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### On the Homefront:

**Wine Aroma Seminar** presented by The Dallas Chapter of the African American Wine Tasting Society. Learn about different wines and their characteristic aromas. Maggiano's - Northpark Center, Dallas. 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Free for Grand Crus members, \$10 Crus members, \$30 non-members. Visit: [www.aawts.org](http://www.aawts.org), or contact Schnell Blanton, 214.255.0124, or [sblanton@aawts.org](mailto:sblanton@aawts.org).

Free law clinic, third Tuesday of each month at St. Philip's School and Community Center, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Hosted by a group of attorneys called The Triangle Neighborhood Project. The first clinic (January 20) will address landlord-tenant issues. For information on volunteering or to receive services call 214.421.5221, ext. 122.

**New Year, New You Health and Wellness Fair**, Saturday January 17, 2004, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., in the Gymnasium of Murphy City Hall, 205 North Murphy Road, Murphy. Health screenings, Carter BloodCare, Sheriff's department, Poison Center of North Texas, dental examinations, children's activities, and much more. Schedule to donate blood prior to the event at [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org). Call 972.384.7175 for more information.

**Garland Civic Theatre** continues its 'Six Sides of Simon' season with a production of *Proposals*, January 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, and February 1. At the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Street, Garland. Call the box office at 972.205.2790, or visit [www.garlandcivictheatre.org](http://www.garlandcivictheatre.org) for times and information.

The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas offers a free Job Fair and Job Search seminar to Dallas area residents aged 55+, Friday January 23, at the Dallas Urban League, 4315 South Lancaster Road, Room 105, Dallas. 10 a.m. - 12 noon, registration begin 9:30. RSVP required, call 214.823.5700, or [SES.D@theseniorsource.org](mailto:SES.D@theseniorsource.org), or [www.theseniorsource.org](http://www.theseniorsource.org).

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## New Light Church: Shedding Illumination

By Cathy Johnson  
Recently, New Light Church in Mesquite, TX officially opened its doors with a purpose of serving "gospel food for the soul". Greeting patrons and members was Usher Leader Cheryl Edwards and a cast of youth ushers. Standing front and center was Fox 4 News anchor and senior pastor of New Light Church, Shaun Rabb. "He's in a completely different element when he's in here," said Edwards of Pastor Rabb.

There were no cameras or sound checks, but an energetic group of congregants ushering the Spirit of God into the service led by the new pastor, and members and visitors rejoiced as the choir sang "Go Tell it On The

Mountain". Rabb said that pastoring and journalism are similar paths. "In both realms I'm telling real stories about real people that effect our



Reverend and Mrs. Shaun Rabb

daily lives," said Rabb. He never entertained the idea of becoming a pastor. "I was in the eighth grade when a pastor informed me that I was going to be a pastor," said Rabb. It was much later, however, before that calling

would be fulfilled. Rabb followed the footsteps of his desires and aspirations, and pursued a career in radio and journalism that landed him in the Dallas metroplex with Fox 4 News, "I've always felt that my job was a ministry. People have always asked me for help," said Rabb. Rabb spoke candidly of people who have surrendered to him and the effect some major news stories played. "I would come home from work and I'd find myself compelled to pray fervently for the people," Rabb explained.

Currently working on his Masters of Divinity, Rabb has a firm hold on his vision and passion as a pastor for

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## Local Church Celebrates the New Year Through Ministry

Mt. Olive Church of Plano held its New Year's Eve celebration with great people, elaborate décor, plenty of food, and singing and praising God from the old year (2003) into the New Year (2004). There was

Pastors Sam and Gloria Fenceroy and their members spared nothing to keep their promise that if you came, you were guaranteed to have a wonderful time.

Prior to starting the



(Left to Right) Myrtle Hightower, John Hightower, Pastor Sam Fenceroy, and Bernice Jefferson

fun and enjoyment for everyone that came including the children who had their own special program.

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## NAACP Kicks off Brown v. Board of Education 50th Commemoration During MLK Holiday

First of year-long activities that will assess Supreme Court's efforts and devise strategies to fulfill promise of educational equity.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) recently announced the kickoff of a series of events to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education from January 17-19 in Columbia and Summerton, South Carolina, one of the four states and the District of Columbia where the original petitioners in the Brown case filed school desegregation lawsuits.

The NAACP South Carolina State Conference will host a public program during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Weekend. The event titled "We've Come This Far by Faith" will convene parents, community organizations, and nationally known religious leaders to analyze, advocate and devise strategies to engage families and community churches in the struggle to provide equal access to quality education.

