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On the Homefront:

Parks and Recreation Department and Park Board are requesting input from citizens in naming three parks that are to be developed at a Public Input Meeting, October 2, 2003 at the McKinney Senior Recreation Center, 1400 South College Street. 5:30 p.m. for Gateway Park site; 6 p.m. for Berkshire West Park site; and 6:30 p.m. for High Pointe Park site. If have any questions, please contact 972-547-7480.

The Stephanie Ward Gallery will host a series of seminars, through November. Topics include: understanding cubism; Art appreciation 101; Collecting 101; Framing and preserving your art work; The scoop on art appraisal; The philosophy of modern art; and other topics. Call for more details 214 752-5588. 2546 Elm St. Dallas, TX 75226 Sponsorship opportunities available.

Teen Graffiti magazine is recruiting members for all three Teen Advisory Councils: South Dallas, Garland/Richardson and Grand Prairie. Ages grades 7 - 12, diverse backgrounds. Interested teens must submit an application, available at middle high school and high school librarians, and online at www.teengraffiti.com. Or call Sharon Jones-Scaife at 972-496-9457.

October 10
Friday October 10, at the Plano Convention Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway @ Jupiter Rd. - 2003 NPC Heart of Texas Bodybuilding and Fitness/Figure Championships and Martial Arts Festival and Health Fair Extravaganza. Health care professionals, food court, and lots of entertainment, including IFBB Bodybuilding Pro Vickie Gates. Call 972.247.1539, or visit: www.optimumfitness.com

Plano Repertory Theatre presents "Chicago", October 16 through November 9, at the ArtCentre Theatre, downtown Plano. Call 972.422.7460 for tickets and information.

St. Philip's School and Community Center hosts its 16th annual celebrity tribute and auction honoring Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Friday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 300 Reunion Blvd, Dallas. Call 214.421.5221 ext. 119.

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North Texas Job Corps Celebrates Its Success

By: Monica Thornton
The North Texas Job Corps recently held its quarterly Community Relations Council Meeting at a luncheon at El Dorado Country Club in McKinney.

With approximately 40 guests in attendance, Job Corps representatives were able to highlight the institution's successes, and pave the way for the future.

Mike Stern, president of the community relations council, gave the opening speech, saying he is proud of the Job Corps students, for their courage to enter the program, and their fortitude to see it through to completion.

"These kids at Job Corps are mature, they stand tall and look you straight in the eye, they don't

shuffle along and look down," said Stern.

He added that there is no price tag for what the Job Corps does for the

Stern said. "These students are upwardly mobile."

Center director, Richard Abbot, said they have had many successes on campus this year. 212 students have received their GED's, a group of students passed rigorous competition to go to the academic Olympics in San Antonio (October 5-9), the center had a high return rate after summer break, and the Student Guidance Association sponsored 'cool Mondays' to keep everyone cool during the hot days.

Job Corps students are offered the chance to obtain either a GED or High School Diploma, along with vocational training in numerous areas. Abbot said the center is working toward place-learning, through large and small companies



North Texas Job Corps Academic Olympics Team (Left to Right) Chelean Drummond, Juan J. Rios, Tamra Dornell, Pablo Luna (back row), Anna Rios, Daniel Morales (back row), Korey Reece, Deborah Outhavong, Team Coach

students. "It means a lot to the neighborhoods they're coming from, and the ones they are going to,"

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Black Family Technology Day- 'Accelerate the Access to Accelerate the Achievement'

Plano's Inaugural Black Family Technology Day, targeting the Douglas Community College campus, Saturday, September 27, 2003



Alpha Kappa Alpha-Chi Zeta Omega Chapter, one of the event sponsors Rosalind Williams, Dr. Dannelia Gladden-Green, Kimberly Watson, Kayla Adams, Venessa Johnson, President; Deborah Allen

Community, was held at the Collin County Community College-Spring Creek Campus, Saturday, September 27.

Hosting a Black Family Technology Day in Plano was the idea of Dr.

addressing the tough issue of socio-economically challenged youths and their access to information at the end of an internet line. "Many people

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Democrats Still Fighting Hard for Texas

By: Monica Thornton

Texas Democratic lawmakers are not ready to give up the fight against the Republican-proposed redistricting for the state. Senators Royce West and Rodney Ellis, recently said that if the new congressional map is approved they will fight it all the way to the supreme court.

"Instead of going through the Department of Justice, we'll go to the courts, and if they don't agree, we can go the Supreme Court," said West.

And with Governor Rick Perry now having set a deadline for approval of redistricting of Monday, October 6, 2003, the Democrats are trying to pull their party members and supporters together to thwart the Republican's efforts at having total control in Washington. If a decision has not been reached on the new congressional map by October 6, there is the possibility of a delay of the March 2, 2004 primary.

Although both the House and Senate have passed new maps, they can't agree on the same one, which has resulted in further debate.

One delay in approval is the fight for West Texas. Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, is insisting on a district with his home town at the center, instead of in Lubbock.

Perry said he is confident a deal will be worked out soon, but a spokesman for Craddick said it may take longer than Perry would like.

One area of concern to Democrats is that the carving up of their districts means for the most part that there will be either African-American or Hispanic districts, with the White Democratic votes being put into predominantly Republican areas. Also, West said that Eddie Bernice Johnson's district, which has seen monumental economic development, would be drawn to have a large area of the economic development removed.

And West and Ellis agreed that while they think White Democrats are able to fairly represent Democrats of all colors and ethnicities, the Republicans are showing by their new congressional maps that they don't.

