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On the Homefront:

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, premixed 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.missatx.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

HIV/AIDS awareness in the African American Community meeting - at the Dallas Urban League, Inc., Technology Building, 4315 S. Lancaster Rd., room 168, Tuesday, August 19, 6:30 p.m. - A Parkland Program. Visit: www.swmed.edu/home_pages/parkland/

Talent In The Hood TV casting call and sign-up. Looking for child, teen, adult host & co-host, groups, bands, dancers etc. - clean for family television. All ages and nationalities. Sunday August 24, 5p.m., Holiday Inn, 10650 North Central Expwy. Dallas. 214.213.0619.

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Religious Leaders Honored at 4th Annual Religious Hall of Fame Gala



2003 Inductee: Dr. & Mrs. Jerome McNeil, Jr., Christian Chapel C.M.E., Dallas, TX
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'Immaculate Performer' Gregory Hines Dies

By TIM MOLLOY, Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES - As soon as he could walk and talk, Gregory Hines said, he knew he could dance. His dazzling feet kicked off a career that stretched from gigs in New York clubs when he was five to Tony Award glory on Broadway and Hollywood stardom. Hines, considered the greatest tap dancer of his generation, died of cancer Saturday in Los Angeles at age 57.

"I don't remember not dancing," Hines said in a 2001 interview with The Associated Press. "When I realized I was alive and these were my parents, and I could walk and talk, I could dance." With his elegant tap style that evoked Fred Astaire and Sammy Davis, Jr., Hines became internationally known at a young age as part of a jazz tap duo with his brother, Maurice.

Hines and his brother performed together in the musical revue "Eubie!" in 1978, in Broadway's "Sophisticated Ladies" and on film in 1984's "The Cotton Club." His role in "The Cotton Club" led to more offers from Hollywood. He



Gregory Hines, guest appearance from the television comedy series "Will & Grace" episode "There But For The Grace Of Grace." REUTERS/Chris Haston

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Yo! Let's Keep it Real.

Blackonomics

By: James Clingman Jr.
Did you notice the article in the Wall Street Journal (July 2003) that discussed the millions of dollars being made by a certain brand of liquor because a famous rap artist mentioned it in his rap song? Here's a quote from that article: "Listening to Busta Rhymes' hit song 'Pass the Courvoisier,' Anne-Sophie Louvet cringes at the thumping rap music and says she doesn't understand the lyrics. But what the shy French grape-grower does understand is she owes a debt of gratitude to American hip-hop artists." My first thought was, "I wonder how much Busta's contract is worth for such a fantastic deal for that brand."

I also thought about Run DMC, and Grand Puba, and Heavy "D" who did the same thing for brands like Adidas,

Hilfiger, and Fila, respectively. And what about all of those videos with Bentleys and Escalades in them? Man, those rap artists must be making a killing, I thought. But are they?

Then there is our man Kobe Bryant. Yeah, he was making a lot of jack for Nike but when he got in trouble, Nike swooshed as far away from Kobe as they could get. Seen Kobe eat any Big Macs or obey his thirst lately? Here is a brother who spent \$4 million on an "apology ring," I just have to believe a Black salesperson got the commission on that rock. You think?

Would you like to venture a guess on how much money Black rap artists, athletes, and entertainers have garnered for companies owned by everyone but Black folks? How is "keepin' it real" related to creating even more wealth for everyone else while, at the same time, denying your own brothers and sisters the same opportunity to reap the economic benefits of your success?

Where I live, Black professional athletes come to town and buy million-dollar homes. When they leave they sell the houses. Their real estate agents? You know who they are. Well, at least you know who they aren't. If these athletes and entertainers used Black agents to purchase their homes, not to mention hiring Black business agents as well, the Black economy would be in much better shape. If all those "homeboys" who tell us "how I'm livin'" by showing off their fine cribs with their chinchilla bedspreads, game rooms, and all five or ten of their cars, if they are really keepin' it real, they are at least seeking out Black folks with whom to do business.

After all, if you rappers, et al, want to spend your money on things that generate commissions, like purple diamonds and "cribs," please consider using Black salespersons, Black agents, and

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Garland

Eastgate Apartment Residents File Lawsuit, City Responds

Garland, Texas - Two residents of the Villages of Eastgate in Garland have filed a lawsuit to prevent the City from demolishing the apartment complex. The Villages of Eastgate was sold to the Garland Housing Finance Corporation (GHFC) by the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 1996 with the stipulation that the complex would be maintained as rental property for seven years. Those seven years expired on June 30, 2003. Following several public hearings, the Garland City Council passed a resolution establishing July 1,

2004 as the earliest possible demolition date for the 878-unit apartment complex. The residents have been notified that they must vacate the complex by June 30, 2004.

Garland City Attorney Charles M. Hinton says he doesn't believe the plaintiffs have standing to complain about the proposed demolition. "The Special Warranty Deed from HUD to the GHFC specifies that the Villages must be maintained as multi-family property for seven years. The City has complied with all of HUD's requirements and has even gone beyond those

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Web-site Development Firm Re-launches to offer a Personal and Customized Touch

Originally founded in 1999, Advanced Macro-Media Consulting (AMCFirm), based in Arlington, TX recently launched their new web site. It not only displays their creative genius, but also offers in its portfolio the evidence that they are able to create sites that fit the needs of small business as well as the corporate giant. AMCFirm delivers a f f o r d a b l e marketing solutions with graphical designs, custom databases, state of the art flash movies, and a payment plan arrangement bound to fit any sized budget.

Arnetta Wright, CEO of AMCFirm, began her studies in engineering at Prairie View A&M University and later transferred to the University of Texas at Arlington where she graduated

Cum Laude with a BA in English. A published author with a background in technical writing, web development, and database administration, Arnetta's focus is to visualize the clients' imagination and capture the illusion in their web site.

