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### On the Homefront:

The world's most famous brass ensemble, Canadian Brass, will kick off Plano Symphony Orchestra's premiere season at the Eisenmann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson, September 13 at 8:15 p.m. Tickets: \$20, \$27, \$38, \$44, \$60. Tickets can also be purchased for the Opening Night gourmet dinner at the Renaissance Hotel, including an invitation to the post-concert reception with Canadian Brass. \$50 per person. Call the Plano Symphony Orchestra box office at 972.473.7262.

Seniors Active In Learning (SAIL) at CCCCD begins Sept. 15, register now. SAIL is an educational program operated by and for individuals 50 years of age and older under the sponsorship of CCCCD Continuing Education. For more information about SAIL call 972.985.3788 or visit [www.ccccd.edu/ce](http://www.ccccd.edu/ce).

Better Breathing Club at Assured Healthcare, September 16, 7-8 p.m., 5072 W. Plano Parkway, Ste 100. Educational instruction on managing and controlling pulmonary disease, breathing exercises, lectures and demonstrations. Refreshments served.

HIV Advisory Board meeting, September 16 at the Dallas Urban League, 4315 S. Lancaster Rd. (across from VA Hospital). Food and beverages provided. Committees will be formed to continue awareness, prevention and possible solutions to the STD/HIV/AIDS epidemic in the African American Community. If you have any questions contact Thom Brownlee, Jr. Parliand Project Director at 214.266.1741.

McKinney's Third Annual Fall Festival, at the McKinney Community Center, Friday, September 19, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Petting zoo, pony rides, a bounce house, face painting, games, prizes and more. All ages welcome. All concessions, activities, and games are free! Admission: \$2 per child or \$5 per family. 2001 S. Central Expwy., McKinney (El Dorado exit). Call 972.542.0046 for more information.

The ArtCentre of Plano will feature works by contemporary Iranian artists in A Breeze from the Gardens of Persia: through October 18. Includes approximately 90 works by Iranian artists, including more than 20 women works were chosen in collaboration with Iranian educators from the Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art and Tehran Arts University. Downtown Plano at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue K. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free. For more information: 972.423.7809.

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## Universoul Circus Celebrates 10th Anniversary with "Soul in the City"

ATLANTA - The pageantry, artistry and magic of center ring under the big top comes to life like never before when the UniverSoul Circus production of Soul in the City rolls into Dallas at Wynnewood Village Shopping Center (401 Wynnewood Village) parking lot, Sept. 12-21.

Dallas native, Shuckey Duckey is back for his 2nd year as the smooth and dapper Ringmaster of Soul in the City. Character actress Patrice Lovely and the multi-talented Soulman bring an added dimension of song, dance and comedy as the Ringmaster's sidekicks. The trio, along with an amazing cast of performers, team up to deliver non-stop entertainment from start to finish. Soulman's song and dance imitation of R&B Legend James Brown will leave fans breathless. Miss Lovely stands center ring for an unforgettable finale that is sure to bring audiences to their feet.

Soul in the City tickets are now on sale at Ticketmaster by calling 800-277-1700. Group sales are available by calling 800-316-7439. Dallas Showtimes: Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.; All Tuesdays thru Fridays, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 12 noon, 4:30 p.m., 8 p.m. Sundays, 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. Ticket prices for all weekday 10:30 a.m. shows: \$10. All other shows range from \$14.50 to \$30.

UniverSoul Circus, the only African American owned circus in the World, is renown for its amazing light show, impeccable sound system, and positive messages - all delivered in an intimate one-ring big top. The intimate seating allows performers the opportunity to interact with the audience, shaking hands, hugging and signing autographs.

UniverSoul Circus is celebrating a decade of

phenomenal growth, commitment to excellence, and spectacular



Dallas Native Shuckey Duckey Makes Triumphant Return as Ringmaster

showmanship. In 2003, UniverSoul's two touring units will travel to 50 major markets throughout the United States. The

single ring circus, with a seating capacity under the big top of 2,600, is made up of approximately 150 performers from around the world. The circus, dubbed "Cirque Du Soul" and "Hip Hop Under the Big Top" by the national media, will present 891 shows in 2003.

"Soul in the City is a special blend of circus, live concert and tent revival - all combined with a healthy dose of pure fun for the entire family," said Cedric Walker, president and chief executive officer of UniverSoul Circus. "Soul is not a color; it's an experience. We all have soul. If you enjoy clapping your hands and singing along, you will enjoy our circus."

Parade Magazine raved: "It rocks, it amazes, it teaches kids positive values - and it's packing them in...The tent almost rocked from the swaying, dancing and

clapping of the audience. At UniverSoul Circus, everybody gets down."

Soul in the City features 13 acts, including clowns, aerialists, elephants, and rare white lions. Performers hail from around the world: South America, Africa, the Caribbean, Asia, North America and Europe.

Graciella, from Brazil, floats just like a butterfly high above the ring in her aerial ring act. A former actress in her native country, the beautiful Graciella has the distinction of being a part of the overture during the opening of the circus. The Pizza Posse, from South Africa, provides a glimpse back at the popular slapstick comedy made famous by the Three Stooges. When the hi-jinks end, it's pizza dough and high comedy everywhere. Caribbean Flava, with Stilt Walkers and Limbo

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## McKinney Continues to Position Itself for Economic Development in Southwestern Area Road Construction To Benefit Residents, Future Businesses

**Question:** How can McKinney bring new businesses here when its key growth corridor along SH 121 needs roads to attract them? **Solution:** An agreement between the City of McKinney and McKinney Ranch, LTD will jumpstart economic development with a unique public-private partnership approach within the Regional Employment Center (REC).

The agreement, approved by City Council in July 2003 and signed this week, has McKinney Ranch donating right-of-way and building portions of four major thoroughfares within the community's southwestern region, known as the REC, in the next four to six years.

Initially, McKinney Ranch will

manage the construction of Phase I of FM 720. Funded by the City for nearly \$8.9 million, Phase I includes work for four lanes from Hardin Boulevard to Ridge Road. Estimated completion date is set for summer 2004. Phase II construction of FM 720 will be from Ridge Road to Custer Road. The Phase II FM 720 project is included in Collin County's \$229 Bond package that voters will consider in the Nov. 4 election. If approved, the County and City of McKinney will split the cost of the Phase II construction.

