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On the Homefront:

Lunch and Learn Series for seniors includes free lunch and workshops on health insurance and RX plans. The workshops will be every Wednesday in September in Allen and every Thursday in September in Wylie/Sachse. RSVP immediately at 214-269-1164 as seating is limited.

The City of Allen presents Saturday Night Rec-n-Roll on September 25 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Joe Farmer Recreation Center located at 1201 E. Bethany. An annual \$3 advance registration is required which provides participant ID cards and necessary emergency contact information. For more information, call 972-727-0152.

The Plano Bridal Show will be held on Sunday September 26 from 12pm-5pm at the Plano Centre located at 20004 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Admission is \$10. Children 14 and under \$5. For more information call 972-713-9920 or visit www.bridalshowinc.com

Also at the Plano Centre, learn how to cut taxes and protect your retirement money at the "Get their Hands off Your Piece of Pie" Seminar on Tuesday September 28 from 9:30 to 11:30. Admission is free for seniors 62 and over. For more information please call 800-493-1235

Come experience the Divine Consign Children's and Maternity Consignment Sale on Wednesday Sept. 29 from 9am to 9pm and Thursday Sept. 30 from 9am to 3pm. Join us as a consigner, volunteer or just come shopping. The event will take place at the Plano Centre. Admission is free. For more information contact Tara Siedman at 972-471-4564 or Tina Teutsch at 214-513-2838

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14th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet Honors Students, Leaders and Victims



(L to R) David Tyson, Jr., 1st Black Trustee on Richardson I.S.D. School Board, Keynote speaker, Shaun Rabb, Sean Phillips President Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, Xi Tau Lambda Chapter (North Dallas County)

The Garland Branch NAACP hosted its 14th annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday September 11, at the Granville Performing Arts Center in downtown Garland.

Carrying on the legacy of the innocent Americans killed on that tragic day, the opening ceremony

began with a patriotic presentation of colors.

Special guest and keynote speaker Shaun Rabb of Fox 4 News spoke to guests about the patriotic theme of the night.

Garland area youth were rewarded for academic excellence throughout

their high school careers. The branch awarded a scholarship to the two African-American seniors (one male-Johnnie L. Frye and one female-Nikkia Edwards) with the highest GPAs while attending one of the seven high schools in the Garland Independent School District.

This year 14 scholarships were provided to students pursuing higher education at an accredited college or pursuing a trade at a vocational school.

Additionally, the banquet paid tribute to community leaders and organizations dedicated to improving the political, educational, social and economic status of Garland residents.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Garland branch of the NAACP. Taking great strides to reduce the inequalities suffered by the minority community in Garland, the branch has been fighting for equal educational opportunities and civil rights since its inception.

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Spreading the Economic Gospel

Blackonomics
By James Clingman
The summer of 2004 will always hold fond memories for me. I was blessed to visit many cities and meet more of my "lost" relatives across this country.

I visited St. Louis twice and had the pleasure to work with Brother Curtis Faulkner, the organizer of the Heritage Jazz Juneteenth event, as well as a group of brothers and sisters who understand and practice cooperative economics via their business association.

Brother Curtis brings the Juneteenth event to St. Louis each year and does a wonderful job, involving other groups such as the Missouri Black Political Caucus, as he did this year. The business association was a joy to behold, and if you read this column regularly you already know why.

We have been promoting the formation of small business associations for years now, and it was great to see a group of Black business owners - all in the same

business - working cooperatively at the Missouri Black Expo.

On behalf of the St. Louis Association of Black Book Sellers, Brother Marcus Watson, owner of Ujamaa Maktaba book store, where I had the pleasure of doing a book signing on my first visit to the Gateway City, and Gregory Reed, owner of Topaz Books in East St. Louis, Ill. invited me to the Expo.

Their three book stores, in conjunction with First World Books and Legacy Books & Cafe, comprise the association. They work together and leverage their collective resources to purchase and sell Black books at various events.

They worked at the Expo in the same venue, pooling their inventories, selling, and managing the authors they invited, all in a cooperative and mutually respectful manner. These brothers and sisters think "abundance" rather than "scarcity," and they know something about economies of scale too.

If more of our businesses would practice cooperative purchasing,

advertising, and the like, our prices would be more competitive and our futures would be more secure. It matters not that they are all in the business of selling books; in a city the size of St. Louis there are plenty of customers to go around.

They understand they are in competition with one another, but they also understand the higher level of working together for the benefit of the group.

Do you remember the latest statistics regarding Black spending? While all other consumer segments were cutting back on their expenditures during the period 2002-2003, Black consumers were busy increasing our spending.

There was only one category of products in which our expenditures decreased: You got it. Books! That's why I was so excited about seeing the five Black book stores working together.

With many Black book stores going out of business across the country, it is important for them to

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Hopes Journey, Inc., Hosts Phenomenal Women's Expo at Brookhaven Country Club

The Expo will feature special guest speakers: Marilyn Giles, of Christ and Common Sense Consulting, Shewanda Riley, Author of the Essence best-seller "Love Hangover", Jacqueline Hayne, Author of "A Women's Journey", Dr. Yvonne Lewis, Health and Wellness Expert, and Valder Beebe of The Valder Beebe Radio Show.

Along with hearing the guest speakers, the public is invited to come and learn how to make your dream a reality. Learn how to start a business, how to find a love centered relationship, build wealth, develop self-confidence and receive information to create health and wellness.

The Expo is open to women and men. The expo will enlighten, entertain and guide women and men on their journey to personal, professional, and spiritual fulfillment.

The Expo will feature a variety of business networking opportunities, brunch and great door prizes. The Expo promises to be an unforgettable experience!

A portion of the proceeds from the expo will benefit The Family Place, an established program for women whose lives have been impacted by abuse. The Family Place offers a safe haven for women.

In addition, we will be

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Rock The Vote Rocks Dallas' Young Voters

Dallas-Nor The Republican Party, nor Democratic Party, but it is undoubtedly the Party of Choice during the election season for young voters. Hundreds of young voters will come to Rock The Vote at the bus tour's official After-party & Fundraiser entitled "Party of Choice" held this Thursday September 23, at Eight Lounge located at 1906 Greenville Avenue.

Doors open at 9 PM for the fundraising event that invites hundreds of party attendees to choose their own cover charge (all proceeds will benefit the Rock the Vote Street Team fund), music and attire.

"Party of Choice," is one of the many events being held this week in celebration of National Rock The Vote Week. September 23, in particular is Rock The Vote's National Voter Registration Day of Action. The Rock the Vote bus tour will roll into Dallas this week, making stops at University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Women's University.

