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On the Homefront:

First Christian Church of Garland presents a Big Band Concert At The Plaza, with The Heritage Brass Band, at The Plaza Theatre downtown Garland, November 14, 8:00 p.m. Features all the favorites from the big band era.

Members of the multicultural outreach roundtable are hosting a reception to provide and receive information in order to solicit potential volunteers to become members of the roundtable. November 14, 7:00 p.m. at the ArtCentre of Plano, 1039 East 15th Street, Plano.

94.9 KLFY's Celebrate Family, November 15, 10am to 6pm. Activities for all ages. Information for adults and children on safety, education, your community, new product offers, exhibitors, and more. FREE. For more information call 972.870.9949 or visit www.klfy.com

American Vision: African American Sculptors 19th Century - 21st Exhibition to celebrate Black sculptors at the African American Museum, November 7 through November 28. Sponsored by ExxonMobil, in conjunction with The Nasher Sculpture Center. The African American Museum is located at Fair Park, Dallas. For more information call: 214.565.9026

The Classics Family Theatre Series "Very Eric Carle" performed by Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia. Mermaid Theatre draws upon the magic of black light to capture the charm of three favorite Eric Carle stories. Eisemann Performance Center, Hill Performance Hall, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. Tickets: \$6-\$18. Call 972.596.0055, or visit www.classicsfamilyseries.org.

November 14-16 Third Monday Trade Days-Largest Flea Market in North Texas. - Located on Hwy. 380 two miles west of Hwy. 75 at 4550 W. University Dr. Over 700 outdoor vendors and 250 covered vendor booths. Indoor climate-controlled mall with shops and cafe. \$3 parking Saturday and Sunday. Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information: 972.562.5466 or www.ttttd.com.

How to Find & Win Scholarships, November 15 at the Allen Public Library, 301 Century Parkway, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Mt. Olive Church of Plano Vision Summit 2003

By Shirley Tarpley

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Vision Summit 2003, proclaimed

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Church of

Plano.

Members and

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mightily that

God would not

only bless His

people on a

daily basis, but

that God would

favor all people

that walked

through the

church doors

with a special

blessing.

In its third

year, the summit's attendance

has increased. Each night, the

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The year's

theme was Along

Racial,

Denominational

and Economical

Lines, with the

subtopic One

Light, a Sea of

Many Colors.

Featured guest

speakers included

Bishop David E.

Martin, Pastor of

Gospel

Tabernacle;

Minister Richard

G. Hanner,

Senior Minister of

The Redeemed

Community

Church and Elder

Marco Del

Bosque, Associate

Pastor of The Potter's House.

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Local Charity Clubs Hosts 'Masquerade with a Flair'



Ed Whitman, President of the Dunbar Social and Charity Club, along with T.J. Johnson, show off their costumes

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Maya Angelou Pays Tribute to Baylor Health Care System

By Monica Thornton

Dr. Maya Angelou spoke recently at East Dallas Christian Church in Dallas, as part of Baylor Health Care System's 100th Birthday celebration, and their 39th Annual Powhatan W. James Lecture.

With a church packed to capacity, Dr. Angelou delivered her speech on Spirituality and Creativity with poignancy and joy. She spoke of the past, and how important it is for us to remember those who have gone before us, to appreciate where we are today.

"Whether our ancestors came from Ireland or Germany to escape being murdered... or from Asia in the 1850's to build the railroads, unable legally to bring their families over for decades, or those Africans forced to come over on the slave ships," Angelou said.

And she also impressed upon the audience how important it is to thank a family member who made a difference in our lives, to let them know how important they are.

"I ask you to look back in the family at somebody who did

something for you, someone who bought you something when you had nothing, or showed you something new. They may be dead, or they may be around, so say thank you," said Angelou.

For her, it was her maternal grandmother and her uncle Willy. She said when she and her brother were three and five respectively, their parents sent them from Los Angeles to a hamlet in Arkansas to stay with family. Her grandmother owned the only Black owned store in the town, and she and her brother would help out there. But she said every day her uncle Willy taught her the times tables.

"Uncle Willy would grab me and stand me in front of the heat of the big stove and say, 'now, do your 4's, now do your eleven's. And I learned,' Angelou remembered. "And after a night of copious libation, I can still recite my twelve's."

And years later, when she was going to her uncle Willy's funeral, she met the Mayor of

Maya Angelou Page 6

Collin County Voters Approve 2003 Bond Program



(McKinney,

TX) - Collin County voters approved all three components of the 2003 Bond Program Tuesday. The \$229 million dollar program will provide \$142 million for road improvements, \$11 million for parks and open space and \$76 million in county facilities, including the construction of a new district courts facility and expansions of the county jail and juvenile detention center.

"The citizens have again supported the needs for additional roads, jails and open space," says Collin County

Commissioner Phyllis Cole. "We will be able to manage the growth for several years to come."

"I'd like to thank the voters of Collin County for the confidence they've placed in the proposals by our citizen committees. All three propositions will support the continued growth in Collin County," says Collin County Commissioner Jack Hatchell.

The 2003 bond propositions were developed by citizen committees, which evaluated and determined viable projects for the program. Committee members included representatives from municipalities and unincorporated areas of the county. Engineers, architects, urban planners and other specialists supported them.

"I'm pleased people saw a need for funding these initiatives," says

Collin County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland. "We'll spend it wisely."

"This shows the legitimate needs by residents to continue their quality of life," says Collin County Judge Ron Harris. "We'll leverage far more in projects than the bonds provide."

