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On the Homefront:

Kwanzaa Fest, December 13 - 14, Automobile Building at Fair Park, Dallas. Saturday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free. For vendor information call 214.906.0949.

Multi-Cultural Business Network Referrals Luncheon, Tuesday December 16, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. RSVP at mbnr@theknow.com. "While most networking groups just pass leads, we compensate you for your referral that becomes a sale." Texas Land and Cattle, 3945 Central Expressway. \$15 lunch. Call 972.517.4483.

The SPCA of Texas and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve 'Toys for Tots Program' are collecting new, unwrapped toys through December 14, at SPCA centers in Dallas, McKinney and The Colony, 362 S. Industrial Blvd. (214.651.9611), 8411 FM720 (972.562.7297), or 4720 E. Lake Highlands (972.625.5545), respectively. Or visit www.spcatx.org.

Plano Jam Fest III- Charity Event, Friday, December 19, 4pm to midnight, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads. Concert benefiting: Toys for Tots, Toys for Teens, North Texas Food Bank, Plano Area Habitat for Humanity, Jonathan's Place. Admission: \$5 + donation item; Kids under 10 FREE. Contact Ken Midgley at 214.868.8644, or visit www.metroplexmusic.com.

Celebrate the sounds of the season at Plano Symphony Orchestra's annual "Holiday Pops" concert, featuring orchestral arrangements of holiday favorites, a traditional audience sing-along and a visit from Santa. Sunday, December 21, 4:30 p.m., St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 1401 Mira Vista Blvd., Plano, 75093. Tickets \$9-27. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 972.473.7262 or visit www.planosymphony.org.

Visit Santa's Village in front of Richardson City Library and City Hall, US 75 and Arapaho Road. December 11-14, and 18-21, 6p.m. - 9p.m. Enjoy rides, meet Mrs. Clause, visit the buildings and pets in the village, sponsored by local business and groups including the Richardson Fire Department. Many special events. Visit www.cor.net.

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Sims Chapel, A Ministry of Missions-Change

By Cathy Johnson

Weekends are usually open call to late sleepers and family fun in leisure. Errands command the time of early risers, but not for the missionary ministry of Sims Chapel Baptist Church in Garland, Texas.

Parcels from all five food groups line the tables as three dedicated women busily pack grocery bags filled with a balanced assortment from the Food Pantry. Pam Thompson, Senior Missionary Society and member for 13 years, "Whenever there is a need we at Sims, try to fill that need. Many times we use this opportunity to evangelize as well," said Thompson.

Senior Missions and Usher Board member Carolyn Williams and Harriett Banks, align bags filled with soaps, shampoos, conditioners and lotions. "I've been here since birth, and to help the community is only natural," said Banks. Banks, 39, said that Sims is committed to giving. "Commitment is the driving force fueling this crew. Our church has been through a lot over the years, but with the help of the Lord, we can be steadfast," said Doris

Smart, member for 30 years and Usher Board member. Families experiencing adversities



Pastor A. Louis Patterson, III

or shortcomings have found Sims to be a "God Send" said one family receiving help from the Pantry. "When you're down on your luck it's just good to know that there are churches who will help you," said

the grateful patron.

"We're thankful to be in operation," said Carolyn Montgomery, president of the Missions Society. Many of the ministries that were in operation over the years have found the status of hiatus or elimination since the new pastor has come aboard three years ago.

"It seems as if we're in a stale mate. There was a time when we were the arm of the community," said Montgomery of the In-Home missions ministry. "Where larger churches are expanding their outreach and meeting the whole family's needs through counseling, mentoring, and evangelizing, Sims is being left behind. The food is only for the fleshly man. People still need food for their spirit. While we are going through a congregational re-birth, we are struggling to remain in the minds of the community," said Montgomery.

Making the gutsy move of transition is Pastor A. Louis Patterson, III.

Patterson, in his first Pastoral office, has a different vision and

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Many Viewers Miss Sharpton's 'SNL' Act

Viewers Miss Al Sharpton's James Brown Act on 'SNL' Because of Equal-Time Rules

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Democratic presidential candidate Al Sharpton busted some James Brown moves on his "Saturday Night Live" debut, but many viewers didn't get the chance to see them.

Several NBC affiliates refused to carry "Saturday Night Live" with Sharpton as host for fear it would activate federal "equal time provisions" and compel them to offer air time to the eight other Democrats running for president.

Sharpton, a former tour manager for the soul star, sang a few verses of Brown's "I Got You (I Feel Good)"

and even imitated some of his fancy footwork.

"For me, it's a wonderful opportunity," Sharpton said in his opening monologue. "Maybe tonight, people can finally get to know the real Al Sharpton. President Al Sharpton."

Comic Tracy Morgan appeared next to him dressed as the "old" Sharpton, with wilder hair, purple track suit and gold jewelry.

"I never looked that bad," Sharpton protested.

"Think again," Morgan replied.

NBC said 23 of its 230 affiliated stations had said they were considering not

running "SNL" because of equal time rules. The network did not have a final count Sunday on how many stations did not air it.

All four NBC affiliates in Iowa, where the Jan. 19 caucus represents the first major test of the Democratic nomination battle, said last week they wouldn't air the show. NBC's Boston station seen in much of New Hampshire, site of the first presidential primary also didn't show it.

"Saturday Night Live" frequently has political content and occasional guest appearances by

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Black Voters Ready to 'Get Even' for 2000 Fiasco

By Hazel Trice Edney

NNPA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—One popular saying in politics recommends: Don't get mad, get even. Many African-Americans are still mad at how the Black vote was undermined in 2000 — and they want to get even.

"I think there is still a lot of anger out there after what happened in Election 2000, people's votes not getting counted," observes Melanie Campbell, president and CEO of the National Coalition for Black Voter Participation (NCBVP), a non-profit group of more than 80 organizations, which encourages civic activism in the Black community. "This is the very first presidential election that we'll be faced with. We're going to do a media launch right at the top of the New Year."

NCBVP is working with the nation's nine major Black fraternities and sororities on a

string of voter registration projects and with UniverSoul Circus, a traveling Black production, to urge voter registration and turnout to their audiences. The Washington-D.C.-based NCBVP is also on the verge of launching its Unity '04 project, a coalition of a dozen Black organizations that will use their collective strength to implement a series of voter initiatives leading up to the November election.

With the election slightly less than a year away, some groups are already active.

"Voting and registration ought not be centered around election time, but it ought to be continuous," says Rev. Arnold W. Howard of Baltimore, chairman of the African-American Ministers Leadership Council (AAMLC), a non-partisan arm of People for the American Way.

His group, approximately 100 ministers from around the country, has launched a voter registration drive in seven states. The program,

called "Sanctified Seven," is aimed at making a strong impact in states where statewide races are normally tightly contested.

The group is also paying special attention to states where the Black voting-age population is high enough to mean the difference between victory and defeat. The ministers are encouraging individual parishioners to register

at least seven people every few days and equally important, get them to show up at the polls.

