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On the Homefront:

The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation needs your help at the Interurban Railway Museum Saturday 23 November, to re-paint the interior of the museum. Volunteers can arrive as early as 8:00 a.m. and stay as long as they are able. Please bring a paint roller if you have one, the paint is supplied courtesy of Sherwin Williams. Call Maggie Sprague or Ron Kissick at 972- for details.

November 22, Baylor Medical Center and Nicholson Memorial Library System present free health care seminar on "Strokes," beginning at 12 noon. At the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Boulevard. Call 1-800-422-9567 to register.

The Plano Chamber of Commerce invites you to its Quarterly Membership Luncheon featuring Mayor Pat Evans' State of the City Address and 2002 Athena Award Presentation. December 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Reservations on a first-come, first-pay basis, no tickets will be sold at the door. Replies required by Wednesday, November 27.

The International Library of Poetry is inviting poets from the Plano area to submit their entries to try and win their share of over 250 prizes. Deadline for the contest is December 31, and is free. To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19915, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by December 31, 2002. You may also enter online at www.poetrycare.com.

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DART Rails Now Serving Garland

By: Belinda G. Alexander

It seemed like a long time coming but the 'train' finally made it to Garland, Texas. The 'train' — DART's Rail service, that is, threw a grand opening 'party' for two Garland stations. On Saturday November 16, from 10am to 2pm, people from many surrounding cities came to take part in the celebration. Thousands participated in festivities at the new downtown station. The new locations are

Fifth and Walnut streets next to the Garland Central Transit Center and on Forest Lane near Jupiter Road.

There was live music, free barbecue, DART passes, games



Dart pulls into Garland

and various prizes offered by businesses and exhibitor booths set up on street. Families and children enjoyed the atmosphere as they lined up for free rides on the new DART Rail. This new extension to the

Dallas area service will make it easier and convenient for more passengers to travel between Garland and Downtown Dallas and to numerous other points of interest. Carla and her family of Garland, waited with others as the trains pulled in for the next load of riders. She said, "This will be a great service. It's a good way to get to jobs and classes offered in the downtown area."

Long time Garland residents Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Phillips are pleased to see the trains come to Garland. Mr. Phillips said, "This service will really be a good thing for Downtown

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Keller Springs Baptist Church Singles Celebrates: 'Super Soul Sunday'

By Belinda Alexander

As leader-facilitator of the Keller Springs Baptist Church Singles ministry under the leadership of Reverend Larry J. Sanders, Lisa Bryant believed that the time had come for a revived and renewed commitment to God. On Sunday, November 10, Keller Springs' Singles and the whole congregation enjoyed a celebration like none before. This celebration was appropriately named, Super Soul Sunday. The method, the music and the message was put together with care and consideration to make this truly a day to remember and reflect on for a long time.

Lisa Bryant said of the event, "We needed to have a revival and renewal. A spark needed to be placed under the 'seats' of the single ministry and the membership. People can be turned off by the idea of the traditional revival. I wanted to be sure that this celebration would have a lasting effect on those who attended. This day was a special day to bless the body, uplift the spirit and glorify the Lord. It was more than a revival, it was certain to be a



Super Soul Sunday!

The praise team warmed the audience up as the guest choir and speaker arrived. There was an air of anticipation and expectation when the University of North Texas Gospel Choir 'Voices of Praise' set up to perform. When this choir raised its unified voice, the roof was raised and so were those who were seated in the pews. Each song seemed to add power to an already energized group of worshippers. The church was rocking in praise and worship!

Had the praise and worship music been the complete program—the audience would still have been blessed. This was in no way the end of story—it was

the beginning and preparation of even greater blessings! A word was about to be delivered in a way that many in attendance would not be able to forget.

Guest speaker Marcus D. King, is the Pastor of Singles and Families at the Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas under the leadership of Senior Pastor Frederick D. Haynes, III. Reverend King delivered a sermon that moved many to think about personal lives and spiritual direction. Rev. King directed his sermon from Proverbs 3:1-6. He opened the message with, "Standing on His Promise — and not on 'your' Promise!" Rev. King continued, "Divorce is on the rise as marriages con-

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Survey: Blacks Less Interested in Iraq, More Concerned with Jobs, Economy

By: Nikki Burns

JACKSON, Miss. (NNPA)—In September, President Bush challenged world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly to adopt a resolution that would deal with Iraq's failure over the last 11 years to comply with resolutions or stand aside as the United States acted.

After running into resistance, the United States has been revamping its initial proposal, which would strengthen U.N. weapons inspections, declare Iraq in "material breach" of its obligations to

eliminate nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and threaten "serious consequences" if it fails to cooperate with inspectors.

Despite the nightly news updates of the looming possibility of war with Iraq, according to a recent poll conducted by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, only 6 percent of Blacks in America see the war as a key concern and only 19.2 percent of them support it.

"African-Americans, like the rest of the population, are very concerned about terrorism," said Eddie N. Williams, presi-

dent of Joint Center. "Our poll shows, however, that they are still not convinced by the administration's push for a war with Iraq."

The poll, which was conducted between Sept. 17 and Oct. 21 and surveyed 1,647 adults around the country (850 of which were African-Americans), marked the first time Joint Center asked African-Americans to rate the United Nations and the leadership of specific foreign countries including Cuba, Israel, Mexico, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

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Blackonomics Can You Hear Me Now?

By: James Clingman

You knew someone would use this line sooner or later, and considering what happened on the latest, "most crucial election" in our history, I could not pass up the opportunity to ask the question, "Can you hear me now?" Why? Because I have been writing this column since 1993, telling our people to wake up from our political deep sleep, and move toward collective economic empowerment, and it seems most of us still fail to heed the message. After seeing the latest "selection" of those who will rule the political roosts for the next two to six years, I ask, "Can you hear me now?"

In my neck of the woods, the local Black politicians, as well as a few national ones, told us once again that this election was crucial (aren't they all?) and it was imperative for Black folks to get out and vote to change the political landscape of our city and the country. I have not seen the final results, but I would venture to guess turnout among Black folks was once again quite dismal. They know us so well, they predict low turnout when it rains. That's ridiculous! On election Tuesday, I drove 500 miles, every mile of which was in a driving rain, to get back to Cincinnati in time to cast my votes. I am not buying that rain excuse, but I do understand why some of our

people don't vote. The more we do it, the less power we have.

We woke up on Wednesday after the election and found no Black person with any significant control in this country's entire political system. No Black governors and no Black senators, in 2002, despite our being here since the country started. Does that mean anything to you? Does it say that we have been doing something wrong? And, already some of our Black leaders are telling us to get ready to vote in 2004. Is that the best they can offer us?