"I'm grateful that the voters supported this," says Collin County Commissioner Joe Jaynes. "I'm also thankful to the citizen committees for working on this for more than a year."

Out of the 327,687 registered voters in Collin County, 9,436 voted in this bond election, that's 2.88%. Proposition 1, which is transportation, received 76.72% of the votes. Proposition 2, which is parks and open space, received 70% of the votes. And, Proposition 3, which is facilities, received 62.77% of the votes.

Training for Excellence Conference An Unmasking of major proportions

By Cathy Johnson

The weekend of October 31, kicked off the first annual "Training For Excellence" Conference.

This year's theme, "Leaving the Mask Behind" showcased a dynamic unveiling of relationship building and character development workshops.

TFE is a non-profit organization providing life skills development and application for those in otherwise disadvantaged urban communities.

The conference drew from a prolific pool of pastors, motivational speakers and

authors, including: Patti Dutton, facilitator of the Christian Women's Leadership

Felix Flores, of Word of Life International Church; Tracy Ray, Founder of Telling The

Truth Ministries; David

Yeazell, Founding

Director of The Potter's

Institute; Shirley Clark,

Founder and President

of Shirley Clark

International Ministries

and JABEZ Prayer

Network; Tony

Cummings, Founder of

Walking in the Word

Ministries and Author of

"Single to the Max";

and Gloria Anderson,

President of Heart

Tones Inspirational

Company.

The workshop was



(Left to Right) William Robertson, Jessica Joseph, Elder Patti Robertson Dutton, and Elder Charles Dutton. Both elders are members of The Potter's House church.

Development Program for the Potters House Church; Pastor

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Paul Quinn College Inaugurates 32nd President Forum Focuses on Building Community Partnerships

By Earnestine Gardner, freelance journalist

As the twenty-first century continues to accelerate global communications and marketing, Paul Quinn College's (PQC) regents and administrators have positioned the college to prepare students to deal with the diversity of a global work place through furthering collaborations and partnerships within the Dallas community.

Commenting to an audience of approximately 500 during the inaugural gala, which culminated a week of activities celebrating Dr. Dwight J. Fennell's investiture as 32nd President of PQC, Dr. Fennell said, "We have a mighty work to do here in Dallas. We are charged with preparing Paul Quinn's students to compete globally in the workplace. With

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Masquerade with a Flair Page 1

Local Charity Clubs Hosts 'Masquerade with a Flair'



Members of the Dunbar Social and Charity Club



Michael and Barbara Boykin register guest for a chance to participate in the costume contest held that evening.



Mr. & Mrs. Gerad Randle show off their Frankenstein/Bride Frankenstein costumes

On October 31, 2003, The Dunbar Social and Charity Club, Inc. and The Dunbar Club Foundation held its masquerade ball, "Masquerade with a Flair" featuring musical recording artist Yarbrough and Peoples. The event was held at the Crowne Plaza



Musical Recording Artist Alicia Peoples of the duo, Yarbrough & Peoples, performs for the crowd at the "Masquerade with a Flair" held October 31.



Shagala Curtis, PISD teacher and Curtis Wade, Plano Chamber of Commerce member

Hotel in Dallas. The organization is comprised of various professions, disciplines, and

musical entertainment, dancing, a costume contest, and grand prize drawings.

Proceeds from the event will benefit youth at the Dunbar Learning Center, as part of DISD, and other community efforts.

For more information about The Dunbar Social and Charity Club, please visit www.dunbarsocialclub.8m.com

The Dunbar Social and Charity Club is a Non Profit Social, Civic and Charitable Organization, serving Dallas, TX metro area since 1922. A 501(c4) Organization.

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Mt. Olive Church of Plano Vision Summit 2003



The Airborne Group Praise Team performs at Mount Olive Church of Plano



Mount Olive Church of Plano Praise Team



Pastor Sam Fenceroy, Mount Olive Church of Plano

"Minister Hanner's sermon on Multicultural Savior was very inspirational and in line with the motto of the church. Uniting the Body of Christ. Christ's life showed His love for God's people no matter what color or nationality. Pastor Del Bosque's message was full of powerful praise and worship and showed the anointing of God in his life. Pastor Del Bosque danced before the Lord with all his might.

Bishop Martin's message from Jude reminds us that God is a "right now, ever present" father who is the "only wise God" and He deserves all the glory from us.

Saturday night's musical was "off the chain," as the young people say. The airborne youth from Pastor Paul Freeman's church were excited about giving God His praise and lifting up His name, said Sister Seretha Dawkins, President of Dawkins, Inc.

Each night of the Summit,

Pastor Sam gave an illustration with a fire extinguisher that conveyed a powerful message that as Christians we need to help put out fires in others lives, it doesn't matter what color, creed or nationality they are. To drive home his point, as Pastor Sam would go to various individuals in the audience he would stop at some and say, "If you will just wait until someone that looks like you comes along, they will put out your fire."



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Around The Town

On-going

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

An African American History Course at the African American Museum. A six-session course held Saturdays, taught by Robert Edison, a history teacher at Pearl C. Anderson Middle School, Dallas. Remaining dates: Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20. Admission to the African American Museum is free except for groups of 10 or more. Tuesday - Friday, 12 noon - 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Call 214.565.9026.

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, 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. For special tours call 972.941.2117.

Heritage Farmstead, 1028

15th Street, Plano. 972.424.7874. Dedicated to preserving the early 1900's way of life, this unique four-acre museum features a beautiful Victorian home and 12 outbuildings that were part of a 360-acre farm operated by Annie Wilson. Guided tours available.

