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On the Homefront:

The City of Plano Presents Joanie Downs' Photography, at the Plano Municipal Center, 1520 Ave K, through December 1. Downs grew up in the Black Hill of South Dakota amongst granite cliffs, towering pines and long winters. This beauty in surrounding is reflected in her art of photography. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking Collin County. The nonprofit. business-to-business group oversees several chapters, with the Collin County group meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required, and information is available online

www.teamnetworking.com. Dickens Of A Christmas, in McKinney, November 28-30. - an award-winning Victorian extravaganza produced by the Downtown McKinney Association. rides, Carriage food vendors, entertainment, live storytelling, reindeer, costumes. Victorian Contact the Downtown McKinney Association at 972.562.6880.

November 22 - Come to the Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive for our new storytime and craftime program, presented by students from North Mesquite High School. The program starts at 10:30 a.m. and is for children 3-8 years old and their families. Call 972-681-0465 for more nformation.

November 29-30 Repertory Dance Theatre of Texas "The Night Before Christmas" Eisernann Center Theatre. Tickets: 312/\$15. Tickets and information: 972.744.4650, www.dcjdance.com.

Saturday- 2: 10 & 8:00 p.m. Sunday- 2:30 p.m.

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Church Leaders Convene Summit on Black Church

By John W. Coleman Jr. WASHINGTON (UMNS) — Three hundred African-American United Methodist leaders discussed common challenges and ideas for strengthening the ministries of black churches during a first-ever summit Nov. 7-9.

"We are not well in this denomination," said Bishop Felton Edwin May, leader of the church's Washington Area, in an opening address at Asbury United Methodist Church. The host bishop called for a renaissance of the black church. Two days later, he closed the gathering with an impassioned prayer that departing attendees would use their new insights and convictions in strategic action.

Thirteen of the denomination's 24

active and retired African-American bishups, known collectively as the Ebony Bishops Network, convened the summit following the United Methodist Council of Bishops' fall meeting in Washington. At a retreat earlier this year the network had examined the 'seriously fractured state of the black church on all levels, as well as our diminishing presence and effectiveness in fulfilling the needs of the black community, actording to the invitation letter from the group's chairman, Bishon Rhymes Moncure of the Nebraska Area.

From Oppression to Liberation: Responding to God's Call for the Black Church" was the theme of the gathering, the first Summit on the State of the Black Church held by the

Participants addressed the black church's role in responding to myriad problems in the black community, including rampant violence, HIV/AIDS infection, homelessness, incarceration, teen pregnancy and school dropout rates. They also wrestled with obstacles to church growth and vitality, the alarming



UMNS photo by John W. Coleman Jr Trudie Kibbe Reed gives the keynote address during the first-ever summit of African-American United Methodist leaders in Washington.

absence of young people in black congregations, and the difficulties many black leaders reportedly face in advocating for the concerns of black people in their denomination.

Participants included pastors and laity from churches of all sizes, and leaders from annual conferences and general church agencies. While white racism was named among the challenges they face, it

received scant attention. The summit clear focus was on the black church's own shortcomings and its potential to reclaim its historic role to spiritually and socially support and uplift the black community.

"The major problem with black people and the black church today is not racism but 'us-ism' ... and our oppression of each other," said Trudie Kibbe Reed, program facilitator and keynote speaker for the summit. Reed is president of Philander-Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., a United Methodist historically black college.

"We are out of alignment with God and with each other," she explained. "It comes from a broken covenant with God and with our ancestors who paved the way for us ...

Despite social and economic gains achieved by many African Americans since the civil rights era, Reed cited consequences of the broken covenant with God, including in fighting in black churches and institutions, failure to pass on positive aspects of black heritage and culture, and lack of support for black churches, organizations and businesses.

She denounced jestiousy, misuse of power, materialism and the prevalence dehumanizing language and behaviors in the black community "dysfunctions ... adapted from our

We must confess and repent of our our broken covenant and disohedience," Reed said. She called for

Church Leaders Concerne Page

Dallas Area Women Come Together for Prayer National Council of Negro Evangelist Richard Harper, and Malin, Missionary Baptist Church, who's Women, Inc. (NCNW) -Minnie H. and a praise dance was performed by prayer topic included a message of

Goodlow Page Section held its annual Prayer Breakfast on November 8 at Renaissance Dallas Horel. The theme for this year's event was "The Power of Prayer-The Only Resolution". The Mistress of Ceremonies was Dr. Mollie Johnson Williams, president. Awards were presented Edina Pemberton for Volunteerism; Honorable Kathlyn Gilliam for Education; Rev. Earlene Martin for Christian Education; Eva Partee McMillan for Civic and Social Service; and Dr. Leona "Tiny" Machis Hawkins received the Mary McL and Bethune

Entertainment included solus from Angela Gaddis, Brenda Ellis,



Award Recipients (left to right) Rev. Earlene Martin, Sandra Broden (accepted award on Dr. Leona "Tiny" Mathix Hawkins' behalf), Eva McMillan, Edna

Pemberton, and Kathlyn Gilliam (center) Brittany Thompson, a student at importance of prayer in daily life. Booker T. Washington Arts Magnet School. Speakers included Rev. Birdie Barnet, Outreads pastor, Union

prayer for the sick, brokenhearted and poor in spirit; Siclia Haney, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Arlington, TX, prayed for the economy, homelessness, and children's education; and Evangelist Tamara Joe, Associate Minister, Inspiring Body of Christ, prayed for world peace, parents, and for leaders of all organizations.

