



American, Inc., North Texas Chapter is hosting a Lupus Educational Symposium, Saturday October 18, 1 p.m. -5 p.m., at The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas. Program will include educational seminars from area physicians, free educational information on lupus, free sample products and exhibitor tables. Free. Please register as space is limited. 972.345.4824.

Come out to Woof-Stock, at the City of Plano Animal Shelter, Saturday October 18, 10a.m. Featuring a Sheiter-Pet Parade highlighting the howling talents of the adorable, adoptable, once stray dogs. Special craft activities planned for children to create items for the new Holiday Pet Store that is being added to the Animal Shelter, 4028 West Plano Pkwy. 972.769.4360.

Circo Comedia, October 19. Unpredictable thrills from the esplosive duo from Montreal Hilarious. fast-paced, unlimited energy, acrobatic tricks, daring feats, magic and nonstop side-splitting comedy. Presented by The Classics





Kaiser Street Baptist Church Members Margeret Gray, Gwen Daniels, Rev. S.E. Holmes, Deacon J.F. Smith, and Bonnie Smith show off framed proclamations from the City of Garland, celebrating 50 years of history.

By: Monica Thornton

Kaiser Street Baptist Church in Garland, Texas recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary, with help from founding member Mrs. Gladys Smith, friendships built along the way, and local, state and federal officials.

Smith, 84, was escorted into the church October 5, by the City of Garland Fire Department Color Guard, along with other seniors in the church. She said the day was wonderful and everything went

well

"They treated me so well, I felt special all day, and of course I felt grateful to have lived this long," she added.

Smith said there were twelve founding members back in 1953, and love and dedication has kept her there. She served in nearly every area of ministry, including Sunday school, and Chairlady of the Deaconesses for 30 years.

The church had a week long celebration, starting Saturday

dinner and service on October 5. The theme was "Selecting Stones to Sustain Saints," from Joshua 4:1-12.

Annie Dickson, church member for 34 years, said the 12 stones they chose represent the sustenance that has held the church together for 50 years, through many changes. Dickson said she has seen many changes over the years, some bittersweet. She said the stones were embroidered and hung in the church on golden rods, with 6 on either side.

"The twelve stones are to remind us that through the good and the bad, what held us together are the 12 stones," Dickson added.

The twelve stones for the 50th Anniversary celebration are: love, perseverance, commirment, flexibility, faithfulness, sacrifice, forgiveness, prayer, vision, praise & worship, teaching, patience.

Dickson said that the church came together to collate the 50 years of history, and had to research and verify everything. The history was then printed on a scroll and mounted in a shadow box.. She said the City of Garland Color Guard escorted the scroll into the church, and was unveiled by Mrs. Gladys Smith.

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the Same Bird By James Clingman corporate shenanigans,

Prior to the last national election (or should I say selection?), I wrote an article titled, "Will we be Gored or Bushwacked?" Two years later, we all know the answer. The article was written to point out the similarities between the two candidates and the ridiculous nature of our so-called two-party political system. Even more important, I wanted to point out that no matter who was "selected" as president we would generally get more of the same. Right wing, Left wing, who cares? They are both wings on the same bird.

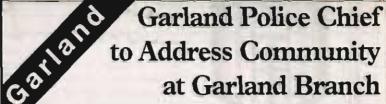
If you look closely, you can easily see the similarities of the Left and the Right. Sure their rhetoric is different, but they are more alike than different. A bird must have both wings to fly, a right wing and a left wing. And it's the bird that makes the decision where to fly, how high to fly, whether to fly north or south, where to take off or to land, and whether it will turn right or left. And what political bird controls both the left and the right wing? Corporate America.

We sometimes pretend that politics is so pristine and so unsullied

especially around election time. We pull out the banners of righteousness and character, we start beating the drum for honesty, and we dust off the old political cliches that conjure up the days of "Vote for me and I'll set you free." Yes, we would love to think, even during a brief period of utopian fantasy, that our politicians, the ones we personally elect and send to various offices, are as pure as the driven snow and therefore would never be swayed by the corporate temptations that lie in wait for them. We should awaken from that dream

This is not to say that all politicians are bad people, and this is really not so much about politicians as it is about politics. As I said a few weeks ago, if we could just take the politics out of our politicians, we would be much better for having done so. For us to think that corporations are not in control of politics is Alice in Wonderland thinking. Both of the political wings attached to the corporate bird must be controlled by the corporations and control them they will.

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Experience Diversity and Living History at the **Chevrolet Cowboys of Color Invitational Rodeo Finals**

Join Grand Marshals John Wiley Price, Dallas County Cherokee Cornmissioner; Citizen Steven R. Heape, Rich-Heape Films, Inc.; Jay Acosta, Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Bill Blaydes, Dallas City Council, and Donald W. Hill, Dallas Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, as the Chevrolet Cowboys of Color Invitational Rodeo Finals thunders into the Mesquite Resistol Arena at 2 p.m. and 8

competed in at least two other

Panniy Theatre Series at the Eisemann Center, Richardson, 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$6 - \$18. Cail 972.596.0055, or wisit

www.classicfamilyseries.org. Collin County Community College District's Counseling Services presents Katie Koestner delivering "No Yes" Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m. at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. From sexual assault victim to survivor, she offers a message successful sexual of communication, responsibility in the use of drugs and alcohol, and respect for self and others. She holds degrees in Public Policy and Women's Studies, and graduated Magna Cum Laude, Call 972,758,3849.

An African American History Course at the African American Museum. This a six-session course held Saturdays and taught by Robert Edison, a history teacher at Pearl C. Anderson Middle School in Dallas, Dates are: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20. Admission to the African American Museurn is free except for groups of 10 or more. Tuesday - Friday, 12 moon - 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. -5 p.m. Closed Mondays, Call 214,565,9026,

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p.m. on Saturday, October 25. The national finals are the culmination of our six-city tour and offers the best of the best. Contestants have to have



Championship World Champion Bull Rider Charlie Sampson (left) joins Executive Director Gloria Reed Austin at the 2003 National Cowboys of Color Hall of Fame

Induction activities. An inaugural inductee, Sampson, will participate as a Rodeo Judge at the Chevrolet Cowboys of Color Invitational Rodeo Finals on October 25. Sampson will be signing autographs at the rodeo.

rodeos to move on to these finals," said Rodeo Producer Cleo Hearn.

