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On the Homefront:

A Texas Women's University Executive MBA Program holds an open house/information session at Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads, from 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. The session provides information about an executive education program designed for middle and senior level managers who want to enhance their career skills while continuing to work. For more information contact TWU School of Management at (940) 898-2111 or log on to www.twu.edu/som.

On August 6, neighborhoods throughout Plano are invited to join forces with communities nationwide for the 19th Annual National Night Out Against Crime. Residents are asked to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend an evening outside with their neighbors and police from 6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Do you love kids, enjoy reading, or like helping others? Volunteer at the Frisco Public Library as a story reader. High school students and adult volunteers are needed to read stories to preschoolers at a local day care center on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. Volunteers check out books selected by the library. For more information contact Jennifer Shelly at (972) 335-5510.

Let's Go to the Beach! From August 1-28, The Dallas Children's Museum, will host a hands-on interactive exhibit for children (ages 2-18) and their families. Build sandcastles, do the Limbo, discover what lives at the shore, make kites and explore the beach cultures of the world. Spend a day at the beach in air-conditioned comfort. For more information call the Valley View Center at (972) 386-6555.

McKinney Parks and Recreation will host the First Annual Lions Club Alex Clark Memorial at the Disc Golf Course in Wilson Creek Soccer complex this fall. For more information contact Rick Long at (972) 542-0045.

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Children's World Learning Centers Annual Puttin' on the Hits

By: Tobi Hicks

On Thursday, July 25, crowds of parents and shoppers gathered to watch children proudly perform to famous tunes at The Children's World Learning Centers' Annual "Puttin' on the Hits", at Plano Market Square Mall.

Children's Learning Centers from across the district met to compete in a friendly competition.

Children bursting with enthusiasm lip-synced and danced to classics from "Who Put the Bump", to "Jail House Rock."

Since the end of the 2002 school year and beginning of summer, children at local Children's World Learning Centers practiced regularly and prepared for the event. Children from each participating center unanimously decided on a song, and with direction from staff members choreographed a dance routine. Parents participated by creating costumes.

"We've been working on it for a long time, so it gives the kids an opportunity to put something together from the ground up, and see what hard work does, and the parents get to see what their kids have been doing all summer," said Debra Jindra, Officer of Children's Learning Center of Los Rios.

Sylvia Benoit, District Manager for Children's World Learning Center of Dallas "Puttin' on the Hits" is a fun

and supporter, said the children performed very well. "I want to see them be able to get up and perform in front of a crowd and enjoy what they're doing," she added.

Up to 150 children participated in this year's competition and every child went home a winner. The first place winning team was Amrein's West, Second place, Amrein's North, and third place went to Blake Drive. All other participating centers were runners up and each child went home with a trophy. "This year we had mom's, dad's, brothers, sisters, and even grandparents come out to show their support," said Debra Jindra.

Participating schools included Addison Center, Beltline Center, Blake Dr. Center, Forest Lane Center, Amrein's North, Los Rios Center, Northwest Hwy Center, Nantucket Center, Silverstone Center, Skillman/Abrams Center, Stars & Tykes, and Amrein's West.

For more on the The Children's World Learning Centers Annual "Puttin' on the Hits" at Plano Market Square Mall, see Page 2.



Demi Adejuyigbe from the Amrein's North Center impersonating Michael Jackson at the "Puttin' on the Hits"

event for the entire family. "Were out to build self esteem and promote fun, just plain good old clean fun," she said. "The kids have a great time and the one's that have performed the years before are so anxious to do it again the next year."

Soporia Rolland, mother

Making the Grade - Preparing for College

By Belinda G. Alexander

As many young people prepare to receive that long awaited High School diploma, the subject of books and studies might not be a popular thought. An additional investment in a college education is one of the most important choices and decisions for young people to make after High School. Numerous studies reveal that a college education greatly improves prospects of better jobs and higher salaries. College offers a level of skills, knowledge and experience that

during the middle and high school years while preparing for college.

Americans have virtually unlimited opportunity for a college education. To get a good start on the right path, it is very important for the student to adopt an attitude of decisive responsibility regarding

specific areas such as - interests, talents, personal values, aspirations, objectives, desires and goals. A student can succeed with hard work and focusing on courses that challenge the mind and encourage exercising the thinking process. The



can never be taken away. Preparing for college improves the likelihood of an educational success.

It is a fact that many students and their families don't think about college until as late as the junior or senior years of high school, however preparation should begin much earlier. To get ready for college means to plan for the future and to make very important decisions as early as possible. There are several important steps to be taken

student should plan on taking such courses as algebra and geometry in the eighth and ninth grades. It is very important to hold the highest possible academic standards when taking these courses. Students should take advantage of available academic assistance to keep the grades up. Mentors and before and after school programs are offered in most of today's school systems. It is up to the student and parent to seek out these

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ANOTHER VIEW Costly Miseducation of Our Youth

By: Emory Curtis

Over the past years, really decades, these columns have been hand wringers over the state of Black children in public schools. The real focus has been on the decline of their academic performance when measured against their peers after the third grade.

The findings parallel those the data in Dr. Kenneth Clark's book, "Dark Ghetto," published in the 1950s. In "Dark Ghetto," he noted that the IQ of students in school rose slightly as they progressed in school. However, with Black students there was a visible drop after the third or fourth grade.

We see that now, our kids begin dropping off after the third or fourth grade. Finding a kindergarten or first-grade student eager to learn is easy. It's also easy to find a fifth- or sixth-grade student who turned off on learning, in school. That's a turn-off I lay at the feet of the public education system, not the home.