The states, with their 2000 Black turnout rates in parenthesis, are: Florida, with a Black voting age population (BVAP) of 76.2 percent (43.2 percent); Illinois with a BVAP of 66.8 percent (67 percent); Michigan, with a BVAP of 67.6 percent (60.9 percent); Missouri with a BVAP of 67.9 percent (68.2 percent); Ohio, with a BVAP of 67.4, (53.7 percent);

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Piney Woods School - Changing America ...One student at a Time.

By James Clingman

After several unsuccessful attempts to arrange the trip, I was finally able to get to Piney Woods School, one of this country's four remaining Black-owned boarding schools, located about 21 miles south of Jackson, Miss. Nestled among the pine trees, amid rolling hills, lakes, and farmland, Piney Woods School made me feel like I had found a lost treasure. As I walked the campus and learned about the history of this school, a deep sense of melancholy came upon me and, feeling almost ashamed, I questioned why I had not come to that magnificent, historic, and wonderful place much sooner than I had.

The Piney Woods, a boarding school for grades 9-12, was founded in 1909. The students hail from cities from coast to coast, and they even come to attend the school from other countries such as Ethiopia and Mexico. Literally every student I met during my visit was courteous; they also demonstrated the initiative to walk up and introduce themselves to me without being prompted. That alone was enough to impress me; but

there's much more.

The staff of Piney Woods is a group of dedicated, concerned, and loving teachers and administrators who welcomed me with open arms and a willingness to assist me in any way they could. They exuded a pride and loyalty that would have made the founder, Laurence C. Jones, smile from ear to ear. That same spirit obviously transfers to the students when they arrive and as they make their way through the school year. It was pure joy to be among teachers and students who were on the same page when comes to education and had great relationships to boot. Did I mention the food was excellent?

I was taken on a tour of the Piney Woods Museum and was able to travel back more than 90 years and make my way up to the present, learning about how Jones was able to open the school, seeing his writings, photos of his friends, relatives, and former students. There are photos of the famed Cotton Blossom Singers and artifacts brought back from other countries by Jones. It was a truly

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Dallas Celebrates Kwanzaa

KwanzaaFest embraces and manifests the seven principles of Kwanzaa and seeks to liberate this community physically, economically, and spiritually. This free event was created by Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price and his staff in 1991. The event features unique vendors, HealthFest, KidFest, and Live Entertainment. KwanzaaFest will be held December 13, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, and December 14, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, with performances by R&B singers, Montel Jordan, Marques Houston, and Alicia Keys. This year's sponsors include FedEx, Baylor Healthcare System, American Airlines, K104, KKDA, Washington Mutual, NiteKnow.com, Bank of American, BlockBuster, and many more.

Kwanzaa was created to introduce and reinforce seven basic values of African culture, which contribute to building and reinforcing family, community and culture among African American people as well as Africans throughout the world African community. These values are called the Nguzo Saba which in Swahili means the Seven Principles. Developed by Dr. Karenga, the Nguzo Saba stand at the heart of the origin and meaning of Kwanzaa, for it is these values which are not only the building blocks for community but also serve to reinforce and enhance them.

For more information about this year's KwanzaaFest visit

www.johnwileyprice.com

Seven Principles of Kwanzaa

Umoja (Unity)

To strive for lasting unity in the family, community, nation and race.

Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)

To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)

To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.

Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)

To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.

Nia (Purpose)

To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Kwamba (Creativity)

To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

Imani (Faith)

To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Minority Legislators Unhappy Over Texas A&M Admissions

Leading minority state lawmakers are turning up the heat on Texas A&M President

lawmakers can hold him personally accountable for increasing the historically low

number of minorities at the university. U.T. and several other schools in the state have announced a comprehensive change in policy that allows for the consideration of race and ethnicity. A&M's new plan will continue to make attracting minorities to the campus a top priority but will do so through increased outreach efforts in predominantly minority areas.



Senator Royce West

Robert Gates to boost minority enrollment. That's after A&M regents approved an admissions plan that won't consider race as a factor in deciding which students are accepted. Dallas Senator Royce West says he and his colleagues demand that the university show significant improvement in their diversity this fall on the undergraduate and graduate levels. A&M President Robert Gates says

make attracting minorities to the campus a top priority but will do so through increased outreach efforts in predominantly minority areas.

SIX MILLION DOLLAR WOMEN RAISING MONEY FOR WOMEN

The members of the Six Million Dollar Woman's Club, Inc. are raising dollars to help other women. "Our members understand their inherent value and are dedicated to developing, encouraging, and enriching their lives, as well as the lives of other women," said Dr. Lawana Gladney, president and founder. This non-profit (pending) organization was established to encourage,

empower, and educate women of all races, age groups, and various economic levels to live the most enriching and fulfilling life possible.

Their 1st Annual Holiday Gala Fundraiser - Silent Auction

Friday, December 19, 2003 at 7:00 PM -

Renaissance Hotel Dallas 2222 Stemmons Freeway

Featuring: Fingerprints Band

Funds raised will benefit

the Family Place & the Six Million Dollar Woman's Club Scholarship Fund. The Family Place is a shelter that helps to eliminate family violence through proactive prevention and intervention, extensive community education, and caring advocacy and assistance for victims and their families. The scholarship fund was established to help subsidize the cost of tuition

for women who desire to pursue or complete their college education.

Dr. Gladney, founder and president of a newly formed non-profit (pending) women's organization is an author and speaker, residing in Richardson, TX. For more information about the Six Million Dollar Woman's Club you can call (972) 889-9656 or visit their website at www.sixmilliondollarwoman.org.

Ron Price to Host Sixth Annual DISD Winter Holiday Celebration

Dallas School Board Trustee Ron Price will host Dallas Independent School District's (DISD) Sixth Annual Employee Appreciation Winter Holiday Celebration. The celebration will take place at the Coaches Corner, 7427 South Westmoreland Road, Dallas, TX, on

December 19, from 6:30 pm to 2:00 am. Guests will enjoy food, fun and fellowship while DISD's Winter Break begins. Admission is free from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm. For additional information, please contact Sharon Davis at 972-925-3716.

Local Sorority Chapter Presents 'Party with a Purpose'

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.- Denton County Alumnae Chapter presents for the public enjoyment an evening of elegance at their Red and White New Year's Eve Ball.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Denton County Habitat for Humanity, Denton AFRO American Scholarship Fund, Delta Academy, a mentoring program for girls ages 11-14, and Delta Sigma Theta-Denton County Scholarship Fund.

The Red and White Ball is indeed a "party with a purpose",

strengthening the communities.

The event will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel-DFW North, 2401 Bass Pro Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051, December 31, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with a reception, followed by dinner at 8:00 p.m. and entertainment at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets for the event have now increased (after November 30). Individual tickets are \$60 and \$100 for couples.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.dentoncountydeltas.org.



Pam Thompson prepares a "goodie bag" from the church's food pantry to help a family in need.

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direction for the church of yesterday. "I'm not putting any efforts into ministries until I know that the people have a firm foundation of preaching and teaching," said Patterson. Church clerk, Helen Shaw, feels that Patterson, a graduate of



Pam Thompson, Harriet Banks, and Carolyn Williams spend part of their Saturday filling bags with food items for families in need.



