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## On the Homefront:

Plano Balloon Festival, Oak Point Park, September 19 - 21, 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, 11a.m. - 2p.m., the United Negro College will co-host a registration drive for sign-up for the September 27, Walk/Run For Education (which will take place downtown Dallas). Registration at Valley View Center, 13331 Preston Rd. in the food court area. \$25 adults/\$5 kids. Contact 972.234.1007, or 972.263.4114.

Walk/Run For Education, September 27 - Ferris Plaza Park, 400 S. Houston Street (at Young St.). Begins 9a.m. 5K walk/run, 1 mile kiddie walk, poster art contest, health screenings, food, fun, entertainment. Call 972.234.1007, or 972.263.4114.

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 Greater Trinity Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. honors its new Life Members and Honorees at its annual Mary McLeod Bethune Recognition Luncheon. Saturday, September 20, 11:30 a.m. at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel, 2222 Stemmons Frwy. Tickets \$45. Call 214.725.1504.

JAZZ-N-GARLAND at the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St., September 20, 3pm and 7pm, and September 21 at 3pm. With (the Sax Master) Paul Rogers and the Jazz Band "Change of Pace" currently playing at the RocoFello's Night Club in the Velvet Lounge, Chris Megert "Acoustic Guitarist and Soloist," L.U.N., Female Jazz Soloist Angela Blair and other soloists and jazz bands. Tickets: \$15 and \$17. Call 214.912.3117.

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## Garland NAACP Recognizes Educational and Community Achievements at 13th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

The Garland NAACP held its 13th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet Saturday, September 6, 2003, at the Atrium at the Arts Center in Garland. This year's theme was "Mobilized to Manifest the Mission", focusing on their mission statement to improving the social, political and economical status of all minority groups.

Mrs. Linda Griffin, Garland Independent School District (GISD) Trustee was the keynote speaker for the evening. She said, "The NAACP organization at the national level as well as our local level, strives to help an overall goal with uniformity."

Griffin added that more is needed from everyone is they are to be successful in carrying out the mission of the NAACP.

"A call is being extended to everyone present to join in and lighten the load," said Griffin. "No organization can be effective with just the officers working, or with members just on the roll. This branch is calling for action."

Garland NAACP Chairperson, Gwen Daniels, coordinated the event, which included community awards, a fashion show, silent



NAACP Garland Branch State Farm Insurance Scholarship Recipients

people who could not otherwise help themselves. The mission statement of this Garland branch has been written in order to remain focused on the important issues by all - members and participants - thus accomplishing

for action."

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## Keynote Speaker at 13th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet Encourages Guests to Get Involved with the Community

By: Monica Thornton  
Keynote speaker at the 13th Annual NAACP Garland Branch Banquet was Mrs. Linda Griffin, who said she was humbled to be asked to be the speaker.

Griffin said she grew up in the NAACP, being a youth member in Lakeland, Florida, her hometown. She added that her mother was a charter member in Lakeland, and her aunt served as president.

"The NAACP has been near and dear to my heart for a long time," said Griffin.

Her son, Reuben Griffin, is president of the Youth Council, Garland Branch NAACP, and was elected Vice Chair of Region 6 at the national convention in July of this year. Region 6 covers Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico.

the speech to be more involved. "The response from the audience that night, and comments since has been overwhelming, so my mission was accomplished," Griffin added.



Honorable Linda Griffin, Keynote speaker at the 13th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

Griffin said she is visible in the chambers of Garland, Rowlett and Sachse, all of which are covered by the GISD, and she is visible in all three cities.

She said that as a school trustee she tries hard to attend all programs throughout the district, to ensure she is accessible and visible. Griffin became interested in a position on the school board in 1999 when they were planning the 2000, a project aimed at putting new technology in all the classrooms. Having more than 18 years experience in the corporate world of data processing, programming, and operations, she said she knew she had a lot to bring to the table for the project.

"The project interested me, and as there were no business professionals from the corporate world involved, I thought I could help," Griffin said.

Since 1995 she has run her own management consulting business, which includes bidding for businesses, strategic planning, business planning and recruiting.

## Former Police Chief Bolton says he wants his reputation back Most other Dallas chiefs received pension

By KEVIN J. SHAY  
Dallas Black Press Association  
Former Dallas Police Chief Terrell Bolton, wearing a dark suit rather than his blue uniform, flashed his trademark smile and then laid out his case.

"It's one thing to fire me the way I was fired, but to beat up my name in public and slap me around and spit on me...I just felt like the treatment I received was less than it should be from the city of Dallas. It showed no class," said Bolton, the city's first African American police chief.

before the City Council on Monday. dismissed Mack Vines, who was indicted on perjury charges at the time. Bolton's issues are about lack of confidence and failing to cooperate, according to Benavides.



Former Dallas Police Chief Terrell Bolton speaks for about 20 minutes before the Dallas City Council Monday expressing his frustration over being fired. Photo by Deborah Kellogg/Dallas Black Press Association

Bolton, who was fired Aug. 26 by City Manager Ted Benavides, spoke for about 20 minutes at a hearing

Dallas last fired a police chief in 1990, when the city manager

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## Redistricting Continues to Divide the Parties

The return of eleven Democratic Texas Senators to the state last week moved Governor Rick Perry's plans for congressional redistricting closer to fruition, as a third special session of the Texas legislature began Monday.

Ten of the eleven senators returned to Texas from their hide out in Albuquerque, NM, last week, after Senator John Whitmire, D-Houston, left them to return home. Whitmire's return gave the Republicans enough members of the Texas legislature for a quorum, allowing for a vote to be taken on the redistricting issue.

The ten senators, including Royce West and Rodney Ellis, were said to be disappointed with Whitmire's decision.

"All of them are disappointed with Whitmire's decision, but there are other avenues, that being the courts and the Justice Department,

available to fight this," said Kelvin Bass, Legislative Aide to Sen. Royce West. "Now the ballgame is in the court hearing, but if they don't prevail they will go to the Justice Department."

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst called for redistricting, just two years after the federally approved redrawn lines from the 2000 census. The Republican party has held on despite the eleven Democrats leaving the state to halt voting on the plan.

Bass said the Republicans also suspended the 2/3 rule making it necessary to have two thirds of the senate agreeing to debate in order to bring a bill to the floor.

"This has been a long standing tradition in Texas. They decided to suspend this just for this particular bill, to ensure bi-partisan support," added Bass.

He added that the Republicans are putting minorities in districts to

themselves, and leaving so few in others as to have no effect on the outcome of elections. And the fear is that with the voting rights act up for re-certification in 2006, the Republicans would get rid of pre-clearance in Texas, giving them open season to disenfranchise minorities.

It is because Republicans are drawing districts with too few minorities to have any influence on the outcome of the election, that the Democrats have taken them to court. Bass said there basis is the Georgia v Ashcroft case.

Also of concern is the amount of money the three special sessions have cost the Texas taxpayers.

"These special sessions have cost Texas taxpayers over \$8 million at a time when Texans are being denied much needed health and educational services," said Sen. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen.

## Turning 'Spending Weakness' into \$630B in Economic Power

By: James  
Climpman  
The news keeps coming out every week. Black folks' so-called "spending power" is on the rise, and corporate marketers are devising more ways to take advantage of this "new-found" treasure. The latest news comes from an article in Black Enterprise (BE) magazine, "Black Spending Power Tops \$630 Billion—Advertisers respond to the steadily increasing economic clout of the African American consumer," by Tamara E. Holmes. I call it "Black spending weakness," but let's take an in-depth look at our so-called "spending power."

