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On the Homefront:

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

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.

Santa & Mrs. Claus return to Downtown Plano, December 5, for Dickens in Historic Downtown Plano, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tree lighting at 7 p.m. at Haggard Park, 901 East 15th Street. Carriage rides, live music, strolling carolers, pony rides and magicians are just a part of the festivities.

Annual Tree Lighting with Santa, December 5, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 305 Century Parkway, Allen. Take pictures with Santa and enjoy holiday music and seasonal refreshments - it's all free!

Santa's Village will be open for visitors December 6-7, 11-14, and 18-21, on the Civic Center/City Hall Lawn, US 75 and Arapaho Road, Richardson. Admission is free. Nightly entertainment, dinner at the Castle Cafe. Most activities and entertainment free; pony rides and sleigh rides have a small fee. For more information call 972.744.4580.

'Mama Nem's House!' - Tonya D. Stewart's gospel comedy stage play at the new dinner/theatre at Tiki's Restaurant, 408 S. Harwood. Free entrée and drink. Shows held each Saturday in December, 8:00pm. \$25.00. Limited seating. RSVP Log on to: www.tikidallas.com or call: 214.748.454, or 214.394.1193.

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Plano Resident Focuses on Giving Back to the Community

By Lakeesha Joe

Dr. Don Johnson, a five-year member of the Plano Early Lions Club, focuses much of his time towards giving back to the community. Dr. Johnson, president of the club since July 2003, says his commitment to God, family, and helping others are major factors in his life. "It is important for me to give back to the community because I've done some things where I have been blessed and I want to share my blessings with others," said Dr. Johnson, Doctor of Psychology.

"I got involved with the Plano Early Lions Club because I was looking for a community organization to get involved in and the Lions

Club worked good with my schedule since they met on



weekends," said Dr. Johnson. "I traveled a lot during the week and could only attend meetings on the weekends," he continued.

The Plano Early Lions Club

is a diverse, international civic and service organization chartered in June of 1977. The club benefits various non-profit organizations. One of the main services provided by the Lions Club is its service to kids living with diabetes. Every year, the Lions Club holds a camp in Kerrville, Texas to help diabetic kids adapt to living with their disease. The Plano Early Lions Club also provides service to such organizations as the Young Men's Christian Association, Meals on Wheels, and the Plano Children's Medical Center. The Lions Club also gives scholarships to graduating Plano seniors. This year the club will be giving away \$8,000 in

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Collin County Housing Finance Corporation Announces \$20.9 Million Mortgage Funds and Down Payment Assistance

(McKinney, TX) - Low and moderate-income first-time homebuyers living in Collin County will now have access to low-interest mortgage financing and down payment and closing cost assistance through a \$20.9 million mortgage revenue bond (MRB) issued by the Collin County Housing Finance Corporation. Fannie Mae, the nation's largest source of financing for home mortgages, purchased the bond issuance, which will provide affordable homeownership opportunities to approximately 220 low and moderate-income Collin County families. First Southwest Company served as Financial Advisor to the Housing Finance Corporation in connection with the transaction. "This is a great opportunity for first-time homebuyers living in Collin County," says Collin County Judge Ron Harris. "Homeownership is the dream of most Americans, and that dream is attainable with the kind of affordable financing provided through Mortgage Revenue Bond Financing."

"We're doing what we can to get the message out about this program," says Collin County Commissioner Joe Jaynes. "The program can absolutely impact the quality of life for families throughout the county."

Bond proceeds will be made available through participating lenders to qualifying homebuyers. Mortgage loans will initially be offered at a fixed rate of 6.30 percent for 28-year terms with a down payment and closing cost assistance grant equal to 4.50 percent of the loan amount. For example, on a \$100,000 loan, homebuyers can receive \$4,500 in assistance.

"We are very pleased to offer the competitively priced mortgage funds and down payment assistance grants to first-time, low and moderate-income homebuyers," says Collin County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland. "The right financing really makes a difference in the affordability of a home."

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Local Church Celebrates 124 Years

The last couple of months have been busy for St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in McKinney. September this year marked Pastor Charles S. Wattle's twentieth year as church pastor, and on Sunday November 9, 2003, St. Mark celebrated its 124th anniversary.

The church anniversary service included praise dancers, inspirational singing, and historical highlights of the church. St. Mark began in the mid 1870's, led by Rev. Jones and Rev. Dick White. A group of worshippers gathered at the Isaac Graves farm in McKinney, until a one room frame building was built on Titus Street. Originally called the Free Missionary Baptist Church, the church changed its name in 1886.

Since the church began in 1879, there have been twenty-nine ministers in all leading the church. In 1979 the Historical Society of Texas gave St. Mark an historical marker, having been documented as the oldest African American church in McKinney.

Under the leadership of Pastor Wattle, the church has moved to

its present site at 1308 Wilcox Street. During its leadership he has established a new emphasis for the church by concentrating on the concept of serving God through ministry in all aspects. This has resulted in a number of ministries at the church, offering church members the opportunity to serve and grow.

Some of the many ministries at St. Mark include: youth ministry, nursery ministry, praise team, community food pantry, single's L.I.F.E. ministry, Christian care ministry, recovery ministry.

On of the visions of faith for the church is building a church that meets the needs of the community by administering to the whole person, in all age groups,

through guidance, counseling, and recreational activities. At St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, the leadership is also dedicated to building a church that meets the spiritual needs of a people facing the challenges of the twenty-first century by instilling a strong belief in 'the manifestation of faith in their lives.'



Pastor Charles S. Wattle

Throw-away People

By James Clingman

There are two categories of leaders in our communities, especially when it comes to issues and activities related to economic empowerment. According to historian Carter G. Woodson, "Negroes ... sometimes choose their own leaders but unfortunately they are too often the wrong kind. Negroes do not readily follow persons with constructive programs. Almost any sort of exciting appeal or trivial matter presented to them may receive immediate attention ... and liberal support." That has never been more pronounced than it is today.

There are so-called Black leaders who, despite their unseemly tactics, their portrayals of themselves as "honest" brokers, and their shadowy deal-making and sellout prowess, seem to be exempt from exposure by our people. While Black folks have always had to deal

with these scoundrels, we have been reluctant to call them out - to expose them for what they really are.

On the other hand, we have leaders among us who are totally dedicated to the collective economic advancement of African-Americans. These are the ones who are usually sacrificed by Black people - thrown out because they are a threat to the establishment or because they are "too Black." That frightens some people and, sadly, we play into that fear by participating in the demise of the very people who would help pull us out of our economic doldrums.