The local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women was named for Minnie H. Goodlow Page. Page is best remembered for her deep faith, love of people, advocacy of Christian education, and strong convictions regarding the

"Minnie Page was a "prayer warrior" and an ever-flowing vessel of love that was always full," said Williams.

The Black Capital Network

By James Clingman Kudos to Sister Jennifer Parker and, of course, her excellent support staff of volunteers, for conducting one of the best economic empowerment conferences I have ever arrended and I have attended quite a few. Jennifer is the brainchild of The Capital Black Network (www.theben.com) and has diligently labored to bring her vision of economic prosperity for African-Americans to fruition. She "stayed the course," as George Fraser would say, and presented their second annual Black Capital Network conference. She and her husband, Mel, held on to their commitment,

York, on Nevember 1, 2003. I had the honor and pleasure to conduct a Blackonomics workshop during the conference, but my

continued to make the sacrifices

necessary to accomplish their goals.

and they brought an outstanding

event to the people of Burfalo, New

excitement is grounded in three other aspects of the BCN: I was thrilled to see the turnout of participants; I was impressed at the variety of vendors and, not only their willing to support the BCN but also their reciprocal commitment to recycling Black dollars; and I was especially pleased with the outstanding speakers Jennifer brought to the conference. I often talk about how even I need an economic empowerment "booster shot" from time to time to keep me going. Well, I certainly got that and more at the Black Capital Network Conference.

Being in the company once again of Brooke Stephens, financial author Wealth Happens One Day at a Time) and lecturer, listening to Brother Melvin Gravely, entrepreneur, author (When Black and White Make Green), and lecturer, hearing real.

African Americans In Dallas Find That A Bachelor's Degree Isn't Enough

specialized institutions like

University of Phoenix. Dallas Campus, allow them to balance responsibilities to obtain

master's degrees -Surviving in a fluctuaving economy isn't an easy task, for minority populations that already may to set themselves apart from challenges while climbing the competitive job market. More corporate ladder or competing with hundreds of qualified candidates for a limited number

of opportunities during a job-

search. But working adults are returning to college in record numbers - and more of thern are working to obtain advanced college degrees in business and education, according to a recent. study by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Scatistics (NCES).

"Ten years ago, a bachelor's degree was the feest gool for finding a good job and excelling in a profession," says Jay Goin, vice president/director of Texas campuses for University of

Area's working adults find Phoenix, "But today, job cardidates must possess higher credentials to maintain a strong competitive edge and assure employers that their hires are low risk and require minimal on-the-job training."

African Americans, in particular, are hitting the books have to confront specific other candidates in a fiercely than half of the total of master's degrees awarded to African Americans in 1999-2000 were education and busizess degrees. according to the NCES study.

> While the idea of working toward an advanced degree can be a daunting one, many local master's-level students have decided to return to the classroom - even after years away from it -after realizing the benefits would far outweigh the challenges.

"The idea of obtaining a college degree is not something that many working adults think 18 a reality for them," Goin says. But there are options available

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Nation's Largest African-American Meetings Association Comes to Dallas

conventions and meetings represent a potential economic impact of close to \$500 million to Dallas, The conventions and tour isn industry is a critical economic driver for the region, impacting all sectors of the local economy.

In their continuing efforts to market Dallas as a premier convention destination for African-American organizations, the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to host the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners (NCBMP) 2003 Fall Educational Conference, November 19-23, 2003 at the Wyndham Anat de Hotel

Dallas has erned host city privileges from a number of this country's faremost Black prefiessional social and religious organizations NCBMP is the partner as o cation to over 50 African-American organizations, which generate over \$4:51 million in revenue for the convention site

"Afri car-American conventions

opportunities for our members," said Hugh Harrion, Chair of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce. "The DBCC is in a unique position to provide services and relation stips that are highly valued by Black menting planners. We work together to increase the potential for mutual su ccess by our members and the meeting planners."

Ron Melton, Executive Vice President and CFO of the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau said, "The NCBMP conference affords Dallas an unparalleled opportunity to interact with these decision makers and showcase Dallas' hotels, meeting and cultural venues and the hottest enterninment districts in the Southwest?"

Dallas offers excellent meeting facilities, a central location, numerous attractions, transportation and warm lhospitalry. As a top ten news media imariet, Dallas can be a catalyst for the kind of news coverage that gives visbility to organizations and their issues with greater p otental r neda values than competting market's. And with a thriving Mirican American professional community, Dallas are a significant source of business boasts local chapters of the most

pretigious national organizations. These local leaders are a key advantage in attracting the conventions and delivering the support they need to be successful.