We get so hyped for elections that we lose sight of what happens between elections. In case you haven't heard, economics happens, folks. Business happens. Economic empowerment happens. The question is: What do we do between elections? Do we wait until the next "crucial" election, or do we build our businesses and lay the foundation for an economic future for our children? From what I have seen, the answer is obvious.

But, can you hear me now? Can you hear me when I say we must change our attitudes and our actions when it comes to economics? Can you hear me when I say, "Wake up, my people?" Stop placing all your eggs in the political basket, please. If a Katherine Harris

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Stephanie Ward Gallery Focuses On Original Art



Stephanie Ward

By: Felicia Coleman

Thirteen years ago, Plano resident Stephanie Ward left a career as a reporter for the Dallas Morning News to start her gallery. "I decided that I wanted to do something different. I was tired of being under pressure, trying to meet deadlines. I was interested in becoming an entrepreneur. I was inspired by a book that I read. It was about doing something you have a passion for, if you want to succeed in your business," she said.

Stephanie Ward Gallery is located on Elm St. in Deep Ellum. With hardwood floors and brick walls, the gallery is filled with paintings, sculptures and a framed

handmade quilt by Joan Colby. The gallery not only specializes in original art work, but also in custom framing. The art work is sold at a reasonable price starting at \$45.00.

There are a mixture of customers, but most of Ward's customers are African Americans. "Art has no color in terms of skin color. I have art work from all ethnicity's. Art is all about feelings and passion," Ward said.

After leaving the Dallas Morning News, Ward started her business with \$4,000. She opened a place on Park Lane near Greenville. Four years ago, she opened her gallery in Deep Ellum. Many of her customers from the Park

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Friday Nov. 15th Network Meeting at Millenium Jaguar in Plano



Yolanda Plater from Baylor Regional Transplant Institute promotes the National Marrow Donor Program. (above)

Patrice Jefferson manager of Southeast Dallas Management Co. examining a Jaguar. (right) NtheKnow.com employees (left to right): W. Eric Croomes, Daphne Green, Teresa Taylor, Patricia Jones, Cecilia Strong and Steven Harvey. (below)



Dart's Garland Grand Opening



Jordan Risedorf practicing his moves at the Dart Grand Opening in Garland. (left)

Children enjoy the Radio Disney booth, which was one of many at the Dart Grand Opening. (below)



Addison Lawson took advantage of the face painting artists at the Garland Dart Grand Opening. The sunny weather, many vendor booths and fun activities made this a truly enjoyable day. Every one celebrated Darts arrival in Garland. Photo Credit Shauna Beniot

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"African-Americans are rarely polled on foreign affairs issues unrelated to Africa and we felt it was important to get their views," said David A. Bositis, a senior research associate at the Joint Center, who supervised the survey. "To a large degree, they expressed similar sentiments as the general population." The Joint Center, a non-partisan, non-profit organization, which conducts research and analysis on public policy issues of concern to African-Americans and other minorities, also surveyed 850 members of the general population.

The survey was fielded shortly after Labor Day and the start of the political season when many Americans usually start to pay more attention to what is said by their elected officials and those hoping to replace them. However, the media put coverage of the midterm elections on the back burner and gave the Washington, D.C.-area sniper and Iraq most of its attention. National issues such as employment/economy (jobs, poverty, homelessness, hunger) and terrorism topped African-Americans' list as the most important problem facing the country today. Whites and the general population listed world affairs (foreign policy, terrorism, world economy, lack of leadership, war) as the main problem facing America, with employment and economy a distant second. Hilliard L. Lackey, a history professor at Jackson State University, said that one of the reasons Blacks aren't strongly in support of a war with Iraq and don't see it as a key concern is

"we always think that it is somebody else's problem."

"White people started it, White people know what they are doing and White people are manipulating it, so it's their problem. It's not a very profound analysis..." said Lackey. Lackey said in 1970, when several people were killed and wounded after the National Guard was ordered to the campus of Kent State to silence the protests of those who disagreed with President Nixon's orders to bomb Cambodia, a reporter asked him if Jackson State students were equally as upset over the bombing.

For example, when asked if terrorism alone was the most important problem facing the country, 17 percent of Blacks said yes, compared to 27 percent of Whites and 24 percent of the general population. Since the Sept. 11 attacks, the employment rate and the economy has taken some strong hits, causing Blacks to assess the situation more personally than Whites. If Blacks are generally more concerned with "day-to-day living and less about the big picture," Lackey said, it's because Blacks are still struggling in a lot of other areas. "The engine of history is a struggle between the haves and the have nots. If the haves are looking elsewhere, it only means that they are satisfied. But Martin Luther King said if there was not the struggle for civil rights, he could've been doing something else," said Lackey. "So if black folk weren't struggling for economic betterment and employment, maybe they could concentrate on something else. Maybe they could parade down in front of

abortion clinics or have a walk for diabetes. Maybe it's peculiar to the have nots to not have a worldview. If you have the bare necessities, then you could have the luxury of worrying about folks on the other side of the world." However, for the third year in a row, Blacks responded more favorably than Whites when asked if they were financially better off than they were a year ago.

The survey also showed that Blacks more than likely continued their overwhelmingly loyal support for the Democratic party during the midterm elections by more than 70 percent, despite another finding claiming that fewer Blacks identify themselves as Democrats, compared to the Joint Center's 2000 study. According to the study, African-Americans, liberals and Democrats view the current presidential administration and its policies much less favorably than others and think the country has "gotten off on the wrong track." Although Blacks personally view Bush more favorably today than in 2000, they still consider his performance to be mediocre at best.

Not surprisingly, African-Americans continue to view former President Clinton favorably, by a whopping 80.9 percent, compared to 51 percent of the general population. Within the current administration, Secretary of State Colin Powell was the most popular figure, receiving a favorable rating of 73.3 percent, surpassing Bush's 50.8 percent; followed by Vice President Dick Cheney's 43.2 percent and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice's 43.1 percent.

On-going

Nature Stories at Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, every Saturday at 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Stories are hosted by the Heard Nature Store staff, and incorporate music, nature crafts and nature walks. Free with general admission. For topics and more details call 972.562.5566.

Come and see the Belgian draft horses, the mascot hitch team for Owens Country Sausage and the farming museum in Richardson. Petting zoo featuring pygmy goats, lambs, turkeys and pot-bellied pigs. 401 E. Lookout Drive, off Plano Road, Richardson. Open daily, 9 am to 4 pm. Call 972-235-0192.

