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On the Homefront:

A Roundtable discussion will be held on Thursday July 29, from 9:00 am- 1:30 pm with focus on Health Savings Accounts (HSA's) and other options being reviewed by U.S. Congress to enhance health benefits available to small businesses. Hosted by Joseph Montes, Regional Administrator for SBA, and sponsored by the office of Sam Johnson, U.S. Representative. No cost. RSVP Jerry Durham, 972.470.0892.

The Plano Centre presents: Smart Women Finish Rich a workshop to be held at the Plano Station, located just east of the DART Downtown Plano Station. This workshop which takes place July 31, at 10 am will show you how to make smart decisions about your money, and also help you to determine your "Latte Factor" so that you can live and retire rich! Brunch will be provided. Admission is free but limited to 50 people. Reservations are mandatory call 800.947.8551.

For more information visit www.paradigmwealth1.sarep.com

Come celebrate National Kids Day on Sunday August 1, 2004 at Bob Woodruff park in Plano, TX., from 5 pm to 9 pm. Boys & Girls Club of America is establishing the first Sunday in August as a day devoted to the hearts and minds of children. Hope to see you there. For more information please contact Ms. Karen Johnson of the Plano Douglass Unit at 972-424-6301.

Plano Chamber of Commerce Women's Division Luncheons are held monthly at Gleneagles Country Club 5401 West Park Boulevard, from 11:30 - 1:00. The Wednesday, August 11th luncheon will feature Cynthia Coldren of the Small Business Development Center. Make your reservations by calling the Chamber at 972.424.7547. Reservations are due to the Chamber no later than noon on August 6th. The cost is \$20.00 at the door for members, \$25 for non-members and guests. Reservations will not be accepted after 12 noon on Friday, August 6th.

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What Can 100 Black Men Do?

Editor's Note: The following article coincides with the 100 Black Men, Inc. Dallas Chapter Story. It details the National Conference of 100 Black Men held in Miami, FL in June.

By Brynndah Hicks Turnbo
Miami - When a small group of Black men from New York City gathered together in 1963 to form yet another organization, more than likely mainstream opposition nonchalantly yawned and pondered this question, "What can 100 black men do?"

Forty years later, with more than 101 chapters and 10,000 members, this includes

Africa, England, and the Caribbean, the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. can proudly ask, "What more can they do?"

The 18th Annual National Conference of 100 Black Men

was recently held in June at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel.



Issac Hayes, Humanitarian Award Recipient

The conference theme was "Saluting the Past... Securing the Future."

The objective? Simple. To reignite their members and to provide new energy to deliver strong programs, which will inspire future generations. National Chairman Thomas W. Dortch, Jr., developed a long-term strategy for the 100 called "Four for the Future" programs.

This involves Mentoring, Education, Health and Wellness and Economic Development.

Representing the Dallas Chapter, which started in 1997, was President Anthony Sampson, and Vice President Robert Tapley. They brought mentees from Lincoln, Madison and Pinkston High School.

Sampson got started with the "100" when he heard about the

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100 Black Men of Dallas Helping the Community Grow Stronger

By Jennifer Berry

In 1963 in New York City, a revolutionary idea took shape among a group of black men.

They would begin a non-profit organization with the purpose of combining resources to aid the black community and other minorities, with a special focus on youth development.

These men wanted to remove cultural obstacles that they viewed as standing in the way of the success of young black men.

They summed up their purpose in the following mission statement: "To improve the quality of life of our Communities, and enhance educational and economic opportunities for all African-Americans."

This goal became the foundation of 100 Black Men of America, Inc.

Chapters of 100 Black Men

were formed both across the nation and internationally, the chapters began in cities such as St. Louis and Indianapolis. In

1997, a chapter was started here in Dallas.

A group of men desiring to make a difference in their community and sharing the vision of this non-profit organization petitioned the national office to form a third chapter of 100 Black Men in Texas.

Most of the activities that the Dallas chapter is involved in are part of a national program called "Four for the Future."

They emphasize four aspects of community life: mentoring, education, health and wellness, and economic development. Programs in each category are specifically aimed at young black men in order to guide them in the right direction and give them a

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New Study Shows Climate Change Poses Greater Risks To African Americans

U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson

Most of us added the term "environmental racism" to our vocabulary some time ago. Now we are expanding our vocabulary and our view of the world to deal with the health and economic impact of climate change on the African American population in Dallas, in North Texas, and in America.

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) has released the results of a groundbreaking new study that reveals the impact of climate change on the African American community.

The study, which was conducted by the research firm Redefining Progress, represents the first-ever

comprehensive examination of the health and economic impact of climate change on African Americans and members of various socioeconomic and racial groups.

While the impact of climate change is global, the effects are not spread evenly across the world. Instead, climate change is likely to impact people who are members of various socioeconomic and racial groups differently, including as we now know, African Americans.

African Americans are already disproportionately burdened by the health effects of climate change, including deaths during heat waves and from worsened air pollution.

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Edwards to Call Kerry 'Decisive, Strong'

By David Espo
AP Special Correspondent

BOSTON (AP) - John Edwards was to salute John Kerry Wednesday night as a man tested a generation ago in the heat of battle, ready now to lead America in an age of terrorism.

"Decisive. Strong. Aren't those the traits you want in a commander in chief?" Edwards was to say at the Democratic National Convention.

The vice presidential candidate was to accuse Republicans of trying to take "this campaign for the highest office in the land down to the lowest possible road," and was to urge rejection of "the tired, old, hateful, negative politics of the past."

"And instead you can embrace the politics of hope, the politics of what's

possible because this is America, where everything is possible," the vice presidential candidate was to say in remarks prepared for delivery to thousands of delegates jammed into the FleetCenter and a prime-time television audience.

Edwards was to step to the podium a few hours after Kerry campaigned his way to the convention city and into the eager embrace of his Vietnam War crewmates. A dozen fellow veterans greeted him, including Jim Rassmann, a retired Special Forces soldier whose life Kerry saved from a muddy river in the Mekong Delta while under enemy fire.

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Hip-Hop Summit Action Network

Boston--(Black Pr Wire)(Business Wire) Nearly 5,000 youth participants rallied at the Boston Hip-Hop Summit today in the heart of Boston's Roxbury community, while thousands of delegates were preparing to attend the opening of the Democratic National Convention. Members of Congress, State Legislators,



Hip Hop Artists Omarion and David Banner

Mayors, recording industry executives, hip-hop artists, civil rights, youth and community leaders witnessed the thunderous applause and affirmations of thousands of newly registered to vote young people who had jammed into the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center on the campus of the Roxbury Community College. The Hip-Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN) is the largest non-partisan, non-profit national coalition of hip-hop artists and recording industry executives. Its youth voter registration initiative is called "Hip-Hop Team Vote" (www.hsan.org).

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Lincoln Center Out Of Doors Presents Dallas Black Dance Theatre August 24-25, 2004

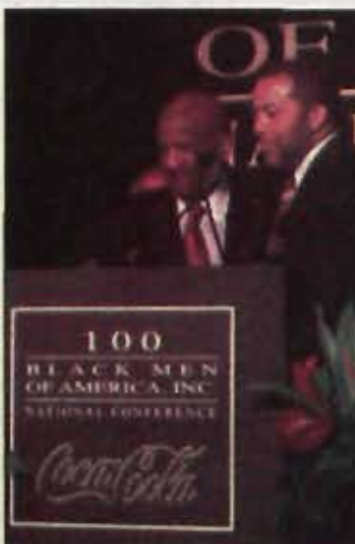


Lambarena couples

DALLAS—Start spreading the news and join Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) in New York City as they perform at the annual Lincoln Center Out of Doors Festival held August 24-25, 2004.

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youth mentoring program and



Lerone Bennett Jr. with National Chairman Thomas W. Dortch Jr. was motivated to get involved. "Giving back is a key component to success," Sampson said.