McKinney Ranch will also fund and build two-lane sections of Ridge Road, Stacy Road, FM 720, and Collin McKinney Parkway by Jan. 1, 2007. All four lanes of most of these roads are expected to be completed by Jan. 1, 2009. Other

roads may also be constructed as part of the agreement. (A map of the area and future roads is attached.) In return, McKinney will refund impact fees to McKinney Ranch as businesses construct facilities within its property boundaries.

City Manager Larry Robinson said the project builds off the momentum started with the REC study undertaken by the City a few years ago, and two earlier agreements with another developer. "It is a win-win situation for the developers, the city and the taxpayers," he said. "The roads will be in place to attract new businesses to McKinney, bringing jobs and tax revenues. Much of this can be done without up-front funds from

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## Garland Remembers The Many Lives Lost On September 11th And Pays Tribute To The Armed Forces, Local Police and Local Fire Departments



Local residents pay tribute to the Garland Police Department. Photo courtesy of garlandonline.com

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## Taking MATAH to the Next Level

**By James Clingman**  
During the weekend of Aug. 22, 2003, I had the honor, privilege, and pleasure once again to serve as master of ceremonies for the annual MATAH conference, which was held in Philadelphia, the home of the Ken Bridges' family. As many of you know, Ken was one of those killed during the sniper attacks in the Washington, D.C., area; he was also a co-founder of the MATAH Network, along with his partner, Al Wellington. Jocelyn Bridges, Ken's "queen" and all of the Bridges children were in attendance as well, not only to celebrate the life and legacy of Ken Bridges but also to kick off a new era in MATAH's evolution and evolution. They, along with hundreds of other conscious, loving, and determined brothers and sisters, were there to take MATAH to the next level.

MATAH is a distribution channel that makes available more than 100 products and services of which 90 percent are produced by people of African descent and is designed to promote economic consciousness and re-direct more of our vast consumption spending to businesses owned by people of African descent.

The conference kicked off with meetings of the MATAH Holdings

LLC and MATAH Investment Club LLC. (That's right. You can invest in MATAH.) We then moved to the formal part of the meeting with a welcome and libations from Anthony Phillips (Philadelphia) and Brother Heru and his queen, Sister Gloria; Pastor Joseph Parks, from Winston-Salem, N.C., gave the invocation. We then issued a challenge to the MATAH to move to the next level and after that, as they say, "It was on!"

Dr. Therman Evans, a minister and medical doctor, gave one of the best speeches I have ever heard. His brother is outstanding, and if you ever, and I mean ever, have an opportunity to hear him speak, you should definitely take advantage of it. Evans talked about bees and squirrels and how they, with their minuscule brains, have enough sense to take care of themselves in an orderly fashion. He admonished us to do the same for ourselves. I'm telling you, this brother threw down the gauntlet in a big way. When the tapes and CDs are available, you just have to get them.

Other speakers included Jackie Mayfield, founder and president of Compro-Tax, a brother who has created franchise opportunities for some 80 (and counting) entrepreneurs. We were graced with an uplifting message from Brother John Raye, television legend and sales

guru, who spoke on the topic, "The Power of Commitment," and we heard from MATAH's new vice president, Charles "C.J." Johnson, who shared strategies for taking MATAH to the next level. Gaston Armour, from Chicago, Juanda Honore, of Los Angeles, and Ashiki Taylor, from Atlanta, all MATAH regional sales reps, shared insights on their particular areas of expertise and how they have helped grow the MATAH Network in their respective regions.

We heard two gifted ministers, Carroll Johnson, Bibleway, Baltimore, and John Mendez, Winston-Salem. Ministers' Conference, are absolutely sold on MATAH's One Church-One Channel Program, founded by Father George Clements. They took everyone to church as they emphasized good stewardship via the MATAH Network. Their message, along with Evans' message, should be heard by every minister in the country, especially our Black ministers.

Tom Pope, the powerful, informative, and fearless radio talk show host, heard on the PowerNation Radio Network, also lauded MATAH and threw out the caveat that all is cheap. The real test, Pope shared, is what we do when we leave the conference. Tom

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## CCCCD Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Collin County Community College District is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with two special events Monday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 Spring Creek Pkwy. in Plano.

Fiesta Day kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month Monday, Sept. 15 with activities beginning at 11 a.m. and running through 6:30 p.m. Tables will be set up in the Atrium displaying information about LULAC, ESL classes and interesting items from our international students. CCCCD will celebrate with a pot-luck lunch of traditional Hispanic foods and the day will close with poetry readings.

Another special date to mark on your calendar is Saturday, Oct. 4. CCCCD will host its annual Back to College Fair in conjunction with Dia de la Comunidad (Community Day) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The computer lab will have information and access to Hispanic websites, there will be tables on campus with information on financial aid, ESL, admissions, health issues and Hispanic-owned businesses. There will also be a book drive and piñata-breaking contest. The CCCCD Guitar Ensemble will perform

music from Spain and Central and South America beginning at 11:30 a.m.

This special fair will also offer helpful information for all adults who want to make a life change but are not sure where to start or which direction to take. Whether you are a single mom or struggling family, CCCCD offers the education you need to get a better job. You can also learn about community resources and support and attend free seminars. Children are welcome to come play games and enjoy snacks.

Collin County Community College District serves more than 38,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs in a wide range of disciplines. In addition, the CCCCD is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.

For more information about the college fair, contact Tracey Fleniken at 972.377.1671 or for information about Hispanic Heritage Month events, contact Lisabeth Lassiter at 972.377.1623.



## Fall 2004 Minority Academic Institutions (MAI) Undergraduate Student Fellowships

Open Date: 08/27/2003 - Close Date: 11/20/2003  
Summary: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering Minority Academic Institutions Undergraduate Fellowships for bachelor

level students in environmentally related fields of study. The deadline for receipt of pre-applications is November 20, 2003. Subject to availability of funding, the Agency plans to award approximately 15 new fellowships by July 23, 2004.

