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On the Homefront:

15th Annual Taste of Garland Fundraiser for Garland Crimestoppers, April 24, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Hella Shrine Temple, 2121 Rowlett Road, Garland. Tickets \$20. Call Cheryl Bray: 214.869.6765, Joe Harn: 972.485.4868.

Business Empowerment Symposium - Doing Business with the City of Dallas, April 24.

12 - 2 p.m. Leo Barron Hicks, Speaker, Manager of the South Dallas/Fair Park Trust Fund.

Whether you're starting a business, seeking vendor opportunities with the City's Public and Private Partnership Programs, or looking to expand operations. Find out what you need to do business with the City of Dallas, get funding from Dallas, become Certified as a Minority Business, and much more. Patrino Small 214.346.2100 or psmall@yourdevinedestiny.com

Kidsfest Summer Fun & Safety Day, Saturday, April 24th, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Historic Square in Downtown Garland. Health and safety experts, bounce houses, carnival games, entertainment from local gymnastics, dance, and karate groups, merchandise vendors and delicious food. For more information: Ellen Cardona 972.234.1519, or email at ellencardona@sbcglobal.net.

Free Texas SmartScape Event: Education on Blacklisted Pesticides April 24. Parkway Service Center 4120 West Plano Parkway, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. It will feature several lawn and garden topics, such as building a butterfly garden, design principles for home landscapes, water conservation education, and presentations by the Collin County Master Gardeners Association.

Blackland Prairie Festival, April 25, Baggard Park, Downtown Plano, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. This inaugural event "recreates the character of Plano" as it takes a step back in time for one day. The downtown area is transformed by activities typical of the early 1900s: costumed performers, historic re-enactments, artists and demonstrations, live music, and so much more. For more details visit www.blacklandprairiefestival.org

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20 Years Later, PACE Is Still Changing The Face Of The Community

By Brandy Jones
DALLAS - Professional Achievers for Community Excellence celebrated its 20th anniversary on last Saturday with its annual scholarship luncheon and fashion show at the Brookhaven Country Club.

Models wore designs from Dress Barn located in Carrollton and M.J.'s Classical Designs in Dallas. Yolanda Walker, general assignment reporter for WFAA-TV, was the special guest speaker.

"I thought it would be nice this year to have a speaker come who the girls could relate to and Yolanda did a beautiful job," said Doris Moon, president of PACE.

In her speech, Walker addressed the subject of making a difference and overcoming obstacles, which all the scholarship recipients have done.

"When I looked through the information for this event and read through the short bios of these young ladies, I was amazed at what

I read," Walker said. "I feel like they should be up here talking to us because it's just amazing what these



Doris Moon, President of PACE

young ladies have done."

Daya Krout, recipient of a \$1000 scholarship, attends Franklin D. Roosevelt High School and holds

down a full time job at a fast food restaurant and still finds time to volunteer and maintain her grades.

Ashley Neal, recipient of a \$500 scholarship, attends Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Her work has been featured at the Dallas Museum of Art. Neal attended Barbara Jordan Elementary School, where there is a portrait of the school's namesake that Neal painted, and where Neal is currently a volunteer.

Markell Stills, recipient of a \$1000 scholarship, attends Newman Smith High School and is currently in the Technology Internship Program. She spends six to nine hours a week at Trinity Medical Hospital where she works with doctors and patients in pediatrics.

Ava Wilson, recipient of a \$500 scholarship, also attends Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Wilson, with the help of six of her friends, formed

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Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. Announces Dramatic Black Newspaper Readership Study

New York, NY - A dramatic profile of a consumer group that most marketers have traditionally overlooked or ignored was released today by Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. The API Black Newspaper Readership Study clearly and unequivocally substantiates that readers of Black newspapers are prime consumers who demand the best and spend freely to get what they want. Designed and executed by CNW Marketing Research, Inc., this study is the largest and most comprehensive examination ever undertaken of readers of Black newspapers. Lengthy interviews were completed with 121,692 randomly selected, pre-qualified respondents across the country.

The study encompassed not only the collection of detailed demographic and psychographic data but also an in-depth examination of the effect that Black newspapers have on their readers' product perceptions and

purchase patterns. A broad range of specific product categories were covered as well as selected individual companies within each product category.

A key element of the study was to chart the Purchase Path of the Black newspaper reader and compare it to the Purchase Paths of Hispanic consumers, Caucasian consumers and total consumers. The Purchase Path is an exclusive, groundbreaking research technique developed by CNW Marketing Research, Inc. seven years ago for Time Warner, Inc. This technique tracks the influence that various forms of media have on a consumer from the time a decision to purchase is made to the time of its actual purchase. A seven-year history has shown that the same general pattern holds true whether the item is a car, a kitchen appliance, a pair of shoes or a new house.

"The results of this study will

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Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church Annual Women's Day

Dallas, Texas - Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church will celebrate 135 years of women involvement in the United Methodist Church. Camp Wisdom's Annual

Women's Day Program is April 25, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the church located at 1300 W. Camp Wisdom Road in Dallas, Texas. The guest speaker will be Dr. Evelyn Parker, Assistant Professor of Christian Education at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Dr. Parker has been with the Perkins School of Theology since 1998. She earned her Ph.D. from Northwestern University in Religious and Theological Studies, a Masters of Religious Education from Perkins School of Theology, Master of Science from Prairie View A&M University and a Bachelor of Science from Lambuth College. Dr. Evelyn Parker specializes in Christian education.

adolescent spirituality as influenced by sociocultural context and social policy. She has published several books including "Trouble Don't Last Always: Emancipatory Hope Among

African American Adolescents, and is the co-author of In Search of Wisdom: Faith Formation in the Black Church.

The celebration will kick-off at Camp Wisdom UMC Friday night, April 23, 2004, 6:30 p.m. with a "Praise Celebration". Scheduled appearances include "praise groups" from First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, St. Luke United Methodist Church, Crest-Moore King United Methodist and a special musical appearance by Gospel Saxophonist Alvin Johnson.

Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church is located at 1300 W. Camp Wisdom Road in Dallas. Reverend L. Charles Stovall is the pastor.



Dr. Evelyn Parker, Assistant Professor of Christian Education

Open Door Worship Center Couple Turns the Knob of Salvation

By Cathy Johnson
According to the 1998 Census Bureau's

Population Survey, as outlined in a publication called 'African American Marriage Patterns' written by Douglas J. Besharov and Andrew West, only 29% of African Americans were married and only 22% would remain married. While the poll may have identified some, it did not include the statistics for High school Sweethearts, Jeff and Pat Willie.

Married for 27 years, the couple has defied the odds society doomed over African American marriages. After dedicating their lives to Christ

fifteen years prior to getting married, P. Willie said, "I had become very independent and

good faith with the people of Allen at their new church, Open Door Worship Center.

J. Willie, a retiree from the Air Force after 25 years, began his work in the ministry at Faith Deliverance Community Church in Abilene, Texas. There he and his wife held the roles of Sunday School Superintendent, Men's Group President, and Youth Sunday School teacher. P. Willie's expertise in the medical field led her to be recruited to start a program as Director of Cardiology Services for North Central Medical Center of McKinney. The transfer was God-ordained said J. Willie. "We just knew God had a work



Pastors Pat and Jeff Willie, Open Door Worship Center of Allen

relied on the Lord during the early years."

Relying together, now the two survivors, Pastors Jeff and Pat Willie, share their testimony and

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Supporters Kick Off First Bond Campaign In 32 Years For Dallas County Community College District

\$450-million bond program addresses Dallas County's tremendous population growth and shifting trends in the job market

DALLAS - With a battle cry of "education equals jobs," supporters kicked off the first bond campaign in 32 years for the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) at a news conference today at the INFOMART. On May 15, Dallas County citizens will face a crucial vote to approve \$450 million to address overcrowding and the projected rise in future enrollment and to handle the shifting trends in the job market.

The \$450 million will be used to upgrade and expand the District's seven existing campuses, to create five new educational centers, and enhance the Bill J. Priest Institute for Economic Development. In addition, funding will focus on a number of strategic initiatives that the District has identified: science and nursing health allied health; human services; education (K-12 teachers); technical training; performing and visual arts; and community, economic and workforce development.

"This bond program is much more than repairs and new buildings. The bottom line is economic growth, job creation and job retention," said Phil Ritter, chairman of the Vote YES! Education = Jobs Campaign Committee. "The District has developed a master plan to serve our

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Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Provides Testimony for State Legislative Hearing

Garland, Texas - Jackie Fasina, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem and City Council District 5 representative, traveled to Austin Monday to provide testimony before the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance. The hearing provided an important opportunity for local governments to provide input on the potential impact of Governor Rick Perry's school finance proposal, which includes appraisal and revenue caps for local taxing entities. "The State Legislature opened a special session today to address education funding."