"A company's web site should be an extension of its leader and not a generic template with a "cookie cutter" philosophy," says Arnetta. Every client should have a site that is the direct reflection of their business and themselves."

If AMCFirm had to sum up in one phrase its motto, it would be, "IF YOU can IMAGINE it, WE can DESIGN it!"

For additional information or to contact AMCFirm please log on and explore your possibilities at www.amcfirm.com.



Arnetta Wright, CEO, AMCFirm

Danny Glover Keynote Speaker at AIDS/HIV Town Hall Meeting



Actor Danny Glover

By: Monica Thornton

Actor Danny Glover was the keynote speaker at The Dallas Examiner's first town hall meeting on HIV/AIDS, Wednesday August 6, 2003, at the Inspiring Body of Christ Church, Dallas.

Glover currently serves as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program and travels world-wide promoting HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. At the meeting he urged people to get informed, get tested, get treated, get involved and get with the program.

Guest speaker Dr. Sheron Patterson, Senior Pastor of St. Paul United in Dallas, said the evening was a complete success, with a large turnout. She said a lot of barriers regarding AIDS were broken, with the help of speaker Phill Wilson of the Black AIDS Institute, Los Angeles.

"He informed everyone that he has AIDS, then asked everyone in the audience who had AIDS to stand up, and then those who knew someone with AIDS," said Patterson. "Everyone was standing."

Patterson urged the audience to have compassion towards those with the disease, and challenged them to care.

"A lot of times we don't have empathy or concern for people who have any kind of illness, but this is really hitting the African American community in epidemic proportions," Patterson

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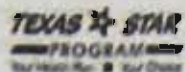
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Around The Town

On-going

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

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

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

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

The International Library of Photography announces over \$60,000 in prizes to be awarded in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Deadline is October 31, 2003, and free to enter. Visit www.picture.com, or call 410.363.4800.

Duck Creek Park, Garland, a 3.1-mile loop running through a wooded area, and is part of a larger trail that runs through Audubon, Gatewood and Greenbrook parks. See native wildlife and plants such as redbud and plum trees. Numerous nature paths wander off into the woods and creek bottom. Picnic areas and small fishing ponds. Access the trail at Duck Creek Drive and O'Banion Road and Audubon Park Recreation Center.

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 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.

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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 21 - 23

Tried & True Children's Consignment, at Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. Thursday, 5pm to 9pm, Friday and Saturday, 8am to 5pm. Children's and baby consignment sale. Newborn-16. Toys, children's books, baby equipment, maternity clothes. Contact Mary Welch 214.477.9091 or visit www.cottonstation.com

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.planoymca.org.

August 27 & 28

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc., presents a professional ensemble of African American actors echoing universal themes based on Shakespeare's works. Based on Ira Aldridge, an African American Shakespearean actor, who found it necessary to flee from America to Europe, and became one of the world's most celebrated Shakespearean performers. Written and directed by Akin Babatunde. Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre, 650 South Griffin Street, Dallas, 8 p.m. Call 214.743.2440. \$15.00.

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 (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Collin County is having child advocate volunteer training, August 23 - September 4, 2003, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Volunteers advocate the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in the court system, and complete 30 hours of training prior to being sworn in by a judge as a child advocate. 112 W. Virginia, McKinney TX 75069. Call 972.529.2272.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC Kobe Takes A Great Fall

Humpty-Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty-Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses,
and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

This children's nursery rhyme sums up the Kobe Bryant disaster.

The October trial will run its course and Mr. Bryant may be convicted or cleared of the charges against him. He may return to basketball and again be one of the league's premier players, but it will not be the same.

Kobe made headlines all the time but seeing and hearing his name in the same sentence with sexual assault was hard to believe. His name had become a veritable one-word trademark in the lexicon much like Xerox or Kleenex. It was synonymous with integrity, honesty, family values, and an unquestionable morality.

He was Mr. Clean on and off the court. In an era when we see so many professional athletes as self-indulgent and deviant, always one-step away from scandal, Kobe was the long awaited and welcomed exception to the rule. Fans, owners and endorsers ate him up. They couldn't get enough of him and made him the NBA's golden child.

It would seem that after all the adverse notoriety sports figures, movie stars and other celebrities have garnered in the last few years, Mr. Bryant would have been well aware of the potential danger of a frivolous one night stand. Are there no life lessons plucked from the infamous exploits of other superstars

such as O. J. Simpson, Kirby Puckett, or R. Kelly?

There is a history lesson that needs to be learned by every black male celebrity. The 1915 epic "The Birth of A Nation" depicted the overt racism that white males harbor at the image of a strong black man boffing a white woman. The very thought of a ravenous, lust filled, sexually primed black buck deflowering a chaste, innocent white virgin gnawed at the white man then and it still gnaws at him. The motives for defending white womanhood are as strong today as they were in 1915, even if the "virgins" are the aggressors. The only difference is the manner in which retribution is taken. The innocent black was castrated and lynched in "Birth of A Nation". The modern equivalent is to disgrace the perpetrator and take away his fame and fortune.

Don't blacks know they are supposed to be the loyal servants, grateful for the opportunity to make tons of money for the benefactors and then be thankful they throw out a contract or two. Mark Cuban owner of the Dallas Mavericks hit the nail squarely on the head when questioned about Kobe in a recent interview. "From a business perspective, it's great for the NBA... the intrigue will make Dallas' season opener against the Lakers 'must-see TV'... Who do you know won't watch the Lakers game with Kobe?"

No matter how great the talent or how high up the ladder of success a black man climbs, cross the line with a white woman and the system reaction is swift. O.J. Simpson's career demise should be a case study that every black male commits to

memory.