Kweisi Mfume, NAACP President and CEO, said: "Fifty years ago this spring, the NAACP successfully argued the case that led the Supreme Court's decision that public education

was a right which must be available to all on equal terms." And again, it is the NAACP that will work to bring forth an accurate, thorough and honest report on the state of the Brown v. Board of Education law, as well as work to make this law available in every classroom to every student throughout the land. A final report will be sent to President Bush with our recommendations for legislative change. Mfume is one of the chairs of the Brown Commission established by the NAACP to assess the successes and current challenges in the Brown law.

The year-long NAACP 50th Brown Anniversary Commemoration will include public programs hosted in the states of the original petitioners in the Brown case. Each program will strategically convene different community sectors essential in the development of campaigns that led to the case's 1954 decision: teachers, parents, attorneys, students, community advocates, faith-based representatives, federal and state legislators, judges and educational agency leaders.

Historically, South Carolina's public classrooms have been a fertile battle ground for access to equal rights. In 1949, poor black parents in Clarendon County represented their children in the

Briggs v. Elliott lawsuit against South Carolina for "equal educational advantages."

By 1952, Briggs v. Elliott made its way - along with cases from Kansas, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia - to the U.S. Supreme Court. South Carolina hired the nation's most famous appellate lawyer, John W. Davis, while Summerton parents depended on Thurgood Marshall, then an NAACP lawyer and later the first African American appointed to the nation's highest court.

On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court concluded unanimously, "in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

Founded in 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its half-million adult and youth members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities and monitor equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

## THE TRUTH CLINIC A 911 To DR. M. L. KING

Dr. King, we need you now more than ever. We need a Drum Major for peace, for justice and for righteousness. I know you can sense my desperate plea because you are sitting either on the right or left side of the Creator at the confluence of all things past, present and future. You sit there because you committed your life to serving humanity and spreading HIS message of love.

I am sure your heart must grieve to see that almost four decades after you paid the ultimate price for humanity that we are still perceiving the Basic Drum Major. In fact, lesson you taught. We as individuals and as a nation have not listened to your admonishments but instead are preoccupied with being first, being recognized, achieving distinction, being praised and being superior. And as you predicted, the perversion of this instinct has adversely distorted both our individual and national personalities. We see criminal actions being rationalized as necessary, anti-social behavior accepted as the norm, and immoral acts defined as corporate or political expedients.

Dr. King, could you petition the Lord of Lords to consider giving you a short leave of absence so you can reincarnate among those of us in dire need of a true Drum Major? Since you have been gone many have tried to wear the mantle but the challenge of "He who would be the greatest among you shall be your servant" has been too great a load.

The new pretenders have so coveted building grandiose titles, donning the royal regalia, exercising the mantle of power, and associating with the rich and powerful that they neglect to serve anyone's interests but their own.

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## Dr. King's Legacy of Action

By George E. Curry

The observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday each year, kicks off the busiest season for African-American public speakers. After a string of MLK speeches, we quickly head into Black History Month or what my friend Michael Eric Dyson calls Negro Employment Month.

I have three King Day speeches at Morehouse College in Denmark, S.C. this Thursday, at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. on Friday and at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. on Monday. As I prepared for my King observance presentations - and rested up for the February marathon - I reflected not only on Dr. King's life, but how grueling his travel schedule was each year.

In an interview with Playboy magazine, Dr. King disclosed that he worked 20-hour days, traveled 325,000 miles a year, giving 450 speeches. Most of those speeches were not on university campuses; many were in small towns where African-Americans were fighting to remove racial barriers. I know because he spoke at a Black church in my hometown, Tusculoosa, Ala., when I was a teenager.

I had never heard a speaker as eloquent as Dr. King. And I still haven't. He spoke without notes and used a rich vocabulary. Andrew Young, one his top aides, would later remark that Dr. King used words so large that we didn't know what they meant - and nor did White people.

Unlike some national figures who seem impatient when dealing with what we once called the common man (and woman), Dr. King always found time for people with Ph.D.s or no D. He didn't care whether the worker held jobs that were white collar, blue collar or

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## Don't Live in the Past; Learn from it

By James Clagman  
We spend a lot of time reminiscing about the past.

We devote some of our time remembering and revering those who have gone before us, and we commemorate the accomplishments of past generations. In addition, we commiserate about the treatment and mistreatment of Black people in this country ever since we were brought here. Personally, I often ponder and write about the past 39 years of Black American history. Now that 2003 has passed, and in some cases, passed us by, what do we have to look forward to in 2004? Will we relax in the easy chair of the past, or will we get up and start running down the road of new possibilities?