Through November 9

Plano Repertory Theatre presents 'Chicago', at the ArtCentre Theatre, downtown Plano. Call 972.422.7460 for 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 self-esteem, 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.

Through January 5, 2004

Santa vs. The Snowman is

coming back to Fort Worth's Omni Theater. An instant holiday classic, beginning November 14 at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, 1501 Montgomery Street, Fort Worth. For times and information call: 817.255.9300 or 888.255.9300, or visit: www.fortworthmuseum.org.

Through January 10, 2004

Eclectic Nature: Teaching Ecology Through Art. Features the many faces of mother nature, at The Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary. A mixed media show of two McKinney artists, Brian and Schelly Corry. Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. One Nature Place, McKinney. Call 972.562.5566, or visit: www.heardmuseum.org. Admission to museum and grounds is \$8 adults/\$5 children 3-12.

November 7 through November 22

"Bell, Book & Candle" a story of romance and magic, is presented by the Mesquite Community Theatre. Call 972.216.8126 for tickets, reservations and information. \$10 adults/\$8 students, seniors and STAGE members/\$6 children/\$8 all tickets on Thursday and Sunday matinee. At the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway, Mesquite.

November 7, 8 & 9

Neath the Wreath Holiday Gift Market sponsored by The Junior League of Plano, at the Plano Center, Springcreek and Jupiter Roads. Over 100 merchants. Proceeds benefit The Junior

League of Plano. Tickets: \$7.00 one day/ \$15.00 three day/ \$20.00 preview shopping Friday 9am-12noon, and three day admittance. Friday 12 noon - 6p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information: 972.769.1142, or visit www.jlplano.org.

November 8

In recognition of National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week (Nov 2-8), The City of Plano Animal Shelter invites you to join them 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to visit with the animals, see how the shelter enhances the quality of life in Plano, and see how you can help animals in need. Call Debbie New, City of Plano Animal Shelter: 972.769.4375.

Mesquite City Animal Shelter will sponsor a remote pet adoption at Petco, 1500 Town East Blvd., from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information call 972.216.6283.

The Mesquite Animal Shelter will host a low cost rabies vaccination clinic at 1101 E. Main, in front of the Animal Shelter, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

November 11

The Nicholson Memorial Library System's Spoken Word Coffee House presents Texas storyteller "Poor Ol'" Craig Vaughn. 7:00 p.m. at the North Garland Branch Library, 3845 North Garland Avenue, in Garland. Call 972.205.2803 for more information. Free, donations accepted. Spoken Word programs are intended for adults.

November 15

Word Processing Basics classes

for computer users with some experience handling a mouse, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Registration required for all classes: call 972.216.6224.

Join Frisco Parks & Recreation Dept. to plant trees for Arbor Fest, 9 a.m. - noon, Duncan Park, 5700 Norfolk Lane. Learn how to properly plant trees, and which trees are native or well adapted to Frisco. Refreshments and prizes. For more information call 972.335.5517.

Focus on Teens: College 101, at Frisco Public Library 8750 McKinney Rd., 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Information for college-bound students about applying to the college of their dreams. Donna Okaro of the Collin County Community College District, is the guest speaker. FREE. For information: 972.335.5510 or www.friscolibrary.com

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.

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 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 Park Campus; or 972.377.1671 at the Preston Ridge Campus.

Volunteer opportunities

Women needed to mentor teen mothers at Hope Cottage Pregnancy and Adoption Center, 22 years and older. Spend time with a teen mother and her baby, providing emotional support, positive role modeling and a listening ear. To make a difference in the life of a teen mother and her baby, call Tara Pitt at 214.526.8721, ext 226, or visit www.hopecottage.org.

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?
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THE TRUTH CLINIC Administration Hawks Lie While American Soldiers Continue To Die

It seems as though the American troops in Iraq are encamped in an arcade shooting gallery. However, the Americans are not shooting at the ducks, they are the ducks. On land or in the air, with increasing frequency, the soldiers are being fired upon and killed or maimed.

In the six months since the President, in his well-scripted photo-op aboard the carrier U.S.S. Lincoln declared an end to major combat hostilities, 237 American soldiers have died in the Iraq occupation. The deaths average more than one a day. As American casualties mount and bombs, grenades and bullets rattle Baghdad, the image of Bush's flight suit strut under a banner proclaiming "Mission Accomplished" paints a vivid picture about the administration's arrogance and misunderstanding of the underlying facets of this war.

And because of this lack of understanding, 237 families have had to play host to the impassive military officer who knocks at the door and recites from a prepared script, "The secretary of the Army has asked me to express his deep regret that your (husband, son or daughter) was killed in action." There is a steady parade of burial rituals that get a little local press but certainly no tribute from the nation. The administration does not want to call attention to the fact that people are dying. And what are they dying for?

Do the American people understand the reason for the Iraq war? The continuing violence in Iraq has raised

new questions about how Bush seduced the country into war. Bush told Americans we were going to war because Iraq posed an imminent threat to the security of the U.S. and its citizens. We can forget the Weapons of Mass Destruction and the imminent threat stories. These original fabrications used by the administration to garner support have been so thoroughly debunked that the administration had to admit they were made up.

Now many former Bush supporters are having second thoughts about the need for war. Even soldiers complain they do not know why they are in Iraq. One widow who was recently notified of her husband's death said through her teary eyes that he had told her, "They don't want us here. They throw rocks at us. They shoot at us. I don't know what we're doing here."

