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On the Homefront:

Coca Cola and Third String present the Buzz-Oven Christmas Concert at the Plano Centre on Sunday December 19, from 3 pm to 12 midnight. Admission is \$15 in advance and \$17 on the day of the show. Tickets are on sale at the door and at www.frontgatetickets.com. For more information contact Mike Ziemer at 214.697.8857 or visit www.thirdstringpr.com or www.buzz-oven.com.

The Plano Symphony Orchestra will present two performances of its popular "Home for the Holidays" concert at 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm on Sunday, December 19. These two traditionally sold-out concerts will take place in the beautiful St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano located at 5801 W. Plano Parkway. A third performance will be at 7:30 pm, Monday, December 20 at McKinney Fellowship Bible Church. For tickets, call the PSO box office at 972-473-7262.

The Arts of Collin County Commission, Inc. (ACCC) is accepting applications from Collin County residents interested in serving on one of the following committees: ACCC Advisory Committee, Public Outreach Committee or the Technology Committee. Additional information and an application packet can be found on the Arts of Collin County website or by calling 214-495-5801.

The Plano City Council accepts nominations for "Volunteer of the Month" on a regular basis. The deadline is the first of every month and the final selection is made by the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and the Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. For more information visit the city's website www.ci.plano.tx.us.

The Allen Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12 Noon at the First Methodist Church on South Jupiter. For more information, call Randy Sandifer, 972-396-1118, or Grif Moore, 972-972-727-9945.

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A Yuletide Reception



Members of the South Dallas Business and Professionals Women's Club, Inc. take a group picture at the Yuletide Reception. From left to right Jackie Harrison, Yvonne Emanuel, France Langston-President, Mary Jones, Kay Hunter, Sophia Stimpson, Patricia Wagner, Daisy Critton

By: Crystal Wimbrely
 The South Dallas Business and Professional

Women's Club hosted a Yuletide Reception Sunday, December 12, at the Hill-

Smith Family Heritage House. The Yuletide Reception is a fifty year old event that formally introduced the club to Dallas, January 1, 1956.

Early in the history of the club, this event was held every year to thank their sponsors for helping them with funding for projects such as health education, employment, economic

development and women's history for the community.

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Remembering Her Service to the Community



(L to R) Rev. Larry Jagours (Pleasant Grove CME), Pastor Winston F. Douglas, (Officiant) and Rev. Robert Jackson (Western Beauty CME)

By Lakeesha Joe

The last charter member of one of the oldest and only African-American civic and social clubs in the city of McKinney died recently.

Mrs. Doris Fener, a charter member of the Daughters of Bethune Civic and Social Club and one of the oldest residents of the black community in McKinney passed away on Sunday, December 5 at the age of ninety-one.

Ms. Caldonia Young, an educator in the McKinney Independent School District, founded the Daughters of Bethune in 1942, inspired by the late Mary McLeod Bethune who was a renowned educator, national political leader, founder of the National Council of Negro

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Atlanta: The 'Black Mecca' Becomes a Mecca for Whites

By: Hal Lamar

ATLANTA (NNPA) - Atlanta, often cited by Black Enterprise and other national publications as the ideal residential and business climate for African-Americans and other people of color, is changing ever so slowly.

In fact, by the year 2009, the city now called the "Black Mecca" by many of those same publications will find itself overtaken by a growing minority of middle- to upper-class Whites.

That commentary on the city that birthed Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the first Black mayor of a major southeastern city and several bastions of Black business success such as H.J. Russell, Citizens Trust Bank and Atlanta Life Insurance, has moved beyond a mere visionary stage. It is quantified by the 2004 "Status of Black Atlanta."

The report, issued annually the past 11 years by Clark Atlanta University's Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy, is watched over by center director Bob Holmes, a 30-year member of the Georgia General Assembly. He has shepherded the status of Black Atlanta report since its launching in 1993.

Asked to compare the 2004 report with the 10 others he has done, Holmes noted that things haven't changed much economically for the city's poor and lower class population.

"Progress has been made by about 30 percent of the population, but as many or more than that experienced a decline in the quality of life," he told the Atlanta Voice in an interview.

One of the key indicators of how Atlanta is slowly changing demographically is in affordable housing. A federal

Atlanta becomes White Mecca Page 5

Garland Fire Department Answers Call for Christmas Wishes

Garland firefighters are dispatching the giving spirit this holiday season. The firefighters were collecting toys to help lift the spirits of underprivileged children. The public was able to contribute new, unwrapped toys during the City's annual "Christmas on the Square" celebration.

"It's such a rewarding experience to see those children's faces light up when they receive a toy," says firefighter and toy drive coordinator Jerry Click. "Sometimes this is the only gift that these children will get for Christmas."

Families were encouraged to bring toys to the firefighters during Christmas on the Square, on December 9 in downtown Garland. The Fire Department was located on Sixth Street where they had one of their large trucks on display. Donations were accepted at all Garland Fire Stations.

The toy drive supplemented the Garland Firefighters Association's annual Christmas shopping spree in which underprivileged children are taken toy shopping at a local store. "Last year, the two programs provided toys to more than 300 families," Click said.

Area Universities So Many to Choose From

By: Lakeesha Joe

If you live in Dallas or any of the surrounding cities and you have been thinking about attending college but you just don't want to leave the state or travel too far from Dallas or the metroplex well, chances are you probably don't have to.

Dallas and its surrounding cities are full of private and public, big and small, accredited colleges and universities, offering all types of degree programs, just waiting on you to attend.

Southern Methodist University (SMU) is one university located in Dallas. SMU was founded in 1911 by The United Methodist Church and has been supported by Dallas since its inception.

SMU is a private university of about 10,000 students and is known throughout the world for its Dedman School of Law. According to one of SMU's media representatives, U.S. News and World Report recognizes the Dedman School of Law as one of the top ranked law schools in the nation.

SMU's Cox School of business is also ranked as a leader in business education by such publications as Business Week and The Wall Street Journal. In addition, SMU's library is considered one of the best library systems in the country.

If you are looking for a

university with an active on-campus student life, then SMU might be the school for you with approximately 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students living in fourteen residence halls. If you are a parent helping your child decide on a college, you may be interested to know that sixty percent of all lecture sessions at SMU have fewer than twenty-five students.

The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) is another university located not too far from the Dallas area, in Arlington, Texas. UTA began as Arlington College in 1895 and later became known as Arlington State College in 1949. In 1965, Arlington State College officially became a part of The University of Texas System and in 1967 its name changed to The University of Texas at Arlington.

UTA is a public university with an enrollment of about twenty-five thousand students and is the second largest component of the University of Texas system. The school offers ninety baccalaureate, seventy-four masters, and thirty-four doctoral degrees.

"UTA is most famous for its nursing school which is the largest nursing school on a single campus," said Donna Darovich,

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The Third Eye presents A City Wide Kwanzaa Schedule

UMOJA/Unity

Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004 - 1:00 PM

Africa Carr Academy 214-941-1511
 Annual Gwaande (Parade). Participants will assemble at Lincoln Magnes (Hatcher & Malcolm X) @ 11:00 AM proceed down Malcolm X to MLK Center. All groups please bring banner. South Dallas.

3:00 PM

St. Luke Community UMC 214-821-2970
 African Rituals and Cultural activities for all ages.

5710 East R. L. Thornton Freeway in East Dallas.
 6:00 PM

Forever Forward Youth Movement 214-696-5061
 The Park Manor Resident Council and the Forever Youth Movement share music, poetry, songs & life experiences. 3333 Edgewood near Pennsylvania Ave in South Dallas.

6:00 PM

Concerned DeSoto Citizens 972-298-6001
 CMC celebrate their 3rd Kwanzaa with speaker, music & enlightenment. DeSoto Town Center 2111 E. Pleasant Run DeSoto.

Kulichagulia! Self Determination

Monday, Dec. 27, 2004 - 10:00 AM

Melody "Af" Bell 214-374-1192
 Kwanzaa for Kids. The griot storyteller enlightens the children with fun activities - storytelling, puppetry, songs, drumming, history and culture @ Act of Change.

3210 Lancaster/Lancaster Kiest Shopping Center behind Family Dollar Day Oak Cliff.
 7:00 PM

Home Activity. Celebrate the spirit of Kujichagulia with your family at home. For accurate information on how to prepare and conduct your Kwanzaa activities check out officialkwanzaawebsite.org

Ujima/Collective Work & Responsibility

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004 - 7:00 PM

Thomas Muhammad 214-460-7672
 African/African Americans for Reparations and the Texas Peace Officers Assoc. (TPOA) host Dr. Conrad Worrill, Chair National Black United Front speaking on Callie House: The Mother of the Reparations Movement. Pan African Resource Center

Ujamaa/Cooperative Economics
 Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004 - 10:00 AM

Melody "Af" Bell 214-374-1192
 Kwanzaa for Kids. Act of Change 3210 Lancaster, Lancaster Kiest Shopping

Center (Behind Family Dollar) Oak Cliff.
 6:00 PM

Black Images Book Bazaar 214-943-0142
 Networking in the new Millennium with the Black Community. 230 Wynnewood Village in Oak Cliff.

NIA/Purpose
 Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004 - 10:00 AM
 Melody "Af" Bell 214-374-1192
 Kwanzaa for Kids @ Act of Change.

3210 Lancaster, Lancaster Kiest Shopping Center (Behind Family Dollar) Oak Cliff.
 Anytime

Home Activity. Celebrate the spirit of Nia with your family at home. For accurate information on how to prepare and conduct your Kwanzaa activities check out officialkwanzaawebsite.org

KULUMBA/Creativity
 Friday, Dec. 31, 2004 - 10:00 AM
 Melody "Af" Bell 214-374-1192
 Kwanzaa for Kids. Act of Change

3210 Lancaster in Oak Cliff.
 7:00 PM

South Dallas Cultural Center 214-939-2787
 A celebration featuring spoken word and performances by local artists plus the Karamu Feast. Please bring a dish of chicken, beef or vegetables. 3400 S. Fitzhugh in South Dallas.

Pan African Resource Center 214-943-8262
 Join the community in celebrating the birthday of Amy Garvey 612 E. Jefferson Blvd. near Mansalis in Oak Cliff.

IMANI/Faith
 Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005 - 12:00 Noon
 1st African Freedoms Church 214-358-2532

Celebrate the Day of Jubilee with singing, drumming, history & refreshments. 1709 D. MLK Blvd. near Colonial in South Dallas.

8:00 PM
 Ayubu Kamau African Drummers & Dancers 817-640-1716
 Karamu ya Kwanzaa-A celebration of African American history and culture. St. Philips Community Center, 1600 Pens. Avenue. (Advance Admission \$15, per person, \$25 per couple; at the door \$20 per person, \$35 at the door. South Dallas

For accurate information about Kwanzaa, please consult the official Kwanzaa site at officialkwanzaawebsite.org. For information about The Third Eye call 214-426-1683.

Ford Continues To Be The "Best of the Best"



Alan Gell and Doug Scott, Ford Truck Group Marketing Manager

"Being named 'SUV of Texas' reaffirms that LR3 can compete in the ever-growing sport-utility market."

"Nobody knows trucks better than Texans, and they've given the F-150 an emphatic endorsement," said Jim O'Connor, group vice president for North America Marketing, Sales and Service, Ford Motor Company.

"Approximately one of every seven new F-150s sold in the United States is sold in Texas – the F-150 has truly earned the right to be the Truck of Texas."



President of TAWA, David Boldt presenting the SUV of Texas Award to Land Rover, Richard Beattie, executive vice president, Land Rover North

In addition to winning the coveted "Truck of Texas" award, Ford also was named the "Truck Line of Texas" for the fifth consecutive year. The Ford Escape received the award for "Best Compact SUV," and the F-350 Super Duty Diesel was dubbed "Best Heavy Duty Pickup."



Vic Vine & Alan Gell, TAWA members

By: E. Dewayne Gibson
Texas Auto Writers Association, TAWA, hosted the 2004 Awards Banquet for the Texas Truck Rodeo Finalist, Tuesday, November 30, 2004, at the Thorntree Country Club, in DeSoto, Texas.