The local organization that has contributed greatly in facilitating the Rock The Vote effort in Dallas is the African American Leaders of Tomorrow (AALOT), a group of young professionals across North Texas whose mission is to reach out to the community-at-large through political

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Los Angeles A Lion In Winter

By: Gayle Pollard-Terry (Courtesy of LA times)

For 27 years, Cecil Murray has guided his AME church. A true revolutionary, he has increased its flock by thousands and built business relationships. Now he must 'move on.'

The church is so crowded that ushers are setting up folding chairs next to the packed pews. From the pulpit of the First African Methodist Episcopal church, trustee Irma Brown Dillon instructs, "Raise your right hand if Pastor Cecil Murray married you."

Hands fly up. "Raise your left hand if he baptized you," she continues. More hands go up. Some wave both hands.

"Stand up if he said a funeral

Adams Boulevard in the old Sugar Hill neighborhood that was home to such black luminaries as Lena Horne and Oscar-winner Hattie McDaniel.

In his time at First AME, Murray has become a luminary himself. He's known in the White House, the State House and City Hall. He's a member of a citizens committee, appointed by Mayor James Hahn, to review the investigation into the televised police beating of a car theft suspect.

But while those connections are useful, his heart has always belonged to black people. A fighter, he's taken on police brutality, insurance and bank redlining, gang violence, the three-strikes law, education and homelessness.



Anacleto Rapping Los Angeles Times
BENEDICTION: The Rev. Cecil Murray's congregation hoped his mandatory retirement could be avoided, but the minister's successor will be named this fall.

for your relative or someone you know," she says.

Nearly everyone stands. "We're celebrating 27 years of the most dynamic ministry in the history of this city," she says.

By this time everyone is standing, clapping, shouting, praising the minister who, after building this church from 1,000 members to more than 17,000, must now retire.

On Sept. 26, the Rev. Cecil "Chip" Murray will turn 75, the mandatory retirement age for pastors in the nation's oldest black denomination. Soon he must leave the city's most prestigious black pulpit, located near Western Avenue and

"Chip Murray has been a giant of a leader in our community," says John Mack, head of the Los Angeles Urban League.

"He has been a tremendous bridge builder across all ethnic and racial lines On his watch, First AME became a church that went beyond the stained glass windows."

"Everything is in the mind. It is the mind that controls. You say to your mind and your mind says to you, 'Move on. Get out of the way. You've been gifted with 73 winters and summers, so transition, turn and go in the

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CCCCD Hosts Plano's Second Annual Black Family Technology Day

Collin County Community College District will host the second annual Black Family Technology Day from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25 at the college's Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, in Plano.

Free and open to the public, this year's event revolves around the theme: "Living in an Analog World. Dominated by Digital Inputs—Making the Transition!" and targets Plano's Douglass community and socio-economically challenged families.

Participants of all ages are invited to bridge the digital

divide with hands-on technology demonstrations, a robotics contest and electronic gifts including computers, calculators and PDAs.

The technology day is sponsored by Cisco Systems, Raytheon Systems' Black Employee Network (RAYBEN), Texas Instruments' Black Employee Initiative (TIBEI), the Metroplex chapters of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), and North Carolina A&T State University, the Chi Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and

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Community Spotlight

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(L to R) Mrs. Najeda McNeal, Mr. Ricky McNeal Political Action Chairperson Garland Branch NAACP, Bob Day, Mayor Of Garland, Garland Branch NAACP Executive Committee Member Carol Montgomery



(L to R) Linda Tyson, Marketing Executive State Farm Insurance, Nikkia Edwards, Graduate Naaman Forest High School and 2004 Highest GPA Female -(4.503) in GISD, B.J. Williams, President Garland Branch NAACP



David Tyson, Jr., RISD School Board Trustee and B.J. Williams, President Garland Branch NAACP



(L to R) Linda Tyson, Marketing Executive State Farm Insurance, Johnnie L. Frye Graduate Garland High School and 2004 Highest GPA Male -(5.014) in GISD Scholarship Recipient, B.J. Williams, President Garland Branch NAACP



Garland City Councilman Weldon Bradley, District 4 and Mr. Ricky McNeal, Political Action Chairperson Garland Branch NAACP



Carol Blakes Executive Health Committee Garland Branch NAACP and President's Award Recipient, B.J. Williams- President Garland Branch NAACP



(L to R) Garland City Councilman District 3- Harry Hickey, Garland Asst. Police Chief- Charles Rene, Garland Chief of Police- Mitch Bates, Garland Asst. Police Chief- Steve Dye, Garland City Councilwoman District 2- Terri Dunn



Honorable Annie Dickson, Silent Auction Sub-Committee Chairperson Garland Branch NAACP, MON-The Gazette Advisory Board Member



NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet Chairperson, Ms. Gwen Daniels



Elaine Bradley and the Elaine Bradley Scholarship Recipient Ashley Hurd

Around The Town

Ongoing

EyeCare America will be launching a 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.

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

City of Allen Teen Book Discussion Group Meets the third Thursday of each month at the Allen Public Library located at 301 Century Pkwy. For more information please call 972-727-0195

General Information

The Urban League of 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 and financial literature for first time homebuyers is available by appointment only. For more information please contact 214.413.1739.

The Dance Academy of Pathway of Life Church is registering! Classes are held every Saturday from 10:15 am to 2 pm. Children ages 4 to adults are welcomed to learn ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip hop and musical theater. For more information contact Cylinda Chapman or Denise Upchurch for more details at 214-275-7284

September 25, 2004

The United Negro College Fund 2004 Walk/Run for Education will be in Dallas at the Lake Cliff Park located at 300 E. Colorado Blvd. The walk-a-thon will provide fun for the entire family including: 5K Fun Run, 5K Fun Walk, 1 mile Kiddie Walk, College Fair, Step Teams Exhibition and Health Screenings. For more information contact 972-234-1007

September 25, 2004:

Celebrating Sistafriends is an empowerment Sista Circle focusing on helping women grow, prosper and

soar professionally, spiritually and emotionally. The circle offers a safe place to share and find solutions. The circle meets every 4th Saturday at 7 pm

September 25, 2004

Concerned Citizens and African American Parents (CCAAP) welcomes the author of "Best Kept Secrets For Winning Scholarships," Brenda Smith, to its free Scholarship workshop from 1pm to 3pm at the Lewisville Area Chamber Of Commerce located at 551 Valley Parkway - Lewisville, TX. Seating is limited, so please RSVP today. For more information please call 972-740-5776 or email 4dorsey@gte.net

September 25, 2004

Eastfield College will host a Youth Etiquette Symposium from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall (Building F) of the school located at 3737 Motley Drive, Mesquite, Texas. Some classes include: Photojournalism, Public Speaking, Table Setting & Table Manners, Be Aware Of Who You Are, Fashion Design and Singing. For

more information please call Earnestine Cole at 972-613-5464

September 29, 2004

The NTJC Community Relations Council (CRC) will kick off their 40th Anniversary Activities. The CRC will sponsor a presentation on the history of the North Texas Job Corps with a Job Corps Alumni to speak. Tours of the center and an open house will be available. The Reception is tentatively scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Job Corps gym.