I have witnessed the "death" of brothers and sisters who go all out for their people, who don't take sell-out bribes, who don't back off when it comes to speaking up for Black people, and who are unafraid to be Black. These conscious brothers and sisters are virtually thrown-out, in many cases simply because someone from the establishment thought they were crossing the line and getting out of their place. They are let down by

the very brothers and sisters they have helped. Through our acquiescence and apathy many of us turn our heads, afraid to speak up for the ones who speak out for us.

I have, on the other hand, seen certain folks stroll through our communities and be held up as paragons of Black liberation, all the while filling their pockets with the filthy lucre from their sell-out deals with the powers that be. They lurk in the shadows, afraid to come out in the open, and use lackeys to promote their causes. They have their hands in every deal, every program, every transaction, and every scenario that involves Black people, making certain that they will be the first in line to be paid. They rob the community and blame that same community for not moving forward. How can we move forward with crooks like these among us?

These are the ones we should throw away. These are the ones from

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HAMILTON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

'A Kindling For The Community'

By Cathy Johnson

The holidays inspire kinder words, slower paces through decorated neighborhoods, and an ambience that warms like a fireplace blaze. Hamilton Park, a historic district esteemed in its own rights, is a community of like proportions. Built on the strength of faithful citizens, Hamilton Park United Methodist Church (HPUMC) located at 11881 Schroeder Road, has positioned itself within the seams of this community with a fabric of tenaciousness and grace not easily matched.

Standing at the reins is Senior Pastor Derrick R. Wright. Leading the way for change and new direction is no small task yet one that ignites Wright in his endeavor to pastor the community church. "From a very young age, I began petitioning people to reckon within themselves those inner qualities of excellence."

Wright, no stranger to excelling, once traveled the pathway to a professional contract but says God closed the door. "When that fell through I just figured I'd make lots of money in business and I did for awhile," said Wright of his former IBM career. With Baseball behind him, Wright still found time for physical

enjoyment evidenced by his numerous golf trophies. "I have always believed in total fitness - mind and body, said Wright. The fitness of his soul would come later.



Rev. Derrick R. Wright, Pastor of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

On July 19, 1980 Wright said he received his calling.

Wright fondly recalls his first sermon at the age of 19 entitled "The Elements of Christian Maturity, (Faith Hope and Love)".

A graduate of Perkins school of

Theology, with a Master of Divinity, Wright's journey began June 1986 in a duo appointment as an originator for New Horizons United Methodist church of Desoto and Associate Pastor for Highland Hills United Methodist Church of Dallas. His success propelled him to become the first and youngest District Superintendent appointed outside of Dallas, presiding over an eight-county jurisdiction in Paris-Sulfur Springs, TX. A feat Wright is justifiably proud to have accomplished. "That was not an easy task," said Wright of the appointment. Each year the Superintendent and a committee board of pastors review the pool of leadership throughout the various United Methodist Churches and make annual assessments based upon input from the congregation and fellow pastors.

It is not uncommon for a pastor to be moved periodically as the objective of the United Methodist Church is to provide the best-suited leadership that is most comparable for that particular congregation.

The Methodist Church functions

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Plano East Senior High School Helps Save Lives



Left to right: Deana Reed, clinical nurse instructor, Lena Maldonado, American Red Cross coordinator, Kammerly Mylam, DRD representative American Red Cross, Audrey Lundy, American Red Cross communications/healthcare specialist, Nancy Kistler, clinical nurse instructor Plano East High School

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Left to right back row: Audrey Lundy, American Red Cross communications/volunteer specialist, Lena Maldonado, American Red Cross coordinator, Nancy Kistler, clinical nurse instructor Plano East High School
Front row: students in the Health Occupation Students Association

By: Monica Thornton
Plano East Senior High School (PESH) students helped save 1,200 lives in one day, with the help of the American Red Cross. On Wednesday, November 19, 2003, over 600 PESH students signed up for their annual blood drive, and over 400 units were donated.

Kemmerly Mylam, with the donor recruitment department



Student donating blood



Students share time together to rest after donating blood

of the American Red Cross, said that one person donating blood can save three lives, and it takes less than an hour to donate. Mylam added that Plano East is one of their biggest blood donors on the school circuit.

"We do a lot of high schools in the metroplex, and Plano East is one of our biggest and best coordinated drives," said Mylam.

Clinical nurse instructor at PESH, Nancy Kistler, said the school has donated more than any other in the area in the last four years, and they were working on keeping that record with this blood drive.

Students from the school's Health Occupational Students Association (HOSA) organized the drive, including getting people to come to donate, setting

up the hall, and clearing everything up. Mylam said the students were also responsible for providing food for the red cross staff, while the red cross supplied the snacks and drinks for the blood donors. At the start of the school year, Kistler begins the process for the students in HOSA to prepare for the drive, and it is part of their six-week grade.

On Wednesday December 3, the American Red Cross is holding another blood drive at McKinney North High School. Mylam said it is important to get as many people as possible to donate, because if donations stopped today America would run out of blood in two days.

The blood drive at McKinney North is open to the public and

school students.

Additional blood drives will be held at: North Texas Job Corps Center - December 4; JC Penney, Frisco - December 9; Photonics, Inc. Allen - December 10; Frito Lay, Plano - December 10 and 11; Three Day Blinds, Allen - December 13; Pepsico, Plano - December 15.

Basic guidelines for blood donation are: You must be healthy, at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. If you have a chronic condition such as diabetes or high blood pressure, 'healthy' means you are being treated and the condition is under control.

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along a structured set of doctrines and by-laws that have been in place for many years. Over the years, trailblazers like Wright have tested the waters of tradition and have begun challenging any ideologies bearing resistance to change or the vision. Wright says HPUMC and its 2000 members, is an "ACTS 2" church, building on the "Great commission" as their foundation and launching pad for outreach. "Teaching, trusting and healing through the ministry of the Holy Spirit is our mission as we become disciples for Christ," said Wright.

Wright, who says his ministry took a turn for the better after having participated in a "Pastors Leadership" conference, shares this insight, "In 1997, I attended Bishop T.D. Jakes' first 'Pastors and Wives' conference, at the Porter's House Church and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. From that day, my

life in Christ has never been the same. I now operate under a power from on high," said Wright.

"Doctrinally" Wright says, is the basis for the division amongst the churches today, "The day of Pentecost can not fully come until we are truly one Church and one Body. Debating how one church conducts their communion sacrament or Baptism procedures are the minors of life and perpetrators of division. The Majors are that we are to be "Change Agents" for Christ" says Wright.

Change is indeed the order of

business for this growing church. Conveniently situated near major highways and the Dart Railway station, HPUMC is currently planning an expansion so that they can reach and better serve even more of the community. Through their many ministries from Food Pantry to Prison, Wright is most proud of a recent campaign where the church has undertaken the repairs of a local Senior Citizen Home.