The first thing we do each year is celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In my hometown, they will get together, hold hands and march, sing and pray, render sermon-like speeches, make political pontifications, and quote "I have a dream" so many times it will almost trivialize the point King was making on August 28, 1963. They will tell us what Dr. King wanted and what he meant and what he would be doing if he were alive today. They will co-opt his "dream" and use it as a balm to soothe Black folks who are fighting for justice - fighting for the very things King was fighting for when he shared his "dream" with us.

What they will not do in my hometown, where the King Day March has been going on for many years now, is deal with anything that has to do with economic empowerment, like starting an investment fund by collecting a few dollars from the thousands who attend the memorial celebration. (MLK Black Business Investment Fund. Now there's a

thought. It sure beats naming streets after him). They will not discuss what Dr. King said during the end of his final speech in Memphis in 1968. They will genuflect at Dr. King's ideals but will not implement his instructions. When it comes to Dr. King, it's much easier to relive and celebrate the past than it is to do the work of realizing the "dream."

After King Day, we will move into Black History Month. McDonald's will roll out their Black Inventors Campaign, once again for the umpteenth time, and tell us how smart our people were, that is, if you buy a Big Mac. Other corporations will mesmerize us with Black History Month sales and promotions. We will as team the pyramid builders and celebrate our great heritage, all while we continue our conspicuous consumption, as described by economist, Thorstein Veblen, and our "verbal recalcitrance" when it comes to obtaining true economic freedom.

As this year goes by, and we get caught up in our celebrations and holidays, some of us will face another New Year's Eve and make resolutions for 2005, having been lulled to sleep once again by the "dreams" of Unig, Self-Determination, and other Kwanzaa Principles: we celebrate rather than practice each year. The powers-that-be will exhalt, having realized the benefit of another year of high retail sales and billions in revenue from our \$700 billion in "Black Buying Power." Let the party begin - again!

The past is a great teacher but a poor landlord. As long as we keep reliving the past, we will

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## The Dunbar Annual Debutante Presentation

The Dunbar Social and Charity Club, Inc. recently held its 82nd Annual Winter Ball and Debutante Presentation. The evening theme "Gossamer Nights of Dreams and Illusions" showcased an elegant night at the Fairmount Hotel in Downtown Dallas.

The Dunbar Social and Charity Club, Inc. was and is a group of progressive men vitally concerned and involved in the support and operation of our community. The organization consists of persons from various professions and disciplines, educators, realtors, civic leaders, medical profession, sales executives, morticians, construction industry, government, city officials, and a host of other professionals.

Mrs. T. J. Johnson, Assistant United States Attorney, presented a special presentation for the evening and Dunbar Leonard Matthews, Education Chairman presented a \$1,000 check to the Dunbar Learning Center with Dunbar C. H. (Promotional Director) & Mrs. Dotson, Sr. donating \$500 for books. Dunbar Donald S. Chandler, Ph. D also presented a check from the Association of Black Psychologists of Texas for \$500 to the Dunbar Learning Center.

Dignitaries from the City of Plano to help celebrate with Debutantes Salena and Bizu were the Honorable Pat Evans, Mayor of Plano and Plano Council Member Sally Magnuson. Also enjoying the evening with the Debutantes were John and Myrtle Freeman Hightower.

Dunbar Lew (Co-Chairman & Master of Ceremony) & Margarette (Pete) Lewis sponsored the beautiful and elegant Ms. Bizu Hailu Ejigu. She is the daughter of Mr. Hailu & Mrs. Enanu Ejigu of Plano, Texas.

A 2002 graduate of Plano West Senior High School, Debutante Bizu currently attends Collin Community College in Plano, Texas with a major in International Business and Nursing and also with a minor in Spanish.

Debutante Bizu says that she believe that God has presented this opportunity to reflect an appreciation for the work that she has done over the past two years in her college efforts. She also believes that she has allowed herself the chance to explore intellectual and motivational outlets. She continually seeks ways to contribute to the community as a whole.

Mr. Kidus Getahun, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Teshan Tesferra of Dallas, Texas currently attends Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas and majoring in Electrical Engineering was Debutante Bizu's escort for the

evening. Dunbar Don & Mrs. T.J. Johnson sponsored the beautiful and elegant Ms. Salena April Fenceroy. She is the daughter of Reverend Samuel & Mrs.