October 2, 2004

Phenomenal Women's Expo will be held at the Brookhaven Country Club located at 3333 Golfing Green in Dallas, Texas from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Proceeds will benefit The Family Place. For more information please call Catherine Bourte at 214-544-3763 or arnetta at 817-467-0077

Support Groups

Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a

pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For information call 972-519-1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800

C.I.T.Y. Family Center, a non-profit agency, is offering free parenting groups the last Thursday of each month. Located at 1947 Ave. K., Bldg. A, Suite 100, Plano. Contact Libby Dorn, C.I.T.Y. Family Center 972-424-4626

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer at your local libraries Literacy for Life program in Plano. Teach an adult to read, one-on-one tutoring for those with ESL. For training information contact Angela Funai at 972-941-7175.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Evil Flourishes When the Good Do Nothing

By: James W. Bredlove
In the late 18th century the Scottish philosopher Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."
In one of his writings, Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents, he exposed a dual system of government that gave the public appearance of open parliamentary debate in making decisions but in reality decisions were made by a cabal in the "closet and the back-stairs".
He believed in principled argument and despised governments in which "all their measures are decided before they are debated". He argued that the system of rule by secret consensus presented a twofold danger.
First, secret government favors special interest groups that are blind to the critical needs of the nation. Second, the secret process undermines the authority of government, which is "a trustee for the whole and not for the selected parts". These truthful but unpopular concerns, voiced over 200 years ago, caused the brilliant Burke's political career to be short lived.
It appears that a modern day cabal is dealing with the critical issues facing our nation in the same secretive manner denounced by Burke.
Not only did the Bush administration mislead the country into war but its execution of the war and the occupation has been abysmal. Documentation on a recent 60 minutes TV program refuted every rationalization ever offered by the President and his cabal for the attack on Iraq.
The attack was not about

national security, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, or Saddam Hussein's possible ties to Osama bin Laden. It was about stealing Iraq's oil, period. If this dishonesty and incompetence are not evil enough to persuade Americans to change administrations, then more than ever we need GOD to bless America.
The National Intelligence Council, a group of senior US intelligence officials, recently released a report detailing the deteriorating situation in Iraq and the high probability of a civil war between Iraqi factions.
The report differs considerably from the rosy comments made by the President and his aides on the progress being made toward a peaceful and free Iraq. President Bush boasts about how America is winning in Iraq. But, according to a group of leading military strategists, Bush's pre-emptive war is already lost.
Republican Senator Lugar (IN) said, "The nonsense of all that quick victory in Iraq and lack of planning is apparent."
1,022 Americans have died, and the Pentagon admits that attacks against coalition forces have been increasing in number and severity each month. The United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan stated US-led invasion of Iraq was an illegal act.
Jeffrey Record, professor of strategy at the Air War College, said "I see no ray of light on the horizon at all. I see no exit. The idea that we're going to train an Iraqi force to defeat an enemy we can't defeat stretches the bounds of credibility."
In Iraq, it seems the real war is being waged over war

policy, in secret, between the administration and the senior military officers in the pentagon.
Right now, our country is hemorrhaging money. It is up to its neck in debt, is exporting jobs Americans desperately need, is handing out favors to the rich like a corrupt dictator and has been bogged down in a war that will produce zero benefits even if America wins.
Under the American Constitution, sovereignty and political power is supposed to be vested with the people, not with government or the administration-controlled media. The power intended to be used for the good of the nation, if not exercised by the people, begins to atrophy and freedom withers away only to be replaced by evil posturing as good.
It appears that those who profess to be good seem to outnumber those who are evil, yet the evildoers seem to take action and prevail. Too many professing Christians and religious leaders do and say nothing in the face of evil.
They stand idly by content to be mere spectators. They prefer to focus on interpretation of doctrine while maliciously attacking and misrepresenting other religions and their leaders instead of working to identify and fight the evildoers.
The old saying that people in a free society get the kind of government they deserve can be either a curse or a blessing. It depends on the people taking responsibility for their government. It is high time for America to wake up and cast out the deceivers. Do not sit by and do nothing. Stand up and speak up against evil men and their sinful deeds.



Joe Jaynes

For the past 18 months, Collin County has been providing three sites around the county where, on the first Saturday of each month, residents can bring their debris for disposal at no charge.
This past fiscal year, Collin County took in 2,240 tons of debris along with 4,520 tires. The disposal cost for the debris alone totaled \$159,600 which averages out to \$71 a ton.
Recently, Collin County contracted with the North Texas Municipal Water District to utilize their recently opened landfill in Melissa to conduct the once-a-month cleanups at their location.
Through cooperation with the District, what was costing \$71 a ton in disposal will now cost just \$19.85 a ton. With one site, we realize that some will have to drive further and we apologize for any inconvenience.
However, these savings will ensure that the program will remain stable and will not

need to rely on grants (which may or may not be awarded) in order to continue. Having one site also means that we will not have to utilize rollofts which were costing us \$285 per rolloff (up to 50 rollofts per month) to be hauled a few extra miles.
The new site will begin operation the first Saturday in October and will continue the first Saturday of each month from 8am until 3pm. (On holiday weekends such as New Years, July 4th and Labor Day we will be open the second Saturday of the month.)
There will be no charge for citizens but proof of residence, such as a driver's license, will be required. Residents will be able to drop off most refuse consisting of general debris, properly drained freon appliances with a freon recovery certification, up to six tires, boards and tree limbs not longer than four feet.
However, household garbage, chemicals, paints, motor oil, batteries and contractor construction debris will not be accepted. Please do not even attempt to bring them. If these materials are brought to the site, a sheriff's deputy will be on hand to direct you to a second line in which you will be charged the

District rate for disposing.
This program was not designed to take the place of garbage pickup, but rather to provide an avenue for residents to drop off other junk and debris that private haulers would not pick up.
Also, beginning the first Saturday in December, Collin County will be offering recycling at the Melissa site for paper, glass, plastics and aluminum products. This will be the first time the county has ever been involved in a recycling program, but with our growth in the rural areas it is very much needed.
The overwhelming response to this cleanup program shows that there is a need. It is hard to believe that a few years ago it ran just one day a year. This program has also become a successful tool in battling illegal dumping.
Had the program not been in place much of the debris and tires taken in would have very well ended up in a creek or alongside a county road.
(Collin County Commissioner Joe Jaynes' website is www.joejaynes.com.)