Way back in 1986, I worked for a Black-owned marketing firm in Chicago, and I remember doing a sales presentation to executives of a certain company that would, if approved, give our firm a contract to promote that company's products. Of course,

we specialized in marketing to the Black consumer. I will never forget the attitude of one of V.P.'s of that company. He was just passing time listening to us, probably just waiting to get back to his desk and file a report that said he had spoken to a Black company, thus, having done his affirmative action thing for the year.

I will also never forget one of the questions he asked, as well as the implication of his question. He came with the preconceived notion that his company had no reason to advertise or spend dollars on a Black consumer marketing campaign, despite the consumption index of his products by Black people being three times the average amount. Why? Well, his question will enlighten you. He asked, no he suggested through his question, that Black people don't read

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## Religious Leader Encourages Others to Work for God at This Year's Holy Convocation

By Sister Tarpley  
The Starlight District Holy Convocation was held last week at the Strong Arms C.O.G.I.C. at 135 Pemberton Hill Road in Dallas, with Elder Cecil Osborne presiding. I want you to know that Elder Osborne electrified the service and everyone that could stand and praise God, for a while there, I thought God was going to carry us up to Heaven and back. Dissin Missionary Usie Holyfield of Zion Temple C.O.G.I.C. spoke on Thursday, Women's Night. And Elder Jeffrey Ross, Pastor of Family Center C.O.G.I.C. Tuesday, September 9, Elder Clifford

Graddock presided over the service, and on Wednesday, September 10, Elder Philip White, Pastor of Love Chapel C.O.G.I.C. with Elder Cecil Osborne



Pastor and Sister Philip White

The Word of God proclaimed for the services was on Thursday, Women's Night. And Elder Jeffrey Ross, Pastor of Family Center C.O.G.I.C. Tuesday, September 9, Elder Clifford

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Garland NAACP President B.J. Williams addresses the crowd at the 13th Annual Freedom Fund



Assistant City Manager Ronald Jones, Sr., Master of Ceremony



Gwen Daniels, Chairperson, Freedom Fund Banquet Committee



(Left to Right) B.J. Williams, Garland NAACP President; Thurman R. Jones, Publisher, MON-The Gazette; Bob Lydia, Dallas NAACP President



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Rodney Harmon, President, Mesquite NAACP



(Left to Right) Garland Fire Department-Mel Balanciere, Adrian Jarrell, and LeWilburne Williams

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auction and scholarship awards to the top African American graduating seniors from each GUSD high school. Assistant City Manager Ronald Jones, Sr., was Master of Ceremony, Reverend Sam E. Holmes gave the invocation, and Mrs. Lee Lutz, press and publicity chair lady NAACP Garland branch gave the occasion.

Daniels said this was the first time in a number of years that they have been able to hold the banquet in Garland, as the city did not have a facility large enough until the opening of the

Atrium at the Arts Center. She said the fashion show was a new twist to the banquet, with fashions from Hatitide and Weddings by Lady.

"I asked the spouses of City of Garland council and city members, and the GUSD administration to model fall and winter hats and bridal wear. We had a wonderful time and were able to showcase two local businesses," said Daniels.

Daniels added that the community awards are given to those who have done a good job to bridge the gap between the races. The scholarship awards, she

said, are given to twelve students, being the top male and female students from each of the six GUSD high schools. Daniels said the two top students receive five hundred dollars, and the remaining ten students receive three hundred dollars each, underwritten by Title Sponsor State Farm Insurance Companies. She said the NAACP is thankful to the supporters of the scholarship fund and to all who supported the banquet this year, which is the annual scholarship fundraiser.

"We are so grateful for the participation we get from the City

of Garland, the school district and the chambers, they really do support us tremendously," Daniels said.

Banquet Corporate Sponsors for 2003 included Western Bank & Trust, Kroger Foods, Kraft Foods, and Bank One.

Community awards were given as follows:

Journalism Award - Mr. Willie T. Hodby, publisher Garland Journal News; Bridge Builder's Award - Richard Abshire, Dallas Morning News Reporter; Community Service Award - Fran Brown, Woodgate Apartments Manager; Gwendolyn Clemmons

- Education Award for over 30 years as an educator; Minority Business Award - Karen Porter and Simella Prowell, co-owners of Psalms Hair Gallery.

NAACP Garland Branch/ State Farm Insurance Scholarship recipients are:

2003 District Scholarship Recipients:

Crystal C. Njoku and Nich E. Okoro, Garland High School;

2003 Campus Scholarship Recipients:

Immaculata Achilike and

Damien Cuffie, Naaman Forest High School;

Kristi Johnson and Robin Ogbonna, South Garland High School;

Pauline Cooper and Keome Rowe, North Garland High School;

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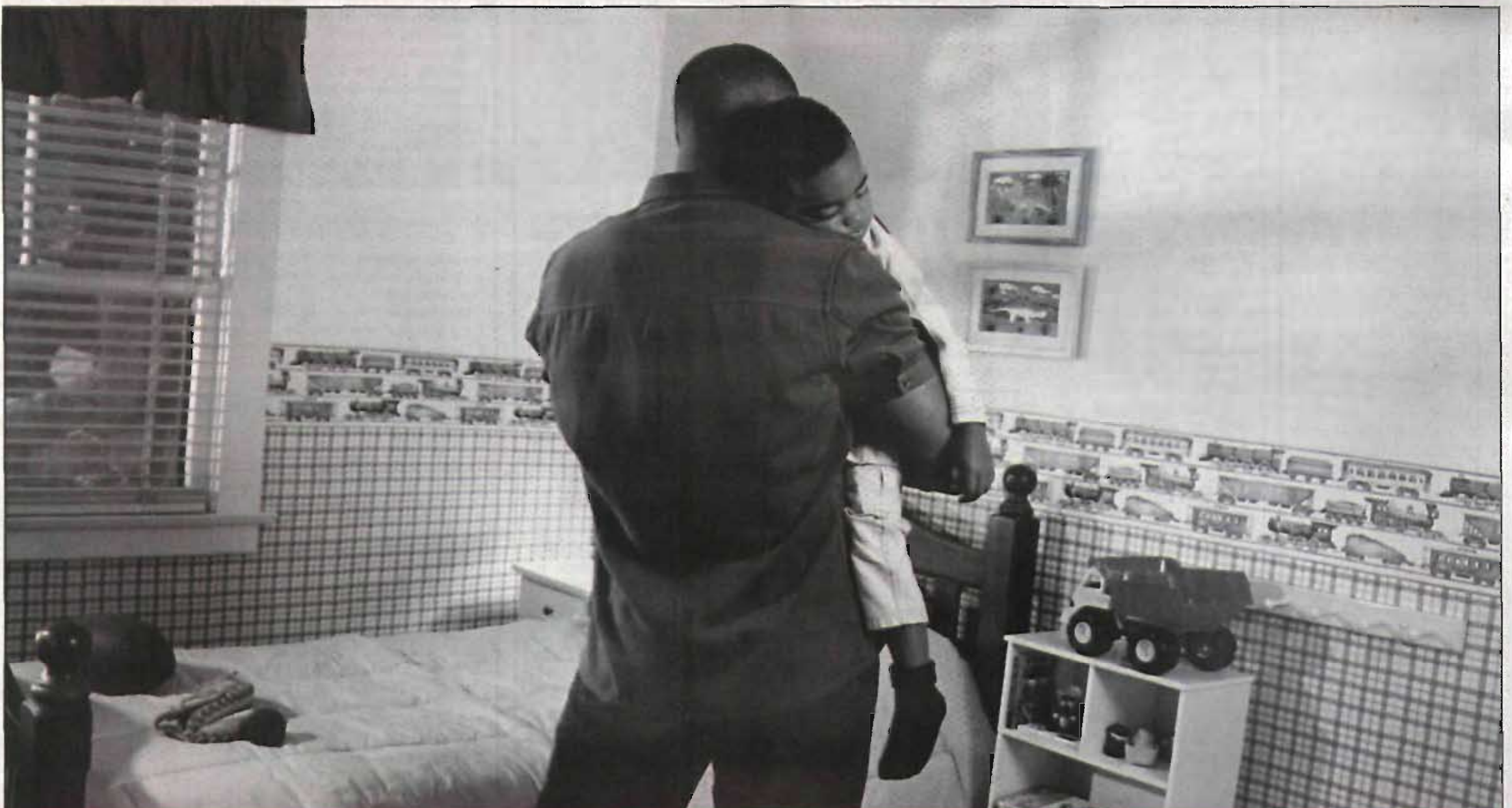
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## America Needs A New Good Neighbor Policy