Representatives from the top car manufacturers came cross country to claim their honorable merits. The Ford F-150 King Ranch won again as the Truck of

Texas.
"Nowhere in the country is a dependable, outstanding SUV with uncompromised on- and off-road ability such a part of life than in the great state of Texas," said Richard Beattie, executive vice president of Land Rover North.

Garland Emergency Official Elected to Regional Post

Garland- The City of Garland will help represent the Emergency Preparedness needs for five southwestern states. The city's Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, Carrie Little, has been elected as the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Region VI President.

Little will be responsible for taking issues back to the executive board from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico,

the five states covered by Region VI of IAEM.

"The Office of Emergency Management is fortunate to have someone of Ms. Little's experience and capability working in our community, and we are honored that she would be selected as an IAEM Regional President," says

Coordinator Darrell Toups.

"She is well qualified to represent the emergency management profession in this organization, which is the leading emergency management association in the country, as well as



Garland worldwide."

Emergency Management Little has worked in

municipal government in Fort Worth (Tarrant County) prior to joining Garland's Emergency Management team. She helped promote signatures to a Tarrant County Mutual Aid agreement through the Tarrant County Fire Chiefs Association.

Little's responsibilities with the City of Garland include emergency management planning, homeland security grant administration, and administration of the hazard

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

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

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

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Job Corps Turns 40!



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One Future at a Time

Over the last four decades Job Corps has served more than 2 million youth and prepared them for the evolving American workforce. In celebrating its' 40th Anniversary, Job Corps continues to look towards the future while building on its' successes of the recent years.

In recognition, the 40th Anniversary DVD, "A Celebration of Success", will be premiering throughout the metroplex.

Chronicling the beginnings of the program through present day the DVD is a testament to the enduring legacy of Job Corps.

For information regarding premiers or to arrange a private screening for your organization or company contact
Renaldo Williams, Business & Community Liaison for the
North Texas Job Corps @ 972 542-2623 or e-mail
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Tarnishing Sports' Black Gold

By: James W. Breedlove

Tyrone Willingham, Barry Bonds, Ron Artest, and Ricky Williams have gotten plenty of press recently. All are black stars performing at a premier gold level in the sports world. It is sad that the controversial dialogue now associated with these individuals must involve overtones of racism.

Willingham, the first black head coach in any sport at Notre Dame, was fired Nov. 30 with three years left on his six-year contract after producing a 21-15 winning record. Notre Dame president Rev. Edward Malloy commenting on the firing said, "In my 18 years, there has only been two days that I've been embarrassed to be president of Notre Dame, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week."

San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds who last season became the third member of the exclusive 700 home run club has had steroid accusations tainting his spectacular achievements for years.

Ron Artest, star guard for the Indiana Pacers, was suspended for the balance of the season for fighting with fans during a game with the Detroit Pistons in what has been described as the worst player-fan brawl in sports history.

Ricky Williams is being villainized for his on again off again romance with the Miami Dolphins. Williams retired suddenly at the beginning of training camp but wanted to keep the 8.6 million up-front bonus money that had been paid. Miami sued for breach of contract and an arbitrator has ruled that the money should be returned.

Many sports observers mistakenly believe because blacks and whites interact consistently and successfully on the athletic field, sports is a racial melting pot that serves as a model to guide the larger society away from its fixation with racism.

Despite the fact that Blacks make up 80 percent of the NBA team roster and 70 percent of the NFL team roster the plantation style imbalance between white front office bosses and black field players hints at continued racism. Black players are accommodated while performing but take them off the field and they are still highly paid second-class citizens. Sport at all levels is about making money.

Blacks that dream of becoming a sports star must realize the system is designed to use them whether at the high school, college or professional level. However, they need to understand while the system is using them they should be using the system. College athletes should exploit the system to get a superior education. The system's bosses would bend over backwards to satisfy educational demands during the time they are using the Black athlete. But, most of the time our young black stars are content to slide by in contentment while enjoying the enticements of the easy life. They miss out on a once in a lifetime opportunity to prepare for their after sports livelihood.

The statistics bear this out. Of the 56 teams playing in this year's college football bowl games, 39 schools graduated less than half of their Black football student-athletes, according to a study by the Institute for Diversity and

Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida.

But the fervor with which impoverished black families cling to the unrealistic hope of athletic success to the exclusion of almost all other alternative avenues of success continues. The dream is nourished because Blacks see more success stories publicized about sports stars than in any other field of endeavor.

Only a few will become household megastars like Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods. The total rosters of the 32 football teams, 30 basketball teams and 30 baseball teams at the major league professional level are respectively 2,240, 1,200, and 450. Considering that the average career of a pro athlete is 5 years, 20 percent of the roster will turnover each year making a total of 778 slots available for newcomers. In the three major sports. The real odds of a high school athlete playing in any pro sport are 10,000 to 1. Playing in the NBA is a 50,000-to-1 shot.

Even those few Blacks that are fortunate enough to make it into the professional system, get rewarded with a substantial contract, and have a successful career the average sports career is only 5-10 years. So at age 35 they retire. Then, with no practical education, what?

The examples of Willingham, Bonds, Artest and Williams are indications that the Golden Age of the Black Athlete that began with Jackie Robinson's entry into baseball in 1947 is ending. This trend is welcomed by those that have embraced the controversial contention that sports has done more harm than good to blacks in the United States.

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The Business Case for Diversity

By: George E. Curry

Valerie Daniels-Carter, the dynamic president of the Minority Franchise Association of Burger King Corporation, invited me to this sunny retreat south of the border to give the keynote address last week at the organization's 30th anniversary conference.

During my stay, I was able to talk with Clyde Rucker, Burger King's senior vice president and director of its diversity programs; "Magic" Johnson, who is being as successful in business as he was on the basketball court; Byron Lewis of UniWorld advertising agency, one of the nation's top experts on advertising to people of color; Sam Tidmore, a longtime friend who was being honored along with Brady Keyes for their roles in establishing MFA, and many others.

While all were proud that an organization of Black franchise owners has been around for three decades, they were also aware of a paradox: At a time when sheer demographics should dictate a greater reliance on experts and business leaders who have developed expertise in reaching people of color, many African-American experts are being underutilized or kicked off of accounts in favor of larger, White ad agencies that claim that they can do a better job than people who have devoted their lives to this cause.

When Andy Young was ambassador to the U.N., he decried what he called smart-but White boys, or words to that effect, who automatically thought they were smarter than the most talented African-Americans.

We saw similar arrogance on display during the past presidential campaign when cash-drenched White 527 political groups bypassed experienced African-American grassroots organizations and devised their own plan for reaching African-American voters. Of course, they failed.

And many businesses are also going to fail if they

refuse to adjust to a changing society.

According to the Census Bureau, over the next 50 years, the population of the United States will grow by almost 50 percent, increasing from 282.1 million in 2002 to 419.8 million in 2050.

People of color will account for approximately 90 percent of that growth. Non-Hispanic Whites will see their share of the U.S. population fall from 69.4 percent in 2000 to 50.1 percent in 2050. Within the following decade, for the first time in history, Whites will become a minority in the U.S.

Over the next half-century, African-Americans will increase their percentage of the population from 12.7 percent to 14.6 percent. Hispanics will see their share almost double, from 12.6 percent to 24.4 percent. Asians will go from 3.8 percent to 8 percent.

In terms of numbers, non-Hispanic Whites will go from 197.7 million in 2000 to 210.2 million in 2050, a gain of 7.4 percent. African-Americans will expand from 35.8 million to 61.3 million, a growth rate of 71.3 percent. Asians will grow from 10.6 million to 33.4 million, a 212.9 percent jump. Latinos will almost triple, leaping from 35.6 million to 102.5 million, an increase of 187.9 percent.

As for buying power, according to the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia, the combined annual buying power of African-Americans, Latinos, Asians and Native Americans will increase from \$677.3 billion in 1990 to \$2.5 trillion in 2008. For Blacks alone, it's almost \$1 trillion.

Few, if any, business executives can ignore those numbers. And those who do will do so at their peril. The choice is simple: Do you go after that 7 percent growth rate or do you go after the 90 percent growth?

If an executive doesn't know the correct answer, he

or she should be taken into the board room, just as Donald Trump does on TV, and be told: "You're fired."

If the person managing your pension fund or retirement account is not investing in companies targeting the rapidly-expanding populations, he or she is costing you money, maybe all of your money.

And those ad agencies that think they can effectively reach Black consumers without advertising in the Black Press or using Black ad agencies, are both arrogant and ignorant.

More important, they are setting themselves up for failure. If a company allows its ad agency to bypass the Black Press, their earnings will be bypassed by competitors that are sensitive to these dramatic changes.

Therefore, if executives don't see the value of diversity from a business perspective, they are not fulfilling their judiciary responsibility. If someone is guarding your pension fund and has not taken into account these dramatic changes, they are costing you money.

Instead of ignoring or marginalizing the quality talent that was assembled here by the Minority Franchise Association, companies should be competing to take advantage of such tremendous expertise. The smart CEOs will prove that they are smart by doing just that.

George E. Curry is editor-in-chief of the NNPA News Service and BlackPressUSA.com.

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Texas signs concealed handgun reciprocity agreements with Georgia and Montana

Texas has signed reciprocal agreements with Georgia and Montana, allowing citizens with concealed handgun licenses issued by those states to legally carry concealed handguns in Texas, and vice versa.

Gov. Rick Perry signed the reciprocity agreements with Georgia and Montana, allowing licensees to visit Texas with their concealed handguns.

"These agreements allow

licensed Texans to enjoy the same or similar privileges their licenses give them at home," DPS Director Thomas Davis Jr. said.

With the addition of Georgia and Montana, Texas currently has reciprocity agreements with 14 states. (These agreements were made possible by 1997 and 2003 changes to the Texas concealed handgun law.) Texas also has reciprocity agreements with Arkansas,

Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming.

"Texans should remember that laws vary from state to state, and before traveling, license holders should educate themselves about laws in other states that govern where and when they can legally carry their concealed handguns," Davis said.

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mitigation program for the city. She has also helped develop the City's Crisis Communication Plan.

Little is a graduate of University of North Texas and has a Masters degree in public administration with a concentration in local government management.

The IAEM is the largest network of top emergency management experts who meet on a regular basis to address issues such as

terrorism preparedness, emergency management, communications, disaster assistance delivery and others.

The organization is governed by a board of directors, which includes representatives from 11 membership regions as well as nationally elected officers.

"This will be a great opportunity for the City of Garland to receive recognition in the Emergency Management field," Little

said. IAEM membership is open to professionals in the field of emergency management who are concerned with national security among other things. Membership to the organization gives professionals a unified voice at the federal, state and local levels to educate decision-makers about the impact of policies and legislation on emergency management services.

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 enaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what's going on up north-

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

MON-The Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991 by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones.

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More women, minorities self-employed

By: Kent Hoover
More than 12 million Americans -- nearly 10% of the nation's work force -- were self-employed last year, according to a new study by the Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy.

That number is higher than previous estimates because it includes self-employed individuals who have incorporated their businesses.

An increasing number of self-employed business owners are forming corporations in order to shield their personal assets from litigation and, in some cases, lower their taxes, says Gene Fairbrother, a small business consultant in Dallas.

Women and minorities reported the largest increases in self-employment. From 1979 to 2003, the number of women who are self-employed more than doubled to 3.8 million. Self-employment among blacks also more than doubled to 710,000.

Self-employment among Latinos jumped 328% during this time period to more than 1 million, reflecting their increase in the nation's overall population.

This explosive growth among minorities lowered whites' share of total self-employment from 91% in 1979 to 79% in 2003, according to the survey.

The new numbers will have an impact on policies toward self-employment, says Tom Sullivan, the SBA's chief counsel for advocacy.

To get policy makers' attention, he says, "nothing beats hard data and hard numbers."

Kristie Darien, director of government affairs for the National Association for the Self-Employed, says the numbers will help NASE make their case against policies that discriminate against the self-employed.