Wright attributes his drive and



Rev. Derrick R. Wright holds up one of the many trophies he received during his baseball days.

undertaken the repairs of a local Senior Citizen Home.

Wright attributes his drive and

passion to an infinite desire to "serve and be a blessing". Well known theologian, Rev. Zan Holmes is a mentor that Wright says has helped shape who he is today.

Associate Pastor Shirley Reaves, who joined the team, recently had this to say of the church's new disciple, "Pastor has a heart for leading the people into their greatness."

Wright says he and Reaves work quite well together as Reaves has a keen understanding of the HPUMC vision and has been greatly instrumental in the fostering of that vision. Reaves over-see's a ministerial staff of 10 and the scheduling of their preaching to the congregation.

Married for 20 years to wife Adrienne, Wright says his wife, stands firmly beside him but not in a ministerial capacity. "Adrienne is my First Lady who at the end of the day tells me "It's going to be alright." And that's enough for me," he said.

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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: 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, a 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 Ammie Wilson. Guided tours available.

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 more information is available online at www.teamnetworking.com.

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 December 31

The SPCA of Texas will hold its annual winter adoption event at NorthPark Center, I-75 and Park. Dallas. Visit the adorable cats and dogs, and shop for a full array of merchandise for pets. Come and pick out your new best friend Saturdays 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sundays noon - 6 p.m.

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 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.

December 4

The City of Garland's annual holiday celebration, downtown Garland, 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., featuring, for the first time, a full-length lighted Christmas parade. Prizes for the most outstanding

floats and walking units. Horse-drawn sleighs and carriages, the Polar Express train, traditional Christmas Tree lighting, holiday entertainment, and of course Santa Claus.

How To Buy a Computer Workshop (for senior adults 50 and up), 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. first session/6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. second session. SeniorNet Learning Center at Interim Allen Senior Center, 105 S. Anna. \$5. Advance registration required. Call 972.727.0155.

December 4 - 6

Christmas in the Park at Westlake Park, Mesquite, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bring the entire family to see Santa and Mrs. Claus, Santa's Workshop, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Christmas Carolers and more! Contact 972.216.6260 for more information.

December 5

"An Evening of Jazz" is presented by the Mesquite Fire Department and features Area All Star Jazz Ensemble" directed by Curt Bradshaw, "Mondo Drummers" directed by Eddie Dunlap and the James Vernon Trio at 7p. Admission is one new, unwrapped toy for a child. Call 972-216-6349.

December 6

Annual 5K Rudolph Run Event, 7 a.m. in Downtown Allen. Trophies to the top three male and female finishers. \$20 entry fee for 5K race. \$15 entry fee for fun runs/walks. Annual 5K race with trophies awarded to the top three male and female finishers. 1-Mile

Elf Run/Walk before the race for kids 12 and under. Or join in the 1-Mile Frosty Run/Walk for non-competitive runners. Register at Joe Farmer Recreation Center, 1201 E. Bethany, or the Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest. Call 972.727.0148.

Holiday Craft Fair, Joe Farmer Recreation Center, 1201 E. Bethany. Free admission. 10 a.m. Gifts, holiday décor and homemade specialties at the annual bazaar. For information about purchasing a vendor booth, call 972.727.0152.

Come to the Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive for our new storytime and craftume 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 information.

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.hopescottage.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.

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Media Bias Has Michael Jackson Guilty Before The Trial

This past week the nation, and the world, was provided a front row seat at a media feeding frenzy that was nothing sort of unbelievable. While President Bush was in the midst of a rare state visit to Britain and dozens of people were being slaughtered in horrific bombings in Turkey, Afghanistan and Iraq the U.S. media was giving more print space and more airtime to the arrest of pop superstar Michael Jackson. Many of the stories had a built in guilty bias.

For more than two hours, CNN, Fox News Channel, MSNBC and Court TV covered nothing but the pop star and repeatedly showed Jackson walking into the sheriff's office with his hands cuffed behind his back.

Even the venerable and supposedly objective Dallas Morning News weighed in with a lead editorial wondering why it had taken authorities so long to investigate Mr. Jackson given his extraordinarily strange behavior around children. They did, to their credit, bury in the middle of a paragraph the "innocent until proven guilty" disclaimer while simultaneously pointing an "already guilty" finger at him because of his multiple cosmetic surgeries, erratic antics, other legal problems, and his Peter Pan lifestyle. Using inane logic they imply that Mr. Jackson with Svengali like hypnosis induced an endless supply of parents to willingly provide their children for his enjoyment. So much for media objectivity.

Yet by comparison, few if any of the priests that were outed as sexual predators during the revelations of widespread abuse in the Catholic Church were afforded front page, middle page

or back page mention.

The timing and manner of the raids on Mr. Jackson's Neverland Ranch raises questions. Mr. Jackson was shooting a video in Las Vegas at the time. The law enforcement efforts displayed so vividly on TV surely were an overkill. What is it about this case that made it necessary for 40 police officers and 20 FBI agents to raid Jackson's home? Why were FBI agents involved at all? Molestation allegations are not a federal offense. Is this a precursor of the way the Patriot Act will be used to trample the civil rights of American citizens?

Could this be the political opportunity that Santa Barbara District Attorney Thomas Sneddon has been vindictively waiting for since 1993? What better publicity could he get than to have the "King of Pop" escorted into the Santa Barbara booking station in handcuffs? The photo-op lasted only a few seconds but replays of it with slow motion close-ups and highlights of the handcuffs were enough to fill broadcast slots the entire day. Or is it possible that Mr. Jackson has made some of the media moguls angry and they are colluding to force him into financial ruin?

District Attorney Sneddon pooh-poohed any correlation between the raid and the impending release of Jackson's album or any vendetta against Jackson because of the Sneddon rebuffs Jackson incorporated in his 1995 HIStory album. Sneddon stated that this investigation had been underway for some time.

Details of the charges against Mr. Jackson or the identity of the alleged victim have not been disclosed. Supposedly Jackson will be charged with multiple counts of lewd and lascivious acts

with a child under the age of 14. News reports have stated that the charges involve a 12-year-old cancer patient who was an overnight guest at Jackson's Neverland ranch. It has been public knowledge for years that one aspect of Jackson's philanthropy has been an association with the "make a wish" organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Prosecutors indicated that formal charges would be filed sometime after Thanksgiving but would not explain the delay. An arraignment is set for January 9, 2004.

The elements are in place to have a made for prime time trial. Michael Jackson fan clubs are swinging into action. Michael, instead of taking a passive role, should headline a series of concerts around the nation labeled "Michael Jackson's Defense Tour". Although he may not achieve the record breaking response of his "Thriller" days he can still draw a crowd that would make today's artists green with envy.