Thelma Turner holding her report card from Sims Chapel where she received her education.



The choir sings during morning worship service.

Dallas Theological Seminary, brings a fresh approach. "Patterson is very positive, purposeful and powerful in his teachings. As with anything, there will be controversy, but when you need people the most, they are always there," said Shaw.

Shaw, a member since 1982, said that love has been the constant thread woven within the seams of Sims. Thelma Turner can bear witness as she relates the history of Sims. "In 1922, Sims was the first African American church in Garland. We opened our doors to all people. I received my education and spiritual food here as well," said Turner, holding up her report card dated May 1937. "I've always kept this because it's a part of history I never want to forget," she continued.

In 2000, Patterson came to the Sims church family of 75 members now at a roll of nearly 300.

Patterson, son of A. Louis Patterson Jr., also a pastor, says he is equipped to bring the congregation out of the depths of tradition and into the light of new direction. "I feel you can only lead as far as you've come from," said Patterson.

Though most proud of the examples of his father, Patterson attributes his exhortation to that of the late Manuel Scott Sr.

Patterson's teaching style is trendy, fresh, and uplifting, creating a breeding ground for the younger generation. Change is necessary for growth in any venue. The challenge then is perpetuating that growth without negating the historical value; it's people.

A feat that is great, but certainly attainable.

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Around The Town

On-going

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

Treats for the Troops, sponsored by Classique Jewelers, Frisco-Online and its members. Drop off donations at Classique Jewelers in the Tom Thumb shopping center on Preston Road, Frisco. They are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. M-F and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

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 972.441.2117.

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 20

Heard-Craig Victorian Christmas - rooms decorated for the holidays include an 1880's boy's room, a 1900's girl's room, formal Christmas family dinner in the dining room and more! Tuesday & Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. Call 972.542.5340 or 972.569.6909 or visit www.heardcraig.org.

Through December 21

'Not a Creature Was Stirring', by Kathy Barket Theatre of Puppetry Arts, at the Dallas Children's Theater. Christmas Eve adventures. Tickets \$18 adults/\$15 children. At the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman Street, Dallas. Call 214.740.0051. Visit www.dct.org. Fridays 7:30 p.m. (Saturdays 1:30pm/Sundays 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.)

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 8, 2004

A Pastor's Essay Contest sponsored by Briscoe's Leisure Travel. Submit an essay, 50 words or less by mail, fax, or email, to Briscoe's Leisure Travel. State reasons why your pastor should "Worship on the Waters" and "Sail For Free" on a gospel cruise from Galveston to Mexico on October 23, 2004. For more information, contact Deidre Carter-Briscoe at 972-772-9396 or log on to www.leisuretravel.com.

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, Belex 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.

The ArtCentre of Plano unveils "In Living Clay," an exhibit by Galisteo, New Mexico, author and clay muralist Priscilla Hoback, December 5, Reception - 6 to 8 p.m. Runs through Jan. 10, 2004, sponsored by Holiday Inn. Animals are her primary subject matter. The ArtCentre is located at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue K, Plano. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission. Call 972.423.7809.

December 11, 12, 13

Visit Holidays in the Grove at Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center in Dallas. You'll be mesmerized by a magical wonderland with over 65,000 lights, which includes a 60 ft. tall tree of lights and lit holiday displays! Eastfield College is a co-sponsor of this event. Call 214.670.0945 for times. \$701 Greenmound, Dallas.

December 12

Plano Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Membership Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Honorable Pat Evans, Mayor, City of Plano will deliver the "State of the City" Address. Tickets: \$25 members/\$30 non-members. Table of 8 or 10: \$200 or \$250 non-members, \$240 or \$300 non-members. Contact the Plano Chamber of Commerce at 972.424.7547. Plano Centre,

Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads.

December 17 - 19

Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) presents its Holiday Noontime Performance Series, noon-1:00 p.m. A showcasing a variety of works from its repertoire and a holiday tribute. Plus a chance to meet the dancers at the DBDT Studios, 2627 Flora Street, Dallas. FREE, but seating is limited. To reserve a seat, call 214.871.2390.

December 18, 19, 20, 21

A Repertory Company Theatre, presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Eisemann Center Theatre, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. Thur, Fri, Sat 7:30 p.m./Sat, Sun 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$20/\$16 adults; \$11 children. RCT Box Office: 972.690.5029. Web Site: www.rcttheatre.com. Eisemann Center Theatre: 972.744.4600 admin/972.744.tickets.

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, 23 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 214.536.5721, ext 226, or visit www.hopercottage.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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Free Elections Do Not A Democracy Make

The Bush administration's war policy is a lot like the Texas weather. Wait a day and you will see something different. The American public has to be confused by the three card Molly public relations shuffle being disseminated regarding the war. While the President continues to spout "staying the course" rhetoric there is mounting evidence that his Administration is desperately trying to get out of the quagmire that could kill his reelection bid.

The latest trick to be pulled out of the hat is to turn Iraq over to a provisional government that will be elected around June 2004. Just a few weeks ago Secretary of State Collin Powell was pushing a time line that required having an Iraqi constitution approved prior to any elections to give the new Iraqi governors time to learn how to handle democracy. Now the United States is championing a new plan that calls for Iraq to choose a so-called transitional assembly of 250 people nationwide next spring. The national Governing Council, as well as provincial and local governing councils, would select the assembly's members.

Does anyone in their right mind believe that a U. S. orchestrated election will automatically transform the centuries old ethnic, tribal and religious divisions of Iraq into a unified government that respects the rights of all?

Americans have been lulled into the false belief that free elections are the corner stone of our democracy. In reality it is the general consensus that we all will adhere to the principles that are codified in

the constitution and bill of rights. Even when there are deep and powerful differences we basically look to the law and go to great lengths to work out differences within the bounds of ordered debate. The election of 2000 illustrates the point. In most other countries a bloody battle would have probably taken place to determine who would be president. In Iraq there is no tradition of obedience to the law; there is a tradition of loyalty to a strong leader.

Almost eight months after the fall of Baghdad, no Iraqi figure has emerged who comes close to being a popular leader that the people will embrace.

What the Bush Administration overlooks is Iraq is an Arab country, and whatever government emerges must be compatible with Arabic heritage and traditions, or it will not last. American democracy cannot be transferred to other people with different cultures and beliefs-- especially with the threat of a gun. No country in the world likes the idea of foreign occupation, especially the Arabs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The result of the U. S. occupation is increased resentment toward the American troops. The reasons are varied but once the vicious killing cycle starts it is difficult to stop. Whether it was by accident or on purpose people soon forget how the killing started. Every time an Iraqi is killed new enemies are created. Every time an American GI is killed more hatred is fueled. Is this not the same bloody unforgiving cycle that Israel and Palestine have been engaged in for decades? Isn't this the legacy of Vietnam?

The Bush Administration's

war on terror is losing ground in Iraq and Afghanistan. The guerrilla's purpose is to show that America cannot control the countries it is occupying even with its superior military might. So far in Iraq they have driven the UN out; they have shut down non-governmental agencies like the Red Cross; they have caused the few Allies America has to rethink their deployments and monetary donations; and now they are attacking Iraqis cooperating with the U.S.