For example, self-employed individuals can deduct their health insurance premiums from their income tax, but these premiums aren't deductible when they

compute their self-employment tax. Hoover is Washington bureau chief for American City Business Journals. He can be contacted at khoover@bizjournals.com or 703-816-0330.

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The African Chamber of Commerce DFW chapter hosts weekly business luncheons every Wednesday from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, at the Farmers Market Resource Center, 1010 S. Pearl Street in Dallas. The luncheons feature guest speakers, networking, technical assistance and referrals. For more information please call 214-670-5880.
PIP Productions, distributors of the new multi-station show, The Valder Beebe Show, announces The Valder Beebe Show broadcast on "KXVI FM The Bridge Network" each

Sunday, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
City of Allen Teen Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Allen Public Library, located at 301 Century Parkway. For more information, please call 972-727-0195.
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online.
The Plano Chamber of Commerce offers a weekly networking opportunity called "Business Interchange" every Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., 1200 E. 15th Street, Plano, 75074. For more information, log on to the Plano City web site at www.planochamber.org.
General Information
The Urban League of Garland Community Service Center offers limited financial assistance for utilities, rent and mortgages, for local residents. Other services offered include housing counseling focusing on reverse mortgages, default mortgages, and financial literature for first-time home buyers 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 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children ages 4 to adult are welcome to learn ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip-hop and musical theater. For more information contact Cyndia Chapman at 214-275-7284 ext. 117.

December 16
CCCCD Continuing Education will host a series of open houses from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16. The events are free, but attendees must register by calling 972.985.3711 because space is limited.
December 17
The Stephanie Ward Gallery presents: Southern Trees Bear Strange Fruit Exhibit.
A Folk Art Exhibit. If you love memorabilia, or artwork that reminds you of home, you don't want to miss this exhibit. Please RSVP! The event will take place from 6-8 p.m.
December 18
Also at the Stephanie Ward Gallery on Saturday Dec. 18, from 3-5pm, Mark Dabney, A New York appraiser will discuss the fundamentals of collecting artwork and will schedule in-home appraisals. If you are interested in having your art appraised, give us a call at 214 752-5588. Seating is limited for this event. Sign up early!
December 19
Coca Cola and Third String present Buzz-Oven Christmas Concert at the Plano Centre from 3pm to 12 midnight.

Admission is \$15 in advance and \$17 on the day of the show. Tickets are on sale at the door and at www.frontgatetickets.com. For more information contact Mike Ziemer at 214.697.8857 or visit www.thirdstringpr.com or www.buzz-oven.com.
December 21
Keep Allen Beautiful Board Meeting cancelled. For more information, call 214-509-4551.
December 23 - 25
City of Allen facilities will be closed December 23 and 24 in recognition of the Christmas holidays.
This includes the Allen Public Library and the Interim Allen Senior Center.
The Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium will be open for public swimming from 1 to 6 p.m. on December 23 and closed on December 24 and 25.
The Joe Farmer Recreation Center will be closed on December 24 and 25.
December 31- January 2
The greatest hits of the '50s and '60s are all on the menu at Smokey Joe's Cafe, a show that will have your hands clapping and toes tapping.

Smokey Joe's Cafe, the longest running Broadway review in history, will show at the Eisemann Center in Richardson December 31-January 2. Tickets on sale now and are available at the Eisemann Center box office, by phone at 972.744.4650 or online at www.theaterleague.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 more information, call 972-519-1588.
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Women, and considered one of America's most influential black women.

Ms. Young, other educators, and professional women were the make up of the organization that was created to help those in need and plan social events. Elected the first president of the organization and composing the club's theme song entitled, Loves Sweet Bethune, Mrs. Fenet served faithfully until her death.

Mrs. Fenet dedicated her time and service to an organization that decided to focus on promoting unity of action among women's organizations in matters affecting the educational, cultural, economic, political and social life in America.

"She went about doing

good, and always put God first. St. James CME lost one of its most loyal and faithful servants. She was a rock, a Gibraltar," said Evelyn Johnson.

Furthermore, the

work for the complete elimination of any and all forms of discrimination and segregation based on race, religion, color, national origin and sex.

In a 2002 interview with



(L to R) Mary Will Craig, Peggy Guarnacci and Norma Allen, members of the Heard-Craig Museum volunteer Guild

Mrs. Fenet regarding the Daughters of Bethune and their 60th anniversary in which she was honored for 60 years of dedication to the organization, she said that she liked to help people.

The civic and social club has been involved in such things as Meals on Wheels, transporting the elderly to vote, scholarship programs, taking care of McKinney's sick and shut in, the 150 year celebration of McKinney, holiday programs and other

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Atlanta becomes White Mecca Page 5

housing initiative called HOPE VI (Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere) is a well-intentioned effort by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to redistribute inner city dwellers out of public housing projects and other so-called "reservation communities" into better neighborhoods with single family houses and more amenities like better grocery stores, shops and medical services.

But Holmes says the concept has yet to flourish the way its creators envisioned.

"We have yet to see that happen." What we have seen, he notes in the report, is the increase in condominiums and loft housing which he said is being gobbled up by Whites moving from other areas of the country and suburban Atlanta into the inner city.

"Not many Blacks are buying into this," he said.

"While we are moving outside the city into the subdivisions and housing developments, Whites are coming into the city and occupying 95 percent of the

condos and loft apartments."

He predicted that if the trend continues, the demographics of the city will change significantly and with it the political landscape as well.

Speaking of politics, Holmes said the census data from 2000 suggests that the White-Black population could reach parity within the next three to five years and allow a strong White candidate to be elected mayor.

"That's not to say that a Black person couldn't be elected," he notes.

"But that person will have to be one Whites feel will work in their best interests as well as those of the city's poor and working class. The days of the incumbent mayor hand-picking successors is over. That died with Maynard (Jackson) in 2003."

One of the reports' most disturbing finding is the declining rate of marriage in the Black community. According to their findings, nationally the number of Black married couples plummeted from 68 percent in 1970 to 46.1 percent in 2000.

In Atlanta, the decline was equally as sharp from 58.5 percent

to 33.7 percent. Black married couples with kids comprise only 12.4 percent of total Black households in Atlanta compared to 30.5 percent for Whites. Holmes said their report cites the low supply of "marriageable Black men" as one cause for the downward trend.

The report cites the ratio of Black men to Black women as 597 men for every 1,000 "sistahs", nearly 2-1. When Black male employment is thrown in, the figures shrink to 279 eligibles for every 1,000 Black women.

"The impact is devastating," said Holmes. "It's increased teen childbearing, higher school dropout rates, more children in foster care, increases in welfare rolls, more kids in poverty and greater incarceration rates."

As possible solutions, the report suggests everything from major education efforts to encourage marriage over cohabitation or "shacking" to outlawing no-fault divorce or even sanctioning same sex marriage (a crime in Georgia).

"The Status of Black Atlanta 2004" is available for \$15 and can be obtained by calling the Southern Center at 404-680-8085.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

DEBRA WALKER, et al.,

CIVIL ACTION NO.

VS.

3:85-CV-1210-R

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT, et al.

CLASS ACTION

NOTICE OF PENDING SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

TO: All African-American persons who, in the past, currently, or in the future: (i) lived or live in public housing, or (ii) received or receive Section 8 assistance, or (iii) applied or will apply for public housing or Section 8 assistance pursuant to a program administered by the Housing Authority of the City of Dallas ("DHA"):

You are a member of the class described above. This case involves the desegregation of DHA's housing programs. Plaintiffs in the case and DHA have proposed a final settlement of this case. If approved by the Court, this settlement will be all the relief you or any other class member can obtain from DHA for its action related to this lawsuit. The settlement will replace all previous Orders, including but not limited to February 7, 1995 Remedial Order Affecting DHA ("Remedial Order") and March 29, 2001 Order Granting Motion of Revised Site Selection Order ("Site Selection Order") that currently apply to DHA except to the extent any of the obligations in those orders are specifically continued in the Agreed Final Judgment.

You are entitled to know about the settlement, give the Court your comments, and object to or oppose the settlement. If the Court approves the settlement, then DHA's duties and your rights in connection with the claims in this lawsuit would be those described in the settlement. In exchange for the benefits of this settlement, the members of the class will agree to the dissolution of the Remedial Order and Site Selection Order and dismissal with prejudice of all motions. The Court has set a hearing on the proposed settlement for December 21, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Judge Buchmeyer's courtroom, 1100 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas.

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT DESCRIBE THE ENTIRE SETTLEMENT AND IS NOT AUTHORITY FOR ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANY COURT ORDER. You are entitled to see and review the documents associated with the settlement and this case. The original documents are available from the United States District Clerk but it will be easier for you to see and get copies of the documents at the office of Plaintiffs' attorney, listed below.

If you have any objection to the settlement and want to testify or give other evidence at the hearing, you must do the following: put the objection in writing, put "Walker v. HUD, 3:85-CV-1210-R" at the top, and at least 7 days before the hearing, send a copy to these addresses:

Plaintiffs' attorney: Michael M. Daniel or Laura Beshara, 3301 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75226.

DHA's attorney: Katie Anderson or Kevin Maguire, Strasburger & Price, LLP, 901 Main Street, Suite 4300, Dallas, Texas 75202.

The Court: United States District Clerk, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 14A20, Dallas, Texas 75242.

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CCCCD And Texas A&M University - Commerce Offer Spring Business Courses In Collin County

Undergraduates may one day be able to earn a business degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce without leaving the confines of Collin County.

That's because the university is teaming up with Collin County Community College District (CCCCD) in offering two business courses at the CCCC Central Park Campus, 2200 W. University Drive in McKinney during the spring 2005 semester.

The two junior-level courses, Management 305 and Marketing 306, are required for a bachelor's degree in business and a bachelor's degree of applied arts and sciences. Management 305 is slated for Tuesday nights beginning Jan. 18 and Marketing 306 is scheduled for Wednesday nights beginning Jan. 19.

Both classes are scheduled for 7-9:45 p.m. CCCC students can register through Monday, Jan. 17 online by visiting the university website, www.tamu-commerce.edu. Registration also is available by phone or visiting the A&M-Commerce registrar's office at 2600 S. Neal St., Commerce, Texas, 75428.

Central Park Campus Provost Rex Parcels said the partnership benefits CCCC students, first and foremost.

"I am excited to have upper-level classes being offered at this campus," he said.

"We are looking forward to offering more classes from Texas A&M-Commerce. There are a lot of possibilities as we start this project. I think the advantage is for our students as they go through a program and progress to get their bachelor's degree."

According to A&M-Commerce Dean of the College of Business and Technology Dr. Hal Langford, this opportunity lets CCCC students get a headstart in earning a four-year degree from his university.

"We are always looking for opportunities to offer courses in areas where we believe there is a population that's interested in taking them," Dr. Langford said.

"If we get a good response, we would be delighted to offer as many classes as we are able to. I can see many opportunities to enhance our undergraduate education. My goal is to offer courses at CCCC to complete an undergraduate degree from the university in McKinney. That may be down the line, but that's what we are shooting for."

Parcells added that he hopes to eventually bring A&M-Commerce master's degree classes to CCCC.

For more information, contact the A&M-Commerce registrar's office at 903.886.5102 or visit their website at www.tamu-commerce.edu.

Collin County Community College District serves more than 40,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate

programs. In addition, the CCCC is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.

Registration Now Under Way for Winter and Spring Terms

Ready to take credit classes during DCCC's winter or spring term? Then it's time to rev up for registration. Priority registration (for returning students) began Tuesday, Nov. 16, and regular registration started Monday, Nov. 22.

Make the Most of Your Winter Break

Are you a highly motivated student who can devote time to an intense, fast-paced program of study? Then consider enrolling in a winter term course. This "minimester" lets you earn three or more credit hours in just a few weeks.

The winter term class schedule is different at each college but typically lasts from mid-December through early January. Winter term course

offerings vary by college, also; subjects include accounting, biology, English, speech, U.S. history and more.