NCBMP is celebrating its 20th Anniversary as the nation's largest African-American incetings industry association. NCBMP meinibers regresent over 100,000 conference attendees each year. Its membership consists of association executives, business CEO's. meeting & hospitality industry professionals and travel industry students.

conference therne, "NCBMP: 20 Years of Staying the Course" will be highlighted during a series of educational workshops and networking opportunities. Local speakers will include the Hon. Ron Kirk, Bishop T.D. Jalkes, Hon. John Wiley Price and Terden as

For nore information on the conference, contact the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau at 31-1-571-1071, the Dallay Black Chamber of Commerce at 214-121 -5200

www.visitdallas2003.com.

Eastfield College Basketball **Players Continue Tradition**

Harvesters Jazz Henderson and School in Sam Antonio, signed with Brandon Maxie signed national Division II payer house Northwest letters of intent or November 112, Alisouri State University, Last continui ng

the tradition of Eschell banak et lo al l' plaver heading to four-year colleges following training under the direction of Coach Churis John son

H enderson's family proudly watcheso's [Herderson, he holds up a Lon Beach State a Siprace High sweatshir after signing or with the team. School

Beath State men's basketball services and programs in an program. Last year, he averaged 20.5 points and was the MAC Bireshman Player of the Year for the Harvesters teasketball team. This year, he was named pre-season All-

66-65 guard who

graduated from East Central High year he wer aged

1" points and was selected All-Conterence for the Haweters. E atfield Coll egehas been serving the Me squilte, Guland unit 15 allas East anminity since 1970. Easfield

Collegeworks to provide education a

opportunities graduate, signed with the Long through high-quality instruction, environment conducive to readen success in academic, nechnical, occupational, and continuing

Eastfield is part of the Dallas County Community College District.

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 sixcourse Saturdays, taught by Robert Edison, a history teacher at Pearl C. Anderson Middle School, Dallas. Remaining dates: Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20. Admission to the African American Museum is free except for groups of 10 12 noon - 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Mondays. 214.565.9026.

Interactive Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland, a miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit 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 Railroads'

Saturday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. For special tours call 972.941.2117.

Heritage Farmstead, 1028 Street, Plano. 972.424.7874. Dedicated to preserving the early 1900's way of life, this unique four-acre museum features a beautiful Victorian home and 12 outbuildings that were part of a 360-acre farm operated by Ammie Wilson, Guided tours available.

Through November 22

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

Through December 13

Sistuh, Sistuh, Sistuh, a non complete with rain forest, 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.

Through December 31

The SPCA of Texas will hold

full array of merchandise for pets. Come and pick out your new best friend Saturdays 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sundays noon - 6

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 information call: 817.255.9300 888.255.9300, visit:

www.fortworthmuseum.org. Through January 10, 2004

Eclectic Nature: Teaching children/\$8 all tickets on 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 adults/\$5 grounds is \$8 children 3-12.

November 21

Children's Storybook Character "Miffy the Bunny" at Story Time, Frisco Public Interurban Line. Monday - its annual winter adoption event Library 8750 McKinney Rd., Hill Performance Hall. Tickets:

Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at NorthPark Center, I-75 and 10:30 -- 11 a.m., Toddlers (ages \$15-\$60. Park, Dallas. Visit the adorable 18 months - 3 years), 11:30 cats and dogs, and shop for a a.m. -- Noon, Preschoolers (ages 3 and up). Meet "Miffy the Bunny," our special guest, courtesy of Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

November 22

Old Orchard Dedication, 2200 Old Orchard Road, 10:00 a.m. Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. For information please 972.335.5517, ext 538.

American Legion is hosting a Thanksgiving feast members, family, friends and guests, 12:30 p.m. Cost is donation of a toy. 2728 Parson Street, Dallas. Call Tommie Robinson Post 802 at

214.428.8090. November 24 - 26

Get an exclusive preview of Dallas Black Dance Theatre's talented dancers during its "Behind the Scenes" Holiday Performance Series, November 24-26, 12 noon - 1p.m. Meet the dancers and staff of DBDT and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Admission is FREE, but seating is limited. Call 214.871.2390 for reservations. 2627 Flora Street, Dallas.

Chamberlain Ballet, presents "The Nutcracker" with guest artists Wendy Whelan and Philip Neal of New York City Ballet with Michele Gifford & Grant Dettling of Texas Ballet Theater.

information, call 214-570-3431 or 214-570-3439 Eisemann Center Ticket Office 972-744www.chamberlainballet.org; www.nycballer.com. Friday & Saturday 7:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 2:00 p.m.

November 28 - 30

Victorian Christmas At The Heard-Craig. Festivities include photos with Father Christmas, musicians, singers, gift shop and antique cars in the driveway! For more information: 972.569.6909, 972.542.5340 or email heardcraig@ texoma.net or visit www.heardcraig.org.

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 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

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; 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.