However, of course things would be different if the home had a positive learning environment rather than a neutral or negative influence on learning by reading and keeping up with the class in school. If the student doesn't learn to read with

comprehension by the third grade, the odds are then stacked against them keeping up. After then, learning to read is over and students then must read to learn.

That's why by the sixth grade, on the average, our students are really at fourth grade level. Common sense tells one that if the Black students are at the fourth-grade level in the sixth grade, to them, academic competition is an obvious loser.

As a result, as grades increase, the gap between Black students and the rest of the pack increases. At the high school level, the grade Black students average less than a C.

At the other end of the system, a look at the high school graduates who enter the University of California (UC) system as freshmen is a measure of how the K-12 system works with different ethnic groups.

Black high school graduates, including those from Catholic schools, have averaged less than 1,000 over the past seven years. Only the American Indians have averaged less of the incoming UC freshmen.

According to UC stats, over the seven-year period

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The Conservation of Hamilton Park

By: Felicia Coleman

The fifty year-old Hamilton Park neighborhood has had cause for concern over the years. What started as a vibrant community with caring neighbors looking out for each other, and residents maintaining their property, slowly eroded as newcomers arrived, residents got older and were no longer able to keep up with their property, and drugs crept into the neighborhood.

But in a recent initiative Hamilton Park residents, led by former resident Gregory Lyons, have started to turn the tide and put pride back in their community.

In May, volunteers mowed lawns, and removed trash and debris for

Hamilton Park residents. And since the clean up, residents have been able to maintain their property to the standards of city codes.

Councilman Allan Walne and Mayor Laura Miller encouraged Hamilton Park residents to continue calling City Hall when they have complaints about code enforcement.

But the community of Hamilton Park has only just begun its campaign to clean up

the neighborhood, and is pushing for more improvements. Leading the way is an all-male committee of local ministers, residents and leaders, who recently met at First

Life Fellowship Church of Hamilton Park; Dr. Jay L. Foster of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, and a host of other men ready to step up and help.

Shirley Tarpley, who once lived in Hamilton Park but now resides in Carrollton, said "It was a positive meeting. Black men taking charge. This is something that I haven't seen in a long time. It was so gratifying to witness power among Black men who go out into the community and save Hamilton Park." Mrs. Tarpley said that she is also working on the effort to have Hamilton Park declared a historical district.

Gregory Lyons, executive

director of Network Planning for Hamilton Park, said "A large sum of money was given to fix up a home. Look what God has done. At first I didn't know if I could do it. I continued to pray and God has opened up doors. It's always important to put God first and to listen to him." Mr. Lyons currently resides in Richardson but grew up and lived in Hamilton Park for 20 years. He decided to come back and give to the community because he said God led him back to the community.

Pastor Robert Price, pastor of See Hamilton Park page 6



L to R: Ms. Shirley Tarpley, Reverend Robert Price and Mr. Gregory Lyons

Baptist Church of Hamilton Park to discuss their project "Men, Let's Take Back Our Community." The men focused on producing goals and plans to save Hamilton Park.

Attending the meeting were Executive of Network Planning for Hamilton Park Gregory Lyons; Board Member of Network Planning/Resident of Hamilton Park for 45 years Eugene Turner; Pastor Derrick Wright of United Methodist Church of Hamilton Park; Pastor Robert Price of New Mount Zion; Pastor Miller Johnson Jr. of New

The Children's World Learning Centers held its Annual, Puttin' on the Hits, at Plano Market Square Mall



1st Place. Amrein's West won for their performance of "Jail House Rock". Colton Kusmierkiewicz and Meghan Rollins recieved the award for 1st place.



2nd Place. Amrein's North won 2nd place for their performance titled "80's Medley". Brionne Estes as Cindi Lauper accepts the award.



3rd Place. Children's World Learning Center at Blake Drive Center won 3rd place for their performance of "God Bless the USA". Accepting the award are Jordan Simmons (left) and Ilishia Rivers (right).



Amrein's West performing "Jail House Rock" with Austin Brown as "Elvis".



Children's World Learning Center at Blake Drive Performing "God Bless the USA". Anthony Zuniga impersonated Lee Greenwood.



Children's World Learning Center at Beltline performing "Living in America". Dante Noland impersonated James Brown.



Amrein's North performing 80's Medley. (L to R) Austin Perkins, Niko Ralson, and Lean Harrison They performed "You've Got a Right to Party" by the Beastie Boys.



Judging the competition were (L to R): Angie Thomas, Candice Harwood, Ken Hill, and Melissa Edwards

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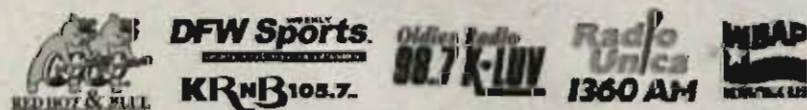
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Black History Month: (left to right) State Representative Glenn Lewis, essay contest winners Ashley Umphour, Kendrick Thomas-Harris, Nicole Umphour, and Jasmine Bowens; Algeria Brown, Manager of Human Resources; essay contest winner Leland Fleming; and Jay Long, Community Relations Manager



Art of the Community: Rick Gillis (left), Division Vice President and General Manager of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas, and Terence Sweett (right), Grand Prize Winner



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THE TRUTH CLINIC

THE SORRY STATE OF BLACK AMERICA

By James W. Breedlove

The National Urban League released its annual report on the State of Black America last week. While blacks have made significant gains in areas as diverse as jobs, home ownership and politics parity with whites still remains a distant goal.