Attendees can experience living history with cultural entertainers like the Texas Buffalo Soldiers, Escaramuzas Ceremonial Dancers and Charros, and watch as outstanding ethnic rodeo athletes compete for cash prizes in traditional rodeo events and Come early and enjoy pre-rodeo entertainment at 7 p.m. with

country and western sensation Stephen Pride. Over 300 African American,

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N.A.A.C.P Addresses **Challenges at State Convention**

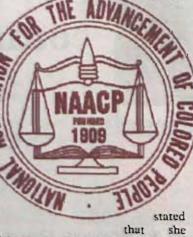
By Anthony Hardin Delegates and members from across the state converged in Denton, for the 67th Annual N.A.A.C.P. State Convention. The conference was held October 2-1 at the Radisson Hotel. Dynamic speakers, seminars, and workshops were some of the ongoing events scheduled for the convention. The health fair was beld on the last day of the convention, and had over 30 different health organizations present for free services.

The theme for the convention was. " Having Our Say Through Changing Times" addressing the challenges facing the organization. Several speakers and members stated that "we" must adapt to the needs of the community, while still focusing on national issues, such as racism and discrimination. The overall objective of the conference was to go beyond dialogue, obtain information and return to your community with the knowledge pre ented.

The Welcoming Reception was held Thursday night, and allowed everyone to socialize with other members from the various branches. The reception was hosted by the Denton County Branch and included several Denton City

Council members, as well as the Mayor of Denton, Euline Brock. Eulihu Gillespic, Event Coordinator, was the Master of Ceremonies and introduced the speakers and highlights for the coming weekend. The reception was catered by Peppers Barbecue and the band Fingerprints provided entertainment through out the evening.

Euline Brock



joined the N.A.A.C.P. while a student at the University of Texas, and joined the Denton County Branch in the early 80's. She applauded the organization's strategy for implementing changes for equal representation in the city council.

Several members spoke of the perception of the N.A.A.C.P. as one of being reactive versus proactive. In the community, it is viewed as the group to approach when there is some type of trouble. The object is to present the message of prevention regardless of the issue or topic.

One such person that believes in the message of prevention is Carol Moore, State Health Committee Chair of the Houston Branch. Mrs.Branch states that one of her motto's is " Unhealthy soliders don't fight." "We must address the issue of our young people showing up in statistics with hypertension and diabetes. We have many issues on all fronts, but if we are not healthy we can't tackle the larger the issues." Mrs. Moore stressed that she wants to reach the people in the rural as well as the urban areas, in the past the rural problem has been overlooked. She further added, "This has been successful through "Project Hope" where the N.A.A.C.P and health professionals work directly with the churches and the community, by obtaining proper information and education."

There were many different people present that were offering solutions to many of the social

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at Garland Branch NAACP Monthly Meeting

Newly Garland featured speaker

of the Garland Branch NAACP at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2003, Sims Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 317 Parker Drive Garland, Texas. This Department. For more meeting is being co-hosted information, please call Chapel Sims by

appointed, Missionary Baptist Police Chief Church, Carver School Mitch Bates will be the Alumni Club and Areawide Brotherhood of at the monthly meeting Greater Garland. The entire community is invited and encouraged to come out to share this special evening of dialogue with Chief Bates and the top command (just north of Avenue B), staff of the Garland Police (972) 381-5044.

Richardson-Based Company Applauds Sales Agent's Hard Work and Dedication

By Cathy Johnson Professionalism, integrity, and humility describe the incomparable

(AIG)

Graham, 53, is married with five children and five grandchildren.



M.J. Ruiz, General Manager; Shirley Graham, Sales Agent; Ken Banks, Associate Manager

addition to the Richardson based American General Life and Accident Insurance: Company

Shirley Graham, the most recent She is a native of Oregon and attended the University of Portland, studying Business

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On-going

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

The Stephanie Ward Gallery hosts a series of seminars, through November. Topics understanding include: cubism; Art appreciation 101; Collecting 101; Framing and preserving your artwork; The scoop on art appraisal; The philosophy of modern art, and other topics. Call 214 752.5588. 2546 Elm St., Sponsorship Dallas. opportunities available.

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.

Interurban Railway Station Museum, 901 E. 15th Street, 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. For special tours call 972.941.2117.

Heritage Farmstead, 1028 Street, Plano. 15th 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. Guided tours available.

General Information

SPCA is hosting National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month -\$50 adoption fee for all dogs. Includes spay/neuter/shots/deworming/leash/carrier and microchip. 3 locations: Dallas -362 S. Industrial Blvd; McKinney - 8411 FM720; The Colony - 4720 E. Lake Highlands. Or visit: www.spca.org/calendar.

Teen Graffiti magazine is recruiting members for all three Teen Advisory Councils: South Dallas, Garland/Richardson and Grand Prairie. Ages grades 7 diverse backgrounds. 12, Applications available at middle and high school libraries, and online at www.teengraffiti.com. Or call Sharon Jones-Scaife at 972.496.9457.

Through October 18

The ArtCentre of Plano features works by contemporary Plano, Historic Downtown, Iranian artists in A Breeze from the Gardens of Persia: through October Includes 18. approximately 90 works by Iranian artists, including more than 20 women. Downtown Plano at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue K. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free. information: For more 972.423.7809.

Through November 9

Plano Repertory Theatre presents 'Chicago', at the ArtCentre Theatre, downtown Plano. Call 972.422.7460 for Largest Flea Market In North tickets and information.

Celebrate "A Harvest of Cultures" at Dallas Blooms at the Dallas Arboretum. A celebration of the beauty of autumn, and a salute to harvest traditions. Don't miss Trammell Crow's \$20 million Visitor Education Pavilion, the Arboretum's new horticulture centerpiece. Multicultural entertainment from African-American, Latino, Asian and Native American cultures, Children's crafts, Horticultural demonstrations, Horse-drawn wagon rides for \$2. Call 214.327.4901, or visit www.dallasarboretum.org.

Through December 13

Sistuh, Sistuh, Sistuh, a non profit organization, provides life skills workshops Saturday's, from 10:00-11:30, including informational sessions on selfesteem, finances, computer literacy, obtaining employment and goal setting. At St Phillip's School and Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Dallas. 214.421.5221 ext.122.

October 17

Black Cinematheque Dallas and the Dallas NAACP present a film program about voter fraud and the attack on democracy in America, particularly as it relates to the history of Black voting rights in Florida. At the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Street, Dallas. \$5.00. Call 214.426.1683 for more

information. October 17 - 19

Third Monday Trade Days-Texas. Located on Hwy. 380 two miles west of Hwy. 75 at 4550 W. University Drive. Over 700 outdoor vendors and 250 covered vendor booths. Indoor climatecontrolled mall with shops and café. \$3 parking Saturday and Sunday. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Call 972.562.5466, or visit www.tmtd.com.

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BBQ Cooking Competition in Downtown McKinney. For more information contact the McKinney Downtown Association at 972.562.6880.