In the final analysis the Truth must be told. Speculating about the collusion or conspiracies of government officials, media organizations and music business moguls does nothing to produce definitive answers. But the fact remains that keeping Michael Jackson on the tip of America's tongue serves as a smoke screen for grave national and international issues that some politicians are only too happy to keep out of the public spotlight.

James W. Breedlove

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

You & Your Government

City of Garland

City of Garland officials are at odds over the results of an internal audit of a code compliance multi-family inspection program undertaken for the period of October 2001 to December 2002.

The audit, which was discussed at the city council's work session recently, criticized the program's supervision, record keeping, revenue handling and data management.

But former code compliance director, Cris Gorham, is unsatisfied with the way the situation has been handled, and said he will pursue it with Garland City Manager Bill Dollar. Gorham said his reputation and career are at stake.

The audit was asked for by John Teel when he became the director of the Code Compliance Department in March, 2003. Gorham was reassigned to head the Housing and Neighborhood Services Department at that time. Teel had apparently wanted the entire department to be audited but due to budgeting for the auditor's time, settled for a review of the multifamily housing code inspection program only.

Teel said he wasn't surprised about the audit findings, and was in agreement with them, saying

there was good work done by some inspectors and poor performance by other.

Gorham, who is Hispanic, said audits tend to be critical of departments run by minority managers, and believes the negative findings of the audit are racially based.

Assistant City Manager Ron Jones, who oversees both the housing and code compliance departments, said he didn't think the audit reflected everything it should.

Internal auditor Steve Shepherd defended the audit of Gorham's former program, as did City Council member Jim Dunn.

City Briefs

Richardson

Richardson Independent School District recently spent \$42,000 on 24 portable defibrillation machines, to be used at the junior high and high schools, four administration buildings and the Christa McAuliffe Learning Center. The district's athletic and assistant athletic directors will carry two of the machines to nighttime sports events. The laptop-size machines can shock a heart back into rhythm using electric current, which, according to a study presented this month at a meeting of the American Medical Association, doubles the survival rate when used for heart attack victims.

North Dallas

North Texas Tollway Authority's project at the northbound Dallas North Tollway at LBJ Freeway is coming to an end, with frontage roads opening by Thanksgiving, and all work scheduled to be finished by Dec. 8.

Mesquite

The land at Lew Park on Lake Lane Road is at the center of controversy as Mayor James Kelsey announced last week that the city was attempting to negotiate a deal to sell it to Lowe's Home Improvement. The land was donated to the city by one of its pioneers, to be used for recreation for young people.

Allen

The Allen City Council will hold a public hearing on November 25, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen City Hall Council Chambers, 305 Century Parkway, Allen, to consider the following request: 5.47± acres of land situated in the William Perrin Survey, Abstract No. 708, City of Allen, Collin County, Texas, located north of Bethany Drive between Prestige Circle and SH 5.

Current Zoning: Planned Development No. 3 with Shopping Center uses.

Requested Zoning: To add an additional use of hotel to the Planned Development regulations.

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scholarships.

In addition to being a member of the Plano Early Lions Club, Dr. Johnson gives his time to such community organizations as Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), an organization that counsels children having problems with law enforcement, Dunbar Social and Charity Club, and the Dunbar Learning Center.

Arthur Young, who is also a member of the Plano Early Lions Club and the first black president of the club in 1987, has known Dr. Johnson for fifteen years. "Dr. Johnson is the type of individual who is always looking for an opportunity to give back to the community," said Young.

Dr. Johnson currently works as a contractor for the University of Texas Medical Branch as a licensed psychologist with the Texas Prison System since 1985. Dr. Johnson has worked with Prison Systems for fifteen years. He also worked with the Prison System in

Louisiana where he worked with the criminally insane.

Dr. Johnson, whose family comes from a long line of educators, was raised in Louisiana with four sisters and brothers. T.J. Johnson, Dr. Johnson's wife, is also from Louisiana. The couple relocated to Texas in 1983 when Mrs. Johnson was offered a position with Texas Instruments. The couple met while in junior high school.

After completing high school, both left for college. Dr. Johnson attended Southern University (SU) in Louisiana, while his wife was nearby at SU's rival university-Grambling State. After completing their undergraduate studies, Dr. Johnson and his wife received doctorate degrees from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Dr. Johnson received his doctorate degree in Psychology and his wife received a Law degree.

"A special time in our lives was when I was trying to finish my dissertation in graduate school and Dr. Johnson

decided to slow down work on his dissertation to help me complete my doctorate degree," said Mrs. Johnson. "He has been a real supporter, champion, and counselor in my life," she continued. "We have been together for so long because we are best friends. We have been best buddies for the longest time," said Mrs. Johnson.

Dr. Johnson and his wife have one son, Damien Bruce Johnson, and are the proud grandparents of twin girls and a new baby boy.

The couple attends Hamilton Park Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas where they have led the marriage enrichment workshops for the past thirteen years. Dr. Johnson is also a member of Hamilton Park's male chorus and usher board.

"Don Johnson is well respected and well thought of in the community," said Young. "He's got a good reputation and he is a good Christian man."

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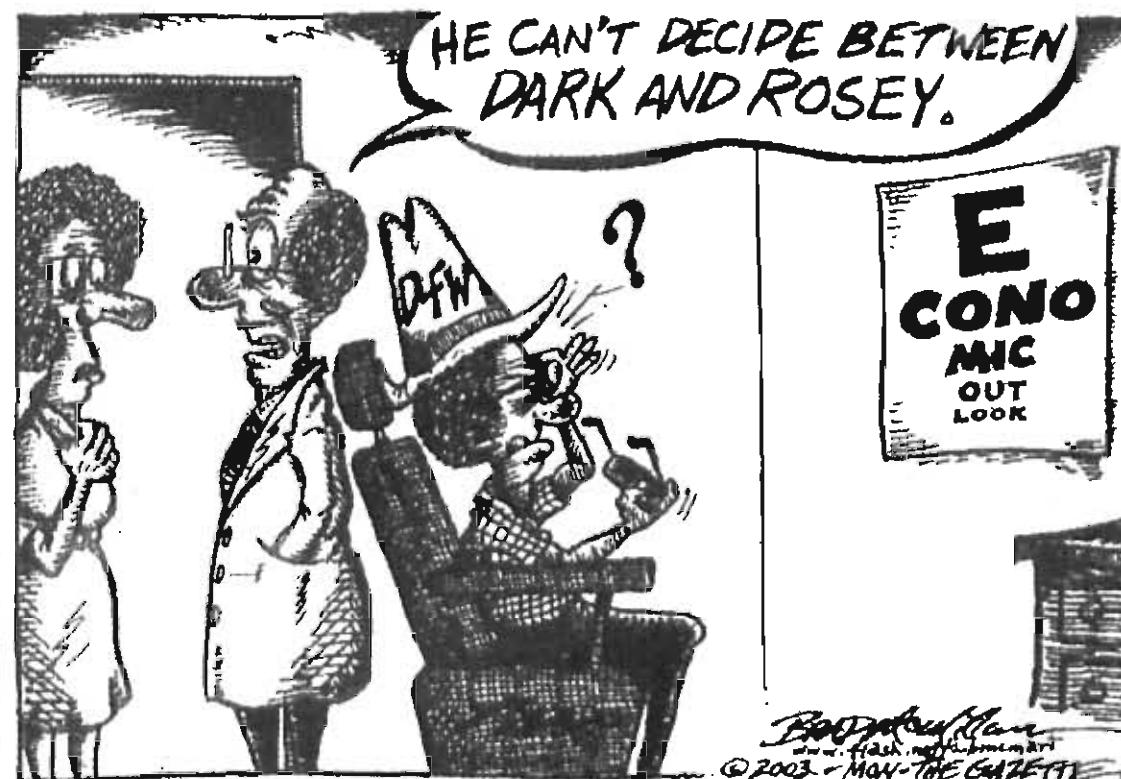
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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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