The State of Black America report published annually since 1976 is intended to be a snapshot of blacks in America. The report's authors highlight several areas where blacks have made gains, yet the disparities are very prevalent. It appears that blacks continue to take three steps forward and two backward; the parity goal remains just a figment of the imagination.

In the workplace, the report said, blacks are about twice as likely to hold lower-paying, less prestigious service jobs. In the 1990's, for example, black unemployment fell to its lowest level in 30 years. Yet the recession has hit black workers harder than it has others. Recent unemployment statistics show an unemployment rate for whites of 5.3 percent; for blacks it was more than twice that, 11.2 percent.

When it comes to owning homes, the league reported, blacks are stuck in the pre-civil rights era. For whites, the home ownership rate is 74 percent, for blacks it is 48 percent, the same as in the 1940's. Sixty years and no apparent relative progress.

The report paints a similar statistical picture in other areas such as politics, health care, and education. But in studying the annual report over the years it appears that except for minor variations in the numerical per-

centages only the date of the report changes. Blacks as a group continue to ride in the nation's economic caboose, with only a chosen few getting to ride up front.

It is instructive to look at the trends for some of the economic parity factors that have been reported on over the years. The unemployment index has fluctuated but has generally shown black unemployment to be about twice the level of whites. At the current rate of progress there will never be parity.

Family Income shows a reverse trend and the poverty level regression line indicates that it will take 169 years for the triple level poverty burden that blacks currently carry to drop to the poverty level of whites. Can we afford to wait for eight generations?

Blacks hold an insignificant share of the wealth of this country. White family average financial net worth is about 10 times that of the average black family. At the rate of change indicated by the trend line over the last 100 years it would take about five centuries for blacks to catch up to whites. I suppose since we waited 250 years to get to this point another 500 years doesn't seem so long.

Statistics are great but the real question is what do they mean in real people terms?

A little Black baby born today is more than twice as likely as a white or Latino infant to die during the first year of life. That Black baby's father is still twice as likely to be unemployed as the white child's father and the Black baby's family still earns 76% of what the white

family earns. That Black child is more likely to attend overcrowded or crumbling schools where performance is below the state or national average.

That Black child is also more likely to drop out of high school and is twice as likely as a white youth to be unemployed. If that Black baby is a boy, born in urban America, he has less chance of surviving to the age of 65 than a male born in Bangladesh. If that young boy survives at all, he stands a much greater chance than his white counterpart of going to jail or prison.

In the area of health care, physicians are less likely to prescribe appropriate treatment for Blacks than for whites. Blacks are less likely to receive surgery, transplants, and prescription drugs than whites.

But the strange thing about having these reports and the supporting statistics issued for the past 26 years, revealing the sorry state of Black America, is that Blacks do not appear to have been galvanized into a high state of action.

It seems that Blacks are content to bring scholars, public policy experts, legislatures and activists together periodically to issue reports, hold panel discussions, make resolutions, and wait for the government to fund another program that will fail two years later.

When are we going to roll up our sleeves, develop a plan of action and implement our solutions to the problems that are negatively impacting us?

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at jaydubub@swbell.net

Velázquez Secures Small Business Amendment to Homeland Security Act aids companies' contribution to national defense

WASHINGTON - America's small businesses will have a better chance to contribute their technological innovations and work to homeland defense under an amendment authored by House Small Business Committee Ranking Democrat Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) and adopted by the House of Representatives late last night.

Congresswoman Velázquez's bipartisan amendment, offered with Reps. Darryl Issa (R-Calif.) and Heather Wilson (R-N.M.), requires the new Department of Homeland Security to have a 23 percent small business contracting goal - meaning that nearly a quarter of outsourced jobs should go to small businesses.

"America's small businesses are the top innovators in the global economy," Congresswoman Velázquez said. "In an age when high technology will help keep us one step ahead of those who would do us harm, we cannot afford to ignore the contributions our small companies can make. When private sector corporations need a job done quickly,

they look to nimble, fast-working small businesses. Unfortunately, small businesses face many obstacles when trying to win contracts from federal agencies."



Currently federal law mandates a 23 percent goal across the government, but large agencies with enormous purchasing power like the Defense Department have no requirements to meet that goal - forcing much smaller agencies to make up the difference. Many agencies sim-

ply have a lower goal set only for them. Congresswoman Velázquez's amendment sets the bar at 23 percent for the Department of Homeland Security while also requiring goal achievement to be part of the professional evaluation of the agency's contracting officers.

The added benefit will be a more diverse industrial base to draw from in defense of the country, opening up new avenues in innovative products, services and technologies.

Congress created the new Department of Homeland Security to consolidate the federal response to terrorism threats, representing the biggest change in our defensive infrastructure since World War II. The department will house more than a dozen agencies, including the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Coast Guard, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It is expected to employ nearly 170,000 workers with a budget of more than \$37 billion.

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from 1995 to 2000, of the incoming freshmen Whites averaged about 9,500, Asian Americans about 7,500, Chicanos about 2,500, and Filipino Americans about 1,250.

I know many of you will immediately blame UC admission policies as racist and the high schools for racism also. I've followed these kind of statistic for decades. Racism may be five or ten percent of the problem, but not much more.

As much as 90 or 95 percent of the problem is the failure of the K-12 public schools to deliver education to our youngsters in those first three or four years in school. That's where they get turned off from learning rather than turned on.