Eligible students will receive support for their junior and senior years of undergraduate study and for an internship at an EPA facility during the summer between their junior and senior years. The fellowship

provides up to \$17,000 per year of academic support and up to \$7,500 of internship support for a three-month summer period. Applicable Category(s): Grant Fellowship Announcements

### FALL 2004 EPA Minority Academic Institutions (MAI) Fellowships for Graduate Environmental Study

Open Date: 08/27/2003 - Close Date: 11/20/2003  
Summary: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering Minority Academic Institutions Graduate Fellowships for master's and doctoral level students in environmentally related fields of study. The deadline for receipt of pre-applications is November 20, 2003. Subject to availability of funding, the Agency plans to award approximately 20

new fellowships by July 23, 2004. Master's level students may receive support for a maximum of two years. Doctoral students may be supported for a maximum of three years, with funding available, under certain circumstances, over a period of four years. The fellowship program provides up to \$37,000 per year of support. Applicable Category(s): Grant Fellowship Announcements  
For more information, visit <http://es.epa.gov>

### Writers Educational Services & Teen Graffiti Magazine Presents "Putting It On Paper" - A Teen Writing Seminar

Even though students are still enjoying their summer, Teen Graffiti Magazine and Writer's Educational Services (WES) are preparing to give students more summer fun in the fall with

**Saturday, September 27, 2003 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
Center for Community Cooperation  
2900 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas  
Admission: \$49.00

The seminar fee includes four workshops, a work manual, breakfast, lunch and seminar materials...and did we mention fun!!

This one-day seminar is for teenagers 16 - 19 years old who aspire to a career in the literary field or who have a desire to polish their writing or who simply want to enjoy a fun day with pen and paper. Participating teens will receive exposure to the various forms of writing, individual feedback on

their unique writing style and a chance to "produce and perform" a group writing assignment with their peers. Additionally, select students will have the opportunity to write for Teen Graffiti Magazine on the celebrity beat and receive free mentoring and career development with a WES author.

Proceeds from "Putting It On Paper" will benefit Teens Reaching Teens, Inc., a non-profit group dedicated to voicing the concerns of today's teens and acting to improve their futures.

Sponsors: Writer's Educational Services, Teen Graffiti Magazine, Dr. Pepper 7-Up, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Rolling Out and SJS Graphic Arts.

For additional information, to register or to become a sponsor, please contact Ann Fields at 1-877-842-6686 or visit the Services page of [www.writersed.com](http://www.writersed.com), [www.writersed.com](http://www.writersed.com)

Seating is limited to fifty teens, ages 16 - 19, so don't delay...hurry now and register for more fun!

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#### On-going

Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972.548.4114. You can also visit [www.co.collin.tx.us](http://www.co.collin.tx.us).

Fairview Farms - 3316 North Central Expressway, Plano. 972.422.2500. Travel back to the simple days of farm life years ago at this unique venue that features a farmer's market, a petting zoo, children's games, pony rides, and a country style party facility.

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.

Heritage Farmstead, 1028 15th Street, Plano. 972.424.7874. Dedicated to preserving the early 1900's way of life, this unique four-acre

museum features a beautiful Victorian home and 12 outbuildings that were part of a 360-acre farm operated by Annie Wilson, a colorful local resident. Guided tours available.

#### General Information

The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business is seeking minority professionals from Dallas to apply for its MBA program. On Oct. 17 and 18, a select group will be provided free travel, accommodations, experience a simulated class, a faculty roundtable, dinner with Professor Robert Fogel, and social events with current students. Selection based on a brief application and an essay. Application deadline is September 12. Contact Allan J. Friedman, executive director of communications: 773.702.9232.

The International Library of Poetry announces that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded in the International Open Poetry Contest. Deadline is September 30, 2003, and free to enter. Visit [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com) for details.

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.

#### September 4 - 13

Garland Civic Theatre presents "Sweet Charity" at the Granville Arts Center, 5th and Austin Streets, downtown Garland. A 12-time Tony Award Nominee, romantic, urban musical comedy featuring the hit songs "If My Friends Could See Me Now" and "There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This". Directed by Kyle McClaran. Call the box office for times and prices: 972.205.2790.

#### September 11

A Beka Book Home School curriculum and text book sale. Free 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Mickey Pierce: 877.223.5226.

A new Book Club meets at the McKinney Memorial Public Library, 101 E. Hunt Street, 7 p.m. for an introductory meeting. For adult readers, free. Topic at the initial meeting include: meeting times; reading list; selection requirements; and book club etiquette. Contact Lisa Bailey, Public Services Librarian, at 972.547.7305 or [lbailey@mcKinneytx.org](mailto:lbailey@mcKinneytx.org).

#### September 11 - October 5

Plano Repertory Theatre presents "Stage Door," at 1509 Avenue G, Plano, 7:30 pm, 8:00 pm, 2:00 pm. Nostalgic 1930's play, hit Broadway production.

Ticket prices \$24 to \$42 depending on date of attendance. Call PRT's box office for further information or reservations: 972.422.7460.

#### September 13

The CAAPCO Foundation, DISD, the City of Dallas, and area Chambers of Commerce invite local professionals to "Tell a Student What You Do For a Living" at the 6th Annual Career Exposure Forum and College Fair, at the Dallas Convention Center. Designed to expose thousands of youth grades 8-12 to a wide variety of career paths, colleges and universities. Sign up at [www.caapco.org](http://www.caapco.org), click on Career Exp. Contact Julie Joseph: 214.293.7282.

#### September 13 - 14

Nurture with Nature at Stonebriar Center, Frisco (Preston and 121) as Aveda pampers shoppers with stress relieving massages, hair styling consultations, makeovers, and soothing tea. 11a.m. to 6p.m. Saturday and noon to 6p.m. Sunday.

#### September 14

Nationals' Miss Teen Dallas, at the Plano Center, Jupiter Road and Spring Creek Parkway, 4 p.m. Local pageant for young ladies, ages 6-23. Admission \$10 Call 800.454.3420 for more information.

#### September 19-21

Plano Balloon Festival, Oak Point Park, on Spring Creek Parkway between Jupiter and Parker Roads. \$4 per person. DART bus from Parker Rd. station to the grounds. For details visit [www.planoballoonfest.org](http://www.planoballoonfest.org).