Vice President Tapley learned of the "100" while living in San Francisco. He too, was impressed with an organization that made young people a priority.

"I was privileged to have both parents who believed in me," Tapley said. "I work with the '100' because they promote what I believe in. Someone helped me, I would like to do likewise," he said.

Tapley and Sampson, along with their 35 mentors have been involved with assisting their mentees with ACT prep, PSAT reviews, and tutoring. They have also hosted Health and Wellness programs for teens.

Covering real issues that affect them: Teen Pregnancy, HIV, STDs, prostate cancer awareness and Nutrition. They have given away car seats during a "Safety Awareness Campaign" and partnered with Barry Manufacturing to give away business suits for those in need.

"We are seeking men who can roll up their sleeves and invest in the life of a young person," Sampson said.

Another highlight of the conference was the game "African American History Challenge" for the youth. Young people from across the country with record-breaking grade point averages competed against each other using only their academic intelligence.

"That is the correct response," was stated repeatedly by the moderator while pin-drop silence remained in the over crowded room of on-lookers.

"All teams came as winners, all will leave as winners," said moderator Brace Godfrey Esquire.

Award-winning writer/historian and author Lerone Bennett Jr. was on hand for the presentations. Bennett was the recipient of the Trailblazer's award at the Chairman's Luncheon.

He spoke proudly of the accomplishments of the "100" in the area of "image changing".

"This group has dared to make our history a priority. Proving once again that we must know where we come from in order to know where we are going," Bennett said. Also in attendance was keynote speaker 34 year old Kwame Kilpatrick, Mayor of Detroit. Kilpatrick



Will Downing performs at conference discarded his planned speech to address the young people in the audience.

"We often refer to our youth as the 'future.' I personally see

them as 'the now,' he said.

"What they do now is going to impact their future, our future."

Kilpatrick shared some life changing events that shaped his future. He recalled going home to a funeral with a roommate named "Tim".

Tim was a focused, dedicated student who didn't party, didn't waste time, didn't take for granted his studies while in college. Kilpatrick, at that time was the opposite of "Tim". Upon arriving in his small hometown in Georgia, Kilpatrick noticed that Tim was treated like a "celebrity" by everyone.

Tim later explained that he was the first person in the entire town to ever go away to college. Tim also added that he carried the hopes and dreams of the town on his shoulders and if he fails the town dies.

Kilpatrick said he was glad

that it's not him. To which Tim replied, "It is you, but you don't know it now, so that makes you a fool."

From that point on, Kilpatrick redirected his focus and never took for granted his responsibilities.

"All we have is the shoulders of those we stand on," Kilpatrick said.

"It's time we step up, for when we put the kids together, the



(Left to Right) Omaha Charter member James Mason, Brynnah Hicks Turnbo, MON The Gazette, John Mack, Harold Brown (Dallas), Fred Spigner (California)

entire world comes together." Attendees from the entertainment industry included workshop leaders Daphne and Tim Reid, Sheryl Lee Ralph, Singer Will

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.

SOUTHWESTERN

Around The Town

Ongoing

EyeCare America will be launching a summer campaign urging seniors to call the toll-free Seniors EyeCare Help Line: 1-800-222-EYES (3937), which is intended to remind the senior community about the value of sight. The free eye care program is available all year round. For more information, visit www.eyecareamerica.org.

Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972-548-4114. You can also visit www.co.collin.tx.us

Interactive 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 am-6 pm, Saturdays 11 am-6 pm and Sundays noon-6pm. Children 2-10 years \$4/ Adults \$3. Call 972-386-6555. Job seekers can

attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking Collin County. The nonprofit, business-to-business group oversees several chapters, group meetings from 11:30 am-1 pm 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

P.I.P. Productions the distribution of the new multi-station show, The Valder Beebe Show is announcing The Valder Beebe Show broadcasts on Garland, Texas' KXVI FM "The Bridge Network" each Sunday, 6-7PM

General Information

Urban League Garland Community Service Center offers limited financial assistance for utilities, rent and mortgage for local residents. Other services offered include housing counseling focusing on reverse mortgages, default mortgages as well as financial literacy for first time homebuyers is available by appointment only. For more

information please contact 214.413.1739.

Scholarship Information

More than 50 scholarships of \$2,000 each are available for Spanish-speaking bicultural, high school students who want to pursue careers in the health care industry by PacificCare Foundation Latino Health Scholars program. Contact Jaime Gonzales at 1-800-297-9355 ext. 1679 or email Jaime.Gonzalez@phs.com. Available now!!!

July 26 - August 1

Eastfield College Hosts 2nd annual Mesquite Guitar Festival at the Eastfield Performance Hall. All performances in the college Performance Hall unless otherwise noted. Festival activities kick off on July 26 with week-long workshops for enthusiasts of all ages on how to read music, identify notes on guitar, and perform as a group ensemble the last day of class. Costs for workshops range from \$50 to \$125.

For more information, contact Enric Madriguera at 972-860-3138 or Art

Greenhaw at 972-285-5441. Visit www.eastfieldcollege.com or www.artgreenhaw.com.

July 30-July 31, 2004

Teams are needed for the McKinney Sports Association Basketball tournament. Girls grades 8th and 9th are invited to participate in the event from 9 am to 2 pm. Cost per team is \$150.00. Only equipment needed is a basketball for warm-ups. For more information please contact Marcus Wright at 469-481-0712 or Larry Thomas at 972-562-7761.

August 13, 2004

Don't miss this deadline. Registration is free; however, pre-registration is required. Teen Graffiti Magazine, Teens Reaching Teens Inc. and Lakewest Family YMCA brings a youth summit just in time for back to school titled "Keepin' It Real" Youth Empowerment Summit. For registration information please contact Sharon Jones-Scaife at 972-496-9457 or visit www.teengraffiti.com to download registration form.

August 14, 2004

The NAACP Garland Branch will host its 2nd Annual Community Health Fair at Gale Fields Recreation Center located at 1701 Dairy Rd., Garland, TX.

August 21, 2004

Let's Get Glam. SistahsConnect.com along with Luster Inc., presents a series of GLAM parties and you are invited. Join us on Saturday August 21 from 12 pm to 4 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison. The cost is \$25 per person. To RSVP, send an email to rsvp@sistahsconnect.com

Support Groups

Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For information call 972-519-1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at

Humanitarian Award for his work with the youth of Ghana. (and yes, he did perform)

For More Information on 100 Black Men of Greater Dallas, contact Robert B. Tapley 214-426-2686 ext. 170 or National Office of 100 Black Men 1-800-598-3411

SPEND A WEEKEND WITH BILLY BLANKS!

Friday, August 13th VIP Reception

Tickets are \$50

(For more details about VIP tickets call 972-423-6394 or 972-562-1877)

Saturday, August 14th

Workout Sessions are 8:30, 11:00, & 1:30

Tickets are \$35 @ www.ticketmaster.com, Foleys Department Store and Fiesta Foods.

First Baptist Church of McKinney, Pastor Lee Edwards, Overseer



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THE TRUTH CLINIC

The 9/11 Report Is Missing An Essential Chapter

The much-anticipated 9/11 report was released on last Thursday with all the fanfare deserving of a definitive account of the worst terror attack in US history. Almost 600 pages in length, the document represents 20 months of commission effort in digesting 2.5 million pages of information and the testimony of over 1,200 interviews.

The commission has taken on an unprecedented life of its own after overcoming the initial reluctance of the Bush administration to convene a 9/11 fact-finding body. It has grown in credibility over the months and has gained the moral high ground in large measure because of the unqualified public support of congress and the families of victims killed on 9/11.

The commissioners concluded that because of America's actions since 9/11 we are safer, but we are not yet safe. They paint a picture of failed leadership at all levels of government that should make every American pause, take note of the facts, and demand that urgent action be taken to correct the institutional shortcomings identified.