(Left to Right, Front Row) T.J. Johnson, Plano Mayor Pat Evans, Enanu Ejigu, Bizu Ejigu, Myrtle Hightower, Sally Magnuson  
(Left to Right, Back Row) Don Johnson, Hailu Ejigu, and Kidus Getahun

Gloria Fenceroy of Plano, Texas.

A 2000 graduate of Plano Senior High School, Debutante Salena earned a four-year scholarship to The University of North Texas from the John Freeman Hightower Scholarship Committee in Plano, Texas. She has a 4.0 grade point average and is majoring in Early Childhood Development through Grade Four and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Debutante Salena gives thanks to her parents who have made her the refined woman of excellence she is. She has made her commitments to Jesus Christ and to her academics and community involvement.

Mr. Derrick A. Smith, the son of the late Mrs. Ernestine Smith and Reverend Joe Lee Spencer of Bastrop, Louisiana was Debutante Salena's escort for the evening.

Dunbar John & Mrs. Joan Ingram



(Left to Right) Salena April Fenceroy, Adrian Danielle Webster, Portia Jamalia Thompson, Biz Hailu Ejigu

sponsored the beautiful and elegant Ms. Portia Jamalia Thompson. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jacqueline Williams of Dallas, Texas.

A 2002 graduate of the Dallas Independent School of Education and Social Services Magnet at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center of Dallas, Texas. Debutante Portia earned a full scholarship to The University of Texas at Dallas Summer Program, Academic Bridge Program. She currently attends The University of North Texas with a double major in Behavior Analysis and Social Work.

Debutante Portia is especially proud of her community involvement. Her favorite quote is, "I am not judged by the number of times that I fail, but by the number of times I succeeded; and the number of times I succeed is in direct proportion to the number of times I can fail and keep trying."

Mr. Michael Braxton Berry, the son of Mrs. Michael Berry of San Antonio and Mrs. Annette Berry of Dallas currently attends The University of North Texas in Denton, Texas with a major in Sports Psychology was Debutante Portia's escort for the evening.

Dunbar John & Mrs. Joan Ingram also sponsored the beautiful and elegant Ms. Adrian Danielle Webster. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jeri (Ramona Webster) Robinson of DeSoto, Texas and the late Mr. Wendell Webster.

A 1999 graduate of DeSoto High School, DeSoto, Texas, Debutante Adrian currently attends Xavier University College of Pharmacy in New Orleans, Louisiana majoring in Pharmacy.

Debutante Adrian gives thanks to her mother, Mrs. Robinson, for being her strength and teaching her how to be a woman. To her late father, Mr. Wendell Webster she give thanks for life and love. To her father, Mr. Robinson, for being her friend and someone she can always depend on, her grandmothers for their words of wisdom and being her number one fans and her family and friends for just loving and supporting her.

Mr. Cornell King, the son of Mr. Mitchell King and Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Law attends Baylor University and is majoring in Graphic Design and Business was Debutante Adrian's escort for the evening.



## North Texas Job Corps Recognizing the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



THIRD MONDAY  
OF JANUARY

"And when  
we allow  
freedom to  
ring..."



...from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jew, and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing... "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

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## Around The Town

### On-going

Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972.548.4114. You can also visit [www.co.collin.tx.us](http://www.co.collin.tx.us).

Interactive Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland, a miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit complete with rain forest, arts and crafts. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Children 2-10 years \$4/Adults \$3. Call 972.386.6555.

Interurban Railway Station Museum, 901 E. 15th Street, Plano, Historic Downtown. From 1908 to 1948, this was a station on the

Texas Electric Railroads' Interurban Line. Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. For special tours call 972.941.2117.

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by Team Networking Collin County. The nonprofit, business-to-business group oversees several chapters, with the Collin County group meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required, and more information is available online at [www.teamnetworking.com](http://www.teamnetworking.com).

**General Information**  
The American Red Cross has announced that all blood levels are

low. O Negative and O Positive blood types are at a 4-hour level, other blood types are at less than one day supply - well below the two day optimal supply needed to serve the community. The American Red Cross is urging people to schedule an appointment to give blood. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE, or visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org).

**Through February 3**  
Works of art by Brazilian artist Denise Lion will be on exhibit at the Courtyard Theater, 1509 Avenue H, downtown Plano. Free.