While the Kobe case will not match Simpson's in terms of length and media frenzy, the outcome will be similar. Prosecutors will portray the victim as the modern day recreation of the frightened, innocent white Elsie in Birth of A Nation. The defense will try and undermine the accuser's character. And the trial circus will entertain millions, all because ego prone black celebs believe that celebrity status gives them "equal" exemption from the rules of society. Handlers and profiteers cater to them. Fair maidens eager to be "touched" by a king swoon after them. They know better but will still charge headlong into a setup that is as old as Adam and Eve.

So often, the phenoms who reach the stratosphere of fame, fortune and celebrity are quick to disavow being role models. They fail to understand they have no choice in the matter once they accept the superstar mantle. The only choice is whether to be a good role model or a bad one.

There is a simple rule they should have tattooed on their foreheads and inscribed on their golden ID bracelets. When you stoop to wallow with the pigs, you will get dirty.

Kobe, your technical skills may warrant a return to the basketball arena. But "Kobe Bryant" the marketing trademark was a shooting star that dazzled spectacularly across a magical horizon for a brief moment in time—and it will gradually fade from view. LeBron James—Are you listening?

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

Boys From The "Hood" Do Good

The Dallas Knights basketball team, comprised of boys attending or entering Berkner and Richardson High Schools, finished their season by taking 1st place in the Summer Jam Classic in Rockwall.

This summer marked the third year the team has been together. The Dallas Knights provide a place where friends from the neighborhood can play together during the summer, work on their games, have fun, gain experience playing competitive basketball at the next level and work to instill the TEAM first concept. This is not about individual goals but helping young men understand what TEAM really means. Each



The Dallas Knights

Front Row: Roderick Watson, 2nd row: Wesley Nahawassah, DeAndre Simches, Terrich Fleming, 3rd row: Coach Curtis Fleming, Ugo Chinasa, Brandon Tillis, Curtis Wyatt, Rickey Baldwin, Barry Rivers, Ladarion Lynch and Daniel Morris. Not pictured: Coach Tony Edwards and Anthony Edwards.

depend on the next guy to step up to whatever the challenge may be. They have found ways to win, together. These kids play

together for five months so they know each other's games pretty well. They go into every game believing in one another and it has made a difference this season. They won more medals and trophies this season because they believe.

This year the team traveled to Shreveport, winning the Spring Fling, and they traveled to Houston finishing 8th place in the Reebok Invitational. Then they played in College Station, winning the Aggie Land Classic. Realizing what TEAM meant helped them to accomplish the main goal for the season, qualify for a National Tournament. They made it to the sweet 16.



Lt. Ed Drain

Red light running is a significant problem nationally, and is one of the leading causes of traffic crashes and fatalities on our roadways. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) estimates nationwide, about 200,000 red light crashes, 150,000 injuries, and 1,100 fatalities were attributable to red light running in 2001. Traffic crashes due to red light running and other intersection related violations result in serious injuries and death more so than other types of violations due to the side impact involved. During 2002, twenty percent of the traffic fatalities within the City of Plano were caused by red light running violations. Also, a significant number of the 1349 accidents occurring in Plano during 2002 were attributable to red light violations. So far in 2003, two of the five traffic fatalities in Plano have been caused by someone running a red light. Red light running is also one of the leading causes of driver stress. Research funded by the FHWA found 55.8 percent of Americans admit to running red lights, and 96 percent of drivers fear they will get hit by red light runner when they enter an intersection.

Red Light Running

The Plano Police Department has implemented a number of enforcement strategies to reduce red light running and traffic crashes. The key to enforcement is zero-tolerance of red light running and issuing citations to drivers who commit this blatant traffic violation. Plano police officers issued 7,298 red light related citations during 2002. The small white enforcement lights mounted on the traffic signals of the major intersections in Plano assist police officers in their traffic enforcement efforts. These lights are hard wired to the traffic signal light and can be seen from multiple directions. The enforcement lights allow officers to monitor for red light violations from a position where they can safely make a traffic stop. Besides being dangerous, running a red light can be expensive. The fine for running a red light in Plano is \$100.00. If you receive 3 citations for running a red light resulting in an accident, the fine jumps to \$200.00. Court fees can add another \$80.00 to the total cost.

Besides strict enforcement, the Plano Police Department also believes education and awareness are critical to addressing traffic safety issues and the department has several programs in place to seek voluntary compliance. The Police Department Traffic Unit conducts red light traffic safety courses in conjunction with the

Plano Municipal Court's deferred adjudication program. Drivers that have received a red light citation and who qualify may voluntarily take the course to avoid a red light traffic conviction. The Police Department has also implemented a traffic safety hotline (972-941-LITE) that you may call at any time to report flagrant traffic violations you personally observe. The Police Department will forward a letter to the registered owner of the vehicle informing them that their vehicle was observed committing a traffic violation. There is no enforcement action or fine associated with the letter.

Editor's Note:

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Public Safety

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

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based racial justice 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 1, 1991 by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

Wylie State Representative Office Now Open



WYLIE, Texas -- Mayor John Mondy was on hand along with Council Member J.C. Worley at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the new State of Texas Legislative District 89 office in Wylie recently. The office is in Collin County

headquarters for State Rep. Jodie Laubenberg.

Before the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Rep. Laubenberg said, "We are pleased that Mayor Mondy will be on hand to help launch the District office. We look forward to serving the citizens of all northeast Collin County from this location."

The office is located at 2630 N. Highway 78 in J.C. Oriental Iron Works. A

reception was followed by the ribbon cutting. All residents of the district were invited to attend.