Black Contractors Association to Hold 2nd Annual Signature Awards Banquet

Dallas, TX- The Black Contractors Association (BCA) will hold its second annual Signature Awards Banquet honoring excellence in contracting from the Dallas/Fort Worth contracting community. The event will be held Monday, December 1, 2003 at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in the Khmer Ballroom. There will be a VIP cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The keynote speaker for this

year's event is the Honorable Dennis Archer, President of the American Bar Association, former two-term Mayor of Detroit and former Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Presenting Sponsor for this year's awards banquet is Johnson Controls, Inc. The BCA is inviting all attendees to bring unwrapped Christmas toys for distribution to DFW area children's homes and churches.

The BCA is the leading voice and

advocate for Black contractors in North Texas. The BCA markets over 200 diversified Black-contracting firms to North Texas area general contractors, public entities, developers and project owners. The organization develops its membership base through education, training, business development and mentor/protege programs.

For more information about BCA, please contact Marvin Gooch at 972-260-9357.

Police Vs. Firefighters Box for a Good Cause

Police and Firefighters from all areas of the metroplex joined together for a good cause recently. The second Annual Guns and Hoses Boxing Tournament, pitting Firefighters against Police, was a huge success. Participating boxers each received \$100.00 to be donated in their name to children's charities.

The tournament proceeds also went to benefit the Police/Firefighter Benevolent Fund and Kids Charities and programs throughout the metroplex like the Garland Police Department Boxing program, eyeglasses for school children, Christmas shopping for underprivileged children.

The Resistol Area in Mesquite, Texas was full of spectators and

local celebrities cheering on the boxers. Special guest Brother Van, from KSCS 96.3 in Dallas, even made his way in to the ring to battle it out with some stiff female competition, Garland police Officer Kim Bohme and Richardson

SWAT members were on hand to sign autographs. Lt. Dave Swavey, Guns and Hoses Executive Director, and founder of the Garland Police Department's Youth Boxing Program, introduced Americo Sntos. Americo is an alumni of the Garland P.D. Boxing Program and holds the Miller Lite Texas State Title Belt, with a professional super middleweight record of 13-0 with 12 knockouts.

Fighters fought three one-minute rounds, with the Firefighters taking home the trophy. The trophy will then travel to winning team members cities throughout 2004. The Boxers were matched by age, weight, experience and sex. After 14 matches the trophy was still up for grabs, in the 15th match the Firefighters were able to reclaim the trophy.



firefighter Terri Level. Brother Van was carried off on a lawn chair stretcher. The Garland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association was also there selling their famous SWAT Calendars, and

Benoit Pays Musical Tribute to Charlie Brown

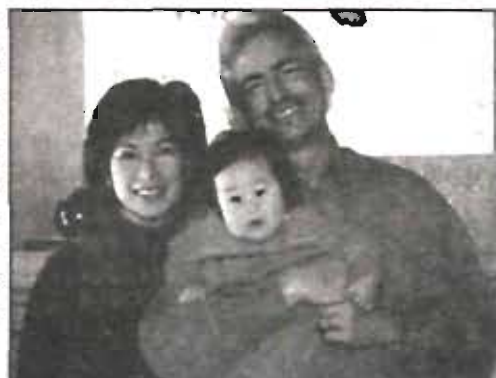
More than 15 years after he helped pioneer the successful contemporary jazz sound, composer-pianist David Benoit, a three-time Grammy nominee, continues to ride a seemingly unending wave of popularity and acclaim. Now this prolific artist is treating his audience to Fuzzy Logic, his twenty-second recording as a leader in twenty-four years, and the fourteenth in his long and productive relationship with GRP.

"I wanted to do something very funky and upbeat," Benoit remarks, "and I hadn't done a record like this in a long time. Actually, I don't know if I've ever done a record like this. Here's to You, Charlie Brown was very reverent, a tribute record, so I thought it was time to go in the other direction and do something innovative. I got back together with [trumpeter-producer] Rick Braun and tried a few new things with him. Then I got together with [Down To The Bone producer] Stuart Wade to bring a fresh sound into the music. And I had a little fun with my own ideas, as well, producing five tracks myself. We just kept it in a positive mode."

"For instance, the ear-catching, unusually named title track illustrates Benoit's turn toward a more down-to-earth groove. "Fuzzy Logic," he explains, "refers to machines that can sort of figure things out on their own. I thought it had an intriguing sound to it, something with energy and a little different from so many of the usual smooth jazz titles, like 'Tropical Sunset' or 'Midnight Stars,'" he says with a laugh. "I mean, it was

for an edgier sound. So on the more melodic songs, like 'Reflections' and 'One Dream at a Time,' which I wrote for my daughter, June, I used woodwinds and French horn in place of strings; that gave the music a different texture. It was a little more of a challenge, too. String writing comes easy for me, but it was a challenge to write in more of a chamber group environment, something that would give the music warmth, but a little edginess, too — not quite the soft sound that strings can sometimes give you.

Benoit's GRP recordings encompass a wide range of jazz-inflected styles, from contemporary pop to straight ahead bebop, orchestral, and hip hop. Among the highlights of



time to do something that I felt was a little more interesting than the vacation-scene, resort-style titles.