Both senators agreed that it is time for African American communities to reorganize, and not wait for others to reorganize them. They urged their communities to get involved in local politics, and for the churches to help their congregations understand the importance of having a voice in their future.

Blackonomics

Bill Gates—The Real Education Czar

By: James Clingman

Bill Gates recently announced a \$51.2 million donation from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help start 67 small high schools in New York City. The grants will go to seven non-profit organizations that work with New York City's public school system.

Gates pointed to dismally low graduation rates as evidence of the failure of traditional high schools, a problem that is even worse among poor, Black and other minority students. Gates feels strongly that the answer is not smaller classes, but much smaller schools, and his approach has been shown to reduce violence and increase achievement among various student populations.

Gates says he wants to "create an environment where there's a strong relationship between the students and teachers," and he doesn't want students to "get lost" the way they do in larger high schools, especially in urban districts.

"The smaller schools allow teachers and staff to know their students

better," Gates says. "When a kid walks down a hall and encounters an adult, that adult will know their name and... be able to talk to them about their progress."

A small high school is "the way to take what is really the weak link in the education system—high school—and bring it up to a new level," Gates stated.

Amen to that, my brother! I am a living witness to the reality of moving from a very large high school to a very small one when I was 16 years of age. I moved from an anonymous environment, except for my immediate circle of friends, to a more caring environment of teachers, administrators and students at the small school. It was the best thing that ever happened to me during my teenage years, and had it not been for that small school, and those teachers who cared so much that they would not let me fail, I probably would have been a high school dropout.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, along with a precious few other organizations, is doing what our local, state and federal governments should be doing. While our president, who adopted Marian Wright Edelman's mantra, "Leave no child behind," is

dropping "smart bombs," Gates is helping to produce "smart children," and I just wanted to say, "Thanks, Bill and Melinda Gates."

Not only can I write about what the Gates Foundation is doing in the field of education, I can also personally attest to its commitment and dedication, having been involved with the Foundation's Model Secondary Schools Project since 2001. Readers of this column may remember an article I wrote about Cincinnati's entrepreneurship high school, and most recently about the visit made to the school by Kenya James, the young entrepreneur from Atlanta who publishes Black Girl Magazine. Well, that school is one of eight model secondary schools across the country funded by the Gates Foundation (see www.modelschoolsproject.org). The other schools are in Detroit; Rochester, N.Y.; Boston; Compton, Calif.; Cleveland, Ohio; Las Vegas; and East St. Louis, Ill.

Education and health, the two focus areas of the Gates Foundation, are obviously vital to the well being and stability of any people. The

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Garland

'Bellaire Community Going To New Heights'

By Cathy Johnson

Rhythmic beats of the African 'djembe' drum welcomed neighbors and onlookers at the third annual Bellaire Heights Block Party at Douglas Park in Garland.

The event was an attempt to bridge the gap for neighborhood enrichment and participation, supported by local residents, city officials and business owners. Annie Dickson, parliamentarian of Bellaire Heights Neighborhood Association, was the block party chairperson. Dickson managed preparations for the annual event.

Thirty-Five years ago, the park was no more than a huge open pit. "I used to chase children away from the pit for fear of them hurting themselves; Finally, I went door to door petitioning the neighbors to endorse a request for the city to fill the pit in," said Dickson.

Henderson Circle is now a mile and a half radius of manicured park equipped with playground equipment and picnic areas for use by neighboring families.

"We are fifty eight homes strong,"

said Elbert Darden, President of the Bellaire Heights Block Association. "We went door to door asking neighbors to get involved," he continued. "Darden said the members are faithful in

just say hello now, they share interests with real compassion. April Ross, daughter of senior association member, Carolyn Ross said, "We have all become like family here."

J.B. Caraway, resident of the Henderson circle, said "I used to drive a truck for years, so I never had time to get to know my neighbors. Since I've retired, I'm glad to take part in the association. It provides a sense of belonging." The neighborhood association has become the model upon which future neighborhood associations will be based, according to Community Services Manager, Felicia Conner. She said that neighborhood vitality is the city council's goal and this association is a tester to help build maintain and support other neighborhoods. "Many people aren't aware of their city's outreach until they're informed. That's what I do, inform them of the government's access and help implement their wishes," said Conner.

The City of Garland has been attending meetings and are hopeful in the expansion of membership. "In order to get to the 'circle' you pass several streets. We are targeting the surrounding streets and claiming them as our next members."

N' COBRA members, Diane Kimble and master drummer, Odunqa Kambui



Darden added that neighbors don't

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NAACP

Critical statewide issues to be addressed at Texas NAACP Annual Conference in Denton, October 2-4

The 67th Annual Texas Conference of NAACP branches will allow members and supporters to explore a number of critical issues facing African American Texans. How well these issues, such as drug policies, education, redistricting, building wealth in black communities and voter mobilization, are managed, will go a long way in determining the climate of the state for years to come, said Texas NAACP president Gary Bledsoe.

The conference will be held October 2-4, 2003, at the Radisson Hotel in Denton. Featured speakers will include Texas Supreme Court Justice Dale Wainwright, R-Houston, and Texas Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, and Texas Rep. Tami Hodge, D-Dallas, will be the youth luncheon speaker. Justice Wainwright will speak on Thursday at the civil rights organization's Torchbearers Awards ceremony and Sen. West will deliver the keynote address on Saturday at the group's Texas Heroes Award Banquet.