"The institutions charged with protecting our borders and national security did not understand how grave this threat [terrorism] could be, and did not adjust their policies, plans, and practices to deter or defeat it," the bipartisan commission unanimously declared. The commissioner's portrayed the Sept. 11 terrorists as creative, patient and determined while the America they were preparing to strike was unprepared, complacent and uncomprehending of the imminent danger. It is an ugly picture of internal government discord, dysfunction and disarray.

While the report meticulously details the events leading up to 9/11, defines the nature of terrorists, the sophistication of their operations, and the missed opportunities to disrupt the attacks the recommendations address structural reforms. The commission proposed a three-dimensional terrorism strategy: (1) attack terrorists and their organizations, (2) prevent the continued growth of Islamic terrorism, and (3) protect against and prepare for terrorist attacks.

These proposals are viable responses to the cause and effect terrorism cycle but history has shown that they will only lead to perpetual conflict similar to that between the Israelis and Palestinians, between the Christians and Protestants in Northern Ireland, or the Islamic North and Christian South in Sudan.

The 9/11 report does not shed light on how America's foreign policy encourages terrorism and increases the animus directed toward the United States. Correcting government infrastructure, fixing the intelligence community and being able to interpret and integrate security related data will not eradicate terrorism.

Al Qaeda terrorism represents an ideological movement, not a thing that can be eliminated with troops, planes and smart bombs. We have tried this more than once and instead of being liberators we are perceived as despotic occupiers. Instead of peace and security there is chaos.

Seven term United States Senator Ernest Hollings (D-SC) recently stated, "others keep parroting that terrorists hit us because of our values and hate us because of who we are. Not so! It is our Mideast policy they oppose."

America's hypocrisy in its foreign policy is obvious. We talk

one way and act another. We promise democracy while simultaneously supporting dictators. We extol human rights while violating them. We pretend to promote the rule of law while ignoring laws we deem contrary to our selfish interests.

It is also clear that America's emerging vision as the worlds economic, cultural, and political super power - established and maintained by superior military force -- poses a clear and present threat to all who would seek to challenge or question America's "New World Order." America's decision to preempt, alienate former friends and go-it-alone is an open invitation for dissenting nations and groups to strike back. It is also a one-way ticket to financial ruin.

The best way to keep people from believing that America is responsible for their problems is to avoid imposing our will into their domestic conflicts. Some four decades ago, The Ugly American became a runaway national bestseller for its cutting exposé of American arrogance, incompetence, insensitivity and corruption in Southeast Asia. The book delineated how America was losing the struggle with Communism in Asia with its irritatingly aggressive foreign policy and callous disregard of the subtleties of the resident culture.

America cannot win the war on terrorism using its military might alone. Democracy cannot be imposed on another nation at the point of a gun.

American foreign policy is energizing terrorists faster than the military can destroy them and unless our policies are revised to invite inclusion instead of exclusion, the war on terrorism will be America's burden for generations to come.

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



Jesse Blankenship
Government Staff Writer

"ELECTION 2000" screamed the headline in a special election edition of the prestigious Washington Post. And so with an error of delicious irony leading the way, the Democratic National Convention kicked off last night at the Fleet Center in Boston.

For many Democrats, the 2000 election was "stolen" away by "rascally Republicans" in a variety of schemes ranging from voter fraud to outright "Jim Crow" style disenfranchisement.

To be sure, emotions are running high four years after an election that saw the popular vote winner lose the election in the Electoral College. This issue seems to be the energizing factor for many and the allusions were loud and clear in the first round of speeches Monday night.

Monday's main speakers included former Vice President Al Gore, Former President Jimmy Carter, Senator and former First Lady Hillary Rodham

Clinton and the hero of the party himself, Former President Bill Clinton.

While all speeches reflected the frantically enforced policy of "no Bush bashing", there was plenty of "red meat" for the party faithful to consume.

Al Gore's speech showed no reflection of his volatile rhetoric of the past few months but his exhortation for the crowd to channel their anger over the 2000 election into votes for Kerry - Edwards was clear enough and was loudly, well received.

President Carter gave the

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sharpest address saying that (President) Bush had "put soldiers in harm's way" by unnecessarily initiating wars of choice." He clearly shared his opinion that President Bush was a failed President and ought to be replaced by John Kerry.

Senator Clinton's speech was a gentle introduction of her husband and then came the moment everyone in the hall had been waiting for, the address by former President Bill Clinton.

The speech was classic Clinton, demonstrating that he is indeed still the brightest light in his Party. The floor, usually conspicuously empty until the acceptance speech on the last night was packed tight.

In his speech Clinton wowed the crowd with a picture of a John Kerry always willing to serve his country, saying "send me" whenever he was asked.

If the Kerry campaign had been nervous about the Clinton's support, their fears were completely allayed by a ringing endorsement.

The former President further portrayed Republicans as "dividers of America" and although not mentioning Bush by name, did speak of him as a failed President. Finally, Mr. Clinton gave the line of the night (and if the Kerry campaign is smart, the slogan of the campaign) that "strength and wisdom are not opposing values" and John Kerry has both in abundance.

Of course the speeches are designed to be partisan rhetoric to stimulate the party's rank and file members and also put out the party's message for the campaign.

Mr. Clinton did both jobs very well. It was apparent that if he

was constitutionally allowed, he could easily win a third nomination.

So where are the African-Americans in this event? For a party that is so diverse, why so few positions of prominence? While an interesting question there is one prime-time speaker who fits the bill, Illinois senatorial candidate Barack Obama who will speak Tuesday night.

Mr. Obama is a rising star within the Party and is trying to become only the third African-American senator since Reconstruction. The first was Senator Edward Brooke (R) Mass, elected in 1966 and serving two terms.

The second, Senator Carol Mosley-Braun (D) Ill., elected in the "year of the woman" 1992, served one term.

Over 20 % of the delegates are African-American but as of this writing, there are still no Blacks of any real importance or visibility in the Kerry campaign.

Other notes of interest include the exceptionally heavy security, protesters being kept far out of the way and uncovered by the media for the most part, Teresa Heinz-Kerry telling a Pittsburgh reporter to "shove it" while asking a question that she did not like and the first night's coverage of the convention drew the lowest network ratings of all time.

Look for this coverage to disappear in the future. This column suggests following the events on the 24 hour cable news channels where the coverage is much better, informative and in-depth. Stay tuned! There is plenty more to follow.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre Page 1

The performances will be at the Lincoln Center for Performing Arts, Damrosch Park Bandshell, 70 Lincoln Center Plaza. This remarkable event is FREE to the public with open seating.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre last performed at the Lincoln Center Out of Doors festival in 1996. "Our company has grown in technical strength and depth since our last appearance there, and we look forward to showcasing some of our best works and really electrifying the audiences in New York," states DBDT Founder/Artistic Director Ann Williams.

The works that have been chosen from DBDT's extensive repertory are Lambarena,

choreographed by Troy Powell, resident choreographer for Ailey II; and Center of Your Will, a solo from Earl Mosley's Pass It On.

Mr. Mosley is a faculty member of The Ailey School. Nicole Ray's Love Tri-Tango will have its New York premiere; and an audience favorite, Night Run, choreographed by Christopher Huggins, international teacher/choreographer and former dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, will close the dance company's presentation.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre will share the two evening programs with New York's Ronald K. Brown/Evidence.

For more information on the

festival, please visit www.lincolncenter.org. For more information on Dallas Black Dance Theatre, please call (214) 871-2376 or visit our web site at www.dbdt.com.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre's performance at the Lincoln Center Out of Doors is supported by American Airlines, the City of Dallas/Office of Cultural Affairs and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Lincoln Center out of Doors is sponsored by Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman with additional generous support from foundations, corporations, individuals and government agencies.