Get in Gear for the Spring Semester

It'll still feel like winter, but spring term credit classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 18. For these courses, priority registration for returning students began Tuesday, Nov. 16, and ended Sunday, Nov. 21. (See the eligibility requirements for priority registration.) Regular registration began Monday, Nov. 22, and concludes Monday, Jan. 17. (All DCCC offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, but you can still use eConnect and telephone registration on that day if you are eligible to register online. See the eligibility requirements for online registration.)

New PhD for public administrators

DENTON (UNT) - Professionals working in local, state and federal government and nonprofit agencies will soon have another outlet for

preparing to teach their field.

The University of North Texas Department of Public Administration will offer a doctor of philosophy degree with a major in public administration and management beginning in the fall 2005 semester.

The degree, which will prepare students for teaching at a college or university, was created in response to inquiries from prospective students, particularly graduates of the Department of Public Administration's master of public administration program, said Dr. Bob Bland, chairman of the Department of Public Administration.

The new degree will replace a political science doctoral degree with a concentration in public administration and management, which had been offered in the Department of Political Science since 1972. At that time, all public administration courses were taught in that department.

Area Universities Page 1

Director of Public Affairs for UTA. "The school is also known for its Engineering program.

The university was once seen as a commuter school because many students did not live in Arlington and commuted in from other places around the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. However, according to Darovich the university is no longer seen as a commuter school.

"More than half of our students live in Arlington, and out of a student population of twenty-five thousand, five thousand students live on campus," said Darovich. "We are not considered a commuter school anymore."

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), also part of the University of Texas system, is an option if you don't want to travel too far away from home. UTD is located in Richardson, Texas, in Silicon Prairie which is home to more than 600 telecommunications and advanced technology firms.

UTD began as the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest and in 1969 became known as The University of Texas at Dallas and eventually transitioned from a part-time upper division university to a four year university with an emphasis on engineering, mathematics, the sciences and the management of new technologies.

"We have seven schools, but our biggest programs are our school of engineering and school of computer science," said Jon Senderling, Executive Director of the Office of News and Information for UTD. "People think of us as a high tech school because of those two programs."

UTD has a student population of about thirteen thousand. Many of those students commute from other areas in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. For those students who don't wish to commute, UTD offers non-traditional residence halls that are actually apartments located on the UTD campus.

Texas Woman's University (TWU) is another option for those hoping to attend college but not stray too far from the metroplex. TWU has a main campus in Denton and other campuses in Dallas and Houston.

TWU was founded in 1901 and was known as the Girls Industrial College. Girls Industrial College became Texas Woman's University in 1957. In 1972, the University began admitting men.

The nursing program at TWU became the first nationally

accredited nursing school and began nursing training for its students with Dallas' Parkland Hospital.

"We have the largest nursing program in the state with twenty-three hundred nursing students," said Roy Kron, Director of News and Information for TWU. "We are also known for our Allied Health and Liberal Arts Programs."

TWU has a student population of almost ten thousand and of those ten thousand about fourteen hundred live on the campus located in Denton. The school's Dallas and Houston locations do not have on campus housing.

There is yet another university to choose from if you live in Dallas or its surrounding areas. The University of North Texas (UNT), located in Denton has been around since 1890.

UNT is known as a comprehensive, metropolitan research university and is considered a leader in the performance of many public services. UNT has been designated as one of the five comprehensive research and graduate institutions in Texas and has more nationally accredited programs than any other university in the metroplex.

"The University is the largest and most comprehensive in the metroplex," said Kelley Reese, UNT spokesperson. "We are recognized for our Jazz program and were the first in the nation to have an Emergency Management Program."

Considered the fourth largest university in the state of Texas, UNT has more than thirty thousand students. Six thousand students live on campus in twelve different residence halls.

"At UNT, you will experience very traditional college life," said Reese.

If none of the above mentioned schools fit what you are looking for in a college, Austin College is another school to consider. Austin College, located in Sherman, Texas, just north of the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, is a private liberal arts institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

Austin College originally opened in Huntsville, Texas in 1850, but moved to Sherman, Texas in 1876.

With a student population of only thirteen hundred, the average class size at Austin College is only twenty-three students and you will probably get to know just about everyone on campus.

"Pre-Medical students come here because of our high acceptance rates to Medical schools," said Vickie Kirby, Director of Editorial

Communications for Austin College.

The school is also known for its Posey Leadership Institute, which is a program that takes fifteen freshmen every year through a study of all aspects of leadership.

If you are a working adult and just don't have the time and money to spend at a traditional University, then Amberton University is the place for you. Amberton University is a private university located in Garland, Texas in a two-story professional office building.

Amberton University opened its doors in 1971 and quickly began to focus on the working adult. The university is only for working adults, twenty-one years of age or older, who opt to forgo the traditional settings of many colleges and universities. The university primarily offers upper level (Junior/Senior) and graduate level programs leading to bachelor and master degrees.

About two thousand students attend the private university that offers four sessions a year and is set up to be flexible for working adults.

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Mr. Imagination Comes To The African American Museum For Third Friday

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at the African American
Museum this Friday.
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Gregory Warmack, sees art
in things that most of us
would dismiss as junk. Old
wire hangers, bottle caps,
feather dusters, and other
odds and ends and bits
become works of art in his
hands.
Warmack is an
internationally known,
award winning folk artist
who has used his skills at
the House of Blues in
Orlando FL, Las Vegas NV,
and Chicago IL., to create

memorable art works for
their entrances.
Warmack was also
commissioned by the
National Blues Foundation
of America to create four
awards to be presented
annually to a significant
performer of Blues music.
The award, appropriately
titled B.B. King Blues Hero
Award, is a guitar sculpture
fashioned out of found
objects, the first of which
was awarded to B.B. King
himself.
Mr. Imagination is in
Dallas thanks to the Urban
Financial Services
Coalition, a non-profit
organization of minority
professionals. They, along

with their sponsors are
bringing Mr. Imagination to
Dallas to conduct hands on
workshops for 6 local public
and private schools.
On Friday night,
December 17th he will be at
the African American
Museum in Fair Park from
6pm to 9pm for a hands on
art activity. Participants will
create bottle cap rattles.
This is part of the African
American Museum's Third
Fridays, which are
conceived as family nights,
with art and history
activities complementing the
Museum's exhibition
offerings.
On December 17th the
Museum's special offering is

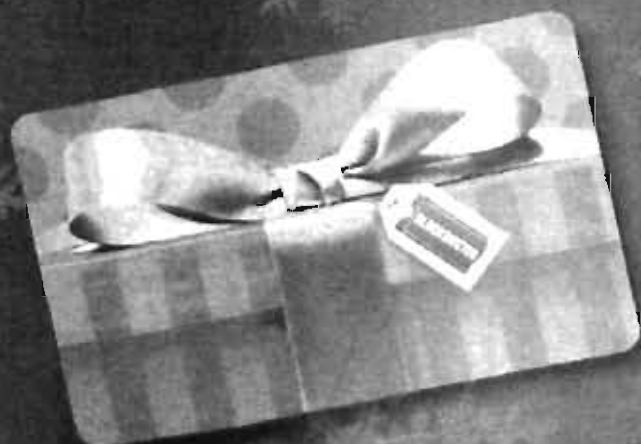
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Top Ten Movies (boxofficeonline.com)	Top Ten Video Rentals DVD
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2. Blade: Trinity	2. The Bourne Supremacy
3. National Treasure	3. Spider-Man 2
4. The Polar Express	4. The Terminal
5. Christmas With the Kranks	5. Elf
6. The Incredibles	6. Hero
7. The Sponge Bob Square Pants Movie	7. Chronicles Of Riddick
8. Closer	8. Species III
9. Finding Neverland	9. Stepford Wives
10. Alexander	10. Unstoppable

Top Ten CD's (Billboard) R & B/Hip Hop	VHS
1. T.I., Urban Legend	1. Dodgeball
2. Nas, Street's Disciple	2. The Terminal
3. Jay-Z Linkin Park, MTV Ultimate Mash-Ups Presents: Collision Course	3. Elf
4. Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz, Crunk Juice	4. Spider-Man 2
5. Eminem, Encore	5. The Bourne Supremacy
6. Destiny's Child, Destiny Fulfilled	6. Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban
7. Gerald Levert, Do I Speak For The World	7. Day After Tomorrow
8. Fantasia, Free Yourself The Diplomats, Diplomatic Immunity 2	8. Shrek 2
9. Snoop Dogg, R&G (Rhythm & Gangsta): The Masterpiece	9. Man On Fire
10. Usher, Confessions Nelly, Suit	10. Stepford Wives

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 31, 6:00 pm
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For more information, contact Denise Johnson Stovall @ 972-224-3087

January 2, 2:30 - 5:30 pm
Camp Wisdom UMC will host the Friendship Among Faiths 5th Winter Celebration. This is a program of the Thanks-Giving Square Interfaith Council. It's FREE admission and opened to the public. This year's theme for the interfaith program is "Gifts We Share: Respect, Recognition, Reconciliation." There will be three speakers from the Abrahamic faiths: a Jewish Rabbi, a Christian Minister, and a Muslim Imam, they will address the theme from each one's religious perspective.

Camp Wisdom UMC
Rev. L. C. Stovall, Pastor
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643
Phone: 214-320-6100

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Car Review

Car Safety Review: Daimler Chrysler's Road Ready Teens

By: E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.

Car wrecks are the number one killer of teens. According to research, on average, one teenager dies each hour, each weekend in the United States. Teenagers 16 to 19 are far more likely to be killed in a car accident than any other age group.

DaimlerChrysler, AAA, MADD, and the National Safety Council (NSC), the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), HP, WildTangent, and

Yahoo!® have joined their collective expertise in safety and technology to make Road Ready Teens the most comprehensive teen driving safety initiative in the country today.

Road Ready Teens provides parents of teenagers learning to drive with tips and tools to ease their teens into driving. The guidelines are imbedded in the game, thus making learning seamless and part of the fun. The game allows the player to electronically pass game situations and scores onto their friends via e-mail challenges.

Road Ready StreetWise

is unlike many games one may find on the Internet. It rivals the quality of home gaming systems, and is easily downloadable even through a dialup Internet connection. StreetWise puts the young driver's skills to the test.

"It can be tough to make an impression on a teenager, so reaching them through a medium they enjoy is a strategy we fully support," said Tom Anderson, Vice President of Consumer Computing, HP.

StreetWise is available in Spanish as well. For more information visit Roadreadyteens.org

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charitable events. "I've been able to stay involved with the social club because I am one of those people who likes to help people and also entertain," said Mrs. Fenet.

In addition to her service to the Daughters of Bethune, Mrs. Fenet was also very involved in other aspects of her McKinney community.

Mrs. Fenet was a faithful member of the Saint James Methodist Episcopal Church in McKinney.

She was also involved with the Heard Craig Museum Volunteer Guild in which she was recognized as volunteer of the year and received a classroom in the museum named after her for many years of service. Fenet was also involved with Church Women United Chapter of McKinney, United Day Nursery and many other local involvements.

"Doris was a good friend, and held a high standard for everything that she did," said Mary Will Craig of the Heard



Mrs. Doris Fenet

Craig-Museum.

In her lifetime, Mrs. Fenet touched many lives through her willingness to be kind and serve others.

"The kindness and genuine concern she displayed towards our church, Saint James

Methodist Episcopal Church was most appreciated," said Mary Smiley who had known Fenet for almost 40 years.

"She was very thoughtful, and whenever we needed support she was always there to help and pray."

Nealie Jackson, a retired hairdresser knew Mrs. Fenet for over 50 years. They worked together as hairdressers and served together as members of the Daughters of Bethune.

"Doris was a friend and a mentor," said Jackson. "Her smile will really be missed."

"No need to preach a eulogy because she lived hers. To know her was to know a true believer, and a loving direct person. Be assured that God is always in control; she would want us to remember that. Every life she touched, she left something with you," said Pastor Winston F. Douglas who eulogized the service.

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PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) will receive sealed bids at 5900 W. Plano Pkwy. Suite 100, Plano, TX 75093, (214) 461-2061, until Thursday, January 27, 2005 at 2:00 pm.