October 22

Humor & Healing: Aging with Laughter, hosted by The Senior Source at Temple Emanu-el, Tobian Hall, 8500 Hillcrest Rd @ Northwest Hwy. \$7, reservations required. Presented by Liz Carpenter, author of 'Start With a Laugh.' Carpenter is a former spokeswoman in the Johnson Administration. Call 214.823.5700,

info@theseniorsource.org. October 24 - November 1

McKinney Murder Museum "Don't go into the Basement." Some scenes relate directly to Collin County history, including the last hanging in Collin County. Located in the former U.S. Post Office, one block east of Courthouse Square in McKinney. Open evenings. \$3 12 and under, \$5 adults. Call Jennifer Kelley

972.5432.9457. October 25

Primerica Financial Services will conduct a FREE Seminar for Prospective Home Buyers from 3:00-4:30pm, at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano. To RSVP and for more information, contact Angela King at 877 265.5030.

October 25-26

The Wellness Expo is back with over 80 exhibitors offering products and services for wellness and personal growth. Lecture series includes talks on natural hormone balancing and cancer prevention, holistic law, meditation, yoga and allergies. At the Addison Conference Center, 15650 Addison Rd, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details visit:

www.holisticnetworker.com/ex

Support Groups

Healing Matters Grief Support 214. 706-2319 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.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800.

Collin County Community at College District's Counseling

Services offers individual and group counseling, crisis assessment, intervention and referral. For more information call Counseling Services at 972.881.5779 at the Spring Creek Campus; 972.548.6615 at the Central Campus; Park OF 972.377.1671 at the Preston Ridge Campus.

Volunteer opportunities The Institute for Women's

Health at Texas Woman's University seeks female volunteers, ages 18-60, for an ongoing women's health research study. You will receive free testing including blood work, EKG, cardiac stress test, pulmonary function and bone density testing. Texas Woman's University, 8194 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, 75231. Call

The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. Foster homes are also needed while permanent homes are found for animals. Call 972.578.7510.

Who Are the Women of God? Why is MON-The Gazette Honoring Them On Mother's Day Weekend 2004? What Can You Do To Be A Part Of The Momentous Occasion? Go To www.monthegazette.com (Click on Wamen Of God)

or Contact Sister Tarpley At 972-606-3878 voice mail



"Success Lasts a Lifetime"

The North Texas Job Corps Team finished 2nd among 15 Job Corps centers from the Dallas Region.



Congratulations **NTJCC Academic Olympics** Team

Student participant **Daniel Morales placed** 1st in the mathematics competition and won an individual \$1,000

scholarship award

(Left to Right) Lawrence Smith, Deborah Outhavong (Team Coach). Juan J. Rios, Daniel Morales, Korey Reece, Tamra Dornell (Kneeling Left to Right) Anna Rios, Pablo Luna

> To get involved or for more information, contact The Business & Community Liaison, Mr. Renaldo Williams @ 972.547.7873 "Providing eligible young adults skills for employment and independent living." The center is operated by the Cube Corporation for the U.S. Department of Labor/ETA www.cubecorp.com

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Editorial

THE TRUTH CLINIC Dallas Recall Faces An Up Hill Battle

In case any of the Dallas certification. recall advocates are feeling enthusiastic because of the California successful campaign last week, they need to understand the two recalls have little in common. California had a well organized, well financed, and well focused recall campaign; none of which is currently evident in the Dallas effort.

Plus, the California recall was magnified by its international notoriety and celebrity participants. This made for Hollywood media "circus" attracted and motivated a large number of normally tepid voters.

By contrast, the Dallas necessary. The community has not been galvanized to action. Even the filing of the recall intent documents appears to be individual driven and not community driven. Mr. Williams and Marvin activist fellow initially Crenshaw spearheaded the recall effort, opting to move forward without waiting for the area ministers and other leaders who have been making recall gestures since the firing of Terrell Bolton as police chief almost two months ago. This has created some division in the community.

recall has been filed, the clock is officially running and the organizers have 60 days to gather the required 72,873 valid signatures needed to put the petition on the ballot. Assuming this signature collection phase is successful

Recall leaders have several major hurdles to overcome in a relatively short time if the recall effort is to succeed.

A strong universal theme needs to be developed and articulated that touches a broad spectrum of voters across racial and political lines. Initially, the recall rhetoric was connected to Black protests following the firing of former police chief Bolton. Recently, some leaders have indicated the recall is about the mayor's charter violations and her advocacy for a strong mayor form of government. These will be tough to sell to Dallas voters and it is doubtful that either one is strong enough to recall leaders are still trying to strike the public's "mad as hell define why a recall is and we are not going to take it" nerve

> It will take 50 percent plus one of the recall votes to remove Mayor Miller from office. In the last mayoral election she won handily with over 55 percent of the final vote. Ms. Miller easily defeated council member Mary Poss in the regular May election and last year she beat insurance executive Tom Dunning in a special election to fill the to ask itself an objective unexpired term of former mayor Ron Kirk.

Since then, Mayor Miller continues to strengthen her hand with the Dallas Business Leaders and her North Dallas. Now that the intent to constituency that not only voted overwhelmingly for her but turned out in greater numbers than the Black voters who are now the driving force for recall. Is there any doubt they will vote the same way again?

It is obvious that a few the city secretary has 30 days coalitions will have to be to verify the signatures. The formed outside the Black recall election must be held community to have even a be sent to the writer at: within 60 days following this gambler's chance at a

successful recall. And finding a common denominator that will entice a significant number of the pro-Miller camp into supporting a leadership change is a monumental task.

But if recall leaders do come up with an acceptable theme for the recall, they need to quickly get the message out. And this takes money. In the California recall, several wealthy individuals supplied funds to get the recall on the ballot. While plenty of money circulates in the Black community, it has historically been difficult to get Black sponsors for political related activities.

If the recall happens to succeed, then the heir apparents need to be identified for voters to evaluate. Or will this be a case of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire? In the six weeks that this issue has been discussed not a single potential candidate has shown any mayoral interest or made a public statement in favor of the recall. None of Dallas' Black elected officials has given the slightest indication of support for a recall.

The Black community needs question during the planning phase of this recall. Is it worth spending scarce resources of time, energy and money on an emotional feel good cause? Could the resources be better spent assisting the deposed police chief with the legal expenses associated with seeking an equitable settlement from the city or preparing and educating the community on how to put up better voting numbers in the next election?