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brighter future.

"We want to develop future leaders," said Anthony Sampson, a co-founder and current President of the Dallas chapter.

"It's nice to have young men come up to you and tell you that you changed their lives."

The Dallas chapter is very involved with mentoring, both group and individual. They currently have group mentoring at Sam Houston High School in Arlington and Madison High School in Dallas.

Part of this, is a 9-step program involving guest speakers who are experts in various fields that come and speak to groups of young men. They cover topics ranging from self-esteem, preparing for the SAT and ACT to finding career paths.

Sampson commented, "I am honored to be involved with these kids and help them prepare for tomorrow. Mainly we focus on academics but also deal with the

social aspects."

When school is not in session, the Dallas chapter takes students to a variety of events and venues in the Dallas area. They have gone to sports events, museums, and the symphony.

At Thanksgiving they get involved with food drives in their

and screenings starting in August. Expert speakers will be addressing health issues affecting the black community such as diabetes and asthma.

On June 9-13 2004, the chapter, along with eleven students, attended the 100 Black Men's National Conference in Miami, Florida. This four-day event, themed "Saluting the Past...Securing the Future," was open to everyone, although registration was required.

Participants included a large number of highly successful executives, athletes, and other celebrities.

The men of the Dallas chapter are proud of their involvement with this influential organization.

Robert Tapley, co-founder and current vice president, said, "Our precept is to really help improve the life of our communities. Through leadership we want to create an environment where children are empowered to become self-sufficient."

More information about the organization can be found at <http://www.100blackmen.org>.



Dallas Chapter of 100 Black Men
(Left to Right) Daniel Johnson, Eid Gray, Anthony Sampson, Eldridge Moore, Alan Banks, Robert B. Tapley

communities. They also work to create business relationships and job opportunities for the young men.

Currently the chapter is located at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Clinic in Dallas. In light of their commitment to address health and wellness issues, they will be collaborating with the clinic to begin a series of health seminars

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The Three Deadly Myths: Uncovering the three most deadly myths of business success

By Joe John Duran

We all love the idea of running our own business. We dream of creating our own work environment, making unlimited amounts of money for ourselves and those we love, and working on our own terms. That's why more than one million new businesses are formed every year in the United States. But the sad reality is that half of those businesses will fail within two years. They will collapse for a variety of reasons, most often because the founder held some misguided beliefs.

We interviewed dozens of successful entrepreneurs for Start it, Sell it and Make a Mint (John Wiley & Sons) and found there were three misconceptions that proved to be deadly to independent businesses:

Deadly Myth #1: If you build it, they will come.

The movie "Field of Dreams," starring Kevin Costner, illustrates one of the biggest business killing myths. In that movie, baseball loving Costner fought all kinds of obstacles to build a magical baseball field, and then people drove in from all over the country to see it. The movie showed all of the frustrations he encountered in building his field, and yet once he had it built, people began to appear magically. Similarly, many business owners believe that customers will simply pour in. This typically doesn't happen, though. If you do not market and sell your services, not only will they not come, but they won't even notice!

While many business owners spend countless hours designing brochures or working on the look of their logo, they spend remarkably little time identifying how they will reach their potential customers, and how they will get these prospects to buy their products or services.

Here's one interesting example: Mark opened a yoga studio in a busy part of the city. He spent a small fortune building a gorgeous studio with three large yoga rooms, marble showers, and a zen-like trickling fountain. Many yogis agreed it was a beautiful retreat. He was a well known instructor so he never doubted people would come. He had also recruited other good instructors to teach at his studio. He opened his doors and, after six months, only two or three people were showing up to classes. Nowhere in his budget had he planned on such a low turnout. It wasn't long before his gorgeous studio faltered - all because Mark bought into the "Field of Dreams" myth.

Deadly Myth #2: Doing what you love is the key to success.

There's a huge difference between making great bread and running a great bakery. Most successful entrepreneurs enjoy running the business more than they enjoy what their business does.

Maria is a middle aged woman who loved designing dresses. She had slowly grown her dress business out of her home. After a couple of years she had six employees and spent more of her time on operational and administrative

issues. She hated being taken away from designing and suspected there were many things she didn't know about running the business, but she simply ignored several of the brewing challenges. She had turned her hobby into a business, but the company eventually failed because she never ran it like a business. Successful entrepreneurs understand the importance of running a company like a business.

Deadly Myth #3: A profitable business is a successful business.

Remember tomorrow's profits won't pay today's bills. Sadly, countless entrepreneurs find themselves at the last minute realizing they don't have enough cash in their account to make payroll or pay for their rent. Many businesses would be saved if the owners understood that cash flow is all that really matters for any independent business. It's easy to design a spreadsheet that creates an illusion of profits. However, many a business goes bankrupt while waiting for those profits to arrive.

A nice example of the "profit" myth was shared by Jeff. He had a division of his company that sold promotional products via catalog. For some reason, while his profits were supposedly increasing by huge amounts, his cash was being depleted from his bank accounts at an alarming rate. When he went to his warehouse, he found out that he had a large collection of TVs in storage. The firm had shifted from small gadgets to large

electronics because the profit margins were much higher. But then he discovered that the vendors wanted payment in cash upon delivery where his prior vendors would be paid up to two months after delivery. This meant that the more successful they were at selling TVs, the more cash he needed to carry the inventory. The banks were not comfortable lending money on TVs in a warehouse so he had to scale back the business or he would have failed. Hard to imagine that increased success would increase their likelihood of failure, but it did. This type of situation occurs often for businesses. A profitable business is not necessarily a

successful one.

The lesson here is simple: concentrate on cash flow. Ensure you understand the timing of payments, both in and out. Make sure you build a buffer, because invariably

money takes longer to come in than to leave. Remember that cash is the lifeblood of your business. Profits are not! Succeeding in business is hard enough; don't let these three myths trip you up!

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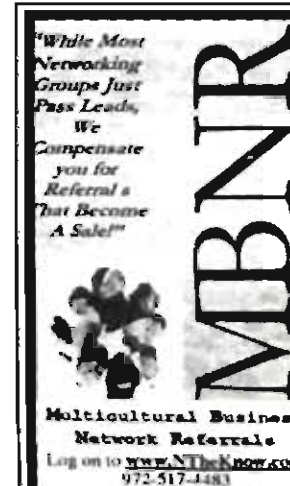


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the abovementioned multiplication problem, because the article discusses the purchase of the very bus in which Rosa made history. The Henry Ford Museum in Greenfield, Michigan purchased it.

The bus was found in a field, rusted and riddled with bullet holes. The museum paid \$492,000 for it, and spent \$300,000 more for its restoration. That's nearly one-third of what the brothers and sisters would have accumulated from their bus fares in 1955-56. With \$3.2 million not only could they have bought a fleet of Black owned buses, they could have also bought the Rosa Parks Bus. Do you see the irony here? Do you see the lesson? By the way, if you want to see the bus, you'll have to pay between \$8.50 and \$13.00 for admission to the museum.

Even though our "leaders" have waited nearly forty years to tell us that economic empowerment is what we must seek and fight for, it is vital that we take our lessons whenever and wherever we can find them. We must remember that it always boils down to economics in some form or fashion.

I don't know about you, but I think we would be much better off today if we owned a few bus companies rather than having to pay to ride on someone else's. I think Rosa Parks, and those who refused to give up their seats even before she did, would be happier and rest easier if Black people manufactured and owned the school buses our children have been riding for decades.

I know I would much rather go to Detroit and ride a Black owned bus than to go to a museum and pay to see the bus that Rosa Parks and others rode in 1955. It may be a piece of history, but it's still just a bus, y'all, an inanimate object that played nothing more than a passive role in what we now call our struggle for equality.