Rep. Laubenberg offered comments and analysis on the current special session in Austin. "Of course congressional redistricting is the main purpose of the special session, but there are also a number of other items that are important to all of us in the region as well as the state," she added.

Letter to the Editor:

The following letter was addressed to Keys Market, FM 720, Little Elm, TX

Dear Sir,

It almost feels too formal to address you with sir. After having been in your establishment, the down home feeling still resonates and I feel as if I know you, even though we haven't met.

Recently, my family and I moved to the area from a more urban setting. My two daughters and I were out for a short drive when we came across your store. It was the only one that carried eggs for miles, and we were glad to find

it. When we first entered the store, there was an instant déjà vu, and a hometown memory of over thirty years ago, rekindled as I spotted the neat, familiar shelving and fresh produce.

Perhaps it was the sign that politely read "Close the door, thanks, Jim." People must be loudly arguing here because I didn't say "Management" on the sign. One of my daughters said, "And I agreed it's more personal that way."

It's the small things in life that keep us going and give us that boost of encouragement. A smiling and adept cashier, who didn't make me feel that I was interrupting her day, checked us

out with ease.

Then, as we headed out the door, another sign of hospitality caught my eye. It was MON-The Gazette newspaper. I was only accustomed to seeing this paper in the urban areas throughout the Dallas Metroplex. Yet, it was neatly waiting for the next avid reader to absorb and enjoy.

I know I haven't met you yet, Jim, but thanks for carrying MON-The Gazette. It was my own private "welcome wagon."

Cathy Johnson & Family

More Texans Shopping For New Retail Electric Providers

AUSTIN—More than half a million Texas electric customers have switched to a new Retail Electric Provider since retail electric competition began in January 2002, according to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC). Residential customers have between six and 12 electric providers from which to choose, depending on where they live.

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started with Mikhail Baryshnikov in 1985's Cold War-era dancers' story "White Nights" and with Billy Crystal in 1986's "Running Scared" and he appeared with Whitney Houston and Angela Bassett in 1995's "Waiting to Exhale," among other movies.

He won a 1992 Tony Award for the musical "Jelly's Last Jam." "He was the last of a kind of immaculate performer—a singer, dancer, actor and a personality," said George C. Wolfe, who directed "Jelly." "He knew how to command."

"His dancing came from something very real," said Bernadette Peters, who appeared with Hines as co-hosts of the 2002 Tony Awards show. "It came out of his instincts, his impulses and his amazing creativity. His whole heart and soul went into everything he did."

Gregory Oliver Hines was born on Feb. 14, 1946, in New York City. He has said his mother urged him and his older brother toward tap dancing because she wanted them to have a way out of the ghetto.

When he was a toddler, his

brother was already taking tap lessons and would come home and teach him steps. They began performing together when Gregory Hines was 5, and they performed at the Apollo Theater in Harlem for two weeks when he was 6. In 1954, they were cast in the Broadway musical "The Girl in Pink Tights," starring French ballerina Jeanmaire.

Davis was one of young Gregory Hines' inspirations, as were the Nicholas Brothers and Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. Hines drew on Robinson's style for some of his work in "Jelly's Last Jam."

Hines had a falling out with his older brother in the late 1960s because the younger boy was becoming influenced by counterculture and wanted to perform to rock music and write his songs. In 1973, the family act disbanded and Hines moved to Venice Beach.

He returned to New York in 1978, partly to be near his daughter, Daria, who was living with Hines' first wife, dance therapist Patricia Panella. His brother, with whom he had reconciled, told him about an audition for the Broadway-bound "The Last Minstrel Show." He got the part, but the show opened and

closed in Philadelphia.

The brothers reunited onstage for "Eubie!" a homage to composer Eubie Blake. Gregory Hines was lauded for his singing of "Low Down Blues" and his rat-tat-tat tapping during "Hot Feet." Hines also earned Tony nominations for "Comin' Uptown" and "Sophisticated Ladies."

Hines landed his first film role in the 1981 Mel Brooks comedy "History of the World Part I," in which he played a Roman slave as a last-minute replacement for Richard Pryor.

On television, he had his own series in 1997 called "The Gregory Hines Show," as well as a recurring role on "Will and Grace." He was nominated for an Emmy in 2001 for his lead role in the miniseries "Bojangles" and in March appeared in the spring television series "Lost at Home."

Hines was engaged to Negrita Jayde and, in addition to his father and brother, is survived by his daughter Daria, son Zach, grandson Lucian and stepdaughter Jessica Koslow.

Associated Press Drama Writer Mike Kuchwara contributed to this report.

Rowlings, medical director of the Peabody Health Institute, Dallas, said African Americans are the original 'don't ask don't tell' set,

amongst African Americans in the nation, he said it is the new civil rights issue.

With AIDS being the number one cause of death for Black men and women aged 5 to 44, he added that getting tested has to be a priority for people in this sector. But what also concerns him is the lack of treatment available to African Americans with HIV due to lack of medical insurance and available funds.

There was also an AIDS testing unit outside the church with a long line of people waiting to be tested.

Sponsors for the town hall meeting were: IMANI, AIDS Arms, Inc., La Sima Foundation, Renaissance III Center, House of Osiris and Bristol-Meyers Sq.

Danny Glover Speaks at Hall Meeting Page 1

added.

She also challenged the "addiction to move out of their comfort zones and go back to their churches and communities and do something pro-active to help those with HIV/AIDS. Patterson said "We will be talked about and people will say we are crazy for helping people with AIDS. But people thought Jesus Christ was crazy for eating with the lepers and prostitutes. Be crazy for the sake of Christ, it's better than doing nothing."

Guest speaker, Dr. Keith



Rev. Rickie Rush, Inspiring Body of Christ Church, sitting next to Mollie Belt, Publisher, Dallas Examiner.