Project DNT - 463. Construction of 1.81 miles of new 6-lane Dallas North Tollway from north of SH 121 to north of John Hickman Road, Section XI-S, including grading, drainage, structures, concrete pavement, retaining walls, illumination, sign structures, pavement markings, traffic signals, and ITS infrastructure. The project length is 1.70 miles roadway and 0.11 miles bridge. The engineer's estimate of probable construction cost is \$31,000,000. Non-refundable bid packet cost is **ONE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$100.00)** and will be available December 20, 2004. Contact Karen at 214-461-2061 for more information.

Project DNT - 501. Construction of 1.36 miles of new 3-lane President George Bush Turnpike service roads from SH 78 to Northeast Parkway, Section XXVIII, including grading, drainage, structures, concrete pavement, retaining walls, illumination, sign structures, pavement markings, and traffic signals. The project length is 0.61 miles roadway and 0.11 miles bridge. The engineer's estimate of probable construction cost is \$14,000,000. Non-refundable bid packet cost is **SEVENTY FIVE AND NO/100 (\$75.00)** and will be available December 30, 2004. Contact Karen at 214-461-2061 for more information.

The bid packet includes the Proposal book and Plans. Acceptable methods of payment include cashier's check, money order, company check, or personal check. **Cash will not be accepted.** Paper based bids and documents supporting electronic 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. All rights reserved.

The bid packet may be examined at the NTTA's main office, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano TX 75093, prior to purchase. Bid documents may also be examined and downloaded online, at no charge, under the **Business/View Opportunities** section of the NTTA's home page (<http://www.ntta.org>). If not previously registered with the NTTA, the bidder must register online prior to accessing the bid documents.

Electronic bids may be submitted through the NTTA's electronic bidding software. The NTTA is offering optional training on its electronic bidding process on January 8, 2005 from 3:00 to 4:00 at the NTTA's main office, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano TX 75093. Contact Laura at 214-461-2095 to register for this training.



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BEST IN TEXAS



Ford F-150 Captures Truck of Texas Title ... Again

By MARLON HANSON
Focus Daily News
Texas Auto Writers Association

Advertising for the accolades won by the Ford F-150 have yet to stop from the 2004 model and the stream has started to rush already for the 2005 model.

The first actual competition nationwide for pickup trucks occurred this past October at the 12th annual Texas Truck Rodeo.

Ford entered their new King Ranch (which is in Texas, by the

way) F-150 in the competition for the Truck of Texas™ title and it has now been certified as the winner of the trophy for the 2005 model.

The King Ranch scored more total votes in the competition (2,597) than any of 18 other pickup trucks entered.

Trucks were graded in a number of categories: exterior styling, interior styling, ride quality, on-road driving, off-road driving, fuel efficiency for its class and how well it accomplishes the purpose for

which it was designed.

Fifty-one journalists evaluated the trucks over a two-day competition in mid-October with their votes submitted, tabulated, and audited prior to being made available as totals to the participating manufacturers and publications.

The Texas Truck Rodeo has two major categories: Truck of Texas™ for which pickup trucks compete and SUV of Texas™ for which sport utility vehicles compete.

This year saw a record number of entries with 18 pickup trucks and 31 sport utility vehicles entered.



LR3 Named SUV of Texas after Rodeo

By MARLON HANSON
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believe is the best in its class.

This year, 51 Texas journalists drove the newest Rover, the LR3 on pavement and through dirt, dust and mesquite branches and they judged it to be the vehicle best qualified to be named the SUV of Texas™.

I was personally ultra-impressed with the LR3 from experiences I have had with it in the mountains near Montreal where it was initially introduced. But, everyone has different taste and it was interesting to see that so many other journalists agreed with me – this is the best new SUV to hit the “multi-tasking” road that we can remember.

Rover engineers shot for the moon and attained it. Now the marketing folk need to adapt the same attitude. They should be able to sell these babies like hotcakes on a cold day – the vehicle is definitely that good!

Just remember to set the sights high.

The folks back east and far west in California might think that winning the Motor Trend SUV of the Year like the Land Rover LR3 did this fall is just about the best thing that can happen to a sport utility vehicle, but then, they're not in Texas.

Texas is unique. It's the Truck Capital of the World. It's the state where more than the rubber meets the road. The rubber also meets the mesquite branches, the cow-pattie fields, the gully-washing floods, and summer pavement too hot to fry an egg.

Texans know their trucks and SUVs and they need something just a cut above the rest. It says a lot when they select the vehicle they



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'04 Full Size SUV: GMC Yukon Denali

Denali Remains a Symbol of Perfection



By MARLON HANSON
Focus Daily News
Texas Auto Writers Association

There's only one vehicle with the "professional grade" attributes of the GMC Yukon Denali and it came through loud and clear with the vote of Texas Auto Writers at the 2004 Texas Truck Rodeo.

Every year there's a "Denali" on top of the competition in terms of total votes and the Full-Size SUV category this year was no different with the GMC Yukon version amassing 1912 points in its category.

There's just so much to love in a Denali. One could begin with every control right at your fingertips on the leather-wrapped steering wheel, the supple leather seats, the turn signals embedded in the mirrors or the ultimate in choice of

radio stations with XM Radio.

But then, there's also OnStar and the new availability of voice activated phone calling available through the OnStar System.

But, at the rodeo, it probably came down to all these facts plus the smooth agility of the Yukon over the hills, down into the ruts, through the mud, and then a unique ability to take to the Texas highway without even a hint of breathing hard.

Incredibly, one of GMC's biggest claims to fame and greatest features over the past three years, QuadraSteer, has yet to be duplicated by any other manufacturer.

In Texas, where there are so many places where the ability to negotiate a tight corner or move around a difficult situation, this has become an indispensable benefit for all who have tried it.

'04 Midsize SUV: Jeep Grand Cherokee

Jeep Provides Rugged Softness at it's Best

By GRETHA GUDMUNDSSON
Auto Age USA

The 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee, the flagship of the brand, succeeds at reinventing itself to become every woman's dream family vehicle and her man's most desired personal vehicle. Setting a new standard in comfort, power and performance, the Grand Cherokee carries a super V8 hemi engine under the hood delivering 330 horse power in the softest and most appealing interior design on a SUV. As a driver enjoying the advanced technology and multiple amenities that the vehicle has to offer, it's easy to forget the old image of a Jeep warrior – as a military vehicle crossing streams of river – and climbing dangerous mountainous terrain in third world countries. In suburbia, as in any city in the USA, the requirements are different. The Grand Cherokee redefines it's design with a multitasking capability without losing it's tradition to meet the day to day activities of a busy and growing family. I drove the Grand Cherokee in a two-day event at the Texas Truck Rodeo

in Fort Worth and I was pleased with the ride quality on the on road test. The interior cabin has been tastefully redesigned to feel like the living room of your house with great sound.

The all new Grand Cherokee is all new indeed with completely redesigned interior and improvements in many systems. The buyers of the 2005 model will enjoy a plush and softer ride with a new independent front suspension and an all new rack-and pinion-steering. Improving in safety, the new model package include power adjustable pedals, a new electronic stability program and standard antilock brakes. On the off road test the Grand Cherokee was a warrior with the attitude that anybody who knows the name of Jeep has come to expect, great traction and super performance. The Grand Cherokee had no trouble in conquering all the challenges of the off road route like a champion. The new Grand Cherokee offers three four wheel drive systems and three engines. One of their four

wheel drive systems is the top rated Quadra Drive II with electronic limited slip differential for super traction. The three engines include a base V6 engine and two V8 engines, a 5.7 liter Hemi with 330 horse power and a 4.7 liter with 210 horsepower.

The 2005 Grand Cherokee went on sale this October at a starting list price of

\$26,000 – but with the end of the year rebates and Christmas incentives this price may just get a lot lower. Hurry to your Jeep-Dodge Dealerships for the experience of rugged softness at it's best.



'04 Compact SUV: Jeep Liberty Diesel

The Smallest Jeep Sibling Is Still Tough

By CHRIS JACKSON
www.car-data.com

It's tempting to dismiss the Jeep Liberty as the baby of the family. Jeep's three-model lineup is pretty clear-cut, with the throwback Wrangler the tough one and the luxurious Grand Cherokee occupying space at the top of the lineup. The least-expensive, most diminutive Liberty comes across as the youngest, smallest sibling.

The styling is cribbed from the Wrangler, with perhaps some influence from old military vehicles as well. It's the most upright

of the small SUVs, with lots of vertical lines and the unmistakable seven-slot grille flanked by round headlamps.

The four-speed automatic we drove was confident and about as trucky as could be expected, with smooth shifts and a bit more noise than most small SUVs. And, under the skin, the toughness continues. Pop the hood and you'll see an intake manifold that's designed to keep water out, should the Liberty find itself immersed up to the headlights.

This little truck earned top ratings from NHTSA in driver's side front and side impacts. Side- and

side-curtain airbags are available. The Liberty is also available with Chrysler's Bluetooth-powered UConnect hands-free phone system.

For drivers who intend to take their trucks off-road, the Liberty has no peer in the compact SUV market, with the possible exception of the Land Rover Freelander, whose prices start at close to \$30,000. The Liberty's arguably more comfortable and more fun to drive around town, though, and the Liberty Sport sickers for \$19,890 a great price for all that performance.



'04 X-Large SUV: Nissan Armada

Armada Repeats win of Large SUV Title

By MARLON HANSON
Focus Daily News
Texas Auto Writers Association

The Nissan Armada was even more impressive at the 2004 Rodeo than it was in 2003, once again taking the Large SUV title. SUVs of such size often are not able to manage large hills and serious dips with the agility the Armada has been able to illustrate.

Featuring a powerful 5.6-liter V8 engine, three-row, eight-passenger seating and up to 9,100-pound towing capacity, the Armada is primed for adventures of all sizes.

The Armada offers a distinctive

image, led by its advanced design concept. The combination of a long wheelbase and manageable overall length gives the Armada enhanced stability and handling, and a longer interior with plenty of cargo room – yet short front and rear overhangs for good maneuverability.

The Armada features Nissan's rugged F-Alpha, fully boxed high-strength steel frame, an independent rear suspension designed for improved interior roominess, comfort and handling; and a 5.6-liter DOHC 32-valve Nissan Endurance V8 engine offering the highest standard horsepower/torque ratings in the full-size light duty SUV class.



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'04 Heavy Duty Pickup: Ford F-250 Amarillo

F-250 Amarillo is Voted Heavy Duty Truck of Texas



By MARLON HANSON
Focus Daily News
Texas Auto Writers Association

Ford created a special version of their heavy-duty F-250 model just for Texas and called it the Amarillo model. They obviously did a heck of a job with the Amarillo, because it came within a hair of being the overall Truck of Texas™ this year, just narrowly being nosed out by its little brother, the F-150 King Ranch. The point total for the Amarillo came in at 2,220 versus 2,237 for the smaller F-Series truck.

Of course, one can hardly expect a heavy-duty diesel truck built to carry everything including the kitchen sink to be as smooth riding as a regular-duty pickup – or can they? Truck scores ran from a low of 1,300 up to the overall high of the 2,237 so one can only imagine how many vehicles were not quite as appreciated as the Amarillo.

One of the new features I like most on the new heavy duty Ford trucks is the TowCommand System. I can't imagine anyone has ever gone to a dealership to buy a heavy duty truck without ordering an aftermarket tow package to be installed before they take the truck home.

Well, it's now integrated and standard – as it always should have been. I expect to see this on every truck in the country by next year it makes so much sense.

The TowCommand System, which includes the industry's first factory-installed and warranted electronic trailer brake controller, offers smoother operation and safety features. This includes a special trailer brake strategy when the truck's anti-lock braking system detects poor traction. No aftermarket trailer brake controller can do this.

The electronic trailer brake controller is integrated into the instrument panel, with graphics that match the rest of the Super Duty interior. It gives audible and visual warnings if trailer wiring becomes disconnected.

Ford's TowCommand System also includes TorqShift® transmission with tow-haul mode, best-in-class brakes and telescoping trailer tow mirrors.