Someone has already made a few hundred thousand dollars from the sale of the bus. Someone else will make another \$300,000 to restore it. And the museum will make who knows how much because people want to see it, to board it, to touch it. As Don King says, "Only in America!"

I truly appreciate the willing spirit of those who sacrificed, walked, fought, and subjected themselves to the horrendous treatment of the Bull Connors of this world. It would be a tribute to them if we would use the lessons they left for us and build on what they did by economically empowering ourselves and our children. Celebration and nostalgia are fine, but what we need these days are ownership and control of income-producing assets, like buses and museums.

Speaking of museums, I trust thousands of you went to the Voting Rights Museum in Selma for the annual commemoration at the Edmond Pettus Bridge. I also hope you will continue to go and take your children there, not only to be educated by Ms. Joann Bland and others, but because it belongs to Black folks and we should support it all year long.

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Mattie Roberts Honorary Chair for the Dallas Arts Gala Benefit

By Danyell Taylor

Dallas arts and culture lovers save this date, September 18, 2004, where the public is invited to come and enjoy an extravagant evening at the Dallas Arts Gala Benefit. The event promises to offer spectacular music, theatre and dance entertainment at the Dallas convention center arena along with a visual arts exhibition featuring the works of 150 Dallas artists.

The evening will begin with a celebrity red carpet walk and VIP reception followed by an entertainment variety show. Performing arts groups such as the Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Dejeu Kunda West African Dance Company, Shakespeare Midnight Echoes and the 300 Voice Multi-Cultural Choir will lend its flavor to the star-studded event.

"You can make sure I'll be there right on the front row with my camera trying to figure out how I can dance just like that," said Senator Royce West, Honorary Chair.

"It's going to be a big party," said Eula Vaughan, Chairperson of Ticket sales. "There will be performances for all different mediums so everyone's palette can

be satisfied."

The Dallas Arts Gala Benefit will showcase and celebrate the diversity that is Dallas. The goal for the gala is to generate revenue for Dallas arts organizations to help market and promote their respective cultural programs.

"Bringing money to the Arts is a challenge, but beyond that are the synergies and connections this kind of activity creates which proves much more valuable than the money," said Mary Suhm,

Interim City Manager.

The future of the Dallas arts and cultural scene is continuing to shine as artists who have achieved fame and glory come back to give to their community. Many of the national artists have strong connections to Dallas.

Most are either natives of Dallas, started their careers in Dallas, or currently live in Dallas. Each individual has pledged to use their special talent to benefit Dallas' rich and diverse arts and cultural programs.

National artists include: Erykah Badu, Neo-soul recording artist; Regina Taylor, actress, film/television/theatre; Kirk Franklin, gospel recording artists; KiKi Shepard, actress/hostess "Live in Hollywood; Yarbrough & Peoples, R&B recording artist and many more.

Curtis King, founder and director of The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, is the creator and producer of the Dallas Arts Gala Benefit. According to King, the gala is destined to become widely recognized as one of the most

prestigious cultural tributes in North Texas.

"It's going to be thrilling to see what this man [Curtis King] will do with all of our energy and support behind him," said media personality, Mattie Roberts, Honorary Chair. "We are going to do such an incredible thing."

"This event will become an institution in this community," said West. "It will continue to bring Dallas together. We have a very diverse city and just think of all the different arts and different performances we will be entertained with come September 18."

Several organizations and individuals have committed their time, talent and advertising to the success of this event. Sponsors and Supporters to date include: Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau, City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, Levenson-Brinker PR, The Mansion on Turtle Creek, 94.5 Ksoul & 97.9 The Beat and Rainbow Entertainment and more.

Tickets are on sale now. Prices are \$25, \$35 \$50, \$100 and are available at TicketMaster 214-373-8000 and The Black Academy of Arts and Letters box office at 214-473-2400.



Senator Royce West (D) Honorary Chair for the Dallas Arts Gala Benefit

Wendy Johnson "Intentional Optimism"

An intimate collection of Bedford artist Wendy Johnson's recent, contemporary artwork will be featured during a live jazz reception at Stephanie Ward Gallery, 2546 Elm Street, Dallas, Friday July 30, 2004 6-8p.m.

Johnson, the top selling gallery artist will unveil her new series "Intentional Optimism" which depicts in vivid, textured paintings the courage and dedication each of us must access at critical crossroads when we least feel such an outlook is possible.

"Most days I find optimism is a choice, and some days it's harder to come by," said Johnson, "harder, but not impossible."

An apt metaphor for her burgeoning art career, Johnson's views on exploring what is possible have helped her transition from self-taught painter to one of the gallery's most celebrated artists.

Her unique ability to capture fleeting moments and powerful emotions in a masterful blend of the

abstract expressionist and impressionist genres is as responsible for her success as her determination.

"Wendy's works exude sophistication and creativity. She is my personal favorite and one of the gallery's most sought out artists," said Stephanie Ward, owner of Stephanie Ward Gallery in historic, Deep Ellum.

Collectors and enthusiasts are invited to attend Johnson's fourth annual exhibit at the gallery, which will highlight her new work with bright primary colors portraying intimacies families regularly encounter.

"We are all connected by the often unnoticed struggles and triumphs of everyday life," Johnson said. "As I paint, I strive to infuse a feeling of hope and encouragement."

Johnson will share her optimism in a short lecture on her artwork, and will be available for questions afterward.

This show is a benefit for the Urban Artist Program. The year-old program provides art supplies, training and exhibit opportunities for children and young adults that show talent and

interest in visual arts. The program's mission is to foster education and develop the artistic talents of the next generation of artists.

Participants in the program are exposed to mid-career artists, art patrons, and professionals in the art industry.

"Since many school districts have moved away from strong art programs, there is a wealth of talent out here that needs to be developed," said Ward "I feel it is part of my responsibility to encourage and promote the growth and development of the next generation of artist."

Currently, the program needs supplies such as canvas, acrylic paint, gesso and brushes and paper for the students. Those interested in donating supplies or their time should call the gallery at 214 752-5588

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While a key theme at the Summit was the importance of youth voter registration and the "Hip-Hop Team Vote" initiative, the broader issue of self-empowerment was at the heart of the encouragement offered by the panelists to the young people paying rapt attention in the audience. Kevin Liles, an HSAN board member and a mentor to many, emphasized, "To be successful in life requires hard work, diligence and, most of all, perseverance. You all must take advantage of every opportunity you can to be responsible for improving the quality of your own life and the life of your community."

The four-hour Summit featured hip-hop celebrity panelists including Russell Simmons, Reverend Run of Run DMC, Def Jam Enterprises President/CEO Kevin Liles, HSAN President/CEO Benjamin Chavis, Dunk The Vote President Ron Bell, Lloyd Banks, Andre 3000, Wyclef Jean, Ying Yang Twins, Bone Crusher, Free from BET's "106 & Park," Loon, Big Tigger, Farnsworth Bentley, Babs from Da Band, and HSAN's Vice President Jeff Johnson.

The Boston Hip-Hop Summit was sponsored by PlayStation 2, Anheuser-Busch, Inc. and Radio One's WBOT-FM Hot 97.7, and WILD 1090 AM.

The PlayStation 2 Pulse Poll, taken at the Boston Hip-Hop Summit, revealed 81% of eligible youth plan to vote in this year's presidential election. 74% are registering to vote because they want to make a difference in the country and feel that voting is the best way to do that. The top three issues of importance to young people were education, jobs and the economy.

Responding to the question "Looking ahead to the 2004 presidential election, how will you vote?" 81% were for John Kerry, 13% were undecided and 4% were for George Bush.

Simmons declared, "Clearly, today is another great sign of the growing energy and momentum of youth who are responding throughout America by registering to vote and by offering themselves in the service of ending poverty and ignorance."

Andre 3000 of Outkast made a surprise guest appearance at the Boston Hip-Hop Summit and encouraged young people "to take voting seriously."