**September 20**  
SPCA of Texas presents Dash for the Dogs 5K fun run/walk. All walkers, runners and their dogs are invited, beginning at White Rock YMCA, 7305 Gaston Avenue. Late registration 8:00 a.m., (\$20), run/walk begins 9:00 a.m. Pre-registration - \$15 at [www.spcatx.org](http://www.spcatx.org). Pre-dash packet pick-up 9/15 - 9/17 at Run On. Call 972.231.8260, or 214.821.0900. Proceeds benefit the SPCA of Texas.

Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries hosts it 'Military and Courthouse Research All Day Workshop.' Learn how to use military, courthouse and immigration research. Donations accepted. At the Gladys Harrington Library, 9a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 972.783.8484, or visit [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) for more details.

#### September 27

"Putting It On Paper" - A teen writing seminar, 8am - 5p.m. Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas. Includes workshops, manual, breakfast, lunch. For 16-19 year olds who aspire to a career in the literary field. Select students will have the opportunity to write for Teen Graffiti Magazine. For additional information call Ann Fields at 1.877.842.6686, or visit: [www.writersed.com](http://www.writersed.com). Limited seating.

#### Through October 4

David Bates, this year's Legend Award Artist, is honored in the main gallery at The Contemporary. Wood reliefs and paintings created

over the past 20 years. Bates experiments with a range of materials and techniques. Located in the Wilson Historic District, three blocks east of Good Latimer on the north edge of Deep Ellum. Free. Tuesday - Saturday 10-5p.m. Call 214.821.2522, or [info@thecontemporary.net](mailto:info@thecontemporary.net).

#### Support Groups

Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death, or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For information call 972-519-1588.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays at Pitman Creek Church of Christ, Room E112, 1815 W. 15th St. Call Rita at 972-423-3620.

#### Volunteer opportunities

The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. 972.578.7510. And here's a friendly reminder that there are thousands of pets at shelters needing homes, or consider being a foster parent while permanent homes are found for animals. Contact your local animal shelter for details.

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## THE TRUTH CLINIC

### The High Price Of Pride And Arrogance

In a recent speech Senator Robert Byrd lamented "No more is the image of America one of a strong, yet benevolent peacekeeper. We flaunt our superpower status with arrogance. We treat U.N. Security Council members like ingrates. Around the globe, our friends mistrust us, our world is disputed, our intentions are questioned. Instead of reasoning with those with whom we disagree, we demand obedience or threaten recrimination. We say that the United States has the right to turn its firepower on any corner of the globe which might be suspect in the war on terrorism. We assert that right without the sanction of any international body. As a result, the world has become a much more dangerous place."

The American pride and arrogance goes beyond any sane legitimacy. Our middle eastern policy assumes that we have the right to determine who leaders should be and what type of government nations should have. They can have self-determination as long as it coincides with American objectives. The Israeli Palestinian peace plan was based on this false premise and has guaranteed many more years of turmoil, misery, pain and suffering.

History has validated the biblical admonishment "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." No one would have predicted a year ago that the Bush Empire would start to crumble so hard and so quickly. Most empires have lasted decades or centuries. Bush's has cycled in just a few hundred days.

Yet the administration seems intent on maintaining

its pride at all costs. The initial lies are modified to support the newest lie. We went to war in Iraq to destroy terrorism. Now we continue to fight terrorists in several foreign countries to prevent confronting them on our homeland. The war was declared over on May 1 but Americans continue to lose their lives at a rate of one a day. America is paying a high price for flaunting its pride and arrogance with no reasonable return on its investment.

More American soldiers have died since Bush declared the war over than during the war itself. The brash American egotism is costing nearly \$4 billion a month just for the troops, and billions more to line the pockets of the war hawks. Terrorism has shown no signs of abating. The bombing of the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad claimed the lives of 23 international aid workers and the bombing of a mosque in Najaf killed more than 100 worshippers.

America's arrogance knows no bounds. Just six months ago the Bush administration was humiliating the U.N. and most of the member nations by publicly characterizing them as irrelevant and unnecessary for our pre-emption policy. Now we stand virtually alone, naked, groveling and begging the same nations for assistance to clean up the mess that we created. But we take the arrogance one step beyond credibility; we are demanding that the nations send help while America retains unilateral authority over its disposition.

Is it really a surprise to anyone that other countries with sizable militaries, such as France, Germany, and India, after evaluating this absurd American offer have flatly

refused to send troops or funds for the occupation of Iraq without the U.N. playing a significant role in the peacekeeping mission?

If the United States is to regain its moral authority for world leadership it must admit that it has made a terrible mistake in Iraq, and accept the temporary humiliation of recognizing the U.N. and the nations it previously denigrated as full partners in the Iraq post war mission.

When leaders appear most sure and arrogant they generally are mistaken and make decisions based on passion and emotion without the proper deliberation that could save them from gross absurdities.

But too many Americans betray their obligation to be independent citizens by turning a deaf ear and a blind eye to the irresponsibility of a president who continues to bring dishonor to the high office that he has sworn — in the name of God — to uphold.

Yes, Mr. President, freedom is worth any price. But the high price being paid for egotistical pride and arrogance is delivering nothing but destruction. This is the time to make amends. Is there something wrong with White House speechwriter pens that prevent writing the words "I've made a mistake and I'm sorry?" Throw out the hawkish cabal that has used you for their selfish interests. Hezekiah sought redemption for his arrogant mistakes, humbled himself, and saved his nation. You can do the same for America.

James W. Breedlove  
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Cheryl Jackson

Artis Jackson, owner of AJAX Lawn and Fence Service, is my husband, and this is his story. AJAX Lawn and Fence Service is a company that was birthed from one act of giving. Jackson grew up in McKinney, Texas and as a kid, worked with his father's lawn service. Having never thought about owning his own business, Jackson was employed with the City of Allen for over 8 years. Unfortunately, one day the tides turned when a horrible storm blew the roof off his church and Jackson knew he had to do something to help. He told me that he was going to quit his job and give his retirement money to the church. I was devastated. I thought, "What are we going to do?" I was not working and what about the kids (we have two sons). We met with our pastors and they told us everything would be fine and that God was going to bless us.