Now the administration's story is we must focus on stabilizing and democratizing Iraq. Who asked America to destabilize the country in the first place? The Iraqi people certainly did not as evidenced by the less than red carpet treatment the occupation force is receiving. The people also have not given any indication that they prefer a democratic society. Perhaps they did not like Saddam but it was not America's prerogative to interfere in Iraq's internal affairs. Wouldn't the American people be up in arms if Russia were to try and dispel President Bush because almost 50 percent of the American people disagree with some of his policies?

So Saddam and Bin Laden have been deposed, but they

are alive and no one can find them. According to a recently published report by the Center for Army Lessons Learned, a lack of trained personnel for post war security tasks and intelligence assessment has put the entire mission in an untenable position. The report states that the poor quality of mission preparation was inexcusable.

To no one's surprise, the Bush Administration has not registered the slightest bit of remorse over the deadly path taken or the lies told to induce the public to tag along.

The President and his senior advisors lied, and continue to flagrantly subvert the truth. For their own private reasons they have manipulated intelligence data to justify a war against a country that had not attacked us and did not have the capability of attacking us. At this point they have no clue how to win in Iraq. The war thus far has provided no tangible benefits for America, has not diminished terrorism and has not made this country more secure. The only people to gain from the war are the political cronies who have been the recipients of billions of dollars worth of no-bid sole source contracts.

The American people need to realize that any leader who would deliberately lie to them and classify information that has nothing to do with national security in order to promote and propagate a war that is undermining the country and needlessly killing American soldiers should not be permitted to remain in office.

James W. Breedlove
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Pastor Uses Rap as a Way to Draw People to God

By Dan DeLuca Knight
Newspapers/Tribune News Service
Bensalem, PA-- The Rev. Ezekiah Walker is known as "the hip-hop pastor" and welcomes rap stars such as Lil' Kim, Missy Elliott and Foxy Brown to worship at his Love Fellowship Tabernacle in Brooklyn. The platinum watch on his wrist is a gift from Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

Walker's music mixes hip-hop beats and praise-the-Lord swagger.

The two-time Grammy winner places himself proudly within the rap generation: "I come out of the neighborhood, I come out of the culture. I know what it's like when, because of your surroundings, you feel you're never going to go nowhere. You're never going to get out, because you have no positive influences. All you have is your style, your music."

But don't think the ordained Pentecostal minister embraces hip-hop in all its thugged-out incarnations. On Oct. 5 at the Bensalem branch of his church, the reverend's voice rose to the rafters as he admonished his young, well-dressed flock: "Whoever you hang out with, find out who they're listening to, because whatever they eat, that's who they are."

"And I'm not riding in your car when you got the Devil's music on!"

To the leader of the popular Love Fellowship Choir, which brings together vocalists from both of his congregations, the Devil's music "is any music that will entice you to not be a man or a woman of integrity."

"It's any music that would teach you to be mean and cruel and hateful, that would seduce you into killing," Walker says, after a service that concluded with the baptism of his two nieces, during which he sang "Take Me to the Water" in a rich baritone, accompanied by Hammond organ and drums. "I look at some rap videos and lyrics ... " He pauses and shakes his head. "If I hear lyrics that are about killing your neighbor so you can be on top? That's Devil's music."

The 39-year-old pastor is aware that not all his celebrated

parishioners have embraced the message. There's DMX, for example, whose new CD contains cuts with names like Rob All Night (If I'm Gonna Rob).

"When I counsel them, they come back with, 'This is what people want to hear. I'm an entertainer.' And when they say that, they're not taking responsibility. What I teach is you have to give out who you are."

"Bottom line: If that's not you, then don't give it out. I'm not going to perpetrate something that I'm not. If I'm not a killer,

was 21, the same year his deeply religious social-worker mother collapsed and died on the way to church. After studying sociology at Long Island University, the former track star decided to model himself after André Crouch and his mother's favorite, Mahalia Jackson.

"All I had was my gospel music and my God," he recalls. "I just thought I could go out there and make a difference. I wanted to use music as a therapeutic tool to bring people into the church and help them physically and spiritually."

In 1989, Walker -- who plays piano, composes and arranges some of the choir's music -- released his first album. There have been 11 since, including last year's Family Affair, Vol. 2, recorded live at Radio City Music Hall. Videos featuring the ensemble, which tours all year and can include as many as 100 members on the road, are a frequent presence on cable's BET.

This week, Walker and the Love Fellowship Choir received six nominations for the 2004 Stellar Gospel Music Awards, including CD of the year, choir of the year and Walker's production credit for Family Affair II -- Live at Radio City Music Hall. The awards will be presented in January in Houston.

To those who question his black Mercedes, his 22-room Brooklyn home, and the other trappings of success he enjoys, Walker states his belief that a disciplined life will lead to material rewards.

"This is not drug money, this is not sex money," he says. "This is me putting God first."

"What we're trying to (tell the hip-hop nation) is, 'There's another side to the hip-hop community,' he adds. "I've been to college. I'm a Grammy Award-winner. I dress like y'all. I got the same jewelry as you. But the positive side of the community, you don't represent, and we don't get the attention that you all get. So I'm standing here as a positive role model."



Hip-Hop Mogul Sean "P. Diddy" Combs From fashion to music to film, P. Diddy has put an indelible stamp on mainstream culture.

I'm not going to talk about killing. And I'm sure not going to do it just to put money in my pocket."