Lloyd Banks, who has the #1 album in the country this week, The Hunger For More, was insistent in saying, "The youth of today can make a difference. That difference will be made at the voting polls, as well as in the communities, where we all are demanding a better way of life."

Reverend Run offered a final prayer at the conclusion of the Boston Hip-Hop Summit.

"Our prayer is for peace and for a universal love among all the people of the world."

Dr. Benjamin Chavis concluded, "Once again, young people have resoundingly stood up and demanded that their interests and voice be heard. There is no question that the youth vote will determine the outcome of the 2004 elections. We're now getting ready for the 'March on New York: Still We Rise,' on August 30, 2004 in New York City."

"No retreat, no surrender," he was to vow after crossing Boston's inner harbor by ferry for a welcome-home rally in the city that has nourished his political career for a quarter century.

"We are taking this fight to the country and we are going to win back our democracy and our future," Kerry was to say.

In keeping with the overwhelming security arrangements for the first national political convention since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Kerry's ferry was escorted by Coast Guard vessels armed with 240-mm machine guns as it made the brief trip across the open harbor.

The convention schedule had the delegates formally nominating the Massachusetts senator for president after Edwards' prime-time speech.

The four-term Massachusetts senator accepts his party's

presidential nomination Thursday. His speech marks the finale of a unified party convention but also the kickoff of a bruising, closely contested fall campaign to wrest the White House from President Bush.

Edwards, a first-term North Carolina senator, was Kerry's most dogged rival in the primary campaign, a skilled performance that helped land him on the presidential ticket after less than a decade in politics.

In speech excerpts obtained by The Associated Press, he was to underscore one of the principal themes of a convention scripted to present Kerry as a decorated war hero ready to take command.

Kerry's crewmates "saw him reach down and pull one of his men from the river and save his life. And in the heat of battle, they saw him decide, in an instant, to turn his boat around, drive it straight through an enemy position and chase down the enemy to save his

crew," Edwards was to say of events that occurred more than three decades ago in Vietnam.

Edwards was to evoke images of today's veterans, men and women wounded in such Iraqi cities as Baghdad or Fallujah, whom he said "deserve a president who understands ... on the most personal level what they have gone through."

"The stars and stripes wave for them. The word hero was made for them. They are the best and the bravest," he was to say.

Opinion polls show the country divided over the war in Iraq, but Bush favored over Kerry when it comes to waging war on terrorism. Edwards' remarks - combined with Kerry's arrival ceremony - extended a convention-long effort to persuade Americans that it's safe to replace the current commander in chief.

Most polls show a close race for the White House, with Kerry either

tied or slightly ahead.

A convention-week lull in the television ad wars was nearing an end. Officials said the Democratic National Committee was launching a fresh round of ads in more than a dozen battleground states beginning this weekend. The cost will reach \$6 million in the first week alone, they added.

While both Kerry and Bush have raised more than \$200 million apiece for their campaigns, federal law precludes them from spending it after their national conventions.

That puts Kerry at a disadvantage - the Republican National Convention won't take place until the end of August. As a result, the DNC will run ads independently of Kerry to ensure that Bush isn't the only candidate on the air.

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So here's a simple tip: place a few empty tuna cans in your yard in the pattern of your sprinkler's spray. As you water, avoid runoff by pausing to allow water to absorb if necessary. Once the tuna cans are full, your lawn's had enough. Your grass will get a good drink, and you'll save money and water.

Remember the city ordinance guidelines:

- Water just your lawn, not driveways, sidewalks or streets.
- Promptly repair broken or leaky sprinkler heads and systems.
- Turn off sprinklers when it's raining.
- From June 1 to Sept. 30, water only before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. when using sprinklers. Watering with a hand-held hose or soaker hose is permitted at any time.
- Automatic sprinkler system owners are required to have rain and freeze sensors installed by January 1, 2005.

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NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

The North Texas Tollway Authority will receive sealed proposals at 5900 W. Plano Pkwy. Suite 100, Plano, TX 75093, 214-461-2049, until Thursday, August 26, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. for the following projects:

Project RM - 233. Generally consists of replacing existing roof top HVAC units on 31 toll booths on the Dallas North Tollway and Mountain Creek Lake Bridge. Bid packet cost is \$50 and is available after August 2, 2004. THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON AUGUST 12 at 10:00 A.M. AT THE NTTA MAIN OFFICES IN PLANO. Contact Sherry at 214-461-2049 for more information.

Project CIF - 241. Generally consists of pavement profiling (diamond grinding of existing asphalt and concrete pavement) on the President George Bush Turnpike. Approx. Quantities: 73,030 SY Diamond Grinding and 30,663 LF Prefab Pavement Markings. Bid packet cost is \$25 and is currently available. THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON AUGUST 12 at 2:00 P.M. AT THE NTTA MAIN OFFICES IN PLANO. Contact Sherry at 214-461-2049 for more information.

Project DNT - 526. Generally consists of providing 6 dump trucks and at least 6 drivers to help with snow and ice control on an "as-needed" basis. Self-contained sand spreaders and material will be provided by the NTTA. The duration of this contract will be for 4 months beginning in November 2004. Bid packets are free and are currently available. THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON AUGUST 12 at 3:00 P.M. AT THE NTTA MAIN OFFICES IN PLANO. Contact Sherry at 214-461-2049 for more information.

Bid packets include plans (if any), specifications, and quantities. Cost of the bid packet is non-refundable. Acceptable methods of payment include cashier's check, money order, company check, or personal check. **Cash will not be accepted.** Bid packets may also be examined at the NTTA offices. In order to bid, you must purchase a bid packet from the NTTA. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked clearly with the project number, company's name, and bid opening date. No oral, telephoned, or faxed bids will be considered. Late bids will not be considered and will be returned unopened. To register online to do business with the NTTA, go to www.ntta.org click the "Business" link, and then on "Register". All rights reserved.



Sister Tarpley

Usually, June through September every year or every two years, there are planned family reunions all over the U.S.A. There were three major family reunions that I attended this year. The Baker's, etc. my maternal side, in Mexico, Texas which has been going on for 57 years and my paternal side, the Demus', etc. also in Mexico, it has been going on for approximately 22 years. For the first time I was blessed to attend the "Irene Baker Williams, etc. Family Reunion" in New Jersey. While in New Jersey I was honored to meet many (new to me) family members, from mostly all over New Jersey, New York, North & South Carolina, and other States as well; I truly appreciate each and every cousin that I met and I value the rich heritage that they bring to our precious family.

While searching my family history in 1995, I was led to New Jersey where I met my cherished cousin, Pauline Robinson Drake (what a great blessing!) We are both great great granddaughters of Rhoda Baker Johnson Calico from Calvert, Texas who on the 1910 Census roll was living in Elizabeth, New Jersey and in 1927 she died there.

While discussing family history with Cousin Pauline, I reminded her that the Bakers in Texas had a yearly reunion that had been going on since my Aunt Pauline Baker Person (my mother's sister) initiated it in 1947. My aunt Pauline attended only one reunion because the next year she was deceased. My mother and her siblings decided to honor their sister by continuing the reunion annually. The Bakers in Texas have always welcomed and encouraged all heirs of Rhoda Baker Johnson Calico to attend our annual reunion the 3rd Weekend in June (Father's Day). Cousin Pauline and her wonderful husband, Howard Drake attended our 2002 and 2003 reunions. They had such a wonderful time meeting and socializing

A SUCCESSFUL FAMILY REUNION

with their Texas cousins that a seed was planted in Pauline's heart to contact as many heirs of Irene Baker Williams and start their own family reunion tradition in New Jersey. It must be something about the name "Pauline" that inspires family get-to-gathers.