"Even the mellow tracks reflect this 'change of pace' concept. 'If you look back at all my records,' Benoit notes, 'usually there's a string section on at least one song, if not many songs. This is the first album where I intentionally didn't want to use any strings. I wanted to go

his discography are 1988's Every Step of the Way, nominated for a Grammy in the "Best Jazz Fusion" category; 1989's Waiting for Spring, which for eight weeks topped Billboard's traditional jazz chart; and 1992's Letter to Evan, a heartfelt tribute to the late jazz piano giant, Bill Evans. Benoit was a charter member of The Rippingtons

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Martha Wong Keynotes HFG ADVISORS Women's Business Forum "Leadership Spotlight" Dinner

DALLAS, TX - State Representative Martha Wong, the first Asian American elected to the Houston City Council, and first Asian American woman elected to the Texas House of Representatives is scheduled to speak at the HFG ADVISORS Women's Business Forum "Leadership Spotlight" Dinner of Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce. The underwriter of the event is Deloitte. This forum will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2003 at the Westin Galleria Hotel, 13340 Dallas Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75240. The Forum will start with a

reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and program from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The Women's Business Forum was established in 1998 to support women in business start-up and personal development, provide a nurturing and mentoring atmosphere for discussion of balancing work and family issues, facilitate business networking opportunities, and to enhance the image and status of Asian American women. The Forum "Leadership Spotlight" features women with outstanding achievements in private or public sectors. In 2002, the Forum highlighted

Indra Nooyi, President and Chief Financial Officer of PepsiCo, as keynote speaker.

The keynote speaker this year, the Honorable Martha Wong, was sworn into office on January 14, 2003, and represents District 134 in Houston. An honor not bestowed on many legislators, House Speaker Tom Craddick appointed Representative Wong Vice Chairman of the prestigious House Committee on Rules and Resolutions. She is also a member of the Committee(s) on Urban Affairs and Economic Development. She was appointed to the Board of the Texas Communities in Schools

program, as well as named to the Executive Committee of the newly formed Texas Tourism Caucus. Martha Wong has achieved a long list of firsts: the first Asian American School Principal in the State of Texas; the first Asian-American recognized by the Houston Federation of Women's Award for Excellence in Education; and the first Asian American in the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. As the daughter of immigrant parents, Martha has lived the American dream first hand. Her achievements and experience are truly inspiring for American women in general, and Asian American women in particular.

The signature sponsor for this event is HFG ADVISORS and Deloitte is the underwriter of the event. Corporate sponsors include Frito-Lay, Inc. Bank of America, American Airlines, Gowin Gruber, LLP, Pentagon Group, Darden Restaurants, DART, and Chiang Patel & Yerby, Inc. For additional information regarding sponsorship and tickets, please contact Liping Yao at 972-241-8250 or e-mail at info@gdaacc.com. Tickets are available for \$25 each for community seat and \$50 for corporate seat.

About the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of

Commerce

The Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce (GDAACC) is a non-profit organization formed in 1986 by the Asian American business community of Dallas. It now has become the largest Asian American chamber in the United States with over 1,200 members. The organization seeks to develop leadership, promote community awareness and create business opportunities for its members. The GDAACC assists and promotes Asian American businesses and helps broaden cultural awareness.

Comcast Celebrates Its First Anniversary of Service in the Dallas Market

IRVING, Texas, /PRNewswire/ — Comcast, the leading cable and broadband communications provider for more than 500,000 customers in the Dallas metroplex celebrated its first anniversary of service on Tuesday, November 18. A year ago, the merger between Comcast and AT&T Broadband was completed. Comcast became the cable provider to the Dallas area, marking the beginning of a very busy year for the newly expanded company.

"Comcast is committed to being a leading resource for entertainment and information services in the Dallas community," said Ann Montgomery, Comcast's Regional Senior Vice President for the Southwest Group. "We have made significant investments to upgrade our fiber-optic cable network to provide our customers with cutting-edge products and a strong-line up including new programming. We're proud of what we've accomplished so far, but we recognize that there's much more to do. As technologies advance and Comcast's products continue to expand, we are committed to providing our customers with first-class entertainment value and convenience."

Since the merger, Comcast's focus on the areas of technology, programming, customer service and community involvement has benefited Dallas area customers in these ways:

To commemorate its first

anniversary of service to the Dallas area, Comcast hosted a large community celebration at a local Best Buy store on Saturday, November 15th. More than 250 people attended the party, complete with technology demonstrations (including hands-on HDTV sampling along with a host of other products and services), prizes, giveaways and visiting guests including HBO stars Nick Stahl and Carla Gallo (from HBO's critically acclaimed original series, Carnivale), and former Dallas Cowboy defensive tackle Chad Hennings.

Comcast has long-term plans to add more new services to the Dallas market, including higher speeds for Internet access customers, digital video recorders, video on demand and other opportunities that its upgraded networks have the ability to provide.

In August, Comcast Dallas opened a new 86,000 square foot in-bound call center facility, housing more than 450 customer account executives, customer service management and customer service support staff whose sole responsibility is to respond to local Dallas-area customer needs. In addition, agreements with national retailers like Best Buy, Radio Shack, Staples and Office Depot allow customers more convenient access to information and demonstrations of Comcast services (like Digital Cable, High-Speed Internet and HDTV) and an opportunity to purchase services as they would any entertainment or computer product in the store. In October,

Comcast introduced a new service specifically geared to the needs of teleworkers, offering a suite of features to businesses

that they may work remotely. Comcast is also committed to investing in education, literacy and promoting volunteerism to

During the year, air time valued at more than \$500,000 was donated to public service announcements to help raise awareness of important and timely issues such as breast cancer, literacy, diversity and voter awareness. Comcast has supported nearly 100 community events this year and donated more than 1,800 hours of volunteer service. Additionally, the company has contributed funds to assist charitable organizations and

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and reunited with the Ripp's leader, Russ Freeman, on the 1994 hit, The Benoit/Freeman Project. He also has participated in the popular GRP All-Star Big Band Projects.

After the release of his previous GRP CD, Here's to You, Charlie Brown: 50 Great Years! in the spring of 2000, Benoit developed an entire live musical tribute to Charles Schulz's beloved comic strip, PEANUTS(tm).

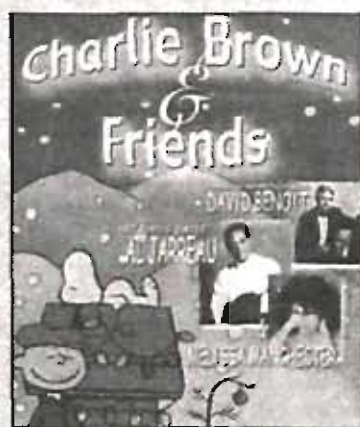
The show featured a full orchestra, arranged and conducted by Benoit, performing a variety of music, including the memorable melodies composed by the late pianist Vince Guaraldi for the classic PEANUTS(tm) TV specials.