Walker has challenged Combs, who regularly attends services in Brooklyn, on this issue. The founder of Bad Boy Entertainment -- who has worked with artists ranging from the Notorious B.I.G. to Mary J. Blige -- first sought the pastor as his spiritual adviser because he felt guilty for portraying himself in a music-video crucifixion scene.

"That's my fight with Puffy," says the reverend, known as Hezzy to friends and family. "And in the last couple of years, his music has sort of changed. If I could somehow convince him to completely change, I believe a whole new generation of people would come into the church on his word alone."

Walker grew up in Brooklyn's Fort Greene projects, and founded his first choir when he

District Earns State's Highest Fiscal Accountability Rating Texas Lauds RISD's 'Superior Achievement'

(Richardson, TX) Richardson ISD recently announced that the district has received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' new Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating is the highest available, demonstrating the quality of RISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the first year of Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency and required by the Texas Legislature. The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant

due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are pleased, but not surprised at our Schools FIRST rating," said RISD Superintendent Dr. Carolyn Bukhair. "This further demonstrates that Richardson ISD is making the most of our taxpayer dollars, and that we take financial accountability very seriously."

The "Superior Achievement" rating from Schools FIRST comes after two national bond rating agencies, Moody's and Standard & Poors, assigned RISD the highest stand-alone ratings given to Texas School districts for the issuance of school district bonds. The exceptional ratings allow the district to issue bonds at a lower interest cost, resulting in significant savings to district taxpayers over the life

of issued bonds.

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

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

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divided into three tier session blocks, highlighting such topics as "Searching for

Talk Show dealing with personal and provocative issues.

Change seemed to be the common thread for the conference of unmasking as R e n e Hornbuckle, keynote speaker and Founder of Women of Influence Inc., delivered an undaunted message of accountability and change. Hornbuckle challenged

"This was an excellent opportunity for women to realize that they need not hide anything. There is also a great comfort in knowing you are not alone as you overcome obstacles," said M O N - The Gazette Religious Editor Shirley Demus Tarpley.

M a n y obstacles were overcome said Williams of the preparation. "In a society where most people are more concerned with how they look on the outside rather than on the inside, "Leaving the Mask Behind" theme seemed like a set-up for failure."

The conference was a success of proportions still to be unmasked according to participant and worshipper Jacqui Hutchinson, "I especially enjoyed the conference because I firmly believe the concept of mentoring young women to be

vital," said Hutchinson. Hutchinson is the founder of Women Who Win, an Irving-based organization designed to



(Left to Right) Tracy Ray, Shirley Clark, Navolia Williams, Patti Robertson Dutton, David Yeazell, and Tony Cummings



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Significance", by Patti Dutton, and "Apology Accepted! Now What?" a Healing of Wombs of the Heart, by Pastor Felix Flores, "My passion is to help people restore what was lost," said Flores. Other topics were "Leaving behind Religion for Relationship", a candid approach at challenging change by exposing Religion and Legalism, by Gloria Thomas Anderson and "Leaving the Past Behind", a no frills attempt at relinquishing old habits in exchange for purpose, by Shirley Clark. Clark spoke poignantly about secret sins, urging listeners to "Come clean with God".

Tony Cummings, Singles Ministry Director for the Potters House Church had said this about his workshop He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not, She loves Me, She Loves Me Not, "I believe that a single person cannot prepare you to be married" said Cummings. Married for 20 years, and ministering for 15, Cummings is expanding the Singles Ministry to include a Cutting edge



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listeners to dig beneath the surface to deal with their own selves and not others.



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Arts & Entertainment

My Fifteen Minutes Alone With Blues Legend B.B. King

By James W. Breedlove

The legendary king of the blues, B.B. King, was in town last Tuesday accompanied by his equally famous partner, Lucille, and gave a mesmerizing three curtain call performance at the high brow Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

I had the distinct honor to meet with Mr. King following his gritty one hour and forty-five minute down home blues benefit for the Central Dallas Ministries. My expectations of a quick program autograph and an exchange of greetings was dispelled when I extended my hand and started to tell him how much I enjoyed the show. Instead of the normal celebrity "keep on walking type of treatment", he paused, smiled broadly and invited me to join him in his dressing room.

This legend immediately broke the ice by stating that he had to sit down because his knees were starting to ache. He suggested that I help myself to the ample libations and snacks that were

invitingly arranged on a table next to the couch. I hesitated but he insisted by imploring, "please have something and relax a bit." How could I refuse a direct request from B.B. King?

We conversed just like two long time friends sitting at home in the living room. The more we talked the more amazed I became with his drive, spirit and quiet humor. When I asked what was it that still gave him the incentive to

be on the road at least 250 days out of the year he laughingly responded that he would do anything to keep from going back

to his sharecropper beginnings.

He was a fountain of personal information and certainly impressed me with his willingness to be just a down home type of host.

I learned that for relaxation on the road he does not listen to his own music but carries a handheld MP-3 player system loaded with hundreds of his favorite tunes. The player connects into a pair of small bookshelf speakers

that have a concert hall sound. He demonstrated the system for me and the lead off artist was Bobby Blue Bland. He explained that not

only is Bobby his personal friend but he really loved his style of "make you feel good all over" singing.

B.B. confirmed the story of how his famous guitar got the name Lucille. He told how the crossover hit "The Thrill is Gone" took almost five years to evolve into the classic audiences all over the world love. He reflected that there was something about the song he liked and he was constantly rewriting it over the years. Then one night he and a few musicians were fooling around with the song after hours and it just "clicked". He recognized that it had finally become the song he was searching for.