The results of that seed being planted in Pauline's heart culminated in the first "Irene Baker Williams, etc. 2004 Family Reunion." She first called her cousin Solomon Gilbert who, sadly, passed July 15, 2004, only two days before the reunion. Her next contacts and committee members were her sister Linda Ellerbe, niece Barbara Robinson Ramirez, cousins Katie Smalls Woods, Josey Jones



Picture of The Week
Sister Tarpley & Mrs. Clara Thomas Smalls, mother of Katie Smalls Woods and the only surviving granddaughter of Irene Baker Williams (a daughter of Rhoda Baker Johnson Calico)

Simmons, Margie Leeks Jenkins and Jimmy Gilbert. A "fire" was lit and everybody got busy. Katie who grew up knowing a lot of Irene's heirs started a chain of telephone calls that when she and the others were through with their calls there were approximately 410 plus heirs in the immediate area, and that they had located approximately 250 plus that attended their first reunion on July 17, 2004 at the Historical Heath Farm & Exhibits Museum in Middletown, NJ. I was invited to attend their first reunion and to write a note explaining why I thought a reunion was the best thing that could happen to a family.

At the reunion I heard many family members exclaimed, "I didn't know that I had so many family members and especially in the area!" "Oh, I had heard some talk about our family in Texas

getting together each year, but these cousins live here, close to me!" "Some have lived just a block or two away and I didn't know them."

"Will you look at this man, lady, boy or girl, they look just like Aunt Margie, Uncle James, Cousin Solomon, Cousin Katie's grandson, granddaughter, etc., this is 'unbelievable,' Cousin Pauline's favorite word at the reunion."

I told my cousins that the Baker's in Texas kept saying "It's in the blood!" Nothing more needed to be said.

I want to appreciate all committee members and two "unofficial" members, Sidney & Howard Drake. Special thanks and appreciations to Linda Ellerbe & her assistant Josey who worked extremely hard for two days preparing & serving food (with enough to take plates of food home) for 250 plus family members. And I can't forget Cousin Sidney (Pauline's son) who was the best "go-for-it" person that I have witnessed.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST AND VERY SUCCESSFUL FAMILY REUNION.

There is a saying that you don't know where you are going until you know where you have been. As youngsters we don't know how to appreciate and value our ancestors. We fail to fully comprehend that had it not been for our ancestors, we would not exist. We also fail to realize that we are the total sum of all of our ancestors and that our "special gift," be it singing, dancing, being a comedian, acting, preaching, teaching, nursing, being a doctor, playing a musical instrument, etc. can be traced directly back to them. A reunion is another excellent time to teach your children their rich history and introduce them to other family members.

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Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Yoga classes, 10:00 am & adult ESL/LIFT classes, 7:00 pm
Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Adult Spanish class offered.

All Nations UMC
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor
3415 East 14th Street
Plano, TX 75074
972-424-8500

ALLEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Wednesday Nights @ 6:45 pm
Spiritual Discipline - Childcare is provided
For more information, please call 972-390-2746

Allen Community Church
Rev. Dave Jenkins, Jr.
Senior Pastor
1501 South Jupiter
Allen, TX 75002
972-390-2746

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME TEMPLE OF FAITH CHURCH

Mondays, 6:00 am - 7:00 am
House of Prayer

Christian Chapel CME
Temple of Faith Church
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr.,
Senior Pastor
14120 Noel Road
Dallas, TX 75240
972-239-1120

COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Hope Preschool
Ages 2-5, has begun pre-registration for the Fall of 2004.
For more information contact Anne Smith at 972-424-8989 on Tuesday through Thursday.

Community UU Church
2875 East Parker Road
Plano, TX 75074
972-424-8989

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Now through August 13,
6:30 am - 6:30 pm
Summer Day Camp, for grades K through 6.

Cornerstone Baptist Church
Rev. William D. McKissie, Sr.
Senior Pastor
5415 Matlock Road
Arlington, TX 76018
817-468-0083

FAITH & POWER MINISTRIES

On Going Revival, 7:30 pm
Life Changers Revival - Changing from one stage to the next.

Faith & Power Ministries
Apostle James Turknett
2120 N. St. Augustine Road
At Bruton in Suite 126
Dallas, TX 75227
972-329-1358

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MCKINNEY

August 13, 8:30 pm
VIP Dinner Reception with Billy Blanks at the Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Drive, McKinney, Texas. Tickets are only \$50. Call 972-562-1877 for tickets and more information.

August 13, 8:30 pm
Youth Night with Billy Blanks at the McKinney Fellowship Bible Church, 2801 Orchid, McKinney, Texas. Donations are welcomed and encouraged.

August 14, 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 1:30 pm
We are presenting Christian Workout Sessions with Billy Blanks. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com or any Foleys Department Store. There will be an autograph session after each workout.

August 15, 8:00 am
Billy Blanks will be the guest speaker at First Baptist Church of McKinney
August 15, 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Billy Blanks will be the guest speaker at

the McKinney Fellowship Bible Church
Proceeds will benefit the United We Expand: Building for Kingdom Growth Campaign.
For more information call the church at 972-562-1877 or Chandra Melancon, Chairman, at 972-423-6394.

First Baptist Church of McKinney
Rev. Lee Edwards, Pastor
704 Drexel Street
McKinney, TX 75069
972-562-1877

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PLANO

August 11, 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm
World Prison Ministry, FREE seminar, theme: Developing and Maintaining Mature Relationships.
For more information, please call the church @ 972-424-8551.

First Baptist Church of Plano
Rev. Jerry Carlisle, Pastor
1300 15th Street
Plano, TX 75074
972-424-8551

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, THE COLONY

August 15, 12:45 pm
Groundbreaking Ceremony for our multipurpose facility.

Friendship Baptist Church
Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor
4396 Main Street
The Colony, TX 75056
972-625-8186

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Sunday Services
Early Morning Worship: 8:00 am
Sunday School: 10:30 am
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Bible Study
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317 Parker Drive • Garland, TX 75040
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Website: www.SimsChapel.org

Church Directory

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:
8:00 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:30 AM
972-437-3493
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Sunday Service
Morning Worship
7:30 am & 10:30 am
9:00 am Sunday School
Wednesday Service
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Brotherhood 7:00 pm
Missions 7:00 pm
Singles Group 7:00 pm
Bible Study 7:45 pm
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214-341-6459 (Phone) • 214-342-8403 (Fax)
9550 Shepard Road
Dallas, TX 75243
www.nmzb.org (Website) • newmzbc@aol.com (Email)

GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
1013 S. Greenville Avenue • Richardson, TX 75081
972-644-2335 (Office) • 972-644-9347 (Fax)
www.GreenvilleAvenueChurchOfChrist.org (Website)
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday
- Early Morning Worship . . . 7:45 am
- 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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Schedule of Services:
Sunday
Early Morning Worship
8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday
Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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Climate Change Risk Page 1

The newly released CBCF document contains data from the investigation into the health and economic impacts of climate change. It also provides an analysis of the extent to which African-Americans is disproportionately harmed.

The best policies for the health of African Americans involve a substantial decrease in emissions of carbon dioxide and associated pollutants. The CBCF study also encourages international cooperation in mitigating climate change.

Time and again, the world's leading atmospheric scientists have warned us about the devastating impact of climate change.

We now know that global warming is not a myth. Moreover, we now have irrefutable proof of the impact of climate change on our economy, our way of life, our health and our children.

Now that we have this evidence, we must work overtime to reduce the impact of carbon emissions upon the African-American community and for all citizens of the United States.

Over seventy percent of the African American population in this nation lives in counties in violation of federal air pollution standards. In every single one of the 44 major

metropolitan areas in the United States, Blacks are more likely than Whites to be exposed to higher concentrations of air toxics.

We have known for years that the state of Texas has the dubious distinction of leading the nation in power plant emissions.