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Plano Community Forum 23rd Annual Awards To Feature Guest Emcee Smokin' Kevan Browning

The Plano Community Forum will hold its 23rd Annual Awards Banquet themed "Building Community Legacies and Education" on this Saturday at the SouthFork Ranch Ewing Ballroom in Parker.
The Silent Auction will begin at 6:30pm followed by dinner and awards at 7pm. The Guest

emcee is \$4.5 KS&C(Soul) radio personality, Smokin' Kevan Browning.
The Plano Community Forum Awards Banquet recognizes the 2004 Martin Luther King Scholarship recipients and award honorees for their outstanding community, civic, business and youth contributions in the

Plano community. This year introduces a new award category, the Educator Award, for outstanding contributions in education.
The signature sponsor for the 2004 Plano Community Forum Awards Banquet is Dr. Pepper. For more information call 972.260.4208 or 214.682.8364.

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awareness and economic development.

This responsibility lies not only in the organizations registering voters, but the schools, the concert halls, and the artists, that are entertaining and educating our young people.

Additional local sponsors include DallasPeeps.com, E3000, DFW Exposed.com, DallasBlack.com, MySpace.com and Van-G Marketing.

African American Leaders of Tomorrow President, Jamar Miller is excited to empower young voters in the Dallas area.
"In this year's critical election we hope to empower a generation that has been labeled as apathetic and engage them in the places where they can truly be reached."
The Dallas street team had registered several hundred young voters by the end of the summer and hopes to assist the national organization reach its goal of registering over 20 million young voters nationwide.

Rock the Vote has launched a 50-city bus tour that will culminate its journey on Election Day, November 2nd. The bus tour - sponsored by Sunski, Cingular Wireless, Motorola and Ben & Jerry's - is taking its message of youth voter registration to dozens of the most hotly contested markets this election year with musical concerts, college campuses and major political conventions.

For more information regarding the Rock The Vote-Dallas Street Team activities, MTV/RTV The Vote Bus Tour or any of the contributing sponsors organizations please contact Dallas Community Street Team leader, Lincoln Stephens at 972-897-9985 or via e-mail at: LincolnCStephens@aol.com

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Hopes Journey Hosts accepting donations of, toiletries, canned goods, school supplies, women, and baby clothes. 100% of the items donated will go to The Family Place.
Hopes Journey, Inc. is an organization promoting and "Creating Empowerment for Success". The organization helps women through mutual support of individual self-improvement and self-sufficiency.
The organization offers life skill workshops, self-image enhancement, money management, community resources, goal setting and parenting workshops.
Catherine Boutte is

Executive Director of Hopes Journey, Inc., and President of Celebrating Sistersfriends. Both organization missions are to empower women to make meaningful changes within their lives, and to give them the opportunity to recognize their values, needs, and purpose in life.
Boutte has been featured on several local radio programs and newspapers. She is editor of the healthy lifestyles section of the Power Pages News and Black Economic Times. As a motivational speaker, Ms. Boutte has spoken on numerous occasions at various women's groups, schools, churches and other organizations.

Prior to leaving her corporate environment, she discovered her purpose "to help empower women and men to reach their full potential and to plant seeds."
This event will be held on Saturday October 2 at the Breakhavers Country Club located at 3333 Golfing Green Drivs, Dallas TX, from 9am-1pm and is sponsored by Amefirm, Inc. and Women Promoting Wealth and Health.
Reservations are encouraged and tickets are available at the door for \$25.
For more info and vendor space please contact: catherine_boutte@hopesjourney.com 214-544-3263.

Plano Balloon Festival Celebrates 25 years of Flight

By E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.
2004 marks the 25th year for the Annual Plano Balloon Festival sponsored by Community Credit Union. There was something for everyone including music, art, fireworks, food, fun, and family-oriented entertainment. The Plano Balloon Festival ran from Friday afternoon until

Sunday at Oak Point Park.
100 unique and colorful hot air balloons filled the sky. A few balloons stood out among the array of bright and vibrant colors like the "Mr. Scarecrow" and the Schiepp "Airabelle the Cow" and the High Jack, which looked like a pirate.
Local businesses and restaurants lined Oak Point Park with a marketplace of

food and goods. Over 25 nonprofit groups participated in the festival. Approximately 1200 volunteers helped with manpower and logistics. Proceeds from the festival went directly to the nonprofit organizations.
On Friday and Saturday night, Dallas band Limerald City played on the main

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?
While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many new opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-TheGazette will be there, serving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north...
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"WISE Business Services Receives Regional Supplier Award"

DALLAS - WISE Business Services, Inc. (WISE) has been selected by the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) as one of 12 Regional Suppliers of the Year.

"I'm so excited and a little shocked!" said Demetria Wise, President & CEO of WISE Business Services, Inc.

"For my company to receive this recognition out of 15,000 minority businesses across the

country, which are eligible to be nominated it's just a tremendous blessing," said Wise.

The company has established itself as an industry leader in the document conversion services. Wise has been honing and developing her niche over the past decade.

The company originally began as a litigation copying service for attorneys and judicial offices around Texas, as her clients needs evolved and changed so did her

strategy for servicing them eventually leading her down the path of document management and conversion services.

The last few years of business for Wise have been remarkable, she has overcome some major hurdles with some clients and the downturn in the economy. Throughout it all she has managed to successfully navigate the path.

WISE through her innovative leadership has received numerous local

awards over the past couple of years, however, it was her recognition as an E-Award recipient by the Dallas / Fort Worth Minority Business Development Council, a local affiliate of the NMSDC, which provided her an opportunity to be considered for the NMSDC's Regional Supplier of the Year.

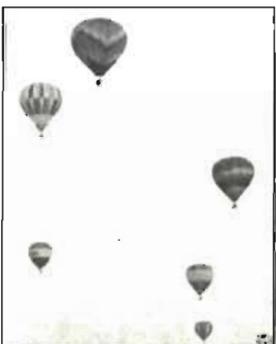
The company is still in the running for a national award, which will be announced at the national conference of NMSDC Oct. 17th-20th, Washington, D.C.