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Black accountants, attorneys, etc. Don't be another O.J., who didn't figure out how much he needed his own people until he found himself in deep trouble. If you want to keep it real, you have to understand the real world, not just what happens on your block or in the "hood." And then, you must act upon that knowledge by doing something more than merely enriching others through your desire for their baubles, bangles, and beads.

I hope Busta Rhymes read the Wall Street Journal story, and I especially hope he noticed the attitude of the lady who was so happy about the increased sales of Courvoisier: "Anne-Sophie Louvet 'cringes' at the thumping rap music..." She couldn't care less about his music, but she loves the money he's making for her.

Keepin' it real? Yes, that's what those to whom we give our money are doing. Their reality is business, commerce, and being on the supply side of things rather than always on the demand side. We demand and they certainly do supply. Just look at BET now. Despite the fact that its programming wasn't too much better before Viacom bought it, BET is now a 24/7 video playin', booty-shakin', gangsta rappin', playa pumpin', bling blingin', comic viewin', how I'm livin', basketball rim rattlin', network that is only interested in getting two things: Black folks' money and our full attention. And if you switch to Viacom's other network, MTV, you'll see much the same thing, more geared toward whites with a little Snoop Doggy "hizzle, dizzle" thrown in to add more flava.

I know, I know, I am not up on the latest lingo, but at the end of the day, the real deal is this. Corporations that really don't care about us are exploiting us, and we allow it to happen with impunity. Black rappers, entertainers, and athletes control billions of dollars, not to mention what their supporters spend for the products they endorse. If we are going to keep it real, we must be smarter than we have been. Not just those three groups but all of us, no matter how much or how little money we have, all of us must change the way we do business.

with others and with ourselves.

No offense to the brothers and sisters who are doing well and making millions: I rejoice in your prosperity. But use a little sense with your dollars. At every available opportunity, let your dollars work to the benefit of your people for a change. That's what keepin' it real is all about in this country.

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Arts & Entertainment

Step Team USA Competition To Be Held At Six Flags Over Texas Benefitting The U.S. Step Team Association & The Single Parent Foundation

Dallas, TX...Dance teams from around the Metroplex, ranging from elementary school to college levels, will compete in the national Step Team USA Competition on Saturday, August 23rd. The first team will take the stage in the Music Mill Amphitheatre area beginning at 11 AM and the pulse-pounding, foot-stomping artistry doesn't stop until 5 PM. Park admission has been reduced to \$18, more than a 50% discount off the regular admission price, to support this exciting charity event!

Step Team USA is a national step team competition tour. It was developed to showcase the urban art form of "stepping." STU is focused on improving the lives of young people by providing the avenue for elementary, middle school, high school, college and church step teams to be showcased in competitions on a national level. This art has become an extra curricular activity in public schools, private schools, churches and recreation centers across America. STU Marketing Director Sheila Green says the primary goal of the organization is to provide a positive outlet for children

to get involved in that will ultimately reduce the negatives that many youths are exposed to like drugs, teen pregnancy,

dropping out of school and gangs. "We want children of all ages to be able to participate in team building and esteem building activities like stepping."

So many school programs are not financially feasible for a lot of kids so, unfortunately many of them begin associating with negative influences. We provide the step team organizations free of charge so that any one who wants to can participate."

The Step Team USA production is like no other show in the country featuring a

40 x 40 foot "Loud" stage, 16 microphones, 32 speaker sound system, 360 degrees of sound with a comedian

host to MC the event and a live DJ mixing between acts!

The Step Team USA event at Six Flags Over Texas will benefit the U.S. Step Team Association which is the non-profit organization

that sponsors all STU competitions. The organization all provides summer step camps that promote hard work, discipline, teamwork, and instill self-motivation and self-esteem. The program will also benefit Dallas' Single Parent Foundation which seeks to help hard-working families help themselves. The Foundation does not provide a handout but rather emergency

services for the people who need it most. Whether funding an emergency car repair or temporarily providing money for daycare services the foundation's goal is to help families get back on their feet and stabilize the lives of the children affected by the difficulties of parents struggling to meet their needs. For more information about Step Team USA log onto www.stepteamusa.com. For more information about the Single Parent Foundation log onto www.singleparentfoundation.org.

The park admission price has been significantly reduced to only \$18 to support both these incredible organizations. The special price is good only on August 23rd and MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. Discount tickets will not be available at the park box office the day of show. Advance tickets can be purchased by logging onto stepteamusa.com, at the Step Team offices located on the 7th floor of the Crescent Court Hotel or by calling 214.459.3459.



Step dancers perform on stage during the Step Team USA Competition.

A Q & A with The Newest American Idol

1. Do you have a job?
No.
2. Do you have any formal singing training?
Yes. I was a voice major for 3 1/2 years at Alabama A&M University. And four years of training from my high school teacher.
3. Where have you performed before?
Perform all the time with my bands, Just A Few Cats and God's Gift. Several school performances.
4. When did you first start to sing?
When I was 3.
5. What is your favorite song to sing?
"For All We Know" by Donnie Hathaway.
6. What is the first concert you went to?
New Edition.
7. What is the last concert you went to?
India Arie.
8. What other talents do you have?
I played football all through high school and one year in college.
9. What are your goals in life?
To be a performer.
10. What album would your friends be surprised you own?
Tori Amos.
11. What is the first CD you ever bought?
The first album I ever had was New Edition.
12. What is in your CD player right now?
Curtis Mayfield.
15. Who is your AMERICAN IDOL?
Donnie Hathaway.
16. What is your favorite type of music?
Gospel, jazz, soul and R&B.
17. What is your favorite song?
"For All We Know" by Donnie Hathaway.
18. Favorite male pop artist?
Dave Hollister.
19. Favorite female pop artist?
Kellie Price.
20. Favorite album?
Donnie's Hathaway's Greatest Hits.
21. Who in the music world do you think your style is most like?
Dave Hollister and Donnie Hathaway.
22. Most embarrassing moment?
None.
23. If you couldn't sing, which talent would you most like to have?
Sports.
24. What has been your proudest

moment in life so far?
When I graduated high school and saw how proud my mother was.