James W. Breedlove

announcing the receipt of \$200,930 in scholarship funds from the Tom Joyner Foundation.

in Shreveport," said President Billy Comments or opinions may C. Hawkins. "He said that he was going to present us with another www.truthclinic.com gift to support our scholarship

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Belief and Attendance Vary Greatly Among Different Segments of the Population, According to National Poll

ROCHESTER, /PRNewswire/ -- Americans are far more likely to believe in God and to attend religious services than people in most other developed countries -- particularly countries in Europe where philosophers have written that "God is dead." However this new Harris Poll finds that underneath a broad consensus, belief in God varies quite widely among different segments of the American public. And most people attend a religious service less often than once a month.

These are some of the results of a survey by Harris Interactive(R) based on a nationwide sample of 2,306 adults surveyed online between September 16 and 23, 2003.

Belief in God and Attendance of **Religious** Services

This survey found that 79% of Americans believe there is a God. and that 66% are absolutely certain this is true. Only 9% do not believe in God, while a further 12% are not sure.

While most people (55%) attend a religious service a few times a year or more often, only a minority of the public (36%) attends a religious service once a month or more often, with about a quarter (26%) attending every week.

Reducing "Social Desirability" Bias These numbers - for belief in God- and for attendance at churches, synagogues and mosques - are lower than those reported in many other surveys, we believe, because of the methods we use to measure them. more accurately

One of the problems with 73%). African Americans (91%) people where surveys are interviewed by people, whether face-to-face or by telephone, is that they may not tell the truth to an interviewer, if the truth is embarrassing or if another answer is more "socially desirable." This "social desirability" bias means that many surveys underreport the number of people who are homosexual, who don't bathe or clean their teeth, who drink alcohol, or whose children are not immunized, for example. Socially desirable behavior, such as giving to charity, voting in elections and going to church are usually over reported.

Differences in the Replies of Catholics, Protestants and Jews

Protestants (90%) are more likely than Roman Catholics (79%) and much more likely than Jews (48%) to believe in God. Religious affiliation here includes many people raised as members of a religion or religious group, regardless of what they practice or believe now.

Protestants (47%) are also more likely than Catholics (35%) to attend church once a month or more often. Only 16% of Jews go to synagogues once a month or more often

Belief in God is higher in the Midwest (82%) and in the South (82%) than in the East (75%) and the West (75%). It tends to increase with age from 71% of those aged 25 to 29 to more than 80% for the three age groups of people over 40, including 83% of those aged 65 and over.

Women are more likely than men to believe in God (84% versus

are more likely to believe in God than Hispanics (81%) and whites (78%). Republicans (87%) are more likely to believe in God than Democrats (78%) and Independents (75%). Those with no college education (82%) are more likely to believe in God than those with postgraduate (73%).Church education attendance (every month or more often) is higher in the Midwest (45%) and the South (40%) than in the East (30%) and the West (27%). It is lowest among people aged 25 to 29 (24%) and highest among those aged 65 and over (43%). And it is higher among women (41%) than among men (31%).

In theory, with probability samples of this size, one could say with 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus three percentage points of what they would be if the entire adult population had been polled with complete accuracy. Unfortunately, there are several other possible sources of error in all polls or surveys that are probably more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. They include refusals to be interviewed (nonresponse), question wording and question order, and weighting. It is impossible to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. This online survey is not a probability sample.

These statements conform to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls

Tom Joyner Foundation Donates Over \$200,000 to Texas College

Tyler, TX-Texas College recently efforts. Since he just presented us hosted a news conference "About a month ago, Tom Joyner called and invited us to Sky Show

with a check for \$200,000 in March, I didn't know what to expect. Needless to say, we are pleasantly surprised and very grateful that he presented Texas College with a check for \$200,930 (on October 10). When he presented the check in March, Mr. Joyner told me that this was just the beginning. Now I see what he

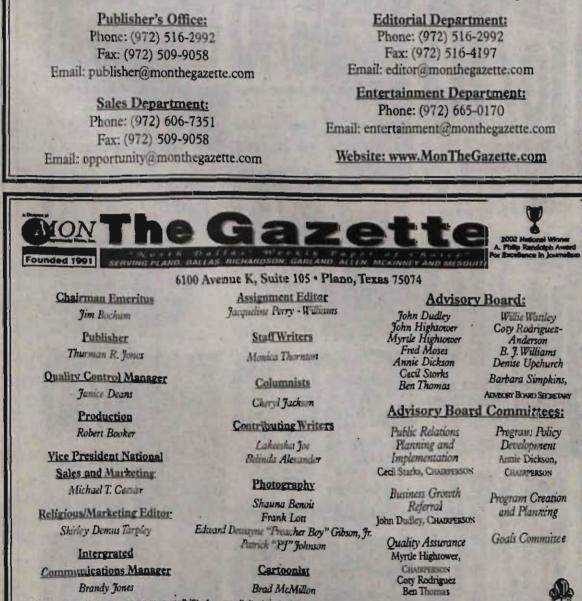
year in Mesquite and we look forward to an even bigger show this vear, said Museum Co-Founder Tim

means."

Texas College was honored as school of the month for the Tom Joyner Foundation last January. Mr. Tom Joyner visited Tyler and was the keynote speaker for Founder's Day in March. Texas College and the Tom Joyner Foundation have worked together to provide more scholarship opportunities for the students.

Sponsors of the Rodeo Finais include: Chevrolet, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Phillips 56, Millerlate, Texas Cable News Network, Church's Chicken, Clear Channel Communications, and Renaissance Cultural Center. General Admission tickets are \$8 for children and \$12 for adults and all Box Seats are \$18. Tickets can be purchased at any Ticketmaster location, by calling (972) 657-5700, on the Internet at www.cowboysofcolor.org, or at the Arena Box Office after 10 a.m. Saturday.

Where Do You Want To Go Today?



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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 mov-

ing 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 parody outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity! MON-The Gazette formally Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

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American cowboys and cowgiris come to town to compete in steer wrestling, bronco busting, calf roping, ladies barrel racing, and wild bull riding, while youth (16 and under) compete in junior calf roping and girls barrel racing.

Hispanic, European and Native

This fast-paced action packed rodeo entertains and educates the audience about diverse contributions to the American West. The Chevrolet Cowboys of Color Invitational Rodeo Tour tells the stories of these courageous people of the past and offers the current generation an opportunity to make their contributions while mentoring future generations.

"We had a successful Rodeo last

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If you look back at how this country was started and how it has been maintained, it will be quite clear to you that everything is based on economics. Of course we need a political system to keep things cool, but the bottom line is determined by who controls the money. Procedures and organizations were set up in this country and in England, despite the political constraints and the outrage of some politicians, mainly to gain and maintain control of the world's monetary system. The prime examples of that here are the Federal Reserve System and the Internal Revenue Service.