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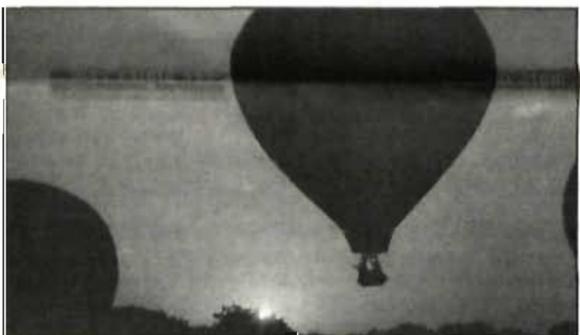
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The balloons lifted off at sunrise Saturday Morning September, 18th, 2004 at approximately 7:30am.



Mr. Scarecrow

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stage. Country singer Ryan Tyler performed on Saturday evening.

The Title sponsor for the event was Community Credit Union and Branding Level Sponsors: City of Plano, Schepps Dairy, the Dairy Best Official Level Sponsors: CCCC, DMN, KDFW FOX 4, KDIF27, Fox Sports Net Southwest, News Talk 820WBAP, ESPN 103.3 FM, AM 620 Disney, 96.3 KSCS, The Twister 96.7, Medical Center of Plano, Middlekauff Ford, Plano Profile, RE/MAX.

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implement business practices that will help them survive.

I strongly encourage the folks in St. Louis to support these stores when you are in the market for a particular book, regardless of the title - they can order it for you. It is vital to the Black economy and it is essential to the proper education of our children.

Black book stores are the repositories of our history, our culture, our progress, they tell Our-story. Are we not obligated to see that they are around for us and our children? Are we really saving anything by driving past a Black book store to buy a book at one of the big-box stores?

What price are we paying for expediency? Please support the St. Louis Association of Black Book Sellers!

I could not write this article without also mentioning another person of whom I have become a big fan. Also a resident of St. Louis, this dynamic sister's name is Madeline Long.

I met Madeline over the Internet via the Blackonomics Million Dollar Club. She arranged my book signing in St. Louis as well. This sister is an energetic, intelligent, positive, go-getter, who is determined to accomplish even more in the world of youth entrepreneurship.

Madeline is the founder of Edunomic Village International, Inc. (www.edunomicvillage.org), among her other business ventures. She and her husband also have a beautiful talented daughter named Chanel.

During a phone conversation, Madeline introduced me to her minister, Pastor Alvin Smith, Sr. Paul A.M.E. Church, who invited me to speak at the church's Sunday morning service.

Feeling a bit tentative about it at

first, the members of St. Paul, the oldest Black church west of the Mississippi, made me feel at ease, welcomed, and most importantly, they made me feel loved and appreciated. I was deeply humbled by their support and their confidence in what I had to say.

All in all, I have had an excellent summer. From Los Angeles, at the Black Book Fair, to the east coast, throughout the Midwest, and even right here in dear old Cincinnati where Vanessa Enoch, local Black MBA Chapter President, gave me the opportunity to speak at the regional Black MBA conference, with George Fraser, one of my mentors.

In all of you who read this column and invite me to your cities, I continue to find reasons for doing what I do. "Thank you," to all whom I have met, for your encouragement and inspiration.

I will continue my odyssey, moving about the country discussing my new book, Black-O-Knowledge, Stuff we need to know, and spreading the economic gospel. I hope to see you soon. Next stop Dallas, Texas, in September, with Brother Detrick DeBurr, Sister Ester Davis, and company. I look forward to it.

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He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and has written several books, including: Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement - We have a Choice; Blackonomics; and the recently published Black-o-Knowledge-Stuff we need to know. Clingman's books are available at his Web site, www.blackonomics.com. He can be contacted there or by telephone at 513/489-4132.

Arts & Entertainment

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State Fair to celebrate "Good Food, Great Fun!"

Good food, great fun and plenty of sunshine produced a record-breaking fair last year, and if Mother Nature cooperates, State Fair president Errol McKoy expects to top those numbers in 2004.

The "Taste & See" Pavilion and Gardens hosts an expanded program of celebrity chefs, landscape architects, wine experts and gardening gurus; CBS 11 will broadcast live newscasts from the auditorium every Friday.

A wood chip trail in the tree-shaded gardens leads guests to wine tastings, pumpkin carving, face-painting, outdoor living exhibits and the large-gauge model train exhibit, the Texas Garden Railway.

More than 40 landscaping companies will compete in the first-ever State Fair Fall Garden Exhibition. The new signature event is an outgrowth of the Fair's

successful adopt-a-bed program of the past two years.

The Dallas Arboretum and Southern Living magazine will also participate. Fairgoers can now shop for landscaping



ideas in the same way they consider new styles and options at the Auto Show.

The celebrated Hall of State will house the equally prestigious Memories of World War II, war-time images from the archives of the Associated Press. Over in

the Pan American Arena, the fur will fly as the Catman of Key West, appearing here as Dominique & His Flying Housecats, joins Top Flight K-9s, starring Lou Mack's

Championship and a Tastefully Simple Italian Contest are the newest additions to the competitive calendar. In keeping with the State Fair's family-friendly programming, there will be plenty to do for the little ones, including the new Pee Wee Stampede in the Ranch Arena, where little cowpokes can leap on a stick horse and attempt to rope bales of hay. On the pre-Halloween "spooktacular" front, the cavernous Coliseum will be transformed into Phantom's Great Scare at the State Fair. The haunted house, one of the biggest and scariest in the state, promises to scare the willies out of visitors and will be open from later afternoon until the witching hour. An additional charge will be required for admission.

Dr. Bobby Jones & the Nashville Super Choir, Brad Paisley, Keith Sweat, DJ Kane and Tracy Lawrence are

among the headliners on the Chevrolet Main Stage, with more stars to be announced. The Second Annual State Fair Corny Dog Eating Contest is planned on the opening weekend.

The 2004 State Fair Musical, the first masterpiece from the legendary team of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, is Jesus Christ Superstar. It's at the Music Hall, Sept. 28 through Oct. 17.



CCCD Hosts Tech Day Page 1 SAGESse Consulting LLC.

Dr. Dannelia Gladden-Green, founder of the area's Black Family Technology Day and wireless strategic marketing manager at Texas Instruments, created the day to expose families to technology by offering interactive experiences and products they can touch and use.

"We want to put technology in the palm of their hands, whether it is a keyboard or a wireless device. There have been so many people who have touched my life and inspired me to excel in math and science. Although I can never repay the debt, I can do my best to pass that inspiration on to others," said Dr. Gladden-Green.