The numbers favor the insurgents. It costs comparatively little to keep the guerrilla in business. It costs the U.S. almost \$2 billion a week to keep America's troops in Iraq and Afghanistan not counting the lives lost. Sooner or later the price becomes unbearable.

The sooner the Bush Administration recognizes this and either leaves or changes its war policy the better. The longer America stays trying to implement the current policy the more resistance will be generated. America with its guns has not convinced either Iraq or Afghanistan on the value of converting to a democracy.

Instead, under the Bush Administration, we have manufactured an enemy to justify a Middle Eastern domination that not only is not working but also is slowly diminishing the wealth and liberty of this country.

Forced occupation is a lose-lose proposition that cannot be turned into a win-win by simply holding an ill-conceived election.

James W. Breedlove

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The Collin County Elections Department has moved from Plano to McKinney. The new address is: Collin County Elections Department, 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, TX 75069. The new phone numbers are: 972.547.1900 (McKinney)/972.424.1460 ext. 10900 (Metro)/800.687.8546/Fax: 972.547.1914.

The Collin County Commissioners Court appointed McKinney attorney Greg Brewer to the vacant County-Court-at-Law #5 judgeship December 4, 2003.

City of Plano

The City of Plano has started a Winter Quarter Averaging sewer rate program to establish residential monthly sewer rates for the next twelve months. Residential customers will have their water consumption averaged for the months of December 2003, January, February and March 2004, with the highest billing period during these four months being removed from the billing averaging process.

Customers will then have a fixed monthly rate until the next year when, once again, the water consumption during the winter is averaged. The new rates will go into effect April 1, 2004.

Since monthly sewer fees are directly tied to monthly water consumption, customers who use less water during the winter months used in the averaging will pay less for their sewer services over the next twelve months.

The City of Plano is advising residents to conserve water

during December, January, February and March to help keep their billing average low.

Each month Mayor Pat Evans will be honoring one distinguished Plano volunteer with the City Council Volunteer of the Month Award. If you know someone who goes the extra mile to make Plano a great place to live, nominate that person today. Visit www.planotx.org.

City of Garland

The Garland Chamber of Commerce has been recognized with the 2003 Garland Performance Excellence Award and is inviting other businesses to take advantage of opportunities to achieve similar success. The award is based on the National Quality Malcolm Baldrige Award, and is intended to help businesses and organizations assess their strengths and weaknesses to improve their productivity. Garland is one of three Texas cities participating in this program.

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

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

The Garland Chamber is also offering a series of workshops to local business owners and CEOs, to demonstrate how world class organizations achieve sustained success, to teach business people

to assess their company's capabilities in critical areas, and to allow high-performing organizations to share their best practices.

Space is limited for these workshops. Please call the Chamber at 972.272.7551 or visit www.garlandchamber.com.

City of Mesquite

Mesquite City Council recently voted unanimously to ban motorized scooters from city roadways. The Texas Legislature passed a law in September allowing motorized scooters on public streets only where the speed limit is 35 mph or lower. But the law also provided the means for cities to ban scooters from their roads.

City of Richardson

Rep. Fred Hill, whose district includes Richardson, has received the Texas Municipal League's Legislator of the Year award for the second time. The award is given after each legislative session and was presented at the league's annual conference in San Antonio on Nov. 20. Mr. Hill, a Republican representing District 112, has served in the Legislature since 1989. He also received the award in 1997.

Richardson Independent School District

RISD School Board Trustees are considering changes to the school district's calendar. Planners are making further adjustments and trustees are hoping to decide on one of the options before presenting it for a vote in either January or February.

New Home-Buying Incentives for Civil Servants

TEXAS — The firefighters, police officers, teachers and civil servants that our communities are indebted to, are now being offered a way to move into new homes easier because of their commitment to our communities. "Community Solutions" is a suite of low down payment mortgage options designed especially for borrowers who are full-time primary and secondary education employees, police officers, and firefighters. A low down payment and greater flexibility on credit history is offered with this program. These particular programs are Fannie Mae incentives to help get public service agents into homes. The required contribution for "Community Solutions" options may be as low as 1% or \$500. The remaining

down payment may come from a wide range of sources, such as a gift from a family member, grant, or loan from a nonprofit organization, municipality, or employer.

Additional information about the program:

- Special features of "Community Solutions" mortgages include a temporary interest rate buy down; overtime and part time income can be counted with just 12 months of verification; extra flexibility on credit histories; and a one month reserve requirement that can be in the form of a gift.

- Income restrictions may apply in certain areas. There are no income limits in high-cost or Fannie Neighbors® areas.

- These loans can be 10- to 30-year fixed-rate

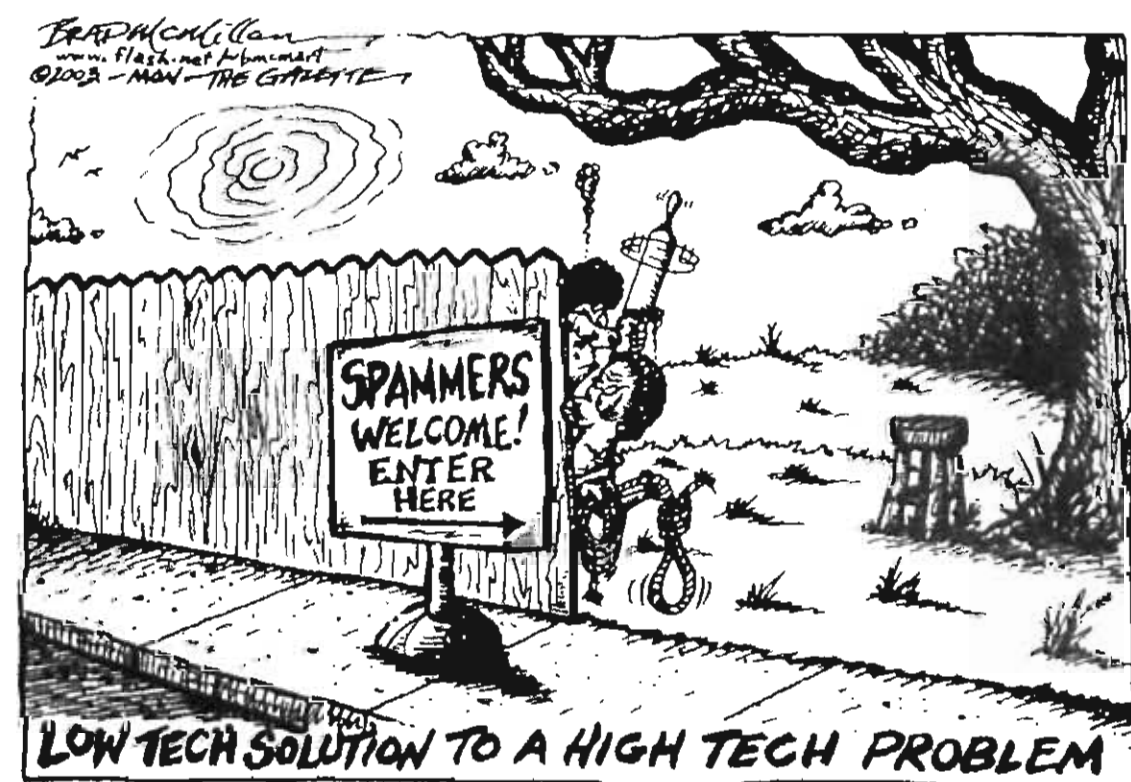
mortgages, or 7- or 10-year ARMs.