**Through February 28**  
The Dallas Center for Contemporary Art presents "Piece Work: fiber & multiples", a survey of artists working in fiber, including embroidery,

stitchery, weaving and fabric. Public opening January 16, 8 - 9 p.m. 2801 Swiss Ave, Dallas. Call 214.821.2522, or visit [www.thecontemporary.net](http://www.thecontemporary.net).

**Support Groups**  
Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death, or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For information call 972-519-1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850

Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800.

Collin County Community College District's Counseling Services offers individual and group counseling, crisis assessment, intervention and referral. For more information call Counseling Services at 972.881.5779 at the Spring Creek Campus; 972.548.6615 at the Central Park Campus; or 972.377.1671 at the Preston Ridge Campus.

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
Women needed to mentor teen mothers at Hope Cottage Pregnancy and Adoption Center, 22 years and older. Spend time with a teen mother and her baby, providing emotional

support, positive role modeling and a listening ear. To make a difference in the life of a teen mother and her baby, call Tara Pitt at 214.526.8721, ext 226, or visit [www.hopecottage.org](http://www.hopecottage.org).

The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. Foster homes are also needed while permanent homes are found for animals. Call 972.578.7510.

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# THE TRUTH CLINIC Resolutions For A Better America

Americans entered the New Year buoyed by a barrage of good news. The stock market was trending upward, Saddam Hussein had been captured, and if the Christmas holiday shopping binge is any indicator the public's confidence is climbing. While we may lament the present state of the rest of the world one can only stop and think how good it is to be an American.

We take the good things for granted. We presume it must be like this everywhere. But in the midst of all that America offers we still appear to be in a state of confusion and uncertainty. With the potential to be a model society and world leader we go out of our way to turn friendship opportunities into deadly games of national brinkmanship.

We seem to be a nation beset by political, economic, social, and religious paradox. We speak words detailing our noble calling, high moral purpose, and concern for the less fortunate. Yet many of our national policies contradict the rhetoric. We are at odds with ourselves both domestically and internationally.

We say we prize unity but we practice division. We say we want inclusion yet we build many ideological walls and very few bridges. We strive to insure freedom for all while falling deeper into economic and spiritual bondage. The pursuit of the good life, while mortgaging our future and the future of our children, has cost more than we can afford.

We have more of everything, yet a distant outsider observing the amount of anti-depressants we consume and schizophrenic behavior we

display would think we have nothing.

We have inherited a zest for independence. But in the years since our break from English tyranny we have become selfish and greedy. We misuse our vast power to exploit and abuse.

It is time to take stock, to revisit our past and decide where we need to go and how to get there. Clearly the neoconservatives that control the current administration are focused on American global dominance. Nothing wrong with the concept but the implementation, as shown by our foray into the Middle East, is totally wrong. It is time for America to resolve that it will be a world leader not a world dictator. The following list is a beginning.

Resolved that no elected official will be above obeying the constitution. This is the cornerstone of our strength. But we are protected by the Constitution only so long as the vast majority of Americans insist that it be obeyed, putting loyalty to that above loyalty to race, religion or political office.

Resolved that America will cease its insidious assault on our civil liberties. Over 200 municipalities across the country have passed resolutions against the onerous Patriot Act. We are dangerously close to surrendering our liberty to the fear mongers who use terrorism as their modern day demon.

Resolved that America will cease its domination policy of pre-emption in the belief that the rest of the world will acquiesce to American wishes. They will not. Our military strength has been held up for all to see just how ill prepared we are to carry out a doctrine of pre-emption. Iraq and

Afghanistan, two third world countries without modern military technology, have stretched our forces so thin that the civilian reserves have had to be mobilized. With our vaunted might we still do not have control of either country.

Resolved that American regulatory agencies will treat the corporate scandals, malfeasance and abuses as criminal actions and not merely case studies for the Harvard Business School. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been stolen from workers and investors while government overseers look askance or slow roll investigations.

America's misguided domestic and foreign policies are guiding the country into grave danger. What we need now is not empty-headed posturing for the media cameras but wise leadership that respects the rights and cultures of others. It has been said that perception, whether true or false, becomes the reality that drives one's reaction. Currently America is perceived as an arrogant bully whose tactics are deceit, deception and brute force.

While Americans live together there is little meeting of the minds, little compromise on issues, and no apparent middle ground. America's self-serving leaders should understand that peace and security can result from the sincere efforts of good neighbors; that democracy can be offered but not forced on other nations.