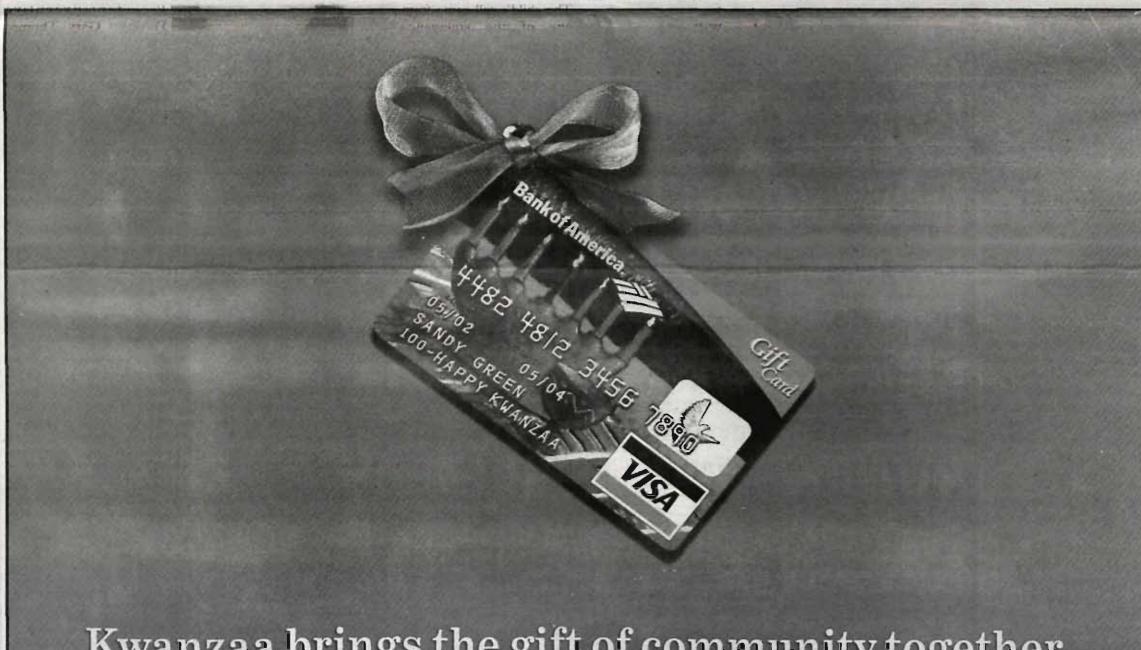
The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services customer service. Foster homes are also needed while permanent homes are found animals. 972.578.7510.

Who Are the Women of God? Them On Mother's Day Weekend 2004? What Can You Do To Be A Part Of The Momentous Occasion?

(Click on Women Of God) or Contact Sister Tarpley At 972-606-3878 voice mail



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THE TRUTH CLINIC Remembering JFK: The 40th Anniversary

nation and the world came to a dead stop as the horrific news flashed and was endlessly repeated. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States of America, had been killed by an assassin's bullets in Dallas. Texas. At age 43, he was the youngest man ever elected to the presidency and the voungest president to die.

This catastrophe touched all races, colors and creeds and every year since people have paused to reflect and remember as the question is still asked, "Where were you when you heard about the assassination?"

I was on the 110 freeway driving to Long Beach for a meeting with corporate clients when the solemn voice of Walter Cronkite cut into the radio program with the special news flash. In disbelief, I pulled off at the next exit and rushed into a Holiday Inn to view the lobby television. A small crowd had gathered and in the midst of this shocking tragedy strangers unabashedly let their communal tears flow.

Nowhere was this news received with a greater outpouring of grief than in the rural and urban black communities across the country. John F. Kennedy had become a beacon of hope in the changing dynamics of American racism. While Martin Luther King was our favorite hero, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was a very close second. Kennedy inspired respect and enthusiasm among many Blacks. To semihe was a redeemer; to others he was the best political card in a hand being dealt by

On November 22, 1963 the won the 1960 Presidential election by an extremely narrow margin of only 115,000 popular votes. Over 70% of Blacks voted for him.

There has been much written to chronicle the Kennedy assassination, but documents of the sorrow and loss felt by the black community are scarce. Before JFK, US presidents had inspired their fair share of blues and folk songs, but most were protests against presidential policies. When JFK died numerous blues musicians eulogized the loss of Kennedy as heartfelt expressions of his impact upon the poor and disenfranchised.

"I tried not to cry, but the tears keep flowing on down," sang Vicksburg, Mississippi native Johnny Young, in a moving expression of grief about the President's death. Piano blues legend Otis Spann declared that JFK was "the only man I ever loved in my life. We'll never have another President like him and I don't want nobody else." There was the simple but touching tribute "Abraham, Martin and John."

Perhaps the major legal and conflict during Kennedy's 1,054 days in office was civil rights. While Kennedy had received strong, decisive support from black voters he had deferred civil rights legislation to avoid alienating southern Democrats, whose votes he needed for passage of his major domestic programs. To appease them, he appointed several notorious segregationists to the federal court such as Harold Cox who

has been du cribed as "possibly the most racist judge ever to sit on the federal bench." JFK sporadically used executive southern racists. Kennedy authority to implement a few

Where Do You Want To Go Today?

civil rights measures but most Black leaders were urging a more aggressive approach.