- There is no prepayment penalty.

- "Community Solutions" loans are available for purchase and refinance of owner-occupied, 1-2-unit homes.

- Home-buyer education required for first-time borrowers.

First Choice Lender's vice president of production, Mike Whitaker is available to discuss these options and provide additional support free of charge to all civil servants. The quick and easy application process takes 10 minutes on the phone. For more information on this program, please contact Mike Whitaker at First Choice Lenders by calling 972-966-2188 ext. 238.



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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-

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

What the new prescription drug benefit will do for you.

No sound bites. No spin. No politics. Just the facts.

Congress has just voted to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare. While the benefit isn't perfect, it's an important step forward that we can build on in the future. Here are some important ways that older Americans and their families will be helped by this benefit:

1. **It protects traditional Medicare:**
Nothing in the legislation undermines traditional fee-for-service Medicare. And anyone can stay in it if they choose.
2. **All Medicare beneficiaries will have access to drug coverage:**
This is a guaranteed drug plan for all beneficiaries, regardless of where they live.
3. **This new drug benefit is voluntary:**
People can elect to keep any existing coverage they have, and no one will be forced to enroll in the new program.
4. **It helps those who need it most:**
The new benefit provides for comprehensive drug coverage for people with low incomes, at minimal cost to them.
5. **It protects those with the highest drug costs:**
After a beneficiary reaches the \$3,600 out-of-pocket limit, the federal government will pay for 95% of prescription drug costs.
6. **It protects retiree coverage:**
The legislation provides financial incentives for employers (both public and private) so that people who already have good private coverage will not lose it.
7. **It provides new preventive services:**
The legislation provides for new coordinated chronic disease management, preventive screening for heart disease and an introductory physical exam.
8. **Discount card:**
Beneficiaries can choose a Medicare discount card that will provide some immediate help with drug costs. In addition, many low-income beneficiaries will receive a \$600 subsidy on their card.

And we promise to **keep** fighting to make your prescription drugs more affordable.



www.aarp.org

Scholarships

MON-The Gazette supports the efforts of getting quality education. While funding may be difficult to obtain for some individuals, we have provided a list of local, minority, and national scholarships available for students. There are many scholarships available, and the key to finding scholarships is to research. Check your local churches, sorority organizations, community organizations, and corporations for available scholarships.

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http://www.nabj.org/html/studentsvc.html

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http://www.beaactuary.org/minority/scholarships.htm

College Fund UNCF
http://www.uncf.org

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Black Alliance for Educational Options Scholarships
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National Scholarships

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http://www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/edu/fcl.htm

American Psychological Association (APA) Scholarships and Fellowships
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Americorps
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Student Inventor Scholarships
http://www.invent.org/collegiate

Coca-Cola Two Year College Scholarships
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Xerox Scholarships for Students
http://www.2.xerox.com

Sports Scholarships and Internships
http://www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships.html

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund
http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org

Presidential Freedom Scholarships
http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships/

Microsoft Scholarship Program
http://www.microsoft.com/college/scholarships/minority.asp

Burger King Scholarship Program
http://www.bkscholars.csa.org

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http://www.siemens-foundation.org

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Tylenol Scholarships
http://scholarship.tylenol.com

STATE FARM INSURANCE Achievement Scholarships
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Athletic Scholarships
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Federal Scholarships & Aid Gateways
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http://collegeapps.about.com/cs/minority/

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Black Teens Much More Likely to Attend Church Than Whites

By Donald Bradley
Special to the NNPA from
KANSAS CITY, MO
(NNPA) - No matter how late Nick Johnson stays out on Saturday nights, the Rockhurst High School senior drags himself out of bed the next morning and heads to church.

Nobody makes him go. Johnson is like many Black teenagers. They like church. They see it as a second home; the people there an extension of family.

White teens, researchers have found, are more apt to sleep in on Sunday morning. When they do arise, it's probably to grab the remote, not their Sunday shoes.

According to the new National Study of Youth and Religion, a research project being conducted at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill under the direction of Dr. Christian Smith, Professor in the Department of Sociology, Black youth are far more likely to attend religious services regularly than their White peers. The gap is largest among high school seniors, with Black students nearly 50 percent more likely to go to church at least once a week.

Among seniors, 45 percent of Blacks reported weekly church attendance, compared to 31 percent of Whites.

The survey showed the attendance rate for Black youth has climbed since 1995. The White rate has held steady.

"I think we always suspected the disparity, but I was surprised by the margin and quite surprised that the

trend was still growing," said Kristin Moore, president of Washington-based Child Trends, the nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization that released the study.

Research shows that teens who attend church are less likely to drink, smoke, abuse drugs and get in trouble with the law. They are more likely to play sports, volunteer in the community and make better grades.

The Child Trends study analyzed responses from 3,000 teens of many different faiths and from many socio-economic groups, including Hispanic, but used only "White, Black, other" for results. Personal interviews were conducted at schools across the country, and the results are used in a variety of sociological research.

The young people were not asked for reasons.

Some experts and teens, both Black and White, think the disparity might have to do with the entertainment nature of services.

Face it, teens say, some White churches can be kind of boring.

A generalization, to be sure, but predominantly Black churches have long been known for lively gospel singing and rousing preaching.

Canisha Allen, 12, a student at Grandview Middle School, said history may get Blacks to church, but the atmosphere keeps them there. "My White friends say when they go to church, they just sit there and listen to the preacher. I can see where that might be kind of boring," Canisha said. "We talk about things that are

important to us... family, school, life. It goes beyond religion, but always comes back to God."

Another possibility is home life. Black parents are perceived as being more insistent about family worship.

But the crucial reason, experts contend, reaches back more than 200 years, to a time when Negro spirituals rang from the cotton fields of the old South.

Christian Smith, professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina and primary investigator of the new study, agreed that oppression is a likely factor in African-Americans' devotion to church.

Much like the Hebrews of the Old Testament.

"Historically, the church has been more important to Blacks than Whites because of their lack of other institutions," Smith said. "Government wasn't going to work for them. They didn't have a business community. Even in slavery days, church meetings were allowed when nothing else was."

Long after the Civil War, the church remained the heart of Black culture, often becoming political and social centers. Black ministers, such as Martin Luther King Jr., led the civil rights movement.