Charlie Brown & Friends, A Family Christmas Concert - A musical adventure with David Benoit and special guests Al Jarreau and Melissa Manchester - Presented by Verizon Wireless

Charlie Brown & Friends intertwines the adored Charlie Brown character in an animated and musical celebration with three music legends - Al Jarreau, Melissa Manchester and David Benoit. Joined by an 18-piece orchestra, each artist will be performing their own hits as well as holiday classics and the legendary songs of "A Charlie Brown Christmas".

The Charlie Brown gang will come to life on three projection screens with brand new animation and classic footage from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" interacting with both the musicians and the audience.

This show brings something completely new to what is



already an American classic. David Benoit's work with the Schulz family and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" for the last

10 years has now brought a new opportunity for the characters and the music to come to life. Don't miss this special holiday concert that will touch the hearts of people of all ages in a magical evening filled with music and laughter.

Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets including, Foley's, Fiesta, Warehouse Music, & Tower Records. In addition, tickets are available at the NextStage Box Office. General Parking is \$10.00 and conveniently located on-site. In addition, NextStage offers Premium parking services for \$20.00. Onstage at NextStage December 9, 7:00 pm.

Love Don't Cost a Thing



In this remake of the 1987 movie Can't Buy Me Love, Nick Cannon plays a dorky fool who pays a cheerleader (Christina Milian) to pretend to be his girlfriend so that he'll be popular. Starts December 12, 2003

The Last Samurai



Tom Cruise plays Civil War vet Nathan Algren, who travels to Japan in the 1870s to help organize and teach the emperor's troops during a time of feudal conflict on the islands; the emperor's goal is to eradicate the remaining samurai. As he learns more about the warriors after he is captured by them, Algren comes to understand and appreciate the complicated system of honor under which they live and finally has to choose which side to fight on. Starts December 5, 2003

Gospel Greats to Perform at 4th Annual Holiday Gospel Fest

Dallas - Gospel greats, Dorinda Clark-Cole and Karen Clark Sheard, two of the renowned Clark Sisters, and Gaye Arbuckle-Sneed will perform live at the 4th Annual Holiday Gospel Fest.

The event is a DDQ & Associates production and will feature live performances, fun and fellowship. It will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Concord Missionary Baptist Church located at 6808 Boulder Dr. in Dallas.

One could almost say Dorinda Clark-Cole was famous from the day she was born. One of four daughters born to internationally renowned Gospel choir director and composer, Dr. Mattie Moss-Cole, she has been singing for an audience or congregation since she was five years old and recording with her siblings, The Clark Sisters, since the 1980s. With the debut of her solo album Dorinda Clark Cole, she marks another milestone in what is already one of Gospel's singular stories. In addition to her career as a singer, Clark-Cole is sought after as an evangelist and motivational speaker.

Clark-Cole today juggles the role of wife, and mother of two, with a host of additional responsibilities including vice president of the International Music Division of the Church of God in Christ, her lifelong denomination, administrator and instructor of the Clark Conservatory of Music - founded by her mother - and coordinator of the annual Singers & Musicians Conference, which instructs and showcases young talent in the Gospel music industry. Though Clark-Cole is quick to emphasize that there will "there will always be a Clark Sisters," as she embarks on this solo stage of her life in Gospel music, she has her gaze fixed on horizons even greater than those she has already reached.

Gospel legend Karen Clark Sheard has been working at her craft since she was six years old, and now, with the release of her much anticipated Elektra Records debut, 2nd Chance, she stands as a towering influence not only within the Gospel community, but also throughout the pop and R&B worlds as well. For years, Clark Sheard has been respected and revered by her peers as a sublime vocalist and exquisite interpreter of inspirational lyrics. She has been described as being one of the most distinct vocalists of our time.



Clark Sheard's life has been nothing but testimony. Daughter of Gospel pioneer the late Dr. Mattie Moss-Cole, Clark Sheard emerged as her own spiritual and vocal force to be reckoned with in the renowned Gospel group, The Clark Sisters. For more than two decades, she, along with her four siblings, have remained one of the genres most popular and beloved singing sensations. It was the Clark Sisters who brought Contemporary Gospel a hearty taste of mainstream success with their 1983 crossover hit "You Brought the Sunshine

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(Into My Life)."

"There are Miracles and Blessings" for singer, songwriter, producer, native Texan and resident of Dallas, Gaye Arbuckle-Sneed. Over the years she has enriched her audiences with melodic songs of praise. Now, she invites her listening audience to become a part of her melodic conversations with God on her new CD entitled "Think About It". Arbuckle-Sneed's new self-entitled CD "Gaye Think About It" is a blockbuster and billboard soaring hit. She has combined traditional Gospel chords and melodies by adding contemporary jazz, a touch of urban flavor and a hint of rhythm and blues, thus producing an eclectic sound. Arbuckle-Sneed's music is conveyed clearly and concisely to her listening audience through out the "Gaye Think About It" project.

Ticket prices are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. They may be

purchased in Dallas at Sam's Records, 3434 Sunnyvale St., and His Place, 233 W. Jefferson Blvd. and in Fort Worth, Texas, at Sam's Records, 1122 E. Seminary Dr., and Wings R Us, 4710 East Lancaster.

Proceeds will benefit the KHVN Heaven Helpers & Gospel Givers, Voice of Hope Ministries and DDQ Kids Day Out. KHVN Heaven Helpers & Gospel Givers started as a write-in campaign and is designed to help families in need during the Holiday season by connecting them with various outlets throughout the community. Families who would like assistance from Heaven Helpers & Gospel Givers can contact (972) 381-3027.

Sponsors for this year's Gospel Fest are Pro-Line, Jericho Systems Corp., WB33, KHVN, KGGR and Rolling Out Magazine. For more information on the event, call (972) 841-6104 or (214) 631-7027.

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2. Media: Drawing paper, Canvas, Poster Board, illustration board.
3. Artwork needs to be mated or mounted with a stiff backing.
4. All entries must be original, no copy work will be allowed.
5. Entry must be accompanied by entry form with permission slip taped to the back.
6. Entry must be submitted to MLK Arts Committee by December 15, 2003.
7. Artwork must be delivered to Karen Johnson, Brenda McDonald/Earnest Burke at Douglass Community Center located at 1111 Ave. H, Plano, TX 75074. PH# 972.424.6301.
8. Judging will be December 16-18, 2003.
9. Works will be displayed at the Saturday City Hall program, Sunday night program at Custer Road United Methodist Church, and the Monday Power Leadership Breakfast at Collin County Community College.

Contest Groups:

Ages 6-8 Ages 9-11 Ages 12-15 Ages 16-18

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2003, 1:30 P.M.
Duncanville City Hall
203 E. Wheatland Road
Duncanville, Texas 75116

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Provide input before this \$50 billion Plan is presented to policy makers for approval in January 2004.