"In many respects, Texas is at a crossroads," said Bledsoe. "We know that the focus of the federal government is directed toward the war on terrorism. At the same time, the current economic crisis is exacting a hardship on state governments and local communities. We've made a lot of progress,

but this economic climate threatens some of our advancement. We must guard against the erosion of our public schools as the Legislature works on reforming the school financing system, help African Americans to build wealth in their communities through purchasing homes and opening businesses, and dealing with unfair criminal justice policies that have resulted in a massive buildup of prisons in Texas. We can and must break the cycle and fix the policies that have resulted in putting more black men in the criminal justice system than in college."

"How the Lone Star State does by its weakest and most vulnerable will, in large part, determine the quality of life in the state for all citizens for generations to come," Bledsoe said. We intend to have our say on these very important issues."

Among the workshop topics planned for the convention are sessions on drug treatment vs. imprisonment, legal redress, economic empowerment, education, health advocacy, political empowerment, redistricting, criminal justice, voter mobilization, expanding home ownership in the African American community and cooperative policies.

The conference will also include an

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Community Spotlight

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Hettie Battle, Chaplain, Bellaire Heights Neighborhood Association, stands in front of her house. "This is my home and my life, and I am determined to enjoy it."



Elbert Darden, President of the Bellaire Heights Neighborhood Association, showcased his antique car at the third annual neighborhood block party.

supportive of the association through open communication and provisions of food, entertainment and games for the annual event. Informative displays were

provided by the city's Waste Management, outlining proper disposal placement while the city's Water Department lists the safety readings of the areas water supply system. Local fire and police officials were also on hand for on-site touring and patrol-



Kids of the neighborhood enjoy themselves during the block party.

car rides. "This has been my area for the past few years as N.P.O. (Neighborhood Patrol Officer). It's just a great group of caring people who really watch out for each other," said Officer Castorani, attending with wife Amber and their two sons.

Not only did residents get the opportunity to meet and greet neighbors, families enjoyed food, fun and entertainment. African drums, songba, kenken and djembe were displayed, and impromptu lessons were given by master drummer and N'COBRA (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America) member, Odging Kambui.

"This is an excellent opportunity to remind the African American residents of the importance of their existence in and out of the neighborhood," said Kambui.

Bellaire Heights boasts a multi-cultural bouquet of nations. Local business owner, Ema DaDa, offered a delicacy from Iraq called "fater", a spinach and cheese filled pastry. Sherry Kuzbari, Chairman of the Business Association and owner of D&K Foot and Casuals, said "If everyone did a little, we could make this whole area like new." Kuzbari is currently campaigning area residents and business owners in the "Beautification of First Street".

"Every neighborhood has problems, but when you pull together the way we all have, the problems don't seem as

large anymore," said Dianna Kimble, head of the Dallas chapter for N'COBRA.

"This is my home and my life and I've always been determined to enjoy it," said Bettie Battle, chaplain of the neighborhood association. Battle survived the loss of three of her children. One daughter, Joyce M. Steadham, has an elementary school named after her. Thomas Warren Giddens, Battle's son and D.I.S.D. teacher, contributed to the day's events with his musical accompaniment. The group closed out the day by honoring president Darden with a blanket presented by Dickinson.

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Tiffane Gladden assists the kids during the "Computer Fun for Children" session during Plano's Inaugural Black Family Technology Day



Speakers and Workshop Leaders- Keynote Speaker Edward R. Smith, Deputy Regional Director, U.S. Senate; Taiwan Brown, University Relations Manager, Texas Instruments; Dr. Tanya Dugat-Wickliff, President/CEO, TANCO; Kayla Adams, Publications Relations Director, Evolution Academy



Elyse Jenkins, President, Selebrian



Eresiya Odom (right) receives a door prize from Dr. Dannellia Gladden-Green, organizer of Plano's Inaugural Black Family Technology Day



Dr. Tanya Dugat-Wickliff, President/CEO, TANCO



Edward R. Smith, Jr., Porsche Hannah, and Dr. Dannellia Gladden-Green

workshops for kids and parents. Sponsors included Texas Instruments-Black Employee Initiative, National Society of Black Engineers, Collin County Community College District-Department of Engineering, Alpha Kappa Alpha-Chi Zeta Omega Chapter, North Carolina AT&T State University-Dallas Metroplex Chapter, SAGESS Consulting, LLC, and Raytheon.

About 50 people attended the event. "It was less than we expected, but the program was dynamic and the speakers were great," said Kelvin Green, one of

the workshop leaders.

Dr. Gladden-Green said that their target was the Douglas Community, including the recreational centers, schools, and churches. "To get a better attendance of our kids, we will plan to go to area recreational centers and have parents sign a release form so that the kids can attend Black Family Tech Day as a field trip," said Dr. Gladden-Green. Although the turnout was smaller than expected, Dr. Gladden-Green was excited about a local family who won one of the drawings, a computer. She explained that the family did not own a computer, and they were very grateful to receive it. Along with the computer, the family was offered free high-speed internet service for three months from a local internet service provider. "Next year, I would like to have this family come back, to share their story of how technology has been useful in their lives," Dr. Gladden-Green said. She said that people often underestimate the needs of kids, which is why she became more active as a mentor for kids.

For more information, email blackfamilytech@yahoo.com.

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

General Information

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: 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.

October 3

The Prairie View A&M University Alumni - Dallas Chapter 8th Annual Athletic Scholarship Gala, Doubletree Hotel at Lincoln Center, 5410 LBJ Freeway, Dallas. 7:30 p.m. - midnight. Champagne reception 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. \$65.00 per person. Attire - sharp & glitzy. Contact Kimberly Runnels at 972.289.9942.