Barnyard Buddies, at Fairview Farms, 3316 N. Central Expwy, at Parker Road, next to Hoffbrau. Country activities with a Western theme for kids. Visit the petting zoo, take a hayride or pony ride. Picnic tables on site. Available for birthday parties. Call 972-633-9779. Open 7 days a week.

Through December 20 McKinney Dinner Theatre at McKinney Square Meal present, "All Scrooged Up," Friday and Saturday evenings through December 20. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show begins at 8:00 p.m. 213 E. Louisiana St., downtown. Admission: \$12 adults and \$10 senior citizens and children under 12 years. For more information: 972-548-

6900 or visit www.mckinneysquaremeal.com.

Through January 5, 2003

Secrets of Aging at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Featuring four major themes: Body, Mind, Society and Longevity. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 3-12. For more information and operating hours, call 817-255-9300, or visit www.fortworthmuseum.org.

Through January 6, 2003

Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats, at the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary. A 2,500 sq.ft exhibit, to dispel popular misconceptions about bats. One Nature Place, McKinney. Call 972.562.5566, or visit www.heardmuseum.org.

Through January 6

Santa vs. The Snowman, the first-ever IMAX animated holiday feature film, at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, 1501 Montgomery Street, Fort Worth. A heart warming story of a lonely snowman swept away by the wonders of Santa's Village, then becomes jealous and wages war on Santa, but after a high spirited and wacky feud friendship reigns. For show times and information call 817-255-9300, or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org.

November 21 and 22

St. Alcuin Montessori School Presents "The Music Man" at the Eisemann Center Theatre, Richardson, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 - \$10. Call 972.744.4650.

November 21-23

Garland Civic Theatre presents "My Three Angels" at the Performing Arts Center, 300 North Fifth. For times and ticket information call 972-205-2790.

November 22

Garland Symphony Orchestra presents "Music That Won the War" at 8:00 pm. At the Performing Arts Center, 300 North Fifth Street. For tickets call 972-926-0611.

Thanksgiving craft at 4:30 p.m. at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. Come make a turkey to take home and enjoy a thanksgiving story or two. For all ages.

Chestnut Square Historical Park presents Front Porch Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Chestnut Square, on the corner of Chestnut & Anthony Streets. Volunteer project and dinner on the porch of the Dulane House. Weekly projects are posted at www.chestnut-square.org. For more information call 972-562-8790.

November 23

Plano Symphony Orchestra - Charged Particles at Fellowship Bible Church North, at 8:15pm. Charged Particles bring their unique blend of contemporary jazz fused with elements of Latin rhythms, pop and classical music. For tickets, please contact the Symphony at 972-473-7262

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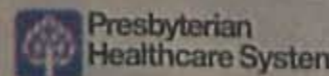
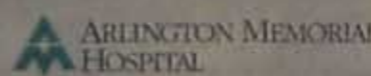
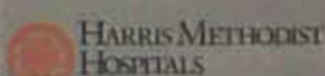


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THE TRUTH CLINIC A Forgotten Cost of War

In the midst of the rhythmic beat of the war drums, America paused on November 11th to honor her veterans. Ceremonies, parades, speeches and dignitaries were all showcased. National and local politicians were all too eager to be seen standing and embracing a veteran while speaking of their gratitude for the sacrifices the brave men and women made for America.

Many veterans stand with pride in their uniforms bedecked with service ribbons and medals and listen to the glorious rhetoric on this their special day. But as the sun sets at days end there follows a long year during which many of these brave veterans are once again ignominiously placed on America's back burner and forgotten.

Typically, on one of those other days, some 300,000 veterans are waiting just to register for VA healthcare because of a \$1.1 billion funding shortfall. There are now over 463,000 outstanding claims waiting for benefits decisions. Another 117,000 veterans are awaiting action by the Board of Veterans' Appeals on claims that may have been in the pipeline for months. National cemetery space is at a premium. One thousand veterans die each day and space is at a premium where they can be laid to rest. These are troubling numbers at a time when the beat of war drums is growing louder and louder.

It seems that things change when it comes to caring for the nation's veterans. A number of military bases and Military Treatment Facilities have been closed. This has created a situation where inadequate space is available to accommodate the retired American veterans. As a

result, the United States Government is denying the critical medical care that was promised to service personnel.

The U.S. Congress is well aware of this problem. It is unconscionable for our elected officials to promise health care to veterans and then make it unattainable because of inadequate funding. Rationed health care is no way to honor America's obligation to the brave men and women who have, and continue to unselfishly give their all supporting our nation's priorities.

Congressman Lane Evans (D-IL) in a testimony before the House Veterans Affairs committee stated that our veterans deserve better. Veterans deserve to receive, in a timely manner, the highest quality benefits and services which a grateful nation should provide as was promised. Unfortunately, our nation is failing our veterans today and this failure will only worsen in fiscal year 2003 unless the full amount of required resources are provided.

The amount of discretionary spending required for fiscal year 2003 to fulfill our obligations to veterans is \$27.4 billion. Specifically, President Bush had recommended \$22.7 billion be provided for veterans medical care for FY 2003. Unless this Congress provides full funding for veterans medical care, the inability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to deliver timely and quality medical care to America's veterans will only get worse.

While VA's budget request for 2003 reflects the largest increase ever proposed for veterans' programs, it's simply not enough to keep pace with the projected need. Evidence of the funding crisis in veterans' health

care is coming from many sources.

Veterans are suffering and far too many are homeless. Approximately 40% of homeless men are veterans. The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans estimates that on any given night, 271,000 veterans are homeless.

Research indicates that the veterans who are at greatest risk of homelessness are those who served during the late Vietnam and post-Vietnam era. Many of these veterans appear to have increased rates of mental illness, addiction disorders and social dis-functions. Black veterans are 1.4 times more likely to be homeless than white veterans.

On September 11, 2001, we experienced the unthinkable. Terrorism struck on American soil. And our sons and daughters are again being asked to go to war. Young people about to enter the prime days of their lives suddenly thrust into a reality they are not prepared for. Teens having their mental faculties assaulted by the sight of human carnage, body parts, and being forced to kill innocent women and children under the disguise of simple collateral damage.

America's armed forces have historically answered the call to protect our homeland and our way of life. And they will do it again, but the nation owes a tremendous debt to these courageous warriors. Most of the 25 million living veterans have served during times of devastating conflicts. The rolls are continuing to grow. Now is not the time to abandon or short-change their after service needs.

James W. Breedlove
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Letter to the Editor

It seems apparent that fear of terrorism is worldwide. In the unparalleled security of our great nation, terrorism is one of the few fears we all share. This is particularly amazing when we realize that it really offers no hope of victory for those who are choosing it.