On April Fools Day, 1996, Jackson handed in his letter of resignation. Immediately upon receiving his retirement check, he gave it to his pastor.

Once again I asked, "Now what are you going to do?" He replied, "I am going to start my

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own lawn company". Thus, AJAX Lawn and Fence Service was born.

Jackson explained... "One of my first contracts was with Middlekauff Ford in Plano. I bought a truck there and the owner Ric Middlekauff and General Manager Earl Hudson treated me like a son. Ric gave



Artis Jackson

me tailored clothing that I could not afford and he gave me wings to explore other areas for my business. My company's primary business is commercial cleaning, fencing, mobile car washing and lawn service. I am proud because our company is really built on a Christian foundation. I donated my retirement money because I felt like I owed God and I love to give. God he has been good to me. Giving the money to my church, DayStar

Deliverance was the best investment of my life. Not only did I grow up in this church, but my pastors, Apostle Robert and Bishop Minnie Hawthorne are also my father-in-law and mother-in-law!"

He added that he learned as a kid that giving is where it is at. Before that investment, I worked four jobs at one time. I worked for the City, two pizza companies, and I worked delivering newspapers every day. I was barely making ends meet. Since that investment, God took a country boy from McKinney and blessed me and my company, which has expanded to include close to 20 employees. I am living in a house that I never dreamed I could own and God keeps blessing me daily. I know that life is not about just the material things, but I am thankful that God has allowed me to enjoy them. One act of giving secured me and my family's future, and I dare anyone else to try it."

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## Opinion-Editorial

### Laubenberg Advises on Constitutional Amendments

On Sept. 13, 2003, Texas voters will have the opportunity to vote on 22 amendments to the state's constitution. As your state representative, I would like to point out those amendments which I personally believe are important to our district—Propositions No. 4, 9, 12 and 13.

Vote NO on Proposition No. 4. This amendment establishes special conservation and reclamation districts and empowers developers to build parks and recreational facilities with tax dollars. Public funds would be used to create an amenity that ought to be privately funded. Other political subdivisions, such as municipalities and counties, currently have the ability to address parks and recreation needs. Conservation and reclamation districts should focus on water and conservation issues and allow the more appropriate entities to do their good work.

Vote NO on Proposition No. 9, which will allow the Legislature to raid the Permanent School Fund's principal to pay for excessive government now and in the future. This amendment will allow the State Board of Education or the legislature to determine the amount distributed from the Permanent School Fund (PSF) to the Available School Fund

(ASF) from a portion of the principal of the PSF. Because of the dynamics behind receiving foundation school fund payments, public schools will not necessarily receive more money when the Available School Fund is increased. The Legislature has already accounted for the cost of textbook purchases, discounting proponents' call



for the money. We must vote "no" to safeguard the Permanent School Fund investment for future generations of school children.

Vote YES on Proposition No. 12 to protect healthcare in Texas. This amendment will rein in non-economic/non-medical damages in medical malpractice cases. Medical costs and economic costs are not limited. It will make medical care more affordable for patients and employers

when doctors spend less on liability insurance. When excessive damages are limited, more doctors and hospitals can stay in business, thereby improving accessibility to our health care system.

Vote YES on Proposition No. 13. It will permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish a tax freeze on resident homesteads for the disabled and for the elderly and their spouses. Tax increases are particularly hard on persons with fixed incomes, and this amendment will protect homeowners who are disabled or 65 years of age or older from increases in these taxes, allowing them to remain in their homes. This is true tax relief.

It is crucial that we have a large voter turnout to decide these important issues. Take advantage of convenient early voting now through Sept. 9, or vote during the general election on Sept. 13, 2003.

Rep. Laubenberg is serving her first term in the Texas House of Representatives as a member of the 78th Legislature. She represents District 89 in Rockwall and Collin Counties, and serves as Vice Chair of the Public Health Committee and on the Local Government Ways and Means Committee.

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

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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the City."

McKinney Ranch will benefit from the agreement by receiving reimbursement from the City for road construction and the acceleration of the sale of their property to businesses wanting to locate in McKinney. McKinney Ranch representative J. Martin Sanchez said he was pleased to be a part of this project. "This area along 121 will be the epicenter of commercial expansion in the next four to 10 years," he said. "By investing now in roads, McKinney Ranch is progressing in its ability to draw businesses who are ready to anchor themselves in the middle of some of the fastest growing communities in the nation."

This is the second public-private partnership that the City has developed in the last three months. In May, the City finalized a deal

with VCM Partners, L.P., North Texas Athletic Complex at Craig Ranch, and the McKinney Community Development Corporation for a 65-acre soccer complex and use of adjacent softball fields. As part of the agreement, the private developers agreed to build portions of five new roads in the area.

FM 720 construction will enhance the City's efforts to attract new businesses to the Regional Employment Center, but it will also improve circulation for residents in the area. "FM 720 is a major route that connects Frisco and McKinney," Mr. Robinson said. "It will also help motorists driving south connect efficiently with SH 121."

The Regional Employment Center, in southwest McKinney, was envisioned 15 years ago by City leaders as a major employment district, bringing high quality jobs

and increasing the City's tax revenue. In 2000, the City of McKinney and the McKinney Economic Development Corporation undertook a detailed land use study of the area to set the stage for development and developed a plan to attract businesses to the area. These projects were born out of that work.

When SH 121 frontage road construction is complete in 2006, it is anticipated that businesses will be attracted to the REC because of its location and because its infrastructure will be primed for development and accessibility. This area is currently seeing the beginnings of the anticipated growth with businesses such as Wal-Mart, the TPC Golf Course at Craig Ranch, and the North Texas Athletic Complex.



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had not planned to speak, but we were all very happy he did. Thanks for the booster shot, Tom!

I don't have enough space to tell you everything that took place at the conference, nor do I have the space to cite everyone who participated. Suffice to say that it was certainly inspiring and refreshing to be in the midst of such love, consciousness and understanding of what we must do to take our brothers and sisters to the next level. As I sat and listened, I wondered, as I usually do, why more of our scholar warriors, our entertainers, our business owners, and our national opinion leaders do not speak out in support of such a natural economic strategy, the same strategy every other group uses to get ahead in this country: redirecting a greater portion of our spending toward one another. While I have to assume we are all reading the same economic book, I guess they're just on a different page—and that's all right. We all need one another.