We aid and abet that problem by not paying attention to that first part of the education cycle and then pay a lot of attention later on to its consequences. Those consequences are a peer group disdain for learning be-

cause that's "acting White" and increased misbehavior, which results in suspensions and dropouts.

That results in about one-third of our students entering the ninth grade of an academic high school being there at the end of the twelfth grade. More girls go the route than boys. It is reflected in college enrollment too—Black males not on athletic scholarships are the scarcest commodity on college campuses.

It all starts back at those first three or four grades when our kids get turned off rather than of being turned on by the joy of academic learning. Reading and comprehension is the key; the youngsters who don't have that key have little hope for success in the legitimate side of this knowledge economy, which is engulfing this country for the foreseeable future.

That early miseducation of our children is reflected in another sad set of statistics. For a 50 year stretch from 1922 to 1972, the number of sentenced prisoners per 100,000 popula-

tion hovered around 100. In that period, our share of prisoners was about equal to our share of the population.

In 1975 that number of prisoners per 100,000 residents took off. That now has risen to about 1,000 prisoners per 100,000 residents. In 1993 the number of Black males in jail or prison passed the number of White males for the first time. Black females in lockup passed the number of White females in 1991.

There is a lot of truth to a statement attributed to a sixth century Imam, Ali bin Abi, "If God were to humiliate a human being, he would deny him knowledge." We are letting the public school system play God and set our children up for humiliation by an early elementary school miseducation.

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Women That Soar

Women That Soar, a non-profit organization developed to educate, empower, and enhance women Spiritually, Financially, Mentally, and Physically; is growing across the Texas region and making a name for itself among professional women.

The organization which is based in Dallas, has captured the attention of women in areas such as Dallas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio and surrounding areas.

The organization's mission is to help women conquer their fears and master their dreams. Our goal is to impact women with knowledge, to help them

become a complete person and mentor to our youth of tomorrow. Our program is designed to empower successful women, to increase wealth so that they can give back to their communities and uplift those less fortunate.

Our mentoring program is geared towards young women in the age range of 14-18. We pair them up with women from our organization and help them to set goals. The objective of the program is to provide them with life skills that will allow them to function and succeed in life. We do this through mentoring, educational, and motivational seminars along with providing scholarships.

Our programs are based in Dallas but are moving across Texas and soon national. Each month the organization host a Power and Leads luncheon at Neiman Marcus Downtown Dallas inside the Zodiac Room. This month's luncheon is August 9, 2002 from Noon - 1:30 and our speaker is Sarah Artis Entrepreneur and Motivational speaker. The topic is, Life Balance/Blending It All.

For more information on the organization or upcoming events log on to www.women-thatsoar.org or contact Gina Grant Founder @ 972-222-4034.

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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-

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

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Fall Family Picnic

Plano, Texas at Shawnee Park

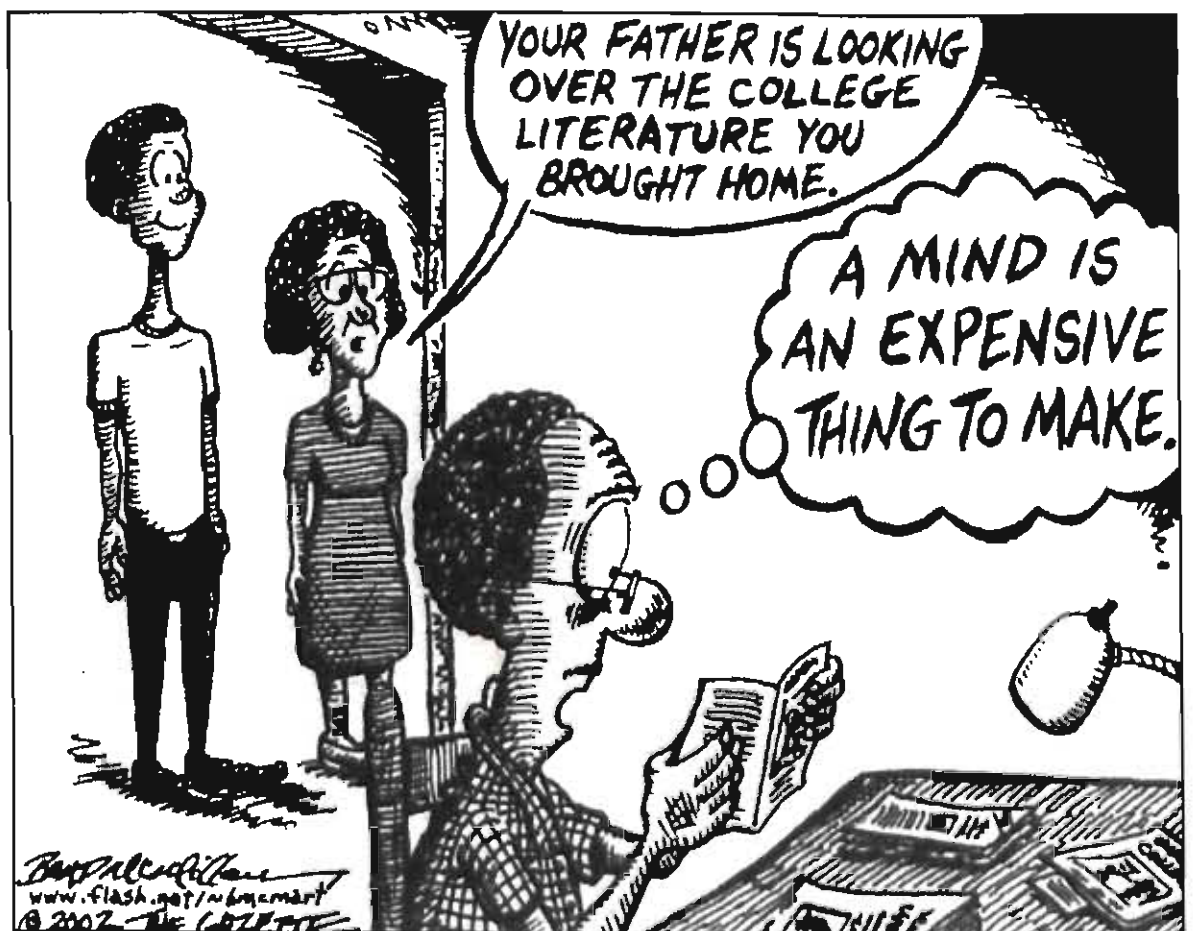
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Marcus Mosiah Garvey