Butch Ritter, pastor at Old Mission United Methodist Church in Fairway, Mo., said his church, which is mostly White, would probably fit the study. "One of the great things about church is that it has always been a place to give voice to feelings and beliefs," Ritter said. "In the Black

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inspiring and enlightening experience I stood in the small cemetery where President Jones, his wife, and others are interred, and I stood inside the former slave's house that was given to the founder to start the school in 1905.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to Marian Jones, assistant to the president, who arranged for my visit Piney Woods and served as my personal escort and tour guide throughout the Piney Woods grounds. To Piney Woods President Charles H. Beady, Jr., a man of many talents and a man who loves his work and the students at Piney Woods. Thank you, my brother, for your hospitality and for your commitment to the vision of Laurence Jones and your predecessor, James S. Wade. You are a true role model for us all.

Now for some Blackonomics business. You know I have to write something about economic empowerment. So here it is. In 1994, Ralph Edwards, host of the television show, "This is Your Life," featured the founder of Piney Woods. Edwards was so impressed with Piney Woods that he put out a call to his viewers to send in \$1 each to the school in an effort to raise \$1 million. Nearly 50 years later, on www.blackradio.com, during my last show, I put out a call to listeners. I also

sent out a call on my own list. The White and Black community that same call brought about this column.

That call is for you to send \$5 each to Piney Woods in an effort to raise \$1 million. Don't tell anyone, but I think we should send better than that. I know it \$500,000 could be raised in 1994 from an effort that went out over television a national only a few families were fortunate enough to have, we can surely raise that in 2003.

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I know I sound like a Johnny-Come-Lately to all of those fine organizations and individuals who have already given so generously to Piney Woods, but I ask you to attribute my effort in organizing this campaign to the same kind of enthusiasm that caused you to want to help this school. This is an opportunity for everyone to help Piney Woods

maintain the same high-quality education it has provided for years, an education that results in 95 percent of its graduates going on to college.

So please send at least \$5 to Piney Woods School, C.S. Highway 49 South, Piney Woods, Mississippi, 39148. Also plan to make a visit to the campus and see what I mean when I say, "It was a blessing to be there." Support Piney Woods School, as it changes America, "one student at a time."

For more information see www.pineywoods.org or call 601-845-2214.

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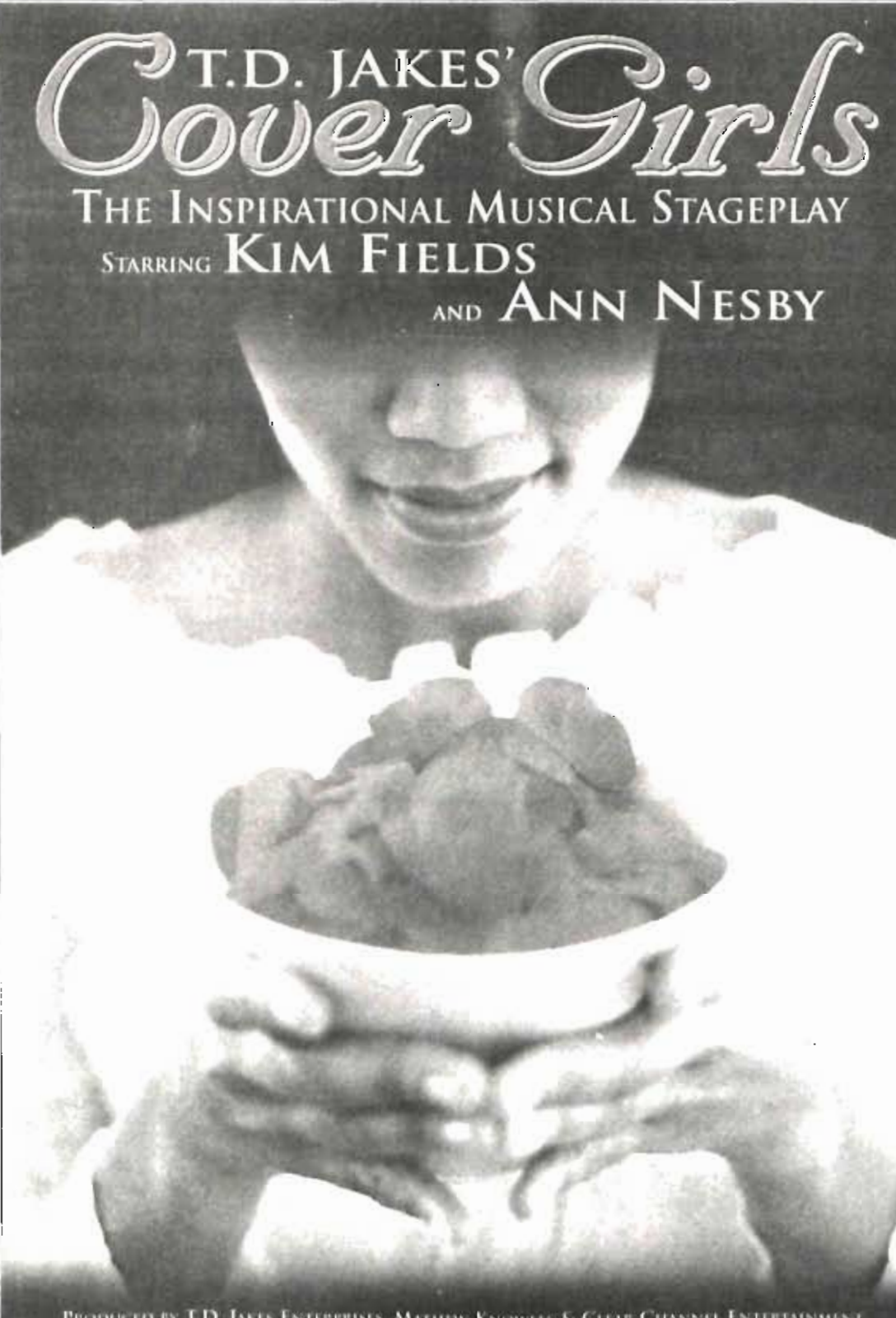
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Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Live in Concert, NextStage at Grand Prairie- Saturday, December 13, 3 pm & 8 pm

Trans-Siberian Orchestra was formed in 1996 by Paul O'Neill who immediately approached long time friends and collaborators Robert Kinkel and Jon Oliva to form the core of the writing team.

While producing and writing for a number of years with various rock groups Paul was always looking for ways to make the music have greater and greater emotional impact. He tried to write the music that was so melodic it didn't need lyrics. And lyrics that were so poetic that they didn't need music but once you put the two of them together, the sum of the parts would be greater than the whole, and you couldn't imagine them apart. Once he'd done this, he was still looking for a way to take it to even greater heights and he realized that putting the songs within the context of a story would give it a third dimension that would make that additional emotional impact possible.

Hence, he started writing not just albums, but rock operas.

He realized then, that there was an inherent problem recording rock operas within the standard rock and roll band makeup. Rock operas by their nature need the voices to change as the characters change. Rock bands normally only have one (or if you're lucky) two

great vocalists to work with, therefore limiting how far you can go. You're forced to make the music fit the band, as opposed to allowing the music to go wherever it needs to.

With Trans-Siberian Orchestra, first the music is

very important aspect in the creation of the band, is that there could be no limits on the members; we mix all races and ages.

The young get to mine the experience of the old musicians, while they can't help to be inspired by the

hear in an elevator and it does nothing to you, a picture on a wall that gives you the same emotional response as if the wall had been blank, a movie that chews up time. Good art will make you feel an emotion that you have felt before; you see a picture of a forest and you remember the last time you went fishing with your dad, you hear a song about love and you remember the last time you were in love. Great art will make you feel an emotion you have never felt before; seeing the pieta, the world famous sculpture by

Michelangelo, can cause someone to feel the pain of losing a child even if they've never had one. And when you're trying for these emotions the easiest one to trigger is anger.

Anyone can do it. Go into the street, throw a rock at someone, you will make them angry. The emotions of love, empathy and laughter are much harder to trigger, but since they operate on a deeper level, they bring a much greater reward.

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created with no artificial limitations, and then we seek out within the classical, rock, Broadway and R & B worlds, the very best singers and musicians to bring each song to life. This also in many ways forces us to operate on a higher level. This environment has the additional benefit of causing a cross pollination of musical ideas, creating hybrid forms of music that normally never would have occurred, such as an R&B singer doing a classical style melody and bringing gospel touches to it that causes it to glitter in ways that even the creators could not have predicted. Another

enthusiasm of people just entering the business. This has created a vast constantly changing musical group that even we do not know what it is going to do next.

Once when asked what Trans-Siberian Orchestra was about, Paul O'Neill replied, "It's about creating great art. When asked to define what great art was, Paul said, "The purpose of art is to create an emotional response in the person that is exposed to that art. And there are three categories of art; bad art, good art and great art. Bad art will elicit no emotional response in the person that is exposed to it, i.e.; a song you

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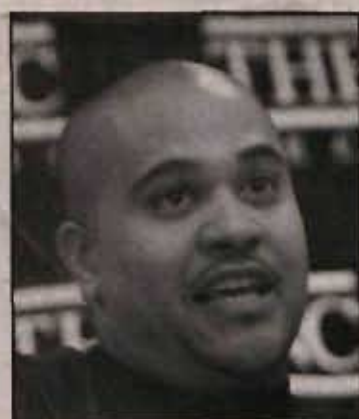
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Rap Label Drops 'Murder' From Its Name



Irv Gotti, CEO of Murder Inc. Records, announces that his company's name will be changed to THE INC Records during a news conference in New York, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003. The name change reflects Gotti's involvement with the Hip Hop Summit Action Network and their efforts to bring peace and educational benefits to the hip hop community. (AP Photo/Diane Bondareff)

By LARRY McSHANE
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Rapper Ja Rule's record label was cleared of "Murder." The company behind the multi-platinum rapper and singer Ashanti announced recently it had changed its name to The Inc., moving away from its previous incarnation as Murder Inc.

"Over the course of the years, it seems as though no one is really looking at the talent ... more so than that damn word 'murder,'" label founder Irv Gotti told a midtown Manhattan news conference. "All of these big records, and people would still come back and focus on the negative word 'murder.'"

Gotti, flanked by Ja Rule and Ashanti, announced the label's name change at a crowded event attended by hip-hop entrepreneur Russell Simmons and Hip-Hop Summit Action Network head Benjamin Chavis.

The label's name, according to Gotti, came to him as he watched a television documentary on the original crew of mob hit men. He liked the title's double meaning, referring to both the mob and making hits for the radio.

"I wanted to shock people. I wanted people to remember,"

said Gotti, who billed Murder Inc. as "the world's most dangerous record company" when it was founded in 1997.

The label's first release under its new name was already in stores: Ashanti's "Christmas Album."

The mellower release was not a signal that the label intended to change its music or its message.

"The lyrical content is going to stay the same," Gotti said. "I don't tell my artists to do anything.

They have lyrical freedom, 100 percent. They say what they want."

Gotti, whose real name is Irv Lorenzo, said he had no intention of changing the nickname he shares with the late Gambino family boss John Gotti. Rapper Jay-Z first began calling him "Gotti."

"It's just a nickname, like any other nickname," he said. "I ain't going to change it."

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The Martin Luther King 2004 Planning Committee is pleased to announce the opening of its annual Art Contest Competition. Our theme this year, "His Vision, Our Mission", embraces the invitation of all artist throughout the Plano community to submit their creative works for all to see during this auspicious observance. We hope you will post the enclosed announcement and encourage your members to participate in the category that best describes their artistic talent...

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1. One entry per student.
2. Media: Drawing paper, Canvas, Poster Board, illustration board.
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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. Phone 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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This workshop is open to any high school or college student. You can get an application by logging on to www.dfwabc.org and clicking on scholarships.

DFW-ABC is accepting applications through December 20. For more information, call Cheryl Smith at 214-376-9525.

Dallas-Fort Worth Association of Black Communicators is the North Texas chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)-the largest organization of journalists of color.

Sharpton's SNL Act Page 1

politicians, but this is the first time in memory stations bailed out for this reason:

Given that the job of an "SNL" host requires a week's worth of rehearsal time, it's unlikely any of the other Democrats would take the same opportunity as Sharpton, even if offered.

"SNL" alluded to the missing stations in two separate skits on Saturday. In the show's opening, Jimmy Fallon portrayed NBC Entertainment president Jeff Zucker, announcing other opportunities for Democrats to allay equal time concerns.

For instance, Gen. Wesley Clark will be made over on "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and Howard Dean

will eat camel rectum on "Fear Factor," Fallon said.

Later, he and Tina Fey held up a map showing NBC affiliates they said weren't airing the show. They mocked many of the cities, calling Des Moines, Iowa, "snoozeville, USA."

Sharpton, meanwhile, kept busy changing costumes for a variety of roles. He portrayed lawyer Johnnie Cochran, Michael Jackson's father and one of the three wise men searching for Jesus.

In one skit, Sharpton pretended he was opening a sushi restaurant to fund his presidential campaign, even though he was repelled by the food.

"I hope tonight America laughed together," Sharpton said at the night's conclusion. "Maybe we can learn how to live together."

Black Voters Ready Page 1

Pennsylvania, with a BVAP of 68.1 percent (61.3 percent); and Wisconsin, with a BVAP of 70.8 percent (62 percent).

In just one month, the group has already registered more than 2,000 new voters in Cleveland, according to Rev. Romal J. Tune of Washington, the national field organizer for the ministers program.

"People are very energized. People are interested in the issues," Tune says. "Ministers groups and congregations have been doing registration at malls, shopping centers, grocery stores. They do what we call walks around the community in a seven-block radius of the church. We call them Jericho walks, knocking on doors," Tune says. "And then we have people in the pews who have influence in their workplace. They start with registering the entire congregation. And then the congregation goes out into other places. One lady said, 'I went to my bowling league and I registered 20 people.'"

The "Sanctified Seven" campaign is reminiscent of "Arrive with Five!" the 2000 campaign that encouraged Black voters in Florida to carry five people with them to the polls, bolstering the Black vote by 15 percent in that state.

Still, the U. S. Supreme Court halted a recount of discarded voting ballots in Florida, effectively giving the state's 25 electoral votes to George W. Bush.