Finally, there are three more persons I must mention. First, on a sad note, we lost another strong MATAH brother during the conference. Billie Joe Smith, known as the "Big Guy," died in Toledo, Ohio. Like Ken and Brother Sepet, Billie Joe died on his way to freedom. Please pray for his family.

The other person I must note is a man's man, a conscious brother, a humble, charitable, loving, family-oriented Black man with a heart as big as the outdoors. MATAH Chairman Dr. Walter P. Lomax received the Ken Bridges Legacy Lifetime Award for his commitment, support and dedication not only to MATAH but also to his family, his business and to his people. I could write an entire column on this brother, but I will simply say, "Thank you, Dr. Lomax, for your generosity, your grounding and your understanding of 'To whom much is given...' May

God continue to bless you and your family.

Last but not least, there is my sister, Jocelyn Bridges. I will not even attempt to describe what I felt when she spoke at the end of the conference. Ken is smiling and Ken's love still flows through you, my sister. Your strength and continued determination to go on are indicative of what the MATAH is all about. You have decided to take it to the next level, and we must do no less. Take it to the next level. Get involved with MATAH!

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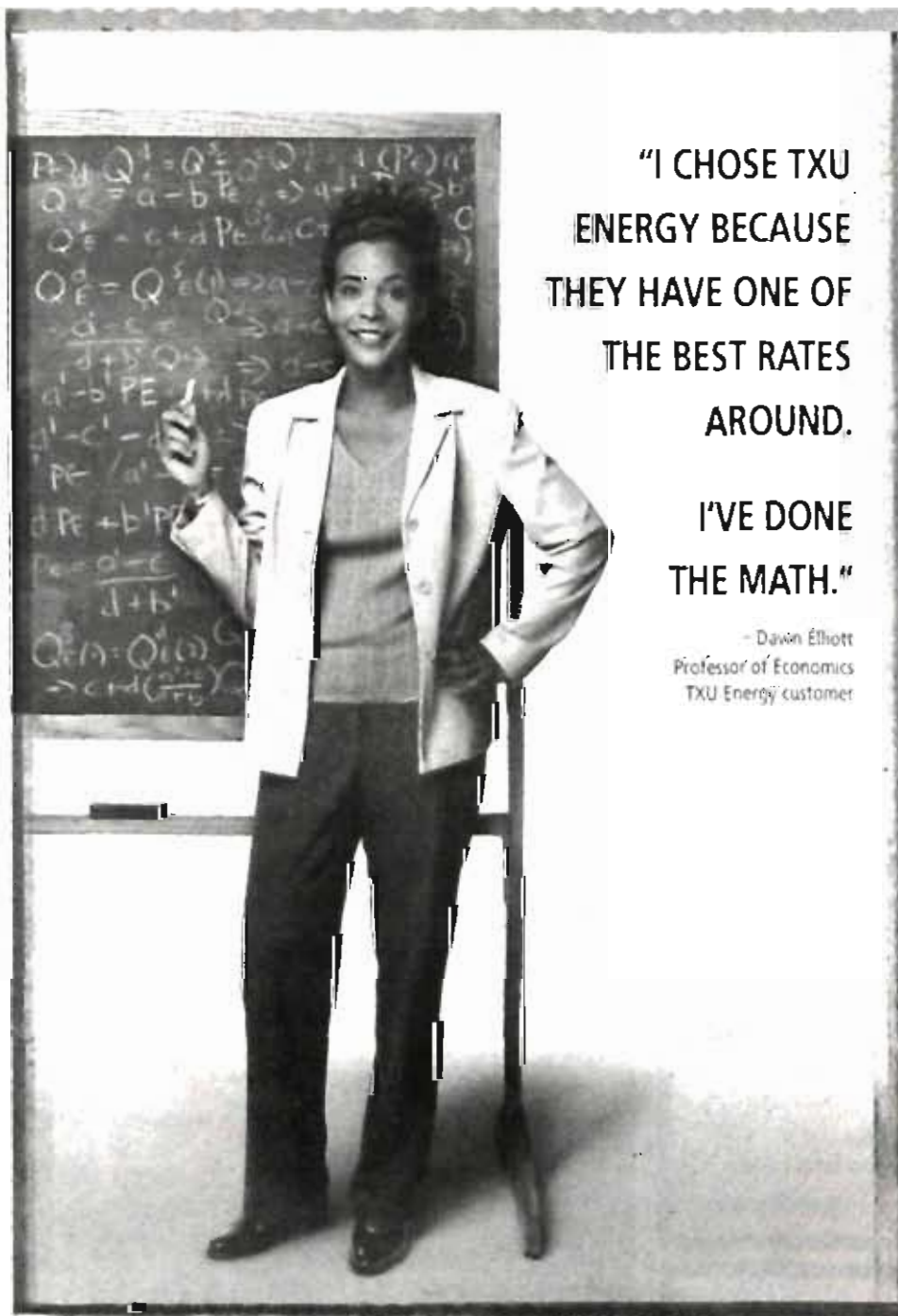
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he smiled and waved at everyone. By this time, I parked, then, walked into the restaurant.

I placed my order and while waiting for my order to go, I unconsciously started looking around the restaurant. The place was "clean as a whistle" as my father use to say. I am happy to say that the restaurant is a place where I know the food was good and fresh; and I saw that the restaurant was clean. I didn't ask



**Michael Johnson**

to see Mr. Johnson's recent "city inspection sheets, but I believe that he passed the entire inspection with flying colors. I wish Mr. Johnson managed a store either near my home in Carrollton, or closer to my office in Plano. I would certainly be a frequent visitor at his store.

Thanks Mr. Johnson, for the pride and care that you show your customers. Readers, I suggest that you stop by the Taco Cabana Restaurant at Plano Road & Forest Lane to enjoy some good food and a clean place to eat. I don't think you will be disappointed.

In the August 7th through August 14th issue of our newspaper, I ran a story that Cathy Johnson and her two daughters had sent to me concerning an incident that happened in the Taco Cabana Tex-Mex Patio Cafe that Mr. Johnson's (Cathy's husband and Brittany's & Chelsea's father) manages.