As the Bush Administration attempts to start its New World order at the doorway of the recalcitrant Middle Eastern nations, it may want to review America's good neighbor philosophy of the 1930's.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke on the Good Neighbor Policy to the people of Latin America shortly after his inaugural address in 1933. He stated that common ideals and a community of interest, together with a spirit of cooperation, have led to the realization that the well being of one Nation depends in large measure upon the well being of its neighbors. He reminded the Latin Americans of his resolve to keep the commitment made in his inaugural address which was to "dedicate this Nation [America] to the policy of the good neighbor-the neighbor who resolutely respects himself and, because he does so, respects the rights of others-the neighbor who respects his obligations and respects the sanctity of his agreements in and with a world of neighbors."

He went on to explain that friendship among Nations, as among individuals, calls for constructive efforts to muster the forces of

humanity in order that an atmosphere of close understanding and cooperation may be cultivated. It involves mutual obligations and responsibilities, for it is only by sympathetic respect for the rights of others and a scrupulous fulfillment of the corresponding obligations by each member of the community that a true fraternity can be maintained.

A viable Good Neighbor Policy did not come easy. It required a series of well planned measures designed to prove that America could be a good neighbor. The net result of these efforts ensured Latin American cooperation during World War II, both to keep strategic raw materials flowing and to deny the Axis any base of operation in Latin America or the United States.

Consider what it meant to the rest of the world when Franklin Roosevelt-at the pinnacle of power-elected to go halfway around the world to meet subordinate leaders instead of summoning them to him. Unlike the current administration, FDR understood that American power had to be coupled with a generous spirit. He insisted that all allies be given their fair share of glory

and that poorer nations sit at the conference table. America showed respect. These actions produced a pro-American world that was significantly open and secure.

By contrast, America today is perceived as an arrogant bully whose tactics are deceit, deception and brute force. In the last few years this new America has withdrawn from five international treaties in a manner so brusque that even seasoned diplomats cringed. It developed a language and diplomatic style calculated to deliberately offend the world. Nowhere has this appearance of diplomatic hypocrisy been more evident than with Iraq.

An editorial in the Washington Times on the President's recent \$87 billion Iraq speech stated, "It is folly to act out of a wish that the past can be undone...the reasons underlying the decision to invade and topple a government pale in significance once the deed is done." This is the kind of arrogance that has America sinking into a hellish quagmire. No sane world leader would casually justify a hideous action with the simple caveat of once the deed is done there is no need to try and right the wrong.



Joe Jaynes

On November 4, Collin County will be seeking voter approval for a \$229 million bond package which will be broken down into three areas: transportation, facilities, and open space. Overall, this is a very detailed plan that was developed by a citizens' committee made up of 125 people from throughout Collin County. They put in many hours of hard work and made the tough decisions in putting together a comprehensive package that will meet the immediate future needs of Collin County without requiring a tax increase. Listed below are the details in each area:

Transportation: \$142 million will be set aside for road and bridge projects. Since Collin County shares the cost of city thoroughfare expansion with the cities involved, this \$142 million will generate approximately \$250 million in total road construction. Some of these projects include:

- the expansion and/or construction of over 40 major roads throughout the county;
- the expansion and/or construction of 12 bridges

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throughout the county; and • \$30 million set aside for initial funding for overpasses and main lanes for SH 121.

Facilities: It is estimated that for Collin County to keep up with population projections a new court will have to be added each year until 2017. The state legislature, even with a \$10 billion shortfall, recognized this need and approved three additional courts for Collin County. However, our district courts are out of space at the courthouse and the same is true for our county courts at law that are at the old hospital in McKinney.

The bond package calls for a 14-courtroom complex to be built near the Detention Facility off Wilmet Road. If approved, district courts will move there and that will leave space at the current courthouse for the county courts at law to expand as they outgrow the old hospital. The courts complex will have a total cost of \$54 million and is projected to handle the county's ever-expanding court needs until 2015.

Along with new courtrooms, a 288-bed addition to the county detention center and a 48-bed addition to the juvenile detention facility are needed as well. Both facilities are operating at or near capacity. These expansions will cost

\$17.7 and \$4.3 million respectively for a total of \$76 million for all three facilities.

Open Space: \$11 million has been set aside to partner with local cities, schools and nonprofits for the preservation of open space and the creation of more parks throughout Collin County. In the 1999 bond package, county voters approved a \$5 million open space fund. With these funds the county parks board was able to generate \$34 million in parks projects throughout the county. This has been a very successful program. Having \$11 million to work with will allow Collin County to be even more aggressive in preserving open space and creating new parks. Open space is one of those things that if we do not take a proactive approach in preserving it now, we will lose it forever.

As we get closer to November, please check either the county website (www.collincountytx.gov) or my website for further updates. Also, if you have any questions please feel free to call or email me at jjaynes@collincountytx.gov.

(County Commissioner Joe Jaynes' website is www.joejaynes.com).

Cheryl Jackson

## The Plain Truth Online Store Provides a One-Stop-Shop

African Christian and inspirational gifts, it gave me not only a unique niche in the market place but also an



Katrina McGhee

opportunity to share my faith with others. The website and catalog are only the first phase of the business. In the

next 30 days, A Nubian World's independent sales and fundraiser programs will launch. Individuals will have the opportunity to earn extra cash or start their own home-based business selling A Nubian World products. Additionally, small organizations will be able to sell African American gifts and holiday décor to raise funds for their organization. "I believe that God never blesses us for our benefit alone. As we build businesses, we must establish programs to help others reach their goals and to help build up our community."

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## Putting The Bolton Controversy To Rest

James W. Breedlove

It is obvious that cooler heads need to prevail in the controversy surrounding the firing of former police chief Terrell Bolton. The public pronouncements of supporters on both sides of the issue recently reported in the media reveals that too much emotionalism and too little facts are being used to develop preconceived notions on how to handle this hot potato. It needs to be quickly put to rest. The city needs to move forward without the specter of this unfinished business lurking in the background.