'04 Luxury Pickup: Lincoln Mark LT

Lincoln Tops as Luxury Truck

By MARLON HANSON
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Darryl Hazel, John Fitzpatrick and the people at Lincoln have a new surprise on the horizon for those who want a "real" truck that can do "real" work but can still provide Navigator-type style and comfort.

It's the new Lincoln Mark LT model. After the Blackwood, which was nothing short of elegant was met with less than enthusiastic response, Lincoln designers and engineers went back to

the drawing board.

They had found that when people are in the market to buy a truck, they want something that is rugged, can go offroad, and can haul a payload as well as something that is comfortable, luxurious and fun to drive.

They believe they hit a home run when they created the new LT model. Texas Autowriters agreed with them after evaluating the functionality of the new truck.

The LT came in at the top of the luxury truck category and near the top overall in the tally for Truck of Texas™ with 2,210 total points.



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'04 Midsize Pickup: Toyota Tacoma D-Cab

Tacoma is the Mid-Size Champ



By MARLON HANSON
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The days of the compact pickup truck appear to be about over, and the Toyota Tacoma has gone way beyond just increasing its size. Tacoma styling, capability and comfort have all moved light years forward and have now boldly gone where no Tacoma has been before – they have won the mid-size pickup Truck of Texas category.

The Tacoma brought home 1,961 points in capturing its crown during the Texas Truck Rodeo in October. The new-generation Tacoma moves well beyond the compact-truck dimensions of the previous model. The Double Cab that was entered boasted a standard five-foot bed on a 140.9-inch wheelbase.

Toyota has even gone a step further than most this year with anti-lock brakes (ABS) with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist (BA) standard on all models.

Double Cab models offer optional curtain and seat side airbags to increase safety for riders and drivers.

'04 Full Size Pickup: Nissan Titan

Titan is Full-Size Pickup Truck Choice

By MARLON HANSON
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Space age styling and a smooth ride helped the Nissan Titan capture the Full-Size Pickup Truck title during only its first full year of availability to the general public. Introduced late last year, the Titan has come far since it first hit Texas highways and hunting stands. So far in fact, that a new Texas version has even been introduced.

The heart and soul of the new Titan is pure, unabashed power, with the Nissan Endurance 5.6-liter V8 engine

producing 305 horsepower and 379 lb-ft of torque. Titan utilizes a rugged, fully boxed high-strength steel F-Alpha platform for enhanced crash performance and long-term durability.

The Titan Crew Cab sports a power up/down rear privacy glass window with defroster standard on all models, providing an open-air feeling to the truck. It also has a dampened tailgate assist to help reduce effort in opening and closing the tailgate and front seat active head restraints.

The 5-speed automatic transmission was among the best tested in aggressive off-road testing throughout the rodeo.



'04 Crossover SUV (Over \$35K): Volvo XC90 V8

Volvo V-8 makes 3 consecutive Texas Titles

By MARLON HANSON
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last year, with a high-end model and a less expensive model, making XC-90s affordable for everyone.

Again, it showed that it knew how to do it right by offering a first class SUV for under \$35,000 when it captured that category's title at that year's Texas Truck Rodeo.

Now, the XC-90 is entering the world of the big boys with a new V-8 model. The model was unveiled to the world at the California Auto Show in November but it had been tested by Texas Autowriters in October. They recognized that once again, Volvo has done everything right.

The Volvo XC-90 V8 model captured the high vote in this year's Crossover SUV over \$35,000 MSRP category with 2,098 points.

The motoring world was turned on its ear three years ago when the Texas Autowriters Association voted the XC-90 as the Sport Utility Vehicle of Texas.

It was later named first-in-class by Motor Trend and numerous other automotive magazines and judging organizations, proving that TAWA was willing to go out on a limb and recognize the best, even when it had never been a contender before in the truck and Sport Utility Vehicle categories.

Volvo expanded the line of XC-90s



'04 Crossover SUV (Under \$35K): Subaru Outback

Outback provides High Performance for Low Price

By MARLON HANSON
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Some people might have thought Domenic Infante and Larkin Hill a bit off their rockers when they decided to enter what some would consider a family wagon in the low-priced Crossover SUV category at the Texas Truck Rodeo.

Well, anyone who knows Domenic, knows he fears nothing, and once more, he was right. The Subaru Outback scored higher than its competitors in its category with an incredible 2,842 total points.

Domenic's boss expressed it this way:

"By offering new high-performance, premium-content Outback models, Subaru is positioned to compete with the growing number and diversity of crossover vehicles," said Fred Adcock, Executive Vice President, Subaru of America, Inc. "And, quite simply, the Outback 2.5 XT is designed to be the ultimate

performance crossover wagon."

According to Larkin Hill, who answered journalists' questions at the rodeo, the new Outback models are designed and equipped to compete with the growing range of crossover models in the market, including those from luxury brands, while remaining true to the core values that make Subaru a unique brand.

They feature a boxer engine, standard Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive, a functional and comfortable driver's environment, a high degree of safety and comfort for passengers and renowned durability and reliability.

Four-wheel independent suspension features revised geometry to enhance handling and stability. A wide vehicle track, a lower center of gravity and the use of 17-inch wheels and tires on most models further enhance stability on the Outback.

Significant ground clearance coupled with improved angle of approach, angle of departure and ramp breakover angle give the 2005 Outback models increased off-highway capabilities.



'04 Luxury SUV: Volkswagen Touareg V10 TDI

Touareg V10 TDI goes head first for success



By GRETHA GUDMUNDSSON
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My colleague and past President of the Texas Auto Writers Assoc. Mr. Marlon Hanson truly believes that he has never driven a smoother diesel sports vehicle than the 2004 Touareg V10 TDI and it would appear that most other Texas journalists haven't either as it sped to a clear victory in the Luxury Sport Utility category with 2,116 total points.

New to the Volkswagen family is this new 2004 Touareg V10 4WD SU. The current portfolio line consists of four models: Touareg V6, Touareg V8, Touareg V8x, and the ultimate driving machine introduced late this year, a V10 TDI that delivers 310 horse power with 553 lb-ft of torque. The V10 TDI also includes all comfort creature

options such as keyless remote entry, power glass moon roof, great sound, comfortable leather seats, on star emergency response and a Navigation system.

Among the long list of it's technological advances, the V10 TDI presents Hill Control descend, a state of the art stability program and rain sensing intermittent windshield wipers, BI-xenon Headlamps, a 4-Corner Air Suspension and a premium automatic transmission system of six speeds.

Inside the cabin the Touareg offers plush and refined accommodation for five passengers, the interior design is immaculate and luxuriously defined, premium quality leather seats, fine wood and exquisite detail to trim and contour. On the road the V10 TDI feels extremely stable and solid; the suspension is firm and precise as it defies every obstacle with ease and finesse.

The V10 TDI is a worthy contender that needs to be taken seriously.

'04 Ultimate SUV: GMC Envoy XUV

Envoy XUV voted the Ultimate SUV

By MARLON HANSON
Focus Daily News
Texas Auto Writers Association

I fell in love with the GMC Envoy the moment it was introduced a number of years ago. In fact, I liked it so much I immediately put it on my "to be negotiated" list for purchase with my friends down at a local GMC dealer.

The interior immediately jumped out at me as having gone that extra mile toward making an SUV it's size a real cut above the rest and the exterior was typical GMC "Professional Grade."

The interesting part is that GM did not stop there. They tweaked, experimented and did a few tests on what people might want that no one else was giving them in their sport utility vehicle.

Think about it – who has been first with an incredible number of new innovations for the highways. Let's see, the Avalanche which does just about everything but become a "baby transformer" model; the new SSR which brings back memories while keeping modern safety and convenience at the forefront, the CTS-V model.

Yep, it's the largest motor vehicle company in the world - General Motors.

Then why should not the division that boldly carries the initials of the mother company – GMC – not be the first to come out with a convertible SUV?

Going one step further one only needs to think about the newest beauty in her stable, the Envoy, as a perfect candidate to take perfection just a bit further.

The XUV. Another reason that Professional Grade is not just a slogan.



'04 Best Design Pickup: Lincoln Mark LT

Lincoln Hits Design Home Run with new LT

By MARLON HANSON
Focus Daily News
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Who would have ever thought the newest "Mark" would be a pickup? Not I, that is a certainty. I was looking forward to a futuristic sports roadster.

But, it wasn't to be ... yet.

And, luckily for Lincoln they opted to create a product that they knew Texans would fall in love with at first sight, if not first drive (doesn't everyone fall in love with "looks" before taking that first test drive).

The new Lincoln Mark LT was first shown to journalists in Texas way back last spring. It was not even past the stage where a second "model" had been created yet when Daryl Hazel and a number of the top executives

within Lincoln came down to show us their newest baby. They had a dream that it would be love at first sight.

Fully primed, everyone was itching to drive the new Lincoln truck and to be able to treat it like a truck rather than a city-fied grocery-mobile.

At the truck rodeo, the new Mark was ready and rarin' for action and boy, did it get some.

Placing very high in overall voting, it not only captured it's category it also was judged the best designed pickup in the flock – no mean feat among a cadre of dozens of blushing beauties.

The best news is that it will soon be on dealers lots making it easy to make your reservations to the Cattle Barons Ball knowing you will be arriving in what is sure to be the Belle of the Ball!



'04 Best Design SUV: Ford Expedition

King Ranch Expedition takes SUV Design Crown

By MARLON HANSON
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Ford Motor Company was first to introduce a lot of types of vehicles. One of those vehicles was the Expedition, which, in 1997, invited a number of journalists to take an expedition through parts of Alaska to learn more about why Americans would love a new vehicle they were introducing – the full size SUV they would tag "Expedition."

The Ford Expedition has come a long way since then, becoming the first full size SUV to cater to larger or smaller people than the norm by bringing movable pedals to the masses along with many other plusses that cannot really be considered only "hand-me-downs" from it's rich cousin from the other side of the tracks – the Lincoln Navigator.

This year, the Expedition pulled another rabbit out of the hat by being named the "Best Designed SUV" at the Texas Truck Rodeo.

New features this year include fold-flat-to-the-floor second- and third-row seating, a class-exclusive PowerFold™ third-row seat, second-row CenterSlide™ section.

Of course one can't be left out in the cold either with heated-and-cooled front seats, keyless entry keypad, AdvanceTrac® with Roll Stability Control, Safety Canopy™ system, Reverse Sensing System and the returning power-adjustable pedals.

But, this year they have put the icing on the cake so to speak – this is Texas after all. The Ford Expedition King Ranch model is available for the 2005 model.

So, as one might say at the ranch – "Come on Down and sit a spell, you'll be as comfortable as one can get!"



'04 Best Use of Technology in an SUV: Ford Escape Hybrid

Fuel efficient and "clean"



By ALAN GELL
Special Edition Editor

The Ford Escape Hybrid is billed by the Ford PR folks as "the world's cleanest SUV". Some of the other manufacturers might take issue with that, but there is no doubt -- the Escape Hybrid IS fuel efficient and clean burning. The journalists named it to win the award for BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY - SUV at the Texas Truck Rodeo.

Our test drive model was equipped with a perm magnet electric motor and a 2.3 liter Atkinson cycle engine. It had automatic transmission, which functioned flawlessly. The exterior was a beautiful "redfire pearl". The interior was trimmed out in medium dark flint leather seating

surfaces.

This was Ford's first full hybrid SUV and they have every reason to be proud.

The combination of the gas engine and electric powertrain can deliver all the acceleration needed -- almost as much as the regular V6 Escape. This hybrid didn't have any problems negotiating the twists, turns, climbs, and hills of the off-road course. In fact, due to the slow pace of the off-road course, you really didn't notice any lack of acceleration. You had all the power needed.

The spec sheet says that this little front wheel drive model should get about 33 to 36 mpg in the city and about 29 to 31 on the highway. Base price was \$28,005, but with some really nice appearance options and retractable cargo cover, the sticker topped out at \$32,450.