Right: wing, left wing, it does not matter who is in charge, and that's just the way the rich and powerful want it to be. They couldn't care less about who wins office or even who becomes president of the United States. To paraphrase: Baron Rothschild, as long as one controls the world's finances it., matters not who is in political office.

Austin. The Rodeo Tour raises funds for the National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to the collection, preservation, documentation and display of cultural contributions to the settling of the American West.

"We are so excited about the architectural plans and will kick off our capital campaign in 2004," Executive Director, Gloria Reed Austin stated. "It is exactly what we envisioned for the Museum. We look forward to welcoming visitors from around the world who want to come and learn about these diverse Western contributions.

In case you have not checked lately,

the Rothschild family is still large and

in charge globally, hundreds of years

after their master plan was developed.

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Left wing versus Right wing talk.

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Liberal. And don't fall yet again for

the okey-doke of always voting; for a

person simply because he or she is in

a certain party, or simply because he

or she is Black. Haven't we learned

our lesson yet? Until a few decades

ago, most Blacks votecl Republicari;

now, most of us vote Dennocrat. What

We must always remember that

politics is about self-interest, so we

should always vote for the candidates

who will see to our interests, whether

those candidates are White or Black,

Democrat or Republican. Corporate

moguls understand that and take full

advantage of it by giving money to

both political parties. They obviously

agree with old Baron Romschild and

har that gotten us?

As we approach yet another

For more information about the Museum or the 2004 Rodeo Tour website visit our at: www.cowboysofcolor.org.

continue to spread their money around, expecting and getting their needs met by whomever happens to be in office.

Left wing, right wing, it does not matter to the bird, for he knows he is always in total control of both wings and he can make them do whatever he wants - and needs - at anytime he chooses to do so. There may be two wings, but there is only one . bird: The Big Business Bird.

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Editor's Note

Edition, the Women of Vision International to Professional Corporate

In our October 9th article introduced Author, Business Coach and Speaker Discuss Women in the Trudy Bourgeois as the of Women of Vision America speaker for the event. The International.

photo that accompanied the article is Bourgeois, not Mary Boyd, 1st VP

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Great Outdoors Coming To Inner City For Harambee Festival

Festival takes place from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25 at 2922 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd just south of downtown Dallas. Visitors to the free event will be able to catch catfish, witness live birds of prey, see a Buffalo Soldiers living history camp and experience other facets of the great outdoors and Texas history.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Inner City Fishing Institute (ICFI) and other partners are bringing a new group of activities to the festival this year. These include a Youth Fishing area where kids will get five minutes to fish and can keep what they catch in that time limit, a Buffalo Soldiers camp where living history reenactors in period uniforms will portray 1800s African-American soldiers that helped tame the Texas frontier, an Operation Game Thief display from TPWD game wardens about how the public can help stop poaching, a Reptile Exhibit featuring live venomous and nonvenomous snakes and other reptiles common to the area, a Bird of Prey exhibit from the Dallas Arboretum featuring live raptors such as hawks and owls, and a Boat Display with bass boats and pontoon boat, among other activities.

Harambee is a Swahili word meaning, "Let's Pull Together." The festival is an alternative to Halloween and brings

Kaiser Celebrats 50 Years Page 1

"This was something that I will ponder in my heart forever. It was energizing, inspiring and hopeful,: said Dickson. "The best thing that came out of it is that we had the youth to see our history, and the seniors who had gone through the history."

During the service, children in the church came forward and presented letters they had written to the seniors. Pastor Alfred Walker, of New Hope Baptist Church, Garland, was the speaker.

One of the anniversary celebration organizers was church member Ricky McNeal. He said he was chosen by the steering committee to chair the event. McNeal, a church member for 16 years, said the biggest challenge was the process of validating the church's history. And he said the best thing was they have become better acquainted with their history.

"We became better acquainted with our history, and those who sacrificed for us to worship and appreciate relationships that have been built," said McNeal.

McNeal added that the steering committee sent out letters to elected

DALLAS, Texas - The Harambee together families, businesses, organizations, corporations, and citizens in a celebration of unity. The event includes cultural activities, entertainment, food, the Frances Burns heritage parade and health fair. Many of the outdoors activities are coming to the festival through the efforts of the Inner City Fishing Institute, a non-profit organization based in Dallas/Fort Worth.

"I expect many kids may catch their first fish ever at the Harambee Festival," said Mark Cole, ICFI director. "We see the world of the outdoors as a positive alternative to urban problems such as gangs and drugs." The organization has taken thousands of Metroplex young people fishing and camping since IFCI was founded in 1981.

Maria Sweet, TPWD outreach and education coordinator in Dallas, said the state agency is trying to reach new customers who have not been historically involved in the world of the outdoors, including urban youth and ethnic minorities.

"We hope to build future support for wildlife conservation and state parks, as well as introduce urban families to the joys of nature and the outdoors," Sweet said.

For more information about the Haramhee Festival. visit www.dallasblack.com or call the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center operated by the City of Dailas at (214) 670-8355.

officials and were able to procure letters to the church. He said these included district city council person Dunn, City of Garland Mayor, Governor Rick Perry, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Sam Johnson and President Bush. All letters were put in their souvenir booklet, except President Bush's, which was sent just after publication.

Reverend Alfred Walker, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, was the guest speaker. McNeal said Rev. Walker's father was the pastor at Kaiser Street Baptist Church from 1964 - 1988. He added that every speaker during the week-long celebration had a connection to the church, either through service, friendship 10 community involvement.

McNeal added that the celebration was preceded by a musical. The world renowned choir of 1st Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, Classical pianist Eva Flowers (McNeal's mother in law, and teacher at Booker T. Washington in Dallas), St. Luke UMC, saxaphonist Norman Fisher and a praise dance team opened the celebrations for the 50th Anniversay of Kaiser Street Baptist Church, Garland, Texas.

Arts & Entertainment





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Harry Connick Jr. Live In Concert Nov. 14 - NextStage

With very few exceptions, the career of Harry Connick, Jr. can be divided in half — his first two encompassed albums straightahead New Orleans jazz and stride piano while his later career (which paralleled his rising celebrity status) alternated between more contemporary New Orleans music and pop vocals with a debt to Frank Sinatra. Born in New Orleans on September 11, 1967, Connick grew up the son of two lawyers who owned a record store. After beginning on keyboards at the age of three, he first performed publicly at six, and recorded with a local jazz band at ten. Connick attended the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts and studied with Ellis Marsalis and James Booker. A move to New York to study at Hunter College and the Manhattan School

opportunity to look up a Columbia Records executive who had asked to see him, and Connick's self-titled album debut — a set of mostly unaccompanied standards — appeared in 1987. Jazz critics praised Connick's maturity and engaging style as well as his extended stays at New York hotspots during the year. His second album, named for his age in 1988, was the first to feature him on vocals.

Already well-known within jazz circles, Harry Connick, Jr. entered the American consciousness with the soundtrack to 1989's popular film When Harry Met Sally. Director Rob Reiner had asked Connick to compose a soundtrack, and he recorded several warm standards ("It Had to Be You," "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off," "Don't j a z z Get Around Anymore") with a big-band Connick

of Music gave him the backing. A world tour followed, and When Harry Met Sally eventually reached double-platinum status. With Connick a major celebrity, he diverged into an acting career, playing a tail gunner in 1990's Memphis Belle. That same year, he released two albums simultaneously: one, We Are in Love, was another vocal outing with similar standards as had appeared on When Harry Met Sally, while

> Lofty's Roach Souffle was allinstrumental. (Of course, the vocal album performed much better in the pop charts, hitting doubleplatinum, while the instrumentals worked better with Much audiences.)

toured again, this time with a big band, and recorded the group on 1991's Blue Light, Red Light. Though his celebrity decreased slightly during the mid-'90s, Connick's albums continued to reach platinum status, including 1992's 25, a 1993 album, and Christmas 1994's She. Connick continued his acting work with a starring role in 1995's Copycat (where he played a serial killer) and married actress Jill Goodacre. In 1996, he had a brief role in

the year's biggest blockbuster, Independence Day, but his album Star Turtle failed to connect with pop audiences. Come by Me, a return to big band sounds, followed in 1999.

Luis Miguel Plays Smirnoff Nov. 1



Mexican performer Luis Miguel is an international star who is loved for both his well-produced albums and his strong live performances. Since 1990, he has been the most popular performer in Latin America. In the United States, he has become the only Latino artist to have two Spanish language albums, Romance and Segundo Romance go platinum. Both are comprised of tender South American romantic songs. In the U.S., Miguel

Segundo Romance won him one of them. It also earned Miguel a total of 34 platinum records throughout South

has earned three Grammys. Follow-up releases included Musipistas and 1996's Nada Es Igual; in 1998, he costatred in the film Fiebre de Amor, and also appeared on and Central America in 1995. its soundtrack. Amarte Es un

Place followed a year later. Miguel's international stardom was heavily recognized in fall 2000 -- he won two Grammys (Male Pop Vocal Performance and Best Pop Album) for Amarte Es un Place at the first annual Latin Grammy Awards.

Radio

Based on a Sports Illustrated article, Radio tells the true story of the unusual friendship between Harold Jones (Ed Harris), a white football coach at a South Carolina high school, and a mentally challenged African-American man nicknamed Radio (Cuba Gooding Jr.). The film covers

the duo's nearly 40-year relationship, which continues to this day, and how Coach Jones' mentorship inspired his teams and eventually the entire town. Starts October 24, 2003

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre



This remake of the 1974 horror classic follows five 20-somethings who encounter a gang of Texas cannibals and find themselves pursued by a chainsaw-wielding maniac known as Leatherface. Michael Bay produces and

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the score is by Marilyn Manson.

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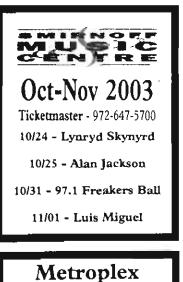


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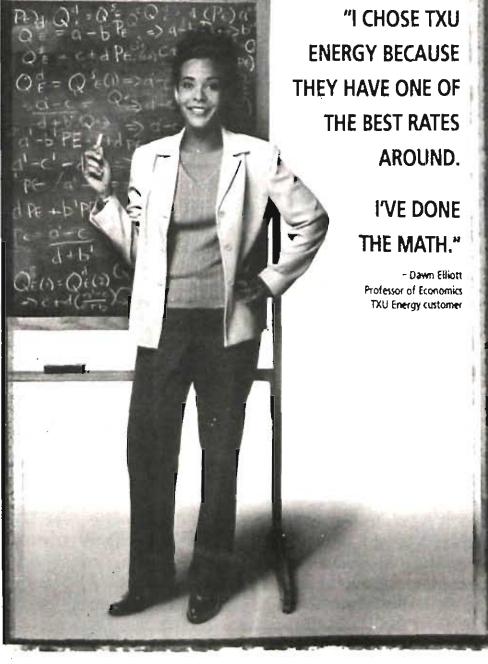
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Teens Learn Leadership



Rev. Marcus Green, Youth Minister, Rose of Sharon Baptist Church



(Standing Left to Right) Amber Holmes, Shenique Brewer, Whitney Wells, Meghan Caldwell, Takiesha Johnson, Ashley Holmes, Ashley Williams, Pierre Williams, Josh Miller (Sitting Left to Right) Cheerie Redwine, Valerie Smith, Julia McLean

Last week, Training For Excellence, Inc. held its Teen Mentoring Leadership Development Program graduation. Rev. Marcus Greene, Youth Minister Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, was the keynote speaker. Rev. Greene addressed the graduates with messages of spiritual guidance, and he stressed that in order to be successful in life, you can't leave God out of your plans. "Christ is the real hook-up and you can't make it withour Him; allow God to calm your doubts, when doubts come in your life," said Rev. Green.

He reminded the teens that, "This is not a Burger King world-you can't have it your way. There are times that you have to learn to disconnect yourself from your problems, so that you won't get run down." And he mentioned that there two things you need to remember when you disconnect from your problems. 1) Stay connected to God and 2j Stay connected to your family, because both will always be there for you.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what



Peer Honorees: Amber Holmes, Ms. Personality; Julia McLean, Most Likely to Succeed; TaKiesha Johnson, Most Talented; Whitney Wells, Most Comical; Josh Miller, Most Likely to Become U.S. President; Pierre Williams, Mr. Personality

Mentors: (Back Row, Standing Left to Right) Dr. Tony Bello, LaShaun Gary, Dianne Allen, Ray Banks, Dr.

Madge Barnes, Patti Dutton, Anita Banks, Dana Williams, LaDaun Brock, Veronica Burnett, Tracy Ray (Sitting Left to Right) Bridgette Phillips Navolia

Williams, Founder; Michelle Holston

and heart, which are necessary for Rev. Greene ended his keynote speech with a note about his favorite love, honor, to live peacefully, to gain cartoon character, Captain Planet, knowledge and practice charisma. who believes that there are five things Rev. Green added, "With God, you needed to be in place before he will go got the hook-up and the power is on a mission: wind, water, fire, earth yours.'