25. What is your definition of an



Rueben Studdard

AMERICAN IDOL?
Someone who represents the people.
26. Why do you want to be an AMERICAN IDOL?
So that I can show off my talents.

27. Do you think the audition process was fair?
It was cool.

28. Who is your favorite judge and why?
Randy. Because he tells it like it is without being rude.

29. Who is your least favorite judge and why?
Simon. Just because.

30. What advice do you have for other hopefuls?
Just keep dreaming.

31. What would people be surprised to learn about you?
Nothing.

32. Who did you think was going to win last season?
Tamyra.

33. If you could be a performer from any era, which would you choose and why?
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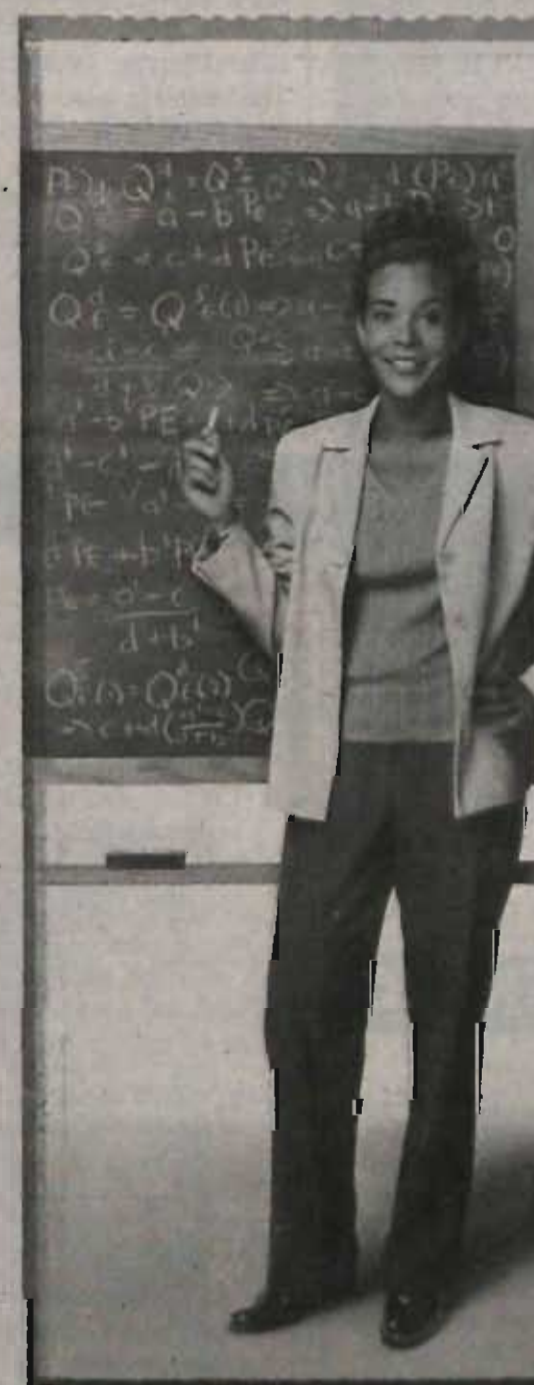
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Local Artist to Host Fundraiser for Scholarship Fund

Artist Patrick Crouch is priming his canvas to raise funds for the Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. Scholarship Fund. The exhibit will be held at the Stephanie Ward Gallery, 2510 Elm St., August 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

"My work has innocence and honesty," Crouch says. The exhibit, titled *Emotions II*, will feature over

50 original works of art, both stylized and abstract images that show the complexities of human expression and emotions. The exhibit will also feature a rare look at two of his Tribal Teapot Collection, which were also designed and created by Crouch.

"Mr. Crouch has a wide range of talent. His work is simple, yet, there is an atmosphere of complexities embedded in it," says Stephanie Ward, gallery owner.



A Dallas native, Crouch believes he is an expressive observer of life and a father to all his creations. From priming the canvas, to the close of a show, this artist reverends his work in a comparison to life itself.

The exhibit will include images small to large-scale canvas and panel paintings, all of which have beautiful expressive faces, created with a wide range of colors. Crouch has also added a dimension to this series, by including such items as hair rollers, flowers, nostalgic fabrics, and other whimsical effects.

The Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. Scholarship Fund provides money for graduating seniors in the southeastern sector of Dallas. The program has been in place over 20 years, named in honor of the former senior pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Dallas. "The

About Artist Patrick Crouch

The art of Patrick Crouch embellishes and articulates the rich, visual heritage of the African American culture. With a unique voice and utilization of various styles, this artist surrenders his love for creating, which allows his audience to feel his passion.

Though a trained and educated artist, Patrick Crouch prefers a primitive style for which it conveys an innocence and honesty. An intense reverence is given to unique expressions to create unique experiences. With the use of vibrant colors, stylized patterns, and shapes, his works of art emphasize his distinct relationship for recreating history, experiences and emotions.

As a graduate of Texas A&M University, Crouch believes that everyone should have an opportunity for a quality education. Combining philosophy with art, this artist has begun providing proceeds from each show to benefit scholarship funds. While providing summer workshops for area youth, Crouch also donates a number of original artwork to raise money for various non-profit organizations.