By: Tobi Hicks

Ethiopianism is the appreciation of Ethiopia's ancient civilization and its role in the Bible. To blacks, Africa (interchangeable with Ethiopia) became a glorious, Biblical homeland equated with Zion. The recognition of African roots and the desire for repatriation has been a central theme in New World black religion before and since emancipation. Ethiopianism became a "black religious reaction to proslavery propaganda." Marcus Garvey's "Back to Africa" movement developed the spirit of Ethiopianism to its fullest extent.

... "since the white people have seen their God through white spectacles, we have only now started out (late though it be) to see our God through our own spectacles. The God of Isaac and the God of Jacob let him exist for the race that believes in the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. We Negroes believe in the God of Ethiopia, the everlasting God — God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, the one God of all ages. That is the God in whom we believe, but we shall worship him through the spectacles of Ethiopia."

Garvey's words planted the seeds for most "Black God" movements in the US and Caribbean. He stressed superiority of the ancient Africans, dignity of the black race, and he inspired many successful nationalist movements and numerous African leaders from Kenyatta to Nyerere.

Marcus Mosiah Garvey was born in St. Ann's Bay, on the northern coast of Jamaica, August 17, 1887. He spent most

of his early years as a printer. As a young man Garvey was said to have been short, stocky, largely self-educated but a supremely confident black man.

paign, Garvey's farewell address to Jamaicans included the words "Look to Africa for the crowning of a Black king; he shall be the Redeemer."

Garvey arrived in Harlem on March 23, 1916, and soon established a UNIA branch in the states. At its peak the UNIA boasted a membership of over four million strong leaders.

Garvey's goal of repatriation was expressed in his famous slogan "Africa for the Africans." His well-known Black Star Line steamship company was established to trade and eventually carry New World blacks to Africa. It was an enterprise belonging to blacks, operated by, and for, that gave even the poorest black the chance to become a stockholder in a big business enterprise. During these times this was unheard of, yet Garvey, always a visionary pushed ahead.

With such ambitious ventures, Garvey soon became a threat to other more established "black" leaders. He was deemed a threat to the system, and convicted of mail fraud. This prophet of African redemption was not always successful in his countless business ventures, but by the 1920s Garvey was the most powerful leader among the black masses in the United States.

After serving a brief tenure in prison Garvey was deported back to Jamaica in early December 1927. There he spent his last years traveling the Caribbean and Europe, always preaching about black pride. He died in England on June 10, 1940, at the age of 53.



Marcus Mosiah Garvey

On August 1, 1914, Garvey established the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), and adopted the motto "One God, One Aim, One Destiny." The Universal Improvement Association represented the hopes and aspirations of the awakened Negro... "Our desire is for a place in the world, not to disturb the tranquility of other men, but to lay down our burden and rest our weary backs and feet by the banks of the Niger and sing our songs and chant our hymns to the God of Ethiopia."

With the need for financial funding and the desire to meet other black leaders, Marcus set his eyes on America. In 1916, before he left for his US cam-



John Dudley

The days of spending an entire career with one employer and being covered by the company pension plan are virtually over. Harvard University reports women are leaving corporate America at twice the rate of men, either because they are changing jobs or are starting their own business. The Bureau of Labor Statistics report men over the age of 25 stay with an employer an average of 5.3 years, women remain with the employer for only 4.7 years (just a few months short of the 5 years it typically takes to vest in a 401k or to qualify for a pension, by the way). Women are opening their own businesses at twice the rate of men.

If you've just taken a new job or decided to start your own business, one of the many things you should be considering is how it will affect your retirement savings plan.

Unfortunately, too few of those changing jobs transfer their retirement funds to an IRA or their new employer's investment plan. In 1996, 62% of retirement account lump-sum distributions made to workers changing jobs were not rolled into another tax-deferred plan according to ERBI. Oftentimes, the plans are cashed out to cover expenses or pay down debt, and this can be a very costly mistake.

If you choose not to roll your savings into a new plan or into an IRA, be prepared to pay hefty federal and state income taxes and early withdrawal penalties. The tax penalties are typically higher than the interest on your credit cards, so it just doesn't make sense to use money from your 401(k) to pay off debt.

You may want to consider avoiding cash payouts from a

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401(k) or having the roll-over issued directly to you. This will help reduce additional taxes and penalties paid on those dollars set aside for your retirement.