Groups around the world that have been abused, often in seriously severe ways, see terrorism as their only way to fight back or get even. Anger and revenge drive them to willingly end their own lives in this futile pursuit. Most of us who are not directly involved in these conflicts wish someone could reason with them and stop the madness, but all efforts seem to fail.

As a white 70-year-old man, I would like

to call the world's attention to the example of our own African Americans. Surely no group has ever been more abused but, as a group, they denied the natural avenue of anger and hate. Throughout all the years of slavery and the pernicious abuse that followed the end of slavery, the vast majority of African Americans retreated into safety and reward of their families and churches. They seemed to have faith that life had value and terrorizing their abusers was not a solution.

I know some of us tend to associate courage with the act of striking back. Much of society is tempted to admire those who return more violence than they receive. Unfortunately, we often fail to embrace the principle of returning good for evil (turn the other cheek) and

fail to realize it is actually beneficial for both sides.

Today, we are all enjoying the results of the African American's patience, love of family and church and even the healthy fear that led them to hope and dream and see value in life no matter what their circumstance. Although there are still things that need to be changed, we should acknowledge and appreciate what our African American community did when they could have chosen the madness of anger and revenge.

God Bless All Nations,

Tom T. Fullerton
Irving, TX

If You Have a Dream by : Unknown

Don't wait for some distant day to come, it may be too late before you've even begun. Not everyone will agree with all you decide. Be true to yourself first and foremost. The only important thing in life is what you do with the time you spend here on earth. Don't be afraid to follow your desires, they are not silly nor selfish. Take the time and do what makes you feel alive. Leave your fears and regrets in the past, for this is where they belong. Don't cloud today with things that can't be undone. You have no more control over yesterday or tomorrow, than you do the raging of your passions. Do not quiet these dreams nor quench your desires. For if you do, your journey is ended. You have only today to begin anew and follow your dreams. For in the end all we have are our memories. When the twilight comes to us, let there be, No excuses, no explanations, no regrets!

Capitol Watch



State Representative
Jerry Madden

2003 Legislative Session Issues:

Homeowner's Insurance, Transportation, School Finance and Budget Shortfalls.

Great progress has been made on my school finance group as we near the session's start. Committee members unanimously agreed on the general principals which we will set forth in a school finance bill. The draft of that bill is now being developed, as is a white paper which will explain the bill's elements. This paper will be distributed to legislators, key media contacts and others who can be influential in the direction we will go as a state on school finance. A sub-committee will work to determine which state mandates are important to keep, and which might be eliminated. Chris Patterson of the Texas Public Policy Foundation gave an informative report on educational adequacy, which she contends is sure to come Texas' way. Based on her report, the committee agreed that an adequacy study would be in Texas' best interest.

Our first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeowner's Insurance was held last month to discuss the problems that homeowners in our community are facing. The discussion led us to invite Elton Bomer, previous Texas Department of Transportation Commissioner, to join our committee. Mr. Bomer has graciously agreed to serve. His expertise will add tremendously to our discussions.

The Advisory Committee on Health Care continues to meet and grow. Every side of the table is sitting down to discuss important issues. A sub-committee on doctor credentialing has been formed, with the general idea of a state-sponsored "clearinghouse" for credentialing records.

This single idea could save insurers, and thereby the insured,

millions of dollars. We are close to agreement on the necessity for liability reform of the punitive damage issue and are discussing other items like mandates. We will continue to work on these items. I will keep you updated on our progress.

HCR 77-House Concurrent Resolution During the last session, I introduced House Concurrent



Resolution 77 (HCR 77), urging the U.S. Congress to amend the Internal Revenue Code to exempt state and local political committees from federal notification and reporting requirements. In many states like Texas, these committees already file detailed reports with their state election officials.

The Texas House was proud to take the lead in this important legislation. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Sen. Joseph Lieberman and Rep. Kevin Brady developed a bipartisan, bicameral bill, HR 5596, that would exempt state and local party and candidate committees from these duplicative reporting requirements. The legislature exempted county, city, school board and special district candidates who have had to file with the IRS on their campaign accounts before the legislation was amend-

ed. HR 5596 passed both the Senate and House of Representatives by unanimous consent and is expected to be signed into law by the President.

Running concurrent with the Fifty State Commemorative Coin Program, Texas elementary students had the opportunity to be part of Texas history by designing a quarter dollar coin for the State of Texas. They were invited to create a design that symbolizes Texas, Texans and reinforces Texas spirit and pride. The Texas Commission on the Arts developed the contest.

Two Collin County students were recognized as finalists for their entries in the contest. Kelsey Jones, Memorial Elementary-Plano and Madison Walsh of New Beginnings Montessori School received honors from the Texas Commission on the Arts for their work. Congratulations to both students for earning such recognition!

The session starts Jan. 14, 2003 and runs until June 2, 2003. We will be very busy this session. We are planning to have a reception in my Capitol office after the swearing in ceremonies on the 14th, and invite all of you to come in and see us. It will be a great day for Collin County, with two new representatives being sworn in, along with an historic first session with a Republican majority on the floor. Come by and be a part of history!

I am honored to represent you in the Texas House and look forward to an exciting session. Your input and comments are important to me, and I look forward to receiving your feedback. Please respond to the Madden Report at: shari.hanrahan@house.state.tx.us or call me at: District Office 972/424-2235; Capitol Office: 512/463-0544.

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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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Pastor Sam and Gloria Fenceroy

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Guest Speakers for the Vision Summit

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Musical Guests

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Gospel Play: Thursday, Nov. 21st and Saturday, Nov. 23rd

"The Blood" Written by Samantha Taylor Performed by MOCOP, Directed by David Ratcliff Lighthouse Productions, For ticket info, call (972) 633-5511

God Gives Vision: The Vision for the Mt. Olive Church was given to Pastor Sam and Minister Gloria Fenceroy before they had a church. God is the source of vision. He places vision in the hearts of leaders, and they reveal the vision to followers. God's plan for Sam and Gloria is to reveal the vision of the Mt. Olive Church of Plano, "Unite the body of Christ across racial, denominational and economical lines", to the nations. Pastor Sam and Minister Gloria believe this vision is the heart of God. Jesus prayed in John 17:21 "Father make them one as we are on earth: the world may know that you sent me". Pastor Sam and Minister Gloria agree with Acts 17:26, "That God took one blood and made all mankind". Pastor Sam said "if a person believes that Jesus is the Christ then we are brothers and sisters in His body". This Vision Summit is design to make the city of Plano aware that it not about the external things, but what's on the inside that counts. A part of the vision this year, there will be a play which depicts a major problem in our local and national churches today. The play is called The Blood. We believe you will be blessed and thoroughly entertained by attending this vision play. Mt. Olive is located at 740 Avenue F, Suite 303, Plano, Texas 75074. For ticket information concerning the play you can call 972-633-5511.

COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF NORTH TEXAS NAMES MARKET DEVELOPMENT / COMMUNITY AFFAIRS MANAGERS FOR NORTH TEXAS DIVISION

Dallas, Texas (Nov. 6, 2002)

The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas, a division of Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc., has announced that the company is naming two market development / community affairs managers. Both new managers have held several positions within the company prior to their new assignments.

"Our decision to expand the responsibilities of Dallas' Cheryl Brown and Fort Worth's Jay Long in the area of community affairs is a direct reflection of the superlative work by each of these individuals within both the Dallas and Fort Worth communities. Community Affairs is such an important aspect of the daily operations of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas and there are no finer individuals to hold these positions," said Rick Gillis, division vice president of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas.

Cheryl Brown has been named market development and community affairs manager at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas' Dallas branch. Ms. Brown will be responsible for the East area, expanding her territory from Dallas to also include Sherman, Sulphur Springs and Paris. A Dallas native, Ms. Brown started her career with Coca-Cola in 1984 as a part-time human resources clerk and tour guide while attending the University of Texas at Arlington to earn her bachelor's degree in business administration and finance. In 1986, Cheryl

Brown started full-time with Coca-Cola as a route accounting administrator and was promoted to a cooler service supervisor over accounting, dispatch, parts and warehouse. In 1994,



Cheryl Brown has been named market development and community affairs manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas' Dallas branch.

she moved into a business development position, and was soon promoted to a key account business development/community relations manager with responsibilities in the areas of sales, marketing, community and government relations, and involvement with special events.

Jay Long has been named market development and community affairs manager at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas' Fort Worth branch. Mr. Long will be responsible for the Central area, expanding his territory from Fort Worth to include Abilene, Wichita Falls, and Lawton, Oklahoma. A native of Fort Worth, Jay Long began his career with Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc. in 1983 as a bulk merchandiser. While working for Coca-Cola, Mr. Long received his associate's

degree in management development from Tarrant County Junior College. During his tenure with Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas, Jay Long has held positions of increasing responsibility in the areas of sales, marketing, special events, and government and community relations. Mr. Long and his wife Tammy have been married for 15 years; have three children - Morgan, 13, Jorden, 10, and Jayson, 7; and live in Fort Worth.

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas started in 1902 in Dallas with only three employees and one horse-drawn wagon to make deliver-



Jay Long has been named market development and community affairs manager for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas' Fort Worth branch.

ies. Today, it has more than 2,500 employees and a fleet of 1,400 vehicles serving customers throughout North Texas. The company bottles more than 66 million cases annually at its 21 North Texas sales centers. Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas is proud of its century-long commitment to the community and to producing and distributing quality beverages throughout North Texas.

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Preparation Can Lead to Happy Retirement

Here's some information that may interest you: The happiest retirees are those who feel financially prepared for retirement.

This finding, from a study by Harris Interactive, a major polling firm, may not be shocking. After all, you would probably expect that retirees who feel financially prepared would be more content than those who are worried about outliving their income. But you might be surprised by another finding gleaned from the study: Retirement happiness is directly linked to the number of years you've been saving for retirement, rather than your net worth - although the two factors are certainly related.

Just how long do you need to save before you can feel you're financially prepared for retirement? In reality, there's probably no one "right" answer, because everyone has different goals for retirement.

Nonetheless, the Harris survey does point to some interesting numbers:

- 61 percent of those who saved for 25 years or more said they were extremely satisfied with retirement.

- 51 percent of those who saved for 15 to 24 years said they were extremely satisfied.

- 46 percent of those

who saved for less than 15 years said they were extremely satisfied.

The lesson seems clear: Start saving for retirement as early as you can. By putting time on your side, you greatly increase your chances of enjoying your retirement years.

The Harris survey didn't just ask respondents about how long they had been saving and investing. Another question was designed to relate retirees' happiness with the type of investments they had accumulated.

The findings? The happiest retirees' investment portfolios were well diversified. Stocks made up of the bulk of these retirees' holdings, with smaller allocations in fixed-income securities and real estate. Apparently, maintaining a diversified array of investments helped contribute to the respondents' feelings of being well prepared for retirement.

The survey's results support many other studies that, over the years, have shown the value of diversification. But you can diversify your portfolio in many different ways. To determine which mix of investments is appropriate for you, consider the following:

- Your goals - What do you plan to do during retirement? If you envision traveling around the world and maintaining a couple of houses, your investment

income needs will be far different than those of your neighbor who plans to stick close to home and do some consulting.

- Your risk tolerance - If you're an aggressive investor, you're willing to accept a greater degree of risk in exchange for potentially higher returns. If you're a conservative investor, you're more inclined to protect your principal at all costs, even if it means sacrificing growth. And if you're a moderate investor, you're somewhere in between. Your individual asset allocation - your mix of investments - will be shaped, in part, by your investment personality and risk tolerance.

- Time horizon - Your proximity to retirement will also help shape your investment mix. If you're many years away from retiring, you may want to invest more aggressively, because you have time to bounce back from short-term volatility. But if you're only a few years away from retirement, you might want to shift some - but certainly not all - of your investment dollars into more stable, conservative vehicles.

There you have it: To be happy during retirement, you need to invest for many years beforehand, and you need to be properly diversified. Take action soon - the future will be here before you know it.

AirCheck Texas Repair & Replacement Assistance Program Commences

(Arlington, TX) Recently, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties began offering financial assistance to low-income vehicle owners whose vehicles fail the emissions inspection test. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation Department is the regional entity in charge of administering the AirCheck Texas Repair and Replacement Assistance Program. This program is a cooperative effort by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ, formerly Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission), Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), county program administrators, area workforce

boards, and NCTCOG. The program is designed to help vehicle owners comply with vehicle emissions standards to reduce ozone-forming pollutants created by on-road motor vehicles. The AirCheck Texas program targets the highest polluting vehicles and provides an incentive for citizens to contribute to the regional air quality solution.

When a vehicle fails the emissions inspection test, the vehicle owner will receive a brochure about the program. Qualified participants may receive a voucher worth up to \$600 for emissions repairs, or \$1,000 towards the cost of a replacement vehicle that meets

emissions standards if they retire their old vehicle.

Collin, Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant counties are the only areas in Texas currently implementing the AirCheck Texas program. These counties have been designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as "serious nonattainment" for the pollutant ozone. These counties must meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) by 2007.

A press briefing is scheduled for November 20, 2002, at 12:00 noon at NCTCOG offices, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas.