Briefly to bring you up to date, one of the workers came out of the store shouting expletives, complaining that Mr. Johnson had a "cleaning bug." "Mrs. Johnson smiled and playfully chided; "My husband "loovvves" a clean store doesn't he?"

Recently, I had a meeting near the restaurant that he manages at Plano Road & Forest Lane in North Dallas; I stopped by at approximately 11:30 am, just prior to the rush lunch hour, just to witness for myself what prompted Mrs. Johnson to write the story.

As I drove up to park, I saw Mr. Johnson walking around outside the restaurant and looking closely at the area where the large outside receptacle holds the trash. It was as though he was inspecting the area to make certain it was clean and presentable. Satisfied that everything met his inspection, he was going inside the restaurant and I spoke to him, as

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Tickets-Preale \$27  
At the door \$32  
To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Willene Luper at 214-808-5086

Carver Heights Baptist Church  
Rev. Tyler Carter, Pastor  
Rev. Daryl Carter, Co-Pastor  
2510 East Ledbetter Drive  
Dallas, TX 75216  
214-371-2024

### CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME CHURCH "TEMPLE OF FAITH"

September 11, tonight @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Securing The Shield Prayer that is being held at the church. This prayer service will cover all law enforcement officers, departments and agencies.

For more information contact Ms. Glenda Rouse, Prayer Coordinator at 972-422-7660

Christian Chapel CME, Temple of Faith Church  
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Pastor  
14120 Noel Road  
Dallas, TX 75254  
972-239-1120

### DAWN OF A NEW DAY CHRISTIAN KINGDOM

Daily 9:30 am & 6:45 pm  
School of the Prophets  
For more information, call 214-375-4225.

Dawn of a New Day Christian Kingdom  
Apostle Calvin Brown, Pastor  
Prophetess Debra Brown  
3200 South Lancaster  
Dallas, TX 75216  
972-274-9739

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

September 21, After 10:30 am

Worship Service  
Taste of First Church  
For more information, call 972-235-4235.

First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park  
Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Anthony Foster, Co-Pastor  
300 Phillips Street  
Richardson, TX 75081  
972-235-4235

### FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

September 20, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Church Picnic & Family Day  
September 23-26, 7 pm - 9 pm  
3rd Annual Women of Worship Choir Workshop  
\$10-Donation

September 28, 4:00 pm  
3rd Annual Women of Worship Choir Musical  
For more information, email jhevw@hotmai.com.

Friendship Baptist Church  
Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor  
4396 Main Street  
The Colony, TX 75056  
972-625-8186

### GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

3rd Sunday of Each Month  
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For more information on times & fees, call 972-644-2335

September 13-14  
2003 Men & Boys Retreat  
Adult \$50  
Youth \$40  
(Includes transportation, meals and T-shirt)

For more information, visit the registration table in the atrium.

October 3-5

Marriage Retreat - Sign-up going on now  
Total cost: \$225 per couple  
For more information, call 972-644-2335

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ  
Minister Shelton Gibbs, III, Pastor  
1013 S. Greenville Avenue  
Richardson, TX 75081  
972-644-2335

### HOLY TABERNACLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

September 14, 5:00 pm

The Holy Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir presents their Annual Concert  
For more information, call 817-457-2223.

Holy Tabernacle Church of God in Christ  
Superintendent Robert L. Sample, Pastor  
2801 East Loop 820 South  
Fort Worth, TX 76119

### KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

September 13, 9:00

Women of Grace Prayer Breakfast  
September 23  
Visit Center of Hope Women's Shelter  
Call 972-735-8077 for more information

September 27, 11:00 am  
Awards Luncheon;  
Women of Grace will celebrate their Annual Women's Month  
Theme: "Women Transformed by the Truth"

September 28, 10:45 am  
Women of Grace Celebration Service

Keller Springs Baptist Church  
Rev. Larry J. Sanders, Sr., Pastor  
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9:00 am Sunday School

#### Wednesday Service

Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Brotherhood 7:00 pm  
Missions 7:00 pm  
Singles Group 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:45 pm.



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1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX  
Pastor Charles S. Wattle



**Sunday**  
Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Celebration... 11:00 am.  
- Nursery Facilities Available -

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

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972.542.6178

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stmarkmissionary@aol.com

## Friendship Baptist Church

**Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor**



### Schedule of Services:

#### Sunday

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

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

#### Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

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

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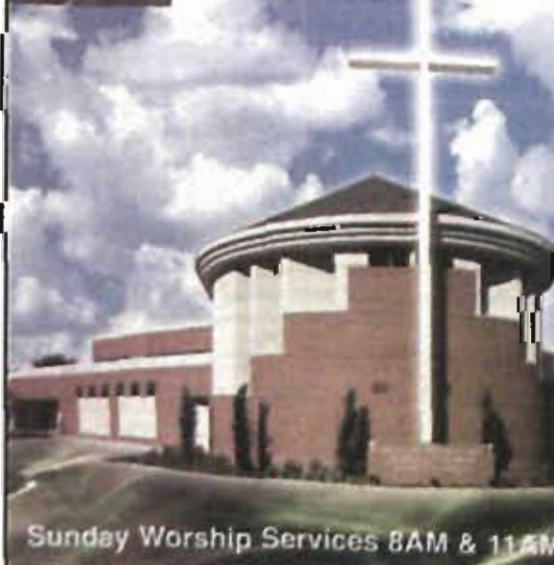
## Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

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Pastor Ishah Joshua, Jr.



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Sunday Worship Services 8AM & 11AM

Monday 7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries  
Tuesday 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir  
Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service  
Thursday 7PM Mass Choir

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Worship Service ..... 10:45 AM  
Men & Women Ministry 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Leadership Meeting ..... 2nd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Marriage Enrichment & Singles Ministry ..... 4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Deliverance from Issues ..... Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM  
Mid-Week Service ..... Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM  
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## Texas NAACP President Opposes Proposition 12

Texas NAACP President urges voters to vote against Proposition 12 calling it an anti-democratic proposal that attempts to deny Texans adequate access to courts, exacerbate discrimination jury awards and diminish the rights of Texans in other areas such as discrimination, sexual harassment, toxic torts and other areas of the law. Proposition 12 limits justified awards to citizens who are victims of sexual assault, those who have lost limbs or a variety of other injuries that cause mental anguish and emotional distress for extended periods of

time. African Americans are systematically discriminated against in employment and do not have the same business opportunities. This problem is heightened when inadequate jury economic damage awards are granted to African Americans because they are based on discriminatory salaries or business income. Texas Legislature has passed other legislation to address any problem with awards against physicians, but Proposition 12 encourages such problems by making it easier for professionals to place limits on non-economic jury awards.