First and foremost the city council should be involved in any discussion of a settlement, contrary to what some of the council members have stated. Also, they should quickly have the city attorney provide a summary of the how and why of recent personnel settlements made so they won't feel they are breaking new ground. The fainthearted are trying to characterize this as a tough issue. It is not, even though there are significant political and legal facets to overcome. But someone on the council needs to take the high road, do the homework, and be prepared to address objections that are raised by others who are ill informed and less prepared.

**Issue One - City Precedent**  
The primary precedent is the settlement of over six million given to the senior officers that were demoted (not fired) to other positions by Bolton shortly after he became Chief. The rationale given by the city attorney, council and city manager for the settlement was to prevent protracted and costly legal action. They led the public to believe there may have been some impropriety on the part of the Chief in making reassignments without the benefit of legal and supervisory concurrence. After the settlement was paid court documents revealed that both legal and

supervisory approval for the reassignment had been obtained. The Chief was being used as the fall guy to cover the tracks of his superiors.

**Issue Two - Legal Right To Job**  
This non-issue should be quickly put to rest with a solid stipulation, so that everyone is clear, there is no legal right to the job. This issue is only a smoke screen to take up time and deflect focus from the real issues.

**Issue Three - All Other Employee Precedent**

For the benefit of the Elba Garcia and Ed Oakley types it is inappropriate to lump this discussion into an "all other employee" equivalence. Senior executives in both the public and private sectors have always been treated differently than non-executive employees. Dallas is no exception. It is also a well known axiom that things do not always work out with senior executives. While different terms are used to explain what does occur when the senior executive relationship becomes untenable they all equate to the same thing. Golden parachute, severance pay, settlement, and buyout all have the same objective: Resolve the issue quickly and neutralize potential liabilities.

City Manager Ted Benavides and the public safety department head, Charles Daniels, have both provided evidence that senior executives are treated differently. Mr. Benavides said he considered setting specific performance goals for Mr. Bolton but decided against it. He said it is uncommon in government to put high-ranking executives on a performance contract. Mr. Daniels in February 2002 wrote in a performance evaluation of the chief that he met or exceeded objectives on all tasks, including reduction of crime, leadership and innovation and performed the duties of police chief with dignity and determination. This

alone says there was the potential for confusing the chief about his job priorities.

**Issue Four - Emotional Tirades**

For the benefit of the Bill Blaydes types the message should be to calm down. The council is supposed to be a deliberative body looking out for the best interests of the city based on the relevant facts. The public has been witness to tirades and emotional outbursts between members of the council and if this were the governing criterion no council work would ever be done. To even suggest that a decision on the Bolton issue is predicated on something that Bolton said while in a state of emotional distress is self serving and disingenuous.

**Issue Five - Fairness**

For the benefit of the Don Hill types this is not a fairness issue. It is not a "Black" issue. It is an issue of doing what is right and following precedent on what has been done over the years and is still being done in matters involving public and private sector senior executives.

**Issue Six - Bottom Line**

There is always a dollar number that makes the matter disappear. The mayor and council should stop using the media to quibble over non-relevant minutiae that only serves to muddy the waters. Mr. Hill, if indeed you are the strongest Bolton ally on the council, you are doing a disservice to this issue by making public statements that end with "no specific proposal" and "I can't carry that water." As a leader in the Black Community and a member of the council it is your duty to develop specific proposals for settlement then get in the back room and hammer out a mutually acceptable number. You must be aware that no other member of the council is going to take the initiative to do this.

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

## Sister Tarpley to Speak at Women in Leadership Program

MON-The Gazette's Religious Marketing Editor, Sister Shirley Tarpley, is the special guest speaker at a women's day program called "Women in Leadership," at Trinity Prayer Chapel in McKinney, Sunday September 21, 2003.

Tarpley said the pastor of the church, Dr. Reynolds Wood, called her and asked her to be the guest speaker.

"He called me and said he had been enjoying my articles, and said he would like to meet with me," said Tarpley.

Reynolds said he reads Tarpley's articles every week in MON-The Gazette, as the paper is distributed to his place of work, The North Texas Job Corps, where he is a residential advisor.

"I do my best to keep up with what's going on in the community, including the spiritual community, and enjoy Sister Tarpley's articles," said Reynolds.

He said he decided to have the "Women in Leadership" program because as he looks at this generation he sees that women need to be encouraged to come out of themselves and be active in ministry, whether it's as a pastor or as a lay-worshipper.

"There is a scripture that says 'I

can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Is this a scripture just for men or for women also?" Reynolds added.

Reynolds said when the scriptures speak of women being silent in the church it refers to



order of speaking in the church, not being silent to hide the wisdom and talents God has given women.

"We need to give respect to women for their talents," he said. "I wouldn't want somebody to look down on my mother, so why would I want myself or others to look down on other women?"

Reynolds continued that he was encouraged to do the program by observing how young men treat women and women's acceptance of it. He said boys now think that women are sex machines to be used, and because of that some women have accepted this, "And this is not right. I want to encourage young women to come out of themselves, and know that they are not sex machines or baby machines."

Tarpley said she is humbled that from reading her articles, Reynolds sensed that she respects God and loves mankind, adding that this serves to make her strive to be even more like God. "Because so often people read your life by looking at you, rather than by what you say."

She said she will talk about her belief that women play a vital role, not only in the household, but the community, and will address issues of the respect, or lack of, that women receive.

"Women in Leadership" will be held at Trinity Prayer Chapel, 460 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas, at 6:00 p.m. For more information call: 214-544-1886, or visit www.trinityprayerchapel.com.



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**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 Ammie Wilson, a colorful local resident. Guided tours available.

**General Information**

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.

**Through - 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.

**Through October 18**

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 curators 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.

**September 20**

SPCA of Texas presents Dash for theDogs 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 22**

**Mckinney Storytelling Guild** presents, "Kid's Stories," at 7:00 p.m. in the historic Foote Chapel of Chestnut Square Historical Park located on the SW corner of McDonald St. (Hwy 5) and Anthony Street. No admission fee, donations accepted. For more information call Adah Leah Wolf at 972.548.7186 or email [eflat@attbi.com](mailto:eflat@attbi.com).

**September 24**

**Email on the Web Using Hotmail**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Introduction to the Internet class is a prerequisite. Registration is required for all classes: call 972.316.6224.

**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.

The City of Plano's Children's Environmental Discovery Gardens opens, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., in a free public gala celebration, 4100 West Plano Parkway. Children can crawl through an imitation worm burrow, make a birdfeeder from a traffic signal light, make and eat a dirt sundae, plant a red, white and blue liberty garden and much more. Scarecrow Building Contest at 9:15 a.m. Register to be on a contest team, or for Plano's "Kids in the Garden" after-school gardening program for 3rd-5th graders. Contact Heather Merchant: 972.769.4111.

**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.

**Asthma Network of Plano** meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Medical Center of Plano, 3901 W. 15th St. Call 972.519.1475.

**DivorceCare** meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972.783.8800.

**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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anyway, so why should he do more advertising and marketing. He also implied that since Black people already spend large sums of their money on his products and continue to be the loyal consumers they are, it would make no sense for him to spend money for something he is already getting free.