October 4

Light the Night Walk 2003, with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Light the

night and brighten the future for millions touched by cancer. Begins 5p.m., ends 9p.m., at The Shops at Legacy, 5760 Legacy Drive, Plano. Visit: www.lighthenight.org, or call Stacey MacPhearson at 972.239.0959 for sponsorship and registration fees.

Erykah Badu is 2003 LifeWalk spokesperson. AIDS Arms LifeWalk - a 5K run/walk, starting at 9 a.m. from the steps of Dallas City Hall. To register for the walk call 214.443.9255, or visit: www.AIDSLifeWalk.org. Walk-ups are welcome the day of the event for minimum registration fee of \$25.

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.

October 7

Quad C Theatre at Collin County Community College announces auditions for 'The Compleat Works of Wllm.

Shkspr (abridged), a comedy. Casting 3 male and 3 female actors, age range 20's to 40's. Open call 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., callbacks October 8. At the Black Box Theatre, Spring Creek Campus (Jupiter Road at Spring Creek Pkwy.). One minute Shakespearean monologue - please be funny. Contact 972.881.5679, or email: bbaker@cccc.edu.

October 14 - 16

Free reception and workshops. Meet other gardening enthusiasts living with rheumatoid arthritis, and learn how to design your own arthritis-friendly garden. A rheumatologist will discuss the latest treatment advance, and an occupational therapist will talk about the physical and psychological benefits of gardening. At the Dallas Arboretum, 8617 Garland Road, Call for times. RSVP to 1.877.992.2636.

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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THE TRUTH CLINIC Is America Slipping Into Bankruptcy?

The Washington Budget Works have reluctantly admitted the budget deficit for 2004 will exceed \$500 billion dollars. Just half a year ago, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated that the deficit for 2003 would total \$246 billion but the cumulative total for the 2004-2013 period would be a surplus of \$891 billion. Now, CBO's estimate for this year's deficit not only has doubled but the 10-year projected surplus has turned into a deficit of some \$1.6 trillion.

This administration was never the great economic savior that many assumed it would be after 911. America has been in a recession, and the Federal Government continues to push tax reduction while increasing spending. Americans by the millions are out of jobs. To hear the politicians, there are only transitory job problems in our country.

The truth is that America is on the brink of an economic collapse because our leaders are more interested in self-serving political doctrines. Americans have had to live on borrowed money that is running out. The lost jobs and unemployment rival the great depression. The leaders of this administration have been driving middle class citizens straight into bankruptcy. And the bankruptcy specter is hovering over individuals, cities, states and the nation.

The American Bankruptcy Institute indicates that the high record of household debt relative to disposable income is leading to increased personal delinquencies and bankruptcies. The 2003

national rate for bankruptcy is one in 78.8 households. At the current rate of filings 38% of all US households will be administered through the US Bankruptcy system over the next few decades.

At least 46 of the 50 states are in a critical financial crisis. Trendsetter California, with an economy the equivalent of the world's fifth largest nation, is broke and saddled with a budget deficit estimated at \$37 billion. The state's credit rating continues to drop making borrowing more difficult and more expensive.

Most other states mirror California's fiscal problems. The impact runs the gamut of laying off thousands of public sector employees, reduced social services, cuts in education, releasing convicted felons, and reducing childcare and senior citizen programs. As a result of the faltering national economy, states are facing their worst budget crisis in decades, with collective budget shortfalls estimated at \$85 billion for 2004.

The economy is growing at a piddling 2.4 percent. Just to stabilize the labor market in its present dismal state would take growth of at least 3.5 percent. The U.S. needs to add about 110,000 jobs per month just to keep up. It has been reported in CNN that 27,000 jobs were moved overseas in 2000 and that number will mushroom to 472,000 by 2015 if current trends continue. These are positions that will not be coming back.

Even the financially inept know that spending more than you make for an extended period of time has dire consequences. Yet the administration and congress, staffed to the brim with multi-degreed economists, continue

to lead America down the path toward bankruptcy.

The demise of the USSR, just a few decades ago, should serve as a lesson on what fiscal irresponsibility can do to a nation. The Cold War between the Soviet Union and America was not fought on the battlefield. In the escalating arms race following World War II each side continually played one-upman ship in acquiring more powerful weapons. The Soviets wrote one check too many to stay in the war-game and went bankrupt. Yet having been exposed to the full history of the cold war America's leaders act like they are unaware of the dreadful consequences of irresponsible spending.

The lessons of the cold war have not been lost on other nations of the world. Even our enemies know they cannot confront America directly in battle but they are more than willing to let America commit national suicide with fiscal hemorrhaging resulting from reckless spending in implementing its arrogant policies.

We Americans must first take care of our own economy before we can take care of others. Unilateralism in the name of Global Machismo at the expense of our economy is a sure formula for failure. The powers that be have forgotten that the world already depends on America and because of that, it presupposes that America will remain morally, militarily and fiscally strong. If America goes bankrupt there will be tremendous repercussions everywhere.

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

MON-The Gazette Proud to Announce First Annual Women of God Hall of Fame Now Accepting Nominees

In May 2004, MON-The Gazette will sponsor the First Annual Women of God Hall of Fame ceremony and banquet. The publication is currently in the process of selecting women to be inducted as chartered members into the Annual Women of God Hall of

Fame. Send your nominations based on why you feel that your nominee will be an excellent candidate for this honor. The nomination will only be accepted on MON-The Gazette's official ballot from the newspaper or website with your reason(s) attached to the ballot. The nomination period

ends November 28, 2003.