Corporate sponsors share Dr. Gladden-Green's desire

to make technology accessible and exciting for area families.

"Last year's event was great, and Texas Instruments always wants to be at the forefront of increasing the exposure of technology in any community," said Taiwan Barksdale, TI University relations manager.

"Raytheon has a long history of being a good corporate citizen and providing resources to close technological gaps. Our ongoing commitment to Bowman Middle School and other area programs makes our sponsorship of this event a natural fit," said David Anderson of Raytheon.

The opening session will kick off with an inspirational speech from Brittany Chambers, a high school student who, while in middle school, competed against high school students and won the

George Washington Carver College Oratorical and was awarded a college scholarship.

As an eighth grade student, Chambers took second place at the state level of the Optimist Club Oratorical.

A panel discussion addressing "How to Increase My Technical IQ" will follow the featured speaker. Following the opening session, high school students can engage in computer simulations, middle school students can compete in a robotics competition and elementary students can construct robots with Lego's.

Parents are encouraged to attend sessions with their children and participate in a web page development tutorial and other software literacy training.

With the intent to give back to the community, CCCD Associate Dean of Engineering

Wayne Jones, and Professor of Engineering Technology John

Wilkins will provide a wireless LAN demonstration and introduce participants to audio chat opportunities using Voice over IP for limited broadcast media. Black Family Technology Day will close with judges announcing the winners of the robotics competition.

For more information, visit the website at www.blackfamilytechnologyday.org, or contact Dr. Danni Gladden-Green at 214.636.0692 or dee2@tcc.edu

BET Announces Dates for 2004 Black College Tour

WASHINGTON, D.C. /PRNewswire/ -- For the third consecutive year, BET is going back to school. Alongside some of its key marketing partners, BET will be providing entertainment, games, contests, and product samples/information for students at 13 historically Black colleges and universities this fall.

Starting at Alcorn State University in Mississippi, the events are staged on campus and target college students presently enrolled in the host institutions. Festivities will be hosted by BET's on-air talent and feature live performances from Universal Motown recording artists.

"It's a fantastic brand-building opportunity for us and an excellent way to continue to deliver our corporate and brand messages to consumers," noted Susan Mboya, Associate Director of African American Marketing for Procter & Gamble.

"We're very glad to be involved with the BET Black College Tour." Pontiac, Pepsi, Playstation, Southwest Airlines, the U.S. Air Force, Verizon Wireless, Foot Locker and Universal Motown Records, are all associate sponsors, many for a second or third year.

New to the Black College Tour this season, Rap City Top 10 Countdown will be taping from the schools each Friday with host Mad Linx.

"I'm not sure what we look forward to most; recreating all the exciting things we bring to the schools or pushing ahead with new elements of this project," said Michelle Garner, BET's Vice President of Advertising Sales Special Projects and Event Marketing.

As in previous years, the tour will also include basketball tournaments, freestyle rap and singing contests, video game

competitions, product sampling and resume collection for potential employment opportunities with sponsor companies.

The endeavor is part of BET's continual effort to support historically Black

colleges and universities. "We are so pleased that -- with the help of our sponsors -- BET can offer the Black College Tour to students for another year," said Garner. "This will be our best yet."

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For more information or for Fair tickets, see higtex.com



Grambling State University vs. Prairie View A&M University Southwest Airlines State Fair Classic Schedule of Events

September 27, 2004
Press Conference
11:00 a.m. / City Hall Flag Room

October 1, 2004
State Fair Classic Scholarship Golf Scramble
LB Houston Golf Course / 11223 Luna Rd / Dallas, Texas / 8:00 a.m. Tee Time
Party
Adams Mark Hotel / 2nd Floor
Party
Crystal's / Arlington, TX

October 2, 2004
High School Battle of the Bands
10:00 a.m. / Justin F. Kimball High School
3606 S. Westmoreland, Dallas, TX 75233 / Sprague Stadium

Pre-Game Concert
Keith Sweat / 3:00 p.m.
GSU Alumni After Party
10:30 a.m. / Radisson Hotel
After Party
Adams Mark Hotel / 2nd Floor
After Party
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Shreveport - EC Smith Gifts / Little J's Music / Shreveport Cleaners / Ashley's Collegiate Sportswear / Fashion in Motion-Bossier / Grambling Athletic Dept. / Grambling Alumni / Klassy Kicks
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The 2004 Kia Spectra

By E. Dwayne Gibson Jr.
The sporty 2004 Kia Spectra comes in four models: the EX, the LX, the Hatchback GS and the Hatchback GSX, housing

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safety. "To this day, I could hear the voices clearly as if it's happening now. Take off your helmet. Take off your parachute. Take off your life jacket, your Mae West. Unfasten your seat belt, place your head through that tiny opening, coming out backward!... Soon I was on the



U.S. Air Force
IN 1960: A trauma during his air Force career led Murray to the pulpit.

daughter of his childhood minister and his date to the senior prom — Murray went to Claremont School of Theology, where he earned a doctorate in religion.

He pastored first at tiny Primm AME Church in Pomona, moved next to Trinity AME in Kansas City, Kan., at the height of the civil rights movement, then on to First AME in Seattle just as Boeing was laying off thousands, including members of the church.

In October 1977, First AME in Los Angeles was supposed to be a plum assignment. It wasn't.

"You could shoot a blunderbuss, a scattergun there, and you wouldn't hit a soul. It was thin, very thin," Bernadine Murray remembers.

There were about 1,000 members on the rolls — including then-Mayor Tom Bradley — but barely 250 showed up regularly to worship in the large, modern sanctuary designed in 1963 by renowned black architect Paul Williams.

And many were conservative, older members with a Eurocentric view of Christianity. Jesus was white in every depiction. The main choir sang staid classics and anthems, while the gospel choir had a lower profile.

"I think about the first time he came to FAME," says trustee Brown Dillon, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge who is active in the church, "he came strutting out in a black robe, a gold chain with a cross on it and

with the blessing of his young wife, Bernadine — the beautiful

wing of the aircraft and looked and saw that the pilot was on fire.

Rushed to a burn center, he sent for Murray before he died.

"As I stood by his bedside... he told me he had not forgotten me and he was trying to help me," Murray says. "So those two traumas, the depth of his love and the delivery of my life, made me know that I had to live beyond me."

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ABIDE IN THE WORD MINISTRIES

October 8 & 9, 2004
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next direction," Murray says, in his book-filled study at the church, in that same rolling baritone that he plays like an instrument from the pulpit.