And you know what? He was absolutely right. I was mad, but he was right. I got no contract, and he continued to get millions of dollars in sales from Black consumers.

According to the article in BE, "Black people's spending represents the margin of profitability for a number of consumer products. African Americans have the capacity to use their spending power to influence corporate decisions on employment, investment, and purchasing practices that would benefit the Black community, including Black businesses." Oh really? Then why aren't we using that power?

The article goes on to say, "More than \$1.5 billion is being spent on advertising targeting African-Americans by national advertisers," says Ken Smikle, president of Chicago-based research and information company Target Market News. "Marketers are getting more and more intelligent every day." Did it take them 20 years to gain such knowledge about their Black consumers? And, when you compare a measly \$1.5 billion to Blacks' \$630 billion (and even more by some reports) you have to like the return on their investment.

Another interesting point made by Smikle is, "One of the indicators of how well we're doing and how important that growth is to African Americans can be seen in the increase of dollars contributed to political organizations, political parties, and political candidates." My question: "What about the lack of dollars going into Black business development, entrepreneurship, and other economic empowering activities?"

Smikle also points to Russell Simmons' threatened PepsiCo Inc. boycott as proof of how seriously companies take the importance of Black spending power and political and economic clout. The boycott was averted after PepsiCo agreed to donate millions to youth organizations around the United States. Questions: How many millions? Donations to what

organizations? Has anyone followed up to see if those donations have been made yet?

My final question: What are Black people getting for our \$600-\$700 billion in "spending power?" First of all, the only way we can have real power is to use it. Otherwise, words like "potential," "latent" and "dormant" will continue to dominate when it comes to African-Americans and our so-called power. How do you know you have power if you don't do something that exhibits that power? I strongly contend that "Black spending power" is a misnomer, an oxymoron. How can we be a powerful people simply by spending? As the BE article implies, our power lies in the act of not spending.


Amos Wilson, in his book, "Blueprint for Black Power," cites the words of Thomas R. Dye, "Power and Society." "Economic power is the power to decide what will be produced, how much it will cost, how many people will be employed (and laid off) what their wages will be, what the price of goods and services will be, what profits will be made, how these profits will be distributed, and how fast the economy will grow."

Brother Wilson adds, "In capitalistic America the foundation of economic power is private property whose ownership not only refers to real estate but also to the ownership of 'the means of production,' of accumulated capital, wealth, [and] surplus production."

How can we have power by spending our money?

Black spending "power"? I don't think so. But we could change things by spending more of our money among our own businesses, building them up, creating new jobs and controlling a larger piece of the overall economy. Power is only power for those who use it. Everybody else is using our so-called spending power, brothers and sisters. So, in order to prove we have power, we have to use that power to empower ourselves.

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## Chuck D to Lecture at UTA Hip Hop in the Digital Divide

Leader and co-founder of the legendary rap group, Public Enemy, Chuck D will be lecturing at the University of Texas at Arlington on Thursday, September 25 at the Bluebonnet Ballroom, E.H. Hereford University Center, 300 West 1st Street, Arlington, TX. The critical and commercial success of Public Enemy opened doors for Chuck to deliver his message through a number of different mediums, extending his reach to all segments of the population. Among his many accolades, the most



prestigious include The New York Times naming Public Enemy one of the most influential groups in hip hop. Tickets are available at MAV Express Office. Call 817-272-2645. Prices do not include taxes and processing fees.

The views and opinions expressed at this event do not necessarily reflect those of EX.C.E.L. Campus Activities or UTA. For more information, or for reasonable accommodation, please call 817-272-2963.

Chuck D., "one of the most politically and socially conscious artists of any generation..." \_Spike Lee

## Talent Search Moves To Pleasant Grove

Mesquite, TX -- Eastfield College's Talent Search Program is already serving eligible students in Pleasant Grove. However, now the students will have a place to go to in their own community.

On September 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Talent Search Program will host at their new location an open house for members of the Dallas City Council, the Southeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce, DISD and other Southeast Dallas dignitaries and guests. Renovations at the new location were completed over the summer and will now house computers for student use and offer GED classes.

The U.S. Department of Education funded the five-year grant, which will give Eastfield the financial resources to identify and assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. After the five-year term, Eastfield must re-apply for the endowment.

The program provides academic, career and financial counseling to middle and high school participants. Its goal is to encourage a higher number of high school graduates to pursue post-secondary education. Both enrolled students and high school dropouts will benefit from the program. Dropouts are encouraged to re-enter the education system to complete their instruction.

"We will work with three middle schools: [E.B.] Comstock, [John B.] Hood, and [Fred F.] Florence," said Felix A. Zamora, vice president of student and institutional development. "We will also work with three high schools: Skyline, [W.W.] Samuel, and [H. Grady] Spruce."

Middle and high school students are currently being recruited for the program as well as adults ages 19-27.

The Southeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Family Outreach Center of East Dallas, Southwest Behavioral Systems, Inc. and DISD District I Superintendent Ed Baca are also listed as community partners.

Zamora said the grant funding is a major coup for the college.

"More than 2,000 institutions of higher education apply for Talent Search programs each year. New projects are rare because the funding criteria gives extra points for successful on-going programs."

Programs receiving high scores based on the funding criteria are considered for five-year grants. The total number of possible points is 100; Eastfield earned the top mark.

Enemy's music to their list of the "25 Most Significant Albums of the Last Century".

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The need for a Talent Search project in Pleasant Grove is well documented. According to the 1990 Census, 92 percent of Pleasant Grove residents ages 18 and older do not hold baccalaureate degrees. In the targeted area live 9,024 families with 2,965 (32 percent) living below 150 percent of the poverty level. The percentage of low-income families within all targeted census tracts exceeds that of the city, the county and the nation, but even higher concentrations of low-income families reside in several census tracts. Only 5.5 percent of the

adults ages 18 or older who reside in Pleasant Grove have earned a baccalaureate degree. The percentage of Pleasant Grove adults who lack a high school diploma is 39 percent. Only 22 percent of students from this area ever enroll in college. Fewer graduate. Economic and social conditions reflect a vicious circle of poverty that can be addressed by a Talent Search project.

The Talent Search Program is housed at 426 South Buckner Blvd., Dallas, TX 75217. For more information, please contact Talent Search Grant Manager Joe Cuevas at 972-860-7896.

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## Toni Parks' Songs for My Father to be on Display in Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex

Dallas -- The incredible exhibition "Songs for My Father" will open at the Irving Arts Center beginning October 4, 2003. All of the photos are by Toni Parks, an internationally acclaimed photographer. She has exhibited her works at various institutions in Europe and the United States. A tribute to her father Gordon Parks, "Songs for My Father" will be on display at the Irving Arts Center through January 2004. Don't miss viewing her exhibition.

Her keen eye spots the beauty, the feeling and warmth with thrilling interest she snaps the photo. Whether its dance in motion, serious statements on the environment, beautiful landscapes, passion in movement and even fashion, her photography is one of a kind, as if a fingerprint, a work of sharp precision. When one views her pictures it is as if one witnesses a kind visual that only she can put to photography, because she is so precise.