2nd Annual East Texas Baseball High School Clinic And Showcase Sponsored by Steven P. Brancheau, DPM Podiatric Physician and Surgeon For the Treatment of: Diseases, Injuries, and Surgery of the Foot and Ankle

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Univ. and pitching game plan 2:20-5:30 Showcase for 10th, 11th, 12th players only

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Dallas business." He and wife Cecile plan on taking DART Rail to downtown attractions and entertainment without having to worry about traffic or parking spaces. Another Garland resident, Mrs. Bernice Stanford, said the celebration crowd was a bit much for her but she will probably be a regular passenger riding to Dallas.

Garland is the 10th largest city in Texas. It began when the towns of Duck Creek and Embree came together in the midst of the cotton farming business some 115 years ago.

With a growing population of over 220,000 (census 2000) — this city offers metroplex benefits with a small town atmosphere. Companies such as Raytheon, Kraft Foods, Software Spectrum and Sears Industrial Park already located in Garland, will be more convenient with this access to other Dallas areas.

DART Rail is a strong shot in the arm for this town's economy that includes a diverse



population of middle to upper working class, and growth in all minority categories. Along with the connecting bus routes, this new service will provide needed transportation to many jobs and services in an expanded area.

Accommodations include Passenger Shelters Windscreens, Seating, Customer Information, Ticket Vending Machines,

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Story by Belinda G. Alexander
2002 Email: belindawrites@hotmail.com

Around the Town Continued ...

or www.planosymphony.org.

Jim R. Henderson Garland Chorale presents "A Texas Holiday Celebration," at 8:00 pm, at the Performing Arts Center, 300 North Fifth Street, Garland. For tickets call 972-495-6455.

Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents "Nature's Songs" at 8pm. Call 972/216-8127 for tickets and information.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Pearls of Service Interest Group will host a Chartering Luncheon on Saturday, November 23 from Noon- 2:00 p.m. at the Harvey Hotel Central Expressway and Park in Plano. The cost is \$25, and the public is invited. Call Vanessa Johnson at 972-581-4155 for more information. *Dressy Attire*

November 23 and 24
24th Annual City of Plano

Parks & Recreation Christmas Crafts Fair. Featuring holiday decorations, gifts, and something festive to wear Saturday from 10 am - 5pm, and Sunday noon - 5pm at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek. Call the Plano Parks & Recreation Department at 972-941-7250 for information.

November 24

Garland Area Ministerial Alliance will host Community Thanksgiving Celebration, 6:00 pm, at the Performing Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets.

2003 Miss Lake O' The Pines Pageant, at the Plaza Theatre (521 West State) in downtown Garland. For details call 972-488-9388.

November 25

McKinney Storytelling Guild presents "Humorous Stories" at 7:00 p.m. in the historic Foote Chapel of Chestnut Square located on the SW cor-

ner of McDonald St. (Hwy 5) and Anthony St. Free but donations are accepted. For more information call Adah Leah Wolf at 972-548-7186 or email eflat@attbi.com.

November 26

Baylor Medical Center and Nicholson Memorial Library System present free health care seminar on "Stroke" at 12:00 noon, at Garland's Central Library, 625 Austin. To register call 1-800-422-9567.

November 30

The Southern University Alumni Federation-Dallas Chapter is selling tickets to the Bayou Classic (Southern University vs. Grambling State University) to be held November 30. Tickets are quadrant seating located on the Superdome's lodge level for \$50. For more information and an order form, contact the Dallas Chapter at 972-480-JAGS (5247), or SUAFDal@aol.com.



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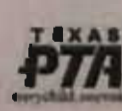
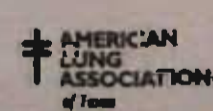
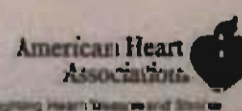
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Black Church Offers Gift of Strength, Bishop Says

PHILADELPHIA (UMNS)

— The greatest gift that the majority church and the world can receive from the black church is strength, according to a United Methodist bishop.

Bishop Peter Weaver of Philadelphia made that point at the Sept. 8-10 meeting of the coordinating committee of the denomination's Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century initiative.

During a Bible study session, the bishop discussed the strength found in the songs of the late Charles Albert Tindley, who is credited with being the father of gospel music. The Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference was preparing to remember Tindley in a Sept. 14 memorial service.

Referring to the hymn "Stand By Me," one of five Tindley songs found in the United Methodist Hymnal, Weaver asked: What is strength?

Four of Tindley's hymns are found in the section titled "Strength and Tribulation," he noted. "This was no accident. There is something of a gift in the black church that addresses the issue of strength in a way that the whole church and whole world needs to learn."

Alluding to Sept. 11, he said strength is not found in military might or Wall Street's economic prowess. "Strength arose at the very moment when what so many people considered our strength was crumbling around us. What is strength? It comes in tribulation."

Strengthening the Black Church

for the 21st Century is an initiative approved by the 1996 General Conference and continued by the assembly in 2000. It seeks to strengthen black churches in the United States by linking growing congregations with partner congregations, and to revitalize the more than 2,500 African-American congregations in the denomination. Its governing committee develops programs and strategies to help predominantly black United Methodist congregations become more effective in ministry. Twenty-five congregations serve as congregation resource centers, providing training help for partner congregations.

What will strengthen the black church in this century? Weaver asked. The answer will not be found in clever programs, events or money. "It is the Lord, upon whom we wait to expand horizons and shapes dreams and (who) sets us to working and walking together."

Weaver compared the struggles of African Americans and the church to those experienced by the writers of the Book of Isaiah, who were in exile. He said those biblical texts were written by a people who were displaced but who knew grace, a people who had suffered the collapse of their religious institution and everything they thought was the greatness of their heritage and land.

"Maybe the church in America is in exile too," he said. "Those of us who are in the predominantly Euro-American congregations have capitulated to those who are holding us in exile. We have capitulated to the standards of success and to the idols of strength that the American culture is so full of. The church of today is in exile."

The black church, Weaver said, brings an "extraordinary gift because of the exile experience of being in a foreign land, not just in the times of slavery, but right now."

Weaver said he prays that the gift of strength and spirituality found in African-American churches could spread through the whole church in exile.

The Rev. Dorothy Watson Tatem of Philadelphia agreed. The director of urban ministry for the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, she said that throughout all of history, God has sustained black church. "We've been theologically attacked, intellectually dismissed, liturgically raped, economically robbed, politically mugged and called everything but a child of God." And the black church, she said, "is still standing."