America is still a beautiful work in progress; one that we should resolve to put back on the right track.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: [www.truthclinic.com](mailto:www.truthclinic.com)

## You & Your Government

### Plano Seeks Community Input for Haggard Park Public Art

The City of Plano's Public Art Committee is in the process of selecting an artist to design the public art installation at Plano's Haggard Park. The city is inviting citizens to attend a Public Art Forum on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Courtyard Theater, in downtown Plano at 1509 Avenue H.

The forum will allow citizens to share what they value about the park and will provide the artists with inspiration for their designs. Three talented and diverse artists have been selected as finalists - Eliseo Garcia of Dallas, Texas; David Hickman of Dallas, Texas; and Michael Pavlovsky of Fort Worth, Texas.

Under the direction of the City of Plano's Public Art Committee, an artist selection panel consisting of art professionals, community members, members of the Public Art Committee and city staff convened in early December 2003, to review the artist applications received in from a Request for Qualifications. Following the public forum in February, the three finalists will have eight weeks to complete their project designs and submit them to the selection panel for consideration.

For additional information, contact Sabrina Hamilton, City of Plano's Creative Arts Coordinator at 972.941.5201.

### City of Garland City Council Upcoming Elections

The City of Garland is about to undergo some changes. In May of 2004 there is a city election scheduled, and new faces are expected on the scene. Due to term limits, Jackie Feagin of District 5 will step down, leaving his seat open. Councilman Michael Holden, District 1, is up for re-election. Mr. Holden has made it known that he will run again. Bob Gharis has filed with the City Secretary, the name of his campaign treasurer, and all indications are that he will be a candidate for the council seat in district 1.

Councilman Jim Dunn will also not be able to run again because of term limits, but his wife, Terri Dunn, has said that she will run for his place on the council. So far no one has stated that they will oppose her. Councilman Weldon Bradley's first term on the Garland City Council will be up and he will probably run for a second term. He represents District 4.

**Villages of Eastgate**  
Another change in Garland will be at the Village of Eastgate Apartments. It was determined and voted on by former city councils and by the present city council, that a better land use for the area would be to redevelop the land on which the apartments are located. That is scheduled to begin in July of 2004. Residents of Eastgate are being provided with the necessary information and help to relocate to other areas of the city.

### Crash Recovery System Makes U.S. Debut in McKinney

A new device called the "Crash Recovery System" will be unveiled for the first time in the United States at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5 at McKinney Fire Station #5, 6600 W. Virginia Parkway.

The Crash Recovery System, created by Moditech Rescue Systems out of the Netherlands, was designed for emergency medical personnel to be able to type in a vehicle identification number and find out where the safety systems in the vehicle are. At vehicle accident locations, emergency responders are often confronted with sophisticated safety systems within the vehicle, creating a barrier when emergency personnel are trying to rescue a victim. This new PDA-type device provides critical information on the scene of an accident, thus saving response time.

Ron Moore, McKinney Fire Department Training Officer is excited about this new device. "Often times, when emergency personnel are at the scene of an accident and are rescuing an injured driver or passenger, they are hurt because they cut into an undeployed airbag, fuel line or other part of the vehicle," he said. "This will help eliminate these types of injuries to our EMS personnel so they can concentrate on the rescue."

The presentation will include a demonstration of the Crash Recovery System, as well as an overview of the device.

For more information, please contact Ron Moore at 214-578-3405.

## Seasoned Professional Joins Leader in Health Industry

By Joseph E. Green-Bishop  
McKinney, TX - San Francisco native, Curtis Coats is settling into Dallas after recently being named director of global communications for Mannatech Incorporated, a ten-year old Coppell based nutritional supplement company with a worldwide presence and a line of wellness products that make it the leader in the health industry.

"I am enjoying the Dallas area," said Coats, who lives just North of Dallas with his wife and their children Nick, Alexis and Jordan. "Dallas is smack in the middle of the country and gives me easy access to both the east and the west coasts."

Coats directs Mannatech's global communications strategies. His duties include public relations, corporate communications and communicating with the firm's global sales associate team.

"The associate relations piece is a huge part of our business," Coats said. "Mannatech has more than 800,000 associates in the United States and around the world and their needs from a communications and public relations standpoint are

intensive."  
"Mannatech has a wonderful product line. We have products that help people reach and maintain the very best levels of health," Coats said. "I am excited about being part of a company that has a global impact and



which has products that are crucial to the proper functioning of the body."

Coats, a former public relations executive with Sprint, said that Ambrotose AO, a new product developed by scientists at Mannatech, is the most powerful antioxidants on the

market today. The new Mannatech antioxidant product, which is both proprietary and patent pending, has been designed to help counter the harmful effects of toxins, other environmental sources of stress, daily physical stress and poor diet—all of which can damage the body's DNA, cells, tissues and lead to premature aging.