Instead of cashing in on your plan consider one of the following:

- **Transfer the money to an IRA.** If you haven't found a new job yet, your new employer has no plan, or you are self-employed, an IRA offers a broad range of investment possibilities. Even if your new employer offers a 401(k) plan, consider transferring your funds to an IRA. Unlike most 401(k) plans, an IRA allows you to control where your money is invested. Learn more on IRAs.
- **Roll the money over into your new employer's plan.** You can usually move your money from your old plan into the new one even before you are eligible to contribute to the new plan. If you already received a cash-out check from your old plan, you have 60 days to roll it to a new plan and still avoid the taxes and penalties. The 20% they withheld from the check can be recovered when you file your taxes at the end of the year, but can't be rolled back into your 401(k).
- **Leave your money right where it is.** If your balance is \$5,000 or more, you can leave your money in your current employer's plan until you retire. At least until you have a chance to assess your options, this is a good temporary solution to protect your money.

Unfortunately, you are limited to contributions of \$3,000 per year to an IRA. Especially if you're self-employed, that may not be enough to suit your savings needs.

In that case you may want to

consider two other types of retirement plans available to small business owners:

- **SIMPLE - The Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees** is a simplified retirement plan for small businesses. It must cover all employees earning over \$5,000 per year (in the previous two years). Employees, including the business owner, can contribute up to \$7,000 per year to the plan. The employer must either match up to 3% of contributing employees' compensation or make a contribution of 2% of compensation for each eligible employee.
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Learn more about retirement plans for small businesses.

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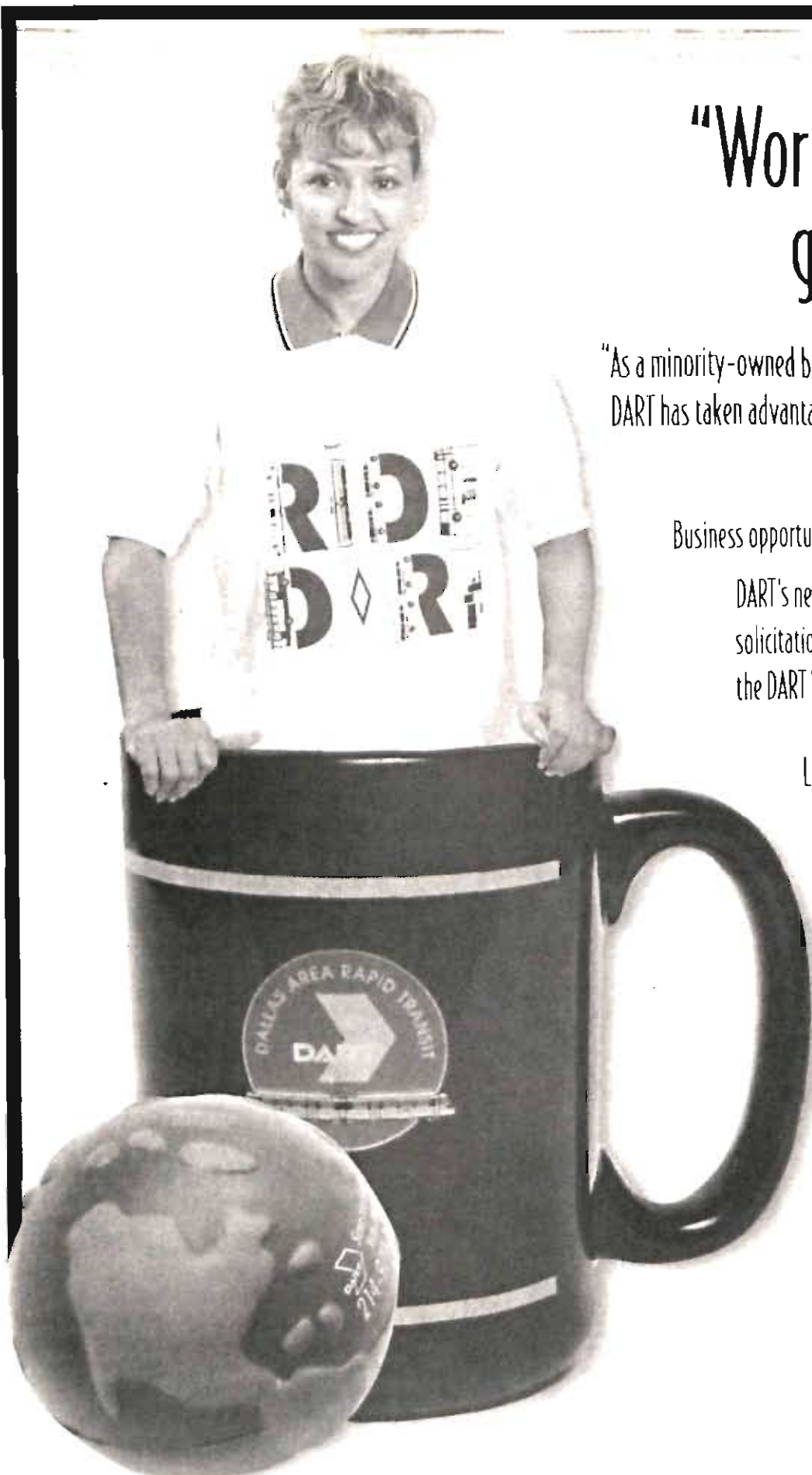
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New Mount Zion for 33 years, said "We are trying our best to make Hamilton Park the way it use to be when people kept their homes painted and lawns mowed. We're behind Gregory Lyons one hundred percent. We want to restore Hamilton Park."

All long time residents agree that Hamilton Park was a beautiful place 15-20 years ago. Neighbors looked after neighbors, homes were well kept, children had places to play, no drugs nor alcohol in the community and everyone knew and respected each other.

"We want to bring Hamilton Park back to the way it was, when people kept the community straight. We want a place we can be proud of," said Pastor Price.

Reverend Miller Johnson Jr.,

Pastor of New Life Fellowship Church of Hamilton Park for 12 years, said "It's needed [Hamilton Park improvements] because Hamilton Park is a historical community. Working together is a tool to bring the community together. With leaders coming together, Hamilton

changes such as police patrolling the area more, and leaders coming together.

"For years we requested 'No Parking' signs from the city. Recently, we got 'No Parking' signs," said Reverend Johnson, Jr.

Mr. Lyons is encouraged by the response to the project.

"With all pastors involved, I just can't describe it. It's uplifting."

We have area pastors taking on their rightful roles, as well as concerned citizens. We are all men who understand the situation and who approaches it with the same passion," Mr. Lyons said.

The next meeting is Saturday, August 10, 2002 at First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, 9:00 a.m. Dallas Director of Housing, Jerry Killingsworth, will attend to address issues.



Dr. Jay L. Foster, Pastor of First Baptist Church



Rev. Miller E. Johnson Jr. of New Life Fellowship Church of Hamilton Park

Park will change and get things done."

He added that since the cleanup in May he has seen

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Skillz Salon Sets Roots In Plano

By: Felicia Coleman

Eric Nichols was born and raised in West Dallas. He played basketball at Pinkston High School. He attended Collin County Community College for two years where he also played basketball. While in high school, Mr. Nichols knew that he wanted to be a professional barber. He watched and learned from his uncle who is also a barber. To gain more knowledge about the barbering, he attended barber school.

Working 11 years as a barber, Mr. Nichols currently owns four barber salons: Skillz Salon No. 1, Skillz Salon No. 2, Skillz Salon No. 3 and Skillz Salon No. 4, Skillz Salon.

No. 1, located in Cedar Hill, was Mr. Nichols first location in 1995. Skillz Salon No. 2 is located in Duncanville and Skillz Salon No. 3 is located in Carrollton. Mr. Nichols opened Skill Salon No. 4, in West Plano, last August. Prices are \$14 for men haircuts, \$12 for children between 12 and 18, and \$10 for kids under 12.

Eric Nichols, 32, said that most of the customers who walk through the doors are former/current professional athletes who lives in Plano or surrounding

areas. Athletes include Michael Irvin, Deion Sanders, Erik Williams, Leon Lett, Eugene Lockhart, Ray Crockett, Magic Johnson, Michael Finley, Tim Hardaway, Derek Harper,



Eric Nichols

Rolando Blackman, Michael Johnson and a host of others. Mr. Nichols says that part of his success comes from being patient. "A lot of times clients are impatient with the wait. Usually they want in and out. For quality service you have to wait. Sometimes I'm impatient but I want my customers to be happy."

That's the most important thing is to have the clients happy. I concentrate on making my clients happy," he said.

Ray Crockett, a Duncanville native who now plays professional football for the Kansas City Chiefs, is Mr. Nichols partner in the business. Mr. Crockett's investment help Mr. Nichols opened his first location, Skillz Salon No. 1. Mr. Nichols said, "My biggest influence is my mother because she worked hard and got out and did what she had to do to provide. That passed on to me."

Mr. Nichols hard work and talent paid off for his success. "I would advise anyone who wants their own barber salon to be the best at what you do and have patience. Concentrate on making clients happy and then success will follow," he said. Every year, Mr. Nichols offers free haircuts to low income children for Back To School. He also offers free haircuts to low income children during the Christmas holidays.

"I enjoy what I do because I enjoy making people happy with the way they look. They come in looking one way and leave another," he said.

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resources and apply them to the process of preparation.

The thought of making these important decisions so early might seem overwhelming; however, the early commitment to success will expand the field of opportunity in choice or schools, possible scholarships and job placement. The end result is worth the additional thought and planning up front.

Students who don't have an interest in going to a four-year college or university can benefit from the skill and knowledge from two-year college. By pursuing a technical program in a community, junior or technical college, the student can still gain an upper hand on skills for the workplace. Many high schools and local employers offer career-focused programs called "tech-prep", "2+2", "school-to-work" or "school-to-career", which link to community and technical colleges. This work/learn coordination between high school course work and college often gives

students the benefit of learning in a realistic setting. This type of learning helps prepare them for college-level work and on to a successful degree path.

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Students with an interest in **Accounting** can benefit from Math studies, Organizational skills and Computer classes.

Those students interested in **Art and Sports** should participate in related areas of interest as early as possible

Recommendation of courses is not limited to those specified and only a suggestion to prime the skills and thought processes required for these categories of professionals. All students can benefit from applying themselves to learning computer skills, effective communication, reading, studying and organizational skills. The student who is best prepared will benefit most.

The Admissions process:

There are many important steps leading up to college

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(2) See an academic advisor

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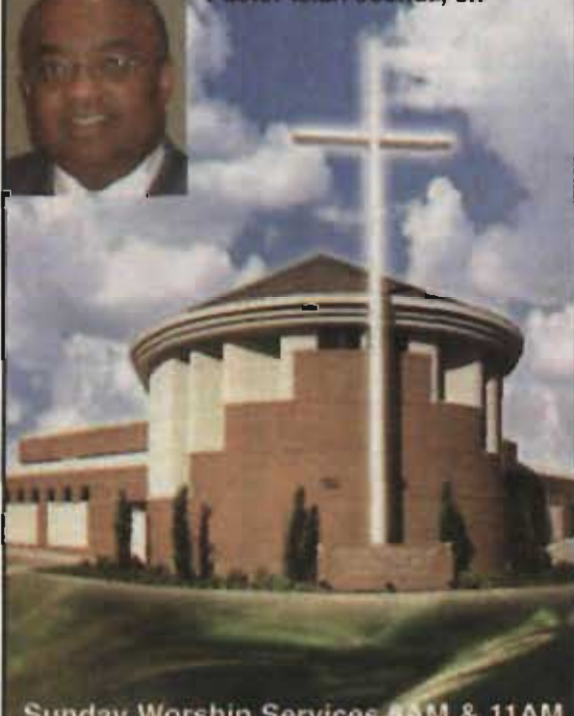
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Leadership Meeting 2nd Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
Marriage Enrichment & Singles Ministry 4th Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM
Deliverance from Issues Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM
Mid-Week Service Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 PM
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M-F 10:25-10:30 AM

For More Information: (972) 633-5511 or E-Mail
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Around The Town

August 1

Belka Books Sale held at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m., and 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. This is a home school curriculum and textbook sale. Admission is free. For more information contact Mickey Pierce at (877) 223-5226.

August 3

The Texas Women's University Executive MBA Program will hold an openhouse/information session at Plano Centre, on Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads, from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. The session will inform you about an executive education program designed for middle and senior level managers who want to enhance their career skills while continuing to work. For more information contact TWU School of Management at (940) 898-2111 or log on to www.twu.edu/eam.

August 3

National Night Out Kick-Off Party-Come join the Plano Department of Crime Preven-

tion, Traffic, Neighborhood Police, D.A.R.E. Officers, Fire Department, 911 Public Safety Communications and others, to "Give neighborhood Crime and Drugs a going Away Party." This event is free and the start of four days of National Night Out events at Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th Street, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00p.m. For more information contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (972) 941-2431.

August 4

Crime Slompers Dance-The Plano Police Department and the Plano Senior Center invite you to a free dance as part of the city's National Night out events. Musical entertainment provided by DJ "LP" and LP Music, top country and western dance music for those itchin' to 3-step, 2-step, and progressive country! This event will be held at the Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th Street from 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. For more information contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (972) 941-2431.

July 24-August 4

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, return to American Airlines Center with an all new show that is sure to captivate your imagination with a display of non-stop excitement, never-ending pandemonium and undaunted courage. Shows begin at 7:00p.m. Groups of 15 or more, call (214) 665-4269. For more information log on to www.Ringling.com.

July 29-August 2

Texas All-Star Basketball Camp at Mountain View College Gymnasium. This All-Star Basketball Camp teaches fundamental basketball skills, while emphasizing the importance of maintaining a positive attitude on and off the court, saying no to drugs, alcohol and promiscuity. Both boys and girls 6-16 years of age are welcome and encouraged to come.

July 30-August 4

STOMP-Dallas Summer Musicals STOMP is innovative, provocative, sophisticated, sexy, utterly unique, and appeals to audiences of all ages. The inter-

national percussion sensation has garnered an armful of awards and rave reviews, and has appeared on numerous national television shows. Located at Fair Park Music Hall, 909 1st Avenue.

August 2-17

Come see the Parade of Playhouses at North Park Center, and buy a chance to win a spectacular playhouse built by some of the areas top builders. Your donation will benefit Dallas CASA. For more information call North Park Center at (214) 363-7441.

August 2

Join Dallasblack.com and Ebonyname for their Old School Party at Crystal's Entertainment Complex, at 3008 E. Pioneer Parkway, in Arlington. Win a cash prize for the best outfit and Soul Train Dancer. Wear your old school attire - bellbottoms, wigs, and other 70's gear. Admission is \$6 for Ebonyname.com members and \$12 otherwise. You don't want to miss this!

August 3

Pre-register for the Mayor Laura Miller's "Back-to-School" Fair. Free school supplies will be distributed to 22,000 children, twice last year's amount. Pre-registration held at Latino Wellness Fair in Dallas, at 1221 Midway, from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. For more information call (214) 379-HELP.

August 3

Camika Spencer Book Signing, at Black Images Book Bazaar. Camika will read from her latest novel, Cubicles. She is also the author of "When all Hell Breaks Loose," a national best-seller. Black Images Book Bazaar is located at 230 Wynnwood Village, in Dallas. For more information call (214) 943-0142.

August 9-10

Women of Faith - celebrate your faith at the sensational Life Conference presented by Women of Faith. It will be a wonderful time of laughter, learning, and fellowship as these amazing speakers share from their hearts about the power of living a life overflowing with love of God.

Come join the movement that more than one million women have experienced. Your life may never be the same. For more information log on to www.womenoffaith.com.

August 10

Mama Nem's House - Dallas' own playwright, Tonya D. Stewart, presents a heart wrenching, yet comical glance at a single mother's struggle to raise her family. Held at Plaza Theatre in Garland, 521 West State Street. Shows start at 3:00p.m. and 7:00p.m.

August 12

Summer Wellness Series-Let's Chew the Fat about Stress Conference held in Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium Conference Room, 110 E. Rivercrest, at 7:30p.m. Admission is free. Guest speaker, John Pettit, has had 22 years of experience as a competitive lifter and coach, and has worked for the Nautilus Corporation for the past four years. For more information call (972) 747-4150.

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