Typical of the urgent dialogue between the President and the seven top civil rights leaders is a message of concern over the delay in civil rights legislation sent on April 5, 1961 by NAACP Executive Director, Roy Wilkins. "I may be in error but at no time were the responsible Civil rights Leaders called in and formally told what the Administration planned to do. Obviously, if such a sharp departure as proposing no legislative action were in the plans, the civil rights leaders not only were entitled to be told, but to be told, in more or less precise terms, what substitute action, and at what levels, the government planned.

The Kennedy Administration has done with Negro Citizens what it has done with a vast number of Americans: it has charmed them, it has intrigued them...The point is not so much whether we have come out thus far with all we were due (we have not) but whether the lines have been set in such a way that we cannot latter recover our proper share."

There are still many unanswered JFK questions. Perhaps Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who was assassinated on April 4, 1968 answers the perennial "Why" question best. He said, "It's the quality and not the length of a man's life that counts. If a man is assassinated while he is fighting to save the soul of the Nation, his death contributes more than anything else to its radempnon."

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Caregivers and Seniors should be aware of available health care and social service programs available to them. This article is for seniors (and their caregivers) who are homebound, need medical care and do not know how to go about getting the medical help they need.

For seniors that have any health issues or medical problems, need to contact their doctors, or have their caregivers or loved ones arrange for them to see their doctors: It is very important for seniors to see their doctors at least twice a year to avoid any surprise as far as their health is concerned. Senior health conditions may require more than just a visit to the doctor. The doctor may recommend or order more services such as home health care or for the seniors to see other health specialists. In order for seniors to qualify for home health services paid by Medicare/Medicaid, the seniors must meet the following criteria:

Available Health Care for Seniors That Are Homebound

homebound; under the care of a and therapists (physical, physicians and requires skilled occupational and speech). services (such as Nursing, Social and Therapies).

Homebound Status

The patient is considered homebound if he or she experiences a normal inability to leave home. Homebound status is not affected by frequent absence from the home when the reasons to leave are to receive medical treatment or attend Seniors who wan too long to religion services.

Under the Care of Physician

health services, he or she needs or heart failure, diabetics, to be under the care of doctor. cancer, etc that may be too late The doctor must establish a to treat. medical treatment plan of care and recommend that the client needs home health services.

Skilled Services Requirements

Skilled services are rhose services that are medically reasonable and necessary to the treatment of a patient's illness or injury. These skilled services can be performed by professionals,

the patient has to be such as nurses, social workers

It should be emphasized, once again, for seniors to see their doctors at least twice a year and when necessary. By doing this, seniors can prevent major of catastrophic health problems from occurring, or they can be controlled before it is too late. As the saving goes, prevention is better than cure. see their doctors for health care problems can sometimes develop major health problems For seniors to receive home or conditions such as cardiac

> MON-The Gazette will feature a series of articles on healthcare terrices over the next six months. Een Ogundipe is CEO of Farmington Place HealthCare Services, a full service provider of Home Healtheare, Hospice, Personal Assistance Residential Care. Opundipe will collaborate on the articles. He can be reached at 214-544-0180.

DART Employee Guides Child to Safety

Clear thinking and quick moment. She had the onboard the northbound action by DART rail operations controller Sharon Pierce-Hunter prevented a potential tragedy.

While on duty monitoring and controlling DART Rail operations, Pierce-Hunter received a call from a 7-year old boy lost near Cityplace Station in the train tunnel running under North Central Expressway that connects downtown Dallas and Mockingbird Station. The child's call came from one of the emergency telephones installed in the 3.25-mile tunnel.

Pierce-Hunter immediately instructed operators of the two trains then in the tunnel to slow to

5 mph from the normal operating speed of 65 mph and to be on the lookout for child. As southbound train arrived at Cityplace without sighting him, the boy reported he could hear the train's bell, but could not see the train. Pierce-Hunter determined that the northbound train's

bell was also ringing at that

northbound train operator proceed cautiously, and she instructed the boy to stay as close as possible to the turnel wall, which is three feet from

train and soon reunited with has family. "By remaining calm and maintaining contact with

the child throughout this

incident, Ms. Pierce-Hunter displayed a high degree of professionalism and is to be highly commended," said Larry Gaul, DART assistant vice president of Rail Operations.

D T Α R President/Executive Director Gary Thomas has presented Pierce-Hunter with the agency's Star Award for a job well

done. Pierce-Hunter has been with DART for five years and has been a rail operations controller for two years. A South Oak Cliff High

graduate, she carned an associate's degree management from Centro College and is working toward a bachelor science degree in management at Amberton University.



the tracks.

"I had to remain calm to assure that he stayed calm," says Pierce-Hunter, who maintained a continuous dialogue with the thild. Within 15 minutes of his call. the youngster was safely

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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 fastust 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 urea opportunities. As always, and true

to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there varying a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you date 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

Bachelor's Degree Isn't Enough Page 1 to help overcome the perceived roadblocks that come along with returning to the classroom. While keeping a tight schedule between personal, professional and academic obligations can be a balancing act, the personal and career advancement opportunities - that come along with earning a degree far outweigh the challenges." In 1980, African Americans

comprised 9 percent of all students enrolled in solleges and universities, but that number increased to 11 percent in 2(300, according to the NCES audic. African-American females. represented nearly two-thirds (63) percent) of African American enrollment in U.S. colleges and universities in 2000, according to the srudy.

Why are more working adults are enrolling in master's programs? Goin attributes the trend to the increased availability of specialized institutions - like University of Phoenix, Dallas Campus - that allow working adults to balance full-time jobs and family responsibilities with academic obligations.

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solutions for accessing capital, seeing the New York activist and legend, Dorothy Pittman Hughes, (Wake Up and Smell the Dollars -Whose Inner City is it Anyway?) in person, and just being in close proximity to so many accomplished entrepreneurs and fantastic brothers and sisters was, indeed, a privilege and an honor for me.

Then there was Simon T. Bailey. The author of Simon Says...Dream Live a Passionate Life, Bailey took the conference by storm, or should I say a "Whirlwind"? This brother delivered one of the best speeches I have ever heard. If you have not heard Simon or read his work, somewhere down the line there is a treat waiting for you; sooner or later you will come in contact with this brother, who is one of the nation's most sought-after speakers. Weaving metaphors, life-lessons, homespun yarns, common sense, metaphysics, and stark realities into a tapestry of positive, results-oriented, and very practical strategies for success, Simon T. Bailey was a joy to behold. He is a fresh face on the scene and surely someone to watch as he humbly makes his way to the top, but reaches back to help someone else as well. We should listen to what Simon says

All in all, the Black Capital Network was a veritable potpourri of excellence, comprising local business owners and corporate representatives with national authors and entrepreneurs. The event ended with a book forum, sponsored by local attorney, John Elmore, and The Weddings of Color Expo and Fashion show. The forum featured local authors and was moderated by Yvonne Rose, coowner and Editor of Amber Books, Phoenix, Arizona, the nation's largest African American self-help and career guide publishing house. The Weddings of Color Expo and Firshion Show highlighted wedding gowns by New York designer, Therez Fleetwood, Ms. Fleetwood is also the author of the new bestseller. The Afrocentric Bride, which features the most beautiful and culturally sensitive wedding gowns ever made. Check out Ms. Flectwood's gowns and her book; you will be very pleased with what

Now what is the bottom line of all of this? Meetings and conferences are held by and for Black people in this country virtually every week. But as I told my audience it's not just the meeting that's important,

it's what happens after the meeting. My challenge is always centered on the "doing," the positive action that emanates as a result of the many meetings we have. As for as economic empowerment conferences are concerned, it's one thing to practice it during the conference, at the vending tables, in the workshops, and during the book signings, but it's a different thing to leave the venue and really get involved in day-to-day economic empowerment. It's another thing to make it a habit to support Black owned businesses, to grow and expand our businesses via strategic partnerships, cooperative purchasing, and mergers. In other words, it's one thing to talk about it and another thing to do it.

While I thank Jennifer Parker and everyone else who attended the conference, I encourage us as well to follow up and follow through on what we learned there. I pray that we will do what we say, practice what we preach, and walk our talk when it comes to economic enspowerment and entrepreneurship. We cannot afford to keep going to meetings only to return home and do nothing with the information we gleaned from those meetings. Let's get busy y'all.

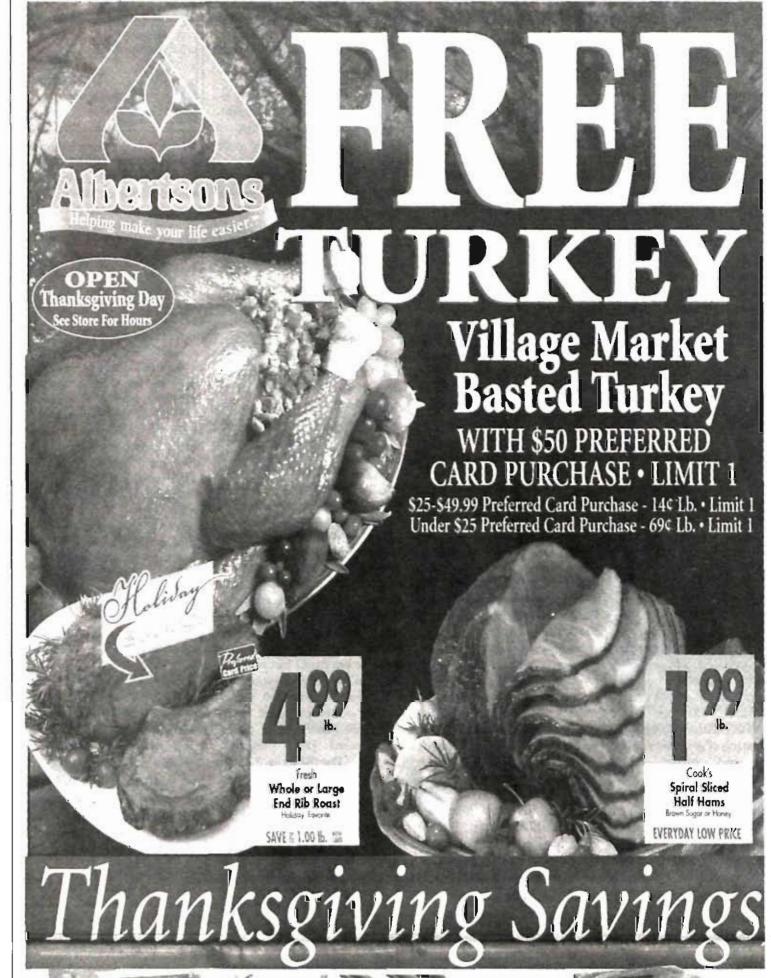
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Jay-Z's Last Album Soulful



By JESSE WASHINGTON AP Entertainment Writer

Is Jay-Z really retiring? Listening to the "The Black Album," it truly looks like this world-class hustler is leaving the rap game like he left the drug game: on top.

Jay-Z and drug dealing are like the needle and the groove. Starting with the 1996 classic "Reasonable Doubt," Jay-Z spent seven albums building his whole style and persona on a cocaine connection. "You already know what I'm about," he raps on the new track "What More Can I Say," then proceeds to recite a list of felonies and related vices that would give C. Dolores Tucker an instant seizure.

"What More Can I Say" begins with a clip of Russell Crowe in the "Gladiator," roaring "Are you not entertained?" to a bloodthirsty crowd. It's an apt analogy for today's criminal-minded rap music - men from the bottom acting out a deadly spectacle.

Drug dealers are always struggling with the right moment to retire. Jay-Z escaped that life with enough money to launch his rap career. Now he plans to escape the rap race without ending up like Michael Jordan in his final lowflying season. And "The Black Album," full of complex, witty raps and soulful beats, is as good as anything Jay-Z's ever done.

Jay-Z's told throughout his career the story of his life - but he makes it fresh with his trademark verbal dexterity and by adding his mother's voice to the chorus. It's another potent installment in Jay-Z's career-

long justification of his old lifestyle, his explanation to the world of why he is who he is. On "The Black Album," with song titles like "Justify My Thug" and demands to "feel my truth," the man wants you to understand, literally, where he comes from.

Jay-Z also spends considerable time claiming to be the best rapper of all time (he may have a point, if you consider consistency) and talking about retirement ("They never really miss you 'til you dead or you gone. So on that note I'm

"December 4" is the same story leaving after this song"). And he stops briefly to take aim at critics who've accused him of a variety of offenses, hitting dead-on each time.

> To those who don't like bim quoting Biggie Smalls: "I'm not a biter, I'm a writer for myself and others/ I sell you Big's verse. I'm only biggin' up my brother/ Biggin' up my borough, I'm big enough to do it/ I'm that thorough, plus I know my own flow is foolish." And then he immediately quotes Biggie yet again.

> To those who don't like his subject matter: "I dumb down for my audience and double my dollars/ They criticize me for it but they all yell 'Holla!' If skills sold truth be told I'd probably be/ lyrically Talib Kweli." Whether or not you've heard of Kweli, Jay's point is proven.

He's still gangsta, of course,

shooting and stabbing and quick to "leave your smarts on the side of your garment." But Jay's voice sounds deliberately weary at times, and at others simply amazed at bimself, at how good he's become and how much money he's made. Like the pimp on "Threat" says, he's sincere. Maybe that's why it's easy to believe this is his last album.

Then again, Jordan came back not once but twice, and Jay-Z has clearly stated his intention to become a music executive. "No I'm not through with it/ In fact I'm just previewing it/ This ain't the show I'm just EQ-ing it," he says. As "The Black Album" comes to an end with Jay-Z reminiscing over a bluesy track, you don't know whether to tip your hat or start clapping for an