When the discussion turned to the large number of whites in the audience his voice changed from light hearted and easy going to a more somber philosophical tone. He described the great difference between the early chittlin' circuit period when his name was off limits to white audiences and the acceptance after white musicians began to play the blues. The

difference was like night and day, living hand to mouth versus making a decent living. He said he is grateful for the white musicians taking up the blues and feels no animosity over their great financial success with Black music.

Mr. King's grandson, who was acting as a personal assistant, came in and reminded King, that some of the sponsors of the show were waiting to see him. While I hated

for the session to end, I looked at my watch and noticed that I had been alone with the Blues King for a full fifteen minutes.

We stood and shook hands, he autographed my program, gifted me with a Lucille lapel pin and said he would like to continue the conversation the next time he came to Dallas. I genuflected to the master artist and bid him adieu.



Looney Tunes: Back in Action



In this mixture of live-action and animation, a fired stuntman (Brendan Fraser) teams up with disgruntled Daffy Duck — he felt Bugs Bunny got all the attention, and, thus, left the Warner Bros. lot — and the two head for exotic locales such as

Africa and Las Vegas, where they search for Fraser's character's father and the mythical Blue Diamond. A studio executive (Jenna Elfman) and Bugs Bunny are in hot pursuit, trying to get Daffy to return to Hollywood.

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Soulful Singer Kelly Price Co-Stars in 'Why Did I Get Married'



followed in 1998; Mirror Mirror appeared two years later. In 1998, she made a major impact in the R&B scene with her release "Friend Of Mine." The emotional conversational R&B pick, known for its compelling vocal boxing match between Ronald "Mr. Biggs" Isley and R. Kelly, cemented the album's platinum certification. It also secured her collaborations on subsequent albums from R. Kelly, Whitney Houston, and the soundtrack for Elton John's Broadway play Aida.

For Price's sophomore album, 2000's Mirror Mirror, Price remade popular '80s R&B ballad "As We Lay," originally performed by one of her influences Shirley Murdock. And the album vacillated between pop leaning songs and her traditional soul tracks. In 2001, Price showcased her vocal dexterity on her holiday album, One Family: A Christmas Album. On the record that included

contributions from her family, Price tackled gospel ("In Love At Christmas" with Mary Mary), classical ("Ave Maria"), and even country ("Mary's Song" with Wynonna Judd).

The following year marked her tenth wedding anniversary.

So while Price was scheduled to release her fourth album, Priceless, that year, the record was placed on hold until 2003, while Price and her husband renewed their vows and had the wedding ceremony they never had.

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The Garland award is based on the National Quality Malcolm Baldrige Award. Garland is one of three Texas cities participating in this program. The award is intended to help businesses and organizations assess their strengths and weaknesses to improve their productivity.

"We believe that by helping Garland companies achieve success, we help the city as a whole

become more successful," says Paul Mayer, president of the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

The Garland award includes a set of criteria to help companies assess and understand how to improve performance. The criteria are based on the best practices of the most successful organizations in the nation. Eligible companies go through a series of detailed assessments conducted by judges from outside the region.

As a recipient of the Garland award, the Chamber is eligible for the statewide excellence award. The City of Garland's Solid Waste and Recycling Department received the Garland award in 2001.

The Garland Chamber is offering a series of workshops to local business owners and CEOs. These workshops will demonstrate how world class organizations achieve sustained success, teach business people to assess their company's capabilities in critical areas, allow high-performing organizations to share their best practices, and help business people map out specific steps toward their performance goals.

Space is limited for these workshops. Business owners and CEOs should call the Chamber at 972-272-7551 for registration information or check the Chamber's website at www.garlandchamber.com.

Maya Angelou Page 1



Little Rock, Arkansas, who said, "The United States has lost a great man losing Willy, he made me love to learn, he taught me my times tables."

Angelou said because she can look back and encourage others to look back and say thank you, she felt free to say thank you to the founders of Baylor Health Care System, for their foresight and courage to open a hospital in 1903, where poor people could go.

"And what did it take for them to decide they would open the doors for black people, how much courage did that take when others were saying 'you'd better be careful,'" Angelou said.

She continued that it is important for us to embrace courage, which, she said, is the greatest of all the virtues.

"Courage is the most important of all the virtues," said Angelou. "Without courage you can't do anything consistently."

Angelou continued, "It is courage that allows us to give up old habits, because we have to stand on nothing but faith. It is courage that allows you to say 'I'm giving up this that I've held on to all my life...'"

And she also said it is important to laugh as much as possible. She said she likes to write things to herself and write poems that she can read back on and laugh.

Before Angelou left, she was presented with a scarf in commemoration of Baylor Hospital's 100th Anniversary.

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Paul Quinn College Page 1

the continued acceleration of global communications and trade due to technological advancement, their competition is no longer relegated to a town, city, or state. It has become worldwide. Therefore, the task of PQC in the Dallas community is to see to it that our students acquire job skills and a sound education to prepare them to be productive in a diverse global economy."

Larry Mullins, national correspondent for NBC news, served as emcee for the gala. The event was held at the Dallas Apparel Mart on October 18. The official installation ceremony took place in the chapel on PQC's campus on the Friday, preceding the gala.

Approximately 1,200 people attended the official installation ceremony. Attendees represented constituents from small businesses, corporations, the religious community, politicians, friends, and alumnae of the college.