Now we can quantify the impact of climate change on our economy and upon human lives in the Dallas area. We have no alternative but to reduce the impact of carbon emissions from coal-burning plants, greenhouse gases, and other human-generated pollutants upon our citizens.

As a nurse by profession, I have time and again stressed the health benefits of reducing carbon dioxide emissions and lowering the emissions of other pollutants, including particulates, ozone, nitrogen, and sulfur oxides. On most warm days, the residents of Dallas breathe air overloaded with these pollutants.

In fact, the Dallas area is ranked 30th among metropolitan areas, in terms of the highest number of days of unhealthy air. That's unacceptable. Transportation-related health costs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area carry a price tag of \$676,359,600. That's too costly.

I've seen first-hand the health effects of air pollution. Ozone pollution causes chest pain, coughing, irritation, and

congestion. Long-term exposure to ozone and other pollutants in otherwise healthy individuals can trigger even more serious illnesses.

For example, the cost for asthma, now estimated at \$11 billion annually, is only part of the total cost of health care necessitated by exposure to harmful levels of ozone.

African Americans are nearly three times as likely to be hospitalized or killed by asthma as whites. The CBCF study shows that climate change will increase the incidence of asthma in the general population.

Presently, 14 percent of all Dallas adults have been diagnosed with asthma.

Most Dallas residents already realize the high cost of coping with environmental problems. For example, the American Lung Association reports that nearly a half million people in the Dallas-Fort Worth area live with diseases that are aggravated by air pollution.

Last year, a dear friend of mine lost her life because of this very ailment. She was a 51-year-old physician who had never smoked a cigarette in her life.

As the CBCF landmark study proves, reducing carbon emissions and air pollution will not only protect the lives of African Americans, it will also benefit all Americans. Climate change impacts all of us.

Church Happenings

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GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
3rd Sunday of Each Month
Free blood pressure screening in the gym after evening services.
August 1, 2004
Crusade Rally
August 1-5, 2004
Gospel Revival
August 14, 2004
Community Health Fair
For more information, call 972-644-2335.

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ
Minister S.T.W. Gibbs, III, Pastor
1013 South Greenville Avenue
Richardson, TX 75081
972-644-2335

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
September 10 & 12, 2004, 3:30 pm
93rd Church Anniversary

Holy Temple COGIC
Elder Raymond Jones, Pastor
1110 Avenue H
Plano, TX 75074
972-424-9911

HOPWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
August 7, 8:00 am until 4 pm
We are sponsoring the 2004 College Upward Bound Seminar. All parents and their children who are in grades 7th through 12th are urged to attend. Please call 214-823-1018 for registration procedures and more information.

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Michael R. Hubbard Sr., Pastor
5144 Dolphin Road
Dallas, TX 75223
214-823-1018

LITTLE FLOCK BAPTIST CHURCH
Sundays @ 6:30 pm
We now have Sunday Evening Services, come worship with us

Little Flock Baptist Church
Rev. Louis E. Laurent, Senior Pastor
794 East Aimee Street
P.O. Box 903 (Mailing Address)
Forney, TX 75126
214-325-7021

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
August 1, 2004
Guest Speaker will be Brother Clark Bosher, Youth Evangelist
For more information, please call 972-285-4832

Macedonia Baptist Church
Rev. John Livadais, Pastor
2214 Franklin Street
Mesquite, TX 75150
972-285-4832

MESQUITE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
2nd & 4th Sundays
Blood pressure screenings available after 11:00 am service

Mesquite Friendship BC
Rev. Terry M. Turner, Pastor
2232 Franklin Drive
Mesquite, TX 75150
972-329-5030

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO
There are now two Sunday Morning Services!
Early Morning Worship Service @ 8:00 am & regular Sunday Morning Worship @ 11:00 am
Mt. Olive Church of Plano
Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Pastor
740 Avenue F
Plano, TX 75075
972-633-5511

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mt. Hebron Christian Academy
Now enrolling K - 3rd Grades. Call 972-272-8095 for more information.

Third Annual YEAH youth group Health Fair and Back-To-School supplies give-away @ Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. For more information please call 972-276-5218.
Children immunization for only \$5. There will be plenty of door prizes and more.
August 18, 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm
FREE tutoring for grades K - 12th. Most subjects taught by certified teachers.

September 1, 2004
Community carnival and registration for the AWANA class
September 8, 2004
AWANA Class for grades 3rd - 6th will start today.

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church
Rev. Leonard Leach, Pastor
901 Dairy Road
Garland, TX 75040
972-276-5218

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
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

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship
Rev. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor/Teacher
1010-1020 South Sherman Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-437-3493

OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
2nd Sunday
Health Awareness. FREE meal planning Session. Call 972-422-4248 for more information.

Open Bible Fellowship Church
Rev. Don Bright, Pastor
2701 Briarwood Drive
Plano, TX 75074
972-422-4248

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH
August 1, 4:00 pm
FREE Summer Concert with guest Clinician Stephen Jones from Chicago, Illinois
For more information, call Bro. John Patrick Adams @ 214-995-0801

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Dr. Curtis W. Wallace, Pastor
1819 N. Washington Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
214-823-7308

THE POTTER'S HOUSE
July 31, Noon until 4:00 pm
Community Partnership Day, it's a celebration for the entire family by the NHP Foundation which brings you Operation Pathways. There will be cash prizes and a vacation give-away.
For more information, call 214-321-1639

The Potter's House
Dr. T. D. Jakes, Senior Pastor
6777 West Kiest Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75236
214-331-0954

PROGRESSIVE C.O.G.I.C.
August 5 - 7, 7:30 pm Nightly
Men & Women of Standard Conference 2004. Theme: Standing in The Gate
R.S.V.P. @ 214-388-8890

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Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Senior Pastor
7710 South Westmoreland
Dallas, TX 75237
972-572-IBOC (4262)

TRINITY PRAYER CHAPEL
August 8, 7:00 pm
Revival Service - Guest Speaker is Dr. Richard Hamner, Dallas, and special guest Ministers in attendance will be Rev. Sammy Adhy, New York; Reverends Sam & Gloria Fenceroy, Plano and Minister Regina Hamner, Dallas. Our theme is "Overcoming Racism and Culture." The Trinity Prayer Chapel (T.P.C.) Praise Team will perform and there will be special music by Pauline Musonda, Dallas, and also The Hereafter (T.P.C.) Band.
For more information call 469-396-2912

Trinity Prayer Chapel
Reverends Reynolds & Misty Wood
406 N. Tennessee Street
McKinney, TX 75069
469-396-2912

WARREN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
August 15, 8:30 am
Back to School, Back to Church Service and school supplies giveaway.
Warren UMC
Reverend Gresham, Pastor
549 E. Jefferson Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75203
214-942-8800

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THE OPEN DOOR WORSHIP CENTER
Directing Mankind to God through Jesus Christ, The Open Door
Service Location & Time
Allen Heritage Center
100 East Main Street
Allen, TX 75013
Sunday Evenings @ 8:00 pm
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 2401
McKinney, TX 75070
Phone: 214-733-2561
Email: theopendoor@comcast.net
Pastors Jeff & Pat Willie

Owenwood United Methodist Church
1451 John West Road Dallas, TX. 75228
214-328-5421 OwenwoodUMC@SBCGlobal.net
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Rev. Janet Bell Olson
Senior Pastor
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM
Community In Prayer - Wednesday - 12 Noon Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 PM

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: 7 pm
Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00 pm
Website: www.ibocjoy.org
Pastor Rickie G. Rush

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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
SATURDAY
10:00 am thru 1:00 pm
Youth Activities
Rev. A.K. Haynes, Sr.
Senior Pastor
6710 Webster Avenue • Dallas, TX 75209
214-352-3552 (Phone) • 214-352-6793 (Fax)
bethany@sbglobal.net (Email)

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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
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A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17
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Sunday Worship Experience
8:00 am & 10:45 am
Wednesday Bible Study
12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm