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On the Homefront:

The Plano Municipal Center, Animal Shelter, Parks and Recreation Administration, Household Hazardous Waste Center and all branches of the Plano Public Library System will be closed on January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

The SBC Cotton Bowl Music Festival Annual Battle of the Bands will take place on Thursday, December 30 at the Plano Centre located at 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Schools will perform at the SBC Cotton Bowl Pre-Game and Half-time. Various schools will be performing all day from 8:00am to 2:00 pm in both Concert Band and Jazz Band. Admission is free. For more information call (801) 598-8820.

The Foster/Adopt EXPO Meeting will be held at the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center at 2205 Los Rios Dr. (corner of Park & Los Rios) on January 6. Local placement agencies will answer all your questions and provide you with information about how to become a foster and/or adoptive parent. Everyone is welcome attend! You can be single or married, with or without children of your own. For more information, please contact Sabrina Parker @ 972-633-6695 or by email ParkerS@cac-plano.org.

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, 972-727-9945.

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"Spreading Holiday Cheer"



President of Links, Inc. Plano Lucy Allen, representative from Hope's Door Women's Shelter, Wendy Williams-Phynes, and Myrtle Hightower at the Douglass Community Center in Plano.

By: Gustavus Betts
On a bright and sunny Saturday morning, the Plano North Metroplex Chapter of The Links, Inc. treated some

lucky residents of Plano to a little holiday cheer during this year's 10th Annual Christmas Caravan of Plano.

Members were on hand to

deliver gifts and sing Christmas carols with members of the Douglas Branch of the Seniors Club of Plano, residents of Hope's Door (Women's Shelter), members of the Plano Police Department's Christmas Cop/Adopt-A-Family program, residents of the Collingswood Nursing and Rehabilitation Home as well as patients at the Plano Children's Medical Clinic.

Appreciative looks and smiles of gratitude could be seen on the faces of recipients and members alike, as an

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In Memoriam-Their Call and Our Response

By: James Clingman
The outrage, frustration, and exasperation I feel inside direct me, and hold my conscience accountable, to write the following words. Because I am not only sick and tired of seeing our brothers and sisters killed by a variety of evil perpetrators, including other Black folks, I am also quite fed up with our reaction to those killed by hair-triggered, "my life was in danger; I thought he had a gun," maniacs wearing badges.

Specifically, I am referring to the death of Kenneth Walker in Columbus, Ga. In general, I am referring to all of the Black men and women killed or abused by out-of-control

police officers.

Black people are quite familiar with call and response; we associate it with our experience at church, which makes what I am about to say even more important. Another term we use in various churches is calling the roll. Well, let's call the roll, not up yonder, but right here in the good old U.S.A. Let's call the roll of just a few of those who have been killed.

Emmett Till. Medgar Evers. Martin Luther King, Jr. Malcolm X. Denise McNair, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson, and Addie Mae Collins. Tyisha Miller. Amadou Diallo. James Taylor. Lorenzo Collins. Roger Owensby. Ken Bridges. Kenneth Walker.

Not all of them were killed by police officers, but they are, nonetheless dead, killed by racists, conspirators, or just plain evil people. However, the one thing we can count on after these kinds of murders is some kind of response from those of us left behind. This is about the victims' call to us and how we respond to it.

Some of our brothers and sisters, who now lie cold in their graves, were simply going about their daily lives, not bothering anyone, when they were brutally murdered. Some were working for the uplift of their people when their lives were snuffed out. And some were calling out to us, with

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New CBC Chairman Seeks 'New Day' with Bush

By: Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA, Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - U.S. Rep. Melvin L. "Mel" Watt (D-N.C.), who will become chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus next month, has pledged to reach out to the Bush administration.

"I'm going to ask for a series of meetings, for regular meetings with him as we have historically had the relationship with some presidents and thought that we were going to have that relationship with him," Watt says in an NNPA New Service interview.

"The president has indicated it's a new day. It's a new administration. He's the same person he was before the election. But there's a freshness of attitude that comes with a new administration, we hope."

Former CBC Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas) and Elijah Cummings (D-M.D.), now ending his two-year tenure, often complained that Bush has not met with the Caucus since an initial meeting with Johnson in early 2001, soon after his election. Other civil rights groups, including the NAACP, have also accused the president of refusing to meet with people who oppose his conservative agenda.

Departing NAACP President Kweisi Mfume recently wrote Bush a letter, requesting a meeting. There has been no official response.

But in a speech immediately after his re-election, Bush made overtures toward those that voted against him, saying, "I will need your support, and I will work to earn it. I will do all I can do to deserve your trust. A new term is a new opportunity to reach out to the whole nation."

Watt says that the CBC, called the "conscience of the Congress," will push for a meeting with the conservative president, but will not compromise its agenda. Generally, the agenda includes ending racial disparities between Black and White Americans, says the native of Charlotte, N.C.

After Watt takes office on Jan. 4, the CBC will go to a retreat on Jan. 5 to establish specific priority issues. After that, they will send a proposed legislative package to the president.

"It will say, 'Mr. President, this is our agenda. We desire to meet with you on this agenda,'" Watt says. "If he doesn't support it, then we've reached out to him, we've made our affirmative steps to him and

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Civil Rights groups charges Dillard's Dept. Stores with gross discrimination

Dillard's bombarded by claims of racial profiling. Six documented deaths since 1994 have involved five blacks, two Hispanics and one Anglo.

By: JoAnn Davis and Gordon Jackson

(TPA NEWSWIRE) The NAACP and the ACLU recently renewed their claims of gross discrimination by Dillard's Department Stores, Inc. and lawsuits continue to be filed against the major department store chain across the United States.

Gary Bledsoe, an Austin attorney and the head of the Texas NAACP stated, in an interview that the state of Texas unanimously passed a resolution to address issues at Dillard's at its state's convention in Denton last year. Branches in Dallas, Houston, Beaumont and other places continue to receive complaints against Dillard's - most often - racial profiling complaints.

Mr. Bledsoe continued, "Further, I know of African-Americans and Hispanics, in Texas, who were killed in the custody of Dillard's security guards (and even one was shot earlier this year in Houston) in Texas, so it is clearly a major problem for us."

And to make matters worse, Dillard's received another "F" on the NAACP's Retail

Industry report card with the score dropping from a 0.016 to a 0.000. And, nowhere is the problem more pronounced than in the States' capital where even internal security at Dillard's, have come forward to inform us about the racial profiling that exists there says Bledsoe.

In almost all of the documented cases security guards were armed off-duty police officers that were skilled in the art of racial profiling. Racial profiling is thought to have taken its roots in law enforcement.

Dr. Sterling Landi, II, Pastor of Greater Calvary Baptist Church and a prominent civil rights leader in Austin says, "In spite of the significant technological advancements and economic successes in our city, we are still faced with the on-going conflict of racial injustice and racial inequality."

Just walk through the store and you will see, intended or unintended, with or without malice, some of the most racist behavior, disguised in thin garments of paternalism, as it relates to current and future conditions of Americans of Black African descent. Racism is a form of sick

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Darryl Hunt: One Year of Freedom

By: Mark Richard Moss
Special to the NNPA from the Carolina Peacemaker
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (NNPA) - Darryl Eugene Hunt, the Black man who was incarcerated for 18 years after being unjustly convicted of a White



Darryl Hunt's first desire after being freed from jail was to go to the Community Mosque of Winston-Salem to pray and give thanks.

woman's murder, recalls that in the time leading up to his release last Dec. 24, things weren't going well for his wife, April. Her car had broken down and she was concerned that she wouldn't be able to visit him; he was worried about her getting to work, and getting her three children to school.

That bad news about the car came by phone on a Friday night. Hunt said when he called to check on her the next morning, April said she had something to tell him. "I was like, 'One Year of Freedom Page 6

Community Spotlight

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Bessie Colter, Pamela Johnson, Mazzie Moses, Wendy Williams-Phynes and Margie Bates, Shelter Assistant Director at CITY House.



Victoria Chumajegby, aide at the Collingswood Nursing and Rehabilitation Home, patient, and Dr. John Hightower (Santa Claus).



Pamela Johnson (Plano Links, Inc.) with guests at the Plano Children's Medical Clinic.



Cora McMillan gives gift to patient at the Collingswood Nursing and Rehabilitation Home.



Ladies of The Links, Inc. with children at the Plano Children's Medical Clinic.

atmosphere of giving and goodwill filled the air. Vanessa Proppes, along with her daughter Christina, and young son Terrance were thankful for the organization's generosity.

"This is the first time I've been to the Douglas Community Center, and I am so thankful, because [The

Links, Inc.] gave us everything that we had on our wish list. The presentation was really nice, and we really appreciate it," Ms. Proppes said.

For the past 10 years, the community conscious ladies of The Links, Inc. have made it their mission to collect and distribute donated clothing, household items, food, toys,

educational supplies, personal baby and pregnancy items and gift cards, to those who may be less fortunate in the local community.

"Even though we are only making a few stops this year, others will still benefit from the donated items that we have collected - depending on what we can beg, borrow, or steal,"

Public Relations Coordinator Hortense Ransom joked.

"We raised money through various fundraisers like 'A Day at the Roses,' at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, held in April," Ransom explained.

The Plano North Metroplex Chapter of The Links, Inc., a multi-faceted, non-profit organization comprised of

dedicated African American professional women, is committed to giving back to the community through programs and services that focus on issues affecting people of color in Plano, Carrollton, Richardson, Grapevine, Lewisville and North Dallas.

Linked by 274 chapters in various cities around the world including: Honolulu, Hawaii, Anchorage, Alaska, Frankfurt, Germany, and Johannesburg, South Africa, the organization was founded in Philadelphia, PA in 1946.

The Plano Chapter was established on April 1, 1989, and has become deeply rooted in its efforts to improve the lives of others in need through services to youth, the arts, with an emphasis on national and international trends.

Built on a foundation of friendship and community service, The Links, Inc. has affectively changed the lives of

people of African descent across the globe. Second term President Lucy Allen feels that it is her job to guide other members in a forward direction through activities and services geared toward youth and health and wellness education on the prevention and/or treatment of diseases like AIDS, Leukemia, and hypertension among others.

Mazzie Moses has been a member of the organization for the past four years, and feels a real sense of satisfaction with her contributions.

"The help that we give to the community is very rewarding. God has blessed us with so much, it's nice to be able to give back," Mrs. Moses said.

None of this would have been possible without the sharp organizational skills of Links Sergeant-at-Arms, T.J. Johnson, who coordinated the event, complete with a six vehicle police escort to accompany the caravan along its route through the streets of downtown Plano.

The ladies of The Links, Inc. have spent the past 15 years promoting activities that continue to make a positive impact on the quality of life in the city of Plano, and the world at large with promises of more to come in the future.

To find out more information on upcoming events, or to make a tax deductible donation contact Lucy Allen via email at gramagreat@aol.com.

Local Fiction Writer Deals with Reader Backlash in Third Book "He Had it Coming"

Fiction author Camika Spencer raises interesting questions about reader reactions to authors and their works in her third novel, "He Had It Coming."

What should the Second Pew Book Club, composed of black women, do to a misogynistic, arrogant, best-selling black author who becomes their captive in a bizarre series of events

that leads to even more-complicated possibilities and results? Teach him some manners, or teach him a lesson he will never forget?

The St. Martin Press publication follows Spencer's previous works, "When All Hell Breaks Loose" and "Cubicles." Spencer, a Dallas native, has a degree in radio and television broadcasting from East Texas State University and has applied her creative

talents to writing in recent years.

"I've always loved what creativity and expression provide in the way of spiritual growth and personal advancement of soul and spirit. Always



careful of what I put into the world, my goal is to provoke original thought, inspire creative expression and to take my readers to places they wouldn't otherwise go without

experiencing me on the page. It's my mind's eye which reflects such stories and events," expresses Spencer.

She worked for a period of time at Black Images Bookstore in Dallas, which she said was the catalyst to writing fiction. After working for three more years at Electronic Data Systems, Spencer turned her attention to writing full-time.

"I have found my talents specifically serving me in the areas of creative writing, poetry, photography, knitting and entrepreneurship. These things all provide me with a life that is fulfilling as well as nurturing and calming. It's the unexpected which drives me to wake-up and take on the day."

For more information about her previous works go to www.amazon.com.

Around The Town

Ongoing

Eyecare America urges seniors to call the Seniors Eye-care Hotline: 1-800-222-EYES (3937). The help-line is intended to remind the senior community about the value of sight. The free eye care program is available all year round. For more information, visit www.eyecareamerica.org.

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 "EXVI 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.

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

Teen Graffiti Seeks Good Students who take school seriously. Who knows - you could be Teen Graffiti's Scholar Student of the Year! For contest rules and more information visit www.teengraffiti.com, call 972-496-9457 or email info@teengraffiti.com.

Jobseekers

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking of Collin County. The non-profit group oversees several chapters, group meetings from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required and more information is available online.

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 Cylynda Chapman at 214-275-7284 ext. 117.

December 30

SBC Cotton Bowl Music Festival Annual Battle of the Bands will take place at the Plano Centre located at 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway Schools will perform at the SBC Cotton Bowl Pre-Game and Half-time. Various schools will be performing all day from 8:00am to 2:00 pm in both Concert Band and Jazz Band. Admission is free. For more information call (801) 598-8820.

December 31

Friday, December 31 @

7:00pm KWANZAA at the South Dallas Cultural Center is always about KUUMBA, which means Creativity. This year is no exception. Join us as we experience a little taste of the Caribbean. West Indian performer, Glenn Pierre will present JamBull a very historical Caribbean dance. JamBull is a cultural performance that the enslaved Africans brought from the Motherland to the Caribbean Islands. This event is considered the oldest masquerade and dance performance in the history of the Caribbean. For additional information please call 214-939-2787.

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.

January 1

Celebrate the Day of Jubilee with singing, drumming, history & refreshments at 1709 D-MKL Blvd. near Colonial in

South Dallas at 12:00pm.

Karamu ya Kwanzaa - A celebration of African American history and culture will be held at St. Philips Community Center, 1600 Penn. Avenue. Advance admissions is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple and \$20 per person at the door.

January 6

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to participate in Lean Training through a NO COST Economic Development Administration Grant program. The training is for business owners, presidents, vice presidents, and finance and operations managers interested in learning how to reduce waste in a variety of your areas in your operations and add to the bottom line in days. The training will be held from 8:00am to 10:00am at various locations in Dallas, Ft. Worth, Arlington and Cleburne. Call 817-272-5909 for locations and information.

January 7

The 21st Annual African American Health Summit will be televised on Dallas Community Television (DCTV) on Friday, January 7, 2005. The taping, which is open to the public, will begin promptly at 7:00pm. This year's theme "Good Health...your first wealth," will be addressed by a roundtable panel. KHN

Radio Personality Robert

Ashely will host the roundtable along with panelists Dr. Randy Scroggins, Dr. Linda Amerson, and Dr. Karen Hollie. Steven Crear, Microbiologist and Administrator, Indigenous Products will be the keynote speaker.

DCTV is located at 1253 Roundtable in Dallas. For reservations and directions please call 214.631.5571. Seating is first come, first serve.

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.

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

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THE TRUTH CLINIC Taking Christ Out of Christmas

By: James W. Breedlove

It seems that Iraq is not the only place where Americans are enmeshed in a war. On the main streets, town squares, schools, government buildings, and shopping malls in communities throughout the country a domestic war is being waged over a controversial trend focused on "Taking Christ Out of Christmas."

For example, many school districts ban the singing of Christmas carols. The mayor of Somerville, Mass., was berated for "mistakenly" referring to the town's "holiday party" as a "Christmas party". Target Department Stores banned Salvation Army bell ringers. In Yonkers, New York, the interim school superintendent banned everything with a message stronger than a generic 'happy holidays' or 'season's greetings'. Teachers were not allowed to teach about Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or other religious holidays. Even saying "Merry Christmas" is becoming politically incorrect.

Whether the threat to de-emphasize Christmas celebrations is real or a misunderstanding, the religious right has been aggressive this year in headlining an impending danger to Christmas. High profile leaders such as Jerry Falwell and Paul Weyrich have told supporters "the campaign to eliminate Christmas from our society is well underway."

The Rutherford Institute, a non-profit conservative civil liberties organization, cites a "growing tendency among public schools and government officials to ban references to Christmas or Christianity" even though it is estimated that more than 90 percent of Americans celebrate Christmas.

It is difficult to rationalize these controversies over a celebration that is supposed to

focus awareness on love, tolerance, brotherhood and the birth of Jesus. This may be due in part to a misunderstanding regarding the birth date of Jesus as December 25th.

No evidence proves that Jesus was actually born on December 25th. The Gospels describe Jesus' birth in detail, but never mention the date. Most historians believe that celebrating the Nativity of Christ originated in the 4th century as a Christian substitute for pagan observations of the winter solstice. A Roman tradition was to honor Saturn, their god of agriculture, beginning on December 17 each year. This festival, called Saturnalia, lasted for seven days and included the winter solstice, which usually occurred around December 25. During Saturnalia the Romans feasted, restricted business and warfare, and exchanged gifts.

These and other winter festivities have shaped the religious and secular traditions of various cultures that celebrate the winter holiday. For example, festivities honoring the birth of Mithra, the god of light, was changed to commemorate the birth of Jesus, who is called the light of the world.

The Roman Catholic Church chose December 25th as the day for the Feast of the Nativity in order to give Christian meaning to existing pagan rituals and as a means to draw pagans into its religion. Though the Eastern Orthodox Church questioned the December 25th date for years, the Roman Catholic Christmas day became commonly accepted in the 5th century. The word Christmas was combined by the Roman Catholics with the words "Christ" and "Mass".

It is time that Americans belonging to religious or non-religious groups remember that while America was born in the Christian religion its doors were

opened and people from all over the world were invited to enter with the promise that their freedoms would not be violated. They came and brought with them many of the unique traditions of their individual cultures that have mingled together to become American traditions.

Christmas is just one of the traditions that has evolved from our pluralistic society. Even though the Christmas celebration traces much of its origin to pagan rituals the underlying theme is still the JESUS story. The pagan origins or the dilution of Christmas through "commercialization" should not negate the right to celebrate Christmas. If in the midst of all the commercial hype the message "Peace On Earth—Good Will To All" comes forth then the celebration is worth having.

The religious connotations of the Christian Christmas celebration, like religious holiday observations of Jews, Muslims or other religions, are rooted in an individual's beliefs. For those whose beliefs are perceived threatened by another's religious beliefs reveals the tenuous nature of the beliefs of those feeling threatened. Americans should relish the opportunity to learn about other beliefs and to be exposed to other cultures that prepares us to respect other beliefs.

So, bring on the trees, ornaments, carols, presents, feasts, mistletoe, and nativity scenes. Perhaps these can help demonstrate to the rest of the world that peace, harmony, brotherhood and tolerance can be achieved without unleashing the death and destruction of a unilateral apocalypse couched in the disguise of religious morality, liberty, and freedom.

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Dorie Miller V.F.W. Post 1406 Presents "Medal Of Recognition Award" To Johnnie King, Jr. of The King Group, Inc.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Medal of Recognition Award was presented to Mr. Johnnie King, Jr., CEO and President of The King Group, Inc.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Medal of Recognition Award recipient Johnnie King, Jr., CEO and President of The King Group, Inc. along with Lee M. Williams, VFW Post 1406.

Group, Inc. at the Third Annual Community Awards Banquet at the Hotel Dallas recently.

This prestigious award recognizes outstanding civilians for their contributions of service to the community and to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. As a hometown Dallas native, Mr. King actively supports community organizations and is committed to working and mentoring the youth, especially young boys.

After a fifteen-year career with the Southland Corporation (7-Eleven), Mr. King entered entrepreneurship, creating The King Group, Inc., a full service

advertising agency, specializing in ethnic marketing.

The King Group is recognized as one of the largest black-owned advertising agencies in the United States and has been ranked by Black Enterprise Magazine since 1997.

Mr. Johnnie King, Jr. is also a partner in TGI Friday's Restaurants at DFW and Philadelphia airports.

The Community Awards Banquet featured as the keynote speaker, Ms. Clarice Tinsley, news anchor of KDFW, FOX 4, a long time supporter of the Dorie Miller VFW Post 1406. As Mistress of Ceremony, Colonel Carolyn F. McKnight-Brown distinguished the participants with her graceful style.

The other honorees for this event were: Akua K. Scott - Rahsaan, retired teacher and current counselor in DeSoto ISD (National Teacher Award Nominee); Ronald Vaughn of the Dallas Fire Department (Texas VFW

Outstanding Paramedic Award); Ray Stewart, Ellis County Sheriff (Texas VFW Policeman Award).



Clarice Tinsley, KDFW Fox 4, Keynote Speaker, J.L. Smith, Commander, VFW Post 1406 and Robert H. Young, Quartermaster, VFW Post 1406.

Two outstanding students received special awards - Tiziana Vatin of Faith Family Academy was the Patriotic Essay Winner and Toni Crayton, also from Faith Family Academy, was the Voice of Democratic Essay Winner.

The Dorie Miller VFW Post 1406 is committed to providing services to our military veterans and their families in the Dallas area community. As minority veterans struggle to get medical assistance, shelter and Veteran Administration Post 1406 is always there to provide support, financial assistance and other services. The commander of the VFW Post 1406 is J.L. Smith.

The Hockaday School Dance Lab and Dance Theatre Perform Hansel & Gretel

To the delight of audiences both young and old, The Hockaday School Dance Lab and Dance Theatre recently performed an original version of "Hansel and Gretel." The music was the opera, "Hansel and Gretel" composed by Engelbert Humperdinck in 1891 and the ballet was directed and choreographed by Hockaday dance instructor, Beth Wortley. Special guests to the performance included children from the Buckner Children's Home Community Center and the Gooch School. As part of The Hockaday School community service program, children from these organizations

receive tutoring from Hockaday students in academics and dance.

For additional information please contact: The Hockaday School, Nancy Gale, Director of Public Relations and Community Outreach, 214/360-6586, ngale@hockaday.org.



Student performers of Hansel & Gretel (L to R): Gretel: Skylar Harrison, Form I; Witch: Britney English, Form III; Hansel: Alyson Payne, Form I

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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

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UNT creates scholarship to honor desegregation pioneers

The University of North Texas established the A. Tennyson Miller and Joe L. Atkins 50th Anniversary of Desegregation Scholarship to honor the African American alumni who first desegregated the university in the 1950s.

Marquette McGee, a UNT electronics engineering technology major, is the first scholarship recipient. She is a third generation African American student at UNT. Both her mother, Cheree Carter Curling, and her grandmother, Mary Margaret Dunn Smith, hold UNT degrees.

The annual scholarship's growing endowment of \$25,000 comes from 50th anniversary donations and proceeds of the February 2004 gala which kicked off the university's yearlong observance. The university is committed to continuing fundraising efforts to increase the endowment.

The scholarship is named for two of the university's pioneering African American barrier breakers, A. Tennyson Miller and Joe L. Atkins.

In the summer of 1954, doctoral student Miller became the first African American to attend North Texas State College (now University of North Texas). And about a year later, a lawsuit filed by Joseph L. Atkins paved the way for African American undergraduates and master's students to enroll at the university.

As a result, UNT was one of the first colleges in Texas to open its doors to students of color.

The scholarship, open to all students, is part of the Multicultural Scholastic Award scholarship program. It will be awarded to either an undergraduate or graduate student in any academic discipline by the Division of Equity and Diversity.

Applicants must meet the following minimum academic requirements to be considered:

- Freshman and students with fewer than 29 credit hours must have an SAT score of 1000 or an ACT score of 21.

- Transfer students and those who have completed 30 credit hours must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

- Graduate students must be currently accepted to or enrolled in graduate studies at UNT and have a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

Tax-deductible donations to the scholarship can be made to the UNT Foundation in reference to the A. Tennyson Miller and Joe L. Atkins 50th Anniversary of Desegregation Scholarship. For additional information about donations call 1-800-868-1153 or visit www.unt.edu/development.

For information about, or to learn how to apply for the scholarship, contact the Office of Equity and Diversity at (940) 565-2456.

Richland College, UTD To Sign Admission Agreement Targeted at

Journalism Students

Officials from Richland College and The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) have signed an agreement authorizing the acceptance of Associate of Arts Degrees in Journalism, Broadcast Journalism and Advertising/Public Relations from Richland College into UTD's Bachelor of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies Program with a concentration in communications or media studies.

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pride brought about by insecurities associated with deficiencies of the self-perceived dominant race."

Bob Lydia, President of the Dallas NAACP chapter, has large files including video tapes of cases involving the department stores in the local area. He said the matter is definitely on the radar screen at the national office.

"Every opportunity we get, we try to tell people about Dillard's' history," said Lydia. "We've gotten some complaints locally about how they use racial profiling [and those that have come forward] thought it was very unfair."

"This is an ongoing situation," Lydia continued. "We want to keep the pressure on and let as many people as possible know about Dillard's' conduct when it comes to African Americans."

What is racial profiling? The ACLU defines it as "...when the police target someone for investigation on the basis of that person's race, national origin or ethnicity."

In 2003, a Texas judge ordered Dillard's not to destroy security documents that may prove that the chain targets minority groups for unwarranted surveillance and intimidation. The judge's order was a result of a lawsuit filed by lawyers for 18 people, 12 adults and six teens.

All charged Dillard's with false imprisonment, assault and battery, emotional distress, invasion of privacy and intentional misconduct at the hands of Dillard's security guards.

In Orange, Texas, Shannon McDowell, a minister and banking executive and a former avid shopper at Dillard's Department stores, went there to exchange a pair of shoes that he had ordered from a Dillard's store in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. When the shoes arrived, they were defective and could not be worn. Mr. McDowell went to the Orange, Texas store where he found a pair of shoes that he liked and that fitted him well.

The new shoes cost ten dollars more so he asked the manager for a courtesy discount, given his inconvenience. The manager refused and when McDowell tried to reason with him, the manager excused himself and returned with a security guard.

According to reports filed

by McDowell, when he tried to explain the situation to the Security guard [off-duty police officer], he was told to shut up. McDowell, then asked the officer for his name and badge number. The officer became irate, threw him in a corner, handcuffed and arrested him. McDowell was charged with disorderly conduct and spent several hours in jail. He filed a lawsuit against Dillard's and the jury found in his favor.

In defense of their decision to hire off-duty police officers as store security guards, Dillard's has claimed, repeatedly, that they are not responsible for the behavior and or action of the "police officers" in their employ according to documents filed in several lawsuits.

Lynette Chapman was accused of shoplifting by a salesclerk at a Dillard's Store in Cleveland, Ohio. An armed off-duty sheriff's deputy, acting in the guise of a Dillard's security guard, was called in. The security guard ushered Lynette into another room, searched her purse, ordered her to remove her jacket and then, to lift up her blouse.

No merchandise was found in Ms. Chapman's purse or on her person, still, Ms. Chapman, a Black woman, was put through an illegal and humiliating strip search. The store manager came out and apologized for the inconvenience.

Chapman filed a lawsuit and her attorneys used a law, passed in 1866, called, "section 1981," in her defense. This old law was enacted to prevent "state officials" from using their authority in racial victimization.

Ms Chapman also filed an unreasonable search and seizure claim, which the Constitution of the United States of America, protects every United States citizen from undergoing.

Billy Mitchell, a seventeen-year-old African American in Phoenix, Arizona, went to the Dillard's store to purchase a pair of slacks. He gave the cashier a one hundred-dollar bill. The cashier told him that she did not have change for a one hundred-dollar bill and that she needed to go to another part of the store to get the change.

Instead, she returned with an off-duty police officer, employed by that Dillard's as a security guard. The police officer accused Billy Mitchell of trying to pass a counterfeit bill. He then handcuffed Mitchell and escorted him through the store to an

interrogation area.

Mitchell was interrogated for more than a half-hour, after which time, it was determined that the money was not counterfeit. Mitchell was released. He was never charged with a crime and has filed a lawsuit against the store for false arrest, false imprisonment and for violating his civil rights. Billy Mitchell too, is an African American.

"Hopefully, for the people who have been profiled, we hope there will be some type of monetary compensation," said Mr. Lydia.

"We feel like this is the only way for them to be punished justly is for them to shell out a large amount of money for their misconduct."

Even more tragically, deaths have occurred across the country at Dillard's stores at the hands of off-duty police officers hired by the stores as security guards. Six documented deaths since 1994 have involved five blacks, two Hispanics and one Anglo.

In Houston, a jury awarded the family of Darryl Robinson, an African American and a Dillard's customer, \$800,000 in a wrongful death suit after he was pounced upon by five police officers and hog-tied because he was causing a disturbance.

One coroner, in Houston, said Robinson died of asphyxiation. He was unable to breathe. The jury found Dillard's and the sheriff's deputies negligent in Robinson's death.

In Arlington, Don Bearden, accused of stealing from a nearby Sears Department Store was caught, by off-duty police officer, Keith Humphrey, acting in his capacity as a security guard, hiding in the Dillard's store.

Bearden tried to run from the store and Humphrey pulled his weapon and shot Bearden four times, killing him. Other similar cases have occurred at stores in El Paso, San Antonio, Memphis, Tennessee and Cleveland, Ohio.

A resolution released by the Texas State Conference of NAACP branches during their annual convention in October 2003 alleges that Dillard's has multiple lawsuits filed against them by minorities all over the United States.

Recent calls were made to the Public Relations and Legal departments of Dillard's corporate offices, headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, but no official response has been given. In

previous attempts by other media, no accountability or responsibility has been relinquished by any Dillard's official.

The cases continue. Laprecious Powell, age 16, her sister, Kellie LeDay, age 13, went to Dillard's Department Store in Beaumont. Power's 17-year-old boyfriend, Joseph McCarty, accompanied them. After looking at different clothes, they decided they did not see what they wanted and that they would try another store.

Before they could exit the store, an off duty police officer, hired by Dillard's as a security guard, accosted them, accused them of shoplifting and ordered them, without searching their purses, bags or person, to leave the store immediately.

The officer escorted them out of the store, following them all the way to their car. The girls, who had never been in trouble before, were shaken and crying by the time they arrived home and told their mother, Jackie Renfro what had happened. All three teenagers were African Americans.

A telephone interview with Nelson Linder, the president of the Austin, Texas chapter of the NAACP, yielded this solution to an overgrowing problem.

"There are two ways to address the problem," said Linder.

"One is legally [once the offense has occurred] and the other is economically, specifically, spend your money elsewhere. . . . Withholding spending from Dillard's would have a great and immediate impact on their economy and would serve to get their attention immediately."

In Dallas, Lydia also advocated that African American consumers shop where they will be respected.

"It's not a boycott, but we do say that you should take a look at who treats you fair and shouldn't shop at a place where you are likely to be racially profiled at any other store in the country."

Mr. Bledsoe asks those who feel they've been discriminated by Dillard's to call their state office number at 512-322-9547.

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their every breath, in hope that we would heed their call by responding with some kind of economic action that would, once and for all, build a solid foundation for Black people.

Now that another Black man has been blatantly murdered by a cop, I am almost afraid to watch our response. It's sad to see the same activities used in similar cases being used once again. A letter was sent to the feds; demonstrations and protests were called; and ministers marched and held prayer vigils.

Frankly, I'd like to see more preachers organize marches to Black-owned businesses; they march about everything else, e.g. gay issues, racial profiling, etc. Blacks, and White people, too, in Columbus, Ga. should be outraged enough to add something different to the mix this time.

Please don't get me wrong. All of the planned tactics are necessary, but where is the strategy? Where is the hammer that backs up those actions? Where is the reward and punishment scenario? We see

the carrot, but where is the stick?

When are we going to get it through our heads that marching alone will not even slow down this rampant assault against our people, much less stop it? Of course, we need to pray. But what happens when we say "Amen"? Aren't we supposed to do something?

When Ken Bridges was assassinated, after his memorial service, those of us in his MATAH family went to a national meeting and made a commitment, one that was activated that very moment rather than when we got back home, to use our dollars to empower the organization Ken worked so hard to build. In less than 20 minutes fewer than 100 persons added \$60,000 to the sales revenues of the MATAH Network. Ken called and we responded, and we continue our support today.

A fitting tribute to Brother Kenneth Walker, while folks are marching and listening to dignitaries' speeches, would be to start an economic initiative named after him, which would pressure the business sector to

call for an end to the kind of treatment Walker went through. In addition, such an initiative would increase the economic viability of Black people in that city.

What am I talking about? Why not start a Black buying campaign, maybe by using MATAH products and other Black owned goods and services, which would by definition be a boycott against other goods and services currently being bought by Blacks?

Why not get the youth to go door to door and sell these and other products, the same way they sell the candy and cookies and other stuff made by everybody else? And then, why not dedicate a portion of the proceeds of those sales to Kenneth Walker's family, whom we say we love so dearly? Kenneth is calling. How will we respond?

While I hope and pray for the compensation the family truly deserves, just as Phyllis Brown in Atlanta was awarded more than \$700 million for the death of her husband, I also pray that the ministers, the dignitaries,

and the common citizens of Columbus will do more than walk and talk, more than rap and clap.

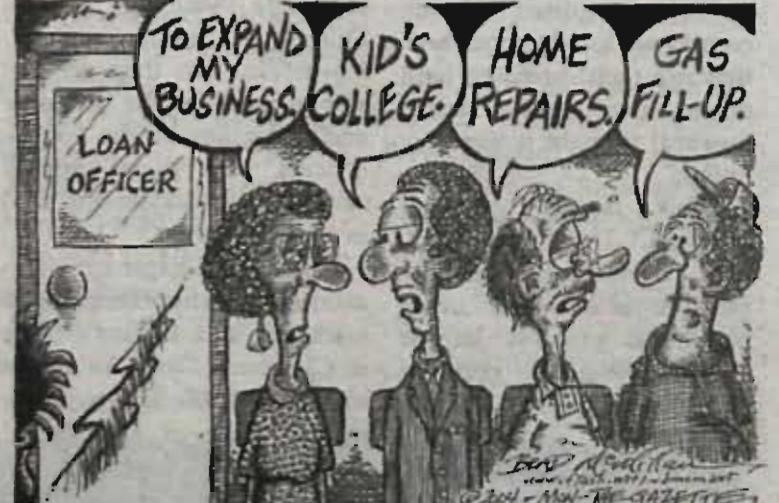
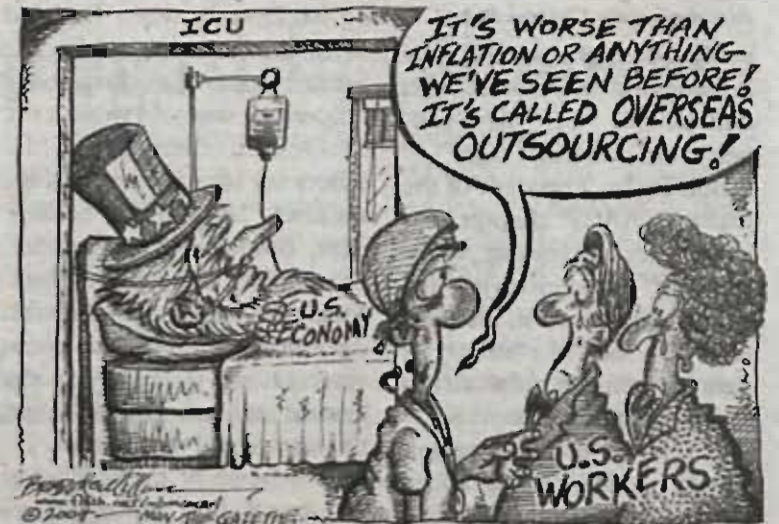
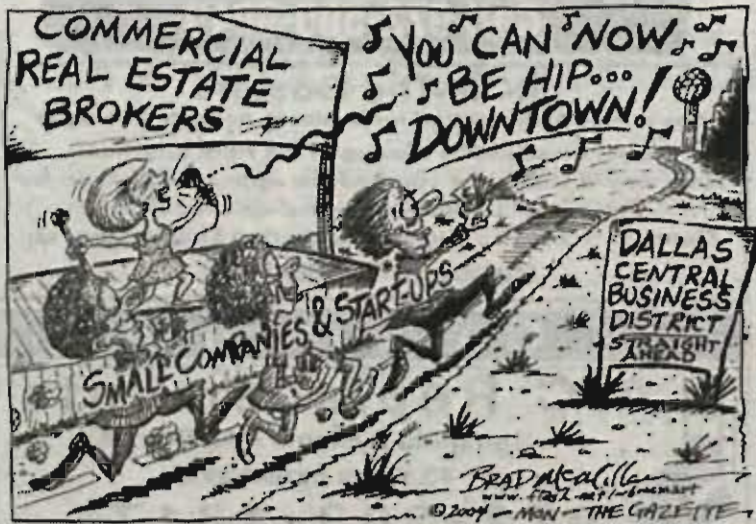
I pray they will issue a call for economic solutions to these heinous crimes, and I pray the people will respond. Just in case they don't, this is my call - to all of us, all over this country. What will your response be?

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He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and has written several books, including: Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement - We have a Choice; Blackonomics; and the recently published Black-o-Knowledge-Stuff we need to know.

Clingman's books are available at his Web site, www.blackonomics.com. He can be contacted there or by telephone at 513/ 489-4132.

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what done went wrong now?"

"Nothing's wrong", April said, adding that she had gotten a call from Larry Little, an attorney and instructor at Winston-Salem State University and one of Hunt's most ardent supporters.

"I'm bracing myself for something bad," Hunt recalled. "(April) says, 'They found a match. Are you for real?' She says, 'Yeah.' I said, 'Don't be playing.' She says, 'I'm not playing. I'm not playing. They found a match!'"

The "match" April was referring to was based on the DNA evidence in the nearly 20-year-old murder case. A search through a DNA database implicated Willard E. Brown, and set in motion the Hunt's quick release from prison, his eventual pardon from Governor Mike Easley and the awarding of about \$350,000, restitution for Hunt's years in prison. Brown pleaded guilty to the murder last week.

In 1984, Hunt, then 19, was charged with the murder of Deborah Sykes, who was killed as she walked to work as a copy editor with The Sentinel, the city's now-defunct afternoon daily. What followed was a complex tale that involved shaky eyewitnesses, bungled investigative work and appeals that led to Hunt being convicted twice.

Hunt talked to a reporter one recent morning in the basement of Community Mosque on Waughtown Street on the Southeast side of the Twin City. He converted to Islam while he was locked up and is a member of the mosque, which was quiet and chilly and empty the morning of the interview. Hunt, well-dressed and looking fit, reflected on the vagaries of the past year.

Christmas Eve, was the

anniversary of Hunt's release, and it has been 12 months of mixed blessings. One of his most challenging adjustments to the outside world, he said, has been technology. He has a cell phone, but claims all he knows how to do is



Hunt holds onto his wife, April, as they exit the Forsyth County Jail.

answer it and dial. He knows how to retrieve his e-mail off the computer, but can't type.

"I just read them and hope they have a phone number for me to call," he chuckled.

On a more serious note, he said that "a lot of the baggage that I had from prison" still impacts his behavior, especially when it comes to being close to others.

"In prison, you try to keep people at bay. You don't want nobody to get close to you," he said. "I don't say a lot of things that normal people would say. Trying to be normal again is challenging."

He's been diligently job hunting but nobody will hire him.

"They've been nice about turning me down," he said, about the rejections, "but they still turn me down. They don't know if it's good for their business or bad for their business to have me working for them."

He was even turned down by an organization that helps ease the

transition for inmates re-entering the real world. Although he's two years away from earning his two bachelors at Winston-Salem State University, not having one is the reason he was given for that rejection.

"My thing is, it don't take a degree to know what people are going through. That's my gripe with the re-entry programs that's out here... They want to counsel people, which is good, but it's not going to feed them, it's not going house them and take care of their immediate needs."

In addition to the job search, he has been to a number of cities throughout the state speaking on behalf of the organization, People of Faith Against the Death Penalty in its effort to convince North Carolinians that there should be a moratorium on capital punishment. He's been to more cities and towns than he can remember, but feels the traveling, the anxiousness he feels about public speaking, is worth it.

"For me, it's like therapy because

I'm able to tell the story. When injustice happens, you create a lot of victims. I became victimized... It'll take me 20 years just to catch up to where people are today.

"They're real receptive," he said about his audiences. "A lot of people, at first, are kind of skeptical, but after listening and understanding... It's different when you read something, but when you actually see the person it becomes a little bit different."

He said that he conveys the "horror" of being in prison, which is only exacerbated when someone is unjustly jailed.

He has bought a house and a used Volvo with the money the state awarded him. The balance he has stashed away.

He has also used some of the money to establish The Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice to give a "voice" to those who have been unjustly jailed. The other part of the foundation will help inmates ease back into the normal life.

Hunt said, "My passion right now is helping other people who have been in the same situation that I went through and are still in that situation... And helping them around the pitfalls that I experienced myself."



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"Theresa Rebeck has provided a charming vehicle for Julie White to be irresistible in *Bad Dates*," said DTC Artistic Director Richard Hamburger.

"She has already conquered New York and Boston with her hilarious and heartwarming performance. And because both Julie and director John Benjamin Hickey are originally from Texas, we take particular pleasure in welcoming them back with open arms."

White, who was raised in Austin, may be familiar to

audiences from her recurring role on HBO's critically-acclaimed *"Six Feet Under."* Her portrayal of Mitzi Dalton



Julie White stars in *Bad Dates* at Dallas Theater Center's Kalita Humphreys Theater. Photo Credit: T. Charles Erickson.

Huntley — the clever, foul-mouthed businesswoman representing a chain of rival funeral homes — was unforgettable.

White was also a regular on the sitcom *"Grace Under Fire"* and read short stories for the Arts and Letters Live literary series at the Dallas Museum of Art.

"The marriage of the actress and the role is like alchemy," said Director John Benjamin Hickey. "It is miraculous how well-suited the material is to Julie and how inspired her performance is."

Hickey made his directorial debut with the New York production of *Bad Dates*. This

Plano-born actor's long list of television, film and theater credits includes the original Broadway production and film

of *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, the Broadway revival of *Cabaret* and the 2002 Broadway production of *The Crucible*. He was most recently seen on the 2003 ABC television series *"It's All Relative."*

Hickey described bringing *Bad Dates* to Dallas Theater Center as "a dream come true."

"We're both from Texas, first and foremost, and this feels very much like a homecoming," Hickey said.

"Both Julie and I have a deep, abiding connection to our home state."

Theresa Rebeck's plays include *The Butterfly Collection*, *Omnium Gatherum*, *View of the Dome*, *The Family of Mann*, *Loose Knit* and *Spike Heels* — all of which have received Off-Broadway productions.

All performances of *Bad Dates* will be held at the Kalita Humphreys Theater located at 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. at Blackburn St. and will run from Jan. 5 to Jan. 30, 2005.

Preview performances are Jan. 5-9. Opening night is Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Performance times are Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00

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Hotel Rwanda

Starring Don Cheadle, Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte and Joaquin Phoenix. Directed by Terry George. Written by Keir Pearson and Terry George. Produced by A. Kitman Ho and Terry George. A United Artists release. Not yet rated. Historical drama. Running time: 121 min.

The wrenching *"Hotel Rwanda"* is an effective example of social conscience on the screen. This fact-based saga co-written and directed by Terry George depicts a horrific episode of ethnic cleansing in the mid-1990s that might have been prevented. When Hutu militants massacred almost a million Tutsis during a 100-day period of bloodletting, the media called it "tribal warfare" and the world looked the other way. Even the United Nations was shamefully slow to act.

Don Cheadle gives a magnificent performance as real-life hero Paul Rusesabagina,

the modest Hutu manager of a posh Kigali hotel. He has always bribed local merchants and army officers to keep the Belgian-owned establishment running smoothly—an arrangement that breaks down when armed bands of extremists start slaughtering fellow Rwandan citizens they call "cockroaches." Paul's wife Tatiana (the lovely Sophie Okonedo of

frightened people take refuge in the hotel, giving the initially reluctant Paul a task akin to that of Oskar Schindler.

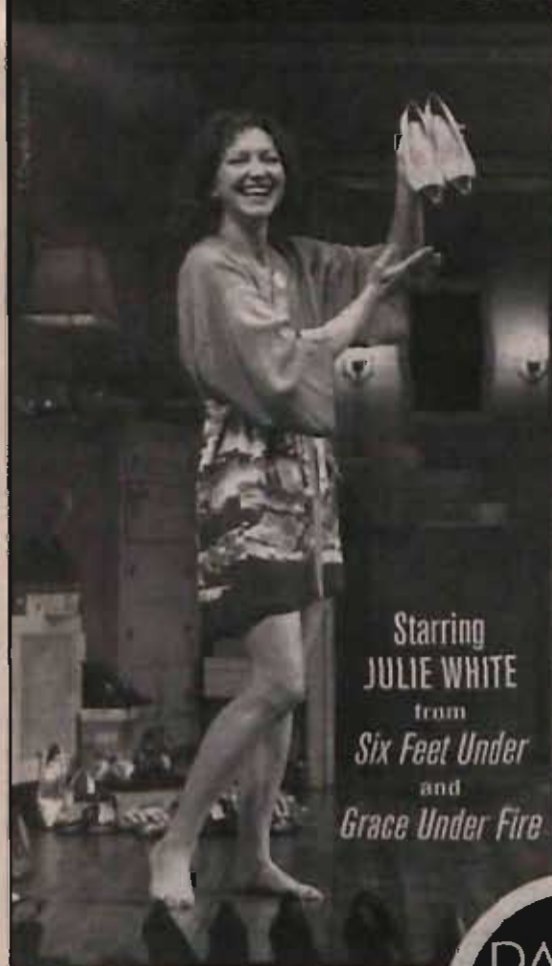
The specter of passive racism is also explored. Foreign governments organize an evacuation of tourists and expatriates, most of them white; Africans are left behind to face the escalating violence. An American TV cameraman (Joaquin Phoenix) is forced to abandon his Tutsi girlfriend.

The UN, which has decided not to intervene, provides only a handful of peacekeepers forbidden to use their weapons except for self-defense. One of them, a Canadian colonel (Nick Nolte), does his best to help Paul protect the refugees but the situation continues to deteriorate. Aided by Robert Fraisse's breathless cinematography, George (*"In the Name of the Father"*) captures the suspense that comes with constantly spiraling terror.



"Dirty Pretty Things" fame) and many of their neighbors are Tutsis, so the danger becomes harrowingly personal. Then again, this is a story that encompasses all humankind in its definition of family. More than one thousand

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Bethany MBC
Rev. A. K. Haynes, Sr., Pastor
6710 Webster Avenue
Dallas, TX 75209
214-352-3552

BETHEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
December 31, 2004
Watch Night Service

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Dr. Terrance Woodson, Pastor
1944 Hebron Parkway
Carrollton, TX 75007
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CAMP WISDOM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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
1300 W. Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, TX 75232
972-224-4556

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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
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972-235-6432 or 214-632-6519

CONCORD CHURCH
Tomorrow night,
December 31, 10:00 pm
Watch Night Service

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

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Car Review

2005 Ford Escape Hybrid

By E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.
Don't equate a Hybrid vehicle with a 2 door coupe nor a small 4 door sedan. Hybrids have moved up to the wheelbase chain. The Ford Escape is the first "full" hybrid SUV.

The I-4 engine performs with a V6-like acceleration. The full hybrid performs best in the city with "stop and start" movements. Braking charges the battery and idles the engine.

Escape Hybrid's 330-volt nickel-metal hydride battery pack supplies power to the electric motor, while the 2.3L I-4 Atkinson cycle gasoline engine runs only as necessary. The system automatically chooses the

best power method (gas, electric or both) for any driving situation. The battery recharges as you drive.

The Hybrid SUV uses only about half the gas of a standard V6 engine, delivering a 50-90% fuel economy improvement over the average SUV. Full hybrids get more mpg in the city; unlike conventional gas-only vehicles get more mpg on the highway. Escape Hybrid is expected to achieve over

35 mpg in city driving.

By driving an Escape Hybrid, one can help contribute to a healthy environment by polluting less and consuming less of the earth's natural resources. On average, it's 99.4 percent cleaner than an unregulated vehicle. Drivers are expected to go 400 - 500 miles before refueling the tank.

If you buy an Escape Hybrid during calendar year 2004, you are eligible for a \$1500 deduction on your 2004 federal income tax return. It's called a "clean fuel adjustment."

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Dallas Black Dance Theater Ensemble Church Performance Schedule

JANUARY 2005

January 2005	Church	Pastor	Contact Person & No.	Church Address	Performance Time
2nd Sunday 1-09-05 Youth Sunday	New Life Fellowship, Hamilton Park	Bishop Miller Johnson, Jr	Church Receptionist 972-671-1097	8219 Bunche Drive in H.P. Dallas, 75243	10:30 am
2nd Sunday 1-09-05 Youth Day	Hamilton Park UMC, in Hamilton Park	Rev. Derrick Wright	Church Receptionist 972-235-4633	11881 Schroeder Rd Dallas, 75243	11:00 am
3rd Sunday 1-16-05 Youth Day	Keller Springs Baptist Church	Rev. Larry J. Sanders	Ruby Sanders 972-735-8122	3227 Keller Springs Road Carrollton, TX 75006	11:00 am
4th Sunday 1-23-05	Mt. Olive Church of Plano (MOCOP)	Rev. Sam Fenceroy	Elder Lloyd Spence 972-633-5511	740 Avenue F, Suite 303 Plano, 75074	11:00 am

FEBRUARY 2005

February 2005	Church	Pastor	Contact Person & No.	Church Address	Performance Time
1st Sunday 2-06-05	Bethany Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Albert Haynes, Sr.	Mechelle Tucker 214-352-3552	6710 Webster Avenue Dallas, TX 75209	10:00 am
2nd Sunday 2-13-05	Westside Baptist Church, Lewisville	Rev. Kenneth Blake	Church Receptionist 972-221-5668	807 Bellaire Blvd. Lewisville, TX 75067	11:00 am
Same Sunday @ a later time. 2nd Sunday, 2-13-05 Black History Program	Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church in McKinney	Rev. Charles S. Watley	Ma. Delores Murray 972-542-6178	1308 Wilcox Street McKinney, TX 75069	In the afternoon, 3:30 pm
3rd Sunday 2-20-05 (Tentative)	Christian Chapel CME Temple of Faith	Dr. Jerome McNeil	Rev. Linda Curry 972-239-1120	14120 Noel Road Dallas, TX 75254	10:45 am
4th Sunday 2-27-05	Pilgrim Rest BC in Dallas	Dr. Curtis W. Wallace	Jackie Robinson or John Adams, Dir. of Worship 214-823-7308	1819 Washington Avenue Dallas, TX 75204	10:45 am Service

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Gleneagles Country Club, 6401 West Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75054 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Thurman R. Jones, Publisher, **MON-The Gazette**, stated that, "I am excited and very pleased to partner with Dallas Black Dance Theatre and local pastors to sponsor such international eloquence and quality performances in the North Dallas area."

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draw the audience into intimate participation with each labored breath and reveal their rich humanity and unique personality.

Performances in the local churches are FREE; the public is welcome and encouraged to come to one or all of the spiritual performances at the churches.

A schedule of up-to-date information, the dates and times can be found on our web site at www.monthe Gazette.com, and click on DBDT (Dallas Black Dance Theatre).

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Sister Tarpley

Today, December 30th is my first born and my only son's birthday. I didn't know that I had so much love in me until my children were born. But now that I have four grandchildren, Tyanna, Donnie, David, Edward, Deven, Jaquan, and Philip Immanuel, I have discovered an even deeper love within me. When Jarrell Edwin Tarpley was born and I held him in my arms, I thought about how much God loved His son and His earthly children. As this year is coming to a close, I truly thank God for all of my blessings, both naturally and spiritually.

For weeks now, MON-The Gazette's "Church Happenings" Section, has listed various churches that are having "Watch Night Services," and until last year, I did not know how the tradition got started. I only knew that my family always celebrated "Watch Night Service." Another tradition that this brings fond memories to my mind was when my parents, Mr. Lloyd David & Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus, my siblings and I would visit our grandparents, Deacon David N. and Mother Ida Ruthford Demus during the summer and the Christmas Holidays; on Sunday mornings everybody in my grandparent's house gathered in the living room, got on their knees and prayed prior to eating breakfast and going to church. This seemed to strengthen "Family unity and love" within the household. My parents never did this in Dallas; I guess this is because we lived in the "Big City" and not the "Country Town of Mexico, Texas."

Last year one of Floyd Erving's "Short Stories" was the history of Watch Night Service. Not only did I learn something new about a tradition that I had been doing

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

since childbirth, but I recalled a lot of fond memories in the process of listening to the story. Last week, my cousin, Vickie Terry Byrd, emailed me the same story. I am grateful because I shared Floyd's story with my church members and now I get a chance to share the story with you. Perhaps this story will educate and enlighten you, or at the very least bring back fond memories of times past.

Many of you who now live, or grew up in Black communities in the United States have probably heard of "Watch Night Services," (the gathering of the

Afro-centric because that's what happens when elements of Christianity become linked with the Black Church. Still, it seemed that predominantly White Christian churches did not include Watch Night Services on their calendars, but focused instead on Christmas Eve Programs. In fact, there were instances where clergy in mainline denominations wondered aloud about the propriety of linking religious services with a secular holiday like New Year's Eve.

However, there is a reason for the importance of New Year's Eve Services in African American congregations. The Watch Night Services in Black communities that we celebrate today can be traced back to gatherings on December 31, 1862, also known as "Freedom's Eve." On that night, Blacks came together in churches and private homes all across the nation, anxiously awaiting the news that the Emancipation Proclamation actually had become law. Then, at the stroke of midnight, it was January 1, 1863, and this meant that all slaves in the Confederate States were declared legally free. When the news was received, there were prayers, shouts and songs of joy as people fell to their knees and thanked God. Black folks have gathered in churches annually on New Year's Eve since; and there are praises to God for bringing Black people safely through another year.

It's been 141 years since that First Freedom's Eve and many of us were never taught the African American history of Watch Night, but tradition still brings us together at this time every year to celebrate, "How we got over."

Peace and Blessings in the New Year! Remember, "God is yet alive in 2005."

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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
Sister Tarpley and son, Jarrell Edwin Tarpley, today is his birthday; I thank God for him. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JARRELL!**

faithful in church on New Year's Eve. The service usually begins anywhere from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and ends at midnight with the entrance of the New Year. Some people go to church first, before going out to celebrate the New Year. For others, church is their only New Year's Eve celebration. Like some people, I always assumed that Watch Night Service was a fairly standard Christian Religious Service - a bit more

Church Happenings

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DALLAS OVERCOMERS CHURCH

Tomorrow Night,
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
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Dallas Overcomers Church
Pastor Gabriel and 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

Tomorrow night,
December 31, 6:00 pm
Watch Night Service

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

GRACE TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

January 14, 2005

10th Anniversary Banquet with be held @ the Wyndham Arlington Hotel, 1500 Convention Center Drive, Arlington, TX 76011. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Gaston E. Smith, Pastor of Friendship MBC in Miami, FL.

January 16, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm
10th Anniversary Service with guest speaker Rev. Roy G.

Duncan, Pastor of Antioch MBC in Palestine, TX. The 4:00 pm service will be held at Southern Crest Baptist Youth Building, 2325 Locust Avenue, Dallas, TX 75216, and guest speaker will be Bishop James W. E. Dixon, II, Pastor of The Community of Faith Church in Houston, TX. Our theme is "Celebrating GOD for Our Past, Trusting HIM for Our Future."

For more information, tickets to the banquet, reservations, or transportation, contact Sharlynda Bedford @ 214-372-8007.

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Watch Night Service

Little Flock Baptist Church
Rev. Louis Laurent, Pastor
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214-325-7021

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February 11 - 13, 2005

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Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club,

Inc. visited Williamsburg Nursing Home and South Dallas Nursing Home during December to spread a little Christmas cheer to local senior citizens.

For this special community service outing, each Club members added her personal touch by sewing approximately six to ten ornate pillows. These custom made pillows were delivered to the residents of



Creative pillow contest winners Frances Langston, SDB&PW Club president and 1st place winner; Gwen Daniels, 2nd place winner; Maxine Wilson, 3rd place winner; and Yvonne Emanuel, 1st vice president.



Club president Frances Langston is seated with two of the residents and many of the decorative pillows at the South Dallas Nursing Home.



SDB&PW Club, Inc. members gathered at Williamsburg Nursing Home with a charter member of the club.

Standing from left: Club members Earle Coleman, Wistona Chadwick, Gloria Owens, Birdie Smith, Frances Langston, club president, Cora Ford, and Kay Hunter, 1st vice president.

Seated from left: Club member Gwen Daniels, Mabel Meshack White, and charter member and resident of Williamsburg Nursing Home.

both nursing homes during this special time of giving.

Prior to personally delivering the pillow a creative pillow contest was held by the SDB&PW members, which generated a great deal of interest in the Christmas event. Each club member selected her most creative pillow and entered it in the contest. The group voted on the most ornate and unique pillow and the winner received a gift certificate.

Although this was not a hard core competition, according to club member Gwen Daniels, "the event stimulated a great deal of enthusiasm for the event."

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NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

Tomorrow night, December 31, 2004

For more information, contact Ms. Natalie Waits @ 972-720-2570.

New Life Fellowship Church of H.P.
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr.
Senior Pastor
8219 Bunche Drive
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NEW LIGHT CHURCH

December 31, 10:00 pm

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New Light Church
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