education."

And he argues that Blacks, who have fought long and hard to gain the right to be able to live wherever they choose, should not try to restrict Whites moving into traditionally Black neighborhoods like Harlem.

"We have some Black folks who live in Tribeca, Chelsea, Inwood, the Upper West Side. What if these African-Americans were told that they were not welcome because the neighborhoods that they wanted to move in were historically Italian? Blacks would have a fit," says Butts. "You can't tell a white person that they can't move into Harlem. They can live anywhere they can afford to live."

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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.
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MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO
October 29-31
Vision Summit 2003
Conference

For more information, call 972-
985-1364.

Mt. Olive Church of Plano
Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Pastor
740 Avenue F
Plano, TX 75075

NORTH DALLAS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

August 13, 20, 27, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Youth Club-Grades 7-12
For more information, contact:
rttriggs@ndbcf.org

August 13, 20, 27, 6:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Summer Fun Program- Grades
1-6

Location: Fellowship Hall, CM
room C117, Toddler Nursery
For more information, contact
Gail Miller 972-437-3493 x 112

August 23, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
"Men in Worship" Pre-
Founder's Day Musical
For more information, contact
Edgar DeBoue @ 972-562-5435

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship
Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor
302 Centennial Blvd.
Richardson TX 75081-5057
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SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday,
7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
The Singles Ministry of Shiloh
Baptist Church is sponsoring a

single's fellowship, providing positive
life enrichment opportunities,
support, and interaction with other
singles within the context of the
Christian Faith.
Light refreshments served.

For more information, contact
Minister Daniel Shaw at 972-291-
0449.

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

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

Care Fair 2003-hosted by
Caregivers Ministry
Family Life Center
2600 S. Marsalis 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
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Sharpton Supporters Gather Page 1

very cordial, serious and
professional. Unfortunately he had
to attend the Urban League
presidential debate and couldn't be
here tonight."

Also at Monday's fundraiser were
entrepreneurs, Shaniqua Rischer
and Creslond Fannin, representing
their business, Phoenix MSC, Inc.
"The Dallas Black Expo 'Kid
Zone' had a great turnout and we
are happy that our event planning
business helped make it work,"
Rischer said.

Fannin added, "I believe it is
important for us to network and
support each other, and this
fundraiser seemed like another
good place to do exactly that."

Omar Harris and Tamara
Johnson had also looked forward to
meeting Sharpton.

"I am interested in working with
his presidential campaign because
he offers something really unique
and different than other candidates.
Oftentimes, African Americans
choose more or less, the lesser of


two evils. Rev. Sharpton does not just
address issues to be politically
correct," said Harris. "He speaks on
issues for African Americans as well
as the poor white and forgotten
sections like those impoverished in
the Appalachians. He brings new life
and standards to the campaign versus
many other Democrats who would
not choose to discuss these tough
issues. When this campaign is over,
Rev. Sharpton will have forced others
to take a stand on issues important to
all America and especially those who
need it most. As an African American
man, many of my interests are
reflected in the Al Sharpton
campaign."

Al Sharpton was born Oct. 3,
1954, youngest of four children,
raised primarily by his mother, Ada,
in the Brooklyn neighborhood of
Brownsville. Preaching at the age of
four, Sharpton was ordained as a
minister at 10 and at 14 worked for
Rev. Jesse Jackson as youth director
of the New York chapter of Operation
Breadbasket, the economic arm of
the Southern Christian Leadership

Conference.

At 16, Sharpton met singer James
Brown, who became a surrogate
father after they were introduced by
Brown's son Teddy, who was involved
in Sharpton's activist group called the
National Youth Movement. Brown's
son died in a car accident and
Sharpton was basically adopted by
the singer. Sharpton's friends say it
was his exposure to the singer, as well
as his relationships with activist
ministers that inspired him to
become a civil rights leader.

Sharpton's current focus has been
to view an 'America for all
Americans' with a greater
inclusiveness. For this to become a
reality, Sharpton reiterates the
importance of a fair criminal justice
system and a revived economy where
everyone in American can count on a
fighting chance. He said, "The
challenge of an exclusionary America
will be the theme of my campaign.
America should work not just for
some Americans but for all
Americans!"



Reverend A. Louis Patterson, III
Senior Pastor

Sims Chapel Baptist Church
The Fellowship of Love
(Sharing Love, Saving Souls and Changing Lives)

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Early Morning Worship: 8:00 am
Sunday School: 10:30 am
Mid-Morning Worship: 11:30 am

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The Rhema Life Fellowship Church
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Newness of Life... Romans 6:4*



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Hamilton Park United Methodist Church



Rev. Derrick Wright
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8:30 am - 9:30 am

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9:45 am - 12 noon

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

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