"We are really excited about this product," says Coats. Laboratory studies and tests have demonstrated that Ambrotose AO's efficacy surpassed other antioxidant products and it tested three times more powerful than the next leading competitive product, he added.

Sam Caster, co-founder, chairman of the board and CEO of Mannatech, said that his company was excited that Coats had joined its team.

"He's a solid professional," said Caster who grew up in Oak Cliff. "We were looking for someone who could help us take our message to the world. We have found that person in Curtis."

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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 smart 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 desire 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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In one of the selections in "A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.," edited by James M. Washington, King told of the story of two men who had flown to Atlanta to meet with a Black civil rights leader.

"Before they could begin to talk, the porter sweeping the floor drew the local leader aside to talk about a matter that troubled him. After fifteen minutes had passed, one of the visitors said bitterly to his companion, 'I am just too busy for this kind of nonsense. I haven't come a thousand miles to sit and wait while he talks to a porter.' The other replied, 'When the day comes that he stops having time to talk to a porter, on that day I will not have the time to come one mile to see him.'"

Of the thousands of letters that poured into the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office every day, many of them were answered by the SCLC president. I know this from personal experience. One of my proudest possessions is a letter from King. It doesn't matter that it was probably a form letter and it doesn't matter that his signature was stamped. It matters only that he cared enough to reply.

Next Monday, George W. Bush, like Ronald Reagan before him, will claim to be acting in the spirit of Dr. King. Bush will praise the slain human rights leader with a straight face even though he has no domestic program to speak of and opposes affirmative action, a program strongly favored by Dr. King.

In an interview with "Playboy" magazine, King was asked: "Do you feel it's fair to request a multi-billion-dollar program of preferential treatment for the Negro, or for any other minority group?" King responded: "I do indeed. Can any fair-minded citizen deny that the Negro has been deprived? Few people reflect that for two centuries the Negro was enslaved, robbed of any wages - potential accrued wealth which would have been the legacy of his descendants. All of America's wealth today could not adequately compensate its Negroes for centuries of exploitation and humiliation..."

Given the United States' current involvement in Iraq, this is as good a time as any to remember that King received his harshest criticism - from Whites and Black civil rights leaders - for opposing the war in Vietnam. For his courage, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Stockholm, Sweden. At home, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover tapped his phones, planted spies in SCLC, tried to destroy his marriage by sending compromising tapes to his wife and even urged Dr. King to commit suicide.

As we observe Dr. King's birthday this year, we should ignore all the speakers who will pretend to tell us what Dr. King would say or think were he alive today. Instead, use King's life as our model. That speaks louder than any words he or anyone claiming to speak for him can utter.

George E. Curry is editor-in-chief of the NNPA News Service and BlackPressUSA.com. His most recent book is "The Best of Emmerge Magazine," an anthology published by Ballantine Books. He can be reached through his Web site, georgecurry.com.

Begin at MLK Blvd. and Lamar Grand Marshal, Rev. Denny Davis, St. John Baptist Church

**Denton**  
January 19, 2004, 5:00 pm  
University of North Texas- Annual Martin Luther King Denton Community Program  
5 p.m. - March from Fred Moore Park to the Martin Luther King Center  
5:30 p.m. - Martin Luther King Observation Program  
Free admission

**January 29, 2004, 6:30 pm- 9:30pm**  
"Eyes on the Prize" Excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
University Union Lyceum  
Dr. Roddey will reflect on the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by exploring excerpts from his speeches from Birmingham and Salem. A collage of video clips will bring to life the passion of Dr. King and renew his vision for the future.

**January 29, 2004**  
UNT Annual Martin Luther King Observation Program  
March to Denton's Town Square  
Free admission  
Visit www.unt.edu for updates on UNT's MLK observance

**Garland**  
January 17, 2004, 10:00 am  
The NAACP Garland Branch will host its 15th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and March.  
Theme: "Saluting Our Troops, Police and Firefighters in King Fashion"

Parade Route: North on Dairy Road at Beverly Drive to Highway 66  
West on Avenue D (Hwy. 66) to First Street  
North on First Street to Avenue B (Hwy. 66)  
West on Avenue B (Hwy. 66) to Fifth Street  
North on Fifth Street to Austin Street  
Winners of the 2004 MLK Float Contest will be announced. A commemorative program will be held immediately following the parade in the main auditorium of the Patty Gramville Arts Center, Fifth at Austin Streets, downtown Garland. The MLK Citywide Community Youth Choir and the Ida Handley Elementary School Choir will perform.