"I remember our kerosene stove caught on fire there at 511 Division Avenue, West Palm Beach, Fla. The three of us kids were there. The stove is burning. My brother and younger sister were out in the backyard putting sand in a bucket to bring in and throw on the fire, and there I was on my knees, praying."

"I think I was in the third grade then... That sensitivity to God, that sensitivity to the effects of prayer, I think that was born in me. Each of us perhaps has a calling. That was mine."

Murray, who was born in 1929 in Lakeland, Fla., where his father was a high school principal, lost his mother when he was 3. He and his siblings were sent to live on their grandparents' farm in South Carolina until their father remarried and brought the children to West Palm Beach.

A fifth-generation African Methodist Episcopal, he spent much of the day in church on Sundays and often returned during the week.

"I was junior pastor from junior high school right on through senior high school," he says. "Every Tuesday we met and we had junior church."

After graduating from college, he joined the Air Force. He trained in jet fighters and served as a radar intercept officer and then as a navigator from 1952 through 1961.

Meanwhile, the calling to preach kept nagging, he says, and a trauma finally pushed him to respond.

Stationed in Southern California at what was then Oxnard Air Force Base, Murray recalls, "We were taking off in our two-seated fighter and did not negotiate the takeoff. The pilot was a white young man from South Carolina.... Something went wrong. The front tire exploded. The nose tank erupted. The cockpit would not open, so I was trapped in the back."

The pilot was able to get out, Murray says, and there was a small opening between the canopy and the frame of the plane, just enough for him to squeeze through. He says he felt as if voices were directing him to

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

Often I read about an accident and the reported cause of it is, "The driver fell asleep."

Recently, I was listening to a renowned Pastor and he said, "The worst thing about driving alone is that the driver can easily fall asleep." "However, the good news is that some major highways and roads now have bumpy strips on them and if you get out of a lane, the bumpy strips will wake you up."

Recently, I drove to Oklahoma City on I-35 for my cousin's funeral; and for several miles there was a stretch of highway that if I had not received prayers before I left or if I had been tired or sleepy, I could have easily fallen asleep on that highway.

Last Friday, I read about millions of dollars awarded to victims of a horrible bus accident that took the life of four children and the life of the bus driver (they were on their way to church retreat.) Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers theorized that, "The driver fell asleep."

We, most likely will never forget the accident in Sherman, Texas that killed 10 people (several members of the same family too!) The police said that since no alcohol or drugs were found in the man's system that caused the accident that, "The driver probably fell asleep."

I call your attention to these incidents because, Mr. Lewis Malone a, "Good Old Country Man" (I say this because he loves to grow food in a garden and on

INFORMATION THAT MAY SAVE A LIFE

top of that he is an excellent cook! I have found him to have "Country Ways" like my mother's Mexia, Texas family.) One evening we were all discussing accidents that are caused by people going to sleep while driving.

After all in the group had finished their comments, Mr. Malone said, "I know a good way that will be helpful when a person is too tired, too sleepy or bored while driving. Someone in the



Picture of The Week
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis (Barbara) Malone

group said, "Turn on the radio," another said, "Open a window and let the outside air hit you in the face," and yet another said, "The raised buttons between the lanes will wake you up if you get out of a lane," etc. Mr. Malone readily admitted that those could probably work just as well, but he said that the best way that he found when driving for long stretches or when you are too tired and too sleepy was to hold a cup of coffee in one hand while driving with the other hand and if you fall asleep, the coffee would spill and wake you up! Well, as all of my friends can tell you, I am not a coffee drinker, I love my cola drinks (cokes, Pepsi,

RC's, etc.) so the idea didn't sound good to me. However, as we continued to discuss this information that I had never heard before, I thought, "I wouldn't want a cup of coffee or a cola to fall on my clothes and become sticky. Then I thought, the best thing for me to do would be to hold a cup of ice water because I would quickly wake up and my clothes would only be wet, which would dry and not be wet and sticky from drying."

I have wanted to pass this idea on to others but I would forget. Again, I thought of this and said that this is an excellent idea that I must pass on to others. I pray that this is something you will use if you get behind the wheels of a car, truck, van or bus and find that you are getting sleepy for what ever reason and you think of using this idea; it may save not only your life, but others as well. Please pass this on to others that you know; this is a great idea that Mr. Malone shared with us that day and I thank him.

Email: starpley@wt.net
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HILL CHAPEL CME CHURCH

September 26, 2004
Church Anniversary
October 16, 2004
Health Fair Day

Hill Chapel CME Church
Rev. James E. Larry, Pastor
11131 Avenue I
Plano, TX 75074
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HOLY TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.

October 24, 10:30 am
Start of a Revival Service with Evangelist
Dorthea Chamber, Ft. Worth, Texas
October 25 - 28, 7:30 Nightly
Conclusion of Revival Service with
Evangelist Dorthea Chamber, Ft. Worth, Texas
October 31, 10:30 am
Annual Women's Day Service

Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C.
Elder Raymond Jones, Pastor
1110 Avenue H
Plano, TX 75074
972-424-9911

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

September 25, 2004
Women of Grace Annual Women's Month
Awards Luncheon with guest speaker
Stephanie Canady from All Nations
Fellowship, Garland, Texas
September 26, 10:45 am
Celebration Service with guest speaker
Evangelist Walsie Peters from Mt. Olive
Friendship Baptist Church in Guthrie,
Oklahoma

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services, please call 972-735-8077

Keller Springs Baptist Church
Rev. Larry Sanders, Pastor
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October 17, 2004
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Rev. Terry M. Turner, Pastor
2232 Franklin Drive
Mesquite, TX 75159
972-329-5030

MOORE'S CHAPEL C.O.G.I.C.
Last night, September 24, 7:00 pm
McKinney District Holy Convocation,

hosted by Moore's Chapel COGIC, Elder
Willie Wilson is the pastor. Elder Jessie Owens
is the Superintendent and Sister Audine
Turnman is the District Missionary.
Evangelist H. L. Bean will be the guest
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Pastors Pedro y Diana Jimillon

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a big natural. I thought, 'What do we have here?'

"I said, 'I'm glad that wasn't the cross Christ had to die on because he would have died from rust poisoning. Look how this place looks. It's not clean.' The floor down on the plaza level was dirty."

Murray cleaned up the church and started services on time. He preached in a black style and sometimes in the black vernacular. He pumped up the music. He expanded the youth program. New members flocked to FAME at the rate of 250 a year, then 500 a year. "Then in the '90s," he says, "we averaged 1,000 new members a year."

He takes no days off. No sick days, with the exception of his recovery from prostate surgery two years ago. No vacations. On the Sabbath, he arrives before dawn, preaches sermons at two of the three services and never repeats one. Then he visits the sick and shut-ins until evening.