Mr. Fasina's testimony emphasized the importance of the ad valorem tax, which supplies 32 percent of the City's General Fund. "Garland is a mature city with an aging infrastructure," said Mr. Fasina. "The growth in ad valorem taxes, due to increased property values reflected in increased appraisals, has allowed us to address the growing needs in the city that new construction simply does not cover."

Mr. Fasina explained that the governor's proposal to limit ad valorem tax revenue only to the amount of inflation and population growth would have a negative impact on the City's finances. He cited the January Consumer Price Index for the Dallas area, which increased only nine-tenths of one percent over the prior year. Garland's population actually decreased by the same amount during the same time period, due to a regional decrease in multi-family occupancy rates.

"My point is this: City needs are not measured by growth and inflation," said Mr. Fasina.

Mr. Fasina added that the City Council is elected by the citizens to make such budget decisions. As elected officials, Council members are accountable to the citizens. "If the citizens of Garland are unhappy with our fiscal stewardship, they let us know," said Mr. Fasina.

Representatives from cities from all across the state of Texas offered their input to the Joint Select Committee during Monday's hearing.

Financing our own Oppression

By James Clingman

Have you kept up with the progress of the reparations movement as it pertains to getting firms that benefited from slavery, such as insurance companies and banks, to pay reparations to the descendants of slaves? The argument is that since those businesses gained much of their wealth from financing and insuring the ships and other instruments of oppression utilized during the most heinous treatment of a people in history, they should also pay reparations.

From what I understand there are several well documented cases, put together by top-notch legal experts, that will make significant progress toward reparations when they come to court. Some are also calling for boycotts against the companies involved if they do not voluntarily admit their

involvement and compensate Black people for obtaining their wealth on the backs of our ancestors.

That's not a bad idea as far as I am concerned. I spent a little time with Conrad Worrill on two occasions during the past six months, and I am thoroughly impressed with his knowledge of the reparations movement and his focus on bringing it to fruition. He is doing righteous work and we should support him and all of those, including our dear elder, Robert Brock, who have fought and continue to fight for what is right.

As I was reading an article in Cincinnati Magazine, titled, "The Baptist Economy," which noted the "wild-eyed glee" with which city officials and the virtually all-White Cincinnati Convention and Visitors' Bureau looked at the National

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Wal-Mart Opens New Store in McKinney

Local Charities Receive \$32,000 in Donations



Lynette Shofner of the Touch Ministry smiles, as she receives a \$1,000 check from Loren Brown, store manager



Regional Vice-President John Murphy and Store Manager Loren Brown



Wal-Mart Employees Singing "I Need You to Survive" - Tiffany Pike, Corey Wilson, Quatacia Smith



Nikki Bayne, district manager, and Regional VP enjoy the grand opening festivities



Wal-Mart donated over \$32,000 to various community organizations to show that their slogan, "Good Works" is still alive!



Pastor Minnie Hawthorne of DayStar Deliverance Ministries, prays for the success of the new store

Wal-Mart Supercenter recently opened a new store in McKinney, Texas. Store #5211 opened its doors on April 14 at 5001 McKinney Ranch Parkway. Hundreds

of shoppers gathered at the new supercenter as they enjoyed the grand opening celebration, which featured presentations of donations for area charities, entertainment,

food, and appearances by Wal-Mart executives. Wal-Mart donated over \$32,000 in donations to community charity organizations.

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growing population, while also delivering a well-trained workforce to meet the increasingly sophisticated needs of our business community."

Population growth spurs enrollment increase from 4,000 in 1966 to 62,000 in 2004.

The DCCCD was founded in 1966 when area voters approved \$41.5 million to establish the Dallas County Community College District. The first four colleges - El Centro, Mountain View, Eastfield and Richland - were built with a total capacity to accommodate 4,000 students per year. In 1972 the District's only bond campaign added three more campuses - Brookhaven, Northlake and Cedar Valley Colleges.

From 1970 to 2000, Dallas County's population rose 70% from 1.3 million to 2.2 million. Today, in 2004, DCCCD serves

68,000 credit students and 28,000 non-credit students in the same small, aging campuses built decades ago (portable buildings and offsite facilities are now being used for classrooms). By 2015 projected enrollment is expected to jump as high as 88,000 students. More than 1.5 million students have received an education since the DCCCD first opened its doors.

DCCCD's strength is diversity, cost savings, job training, preparation for higher learning.

The DCCCD currently offers 68 career and technical programs, such as nursing, computer information, automotive, criminal justice, child development, respiratory care, welding, interior design, accounting and more. Approximately 30,000 students are enrolled in technical/occupational courses each year. In addition, hundreds of North Texas companies rely heavily on the DCCCD to provide ongoing technology training and certification

of their company employees.

DCCCD's students represent all facets of the community - the recent high school graduate; the older, returning student; the displaced worker; companies seeking training and certification; the retiree; and the student looking to transfer to a four-year college. Community college graduates go on to become successful nurses, computer technology experts, artists, accountants, public servants, dancers, journalists, culinary chefs, lawyers and more.

"Our Dallas County Community Colleges serve a tremendous need, and will be relied upon going forward as never before in order to position our young people to compete in the global market place," said Robert Thornton, honorary chairman of the Vote YES! Education = Jobs Campaign Committee. "Today less than half of our high school students graduate from college. We have to do

better here."

One innovative program addressing that dilemma is the Rising Star program, founded in 1999 with private funding. Any Dallas County high school graduating senior - who has a B average and demonstrates financial need - is guaranteed a chance to earn a two-year education at a Dallas Community College for free. So far 3,700 have taken advantage of the thriving scholarship program.

Ritter notes that Dallas County's historic labor market advantage in both the public and private sectors has eroded. Some of the hardest-hit areas facing major shortages are health care, education, information technology and safety "first responders," such as firefighters, police officers, paramedics, and nurses and medical technicians - program areas that the District

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DEPRESSED AGAIN?

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas is conducting research sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health on cognitive therapy for depression. **Treatment is free.** The symptoms of depression include:

- Depressed or sad mood
- Loss of interest in activities
- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much
- Feeling slowed down
- Feeling tired or having low energy
- Feeling guilty or worthless
- Changes in weight or appetite
- Difficulty concentrating

If you have experienced these symptoms more than once in your life, are drug free and not currently in psychiatric treatment, please call the Psychosocial Research and Depression Clinic at 214-648-5351.

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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.

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. - 3 p.m. For special tours call 972.941.2117.

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.

Supporting Others Through Mentoring (SOTM, inc.) a faith based non-profit sponsors its empowerment meeting for women every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5 p.m. Local speakers, life application small groups. Call 972.709.1180. 4650 South Hampton Road, Dallas.

General Information

The American Red Cross has announced that all blood levels are low. O Negative and O Positive blood types are at a 4-hour level, other blood types are at less than one day supply - well below the two day optimal supply needed to serve the community. The American Red Cross is urging people to schedule an appointment to give blood. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE, or visit www.givelife.org.

Through April 30

Individuals aged 50 or over are encouraged to register for card games, indoor badminton, golf, billiards, walking, bowling, croquet,

boogie, horseshoe, and table tennis. Enjoy friendly competition, great food, social opportunities and an arts and crafts show!

NOTE: Senior Olympics International Buffet and Talent Show on April 24 at 4:30p. Call the Senior Center at 972.941.7155 for details. 401 West 16th Street.

Through April 30

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" - a photographic exhibit by Michael Cassidy at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 North Galloway Ave. Share in the majesty of the earth at this exhibit. Call 972.216.6444 for more information.

Through May 9

Nasher Sculpture Center presents 'Picasso: The Cubist Portraits of Fernande Olivier,' as its first traveling exhibition. \$10 adults/\$7 seniors/\$5 students/free for children under 12. 2001 Flora Street, Dallas. 214.242.5100, or visit www.nashersculpturecenter.org.

Through May 24

Express Yourself! Youth Etiquette Symposium is providing an opportunity for ages 10 and up to learn more

about radio broadcasting, production and public speaking. Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. To sign up or for more information, contact Earnestine Cole at 972.412.0884. Held at St Phillip's School and Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Dallas.

Through May 31

The International Library of Poetry has announced \$58,000 in prizes to be awarded in the International Open Poetry Contest. Deadline is May 31, contest is free. Send one original poem, 20 lines or less, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19919, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Enter online at: www.poetry.com.

Through June 20

The Nasher Sculpture Center continues its special exhibitions program with "Medardo Rosso: Second Impressions." This is the first major Medardo Rosso exhibition in the US in 40 years. Rosso played a key role in the birth of modern

sculpture. 2001 Flora Street, Dallas, 75201. Call 214.242.5100.

April 26

A home school curriculum and text book sale. Free. Contact Mickey Pierce for more information at 877.223.5226. 10a.m. - 12p.m. and 2p.m. - 4p.m. At the Plano Center, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads.

May 1

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter hosts its 3rd annual Golf Tournament at Chase Oaks Golf Club, 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd, Plano, Saturday May 1, 11 a.m. For pricing and more information contact Duana Kindle at 972.690.5633.

Plano Wildflower 5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk - a unique outdoor experience for the family, covering areas of native prairie grass, wetlands, and paved recreational trails going through hills and a scenic creek. Awards presented to the 1st Place winners in a variety of categories. To register: 972.678.2244 or log on to www.sigamup.com/24899, and www.planoparks.org.

Takes place at Arbor Hills Nature Preserve, 6701 West Parker Rd. 8 a.m.

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, 830 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972.783.8800.

Volunteer Opportunities

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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THE TRUTH CLINIC

America's Difficult Search For The Truth

It is time; rather it is past time, for the President of the United States to come before the American people with the truth and nothing but the truth. As the nation grows increasingly concerned about the chaos in Iraq, the continuing vulnerability to terrorism, and the spiraling deficits that undermine the economy the substantive insight anticipated from the President at his recent prime time news conference again gave way to a politically oriented reiteration of illusive goals and a gung-ho exhortation to hold the course.

At a time when the American people desperately need reassurance that their government is on the job, has evaluated viable options, and is implementing well defined plans that further the national interests the President said nothing to address those concerns.

With each report issued by the 9/11 Commission, with each revelation documented by disillusioned former administration associates such as Richard Clarke (Against All Enemies) and Paul O'Neill (The Price of Loyalty) it appears that the domestic and foreign policy decisions orchestrated by the Bush administration were based on lies.

David Corn, the Washington editor of The Nation, in his book The Lies of George W. Bush: Mastering the Politics of Deception sums it up thusly: "George Bush is a liar. He has lied large and small. He has lied directly and by omission. He has misstated facts, knowingly or not. He has misled. He has broken promises, been unfaithful to political vows. Through his campaign for the presidency and his first years in the White House, he has mugged the truth -- not

merely in honest error, but deliberately, consistently, and repeatedly to advance his career and his agenda."

The president and key officials in his administration have equivocated in almost all they have said about the decision to invade Iraq. It is clear that decision was made even before Sept. 11, 2001. Corn's book goes on to document a list of Bush's misrepresentations that go far beyond the dubious statements used to justify the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

On the home front, the president has systematically advocated tax cuts as if they would make a real difference to broad segments of the American people. In reality the benefits go largely to a small percentage at the top of the economic ladder. According to the Financial Times half of all taxpayers will receive \$100 or less and the boost the cuts will give to the economy are negligible.

In the No Child Left Behind Act, the administration set an important goal of measuring education progress in every classroom. But every few months the administration has to waive another of its requirements, realizing belatedly that it cannot be met.

Days after the 9/11 attack, the administration stated, "No one could have conceivably imagined suicide bombers burrowing into our society, and then emerging to fly aircraft into buildings full of innocent people."

Not only had terrorism experts imagined these scenarios but similar plots had previously been uncovered and neutralized by security services in other nations. According to the 9/11 inquiries conducted by the House and Senate intelligence committees, US intelligence had received

numerous reports that bin Laden and other terrorists were interested in mounting 9/11-like strikes against the United States.

It is one thing to be resolute and firm. But these qualities in and of themselves are not a substitute for sound judgment, integrity, and the pursuit of viable alternatives that address the real-world problems that America is facing. With the Bush administration there is no discussion as Bob Woodward's new book Plan of Attack reveals. Decisions do not have to relate to facts.

Presidential lying threatens the country. To render informed and wise choices about the critical issues of the day, people need truthful information. The President is generally in a position to define and dominate a debate more than any other participant.

With his misrepresentations and false assertions, Bush has dramatically changed the world's perception of America. His deception has turned the United States into an occupying power. Using lies, he championed an economic disaster that will adversely impact the US budget for years to come.

David Corn also wrote, "Bush campaigned for the presidency as the fellow who would bring honesty back to the White House. There has been no restoration of integrity. Observers can debate whether Bush considers his embellishments and misrepresentations to be the honest-to-God truth or whether he cynically uses falsehoods to con the public. But believer or deceiver--the result is the same."

America is having a difficult time finding the truth.

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

You & Your Government

City of Plano
Public Input Sought on City's Comprehensive Plan
Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.
Building Inspections Training Room, Plano Municipal Center
1520 Avenue K
Proposed Changes will be Presented
"The Comprehensive Plan is designed to guide decision makers in regards to the development of land and public facilities in Plano," said the City's Senior Planner Steve Sims. "We are holding a public meeting to obtain general feedback on the document as a whole, and specifically the Land Use and Transportation elements, which are updated every two years." For persons who have not been aware of the Comprehensive Plan, the April 27 meeting is a good way to become acquainted with the elements which help guide, control and manage Plano's growth. Staff has worked with the Planning and Zoning Commission to revise the Land Use and Transportation elements of the Comprehensive Plan and would like public input for the Commission to consider before final adoption of the revisions. The Land Use element of the Comprehensive Plan is a long-range, general guide for the development and use of all land

within the City of Plano and its extrajurisdictional jurisdiction. Plano at maturity, aging neighborhoods and infrastructure, changing technologies, zoning inconsistencies or imbalance are but a portion of the factors that influence the guidelines set for land use, such as parks and open space, government centers, residential and commercial areas. The Transportation element defines a future transportation system that accommodates long range local and regional requirements. This element is coordinated with the Land Use element. Issues affecting the planning and development of an efficient and effective transportation system are presented along with policies and recommendations addressing those issues.

City of Garland
The City of Garland will broadcast a Town Meeting for residents on Tuesday, April 27, 2004. The program, hosted by District 2 Council Member Jim Dunn and District 5 Council Member and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackie Feagin, will be aired live on cable CGTV-16 at 7:00 p.m. A call-in format allows residents from Districts 2 and 5 to ask their City Council representatives questions about their neighborhoods. Each Council

Representative will give a "state of the district" message, then citizens can call 972-205-CITY with their questions and comments.

This Town Meeting had originally been scheduled for April 13. The next Town Meeting is set for June 8, 2004 featuring Districts 3 and 4. Citizens without cable access may attend the meetings in person. Questions will be taken from the audience following the live broadcast. The meetings are held in the Garland City Council chambers at Garland City Hall, First Floor, 200 North Fifth Street.

City of Allen
Allen City Council is scheduled to vote April 27 on whether to increase membership fees at Joe Farmer Recreation Center. This would include changes in fees for seniors and children. Seniors currently pay no fees, but that could change to \$40 a year for memberships after completion of the new senior recreation center. And the cost for children ages 7 to 13 is proposed at \$12 to join. Adult memberships would increase to \$50 per year with youth memberships increasing to \$24. This would be the first increase since the facility opened eight years ago.

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LIBERATION, an acronym for Losing Ignorance, Bettering, Enhancing and Raising Awareness to Inspire Our Nation. She is extensively involved in mentoring, tutoring and implemented a year-round food pantry, clothing closet and book room for students.

"When you look at these young ladies, you know there's still hope and that's powerful," Walker said. "Jane Goodall said the greatest danger to our future is apathy. But these girls don't know what that means. Apathy is not in their vocabulary."

Walker closed her speech with a personal saying and a charge to the scholarship recipients.

"If you're falling off a cliff, you may as well try to fly because you have nothing to lose. And when you get to the top, and you will, don't forget the others who are coming behind you. We have an obligation to pull somebody else up and PACE is what it's all about."

20 years ago, Liz Hale and Roxanne Forster sat down together in their suburban Carrollton community to talk about starting an organization for black women. They wanted to meet and connect with other black women in the Dallas

metropolis who might share the same values and desires they had such as creating friendships and support as they raised their children.

They decided that community involvement and service would be important Christian values to keep the club vibrant, lively and relevant. Months later, a group of 30 women were invited to attend a meeting at the home of Hale to discuss possibly forming a club.

Among those in attendance were professionals such as nurses, teachers, secretaries and stay-at-home-moms. There were several ideas for the club, but overall, the majority of the ladies talked about wanting to do something to make a difference in their community and to be a visible presence as black women in the Dallas area and beyond.

Today PACE members are still busy, involved women and still committed to community service, sisterhood and support for each other.

"I couldn't have imagined that it would have lasted 20 years," said Co-Founder Roxanne Forster, who is still very active in the organization today. "I'm very proud of the organization and what we've been able to do with a small number of people."

Participants in the fashion show, held during the 20th year celebration at the Brookhaven Country Club, model the latest spring fashions.



Zuasharia Fletcher



Curtis Jones



Danyelle Carpenter



Zuasharia Fletcher



Wanda Wilkerson

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now document beyond question the value of the Black consumer and the best vehicle to reach them that we have been trying to tell advertisers for so long," said Dorothy Leavell, Chairman of API. "We are the only company that has focused exclusively on effectively reaching and motivating the African American consumer through Black newspapers."

"For over 40 years we have represented Black newspapers across the country. We know these papers and the African American consumer better than anyone else in the business. Now we have irrefutable evidence of what our papers can do for an advertiser," she said.

"I have been in the research business many years and there is very little that really surprises me" said Act Spinella, President of CNW, "but I was truly amazed at some of the findings to come out of this study. Readers of Black newspapers represent 73 percent of the total \$645 billion African American consumer buying power yet 87.6 percent of regular Black newspaper readers do not regularly

read general market daily newspapers. This means that an advertiser who thinks he is reaching this consumer through the daily paper is wrong."

"When you look at these findings," he continued "you see a market with average income of \$64,615; average net worth of \$391,290; average age 42 years old; 85.2% home ownership; 83% having at least some college; 69% being a manager, professional or owning a business; and spending 71.7% of disposable income on enhancements and embellishments (i.e. non-essentials). This is truly a niche market of prime consumers that has been overlooked, undervalued and, for the most part, generally ignored by most major advertisers."

"This study has collected over one million bits of data" Spinella said. "We can sort this data in an infinite number of ways to give information never before available. For example we can determine the mortgage default rate for African Americans versus Hispanics versus Caucasians versus the overall market in every major city. We can index services and product usage in

over 30 categories by ethnicity for both volume and price. We can identify number of visits made, average check, total dollars spent in 2003 and expected to be spent in 2004 for key fast food and family style restaurants. The ability to compile data by category for readers of Black newspaper is virtually limitless."

"We intend to make this data selectively available for our regular advertisers," said Ms. Leavell. "This is data that many companies do not have and would have to pay thousands of dollars to develop. Offering it to them is just one of the many 'added values' that Amalgamated Publishers provides. It will also enable us to produce customized, highly compelling and persuasive presentations to secure new clients."

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Fury Snares Title

By John Posey,
BSPIN Sports News
Richardson, TX, —Anna DeForge drop-kicked the ball into the stands as fans and her Dallas Fury teammates mobbed the floor. Assistant coach, Deion Sanders, looked for someone to hug. Head Coach Nancy Lieberman inhaled the moment with a broad smile etched on her face.

"This is a great team with a lot of talent," said DeForge, the NWBL's leading scorer. "This is what we worked for."

The Dallas Fury claimed the 2004 National Women's Basketball Developmental League (NWBL) championship. The Fury bested the Colorado Chill, 73-69, before 1,200 delirious fans at the University of Texas at Dallas Activity Center in a come-from-behind thriller.

With the win, the Fury has accomplished what the Dallas Mavericks have been unable to do for more than 20 years; bring D-Town a basketball title.

The Fury jumped out to an early lead behind the solid play of Shelia Lambert and DeForge, but Colorado went on a 13-5 run behind guard Becky Hammons' three-point barrage to take a 38-37 lead at the break.

Colorado used the power moves of Ruth Riley (19 points and 21 rebounds) and Hammons' long-range sniping to push the Chill's lead to five with six minute

left to play. After a timeout, the Fury went on a run and took the lead for good at 68-67 on a DeForge three-pointer with 1:44 to play.

The NWBL's Most Valuable Player, Anna DeForge, led the way for Dallas with 19 points. The Fury had 4 players in



Sheryl Swoopes is fouled driving for a basket. Photo by J. Posey BSPIN.

double figures on the night, Sheila Lambert with 16, and Sheryl Swoopes and Takeisha Lewis with 14.

To put this title in perspective, the Fury started the season in Tennessee, but Senior VP, Bruce Carter was able to put together a loyal fan base, a quality roster and a championship.

"Bruce has worked very hard to get us to where we are. To have professional women's basketball at this level, it's big for Dallas," Fury general manager/coach Nancy Lieberman screamed to the crowd. "This is about our team, our city, our time."

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Blackonomics Page 1

Baptist Convention U.S.A., it occurred to me that Black people, and in this case, Black churches, are financing the oppression of Black people as well.

You may have read my column, "The Rest of the Story," where I discussed the Baptist Convention deciding to come to Cincinnati despite being asked to stay away because of the Cincinnati boycott against travel and tourism to this city. When I read the piece in Cincinnati Magazine, I was even more assured that my assessment was absolutely correct: It's always about the money; and we are financing our own oppression.

Done under the tired mantra of "racial healing" the Baptist convention will bring \$21 million dollars to a city in which oppression continues to run rampant. The only healing will be financial, and that will be for the oppressors. Vanessa Williams, the new spokesperson for the National Underground Railroad "Freedom" Center, came to town and said it was good that the Freedom Center was "built by Black hands" and was a symbol of healing, which are more statements that not only are incorrect but also would make the ignorant person think all is well in Cincinnati. I wonder how much her compensation is.

Black leaders and Black folks in general should stop financing the oppression of their own people. But since it seems they are not ready to stop this kind of madness, I think we should implement the same tactics against them that have been brought against the insurance firms and the banks. They financed the oppression of Black people, and now Black organizations are financing the oppression of Black people. Why should we have a double-standard? Don't you think that because everything is about money, especially for many of our so-called Black leaders, we

should seek reparations from our own organizations as well?

Crazy, you say? I don't think so. How can we ask for recompense from White-owned companies and not seek it from Black organizations that continue to finance our oppression by committing Black dollars to cities where Black people are oppressed? Turnabout is fair play, and in the case of hundreds of millions of Black tourism dollars being looked upon with "wild-eyed glee" by White-dominated convention centers that get much of their funding from Black tax dollars, our acquiescence to calls from our organizations (and local Black politicians) to go against boycotts is unconscionable. Despite the horrendous treatment of our people, both economically and otherwise, all over this country, we continue to mimic the overseers and the crumb snatchers of the past, selling out for a few dollars,

hotel suites, and banquets.

Yes, we must seek reparations from anyone and any company that benefited from the misery of Black folks. We must support Brother Worrill in any way we can, and we must never give up. During a retrospective on Harold Washington's mayoral tenure earlier this year in Chicago, I heard Worrill say, "Yes, our initial lawsuit was denied, but that's just the beginning." He went on to ask, "Do you know how long it took for Black people to gain the victories of the past? Do you know how many lawsuits had to be filed to remedy other wrongs against us? This is just the start and we will continue to fight no matter how long it takes."

The same attitude must be applied to these sell-out Black organizations that do nothing but help hold us down. Their leaders are interested in two things: Money in their pockets and not offending those who give it to them. They will

continue to finance our oppression, just like the financiers during slavery, if we don't hold them accountable for the dollars we give them. Reparations for oppression? Let's also demand that from Black groups that are obviously guilty of complicity.

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The Serious Business of Networking Parties

CLEVELAND, OH -- The term 'networking' is quickly becoming one of the most over used words in the English language. This is especially true in the African-American community. In fact, it seems that almost every event marketed in our community is touting 'networking' opportunities as a key benefit. Unfortunately, networking is becoming associated with such a wide array of social situations that it makes it easy to lose sight of how it benefits our people, communities and businesses.

While socializing is a major part of networking, it is important not to let the social aspect prevent us from maximizing potential opportunities.

George C. Fraser is a world-renowned networking expert who has authored two books on the subject. According to Fraser, "In the African-American community, the line between networking and socializing is virtually indistinguishable; one is not exclusive of the other. However, if making meaningful connections is really your objective at events, it is important to acknowledge that it might not necessarily happen over one drink or a couple of appetizers. Effective networking is about building substantive relationships, and that is something that takes place over time."

Fraser contends that in order to maximize your time at any function you should keep the following in mind:

• Know Who Is Going To

Be There. You cannot attend every event. For this reason, it is important to spend time investigating the events that will provide you with the best opportunities to make contact with individuals that you would like to meet. Knowing ahead of time will provide you with ample opportunity to refine your approach and agenda. Having a plan of action is not calculating. It is smart, as it ensures that you will not waste anyone's time or your own. Remember, you are as much interested in letting someone get to know you as you are in getting to know them.

• Don't Try To 'Network' With Everybody. Be focused. Target your attention to a few specific people. It is impossible to get a sense of who or what someone knows if you don't take time to fully engage him or her in conversation. Be careful to avoid merely 'collecting' business cards in the name of effective networking. If you have failed to get an accurate sense of how you can work with a person in the future, then you have missed a valuable opportunity. Additionally, if you do have a productive conversation with an individual, you will not know the appropriate way to follow-up or reconnect down the road in a way that doesn't appear forced or inappropriate.

• Find A Connection. The most interesting conversation you can have with someone is about him or her. Make the conversation about them so that you can make a connection. You want to get to know the person. If you want a person to be impressed with you, be impressed with them. People

love to be recognized and appreciated. If, for example, the person you are talking to is a golf fanatic, talk about golf. If they hail from a certain city, engage them on that topic. In the event that they mention something that you are unfamiliar with, ask questions and really listen to the responses. Undoubtedly, you will find something in their answers that will help you establish a connection.

"Establishing and nurturing connected relationships is a process that is based on mutual respect and appreciation. It is not about just finding out what someone can do for you, but what we can do for each other," says Fraser. "Networking in its truest form is about human resources, information, and ideas working together to benefit the collective."

George C. Fraser is Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of FraserNet, Inc., and the best-selling author of Success Runs in Our Race and Race for Success. FraserNet's mission is to lead a global networking movement that brings together diverse human resources to increase opportunities for people of African descent. FraserNet, Inc. publishes SuccessGuide Worldwide - The Networking Guide to Black Resources. In 2004 the Ford Motor Company and FraserNet, Inc. will present "PowerNetworking 2004: Building Bridges, Building Businesses. Building Prosperity." This event is the third annual networking training conference and will be held June 24-27 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Networking for Graduates

By Debra Fine

Graduates! Don't wait until you need a job to start networking! Start now and don't stop.

Do you dread networking events, job fairs and other job search related social events? Does attending another open house make you want to run inside your own and lock the door? For soon to be graduates these occasions represent opportunities to develop business relationships and broaden networks. Make the most of job fairs, alumni contacts and events, informational interviews, conventions, and meetings.

Here are a few techniques students can use to improve their small talk skills:

Be the first to say "hello!" and introduce yourself. Act as if you're the host, and introduce new arrivals to your conversational partner or partners.

Get somebody to talk about why they're attending the event or their history with their career, and you're on your way to engaging them in conversation.

Be aware of body language. Come across as relaxed and at ease. Smile and appear approachable.

Listen carefully for information that can keep the conversation going.

Play the conversation "game." When someone asks, "how's school?" or "what's going on?" answer with more than "pretty good!" or "not much." Tell more about yourself so that others can learn more about you.

Give "verbal cues" to keep the conversation going and make your conversational partner feel listened to. "I see what you mean" and "give me an example of what you mean by that" encourage others to keep talking and confirm that you are "actively" listening.

Be careful with acquaintances. You wouldn't want to open a conversation with, "How's your job at (fill in the blank)?" What if that person just got fired or laid off? Be careful when you're asking about an acquaintance's spouse or special friend; you could regret it.

Don't act like you're an FBI agent. Questions like "where are you from?" "did you go to graduate school?" and "do you have children?" lead to dead end conversations.

Be prepared with exit lines. You do need to move around and meet

others. Make an effort to never leave a conversation without asking: "Who do you know that might be in a position to help me attain my goals?"

Every encounter involves risk. As long as you keep looking for new people to meet, and you show an interest in other people, you can

develop business friendships and enjoy lively conversations.

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Cheryl Ford drives by Ruth Riley of the Colorado Chill.
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by the Stealth 85-84 when Cheryl Ford tipped in a miss with 4 seconds left. Ford led the way with 19 points and 19 rebounds.

The Fury (16-7) finished the season undefeated (10-0) at home. The Chill ended up 16-7 in its inaugural season.

WNBA star and Olympian, Sheryl Swoopes, added to her title collection and looked to the future. "Hopefully, we can do it

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"We are saying the NWBL is where you either keep your WNBA job or you take one," said league founder, Patrick Alexander.

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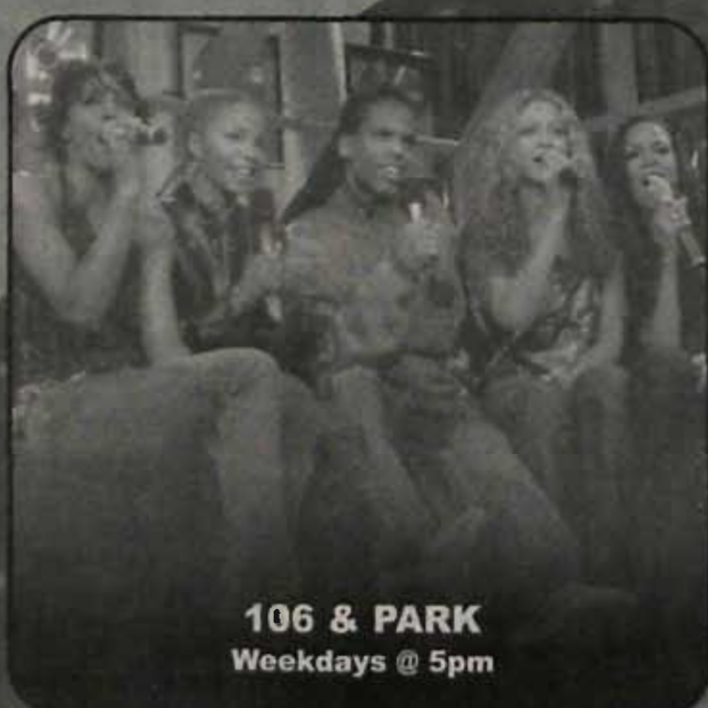
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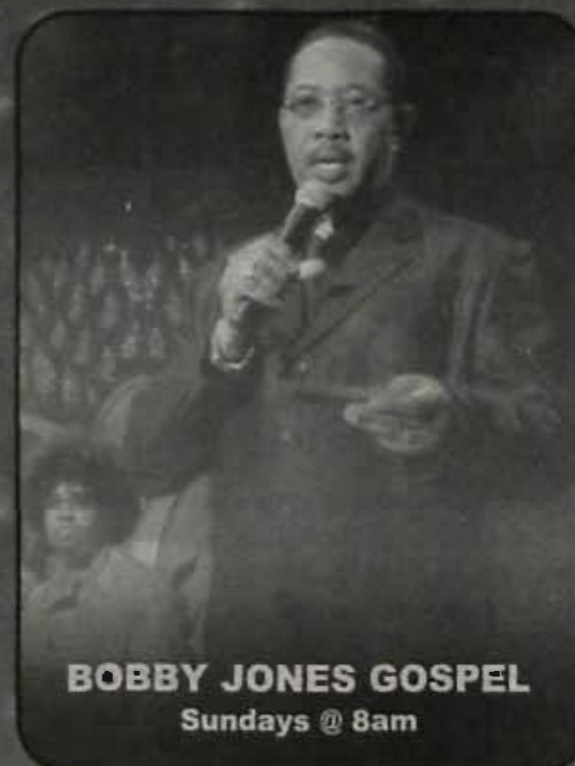
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Arts & Entertainment

Mary J. Blige in Concert with Special Guests Musiq and Glenn Lewis at Nokia Live at Grand Prairie (formerly NextStage) - May 15

When her debut album, *What's the 411?*, hit the street in 1992, critics and fans alike were floored by its powerful combination of modern R&B with an edgy rap sound that glanced off of the pain and grit of Mary J. Blige's Yonkers, NY childhood. Called alternately the new Chaka Khan or new Aretha Franklin, Blige had little in common stylistically with either of those artists, but like them helped adorn soul music with new textures and flavors that inspired a whole generation of musicians. With her blonde hair, self-preserving slouch and combat boots, Blige was street-tough and beautiful all at once, and the record company execs who profited off of her early releases did little to dispel the bad-girl image that she earned as she stumbled through the dizzying first days of her career. As she exorcised her personal demons and softened her style to include sleek designer clothes, she remained a hero to thousands of girls growing up in the same kinds of rough places she came from. Blige reinvented her

career again and again by shedding the bad habits and bad influences that kept her down; by the time her fourth album, *Mary*, was released in 1999, she had matured into an expressive singer able to put the full power of her voice behind her music, while still reflecting a strong urban style. With her fifth album, *No More Drama*, it wasn't just Blige's style that shone through the structures set up for her by songwriters and producers, it was her own vision — spiritual, emotional, personal, and full of wisdom, and reflected an artist who was comfortable with who she was and how far she had come.

Her 1995 follow-up, *My Life*, again featured Combs' handiwork, and if it stepped back stylistically

from its urban roots by featuring less of a rap sound, it made up for it with its subject matter. *My Life* was full of ghetto pathos and Blige's own personal pain shone through like a beacon. Her rocky relationship with fellow Uptown artist K-Ci Hailey likely contributed to the raw emotions on the album. The period following the recording of *My Life* was also a difficult time professionally for Blige as she severed her ties with Combs and Uptown, hired Suge Knight as a financial advisor and signed with MCA.

1997's *Share My World* marked the beginning of Blige's creative partnerships with Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis. The album was another hit for Blige and debuted at number one on the Billboard charts. Critics

soured somewhat on its more conventional soul sound, but Blige's fans seemed undaunted. By the time her next studio album, *Mary*, came out in 1999, the fullness and elegance of her new sound seemed more developed, as Blige exuded a classic soul style aided by material from Elton John and Bernie Taupin, Stevie Wonder, and Lauryn Hill. Mary made it obvious that the ghetto fabulous style and more confrontational aspects of her music were gone, while the emotive power still remained.

That power also helped carry the more modern-sounding 2001 release, *No More Drama*, a deeply personal album that remained a collective effort musically yet reflected more of Blige's songwriting than any of her previous efforts. The Mary J. Blige on *No More Drama* seemed miles away from the flashy kid on *What's the 411?*, yet it was still possible to see the path through her music that produced an older, wiser, but still expressive artist. 2003's *Love and Life* reunited her with P. Diddy, who produced the majority of the album.



Man on Fire



Man on Fire is the latest flick to star Denzel as a good guy gone bad. This time the guy in question is Creasy, a troubled ex-government operative who now makes a living as a bodyguard in Mexico City. After a wave of kidnappings hits the area, he takes a job protecting the daughter (Dakota Fanning) of a rich family. The two form an unlikely friendship, and Creasy starts enjoying his life again, but it's not long before the kid is abducted. This is terrible for Creasy but great for moviegoers, who get to see Denzel dig into another butt-kicking role.

Starts April 23, 2004

GodSend



A married couple (Greg Kinnear and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos) turns to a doctor (Robert De Niro), who has developed a new cloning technology, to replace their recently deceased 8-year-old son.

Starts April 30, 2004

Comcast Launches TV One in Dallas Innovative New Network Provides Programs Catering to African American Culture and Interests

Irving, Texas — Comcast recently announced the launching of TV One, the new network featuring a compelling mix of original and classic entertainment and public affairs programming targeting African American adults. The network launched on Comcast's cable system in Dallas, April 13. TV One will be available on expanded basic cable to more than 100,000 subscribers in the city of Dallas on channel 53 and to multi-dwelling units on channel 99.

"Comcast is pleased to debut TV One to our subscribers in Dallas," said Hank Fore, Comcast's Vice President and General Manager for the Dallas market. "TV One is representative of our efforts to provide the African American community with expanded programming choices." "We have worked very hard to make TV One a network that will serve African American adults' entertainment interests and show the rest of society the depth, variety and vitality of our lifestyle and culture," said TV One President and CEO Johnathan Rodgers.

TV One's investors include Radio One [NASDAQ: ROIA and ROIAK], the nation's seventh largest radio broadcasting company (based on 2003 net broadcast revenue) and the largest company that primarily targets African American and urban listeners; Comcast Corporation [NASDAQ: CMCSA and CMCSK], the leading cable television company in the country; Constellation Ventures; Syndicated Communications; Pacesetter Capital Group; and Opportunity Capital Partners.

TV One features programming that caters to the interests of African American adults. One of the network's signature programs is *The Tom Joyner Sky Show*. The show follows Tom Joyner, one of radio's

most popular personalities, around the country as he mixes it up with some of music's hottest stars. The premiere episode of the show that aired on TV One featured the legendary Al Green, and it was filmed at a Sky Show in Dallas.

TV One's daytime programming includes TV personality, author and restaurateur Barbara Smith's lifestyle series *B. Smith With Style*; *The Donna Richardson Show*, featuring the popular health and fitness expert; *Gospel Challenge*, in which gospel choirs from some of America's foremost African American churches compete

circuit in which more than 300 African American, Hispanic, European and Native American cowboys and cowgirls compete in fast-paced and action-packed events like bull riding, steer wrestling and calf roping.

Also included in the TV One lineup is *On Point* with Armstrong Williams, a series of specials in which the conservative commentator and columnist interviews prominent African Americans involved in politics and public policy, such as Rev. Al Sharpton, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and Education Secretary Roderick Paige.

Original series scheduled to premiere this spring include *Living It Up* with Patti LaBelle, in which the contemporary music diva will offer viewers a behind-the-scenes look at the hottest lifestyle trends, such as food, travel, fashion, jewelry, music and health; *Get the HookUp*, an urban dating/comedy/game show hosted by nationally syndicated radio star Russ Parr and his morning show's entertainment reporter Alfredas; *Makeover Manor*, the first makeover series to focus exclusively on beauty and style tips specifically for African Americans in

which a deserving guest nominated by a loved one is whisked away for a surprise day of pampering, luxury and beauty; and *Then and Now*, which will take a penetrating look inside the world of some of America's sports heroes and discover how they are making their lives successful and fulfilling after the cheers and glory have faded.

TV One will also feature an exciting roster of specials throughout the year. Teaming two legendary artists from different generations in a series of musical performance specials with a unique twist, TV One this spring will introduce viewers to StarJamz. The first special scheduled to premiere Thursday, April 29 at 9 PM (ET) features NAACP Image Award winner and "American Idol" champion Ruben Studdard and Grammy Award-winning soul vocalist Peabo Bryson.

Lifestyle and culinary



Hank Fore, VP & General Manager of Comcast Dallas Market

for cash prizes, recording sessions, and a recording contract; and *The Gospel of Music*, hosted by talented harpist, singer and producer Jeff Majors and featuring interviews, profiles and performances by the best known acts in gospel music.

Primetime on TV One features recent and classic movies; classic sitcoms like *Good Times* and *227*; dramas, such as the award-winning series *City of Angels*, starring Blair Underwood and Vivica Fox, and *Under One Roof* starring James Earl Jones. Primetime non-fiction and reality series include *American Legacy*, which chronicles the accomplishments, tragedies and the greatness behind some of the most unique African American personalities who have helped to shape America; and *Cowboys of Color* International Rodeo, which highlights the competitive

Ain't Misbehavin' extended through May 9 at Dallas Theater Center

DALLAS — Due to popular demand and critical acclaim, Dallas Theater Center has extended the run of the Thomas "Fats" Waller musical revue *Ain't Misbehavin'* through Sunday, May 9.

According to critics, Dallas Theater Center's production of *Ain't Misbehavin'* "cuddles right up to you and gets under your skin" for "two glorious hours." Audiences are "snapping their fingers, tapping their toes, clapping, swaying, bopping, bouncing and taking in every tasty note."

The schedule for the extension week (May 3-9) is slightly different. There will be no performances on Monday, May 3 or Tuesday, May 4. Performances continue Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Musical Direction by Darius Frowner

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Car Review

Honda's Pilot Navigates the Highways and Byways



The Honda Pilot is targeting America's market as the ultimate American family adventure vehicle. It is equipped with seating for eight, a powerful V6 engine, a versatile interior, capable road

handling and a reasonable level of off-road ability.

The four-door, eight-passenger Pilot comes in two trim levels, LX and EX, and nearly everything is standard equipment. Included are a heavy-duty climate control system with rear-seat vents and ducts, cruise control, power windows, doors and locks, a rear window defroster, and a CD player. The EX gives you the luxury of alloy wheels, auto-off headlamps, an

eight-way power driver seat with lumbar, available leather seating, keyless entry, extra interior storage, automatic climate control, Homelink and steering wheel-mounted audio controls. On EX models with leather (EX-L), heated seats and side mirrors come standard, with a DVD-based navigation system and a DVD entertainment system available as options.

The Pilot comes equipped with a 3.5-liter V6 engine that has 240 h.p. and 242 lb.ft. of torque, for 0-to-60 mph in about 8.6 seconds. The second-

and third-row seats are positioned theater-style, meaning that they are elevated to give occupants a better outside view. Legroom for second-row passengers is quite good, but the tight third row is best suited for children. Both the second and third rows are split 60/40 and can be folded flat to expand the Pilot's cargo capacity. Maximum cargo capacity is 90 cubic feet.

The Pilot features a stiff car-based unibody structure and a fully independent suspension, giving a smooth and comfortable on normal roads.

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considers its strongest.

Other strengths of the District include its expertise in meeting the workforce needs of higher level skills training for today and tomorrow's jobs, ongoing training required by emerging/evolving technology, and displaced and incumbent worker training and/or retaining. In addition, the District has a long and successful record of preparing university students. More than 8,100 community college students transfer each year to four-year universities - the top three schools being the University of Texas, Texas A&M and the

University of North Texas. A majority of DCCCD students graduate with academic performances competitive to native university students.

The Community College District has an enormous financial impact on our economy. DCCCD current and former students increased wages and salaries in Dallas County by \$620.6 million directly and by another \$629.3 million indirectly***. Further, the District spent \$182.2 million on wages, salaries and supply purchases in Dallas County (FY 2000).

Small investment pays big dividends with job creation,

retention and economic impact.

The DCCCD currently has the lowest tuition and fees of all community colleges in Texas and the fifth lowest property tax rate of all Texas community colleges.

With this bond package, a homeowner in Dallas County with a home value of \$100,000 will face a tax increase of roughly \$1.67 per month.

"For a small cost per month, the citizens of Dallas County will be making a huge investment in our future," said Thornton. "Companies will stay in Dallas or relocate here because of a reliable and well-trained workforce. Our young citizens will

have the skill sets to become productive members of our community - it's a win-win."

DCCCD bond program attracts community-wide support.

In addition to Phil Ritter and Robert Thornton, the campaign leadership includes Co-chairs Hector Escamilla, Jr., Dr. Sharon Patterson and Emelita de la Rosa. The Finance Committee Chair is Doug Hawthorne and the Campaign Treasurer is Mark Sinclair. Jerry Prater is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Dallas County Community College District.

To date, the DCCCD bond program has been endorsed by the American Indian Business News, American Business News, Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Asian Business News, Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce, Dallas Hispanic Chamber, Diversity Texas, Farmers Branch Chamber, Garland Chamber, Greater Dallas Chamber, Hall Associates, Lancaster Chamber, Minority Business News, North Dallas Chamber, TD Industries, Texas Instruments Incorporated, The Staubach Company, Women's Enterprise, and West Dallas Chamber.

The election is Sat., May 15 with early voting running Apr. 28 - May 11.

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MANDATORY PRE-BIDDERS CONFERENCE

RFP 10692 Custodial Services, District-wide/Dallas, Texas

April 26, 2004 at 1:00 p.m., Eastfield College,

3737 Motley Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150

Building C, Room 295

(Note: Bids Will Be Accepted Only From Bidders Recorded As Attending This Meeting)

Scope: Custodial Services for fifteen (15) district locations; no sub-contracted personnel allowed; separate bid security required for each site quoted; minimum of three years college or university OR comparable custodial experience required; three (3) year initial award with two annual optional extensions; bidders may quote one site, all sites, or any combination thereof.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Dallas County Community College District Purchasing Department, at the District Service Center, West Building, 4343 N. Hwy 67, Mesquite, TX 75150 until 2:00 p.m., May 17, 2004

Document Availability: Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, at the above address, or by contacting 972-860-7771. No document deposit is required. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or parts thereof. Dallas County Community College District encourages minority and woman owned businesses to participate in this bid/proposal process. For bidder registration and current bid information go to www.purchasing.dcccd.edu

Sister Tarpley

Shown here is a small portion of the teenagers that is in attendance every Monday Night at The Inspiring Body of Christ Church (IBOC) Monday School, Dr. Rickie G. Rush is the pastor.

As a long time teacher and a child of God, it is a joy and a great blessing for me to witness the teenagers praising and worshipping God.

These teenagers are called, "Pastor's Prayer Posse" and they are seated "front and center" with their red T-Shirts that have three big gray letters trimmed with red (PPP) on the front of them; on the back are the words "I've Got My Pastor's Back. The young people come prepared with their Bibles, writing pens/pencils and a tablet for taking notes. They are surrounded and supported by the entire church. Included in with the regular members are adults that have special T-Shirts that are similar to the teenagers, their T-Shirts are black with gray letters

PASTOR'S PRAYER POSSE (PPP)

trimmed with red and on the back it says, "I Pray for The Posse and My Pastor" with the same (PPP) printed on the front.

Last Monday School night, prior to going into the lesson for the night, Pastor Rush asked if any teenager could recite the churches' creed. Two of the Pastor's Prayer Posse quickly

Warfare" on Satan and his kingdom, not only for all Christians, but especially our young people. IBOC members, under the leadership of Pastor Rush is very serious that Satan is going to have trouble out of them when he tries to persuade and entice the young people to turn their backs on God.

Pastor Rush meets with his posse and they plan things together to reach the teenagers. One of the big things that IBOC has done is purchased a Hummer jeep; it will be used to go to the teenagers, at their "hang outs" and tell them that Jesus loves them and died for them.

Our teenagers are our future and as Christians we should all be as serious about the well being of our children. Thank you Pastor Rush and IBOC. I pray that God keeps you strong and continue to reach out to our young people. They need plenty of love and guidance.

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Picture of the Week: Teenagers in Action!

ran to the podium. Jazzmyne Greer said the creed and received a \$300 bonus for knowing it.

The Churches' creed is food for thought for every Christian. "The greatest tragedy, next to dying without God and without hope, is to stand at the judgment day empty-handed, having lived in a world of sinners, without winning one person to CHRIST."

As I have stated, Pastor Rush has declared a "Spiritual

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AARP The Magazine and LCCR Release Landmark Race Relations Survey Marking 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education

Among key findings: Majority of whites, blacks and Hispanics support affirmative action and 73% of Americans approve of interracial marriage

Washington, DC—On behalf of AARP and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), Gallup conducted its largest and most comprehensive race-relations survey of blacks, Hispanic and whites to date and discovered among other key findings that over half of each group supports

affirmative action for blacks and Hispanics and a majority of Americans approve of interracial marriage. The survey, entitled "Civil Rights and Race Relations," marks this year's 50th anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education—the Supreme Court decision that jumpstarted the American Civil Rights Movement and appears in the May-June issue of AARP The Magazine—www.aarpmagazine.org.

The AARP/LCCR Gallup survey found astounding progress in two areas that hit close to home for most Americans: interracial relationships and the neighborhoods we live in. Eighty-six percent of blacks, 79% of Hispanics and 66% of whites said they would not object to a child or grandchild marrying someone of another race.

Further buttressing the idea that different races are increasingly comfortable living together was the finding that a majority of Americans prefer to live in mixed neighborhoods. Seventy-eight percent of blacks, 61% of Hispanics and 57% of whites supported

this notion. There was also widespread support for affirmative action, with the majority of Americans voicing their support for programs for blacks (57%) and Hispanics (57%).

But there were vast gulfs between different groups' perceptions of how minorities are treated today. Seventy-six percent of white respondents thought

that blacks are treated very or somewhat fairly, while only 38% of blacks agreed with them. And while 61% of whites believed that blacks have achieved the same job opportunities as whites, just 12% of African-Americans concurred.

"The major finding in this survey is that individually, most people have come to accept, and even celebrate the multiculturalism in this country," said AARP The Magazine editor Steve Slon. "But when you start addressing some of the major societal issues of the Civil Rights movement like fairness in front of the law and access to educational and professional opportunities—there are still gaps to be bridged. Whites tend to think that fairness has essentially been achieved, while most minorities still think it is very much a work in progress."

"This poll underscores the progress we have made as a society as well as the critical need to do much more to improve race relations," said Wade Henderson, Executive Director of LCCR. "The fact that a majority of each one of the groups

supports affirmative action is extremely important and conveys a strong commitment to equality in the workplace and beyond. As Americans we must all work harder to advance the cause of civil rights and leave our children and future generations with institutions that promote equality for all."

The mixed results of this survey were reflected in questions that explored the future of American race relations. Sixty-three percent of respondents thought that "race relations will always be a problem in the U.S." However, when asked to consider the prediction that by 2050 the majority of Americans would be nonwhite, only about 13% of each group said this would be a bad thing; most Americans said it simply won't matter.

The "Civil Rights and Race Relations" survey is one facet of a major initiative by AARP and LCCR to raise awareness of the American civil rights movement. To kick off the program, the groups unveiled a yearlong, multi-faceted project to build the world's largest archive of first-hand accounts of the civil rights struggle in America. The archive will ultimately be donated as a permanent collection of the Library of Congress.

A cornerstone of the project will be an online collection of previously untold personal stories of the quest for justice and equality. "Voices of Civil Rights" is also the inspiration for a book, My Soul Looks

Back in Wonder: Voices of the Civil Rights Experience by journalist Juan Williams (with a Foreword by David Halberstam and Afterword by Marian Wright Edelman), television and radio programs, educational materials, public performances, commemorative publications and more. The Web site (www.voicesofcivilrights.org) officially launched on March 30.

"Civil Rights and Race Relations," a study commissioned by AARP and the LCCR and conducted by the Gallup Organization, is based on telephone interviews with 2,002 people 18 years of age or older from households in the continental United States. All polling was conducted between November 11 and December 14, 2003. The respondents included 915 whites and oversamples of 446 blacks and 551 Hispanics. In addition, 90 who belonged to other groups or gave no racial or ethnic affiliation were interviewed. The results were weighted to reflect the actual representation of each group in the U.S. population. ("Whites" refers to non-Hispanic whites; "blacks" refers to non-Hispanic blacks; and the "Hispanic" category includes all Hispanics, whether they identified as black or as white or did not specify a racial category.) The margin of error at the 95 percent confidence level for the total national sample is +/- 5.1 percentage points, +/- 6.7 percentage points for

whites, +/- 8.5 percentage points for blacks, and +/- 6.2 percentage points for Hispanics.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization dedicated to making life better for people 50 and over. We provide information and resources; engage in legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy; assist members in serving their communities; and offer a wide range of unique benefits, special products and services for our members. These include AARP The Magazine, published bimonthly; AARP Bulletin, the monthly newspaper; AARP Segunda Juventud, a quarterly newspaper in Spanish; NRTA Live & Learn, a quarterly newsletter for 50+ educators; and the Web site, www.aarp.org. AARP has staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) is a coalition of more than 180 organizations committed to social justice and equality. Founded in 1950, it is the nation's oldest, largest and most diverse civil and human rights coalition. LCCR member organizations represent persons of color, women, children, labor unions, individuals with disabilities, older Americans, major religious groups, gays and lesbians and civil liberties and human rights groups. Its mission: to promote the enactment and enforcement of effective civil rights legislation and policy.

Survey Facts:

81% of blacks, 66% of Hispanics and 52% of whites support affirmative action for blacks. 77% of blacks, 73% of Hispanics and 51% of whites support affirmative action for Hispanics.

73% of Americans approve of interracial marriage.

49% of blacks reported experiencing discrimination in the last 30 days.

21% of whites say they have been a victim of reverse discrimination.

Asked whether all or most of the goals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement had been achieved: 56% of whites, 38% of Hispanics and 21% of blacks answered in the affirmative.

24% of blacks, 19% of Hispanics and 2% of whites report having been denied a rental or an opportunity to buy a home.

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MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO

There are now two
Sunday Morning Services!
Early Morning Worship Service @ 8:00 am and regular Sunday Morning Worship @ 11:00 am

April 24, 7:00 pm
MOCOP will host the Fifth Annual Scholarship & Outreach Banquet and Silent Auction given by Hill Chapel CME Church; Rev. James E. Larry is the Pastor. Theme: Strengthening Youth Through Leadership Training. There will be Gospel and Spiritual Music featuring the Men of

Psalms of Custer Road UMC. For more information, please call Arthur Young @ 972-578-9768

Mt. Olive Church of Plano
Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Pastor
740 Avenue F
Plano, TX 75075
972-633-5511

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
April 30 – May 2, 2004
Annual Women's Retreat
Location: Omni Dallas Hotel, 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75234
Retreat Package for two

nights, there are two double beds per Room. Package cost per person, Double is \$168.00; Triple is \$144.00 & Quad is \$132.00. Registration ends March 30.

For more information concerning the retreat, email Barbara Miller at bacmiller@comcast.net or Pamela Caston at caston@sbcglobal.net.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Support Group--Healing Past Wounds
Held in Youth Library, Room D204

For more information, contact Tera McFarland at 972-437-3493, Ext. 111

Saturdays, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
A refresher course in Spanish in Bldg 1010, Room D218
For more information, contact Anita Jarrell at 214-364-0330.

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship
Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor/Teacher
302 Centennial Blvd.
Richardson TX 75081-5057
972-437-3493

THE INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST CHURCH
Sign Up Now
FREE Computer Training classes by Dominion Training & Support Center

For more details and information, please call Rev. C. Greer @ 214-760-9575 or Email: Rnorag@aol.com

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church (IBOC)
Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Senior Pastor
7710 South Westmoreland
Dallas, TX 75237
972-572-IBOC (4262)

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Tomorrow and Saturday.

April 23-24
2004 Annual Women's Retreat @ the Embassy Suites in Grapevine, the theme: Faithful and on Fire for the Lord.
For more information on these two events, call 972-221-5668.

Westside Baptist Church
Rev. Kenneth Blake, Senior Pastor
802 Bellaire Blvd.
Lewisville, TX 75067
972-221-5668

Sims Chapel Baptist Church
The Fellowship of Love
(Sharing Love, Saving Souls and Changing Lives)
Sunday Services
Early Morning Worship: 8:00 am
Sunday School: 10:30 am
Mid-Morning Worship: 11:30 am
Bible Study
Wednesday Night Live @ 7:30 pm
317 Parker Drive • Garland, TX 75040
Phone: 972-276-0014 • Fax: 972-276-2444
Website: www.SimsChapel.org

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church
7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.
Dallas Texas 75237
Phone: 972-572-4262 Fax: 972-709-3888
Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 pm.
Monday School: 7pm
Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00pm
Website: www.ibocjoy.org

All Nations United Methodist Church
Dr. Clara M. Reed Senior Pastor
Dr. Bert Affleck Hispanic Ministries
"Christian by Faith, Diverse by Design"
Sunday 8:45am Sunday School
Sunday 8:45am Estudio Biblico En Español
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Tuesday 7:00pm Prayer Meeting
3415 E. 14th St.
Plano, TX. • 75074
972-424-8500
www.allnationsumc.org
(Free Nursery Provided For Ages 4 and Under)
Other ministries include: "English As A Second Language" and "Spanish As A Second Language" Classes.

Owenwood United Methodist Church
1451 John West Road Dallas, TX. 75228
214-328-5421 OwenwoodUMC@SBCGlobal.net
"Under New Management"
"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord"
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 AM
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM
Community In Prayer - Wednesday - 12 Noon Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 PM

BETHANY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY ACTIVITIES
8:30 am - Sunday School • 10:00 am - Worship Services
MONDAY
6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood
WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting
7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson
6710 Webster Avenue • Dallas, TX 75209
214-352-3552 (Phone) • 214-352-6793 (Fax)
abethany@sbcglobal.net (Email)
SATURDAY
10:00 am thru 1:00 pm Youth Activities

Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church
1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX
Pastor Charles S. Wattley
Sunday
Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Celebration... 11:00 am.
- Nursery Facilities Available -
Wednesday
Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.
Friendly Fellowship with A Family Focus
For More Information Call
972.542.6178
www.saintmarkbc.com
stmarkmissionary@aol.com

Little Flock Baptist Church
Pastor Louis E. Laurent
Internet Broadcast: www.krgm.com
(Mon - Fri @ 12 Noon)
A Place Where a "Taste of the Word" is Guaranteed
Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Sunday Night Service 6:30 pm
Tuesday Night Brotherhood 7:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.... 7:00 pm
704 E. Aimee Street • P.O. Box 903 • Forney, Texas 75126
Phone: 214-325-7021
Fax: 214-371-8922 or 214-372-2135
Email: thewordcuts@yahoo.com

New Life Fellowship of Hamilton Park
8219 Bunche Drive • Dallas, TX 75243
972-671-1096
Bishop Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor
A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17
Sunday Morning Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship (Agape Hour) First Sunday 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.

Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church
"Where Jesus is the Main Attraction"
Sunday Worship Experience
8:00 am & 10:45 am
Wednesday Bible Study
12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor
14120 Noel Road
Dallas, TX 75254
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templeoffaith_cme@sbcglobal.net (Email)
Healthy Beginnings Child Development Center
972-404-1412