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Buyers this year get four trim levels, a choice of two engines, a double five-star safety rating, and will notice that the excessive body roll and numb steering of previous models are now gone.

The base model, the XLS, features the basics of a front bench seat, CD player, air conditioning, a third-row seat and power-adjustable pedals. The XLT is a midlevel trim offering power accessories, foglights, a rear air conditioner and much more. Leather upholstery is optional on the XLT, but standard on the Eddie

Bauer model. Replacing last year's FX4 off-road is the NBX model with skid plates, off-road shocks and tubular step bars, and loaded with options, including a load-leveling air suspension, second-row captain's chairs, a CD-based navigation system,

V8 will make you happy with 200 horsepower and 350 lb-ft of torque. A four-speed automatic transmission is standard across the line, and all trims are available with either two- or four-wheel drive. The Expedition has a maximum towing capacity of 8,900 pounds, the highest in its class.

All Expedition's come standard with four-wheel antilock disc brakes enhanced with Electronic Brake Assist and Brakeforce Distribution. And for extra protection, a Safety Canopy System provides side and head-impact protection for first and second-row passengers. The AdvanceTrac stability control system is also available on all trims, except the XLS.

Depending on which configuration of seating you choose, Expeditions seat anywhere from seven to nine passengers. First and second-row bench seats, or captain's chairs in the front or both rows give you plenty of choice. Even the third-row seat in this full-size SUV gives a comfortable and safe ride.



a rear DVD entertainment system, a power folding third-row seat, heated-and-cooled front seats and tire-pressure monitors.

The standard 4.6-liter V8 makes 232 horsepower and 291 pound-feet of torque. The bigger bigger 5.4-liter

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The maximum annual income of eligible homebuyers is \$66,500 for a single or two-person household, and \$76,475 for families of three or more. Maximum home costs range from \$159,620 for an existing home to \$171,155 for a newly constructed home. The program is limited to first-time homebuyers, which means that eligible borrowers cannot have owned a home in the last three years.

"Homeownership is an important goal for most families and the Collin County Housing Finance Corporation is delighted to be able to help low and moderate-income families achieve their dream," says Collin County Commissioner Jack Hatchell.

"We really want the residents of Collin County to learn about this program," says Collin County Commissioner Phyllis Cole. "This is a program that has the potential of helping literally hundreds of young families in our community."

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- Working with Operations and Sales departments in developing marketing and promotional materials for the radio station.
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- Writing and servicing press releases about promotional events at the radio station.
- Layout, production and writing articles for Faith Talk Magazine.
- Establishing station presence at key local events.
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Blackonomics Page 1

whom we must run. These are the very ones who will continue to hold us back because they will sell us out for their individual benefit and acclaim. The saddest aspect of this reality is that we accept it. For years we have seen the same persons in our neighborhoods and our communities selfishly plot and scheme to fill their pockets and then make some shallow overture to their brothers and sisters who ignorantly hold them in high esteem.

We have seen these people move up, economically, while those they are suppose to be helping are pushed further away from the realization of their economic dreams. We have also seen the brothers and sisters in the opposite category fade into oblivion. And then, more times than not, we sit around and reminisce about not having listened to them and not having followed their prescriptions for collective economic success.

We must learn, as a people, to identify, respect, and follow our true leaders. Heed the words of Carter G. Woodson and do not be swayed and mesmerized by charisma and rhetorical ranting. Fake leaders are very good at the things that will not take Black people where we need to go, especially economically. They will not and cannot put the collective first because they are too wrapped up in themselves. It makes me wonder if they ever think about death, responsibility, legacy, and accountability. They may not have to account for their actions to us, but one day that accountability will come. Most of us would be fearful of that day. But these fake leaders not only have no consciousness, they have no conscience.

So what do we do about these people? The first thing to do is look at what they have done for our people - not what they have said, but what they have done. Look behind the deals they bring you; see who else is in

support of them. Check them out completely before you place your confidence and trust in them. If they are using you to do their dirty work, afraid themselves to come out in the open and speak, be wary of them. They mean you no good.

If you see their fingerprints on everything that has money attached to it, none or very little of which is being used to truly empower our people, watch out. It's very likely they are getting theirs off the top (and probably off the bottom as well) leaving very little for you. Look for the common thread that always leads back to this person. After a while you will be able to discern the nuances and modus operandi of this person because he will do the same things, say the same things, plan the same things, and always have his hand out for his cut.

Let's begin to throw the scoundrels

out, as they say in political circles. Those who are dedicated to serving rather than merely appointing themselves as leaders (or being appointed by White folks), are the "keepers." Follow them; protect them; revere them.

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African-American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and is the author of the book, "Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement We have a Choice." He can be reached at (513) 489-4132, or by e-mail at jclingman@blackonomics.com.

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Do not let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past nor for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life and learn to appreciate each day because tomorrow isn't promised to you.

Do not give up when you have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. It is a very fragile thread that binds us to each other and once the trust is gone, it is hard, if ever you can, regain the trust.

Do not be afraid to encounter

risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Do not shut love out of your life by saying it is impossible to find. It is said that the quickest way to receive love is to give love and the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly.

Do not dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope. To be without hope is to be without purpose. To be without purpose is to merely exist and not live.

Do not run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been but also where you are going.

Please remember that it's the short words in life that counts, life, love, care, hope, peace and joy, to name a few. Life is not a race but a journey to be savored each step of the way.

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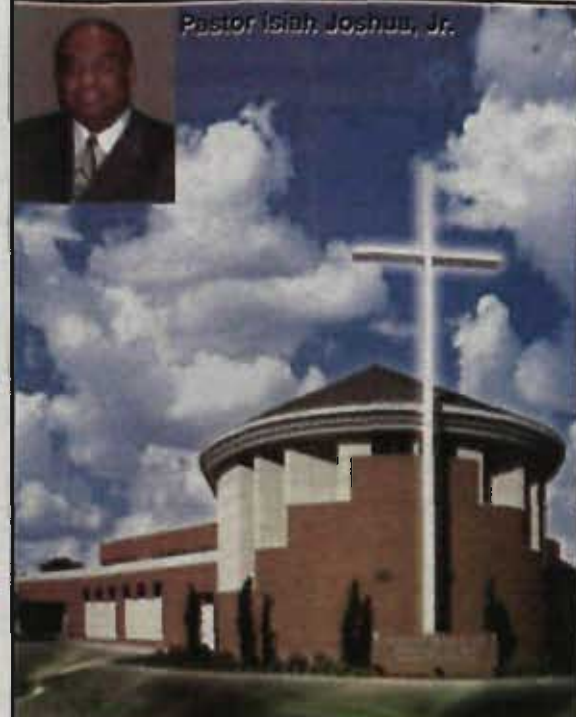
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