Much of the committee's meeting revolved around planning for "The Great Event," a Sept. 18-21, 2003, gathering of congregational resource centers and partner congregations in Atlanta for relationship building, ministry resources, workshops and preaching. The event will include a symposium with the denomination's bishops to share concerns and see the needs and strengths of the black church.

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and a Jeb Bush can get elected and re-elected in Florida, of all places, doesn't that tell you something? Can you hear me now?

If what was anticipated to be a new day for the Democrats to control the Senate by an even greater margin and maybe even take over the House of Representatives, as some predicted, if that turned out to be the biggest debacle since the "Contract on [Black] America," can you see a need for change? If you thought Black folks had political power before this election, what must you think now? Black folks don't control jack in the political system. You know it and I know it. And, as Martin Delany, Booker T., Marcus Garvey, and many others have told us, if we want to control anything politically we had better get our economic act together. Can you hear me now?

I am not saying I told you so; I would never do that. I am only trying to get us to change directions. I love our people too much to sit idly by and not continue to share these messages of empower-

ment. But the next step is yours. What are you going to do?

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Black people now control the entire vertical business process of Grenada Nutmeg. Blacks control the growing, the processing, the wholesaling, and the retailing of this product, a multi-billion dollar industry, which has many significant uses, including medicinal uses. It's yours, Black people. It's under your control, unlike the political system you so greatly admire. If we do not support this historic partnership by purchasing the products on the MATAH Network, especially the GNO, then we have no one to blame but ourselves. If we fail to take advantage of what we have and keep complaining about what we do not have, we

will soon look around and find ourselves relegated to permanent underclass status in this country.

I say it once again, for what is probably the 10,000th time. Start and support Black businesses. Form partnerships among Black businesses. Create more jobs for Black people within Black businesses. Love one another more. Trust one another more. Get on the economic empowerment track and stop concentrating most of your efforts on politics. Can you hear me NOW?

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African-American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and is the author of the book, "Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement—We have a Choice."

He can be reached at (513) 489-4132, or by e-mail at jclingman@blackonomics.com.

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Lane location have visited the new location in Deep Ellum. Ward credits her success to good service. "If you give people good service, they will continue to come back. I get a lot of support not only from the Dallas area but also Mesquite and Garland. They help me stay open," she said. Reginald Coleman, a customer of Stephanie Ward Gallery for 6 months, stated "I love the gallery. It's original and I love the work. I like to buy the art for my home."

One of Ward's future plans is to open a gallery in

Plano. Ward encourages people to learn more about art. She said, "I would love for people in Plano to come to Dallas. Art can be of value and uniqueness. You can express sentiment and feelings. It's the perfect gift. For artists who would like to have their work on exhibit, I would love to hear from you."

On November 16, renowned artist Taugeeq, exhibited his new collection of cubist work called "An Aspiration of Color" at the gallery. The artist answered questions and signed autographs. Taugeeq has mastered bold bright colors. He spreads them over contempo-

rary images that range from jazz bands to street scenes.

On November 30, 2002, Joan Colby will exhibit her collection of handmade quilts called "Patterns of Life" at the gallery.

On December 7, 2002 CBS 11 News reporter Steve Pickett, best noted for his coverage of the Dallas Independent School District and Education Beat for KTVT television, will unveil a series of his photographs for public display at the gallery.

For more information about Stephanie Ward Gallery, visit

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On Stage at Next Stage at Grand Prairie

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New York" and "Santa's Gonna Rock-n-Roll," the show features such family favorites as the legendary "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and the awe-inspiring "Living Nativity."

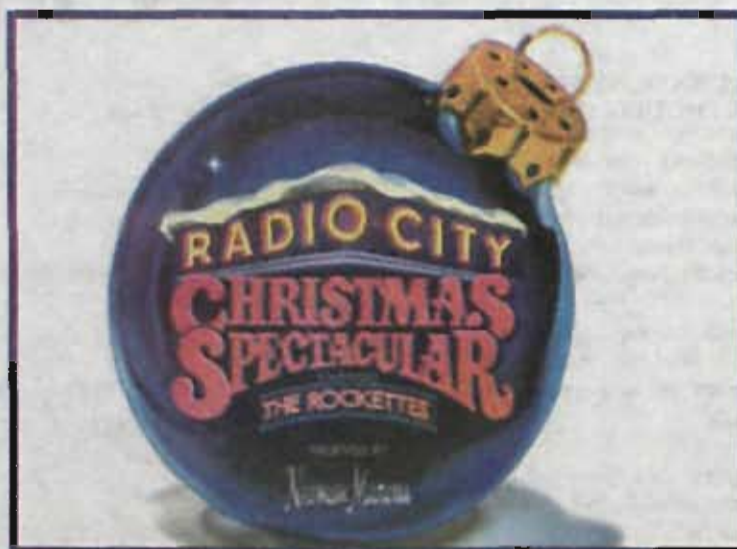
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Cher
November 22



Die Another Day

Lordy, look who's 40. It's James Bond, the spy who won't die today, tomorrow, or ever. For the birthday, the filmmakers tip their hats to past 007 pics. There's a bikini-clad Halle Berry, à la Ursula Andress in Dr. No, plus nods to Goldfinger and more. This 20th edition cost more than \$100 million (the most ever) and was filmed in Cuba, Korea, and Iceland. John Cleese takes over as Q and Madonna sings the title song. The plot? There are guns, girls, and gadgets, plus a bad guy. If it looks cool, does it matter?

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KURT NIKKANEN, VIOLIN SOLOIST
DAVID LOCKINGTON, CONDUCTOR
November 23 & 24, 2002 8:00 pm

Sunday November 24, 2002 2:00 pm

BLANA KRALL
Monday November 25, 2002 8:00 pm

THREE MO'YEVORS
Tuesday November 26, 2002 8:00 pm

GARY MORRIS
Wednesday November 27, 2002 8:00 pm

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Friday November 29, 2002 8:00 pm

Saturday November 30, 2002 2:00 & 8:00 pm

Tickets: 817-665-6000



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5. INSOMNIA
6. ENOUGH
7. WINDTALKERS
8. MURDER BY NUMBERS
9. PANIC ROOM
10. CHANGING LANES

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4. MONSTERS, INC.
5. THE POWERPUFF GIRLS MOVIE
6. MR. DEEDS
7. BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
8. EIGHT LEGGED FREAKS
9. THE SANTA CLAUSE
10. BARBIE AS RAPUNZEL

DVD

1. SPIDER-MAN
2. THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
3. SECRETS/ YA-YA SISTERHOOD
4. MR. DEEDS
5. BAND OF BROTHERS
6. SCOOBY-DOO: THE MOVIE
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8. EIGHT LEGGED FREAKS
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7:00 PM

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Friday, November 22, 2002

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Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday, December 3, 17
Children's video series starring Saint Bernard led by Rev. Marianna Acton, the Children and Youth Minister.
Tuesday, November 26; December 10
Youth activities! Come out to join in on all of the fun! These activities are free and open to the public.

Sign up for a four-week Advent study, entitled, "Won't You Let Him In"
Class will be offered on Thursdays 11 a.m.-12 Noon or 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

All Nations United Methodist Church
Dr. Clara Reed, Pastor
3415 E. 14th St.
Plano, TX 75074

ETERNITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 25, 26, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Celebrate Thanksgiving with Cajun-fried Turkey & Sweet Potato Pie from friends of the Eternity Community Church!
Turkey- 10-12 lbs.- \$25; 14-16 lbs.- \$35
Sweet Potato Pie- \$5

To place an order for pick-up on November 25-26, please call 972-542-9556.

December 9-13, 7:00 p.m.

Church Revival!
Guest Speaker- Evangelist Jacqueline Page

For more information concerning the revival, call 972-542-9556

Eternity Community Church
Kenneth Diggs, Pastor
309 N. Chestnut St.
McKinney, TX 75069

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

November 24, 6:00 p.m.
4th Sunday Musical
Special Guests- Jason Irbey & Friends, Alan Parr, Carmella Baxter Wilson, The Voices of Fellowship
The church sponsors a musical every 4th Sunday to benefit the building fund.

For more information, call 972-238-8568.

Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen
John Wilson, III, Pastor
200 Belmont St.
Allen, TX 75002

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m.
Please join us in celebrating the birth of Christ at our annual Christmas Program!

For more information call, 972-625-8186.

Friendship Baptist Church
C. Paul McBride, Pastor
4396 Main Street
The Colony, TX 75066

GOOD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 24, 4:00 p.m.
Join Good Street Baptist Church in celebrating our Golden Anniversary!
You'll have the privilege of touring the renovated facility, and view the historical exhibit
Tax -deductible Gifts will assist in purchasing items such as music classes, software for classroom computers, and a new bus

For more information, call 214-421-7504.

Good Street Baptist Church
Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Pastor
3126 Hatcher St.
Dallas, TX 75215

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.
Keller Springs Singles Ministry will be celebrating the Christmas Season with a Holiday Extravaganza at the Renaissance Hotel Dallas North Hotel (635&Midway).
Theme- "Standing on His Promise"
Special Guest Speaker- Rudy V., KRNB 105.7 Quiet Storm
Musical Guest- Golden Bells of Joy, bell choir of First United

Methodist Church of Hamilton Park
Tickets- \$35 per person/\$65 per couple
Registration Deadline- December 10

For more information, contact Lisa Bryant at 972-998-6282 or e-mail lbryant@kellerspringsbc.org

Keller Springs Baptist Church
Larry J. Sanders, Pastor
3227 Keller Springs Rd.
Carrollton, TX 75006

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, December 7, 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Musical
Guest choir, Vessels, will perform Guest Soloist, (TBA)

For more information, call 972-436-2011

Macedonia Baptist Church
T.J. Denson, Pastor
702 S. Mill St.
Lewisville, TX

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.
Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service!

Messiah Lutheran Church
Dr. Victor J. Kollman, Pastor
1245 W. Beltline Road
Richardson, TX
972-234-6972

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 15, 7:00p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Second Annual Winter Ball, sponsored by Mt. Hebron's Young Adult Ministry
Renaissance Hotel North, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX
Music by Freddie Jones
Cost- \$30

For more information, call 972-276-5218.

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church
Leonard Leach, Pastor
901 Dairy Rd.
Garland, TX 75040

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Friday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Extravaganza! Join us for a "Night Under the Stars"
JP Morgan Chase Rotunda, Downtown Dallas

For more information, call 972-437-3493

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship
Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
302 Centennial Blvd.
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Golf- November 16 (Firewheel Golf in Garland, TX)

For more information, please call 972-423-6695, or visit our website at www.shilohbaptistchurch.org.

Shiloh Baptist Church
Isiah Joshua, Jr., Pastor
920 14th Street
Plano, TX 75075

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.
Join us as we welcome Tom Braxton, saxophonist, back to fill the sanctuary with the Holy sounds of the season.

FREE ADMISSION!

For more information, call 214-922-0000

St. Paul United Methodist Church
Dr. Sherron C Parterson, Senior Pastor
1816 Routh St.
Dallas, TX 75201

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tinue to fall apart. If we don't take time to learn loyalty in a relationship with God first, how can we attempt to have a relationship with each other? It's hard to find loyalty in a microwave, impatient, selfish, 'what's in it for me' generation. We must remember—we get by giving!"

The message pierced with the cold blade of truth but the audience was open and receptive to every word.

Rev. King outlined areas that can help with relationships in both the spiritual and personal realm of Christian lives. Singles, divorced and even married couples left the service with renewed hope and a refreshing word. Super Soul Sunday was filled with praise and a powerful word on life and relationships.

Rev. Sanders, Keller Springs Senior Pastor, was very pleased with the program. He said, "Singles have special needs in the church just like the married people. Some churches don't address these special ministry needs, but at Keller Springs B.C. we try to provide an atmosphere that celebrates a saved and sanctified way of life for singles and everyone!"

Positive comments, inquiries and orders for tapes have increased since Super Soul Sunday. As Singles ministry leader Lisa Bryant had hoped this day was a special day to bless the body, uplift the spirit and glorify the Lord. It was more than a

revival; it was certainly a Super Soul Sunday!

Visit Keller Springs Baptist Church (KSBC) at: 3227 Keller Springs Rd., Carrollton, TX 75006, phone (972)735-8077

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Keller Springs Baptist Church Singles Ministry 'Holiday Extravaganza'

The Singles Ministry of Keller Springs Baptist Church will be celebrating the Christmas Season with a 'Holiday Extravaganza' banquet on Saturday, Dec. 14th @ 7pm at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel, I-635 & Midway in Dallas. Rudy V. of KRNB 105.7 'Quiet Storm' will be the special guest speaker. Musical guests to include the 'Golden Bells of Joy' bell choir of First United Methodist Church of Hamilton Park. Semi-formal/Elegant attire. \$35 per person/\$65 per couple. Registration deadline: Dec. 10th. The theme is 'Singles: Standing on his Promise' taken from Proverbs 3:5-6. Keller Springs Baptist Church is located at 3227 Keller Springs Road in Carrollton, Tx. Rev. Larry J. Sanders is the pastor. Contact: Lisa Bryant-972.998.6282 lbryant@kellerspringsbc.org

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