Toni has received critical acclaim for her works as a photographer. Her father, Gordon Parks was her worst critic for many years. Gordon at one time believed that she was going to disappoint him, because what he thought she should do was not the same way she felt. She surprised him one

day, after coming home leaving her photos on the table. She had not revealed to him that she loved taking pictures. She had begun taking pictures in their New York neighborhood and had secretly been doing so to avoid his explicit criticisms. Though she's an



accomplished musician and composer, photography is what excited her. When Gordon saw the pictures he knew that she found what satisfied her most, photography.

Toni exhibited her collections at the Look Gallery, the Tony Green Gallery in London, England, at Columbia University, the Martin Luther King Gallery and at the Dallas Museum Of Art, in "Portfolio Masters" which set a precedent for Toni to exhibit her works with Gordon and her brother,

another talented artist, David Parks, and others. Toni was a Guest Lecturer in 1999 for Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation For The Arts, Inc. and she gave a strikingly beautiful presentation to the youngsters of the RC Hickman Young Photographers Workshop, the contestants of the Gordon Parks Young Photographers Competition and interested aspirants. Her photos have appeared in USIA, Life Magazine, Stagebill and American Visions among a number of other publications.

It is with great pride that her works are on display in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex at the Irving Arts Center beginning October 4th. For more information you can contact Marcie Inman at her email address minman@ci.irving.tx.us or call 972-252-7558 ext.225, or call 972-572-3525. Toni will be arriving from London, England, in November from her extensive travels. A reception will be held for the artist at the Irving Arts Center on Saturday November 15, 2003 at 3pm. This program presentation is brought to you by Artist & Elaine Thornton Foundation for The Arts and the Irving Arts Center.

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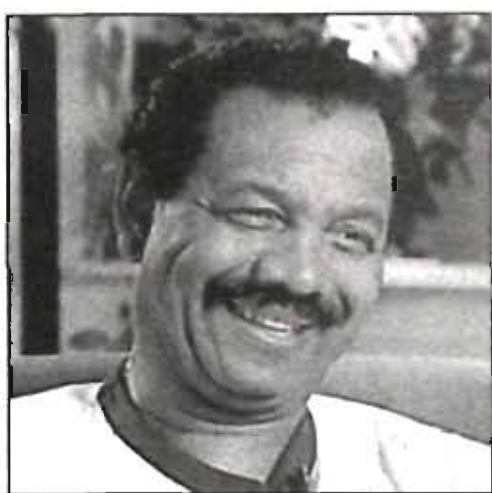
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## The Legend "Tyrone Davis" Performs Blues Bash 2003



Born in Greenville, Mississippi, on May 4, 1938, Tyrone Davis was 14 when he moved to Michigan. By age 19 he had settled in Chicago where he came of age in the music business and his 30 year recording career flourished. His early mentors included Bobby "Blue" Bland and Little Milton. He

quickly fell into the music scene in the Windy City when he befriended guitarists Freddie King, Otis Rush and Mighty Joe Young and soul singer Otis Clay as he began to cut his musical teeth in the small clubs on the West and South Side of Chicago. He started recording in the late 60's and his big break came about almost by accident when a Texas disc jockey started playing the flip side to one of his first singles that wasn't going anywhere. That

song was "Can I Change My Mind?" and it went on to hit the top of the Billboard charts crossing over from the R&B to the pop charts and becoming a million copy seller. He never looked back and has had a phenomenal run of chart topping hits over the past several decades including "Turn Back the Hands of Time," "Turning Pointe," and the 1970's disco era hit "Give It Up (Turn It Loose)." Tyrone Davis, with his chic

and classic soul styling, is always backed by a very professional, tight and funky band and continues to thrill every crowd he plays for. In 1998 Davis was awarded the prestigious R&B Foundation's

Pioneer Award for his lifetime of work and remains, along with a handful of other classic soul singers, a vital force on the recording and touring circuit. And the women still love him.

## A Part of Persia in Plano

By: Monica Thornton

A reception was held recently at the Art Centre of Plano for the exhibit "Breezes from the Garden of Persia."

The Art Centre is the last venue for the exhibit, which has been on a three year tour across the United States. The exhibit is underwritten by ExxonMobil, and has been seen in Florida, the Meridian in Washington D.C., New York, and Atlanta. Arleen Lawson with ExxonMobil, said it was wonderful to have the exhibit in Plano.

"It's a great community investment for us and the city. We have worked with the Art Centre before and have had a successful relationship with them," said Lawson.

Steve Stovall, Plano Mayor Pro-Tem, said the art is extraordinary, with the artists bringing a new and different perspective to Plano. He added that he had spoken with

local Persian artists at the reception, saying, "We are so lucky in our city that we have such a diversity of

Behbahani, said it is a great experience to have her art in another country, adding that her work has been exhibited in Europe and Asia.

Talking about her work she said, "In general, the human being and his environment is important to me. I ask myself before I paint about the meaning of life, love, relationships and death. Two years ago I lost my father, and it was shocking. The painting I have exhibited here is the first I painted after his death."

Behbahani said her work is also on exhibit at the Contemporary Art Museum of Iran, and she has a studio in Tehran.

Persian artist, Mostafa Darehbaghi, was accompanied by his wife, Shahla. He uses abstract to express real subjects, often using animals to represent people. He said he is very experienced in water color, creating more color as he goes,



Artist Mostafa Darehbaghi and his wife Shahla Darehbaghi, and artist Bahar Behbahani



Cliff Redd, Executive Director Art Centre of Plano; Nancy Matthews, curator; Arleen Lawson, ExxonMobil; Steve Stovall, Plano Mayor Pro-Tem; Jamal H.A.M., Persian community representative; Dr. Michael Carufo, Board President Art Centre of Plano



Plano Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Stovall presents the City Proclamation to Persian artist Bahar Behbahani

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# Texas NAACP Opposes Current Redistricting Efforts

The Texas NAACP strongly opposes the current redistricting efforts in Texas. It is our opinion that the current process amounts to an assault on Voting Rights—particularly of racial and ethnic minorities.

**Does the race of the incumbent matter?**

No, the courts have indicated that it is whoever the preferred candidate of the voters is that matters. If the minority community in a protected district prefer an Anglo candidate, such as Gene Green, then the district is still protected. A number of cases discuss these such as LULAC v. Texas, 999 F.2d 831 (5th Cir. 1993), NAACP v. City of Niagara Falls, 65 F.3d 1002, 1016 (2d Cir. 1995); and Ruiz v. City of Santa Monica, 160 F.3d 543 (9th Cir. 1998). And of course there is no way of giving sense to the Ashcroft opinion unless this is indeed the law.

Are districts other than majority-minority voting age population districts protected?

Yes, the United States Supreme Court has answered this question in Georgia v.

Ashcroft. In that opinion the court squarely held that impact districts were protected. Those are districts where the minority community coalesces with other groups and elect candidates who support their interests.

**Are there both majority-minority and influence districts in Texas that are protected?**

Yes there are both. For example, in regards to African-Americans there are two majority districts that would qualify and there are seven majority Hispanic districts (although one has an Anglo who was elected and another has an office holder who does not vote consistent with the desires of the Hispanic constituents). There are seven other Congresspersons who support minority issues and who garner a majority of minority support in their districts. As the court said in Ashcroft, it is the total map that matters.

Are all Democratic seats therefore protected seats?

No, particularly the seat of Ralph Hall in East Texas would not be protected because he typically receives a failing grade on the National NAACP Report

Card.