On a recent Sunday, pop singer Michael Jackson, in Los Angeles the day before a court appearance on child molestation charges, visits the church. As television news cameras record every moment, worshippers maneuver to get a peek at the star.

Raising the tempo, the choir — accompanied by piano, organ, drums and guitar — sings joyfully and loudly. In the pulpit, Murray looks skyward, raises his arms to the heavens, smiles and does a little holy dance before praying for Jackson in his slow, sonorous voice, asking for "Justice. Equity. Healing."

"Presidents, senators, mayors, governors, when they want to come to speak to the black community in Los Angeles, they come to First AME," says Bernard Kinsey, a church trustee.

On April 29, 1992, after the acquittals were announced in the trial of four Los Angeles police officers accused of beating Rodney King, the

world, it seemed, gathered at FAME.

"The place was packed. The parking lot was full. We had rooftop speakers so everyone could know what was going on. Then we got word that there was fire everywhere on the horizon," says Murray, who wept that night.

"Going outside, we could see. It really looked like Dante's Inferno."

Days after the riots, Bill Clinton came as a presidential candidate. He visited FAME again after his election and even mentioned Murray in his memoir, "My Life." On the 10th anniversary of the riots, President Bush visited FAME Renaissance, the church's economic development center.



AMONG HIS FLOCK: Murray welcomes guests to a service at First African Methodist Episcopal Church. Presidents Clinton and Bush also have visited.

In the years since the riots, the church transformed crack houses and shabby apartment buildings into 2,000 units of clean, modern, affordable housing.

"One of the things that Rev. Murray is going to be most noted for — not just the baptisms, the funerals he preached [like that of Ray Charles] and the great sermons — but the lasting institutions," says Kinsey, who was a co-chair of Rebuild LA, which directed deals and connections to First AME after the riots.

"They're doing everything. It's a real diversified business of \$60 million, and that just didn't happen overnight."

All of this awaits the new pastor. He (or she) will be appointed in October or November by the Right Rev. John R. Bryant from Dallas, Texas, the AME bishop in charge of states west of the Mississippi. "First AME is one of the most

progressive churches in the country," the bishop says. His vision for FAME is a senior minister who continues the "ministry that speaks to the whole person" and also communicates the church's message "to all people regardless of race and gender."

After the new minister arrives, what role Rev. Murray will play at FAME, if any, has not been determined.

What's next? Murray has no money. Unlike some ministers, he chose not to profit personally from any of the church's deals.

"He'll give away his last dollar," his wife says, "and he'll give away your last dollar too."

No moving van will pull up to the parsonage, because his family left it years ago for a home in Windsor Hills that the church helped him purchase. A loner, he counts his wife, his minister son, Drew, and his sister, Louise, as his best friends.

He will admit that when he gets depressed he drives along Pacific Coast Highway to Malibu.

"The ocean will wash you, if you just sit there or get out and walk to the water. It will wash you, or cleanse you. I think [by] its very vastness. And then the flow is like a waterfall that is taking the old away and bringing in the new."

He doesn't want a big fuss made over his retirement, but the fanfare has already started. The City Council has named a street after him and the County Board of Supervisors has proclaimed next week Cecil Murray week. Some business friends feted him at a reception in Bel-Air and other celebrations are planned.

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MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO (MOCOP)

These are your times
 Sunday Morning Services
 Early Morning Worship Service @ 8:00 am
 & regular Sunday Morning Worship @ 11:00 am

Tomorrow Night, September 24, 7:30 pm
 We will have our First Annual Women's Conference. The theme is "Princess With A Purpose." Guest speaker will be Co-Pastor Carlotta Hairston of Miracle Temple in Lancaster, Texas. Donations will be \$15 per ticket. Childcare provided.

Saturday Morning September 25, 8:00 am
 Women's Conference guest speakers will be Pastor Pat Willie of Open Door Worship Center in Allen, Texas; Pastor Linda Skinner of Covenant Pastors of Allen, Texas; and Evangelist Bobby Stringer of Open Bible Church in Plano, Texas. Donations will be \$20 per ticket. Childcare provided.
 For more information, please call 972-633-5511.

Mc. Olive Church of Plano (MOCOP)
 Rev. Sam Fencero, Pastor
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NEW CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 26, 3:00 pm
 Pastor's Anniversary with guest speaker Bishop K. D. Davis, Sr. from Sixth Avenue BC in Corsicana, Texas

New Cornerstone BC
 Rev. D. R. Watson, Pastor
 1808 West 10th Avenue
 Corsicana, TX 75110
 963-874-6226

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

September 25, 11:00 am
 Fish Fry sponsored by the Support, Education and Pastoral Care Ministries, donations only \$5 per plate. Pre-sale tickets available, please call the church @ 972-671-1096

September 26, 5:00 pm
 Bishop M. E. Johnson, Jr.'s Pre-Anniversary Musical

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 Bishop Miller Johnson, Jr., Pastor
 8219 Bunche Drive
 Dallas, TX 75243
 972-671-1096

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September 19, 2004
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October 3, 10:45 am Church Service
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 For more information, please call Sis. Linda Thomas, General Chairperson or Sis. Faye Davis @ 214-823-7308.

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

RESTORATION TRIUMPHANT CHURCH

October 24, 6:00 pm
 Super Sunday
 October 30, 7:00 pm
 Start of Pastor's Anniversary
 October 31, 6:00 pm
 Conclusion of Pastor's Anniversary

Restoration Triumphant Church
 Elder Mavis Adams, Sr., Pastor
 1101 Stonewall Drive
 Garland, TX 75043
 972-202-8975

SAINT MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

October 16, 2004
 Harvest Feast Service
 October 31, 2004
 Youth Day Service
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What's more from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm only, the free 2-piece chicken meal will be @ William's Chicken on 301 West Camp Wisdom Road in Duncanville, TX 75116, Ignacio Alzama is the store manager. This free meal is sponsored by Dr. Rickie G. Rush also. October 2, 2004

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

WARREN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 17, 8:30 am
 Laity Sunday
 October 24, 6:00 pm
 Annual Men's Day

Warren United Methodist Church
 Rev. Perry Greenhaw, Pastor
 549 E. Jefferson Blvd.
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October 22 - 24, 2004
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Westside Baptist Church
 Rev. K.W. Blake, Pastor
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 Sunday Worship Experience
 8:00 am & 10:45 am
 Wednesday Bible Study
 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm
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 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 (Agee Hour) First Sunday 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.