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NAACP Addresses Challenges Page 1

problems that we are facing in the community today. One of the main problems in our community is in the area of violence among our youth. Elizabeth Branch Ed.D founded Man in the Mirror" a group mentoring program in 1993. Branch, along with Marcus Branch, administrator, visit classrooms and churches to address violence and how to solve conflict. By using effective teaching tools such as CD Rom, videos, and posters, they are able to capture the youth's attention and affect behavior in positive ways Branch said, "In 1993, at the height of gang violence, I was tited of hearing older people complaining about the youth and not offering solutions, so I began to get involved directly."

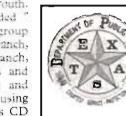
The two main speakers of the convention were Dr. George C. Wright, President of Prairie View A&M University. Dr. Wright, keynote speaker at the President's Luncheon spoke on the Historical Perspectives of African Americans in America. Dr. Wright is the author of three books which include: A History of Blacks in Kentucky: In Pursuit of Equality, 1890-1980, VolumeII; Racial Violence in Kentucky, 1865-1940: Lynchings, Mob Rule, and " Legal Lynchings" and the Life Behind a Veil: Blacks in Louisville, Kentucky 1865-1930. Dr. Wright earned his doctorate in history from Duke University in 1977.

State Representative Terri Hodge, was the guest speaker at the Youth Luncheon, Ms. Hodge, a member of the House of Representatives since 1996, stated, "We don't speak out because of the fear of being called unpatriotic." Hodge, a very dynamic speaker, parted with a very important statement, "I want you to be a more inclusive people, the clothes you wear, the house you live in make you no different than the weifare recipient."

Several members added that they were motivated over the weekend by discussing and addressing many of the topics, and communicating with other members from the various branches. Many were looking forward to returning to their communities and becoming further involved.

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we will, and it shall be done unto you," he quoted from St. John 15:7 (KJV).

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Elder Navolia Williams, Founder

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Worth area. Elder Williams said that

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The mission statement

"Transforming Teens Into 21st

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volunteers have witnessed their

dedication to the program, and this

in return, has been an inspiration to

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established to train and educate the

disadvantaged, underserved and

unemployed in the areas of life skills,

behavioral modification exercises, job

readiness skills, computer training,

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all over the Metroplex area and the

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With her God-given mission,

Elder Williams has been able to

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Elder Williams said that she is eternally grateful to the mentors who have committed their time, support and resources to the program. She believes the invaluable assistance of the mentors will leave a lasting imprint on the teens.

TODAY

Author Unknown From: JJL Ministries

I woke up early today, excited over

all I get to do before the clock strikes midnight. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important! My job is to choose what kind of

day I am going to have. Today I can complain because the

weather is rainy or I can be thankful



Elder Navolia Williams, Founder/Executive Director, Training for Excellence, Inc.

that the grass is getting watered for free and farmers are getting rain that is needed for their crops.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money or I can be glad that my finances encourages me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste. I surely don't need all of the things that I would buy

anyway.

Today I can grumble about my health or I can rejoice that I am alive. I can also go to any hospital and see how blessed I am.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born. Abortions are so easy to obtain and they are on the rise.

Today I can cry because roses have thorns or I can celebrate that thorns have roses. It's all how I look at my circumstances.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends or I can excitedly embark up on a quest to discover new relationships. There are some people that need a friend.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work or I can shout for joy because I have a job. With our economy today, there are plenty of good people with families that cannot find a job.

Today I can complain because I have to go to school or eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge and learn new and exciting things.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework or I can feel honored because God has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul and perhaps a family to help take care of.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like is up to me. I am important because I get to choose what kind of day I will have! What kind of a day will you have? It is truly up to you!

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Let MON-The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of Jabez, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."

Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Through the Last Sunday in October

Bils am- 9:45 am The Prayer of Jabez Bible Study,

led by Dr. Clara M. Reed. October 19-During Morning Worship Service

Annual Men's Day For more information, call 972-424-8500.

All Nations United Methodist Church Dr. Clara M. Reed, Pastor 3415 East 14th Street Plano, TX 75074 972-424-8500

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH - THE COLONY

October 18, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Cancer Awareness & Prevention Celebration

·Free Prostate Cancer Screening ·Cancer Survivors and Testimonials

Significance of Spirituality and **Cancer-Fighting Foods**

·Health Promotion Giveaways For more information, call 972-625-8186.

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

> **GREENVILLE AVENUE** CHURCH OF CHRIST

3rd Sunday of Each Month

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or Contact Sister Tarpley At 972-606-3878 voice mail

Free blood pressure screening in the gym after evening services For more information on times & room, call 972-644-2335

Sundays After Evening Services

in the Auditorium Achievers are Successful Tutoring Program, the TAKS test and how to become a TUTOR. Tutoring for grades K-12

For more information, call 972-644-2335

Ocisher 24, 7:00 pm to 9:19 pm Gospel Preaching and Singing

October 25, 8:30 am to 2:39 pm Gospel Preaching and Singing

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

GOSPEL MINISTRY **OUTREACH THEOLOGICAL** INSTITUTE (G.M.O.R - DFW)

Mondays & Thursdays, 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm Now taking registrations for Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Biblical Studies and Bachelor of Counseling Classes! Dr. Kenneth W. Johnson, Executive Director

Gospel Ministry Outreach Theological Institute (G.M.O.R -DFW) (Inside Shekinah Glory **Community Church**) Bishop Robert Ethridge, Pastor 515 West Center Street Duncanville, TX 75138 1-800-923-9149

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invites you out to attend the Ultimate Upscale Network hosted at Millennium Motor Cars Jaguar Dealership in Plano.

Unwind in an elegant setting and network with over 1,000 of the finest urban professionals and 80 business vendors.

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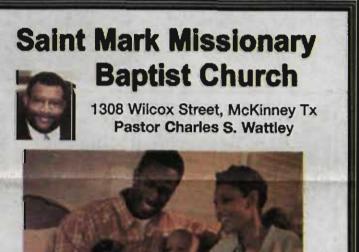
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M-F 10:25 am - 10:30 am

AIG Applaads Sales Agent Page 1

Finance, Graham came to AIG with over three decades of financial retail experience as a former branch manager for U.S. Bancorp of Oregon, the eighth largest financial services holding company, and Wells Fargo, a \$370 billion company with more than 139,000 team members.

AIG is the world's largest leader in insurance and financial services and the largest underwriter of commercial and industrial insurance in the U.S. AIG is global in over 130 countries providing financial, retirement savings, and asset management. It also has one of the largest retirement savings businesses in the U.S. in equities, fixed incomes, alternative investments, and real estate.

Ken Banks, AIG Associate Manager and mentor to Graham adamantly stated, "She has been the best student I've ever had. In fact she studied so much until I had to push her out of the door. Once she hit that door, she hit the ground running. She will not take any shortcuts, and displays a high level of integrity. Graham has an Entrepreneurial edge and a no-nonsense demeanor. If I were an advocate of cloning, she would be my candidate."

won't drive on the highways," says Graham.

driving has not stopped the top producer. In a record four months, Graham has already met her first year's commission goals.