The art of Patrick Crouch has been exhibited on various walls in galleries located across the country. Encompassing both paintings and ceramics, this artist has captured and attention and excitement from various audiences.

Religious Leaders Honored at 4th Annual Religious Hall of Fame Page 1

Religious Leaders Honored at 4th Annual Religious Hall of Fame Gala



Dr. Richie Rush, 2003 Inductee, holds a proclamation, presented to him by the State of Texas.



Rev. Mrs. Derrick Wright, Hamilton Park United Methodist Church.



Bob Ray Sanders, Fr. Worth Star Telegram.



Debra Blair Abrom (Left) presents flowers to Alma Jewel Pryor (Right), Church Woman of the Year, Dallas, TX.



2003 Inductee: Rev. Israel Holmes, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.



Willis Johnson, KEDA Radio Station.



Rev. S.T. Tison, Riverside Missionary Baptist Church, Dallas, TX.



Terrell Sisters perform a gospel tune at the annual event.



Inductee: Rev. Robert Castle and wife, Michelle.

On August 9, 2003, Elite News held its 4th Annual Religious Hall of Fame gala at the Wyndham Anatole in Dallas, with about 1,000 attendees. Started by William Blair Jr., Founder CEO of Elite News, his goal was to showcase the efforts of the greatest religious leaders in our nation's history. Blair

says, "There are numerous halls of fame hailing the achievements countless people, but who has done more for our lives, communities and society than the preacher?"

Since 2000, the Religious Hall of Fame has honored 32 inductees. This year, 14

religious leaders were inducted, including posthumous awardees. The honorees receive medallions and rings as commemoration of their induction in the Elite News Religious Hall of Fame. 2003 Inductees include Dr. E.K. Bailey, Rev. Israel E. Holmes, Dr. Jerome McNeil, Rev. Rickie Rush, Alma Jewel Pryor, Church Woman of the Year, and more. All honorees received a proclamation from the State of Texas.

On July 25, the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Religious Hall of Fame Museum was held. The museum, located at 5554 S. Hampton Road, Dallas, TX, is a display of clerical accomplishments.

The Religious Hall of Fame is committed to paying tribute to those who have influenced the world around them. Although this event began in Texas, The Elite News Hall of Fame is preparing to go nationwide.

Eastgate Apartments Page 1

requirements in our efforts to provide assistance for Eastgate residents."

The civil action was filed Monday, August 4, in U.S. District Court. The lawsuit accuses the City of Garland of ordering the destruction of the Villages of Eastgate for racial reasons. Assistant City Manager Ronald Jones, Sr. points out that the City takes more than the necessary steps to assure fair housing laws are enforced.

"The City has its own Fair Housing Office and affordable housing programs. Unfair housing practices are not tolerated in Garland and those who violate fair housing laws are aggressively prosecuted," says Mr. Jones. "In fact, Garland is one of only a few Texas cities to adopt its own Fair Housing ordinance, which is actually more stringent than the federal law."

"The closing of the Villages of Eastgate and the redevelopment of the property

is important to the economic future of Garland," says Mayor Bob Day. "Garland is rapidly approaching build-out and must aggressively seek good redevelopment opportunities. This property, located adjacent to the I-37 Freeway, is one for which the City has fiscal control and can be redeveloped to allow all Garland citizens to benefit from the improved tax base."

The Villages of Eastgate is in City Council District 5, represented by Jackie Feagin.

Councilman Feagin says he's disappointed and surprised by the lawsuit. "The City has spent a great deal of time and effort seeking affordable housing alternatives for Eastgate residents within our own city limits. We are also working to provide relocation assistance to those residents who need it."

says Mr. Feagin. "I believe this issue will be resolved in a timely manner and the City will be found to be in the right."

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Words of Inspiration

didn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?
... God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?

... We never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain?

... God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day?

... God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?

... God took away His message because we failed to listen to the messenger?

... God didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin?

... The door of the church was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?

... God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?

... God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him?

... God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?

... God met our needs the way we give Him our lives?

THINGS THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY

Money is not the answer to all of your problems; think about it.

It can buy a house, but not a home

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It can buy a position, but not respect.

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It can buy blood, but not life.

It can by candlelight dinners, but not love.

Many people will walk in and out of your life. But only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.



To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

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Church Happenings

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Plano Area Interfaith - Meeting at ANUMC, tonight, Thursday, August 14th, 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call 972-424-8500

All Nations United Methodist Church
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor
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Dawn of a New Day
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August 23, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Career Workshop
August 25, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Job Fair
September 21, After 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service
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Effort- Trophies awarded to best tasting food, best décor, and the most members recruited

For more information, call 972-235-4235.

First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park
Dr. Gregg Foster, Senior Pastor
300 Phillips St.
Richardson, TX 75081

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

For more information, call 972-625-8186.

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

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

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"Marriage Without Regrets"-Free Marriage Seminar- \$5 donation is requested to provide lunch
Deadline to sign up is tomorrow, August 15

Guest Speaker- Pastor Eddie Lane, Bibleway Bible Church

For more information, contact Rev. Leon Moore at 972-329-5030, ext. 28.