'04 Best Use of Technology in a Pickup: GMC Sierra Hybrid

GMC Sierra delivers on fuel savings technology without sacrificing truck performance

By ALAN GELL
Special Edition Editor

The Chevy Silverado was born an instant sooner, but GMC nearly simultaneously released their Sierra Hybrid model as a full-size pickup. Proving it's not a weak sister, this miser at the fuel pump certainly held its own in the competition. Journalists were obviously impressed, selecting the Sierra Hybrid as the award-winner for Best Use of Technology in a Pickup.

Our test model for the Texas Truck Rodeo was a 2005 Sierra 1500 four wheel drive extended cab pickup. Instead of a very small gasoline engine like most other hybrids coming into the marketplace, this GMC Sierra was equipped with a Vortec 5300 V8, delivering 295 horsepower -- the

same as the non-hybrid models. It's promoted as being a "mobile power generating station" that allows four 120 volt, 20 amp electrical power outlets. There are two outlets in the rear of the cab and two in the pickup bed. It's convenient for operating power equipment without taking up all the bed space with a portable generator.

The energy storage module consists of three valve-regulated lead-acid batteries to store the power. These are deep-cycle specifically designed for hybrid vehicles. The lead-acid batteries are less costly to replace than the nickel-metal type and have a projected four year life. A regular standard 12 volt battery is under the hood to power the normal vehicle operating systems, just like all other regular trucks.

Obviously, the Sierra handled

well on the off-road course. The projected gas mileage is around 20 mpg, since the emphasis of the hybrid is to provide operating power as much as increased fuel efficiency. The base price is \$31,700 and our test model had a lot of add-ons, such as the power package, leather seats, and more. Bottom line came to

\$39,593.



Volvo seat is benchmark for Whiplash Protection

All Volvo's car models tested by the International Insurance Whiplash Prevention Group (IIWPG) were found in the best class. Volvo Car Corporation was the only manufacturer to have their entire range achieve the best class rating.

"We are very pleased that the Volvo cars have performed in line with our expectations", says Ingrid Skogsmo, Safety Director at Volvo Car Corporation. "Tests only show a sliver of what happens in real life. However, this is one of several results that confirm Volvo has the right approach to help reduce neck injuries in rear impacts."

Volvo Car Corporation introduced Whiplash Protection System (WHIPS) in 1998. In the WHIPS system the entire backrest is designed to help protect the occupant's neck in a rear impact. Today

WHIPS is standard in all Volvo car models.

"After having the system in our cars in real life traffic for six years now, the feedback from Volvo Cars Accident Research Team shows that WHIPS has halved the risk of long-term neck injuries in rear-end impacts compared to prior Volvo seats. Also independent field studies have shown a significant injury reduction", says Dr Lotta Jacobsson, Technical Expert, Biomechanics, Volvo Cars Safety Centre.

All in all 208 front seats were tested in the US and Europe by IIWPG to measure how the head restraints and how they perform in a crash simulation where the seat is placed on a sled that reproduces a rear impact with a speed of 16 km/h (10 miles/h).



SAAB 9-5 DRIVERS: AMONG THE SAFEST

Drivers of the Saab 9-5 sedan and 9-5 SportWagon are among the safest group of drivers in the market.

According to the recently published Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI) report, the Saab 9-5 sedan topped the luxury midsize category for relative frequency of injury insurance claims. HLDI's study, covering model years 2001-2003, compares cars on the basis of cost of injuries sustained following on-road crashes. The study indicates the relative frequencies of injury compensation claims from an insurance company, per insured vehicle year.

Both the 9-5 sedan and SportWagon achieved a rating of "substantially better than average" for injury claims in the luxury midsize category. According to the HLDI formula, the Saab 9-5 sedan's top ranking for injury claims is 53 percent better than average, and the Saab 9-5 SportWagon's ranking is 39 percent better than average.

Putting Time on Your Side

By MARLON HANSON
Texas Auto Writers Assn



Camaro -- Also Available as Mustang, Ford, Chevy, Dodge, etc.

We'll get into a number of items on the next page that really made our day during the SEMA convention in Las Vegas, but I can hardly avoid discussing some specially licensed automotive watches I saw at the show.

These watches were not only absolutely gorgeous, they also come with a three year guarantee, they are water resistant and have stood the test for reliability over time.

Add that to the fact that

almost all manufacturers have approved them for use of their logos and you have come upon an unbeatable combination.

The prices for almost all come to under \$50, which is a bargain when one considers the licensing, the quality, the styling and the concept that you can put your favorite brand of vehicle id on your wrist.

I will throw in a couple of photos here -- one of a watch and one of a desk clock.

Those who are interested in any automotive brand of watch or clock can call Lone Star Classic Auto (214-289-5192) to discuss the watches and availabilities further.



Ford Tire Desk Clock - also available as Chevy and many others.

FORD F-150 PICK-UP WINS SEMA VEHICLE DESIGN AWARD

LAS VEGAS — The Ford Motor Company's F-150 was recognized as the most accessory-friendly truck today during the AutoWeek/Automotive News Specialty Vehicle Forum, capturing one of three SEMA Vehicle Design Awards. The F-150 won in the most accessory-friendly truck category, adding to the more than 30 awards the vehicle has received since its introduction in 2004. "The truck really responds to the changes you make to it," said member voter, Austin Craig, vice president, marketing, Steeda. "One of the neatest things about the F-150 is you can modify something and you don't have to change three or four other things in order to get your change to work. The tolerances and quality are all there." Those included in the selection of the Ford F-150 were SEMA member companies who regularly participate in tech sharing programs; the F-150 received 24 percent of the votes. "This is a really exciting category because there are so many new accessory-friendly trucks this year," said Carl Sheffer, SEMA vice president, OEM relations. "The 2005 Ford F-150 was up against a host of trucks that scored high in its class including the Chevrolet Silverado 1500, the Dodge Ram 1500 and the Nissan Titan."

For several months, Ford has been among the original equipment manufacturers included in SEMA's information sharing programs between OEMs and SEMA members. Ford's participation in data sharing, measurement sessions and technology transfer initiatives with SEMA members resulted in the aftermarket being in sync with the launch of their latest F-150 model. The most accessory-friendly SUV award was presented to the Chevy Tahoe. The most accessory-friendly all-new vehicle was given to the 2005 Ford Mustang last week during a press conference at the California International Auto Show in Anaheim.

CHEVY TAHOE WINS VEHICLE DESIGN AWARD

LAS VEGAS — The Chevy Tahoe was recognized as the most accessory-friendly SUV today during the AutoWeek/Automotive News Specialty Vehicle Forum, capturing one of three SEMA Vehicle Design Awards. "There are just so many things out there for the Chevy Tahoe," said Rich Brown, SEMA member voter and Engineer, American Racing Equipment. "You can get a variety of products — everything from wheels, tires and grilles, to running boards and lift kits. A customer can really customize the Tahoe to fit their individual taste." The Tahoe has long been a favorite with consumers and the aftermarket. The 2005 Tahoe offers several new features that are intended to help keep its position as the best-selling full-size SUV in North America. "Today, light-trucks and SUVs represent over half of all new vehicles sold in the United States — the SUV award category is exciting because there are now so many great models on the market," said Carl Sheffer, vice president, OEM relations. "There were many new SUVs that also scored high in its class such as the Cadillac Escalade, Dodge Durango, Ford Excursion and the Hummer H2."

Those included in the vehicle design awards selection process were SEMA member companies who regularly participate in technology and information sharing programs. Programs such as the OEM Tech Talks, the Technology Transfer initiative and the ongoing Measuring Sessions create more vehicles designed with aftermarket products in mind. The benefits of the proliferation of accessory-friendly vehicles are far reaching and these efforts needed to be celebrated. The SEMA Vehicle Awards do just that. SEMA presented the most accessory-friendly truck award to the Ford F-150 during the AutoWeek/Automotive News Specialty Vehicle Forum. The winner of the most accessory-friendly all-new vehicle also was awarded to Ford Motor Company for the 2005 Mustang during a SEMA press conference at the California International Auto Show in Anaheim.

Great Products Emerge at SEMA

By MARLON HANSON
Texas Auto Writers Assn

Everyone who has ever worked on a vehicle, new, used, or antique, has had a problem sliding under their vehicle to perform any type of maintenance function.

I was totally entranced last year when I saw a special creeper called "The Bone-ster" that promised it would slide under any vehicle with ease. I asked about testing it for an article.

Between then and this year's SEMA show, it had totally slipped my mind. I never had gotten a test model, and had been cursing the traditional models I used all year.

Well, this year at SEMA I saw it again — along with a couple of new models. We're talking love all over again, and this time, the good folks at Dale Adams Enterprises agreed to let us test out a couple of their new models.

How emphatically can I say it was worth the wait. I have tried the "Rough Rider" which is designed for those of us who live in the country and not for smooth pavement like the "Bone-ster" model I had admired last year.

I would have to say anyone who works on vehicles frequently and doesn't have one of these is missing the most important part of the job — getting under and around your vehicle quickly and easily.

The Bone-type creeper was born when car buff Dale Adams was experiencing the traditional frustration of using a regular creeper and decided something had to be done about it. He would invent a better mousetrap!

Examining the existing creepers on the market, he found that they all had variations of the same basic problems. While one brand might correct a certain problem with another it would create an entire new one.



Adams set out to fix them all. To begin with, every existing creeper had



small, hard wheels, usually 2" or 2 1/2" diameter. Some even came with the slanted metal wheels. There is a reason you don't see those anywhere else — they don't work! They crash to a halt at the smallest obstacle.

Adams found that it takes a 5" caster with a soft tire to climb small objects one needs under a vehicle like a drop light cord.

Crashing to a halt isn't the only problem with small wheels. The darn things break when someone over 110 pounds jerks and jerks trying to get them over or across some small obstacle.

Some manufacturer tried to fix that by putting six wheels on the creeper rather than four. Duhhhh! All that does is create two more wheels that need to clear obstacles that will be on your garage floor. They actually create more problems than they solve.

We've all noticed that over the years the wheels on our cars keep getting larger and larger. There's a reason. Big tires are better able to hold the road and manage difficult maneuvers.

It's the same with a



creeper. The tires are not only larger but are custom made from thermo plastic elastomer. This is effectively a polymer that acts like rubber. But, it's actually better than rubber for garage floor use.

Unlike rubber, it is not broken down by solvents and has the unique property of chemically adhering to the polypropylene wheel core. The tires are overmolded onto the wheel cores.

Three different models of the Bone Creepers are available. I could ramble on and on about the attributes of these creepers, but you can find out more about them at their website www.bonecreeper.com.

Should you just want to whip down to a local autoparts store, Sears is listed as a distributor as is Eastwood, Northern Tool, USA Tool Warehouse, MileX Equipment and Speedway Motors.

We've done the hard work for you — insuring that your money is well-spent and the product accomplishes what it is intended to.

There were a number of items from a company named Athena Brands in Gardnerville, Nevada that were interesting.

One that I was very impressed with was a special flashlight that would be good in any storm, power outage or emergency situation. Looking at the almost perpetual power outages we went through last summer it stood out even more.

One need never worry about the batteries going flat or not being able to

plug it in to recharge it. This flashlight is charged by simply turning the handle.

And it's incredibly bright for such a compact item. Besides lighting up an entire area during an emergency while camping, boating, fishing, fix-

ing a tire along the highway, or lighting your home during one of our famous power outages you can be assured you will never run out of power.

All you have to do is wind it up again and the bright power light returns. It's simply incredible. Each windup provides 30 minutes of power through three LEDs. With normal use, the manufacturer says the battery can be charged over 500 times and will last more than ten years.

You can order one here in Texas from Lone Star Classic Automotive at 214-289-5192. It is also available at most Travel Centers of America truck stops, Espresso RMIK in Richardson and at the Alpine Range in Fort Worth or direct at www.Athenabrands.com.

I was also struck by the Exttech Instruments display and they agreed to supply us one of their newest and most convenient products to test.

They are now making available a low-cost single function, DC only 400A clamp meter. It's so easy to use even an idiot can figure it out and at \$99, it offers the best value in DC clamp meters available.

It was designed specifically for automotive related uses and focuses on measuring DC current up to 400 amps with a 3.5% basic accuracy and high resolution to .01 amps.

Features include overload protection, auto power off and one touch "auto zero" to compensate for zero offset.

It comes with a convenient rubber holster, wrist strap, belt holster pouch and even a battery.

Exttech has been in business since 1971 and is based in Waltham, Mass. Their products are available at many retailers and distributors. One can view their catalog at www.exttech.com.



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Jay Leno at the 2004 SEMA Show

Comedian and car collector, Jay Leno describes the details of his custom 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado to GM North America president Gary Cowger (L) and vice chairman Bob Lutz (center).



Shelby shows it can design more than sports cars — the beauty in the background is a Shelby Expedition.

With the highest percentage of returning or established exhibitors, the Performance Tires and Wheels section (sponsored by TIA) of the 2004 SEMA Show hosts over 250 companies such as BF Goodrich.



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Church News



Sister Tarpley

This is the 5th and last installment of precious names to help you get through your trials and tribulations. This week it's from the "S's through the W's." If you have a name or Bible verses that helps you or have helped you get through rough times in your life, please write, call or email me with the details of the story. I would love to share your information with our readers.

SAVIOR: For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

SEED OF WOMAN: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (Genesis 3:15)

SHEPHERD AND BISHOP OF SOULS: For ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. (1 Peter 2:25)

SHILOH: The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; (Genesis 49:10)

SON OF THE BLESSED: But He held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto Him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? (Mark 14:61)

SON OF DAVID: The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. (Matthew 1:1)

SON OF GOD: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. (Matthew 2:15)

SON OF THE HIGHEST: He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the

NAMES & TITLES OF CHRIST (CON'T.)

Highest: (Luke 1:32)

SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth, (Malachi 4:2)

TRUE LIGHT: That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. (John 1:9)

TRUE VINE: I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. (John 15:1)

her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7, KJV)

Have you ever tried to forgive someone and found you simply couldn't do it? You've cried about it and prayed about it, but those old feelings of resentment just failed to go away.

Put an end to those kinds of failures in the future by basing your forgiveness on faith rather than feelings. True forgiveness doesn't have anything at all to do with how you feel. It's an act of the "Will." It is based on obedience to God and on faith in Him. This means that once you've forgiven a person, you need to consider him/her permanently forgiven!

Have you ever heard anyone say, "I may forgive, but I'll never forget!" That's a second-rate kind of forgiveness. Forgive supernaturally, "even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32, KJV) You are to forgive as God forgives. To release that person from guilt permanently and unconditionally and to operate as if nothing bad ever happened between you. You are to purposely forgive and forget.

As you do that, something supernatural will happen within you. The pain that once was caused by that incident will disappear. The power of God will wash away the effects of it and you'll be able to leave it behind you once and for all.

Don't become an emotional bookkeeper, keeping careful accounts of the wrongs you have suffered. Scripture Reading: Luke 6:27-37.

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Let MON-The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of Jabez, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."



Picture of The Week
(L to R) Joyce King, Author of "Hate Crime;" Mike Adams, Special Events Coordinator @ SMU; Dr. Njoki McElroy, Author of "Black Journey;" and E. Patrick Johnson, Author of "Appropriating Blackness" @ SMU Book Store on Mockingbird Lane.

TRUTH: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

WITNESS: Behold, I have given Him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. (Isaiah 55:4)

WORD: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

WORD OF GOD: And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God. (Revelation 19:13)

This Holiday Season learn to forgive and forget permanently. It will open a whole new world of blessing for you, as you are:

LEAVING THE PAIN BEHIND
"Charity (Love) suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not

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COALITION OF CHURCHES IN PRISON MINISTRY

Now through December 23, 2004
We will continue working towards our Christmas project, "Gifts to our Brothers in White."

On-Going Mentor Program
Our host church, True Lee Baptist Church, 3907 Bertrand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210, 214-421-9435 where Rev. Donald Parish is the Pastor, is working with a mentor program for children of parents that are incarcerated. Come or call to find out how to get involved.

For more information, please call Ms. Carolyn Johnson @ 972-235-6432

Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry

Rev. Isaac Johnson, Coordinator
P.O. Box 225863
Dallas, TX 75222-5863
972-235-6432 or 214-632-6519

CONCORD CHURCH

December 19, 8:00 am & 11:00 am
"Back to the Future" an original Christmas Play entitled "Back To The Manger" with original music, danced performances, and choir selections.

Concord Church
Rev. Bryan Carter, Pastor
6808 Boulder Drive
Dallas, TX 75237
214-331-8522

DALLAS OVERCOMERS CHURCH

December 24, 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service - Celebrating Christ's Birthday, please join us for a great birthday party.

December 25, 10:00 am
We Open On Christmas Day! The birthday party continues with Christmas Day Service and a glorious time.

December 31, 9:00 pm
Celebrate the old year passing with a New Year's Concert, it's FREE and opened to the public. There will be

great music and wonderful fellowship with Christian family and friends.

January 2, 2005, 10:00 am
Come celebrate a "New Beginning" with us. We welcome everyone.

Dallas Overcomers Church
Pastor Gabriel & Deaconess Maxine, Servants
9759 Forest Lane, Suite 450A
(On the 2nd Level) @ Audelia Road
Dallas, TX 75243
972-808-9300

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

December 18, 6:00 pm
Our Male Chorus will celebrate their Annual Christmas Concert and will debut their Young Men's Choir featuring boys from age 8 to 19, and the Praise Ringers, this is a men's hand bell choir.

December 19, 6:00 pm
Concert and Candlelight Service, "The Glory of Christmas"

First Baptist Church of H.P.
Dr. Greg Foster, Senior Pastor & Rev. Tony Foster, Associate Pastor
300 Phillip Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-235-4235

GREENVILLE AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

3rd Sunday of Each Month
We have a FREE blood pressure screening in the gym after evening services.

Each Sunday, 4:00 pm
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Minister S.T.W. Gibbs, III
1013 South Greenville Avenue
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972-644-2335

HILL CHAPEL CME CHURCH

December 19, 2004
Christmas Play
For more information about the above events, please call 972-423-4090

Hill Chapel CME Church
Rev. James Larry, Pastor
1113 Avenue I
Plano, TX 75074
972-423-4090

LITTLE FLOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays @ 6:30 pm
We now have Sunday Evening Services, come worship with us.
December 31, @ 10:00 pm
Watch Night Service

Little Flock Baptist Church
Rev. Louis Laurent, Pastor
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Morning Worship
7:30 am & 10:30 am
9:00 am Sunday School

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New Year Celebration
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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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The Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. is a national organization that promotes community based projects to create and develop opportunities, encourage training and entrance into the business and professional worlds and unite with others to help improve social and civic conditions in the United States and Africa.

The sixty-five club members' motto is to "Be Strong, We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; we have hard work to do and loads to lift; Shun not the struggle, face it, 'Tis God's gift."

These words were first quoted by the late Sara J. Holbert who had many ideas about what the purpose of the club should be. She felt that a club in the southern section of Dallas would be appropriate because Black people were migrating there from the northern section of Dallas in large numbers and joining a large group of Blacks who already lived there.

The festively decorated historical Hill-Smith Heritage House was filled with warmth and cheers as the members and sponsors fellowshiped and recognized the history and accomplishments of the organization.

A brief program included a greeting, meditation, historical retrospect and remarks with members

touring and admiring the rich antique and unique interior designing of the historical home.

The group also acknowledged hard work and achievements accomplished while sharing their time and talents as a team giving back to the Dallas community during this time of year.

Spreading Holiday cheer



Club member Gwen Daniels poses by the Christmas Tree

has kept this community related club busy in hand making pillows and personally delivering them to Williamsburg Nursing Home and the South Dallas Nursing Home.

The hand made pillows can be used to ease the pain in the lower back, to prop underneath the arms or to decorate beds.

"If you could have seen their eyes, they were so appreciative and we got fulfillment after seeing their

response" says Gwen Daniels, club member of SDBPWC, Inc.

Other holiday events planned for the SDBPWC will be held on December 18, when the club will travel to Killeen and visit Fort Hood to pass out 250 bags of toiletries to the women who have fought in the U.S. military and some of the bags will be sent to Iraq.

This hardworking group of ladies are sometimes looked at as a social club, but they emphasize that they are a community service based club.

In addition to the club's outreach programs, they will host their annual Trail Blazer Luncheon in the spring of 2005. Each year the club has a Trail Blazer Award Luncheon and the proceeds from this event fund scholarships to children throughout the DFW metroplex.

Last year the club was able to give away eleven scholarships, and this year's goal is to give away five \$10,000 scholarships.

"As a former educator, I am really excited and this is so important because there are so many kids that really want to go to college, and I can remember when I was helped when I was trying to go to college and ten years from now these are going to be the next business and professional women," said France Langston, President of the SDBPWC, Inc.

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MORSE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

February 11 - 13, 2005

Our Jubilee 20th Church Anniversary, and we are looking for former church members, family and friends to join us in a celebration of Worship and Praise. Guest speaker will be Rev. Don Hayes. Celebrations will be held at the church, and the Dorai Tesoro Hotel and Golf Resort. For more information, please call 940-320-5364.

Morse Street Baptist Church
Rev. A. R. Stokes, Pastor
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Wednesday Night, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
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December 19, 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Birthdays Party for Jesus

December 19, 5:30 pm
We will have our formal dedication service with a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new 1500-Seat Worship and Ministry Center @ our new location, 1233 State Highway 66 in Garland, Texas. There will guest churches, soloist and light refreshments will be served.

For more information about the above events, please call 972-276-5218

Mt. Hebron BC (The Mount)
Rev. Leonard Leach, Pastor
901 Dairy Road
Garland, TX 75040
972-276-5218

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

Tomorrow, December 17, 2004

We will be pleased and honored to accept any and all donations of new or gently used toys and clothing to be given to those in need. Please bring your donations to the church for distribution.

December 18, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
New and gently used toys and clothing will be available for families in need. Please come join us in our Fellowship Hall to select items you need for you and/or your children.

December 19, 2004
Our "All Ministries Banquet" will be @ Scofield Memorial Church, 7730 Abrams Road, Dallas, TX. 75231.

December 24, 7:30 pm
Christmas Eve Service. Please join us as we celebrate the true meaning of

Christmas.
For more information, contact the church @ 972-671-1097 or Ms. Natalie Watts @ 972-720-2570

New Life Fellowship Church of H.P.
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr.
Senior Pastor
8219 Bunche Drive
Dallas, TX 75243
972-671-1097

NEW LIGHT CHURCH

December 19, 5:00 pm

Our Drama Ministry presents a FREE Christmas Celebration featuring an original play, "Jesus in the Hood" and a night of Christian Karaoke. The public is welcomed to join us.

New Light Church
Rev. Shaun Rabb, Pastor
9314 Elam Road
Mesquite, TX 75149
214-391-3430

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

December 31, 2004

Watch Night Service
North Dallas Community BC
Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Pastor
1010 - 1020 South Sherman Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-437-3493

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 19, 6:00 pm

We present the true story of the birth of Jesus Christ. FREE admission and everyone is welcomed to see the production of "The Gift."

For more information or directions, call 214-823-7308

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Dr. Curtis Wallace, Pastor
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RESTORATION TRIUMPHANT CHURCH

December 17 - 18, 7:00 pm

Youth Explosion Revival with anointed dancing, preaching and worshiping. The public is invited.

December 26, 2004
Youth Day Explosion
December 31, 2004
Watch Night Service

Restoration Triumphant Church
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January 1, 2005, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Premiere Book Signing for Pastor Rickie G. Rush's new book: "May I Have Your Order Please?" @ Southwest Center Mall, 3662 W. Camp Wisdom Road # 1084 (Center Court), Dallas, TX 75232. Special guests include: Wandering Mims, Folk Lorico and The Five Stars.

For more information, contact Sylvia Dunnivant @ 469-951-2894.

December 27 - 31, 7:00 pm
Week of "Building The Kingdom of God." The public is welcomed to join us for these inspiring services.

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church (IBOC)
Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Pastor
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