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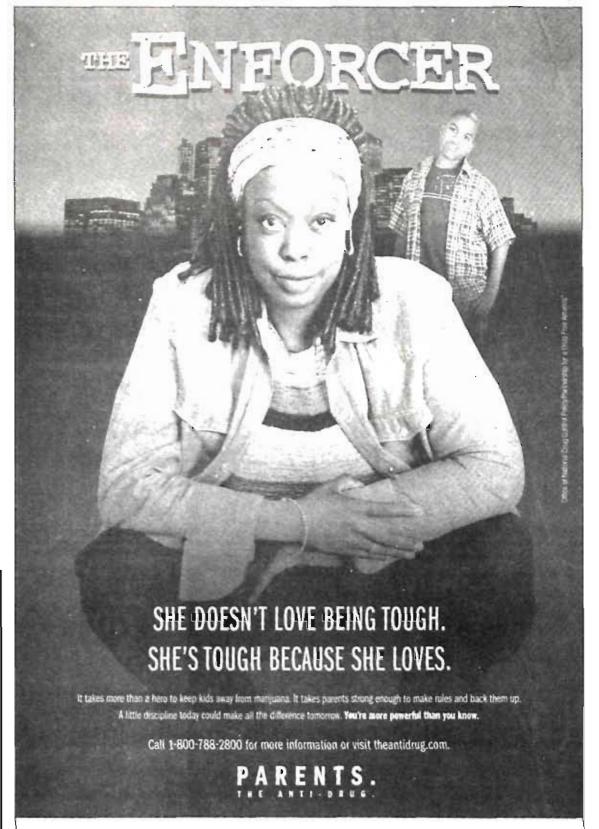
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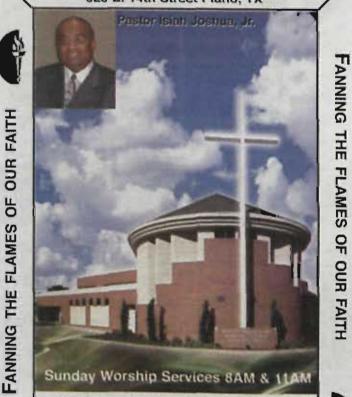
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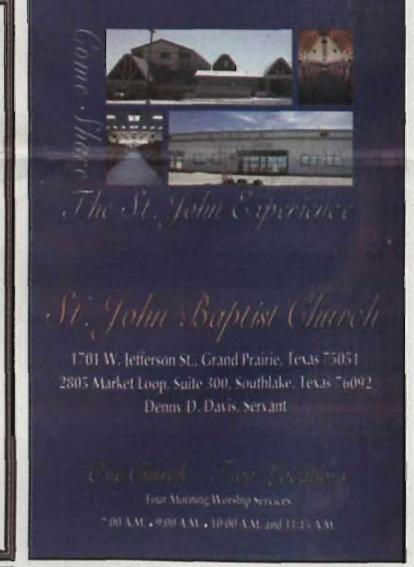


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Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow leads a song at the opening worship service of the Summit of African-American United Methodist leaders

black churches to "take action to become transformed people of God." Subsequent sermons by the Rev.

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ

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Tyrone Gordon, pastor of St. Luke's Community" United Methodist Church in Dallas, and the Rev. Dorothy Watson Tatem, director of Metropolitan Ministries in the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual (regional) Conference, stressed God's help as essential to the black church's prospects for transformation and triumph over its challenges,

"I see the exodus of young people from (our) churches," Gordon said. "It's nut that they're not coming to church. They're just not coming to ours." As others at the summit, he complained of a widespread lack of vitality in worship, creativity in doing ministry and sincerity in welcoming non-members into churches.

Gordon challenged black churches to learn more about their communities through research and personal interaction, to reclaim their historic central role in the life and culture of their

communities, and to embrace the future and the interests of younger generations by being willing to "make changes in our worship, preaching, music, outreach and

evangelism.

In 11 small groups, summit attendees discussed familiar congregational dysfunctions, including apathy, fear of change, excessive conformity to rules and traditions, low self-esteem, confusion, power and role conflicts, enmity between laity and clergy, over-dependence on pastors, lack of youth empowerment and alienation from surrounding communities. They also heard success stories about black United Methodist congregations that are overcoming many of these challenges.

Ideas and recommended solutions

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North Dallas Community Bible

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· Reclaiming a tradition of mentorship and apprenticeship to help people identify, develop and use their spiritual gifts in service to church and community Intentionally building more relationships between congregations and their communities through shared

activities, dialogues and experiences. "We must be on the edge where our black culture is going, not behind it," said Bishop Alfred Johnson of the Greater New Jersey Area. He and his episcopal colleagues expressed some of their own concerns and promised to consider and

respond to many of the ideas presented. The bishops encouraged participants

FELLOWSHIP

November 23, 10:00 am

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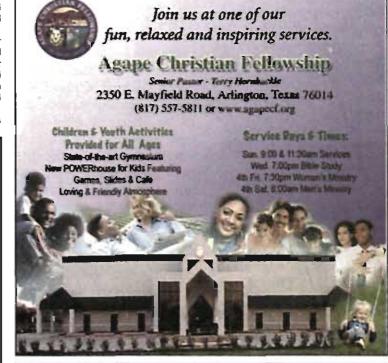
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to value and teach the heritage of the black church, to identify and employ all the resources for ministry available to them, to study and use the church's Book of Discipline to their advantage, and to measure vitality not in the survival or size of their congregations but in the quality of their discipleship and the growth of their ministries.

Reed and the Ebony Bishops Network plan to develop a study guide for churches in early 2004 with video excerpts and information from the summit. In the meantime, nearly a dozen attendees agreed to form a national injustive among their churches to minister to homeless and displaced people in their communities.



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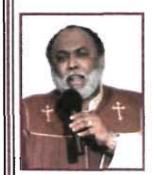
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