"I think it clearly showed the need for people - especially

African-Americans - to get out and vote and how even a couple of thousand votes can make a difference in the presidential election," says Cheryl Cooper, executive director of the National Council of Negro Women, an organization that held a town hall meeting last week at its annual convention with the theme, "Help America Vote Again."

Nearly 200,000 votes in Florida alone were lost because of faulty voting machines and ballots, voter intimidation and confused poll

workers, according to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. The commission also reported that Black voters in Florida were nearly 10 times more likely than non-Black voters to have their ballots rejected.

Nationally, an estimated 4 million to 6 million votes were lost in 2000 because of voting foul-ups, according to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Intent on avoiding such problems next year, groups are not only registering and educating early, but planning major get out to vote and voter protection campaigns, including lawyers as watchdogs at the polls, Campbell says.

The Black youth vote will also be key in next year's election, says Jehmu Greene, president of Rock the Vote, a Los Angeles-based organization which works to inspire young adults to register and vote.

"Especially with young people, it's about the issues," Greene says. "Our task is to connect the issues with a young person's daily life. How the decisions of the candidates or the elected officials affect the young people."

High-profile issues, such as the war in Iraq, the economy and affirmative action appear to be escalating youth interest in voting, Greene says.

"Your peers are out there on the front line. They are the ones fighting that war because they were looking at using higher education, which would put them in a better position to get jobs," she says. "And, especially with this generation, tolerance and diversity is important, anything dealing with civil rights."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 51.3 percent of the 3.8 million Black youth ages 18-24 were not registered to vote in 2000. And of the 1.8 million who were registered, 65.8 percent did not vote.

White youths in the same age bracket also had the lowest voter registration and turnout among their race. A slightly higher 51.7 percent of the 17.2 million White youths ages 18-24 were not registered. Of the 8.9 million registered, 62.8 percent did not vote, slightly lower than the Black youth rate.

Black Youth Vote aims to form a street team consisting of 25,000 registrars around the country, especially trained to register and educate Black youth, Greene says. Already, the group has electronic voter registration forms set up on the website of Black Entertainment Television and is planning a bus tour with registrars traveling from Los Angeles to Florida between June and November, registering youth to vote at historically Black colleges and universities, concerts,

shows and anywhere young people hang out.

The early drives are also aimed to educate people on national issues affecting them at the local level so they can make informed decisions in Democratic primaries to begin in January, activists say.

Cooper of the National Council of Negro Women observes:

"When you look at the potential assaults on affirmative action, on women's rights and when you look at the judicial nominees that are currently being put forth with this administration, there are some real concerns about turning back the clock, eroding some of the significant gains that people of color and that women have made in the past decade."

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Sister Tarpley

NOTE: With this being the Christmas Season and Jesus is the reason for the season. I thought you might enjoy this poem sent to me by my cousin who lives in California. Also, I have another poem that I believe will relieve you of some stress. Enjoy!

'Twas the weeks before Christmas and all through the town;
Not many signs of Jesus were anywhere to be found.

The people were all busy with Christmas time chores;
Like decorating, baking, and shopping in stores.

Not many sang, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed..."
Instead they sang of Santa dressed-up in bright red.

Plenty watched T.V. and drank eggnog from a tap.
As hour upon hour the presents they did wrap.

When what from the T.V. did they suddenly hear?
A loud commercial, which told of a BIG SALE that's near.

So away to the mall they all flew like a flash;
Buying things on credit and others with cash!

And as they made their way home from their trip to the mall,
Did they think about Jesus? Oh, no, not at all!

Their lives were so busy with Christmas time things,
No time to remember Christ Jesus, the King.

There were more presents to wrap and cookies to bake,

A CHRISTMAS POEM

How could they stop and remember who died for their sake?

To pray to the Savior, they had no time to stop,
They needed more time to, "Shop till they dropped."

From the big stores downtown to the stores at the mall,
They would dash away, dash away and visit them all!

And up on the rooftop there arose such a clatter,
As grandpa hung lights up on his brand ladder,

He hung lights that would flash; he hung lights that would twirl;
Yet, he never once prayed to Jesus—the Light of the World.

Christ's eyes—how they twinkle! Christ's Spirit, how merry.
Christ's love, how enormous. All our burdens — He'll carry.

So instead of being busy, overworked and uptight,
Let's put Christ back in Christmas and enjoy some good nights.

Author Unknown

THIS I BELIEVE

Worry is the most destructive habit.
Giving is he greatest Joy.
Loss of self-respect is the greatest loss.

Helping others is the most satisfying work.

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- Bible Class 9:30 am
- Morning Worship 10:30 am
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday - Prayer Service 7:00 pm
- Bible Class 7:30 pm
Thursday - Bible Class 11:00 am

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11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday
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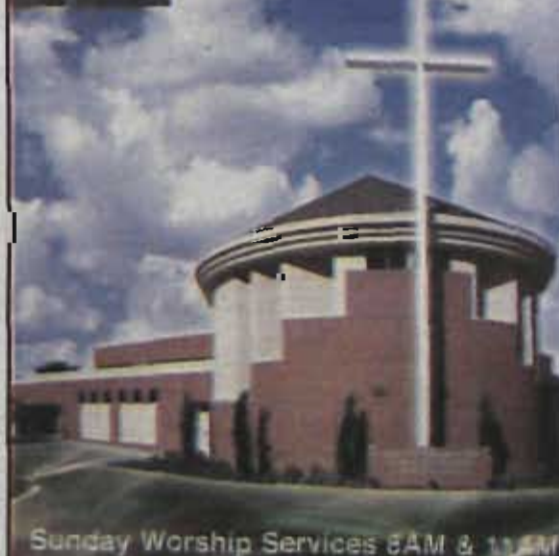
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Singles Ministry 4th Mondays 7:30 pm
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Mid-Week Service..... Wednesdays 7:15 pm
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Black Teens Attend Church Page 6
church, that is not only encouraged but expected. The White community always had other places to do that."

But W.J.G. McLin, pastor of St. Peter CME Church, a Black congregation in Kansas City, Kan., wonders about factors other than race. Teens, McLin said, seem to enjoy the charismatic and Pentecostal churches. Also, he added, the new "mega-church" trend is drawing members from traditional congregations. "I don't think it is so much a racial difference than a denominational one," McLin said. He acknowledged, though, that even his church - tame by Pentecostal standards - might seem downright lively to others.

Ritter, too, understands when teens say Black churches are more fun

because of the music and interaction between the pulpit and the congregation. "We're not as comfortable with some of that, for whatever reason," Ritter said.

Emily Craig, 18, has forever heard that Catholic church is boring. It can be, she said, but it doesn't have to be. The Church of the Nativity in Leawood, Kan., where she attends, is proof.

Each Sunday at 5:30 p.m., the church holds the Life Teen Mass at which teens do most of the duties. The service also includes praise music with guitars and drums.

"It's much more of an inspirational worship," said Craig, who is White. "And that's what churches have to do to keep kids coming. Teens are looking to rebel and church is something to rebel against. But then when they see what we do... it's already different."

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