Prior to accepting a position at Paul Quinn, Dr. Fennell served as Vice President of Academic Affairs and as a tenured faculty member at St. Augustine College in Raleigh, NC. He spent seven years in these posts. He was hired as a provost for Paul Quinn's Academic Affairs and Student Affairs divisions in 1998. In 2001, he was selected to serve as interim president. He was appointed to the presidential post in May 2002.

He is joined in Dallas by his wife Angela, and their 10-year-old son, Dwight Fennell, Jr. Mrs. Fennell said, "We are enjoying Dallas. Paul Quinn is a great institution. This is a wonderful opportunity." Dr. Fennell's mother, Mrs. Juanita Fennell, also recently relocated from Miami, FL to join her son and his family in Dallas.

Reaching out to the Dallas community to partner with Paul Quinn College, Dr. Fennell said, "We are who we are, where we are, and how we are because of the Dallas community and the students' involvement. That is the barometer we used to determine our long-range strategic plan," he continued.

Consequently, because of Paul Quinn's proximity to other Dallas colleges, one of the long-range goals in the college's five-year strategic plan is to develop Paul Quinn into the higher education corridor for the southern sector of Dallas. This is being achieved by entering into collaborations with the University of North Texas at Denton, Cedar Valley, and Mountain View community colleges, which are located in this corridor.

However, Dr. Fennell said, "We are not competing locally for students." With PQC's enrollment up from 700 in school

year 2002, to 870 in 2003, and a current enrollment for the school year 2004, of 860 students, the enrollment is higher than it has been in the history of the college. The goal outlined in the five-year plan, which began during the 2003 school year, is to increase enrollment by 20% to 25%, which will net the college 1,000 students by 2005.

With a student population representing ten percent Hispanics, fifteen foreign countries (primarily in Africa and the Caribbean), and 28 states, it appears that PQC is moving toward achieving its enrollment goal.

A native of the Bahamas, Dr. Fennell and the PQC regents have entered into a partnership with Dr. Cynthia Pratt, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security for Nassau, Bahamas. At the gala, Dr. Pratt said, "The Commonwealth of the Bahamas currently has four students from Nassau enrolled at Paul Quinn. And we are looking forward to assisting more of our outstanding students who come to us. I am glad that we have this partnership with Paul Quinn."

Dr. Fennell said student enrollment has not been affected by federal and state budgets, in that there have been no reduction in allocations. He says that the funding has remained steady. However, he said, there has been a decline in unrestricted funds from corporations, foundations and other donors due to the downturn in the economy. He is currently working on increasing funding in the philanthropic area.

Another goal outlined in the five-year plan is to increase student and faculty retention to 75%. The current retention rate is 65%. Also, the plan's marketing initiative calls for opening up the campus to the community for various events, such as seminars and workshops. Since the lack of rapport with and support from the Dallas community contributed to the demise of the 108-year-old Bishop College, a historically Black college (HBCU), this is a positive move toward continued success.

The campus was the chosen site for the national convention for the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA) in June of 2003. It brought approximately 400 people from throughout Texas and the U.S. to the campus. Paul Quinn provided lodging and food vending. James Rodgers, co-chair of Dallas N'COBRA and a national board member said, "The experience with hosting the event at Paul Quinn was positive. We involved the students. As a matter of fact, one political science instructor made it mandatory for his classes to attend."

PQC has developed a broad base community constituency over the last few years. Currently 400 active alumnae support the college, about 200 from Paul Quinn, and 200 from former, Bishop College. Also a religious based college, many Bishop alumnae now support Paul Quinn. Among the more prominent ones who lend support raising money and awareness is the "Bishop Five," as they are referred to. The "Bishop Five" includes: Rev. Denny Davis, of St. John Baptist church in Grand Prairie, Rev. Frederick Haynes of Friendship West Baptist in Oak Cliff, Rev. Jeffery Johnson of Eastern Star Church in Indianapolis, IN, Rev. Anthony Sharp of Tabernacle of Praise in Dallas and Dr. Karry Wesley of Dallas' Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist. The college is also strongly supported by the Tenth District African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church. Representing this district, Bishop McKinley Young gave the welcome statement at the gala.

Expressing gratitude to the religious community, faculty, staff, and PQC Board of Regents, the business community, and political community, Dr. Fennell acknowledged that PQC would not exist without the support of these constituents. He acknowledged TXU, Texas Instruments, American Airlines, Citygroup/Citi Cards Division, Big D Quality Printers, Belo, Texas Women's Missionary and many others.

He also expressed gratitude to political constituents, Senator Royce West, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Representative for the 30th district of Dallas, and Helen Giddings for being dear friends of Paul Quinn.

Dr. Fennell said, with increased emphasis on communications, specifically in the areas of public relations, public affairs, customer service and marketing, hopefully the old stigmas and stereotypes associated with the former Bishop College will die out as we continue to increase our community constituency.

Special recognition was given to board member, Businessman and Philanthropist Comer Cottrell, who served on the Inaugural Steering Committee, but regrettably was unable to attend the event.

His singularity in his deep-rooted concern and philanthropic efforts to save Bishop College can largely be attributed to Dallas having four-year Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in the community.

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Sister Tarpley

DEFINITION OF A FRIEND

In eighth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who helped me pack my stuffed animals and didn't laugh when I broke out in tears.

In ninth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who would go to a party with me so I would have someone to talk to.

In tenth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who changed his/her schedule so that I would have someone to sit with at lunch.