## Texas NAACP President Condemns Texas A&M University for Failure to Diversify

Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches is greatly disappointed by Texas A&M's continued efforts to discriminate against African Americans. Both the University of Texas and Rice University have chosen to follow the Supreme Court's ruling to adopt an affirmative action policy

that appropriately considers race, yet Texas A&M decided to eliminate one of few administrators, Daniel Hernandez, who actively sought to diversify the university. The Texas NAACP plans to refer the matter to the General Counsel and President Mfume for the consideration of potential litigation.

## Texas NAACP President Rallies Against Texas Redistricting Efforts

Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches opposes the actions taken by the Texas Legislature and Texas officials to diminish African American voting rights. In particular, Congressman Tom Delay who voted against Civil Rights Acts in the Texas Legislature and in the United States Congress is leading an effort to continue electing

representative who also oppose Civil Rights. There are currently 16 members of the United States House of Representatives from Texas who have faithfully sought the inclusion of NAACP effort, a few being Bill Ratliff, Royce West, and Rodney Ellis. With the voting rights of African Americans being threatened, justice will not be allotted to all.

Tribute to 911 Page 1

Today, September 11, 2003, at Noon residents gathered at the historic downtown Garland Square. Also, last year Garland residents gathered on the downtown square to honor those who died and those who survived the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Mayor Bob Day welcomed the many citizens who were lined up on all sides of the square. The invocation was presented by Ronald E. Jones, Assistant City Manager. The crowd listened to patriotic songs performed by local artists and music by Rowlett High School Band.

Linda Jaresh and Terri Dunn were coordinators for this year's observance. Special Guest Speaker was State Representative Joe Driver,

and remarks were presented by Council Member Jim Dunn.



Ronald E. Jones giving the invocation at last year's 9/11 Observance. Photo courtesy of garlandonline.com

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#### MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

September 14, 8:00 am & 11:00 am Services  
Mr. Tim Shaw will present a short film on prostate cancer

September 21, after 8:00 am & 11:00 am Services  
Free prostate screenings for men 40 and over  
Free glucose and cholesterol checks

2nd & 4th Sundays  
Blood pressure screenings available after 11:00 am service  
Enrollment for Fall Semester 2003 is underway—The Institute for Christian Growth.

Classes currently in session  
For more information concerning this class, contact Rev. Leon Moore at 972-329-5030, ext. 28.

Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church  
Rev. Terry M. Turner, Pastor  
2232 Franklin Drive  
Mesquite, TX 75150  
972-329-5030

#### MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

September 20, 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Unity Block Party Explosion—"The Mount", along with Primera Assemblies De Dios Church will host a day of activities including a car wash, puppet show, domino tournament, gospel jazz group, and more! Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served.

For more information, call Richard Shipley at 972-276-5218.

Saturdays, 6:30 pm  
The Summit continues to win souls for Christ! Bring a friend!

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm  
Children's Ministry-AWANA-Grades K-5 (The name AWANAA is taken from II Timothy 2:15 and literally means Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.) AWANA is an international program.

September 14, 8:00 am & 11:30 am  
Senior Appreciation Day-Community and church members 55 and older

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church  
Rev. Leonard Leach, Pastor  
901 Dairy Road  
Garland, TX 75040  
972-276-5218

#### MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Mothers' Day Out Program for ages 2 months to 4 years of age. Phonics, numbers, colors, shapes & other early childhood skills will be offered.

For enrollment package & registration fees contact Sister Seretha Dawkins at 972-633-5511, between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

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  
972-633-5511

#### NORTH DALLAS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

September 14, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Marriage Class for married couples and individuals to learn more about marriage!

Location: Sherman Street Campus, 1010 S. Sherman Street, Room D222  
For more information, call Eldred McClean 972-437-3493, Ext. 110

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship  
Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor  
302 Centennial Blvd.  
Richardson TX 75081-5057  
972-437-3493

#### SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

September 19-20  
Brotherhood Retreat, cost is \$40 with a \$10 deposit required ASAP. Shiloh Polo Shirts available.

For more information, contact Bro. Jay Taylor at 972-712-7067

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church  
Rev. Isiah Joshua, Jr., Pastor  
920 East 14th Street  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-423-6695

#### TRINITY PRAYER CHAPEL

September 21, 6:00 pm  
First Annual Women's Program -- "Women in Leadership"  
For more information, call 214-544-1886.

Trinity Prayer Chapel  
Rev. Reynolds Wood, Pastor  
406 N. Tennessee  
McKinney, TX 75069

#### WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 23, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
6th Annual Community Health Fair--Dental Care, Diabetes Education, Heart & Stroke Info, Blood Pressure Checks, Massage Therapy, and more!

Location: Christian Community Action Center, 200 S. Mill Street, Lewisville, TX 75067,  
972-221-1224

For more information call Jacqueline

Dennis at 817-430-0211 or Doris Scales at 972-355-1395.

Westside Baptist Church  
Rev. Kenneth W. Blake, Pastor  
802 Bellaire Blvd.  
Lewisville, TX 75067  
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Reverend Larry J. Sanders, Sr. Pastor

Sunday Morning Bible Studies: 9:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
Monday Night Discipleship: 7:00 pm  
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Website: www.kellersprings.org

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Sunday 8:45am Sunday School  
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Sunday School: 10:30 am  
Mid-Morning Worship: 11:30 am  
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Sunday Evenings Only @ 6:00 pm  
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Raised to Walk in the Newness of Life... Romans 6:4

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Sunday Church Services  
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Wednesday Service  
6:30 pm  
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Midday Service: 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday  
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11131 Ave. Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4090  
Rev. James E. Larry, Pastor

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

**New Life Fellowship of Hamilton Park**  
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972-671-1396  
Reverend Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor

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

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