For more details concerning the nomination process, please visit the website at www.monthe gazette.com and click on Women of God, or contact Religious Editor Shirley Tarpley at 972-606-3878.

Garland Habitat Celebrates 10 Years and Dedicate Three Homes

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Garland is dedicating three homes and celebrating their 10th year anniversary on Saturday, October 4th, 2003. The Garland Habitat has renovated 40 homes and constructed nine new homes since 1993.

The ceremony will be held at 501, 505 and 509 Hopkins Avenue in Garland and will begin at 10 a.m. All three families have experienced extreme hardships and will finally have their dream come true- a safe home and good educational opportunities for their children.

Some of the attendees will be area councilmen Feagin, Dunn and Hickey, Phillip Bridgewater, a Habitat International Representative, several church

representatives, City of Garland Affordable Housing representatives, past Habitat board members and volunteers who made it all possible.

Families receiving homes are:

1. Rev. Heetaek Byun and his wife SunNyo and son, Seongkyu, age 16 and Younsel, age 14. Rev. Byun is the Associate Pastor for the Dallas Eastern Presbyterian Church in Garland. He and his family came to the U.S. to obtain a good education for their children, to have a safe home environment and to serve the Presbyterian Church.

2. Sang Chul and Hyei Jeon Ahn with children Regina, age 8 and Kevin, age 6. The Ahn family came to the U.S. ten years ago looking for a better way of life. He and his family

have experienced many hardships since their arrival but held on to their dream. Habitat helped to fulfill one those dreams and now their goal is to "help others the way they have been helped by Habitat and many Americans."

3. Margaret Boyd and her children Christopher, age 12, Joshua age 8 and Jacques, age 5. Margaret is a single mom and Head Start teacher at the Child Care Center of Dallas. Her dream was to have a family and to provide them with a home of their own. Margaret worked very hard to achieve those dreams. Now that these goals have been accomplished, she would like to go back to school to become a nurse.

Carrollton Residents Honored for Their Commitment to the Community

Christ Community Connection in Carrollton, Texas will host its Second Annual Honors Banquet on Saturday October 11, 2003, at the Carrollton Public Library, and one of the honorees is MON-The Gazette's Religious Editor, Sister Shirley Tarpley.

Reverend Willie Rainwater, wife of Rev. Rainwater, said the two people were chosen by a committee for their educational and community involvement, amongst other reasons.

The first honoree, last year, was Mrs. Bernice Chatman Freeman, who taught children grades 1 through 8 at the segregated school in Carrollton. Rainwater said Tarpley was chosen for the role she played in education and for her many community activities, including being the first African American female to be voted to Carrollton City Council (1989).

Tarpley was the also the first African American teacher in the integrated High School in Carrollton when she started

teaching in 1969. She said she was received very well at the high school by both the white and the black students. At that time the school was only one percent African American.

"The students opened their arms to me, anywhere they saw me they would hug me. And they would bring me all kinds of gifts," said Tarpley.

Rainwater added that Tarpley was chosen for the love and compassion she had for

day. Rev. Rainwater was chosen for his many years of service in the community, including being instrumental in starting the first Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration and Parade in the City of Carrollton.

Rev. Rainwater is active in evangelism, and until a year ago when he went on dialysis, he was active in prison ministry. He has also served on many boards, including Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce, Community Youth Advisory Council, and Multi-Cultural Advisory Board.

The Community Relations Council is an organization dedicated to providing educational scholarships for local high school students in the Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD.

Tickets for the banquet are on sale for \$15.00, and can be purchased by calling 972-242-0933. The banquet is from 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Carrollton Public Library is at 4220 N. Josey Lane at Hebron.



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RISD Teacher To Be Honored Guest Of Japanese Government - Lake Highlands Freshman Teacher Chosen For National Program

(Richardson, TX) Lake Highlands Freshman Center English department chair Marjorie Morgan has been selected to participate in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program (FMF), which will send her to Japan next month. Ms. Morgan was selected from a national pool of more than 2,500 applicants to earn the honor, and is in her 32nd year with RISD.

The program allows distinguished primary and secondary school teachers from the United States to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding

between the two nations.

"I am honored to have been selected and thrilled for the opportunity to represent Richardson ISD in Japan," Morgan said. "I am most excited about the opportunities this program will present for our students to be exposed to Japanese literature and culture."

Morgan and other U.S. teachers will begin their visit in Tokyo, where they will receive a practical orientation on Japanese life and culture, and meet with Japanese government officials and educators. They will then travel to prefectures (states) outside of Tokyo, where

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and corporations accepting their students for work-based learning. He said that although they already work with some companies, they are always looking for more.

Sue Jennings, education manager with Job Corps, said, "Job Corps is a mission that has a great impact on the community and on individuals. There's no way you can come in contact with Job Corps students and not be inspired."

Jennings added that the center is looking for mentors and volunteers to help enhance their program.

The students chosen through competition to represent North Texas Job Corps at the Academic Olympics were also recognized at the luncheon, with Tamra Darnell (one of the students) giving a speech and introducing the team. Darnell is a Literature major and is also planning on entering public speaking. One of the academic Olympic team members was homeless before entering Job Corps, but is now excelling at his studies, and is entering into the painting trade.

The student, Cheleam Drummond, said, "I used to tell myself I can't, or I don't want to. Now I tell myself I can, I can achieve my dreams."

With the second chance given by Job Corps, it's my destiny to succeed," said Drummond. "I want

people to know that Job Corps has helped me. What motivates me is people who care, and honestly, Job Corps is filled with people who love and care."

In conclusion of the luncheon, Job Corps staff let everyone know how they can help, and appealed to all present to pass the word into the community. Following is a short list of needs of the Job Corps:

1. They are looking for books and software - educational or otherwise - to build a library on campus.

2. As not all students will be able to make it home for Christmas, the Job Corps is appealing for gift items to be donated for those staying on campus through the holidays.

3. They are asking for items such as chairs, wall pictures, paint, and anything else that would help brighten up the dorms, especially for the male students. It was also suggested that someone could adopt a dorm to decorate it.

4. Job Corps wants to establish a career day, where they have employers come out to the campus and talk about their company and the typical positions available in their relevant industry.

For further information on how you as an individual or business can provide help at the North Texas Job Corps, please contact Renaldo Williams of the North Texas Job Corps at 1.972.547.7873.

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Blackonomics Page 1

United States and the world are blessed to have foundations and organizations whose benefactors make it their business to contribute part of their fortunes to these causes. It is not enough just to know that Bill Gates is the richest person in the world, as Forbes Magazine points out each year. It is more important for him and others like him to make a positive and permanent impact on the lives of the poor, the underserved and the disenfranchised. Many of our super-rich entertainers and athletes could take a lesson from such altruism and philanthropy.

We are proud and appreciative of the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Tom Vander Ark, executive director, education, the KnowledgeWorks Foundation, Chad Wick, president, and all of the project staff who work tirelessly to accomplish the overall goals of the Gates Foundation: "Creating more small high schools and reducing financial barriers to higher education. And to increase the number of talented low-income students who attend and graduate from college."

We know that entrepreneurship is the key to wealth-building in this country, and I am thankful and proud to know that the world's greatest entrepreneur, Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, have chosen our entrepreneurship high school as one of the small schools supported by

their Foundation. I am even more thankful for Gates and those other affluent individuals who genuinely understand what it means to help those less fortunate—and to help them by providing programs that will last a lifetime and be passed on to future generations. Thank God they also have a firm grasp and understanding of Luke 12:48—"To whom much is given, much is required."

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African-American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and is the author of the book, "Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement-We have a Choice." He can be reached at (513) 489-1132, or by e-mail at jclingman@blackonomics.com.

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Public Meetings

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments welcomes the public to the following meetings:

October 8, 2003, 6:30 p.m.
Intermodal Transportation Center
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October 9, 2003 1:30 p.m.
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2750 Bachman Drive
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Carrollton City Hall
1945 E. Jackson Street
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The RTC encourages you to join policy officials for an ongoing dialogue about these projects:

- Funding Critical Transportation Projects. The Transportation Partnership Programs, designed to speed up important roadway, transit and air quality projects throughout the region.
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- Good Movement Projects including an ongoing Freight Bottleneck Study and information about the Railroad Crossing Reliability Partnership.
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Arts & Entertainment

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Childhood friends Chino Moreno (vocals), Stephen Carpenter (guitar), and Abe Cunningham (drums) came together in 1988, at a time when Sacramento's music scene was in dire need of some rejuvenation. The then-high school students invested some serious money into their equipment after Carpenter collected a huge car accident settlement and they played locally and changed bass players several times before inducting Chi Cheng as their permanent bassist. However, the lack of proper local outlets to unfurl their early heavy metal-based sound led them to tour throughout the Bay Area as well as Reno and Los Angeles, consequently expanding their fanbase.

The Deftones album, "Lucky You," The Deftones and its first official single, "Minerva," were released in May 2003.

The group will be in the Dallas area on November 7 to perform at NextStage in Grand Prairie.



Ken Heckmann Productions Premieres High School Football Documentary "It's Only A Game"

Dallas, TX- Friday night football in Texas is more than a game, it's a religion. In the small Texas town of Celina, it's legendary! Fifty-seven consecutive wins, four state championships in a row and the loss of the celebrated coach that made them great. Dallas producer/director Ken Heckmann goes behind the scenes with the Celina Bobcats, the most winning team in Texas High School Football history, in his new feature documentary "It's Only A Game." The documentary premieres Tuesday, October 7 at the Magnolia Theatre at 7 PM followed by a Q&A session with producer/director Ken Heckmann.



The film provides an in-depth look at the Bobcats first season in fourteen years without head coach G.A. Moore and the effects this monumental change has on the team and the community. In addition to changes on the field, the growing population of Celina has pushed the team into a larger division from 2A to 3A which means they will face larger schools and tougher competition all under the new leadership of Coach Bunch Ford. "I wanted to make this film because Texas high school football has been a subject of interest for me for many years. This film takes the audience where they've never been before and gives them a look inside a winning high school football team. The footage is absolutely astonishing," says Heckmann, who was granted unlimited filming access both on the field and in the locker room to capture all the passion, hope and glory of this inspirational story. In the pros players are brought in college they're recruited, in high school football it's all about heart! No team and no town has more heart than Celina, TX.

Heckmann began his career as a page at CBS Studios in California. After a successful career making commercials, including the longest running national Ad Campaign in history "The Pepsi Challenge" he turned his talents to

making Corporate Image films, two of which resulted in around-the-world productions earning prestigious international awards. Heckmann's next move led to his first dramatic feature "A Father, a Son and a Three-Mule Run"

which he adapted from the book of the same name. His other films include "Night of the Golden Dragon," "Like a Roaring Lion," and "Hank's Journey." "It's Only A Game" is Heckmann's fifth independent film and his first feature documentary.

Kill Bill, Volume 1



Uma Thurman's character, a pregnant assassin named the Bride, is shot by her boss, Bill (David Carradine), and her co-workers at her wedding (the wedding guests are also shot). She survives, though, waking up exceedingly angry after a five-year coma, and decides to hunt down and kill every single one of the assassins who were responsible, saving Bill for last. The three-hour film has been divided into two parts, this one and Volume 2.

Starts October 10, 2003

Intolerable Cruelty



Celebrated Beverly Hills divorce attorney Miles Massey (George Clooney) is bored with his continued success and wants a real challenge. He finds it in the form of the gorgeous Marilyn Rexroth (Catherine Zeta-Jones). She's the wife of one of his clients (Edward Herrmann), a wealthy real estate developer whose infidelity is caught on tape.

Marilyn and her attorney (Cedric the Entertainer), cousin of her attorney, are stunned when Miles works his courtroom magic and prevails, leaving her broke. Marilyn rebounds by marrying an oil tycoon (Billy Bob Thornton), which is all part of her plan to get revenge on Miles, who finds himself attracted to this shrewd, sexy woman.

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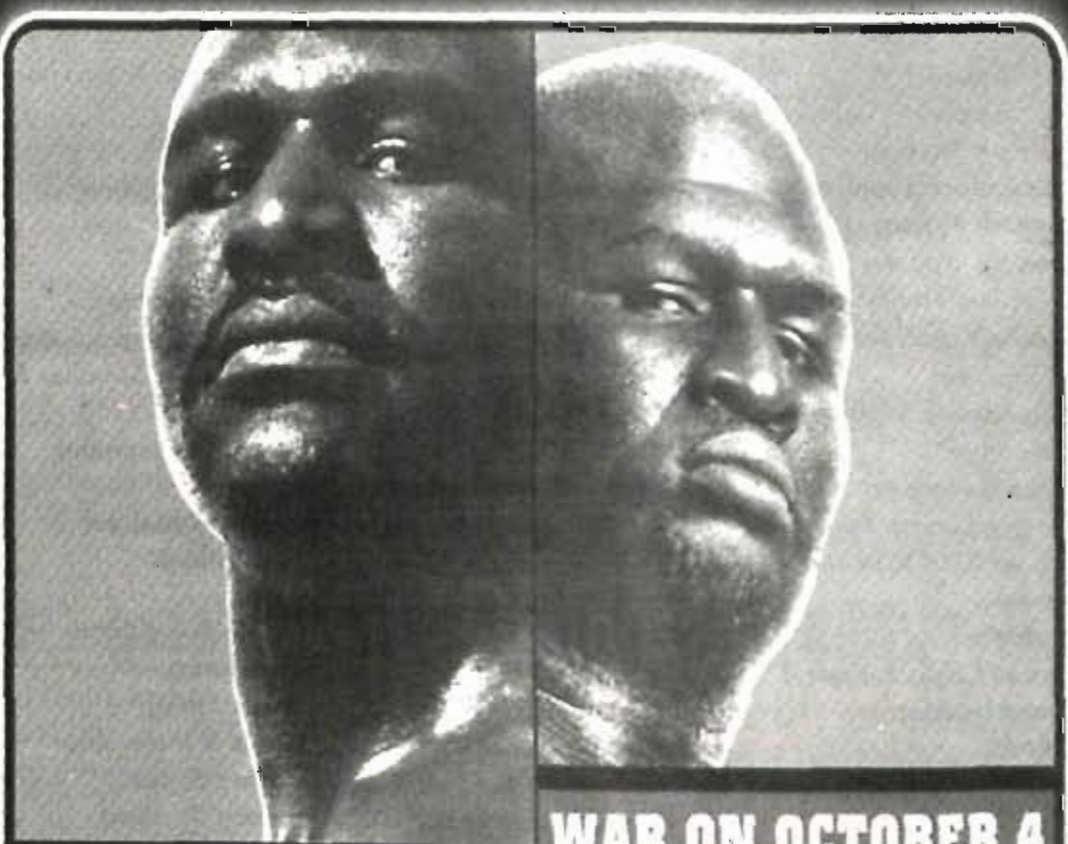
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Sister Tarpley

After receiving a copy of the letter below, it reminded me that as a retired teacher, an adult and especially a Christian, that one reason that we are admonished, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil," Ephesians 5:15-16 (KJV). You never know who is watching you and one way or another, how you live your life and what you do has an impact on someone, either in a positive or a negative way.

After reading the letter, I was also reminded of a student that gave me a Christmas gift one year with an apology that he wished his gift could have been more, because I had taken time to help him understand his assignments. The gift was a license plate that read, (What Would Jesus Do?) "WWJD". My heart was full and I told the young man that if he had Jesus in his life, his gift to me was priceless. I have treasured it ever since and strive to live up to his thoughts about me. This was a young white male; how often would he have the opportunity of an African American female to show him God by actions and not words. As a teacher, I couldn't talk about God in the classroom so my actions had to speak for me. The license plate meant a lot to me; even after an accident left my car totaled, I would not leave the scene until the fireman so graciously removed the license plate and gave it to me.

I continue to ask God to help me be a positive influence on the

people that I meet each and everyday. To help me to smile at everyone that I see and to help me to let Him shine through me so that other people will be encouraged and know that if you have God on the inside, you know without a doubt that everything will be alright, no matter what.