Theme: Men, Running the Race with

For more information, call 972-998-

Morning Speaker: Rev. Stuart Bailey

MESOUTTE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST

CHURCH

Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church

MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 ann - 2:00 pm Mothers' Day Out Program for ages 2

For enrollment package & registration

fees contact Sister Seretha Dawkins at 972-

633-5511, between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

October 29-31

For more information, call 972-633-

Vision Summit 2003 Conference

months to 4 years of age. Phonics, numbers,

colors, shapes & other early childhood skills

Rev. Terry M. Turner, Pastor

2nd & 4th Sundays Blood pressure screenings available after

October 26 Annual Men's Day Celebration

Passion, Purpose and Power

Keller Springs Baptist Church

Rev. Larry Sanders, Pastor

3227 Keller Springs Road

Carrollton, TX 75006

972-735-8122

11:00 am service

2232 Franklin Drive

972-329-5030

will be offered.

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HAMILTON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH October 25, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Annual Health Fair - Free! Includes screenings, testing, give-aways, food and more!

For more information, call 972-235-4633, #7

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church Rev. Derrick Wright, Pastor 11881 Schroeder Road Dallas, TX 75243 972-235-4633

HOPEWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

October 18 75th Church Anniversary and Musical- 6:30 pm October 19 Homecoming Service, 3:30 pm Rev. Roy Rocke - Guest Speaker

For more information, call 214-823-1018

Hopewell Missionary **Baptist Church** Rev. Michael Hubbard, Senior Pastor 5144 Dolphin Road Dallas, TX 75223 214-823-1018

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

October 17-18 Marriage Enrichment Conference "Building Your Marriage to Last" Sidney & Carol Beal, Conference Speakers Cost: \$35.00 per couple

"Texas has grown on me. I just

Grahams' inhibition to Texas

Back Page

One of AIG's service goals is affordability. The Life, Accident protection, Annuity and Cancer policies were those highlighted by the savvy duo. "One out of three women and one out of two men were diagnosed with Cancer in the past 15 years. Survival has fortunately been higher over the years, but then so has the expense" said Banks.

AIG's plan covers and supplements over and above all HMO and PPO plans, with the flexibility to be serviced anywhere. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the "Worksite Marketing" vehicle allowing the agents to provide products to employees for employers who are otherwise limited in offering an extensive benefit plan.

NORTH DALLAS BIBLE

FELLOWSHIP

Theme: "Hearing the Heart of a Godly

For more information, call Barbara

November 2, 8:00 am - 9:30 am Crown Financial Ministry Adult Bible

The small group study is a 12-week in-

For more information, e-mail Mark

depth study of what scripture teaches about

SIXTH AVENUE BAPTIST

CHURCH

October 15-17, 7:30 pm Youth Revival, New Bethel Baptist

October 19, 3-00 pm Worship Experience at Harvey Avenue

October 23, 7:30 pm Greater Renfro Memorial COGIC, 700

October 26, 12:00 Noon Salem Baptist Church, 3400 Mitchell

East Park Avenue in Corsicana, Texas

Baptist Church, 1257 East Harvey in Ft.

Church, 101 Elm Flat Road in Kerens,

Sherrard at sherrardmark@yahoo.com.

North Dallas Community Bible

Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor

Richardson TX 75081-5057

Man." A panel of Godly men will be

addressing the issues of both the married

October 25, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Women's Ministry Conference

Sherman Campus Bldg 1010

and single woman.

Fellowship

Fellowship

972-437-3493

Texas

Worth, Texas

Miller at 972-235-2882.

money and possessions.

302 Centennial Blvd.

AIG General Manager M.J. Ruiz, recalls his first meeting with Graham, "I sat down with two people in a meeting. One was an aggressive talker, and the other was a listener. Graham's silence registered keen intuitiveness and that is necessary in becoming a good agent. I'm glad to see I made the right choice."

Incredibly humbled, Graham shares the spotlight, "I have a lot of help from the effortless contributions of Sandra Burns, our C.S.R. and Dee Harris, our Administrative Assistant." Graham also finds time for community work in providing informative health fairs for area churches, senior citizen camps and parks and recreation groups.

Graham continued, "Banking

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 2105 East Jones Avenue in Corsicana, Texas

Sixth Avenue Baptist Church Servant K.D. Davis, Sr., Pastor & Overseer Corsicana, TX 75110

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 18, 11:00 and Charity Golf Tournament- Benefiting the Big Brothers Big Sisters Indian Creek Municipal Golf Course, Carrollton, Texas 75007

For more information, please contact Dennis Edwards at (972) 906-3434.

October 18, 9:00 am- 11:00 am For more information, email Cheryl Blake CBlake WestsideBaptistChurch.Com.

October 19, 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm Men's Ministry presents Men's Day Program

October 21-23, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Fall Revival October 31, 2003, 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm For more information, call 972-221

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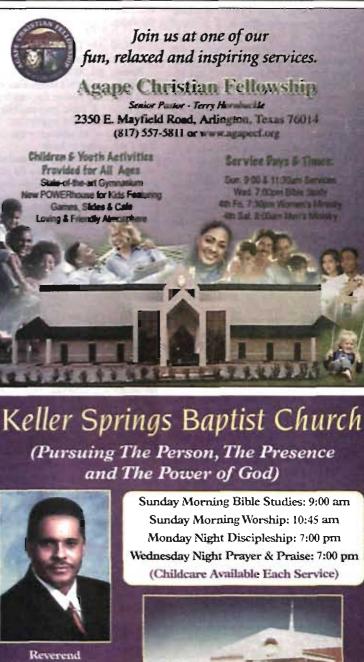
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never provided a personable element for me. In a field where sales are based on greed rather than need, AIG has provided a new avenue well worth exploring. I now can explore a clients

needs and provide the appropriate product based upon those needs. My philosophy is to do the best at everything, but make sure I do the right thing to get there."

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Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Pastor

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church 1113 | Ave. Plano, TX. 75074 (972) 423-4090 Rev. James E. Larry, Pustor

9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.



Blvd. in Ft. Worth, Texas October 26, 3:00 pm DayStar **Deliverance Ministries Our Services:** Sunday Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. postle Rober Midday Service: 11:00 a.m. Hawthorne

Tuesday Praver Service: 7:00 p.m. Service: 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by:

The Touch Ministry • Women in Transition (WIT) Website: www.thetouchministry.com • Phone: 972-769-8826

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Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor 14120 Noel Road Dallas, TX 75254

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