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Terry M. Turner, Pastor
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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 Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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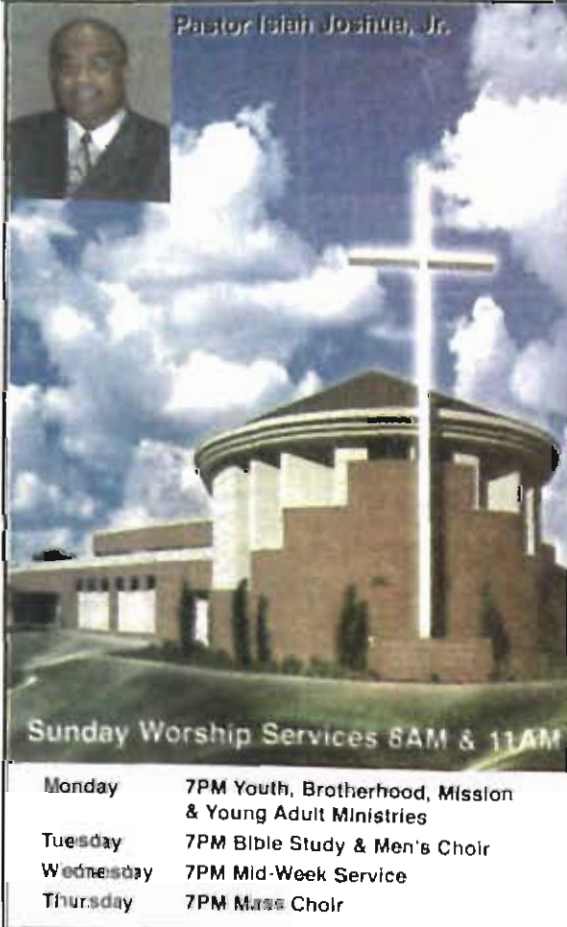
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..... 4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
Deliverance from Issues Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM
Mid-Week Service Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM
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Black Church Leadership Week Relays 'Overall Picture' of SBC Resources

By Terri Lackey
GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—Shy at first, then bold and talkative, members of Forest Baptist Church from Louisville, Ky., found it impossible to brand their church with a one-word tag.

When asked to describe their congregation with a single adjective, the group of 13 who traveled to LifeWay Glorieta (N.M.) Conference Center for Black Church Leadership Week claimed they are "growing and exciting," "a loving family," "caring," "sharing," "spiritual," "encouraging," "friendly," "Christ-centered" and "biblically based."

"We are a Kingdom-focused church and Great Commission Christians," said John Crittenden, pastor and veteran participant of Black Church Leadership Week. "Our vision is to impact our community by winning the unsaved to Christ and developing the saved for Christ."

The week is a joint effort of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, the North American Mission Board, the International Mission Board, the Annuity Board and Woman's Missionary Union. The July 21-25 conference was designed to "present an overall picture of what is available for African American churches in the SBC," said LifeWay's Jay Wells, who coordinates the event.

Three of the 13 Crittenden took to Glorieta were members of other churches, including two pastors whose congregations are new to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Michael Smith, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Shepherdville, Ky., and his wife, Betty, joined the group on their Glorieta journey "to learn."

"This is my first time here, and it has been a blessing," Smith said. "It's never too late to learn."

I have so many notes from the workshops I've taken that I'm going to have to get them in order to share with my congregation."

Many of the conference weeks at Glorieta and at LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center are "one-dimensional — for Sunday School, music or discipleship leaders," Wells said. "But at Black Church Leadership Week, churches bring their whole groups, and a lot of the churches have no idea of what makes up the SBC. We're trying to tell them what's available to them from our various denominational entities."

Forest Baptist Church is representative of a church group

600-member congregation, averaging 180-200 in Sunday School, doesn't know a thing or two about doing church. "We baptized 13 before we left," he said.

They are involved in the FAITH evangelism strategy and LifeWay Sunday School curriculum for all age groups, Woman's Missionary Union, January Bible study, women's and men's ministries, new member training, complete with certificates, discipleship studies, and Vacation Bible School for babies through adults.

"We are really excited about the things happening with FAITH," Crittenden said. "It works so well that I am almost repenting that I didn't know about it sooner."

Currently, he said the church has six FAITH teams making visits, with preparations for student, basic and advanced classes in the fall.

Vacation Bible School's 2003 Kingdom Capers curriculum for all ages was a big hit too, the pastor said.

"We had a class for adults you could hardly get in — we had chairs out in hall. Plus, I always wanted to be a secret agent."

Though Forest is a mature church with plenty of programs, Crittenden said he hopes never to miss an opportunity to take a group to Black Church Leadership Week.

"The reason I love the week is because when I come home I have tools to put in motion. I wouldn't be coming back if I wasn't getting fed."

Black Church Leadership Week is held on alternate years at Glorieta and Ridgecrest. In 2004, it will be at Ridgecrest near Asheville, N.C. For more information, visit www.lifeway.com.



Tight-knit Church

Pastor John Crittenden (with glasses) led a group from Forest Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., to Black Church Leadership Week, including (clockwise from center) Michael Smith, guest of the group and pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Shepherdville, Ky.; Al Perry, treasurer; church member Lisa Jacobs; Janita Perry, Sunday School director; member Dye Ann Foree; Charlene Williams, women's Bible study leader; and Margaret Crittenden, pastor's wife and youth leader. Photo by Jim Veneman

attending the conference.

Crittenden brought his wife, Margaret, the youth director (with several other church duties); Janita Perry, Sunday School director, and her husband, Al, treasurer; Charlene Williams, women's Bible study leader; Dye Ann Foree, a new member still pondering a leadership position, and her husband, Charles; and Lisa Jacobs, who attended for spiritual renewal. Two young people also joined the group — Josh, the Crittendens' son, and Austin, the Perrys' grandson.

Black Church Leadership Week offers plenty of opportunities to learn, but it's not as if Crittenden's

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Mt. Hebron Baptist Church
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Garland, TX 75040

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October 29-31
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For more information, call 972-985-1364.

Mt. Olive Church of Plano
Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Pastor
740 Avenue F
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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
Office phone: (972) 437-3493
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Light refreshments served.

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

Shiloh Baptist Church
Rev. Isiah Joshua, Jr., Pastor
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August 30, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
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RSVP 214-372-1177.

St. John Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.
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A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17

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