**What about when the minority community is small in number?**

Some of the protected districts in Ashcroft were only approximately 1/4 minority. And in Texas we have another unique law from the 5th Circuit, and that is if African-Americans and Hispanics generally vote together in an area and the communities have similar concerns, then they can be joined together to comprise a minority under the Voting Rights Act.

**Do we have concerns about what is motivating this redistricting action?**

Yes, as Congressman Tom Delay is reportedly behind it. As a Representative in Texas Delay voted against the interests of the minority community on such important votes as whether to outlaw employment discrimination in Texas. And since he has been in Congress, he has repeated this vote on the national level and opposed affirmative action and other important issues while receiving failing grades on the National NAACP Report Card.

Gary L. Bledsoe, President

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should have been notified [beforehand]. We weren't even told."

Fantroy added that he didn't want to see a lawsuit and that Bolton deserved "some kind of compensation."

Council member Donald Hill, who has attempted to reach a settlement possibly involving a better pension payment for Bolton, said he didn't think the former chief was necessarily asking for more money, as some other council members said.

"I think he was saying more that he wanted his reputation back," Hill said.

Bolton was hired by the Dallas police in 1980 and was promoted to sergeant over the communications division by 1984. He became a deputy chief in 1988 and an assistant chief in 1991.

Bolton earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Jackson State University and also graduated from the FBI Academy.

With 23 years in the department, Bolton would already qualify for a pension of about \$60,000.

That's about the same amount as former acting Chief Sam Gonzales, a 27-year veteran, is drawing. Bolton was making \$140,800 when he was fired.

Bolton already has received vacation and sick leave pay.

The amount of city pension an employee receives is consistent between departments whether he or she is fired or resigns, said city spokesman Dave Simmons. "It all depends on how long they've been employed with the city," he said.

Police chiefs can qualify for an additional supplemental pension of 2 percent of their average salary per year of service through the Dallas Police and Fire Pension Fund. They have to have at least five years of service and can receive it at the age of 50. The amount is reduced if they begin drawing it before age 50.

The average tenure for big-city chiefs across the country is about three years. Among Dallas' last five permanent chiefs, that average has been slightly higher at four years.

"It's a political appointment," said Jennifer Boyter, spokeswoman for the Alexandria, Va.-based International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"In small towns, police chiefs tend to stay for longer. But in big cities, new mayors tend to want to bring in their own chiefs."

Long careers like former Fort Worth Chief Thomas Windham's 14-year tenure are uncommon, she said.

"I haven't heard of many tenures of police chiefs lasting longer than 10 years," Boyter said.

Bolton's attorney, Bob Hinton, hinted at legal action and called the termination illegal under the charter, saying that the city manager could only demote the police chief, not fire him.

Hinton asked for an independent arbitrator to review the firing, as well as an official response from Dallas City Attorney Madeleine Johnson within 10 days.

Johnson told reporters after Monday's hearing that Benavides did have the right to fire Bolton



Hundreds of spectators, some wearing T-shirts that said 'Reinstate Bolton,' pack the Dallas City Council chambers Monday as Terrell Bolton, the first African American police chief, states his opposition to being fired. Photo by Deborah Kellogg/Dallas Black Press Association

under the charter.

For the last several council sessions, members of the African American community, being lead by local ministers, have jammed council sessions to show their support for Bolton.

Monday was no different. This time, Bolton's immediate family, came with him.

"It was important for us to be here to support my dad," said his son, Terrell Bolton Jr., 23, a recent graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. "We don't listen to what a lot of people are saying about him."

Bolton signaled son Mayor Laura Miller, Benavides and most every council member. One by one, he reminded them of what he had done for them as chief, such as backing Benavides when Miller and some council members wanted to fire him.

"I just couldn't figure out why I was being perceived as the enemy. I was whisked out the back door," he said.

At another point, Bolton said he wanted to live in Dallas and remain friendly with the city. "But when I'm spit upon, I will fight back," he said.

Miller and most council members said they did not support allocating additional money to Bolton. "Hopefully, this has now wrapped up," Miller said.

But that's not the case for numerous African-American religious and community leaders. About 30 of Bolton's supporters wore T-shirts that read

"Reinstate Chief Bolton" on the front and "Recall Mayor Miller" on the back.

Marvin Crenshaw and Roy Williams, plaintiffs in the lawsuit that changed the Dallas council system in 1991, circulated petitions to recall Miller.

The campaign needs some 73,000 signatures in the next two months, said Crenshaw. "We have 25 to 30 volunteers helping us," he said. "We've put them at places like bingo parlors, such as Bingo Bills on Loop 12."

But a coalition of African-American ministers is planning to begin a separate petition drive to recall Miller next week.

"I don't know that we can combine the two," said Rev. S.C. Nash, president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and pastor of Mount Tabor Baptist Church in Oak Cliff. "This is one initiated by our churches and community organizations. We will do this right."

Leaders of the two recall campaigns are united in the notion that Miller was the

driving force behind Bolton's ouster. Miller, who was elected in May to a four-year term, has denied that charge.

The evidence against her includes a Nov. 2001 voice message left with Dallas Police Association President Glenn White in which Miller says "part of my vision for Dallas is to get a new chief and to... get [White's] salary up."

Rev. M.L. Curry, pastor of New St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, said he supported Bolton "100 percent."

"It's up to the council to make it right," he said. "Chief Bolton can't get a job after this."

Council member Leo Chaney Jr. said Bolton's presentation was "outstanding," but he didn't know how that translated among the majority of his colleagues.

"It will take all of us to come together to solve this," Chaney said.

Fantroy noted that before the recent vote to put former council member Al Lipscomb on the Police Review Board, the support for that was not readily apparent.

Rev. Marvin Holleman, a Dallas resident and pastor of Pleasant Hills

Baptist Church in Teague, said he didn't hear anything from Miller or other council members to change his opinion.

"It was a political act," Holleman said. "Dallas just didn't like the idea of having [Bolton] in that position...The city took a 30-foot leap backwards."

The meeting concluded without formal comments by Miller, Benavides and other officials. Immediately after firing Bolton, Benavides did not give any reasons. But about a week later, he released a letter listing 20 reasons for the termination.

Those included Bolton's refusal to meet with Miller to discuss what the department was doing about crime after a report placed the city first in the country for crime, his demotion of nine top assistants who later sued the city in a case costing \$5.5 million, a dispute with the FBI over allocation of resources and the department's fake-drug scandal.

Bolton addressed most of those points before the council. For instance, he said the meetings with Miller would have violated the city charter since he was supposed to only report to Benavides. "I have studied the city charter thoroughly and know more about what it says than most," Bolton said.

Hinton said none of Benavides' reasons for firing Bolton were included in his performance evaluations since 1995. "He has never been given a grade short of exceeding expectations," Hinton said of Bolton.

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I thank God for my pastor and wife, Sister Elizabeth White, for their many years of loving and caring for the congregations that God have given them over the years. Elder and Sister White have been married for 56 years and God has blessed them with wisdom and knowledge. At Love Chapel, we have benefited many times over from their knowledge and wisdom. My prayers are that God continues to richly bless them with long and healthy lives. Enjoy!

### BUILDING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS

St. John 17:23-26  
by: Elder Philip White  
Good relationships today are hard to find, because good relationships are something you have to work at. There are not many people that will say, "I will stick it out through thick and thin." There are plenty of people that prepare for "the wedding" but few

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people prepare for "the marriage." Let me remind you, everything is not going to be like you want it; it's not going as you think it will, but if you will work at the relationship, you can make it.