Shirley Tarpley and
Brittany Johnson, 9

MY HOMEWORK ON SISTER TARPLEY

By: Brittany Johnson
(Age 9 and in 6th Grade)

I am writing this article as homework. My mother, Mrs. Cathy Johnson, was going to hear Sister Tarpley speak and I somehow got stuck with homework, as I always do! My mother is also a teacher; Mine! I am home-schooled and my assignment is to write a report (ugh!!) about Sister Tarpley as keynote speaker for Trinity Prayer Chapel Women's Day Program. Dr. Reynolds and Rev. Misty Wood are the pastors. It was kind of nice to get to go

someplace without my younger sister, Chelsea, for a change. She usually hogs my mother's attention. So this was good.

Sister Tarpley wore a beautiful satin lilac suit, with gold threads throughout the suit and with gold shoes. I pay attention to clothes, because I'm in 4H and I enjoy the competition level for clothing. I won first place last year in District competition and second place in County.

Anyway, she looked very nice. When she first started, she said something her Pastor had said earlier that Sunday morning, which was "Wisdom is Knowledge Properly Used." That stuck with me, because it was profound.

Then Sister Tarpley spoke about Deborah, which really got my attention. I once read all about Deborah. Deborah is found in Judges, Chapter Four. It talks about the tribulations and the victories of Deborah, a Holy Woman of God.

Sister Tarpley also talked about Esther and Ruth and how they had a common string; they loved the Lord and stood firmly on the Word of God.

Finally Sister Tarpley closed saying, "Once again, 'Wisdom is Knowledge Properly Used.'" I'm glad I went. Thank you Sister Tarpley.

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Tuesday

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Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday

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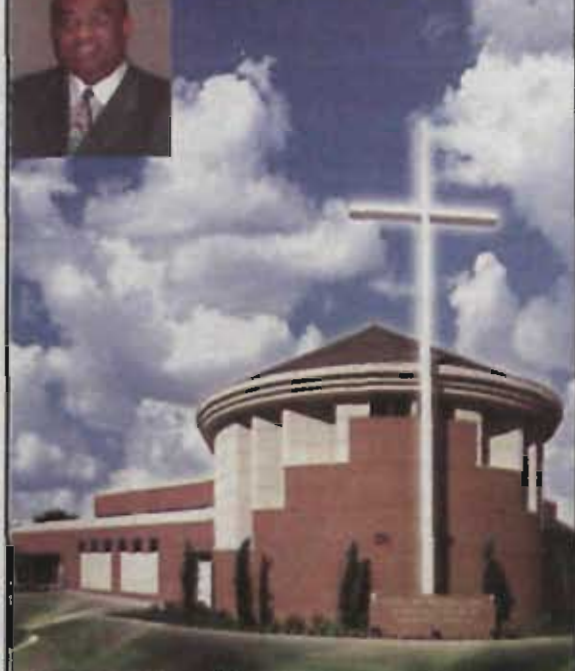
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Black Churches Need Strength, Healing

ATLANTA (UMNS) - The Rev. Louis Chase and four members of his church traveled across the country to find out how African-American congregations are meeting needs in local communities.

Chase and his delegation from Hamilton United Methodist Church in Los Angeles were among the 600 people attending the Sept. 18-20 "Great Event," held by the denomination's Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century Initiative.

The Great Event brought together representatives of the initiative's congregational resource centers and its partner congregations, which share a mentoring relationship. The 25 churches that serve as resource centers provide support and advice to nearly 500 partner congregations that are trying to strengthen their ministries.

The black church needs strengthening because "there are so many souls out there that need to be

saved," said Roxanne Chatman of Hope United Methodist Church, Southfield, Mich. "Because we worship in the black community, we need to make sure that



Rev. Jackye Waiters-Lee and Marilyn Magee share a laugh at the "Great Event". Magee led a Bible study on healing. - UMNS photo by Larry Hygh

our churches do not fall by the wayside." Hope is one of 25 churches chosen by the black church initiative to be a

congregational resource center - a church that can mentor other congregations in specific areas of ministry.

Commitment is key to strengthening the black church, she said. "We need people willing to work, we need money, and we have to have the Holy Spirit in us to guide us, which is first and foremost."

Chase noted that many of the traditional African-American congregations are aging. "This does not mean that people are on their way out because the aging provide tremendous and necessary stability," he said.

"There is a need for endeavors to be undertaken to vitalize our churches. It is not simply a matter of survival of the church as a passive institution in society, but as an institution that seeks to

transform the whole community and be involved in social action."

Statistics indicate that although African-Americans in the United Methodist Church are roughly 5 percent, the numbers are steadily declining and many are joining or attending other congregations, according to Bishop Jonathan Keaton, the initiative chairperson and leader of the church's East Ohio Area. "Strengthening the black church is an effort of the entire denomination to help grow the black church."

"They need to move from a peep-hole perspective" and learn a better way of doing things, said Marilyn Magee, a former member of the initiative's coordinating committee and former staff member of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship.

First approved by the 1996 General Conference, the initiative seeks to strengthen black churches in the United States by linking growing congregations with partner churches, and to revitalize the more than 2,500 African-American congregations within the denomination. The initiative will come up for renewal

next spring at the General Conference in Pittsburgh.

"All churches can get stuck in a rut, but an event such as this throws open the windows and doors of your mind and your heart . . . and (has) great transforming power," Weaver said. "The most important gift from the Great Event is for churches to get centered in Jesus and know that Jesus is going to lead them to someplace new."

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October 19, 3:00 pm
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October 23, 7:30 pm
Greater Renfro Memorial COGIC, 700 East Park Avenue in Corsicana, Texas

October 26, 12:00 Noon
Salem Baptist Church, 3400 Mitchell Blvd. in Ft. Worth, Texas

October 26, 3:00 pm
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