In eleventh grade my idea of a good friend was the person who gave me rides in his/her new car, convinced my parents that I shouldn't be grounded, consoled me when I broke up with my boyfriend and helped find me a date to the prom.

In twelfth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who helped me pick out a college/university, assured me that I would get into that college/university, helped me deal with my parents who were having a hard time adjusting to the idea of letting me go.

At graduation my idea of a good friend was the person who was crying on the inside but managed the biggest smile one could give as he/she congratulated me.

The summer after twelfth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who helped me clean the house after my party, assured me that I could make it through anything and silently hugged me as I looked through blurry eyes at 18 years of memories that I was leaving behind, and finally on those last days of

childhood went out of his/her way to give me reassurance that I was loved by family and friends.

Now my idea of a good friend is still the person who gives me the better of the two choices, prays with me when I am scared of what life has in store for me, thinks of me at times when I am not there, reminds me of what I have forgotten, helps me put the past behind me but understands when I need to hold on to it a little longer. Stays with me so that I have confidence, goes out of his/her way to make time for me, helps me deal with pressure from others, smiles for me when I am sad, helps me become a better person and most importantly loves me. **Jesus is the best friend I ever had!**

Author Unknown

The Road to Success

The road to success is **not** straight, there are **curves** called failures, **loops** called confusion.

There are **speed bumps** called friends, **red lights** called enemies, **caution lights** called a family.

You will have **flats** called problems, but if you have a **spare** called determination, an **engine** called perseverance, **insurance** called faith, a **driver** called Jesus, you will make it to a **place** called success!

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Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 19, 6:30 pm
Thanksgiving meal - Fellowship with Custer Road UMC and residents of the Samaritan Inn
November 21, 7:00 pm
Community Night-Food and Fun!
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November 9, 10:45 am
140th Church Anniversary Celebration
Theme: "Celebrating the Journey"
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Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church
Dr. Jerome McNeil, Jr., Pastor
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Early Morning Worship
8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday
Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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Youth Bible Study Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Mid-Week Service Wednesdays 7:15 pm
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Academy Award-Nominated Film Director John Singleton and WFAA Anchor Gloria Campos to Speak at Volunteer PowerCrew's Fall Youth Summit



Singleton and Campos to share their stories of volunteerism with 1800 Dallas County students.

Dallas, TX - John Singleton, director of such films as *Boyz n the Hood*, *2 Fast 2 Furious* and *Poetic Justice* and Gloria

Campos, WFAA news anchor and local philanthropist, will speak at the second annual Volunteer PowerCrew free Fall Summit, "STOMP: Stomp out Hunger, Illiteracy, Pollution and More," on Saturday, November 8th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency at Reunion in Dallas.

Not only was John Singleton the youngest, he was also the first African American to be nominated as best director for his 1991 debut film, *Boyz n the Hood*, which also earned him a nomination for Best Screenplay. Singleton followed up with such successes as "2 Fast 2 Furious," "Shaft," "Rosewood," "Higher Learning" and "Poetic Justice." He is an influential and active volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Los Angeles and recently received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his efforts within the film industry.

Gloria Campos' extensive local community efforts have earned her awards such as the 2001 Buck Maryat

award for career achievement from the Press Club of Dallas, the 2001 Woman of the Year award from Les Femmes du Monde and the 1995 Women Helping Women award from the Women's Center of Dallas. Since 1989, Campos' WFAA Wednesday's Child segments have contributed to raising Dallas' adoption rate to 70% and the Wednesday's Child Benefit Corporation has raised money for foster children in the area.

Volunteer PowerCrew's Fall Summit is a free celebration of youth volunteerism that will provide local students with an arena to learn more about helping their communities. Throughout the day awards will be given to area schools for outstanding volunteer projects and students will participate in onsite volunteer activities that earn them credit for volunteer hours. Local area step groups will entertain the participants with rousing performances and students will have chances to win prizes, interact with fellow students and discover how they can make a difference.

US Department of Health and Human Services Director to Award Faith-Based/Community-Based Grant to Foundation for Community Empowerment

Robert J. Politto, director of the US Department of Health and Human Services Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will unveil the only Texas recipient of the HHS Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program Grant during a news conference at noon on Friday, November 7 at the Southwest Conference Center, 7441 Marvin D. Love Freeway, Suite 400, in Dallas (adjacent to the Southwest Center Mall).

J. McDonald "Don" Williams, chairman emeritus of the Trammell Crow Company and founder of The Foundation for Community Empowerment, will host the event.

The grant, part of President George W. Bush's faith-based initiative, is designed to assist faith-based and community organizations in expanding and strengthening their ability to provide social services to those in need,

and to more effectively compete for federal and private funds.

Only one Texas organization-Dallas' Foundation for Community

Empowerment received a grant among a list of ten nationally that included organizations in New York City, Washington, DC, and Minneapolis.

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MARSALIS AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 15, 9:30 am
Dallas Area Field Missionary Council's "Dimensions of Christian Leadership" Topics: Leadership in Stormy Times, Essence of Good Leadership, Characteristics, Values and Expectations of a Leader, and Does Faith Have Anything to do With You and Your Leadership?

For more info contact Debra Williams @ 214-943-6007 or Hazel Thomas @ 214-948-8038

Marsalis Avenue Baptist Church
Rev. Terry White, Pastor
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Spanish Class for Beginners Bldg 1010, Room D218

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November 22, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Men's Prayer and Fellowship Breakfast
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Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor
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November 9, 3:30 pm
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Evangelist Hour	8:00 pm	Every 3rd Sat	7:30 pm
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