Three Ways to Value Something:  
1. Know the value of the relationship that you are going into, count up the cost. If you don't know the value, you will not treat it with the importance it deserves.

You can easily tell how people value something by the way they take care of it, if you value



Elder Philip White

something, you will take care of it. Do they value the other person's time, his/her feelings, and the word of the person? Do they have patience with him/her? Do they put effort into the relationship? Do they have confidence in him/her? When you "do the right thing" confidence will come into the relationship. It's the little things that add up in a relationship. With the little things, you will either build up the relationship or tear it down. You have to ask yourself, "What's up with some relationships?"

2. Put some energy in what you value. Some folks like what is brought into a relationship, but they don't like taking care of what is brought into it. Do special things for the relationship. If you value the relationship you will spend time and money making it work.

3. Sacrifice for the relationship. Don't call sacrificing for a relationship a burden, because sacrificing is not building a wall.

By love you serve one another. Don't make it a habit of using other people. Whatever you do in word or deed, do it all to the glory of God.

Many times it's hard to face reality—but you have to face reality in relationships. In times like these, some people don't want to take anything off of others.

People need to learn how to communicate with each other. They need to learn to tell someone how they appreciate him/her.

There are a lot of little things you can do to build a relationship—it's not the big things. Think about it.

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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 - THE COLONY

September 20, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Church Picnic & Family Day  
September 23 - 26, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
3rd Annual Women of Worship Choir Workshop  
\$10-Donation  
September 28, 6:00 pm  
3rd Annual Women of Worship Choir Musical  
For more information, email fbcwow@hotmail.com.

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

### FRIENDLY WAYSIDE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

September 22 - 25, 2003, 7:30 pm nightly  
Greenville South District Holy Convocation, convening September 22, 2003 at Greater Davis Chapel C.O.G.I.C., Inc., 821 E. Miller Road, Garland, Texas, Elder Tommy L. Chalk, Sr. is the Pastor. The District Musical will be Sunday, September 21, 2003, 3:30 pm @ Greater Davis.  
For more information, call 972-463-5499 or 972-864-1047

Friendly Wayside Church of God in Christ  
Supt. Aaron Waldon, Pastor  
3509 Dennis Street  
Rowlett, TX 75088  
972-463-5499

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For more information on times & room, call 972-644-2335

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1013 S. Greenville Avenue  
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October 25, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
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For more information, call 972-235-4633, #7

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church  
Rev. Derrick Wright, Pastor  
11881 Schroeder Road  
Dallas, TX 75243  
972-236-4633

### HILL CHAPEL CME CHURCH

September 21, 11:00 am  
Friends & Family Day - Wear your preferred ethnic attire!

September 28, 6:00 pm  
Celebration Sunday  
For more information contact Nellie McGuire, General Chairperson, 972-596-2667 or the church at 972-423-4090.

Hill Chapel CME Church  
Rev. James E. Larry, Pastor  
1113 I Avenue  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-423-4090

### 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  
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972.542.6178  
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stmarkmissionary@aol.com

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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.  
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Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service  
Thursday 7PM Mass Choir

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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  
Youth Bible Study .....Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM

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## Holy Convocation Page 1

Convocation with the Word of God Proclaimed on Friday night was Supt. Wells, Elder Leonard Hills.

According to guests attending Tuesday night's service, Elder Marshall Holyfield, President of the Evangelist Men Department, called



Deacon Charles E. Braggs and Elder Wallace Holyfield, show off their winning trophy at the Starlight District Holy Convocation

"Sons of Thunder" and Missionary Gracie Rollins, President of Evangelist Women Department,

called "Thunderetts" truly ministered to the people, prior to Elder Ross Tabernacle COGIC.

Other District Churches participating were Elder Wallace Holyfield, Pastor of Zion Temple COGIC; Elder Columbus Hopkins, Pastor of Greater New Zion COGIC; Elder Leonard Hill, Pastor of First Evangelist COGIC; and Elder Cecil Osborne, Pastor of Lively Stone COGIC. Fellowship Churches were Elder Freddy Cyrus, Pastor of True Holiness COGIC and Elder Clifford Craddock, Pastor of Rejoicing



Saxophonist Jacob Abbott entertains the congregation

2003 theme of the Convocation. He said, "Backpacking, carrying, holding up and encouraging one another is what we should do as Christians." He encouraged each of us to call, write, or even go by to see someone

who is discouraged and invite them to the services for the Word of God. Supt. Wells also encourages Saints to work in the church for God and encourages them to be creative in their work. He also says how thankful he is that God gave an idea to Elder Ross, District Sunday School President to have a Holy and friendly competition for raising money for the Sunday School Department. A trophy is given to the District Church



Elder and Sister Nathiel Well

## Church Happenings Page 9

### KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

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  
3227 Keller Springs Road  
Carrollton, TX 75006  
972-735-8077

### MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

### MORSE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

October 6-10, 7:00 pm  
Annual Fall Revival (October 8 is college night)  
For more information, call 940-320-5364.

Morse Street Baptist Church  
Rev. A. R. Stokes, Pastor  
921 Morse Street

Denton, TX 76205  
940-320-5364

### 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!

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

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.

Mr. Olive Church of Plano  
Rev. Sam Fencero, Pastor  
740 Avenue F  
Plano, TX 75075  
972-633-5511

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Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor  
302 Centennial Blvd.  
Richardson TX 75081-5057  
972-437-3493

### SAINT MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

September 21 - 28, 11:00 am & 3:30 pm  
Pastor's 9th Anniversary  
For more information, call 972-542-6178

Saint Mark Baptist Church  
Charles S. Wattle, Senior Pastor  
1308 Wilcox Street  
McKinney, TX 75069  
972-542-6178

### SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
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 972-712-7667

September 20, 11:30 am  
Prison Ministry Trip. For more information, contact Peggy Piggins, 972-596-2739 or Ruth Richardson, 972-985-1184.

September 24, every Wednesday, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
The Young Adult Ministry (YAMS) will start tutoring sessions for school year 2003-2004

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

### STRONG ARMS C.O.G.I.C.

September 19, tomorrow  
night at 7:00 pm  
Women of The Bible, can you guess who they are? Baskets give-a-way, prizes, fun & learning. Special guest speaker will be Edythe A. Thomas of Heaven 97, KHVN.  
Bring the whole family!

Strong Arms C.O.G.I.C.  
Supt. Nathiel Wells, Pastor  
135 Pemberton Hill Road  
Dallas, TX 75217  
214-398-4166

### TRINITY PRAYER CHAPEL

September 21, 6:00 pm  
First Annual Women's Program - "Women in Leadership"  
Special Guest Speaker- Sister Tarpley, Religious Editor, MON-The Gazette  
For more information, call 214-544-1886.

Trinity Prayer Chapel  
Dr. Reynolds Wood, Pastor  
406 N. Tennessee  
McKinney, TX 75069  
469-450-7137

### WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 28, 4:00 pm  
Women's Day Program- "Women Enduring Adversity"  
For more information, call 972-221-5668.

Westside Baptist Church  
Rev. Kenneth W. Blake, Pastor  
802 Bellaire Blvd.  
Lewisville, TX 75067  
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### Hill Chapel

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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.



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Sunday Morning Bible School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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