**January 18, 2004, 4:00 pm**  
A Special Steppers, Drill Team and Parade Dance Extravaganza will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2004, in the main auditorium.

For more information, please contact the NAACP-Garland Branch at (972) 381-5044, voice box #5.

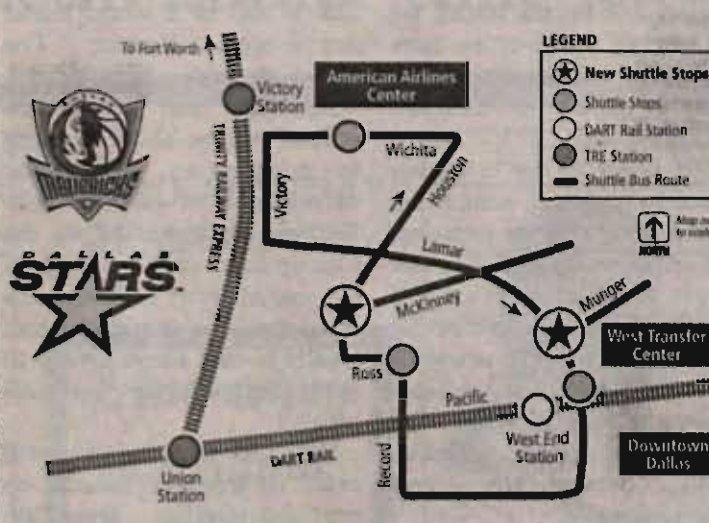
**Plano**  
January 17, 2004, 10:00 am  
The Plano MLK Celebration Committee will conduct a number of events around the city to honor the birthday and life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year's **Local MLK Celebrations Page 5**

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**Local Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrations**

**Dallas**  
January 16  
23rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration-Theme "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off!"  
Candle Lighting Ceremony, 6:30 p.m. - Statue Area, 2901 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Community/Volunteer Appreciation Program, Senior Adult Wing, 7:30 p.m.  
Keynote speaker: Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price  
Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center

**January 17**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Parade/March, 10 a.m.  
The parade assembly begins at City Hall and concludes at the Martin Luther King Community Center in Fair Park.  
Participants include bands, floats, community/civic groups, churches and celebrity guest comedian, Sheryl Underwood.  
Grand Marshal: Rev. Frederick D. Haynes III, Friendship-West Baptist Church, community award winner; Joby Chef Express, volunteer award winner; Skip Murphy, K104-KKDA/KRNB, business award winner.  
Honorary Grand Marshal: Erykah Badu, R&B singer/songwriter  
Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Banquet - Adam's Mark Hotel  
400 N. Olive St.  
VIP reception and auction, 6:30 p.m.

**Dinner, 7:30 p.m.**  
Keynote speaker: Patricia Russell-McCloud, professional orator and author, named by Black Enterprise as one of the top five business motivators in America and by Ebony magazine as one of the most influential people in America.  
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**A 911 To Dr. M.L. King Page 1**

Drum Majors get great satisfaction from their snobbishness, elitism and status symbols which gives a sense of superiority and builds walls that separate us into racial, sexual, religious, political and economic classes.

Dr. King we need you to come back because your dream extended far beyond the fight for civil rights and racial equality. You had a vision of a world where all people are seen as human beings with equal access to education, employment, health care and justice, regardless of race, religion or class. We need another lesson in how to combine divine love with brotherhood to all.

You dared to challenge the dictatorial military-industrial complex, the exploitive economics of world banking, the self-serving privileged class, and the unjust war (Vietnam) of your time. You stood for the right use of the Drum Major Instinct and died because of it.

Today we are facing many of the

same issues. America is waging another unjust war for reasons so transparent they make the Vietnam War seem just. Yet those that would be Drum Majors have tepid tongues that vacillate depending on the mood of the prevailing poll. They talk loudly and endlessly about the need to do something about homelessness, affordable medical care, the environment, fair trade, just wages, the justice system, election reform, the education system, and peace in the Middle East yet they pervert the Drum Major Instinct into selfish exploitation of those they should be serving.

Dr. King, we live in the same misguided world that you described 40 years ago. The nations of the world are still engaged in a bitter contest for supremacy and America is in the forefront of trying to rule the world. If something doesn't happen to stop this suicidal trend, none of us are going to be around, because somebody's going to make a senseless mistake and unleash the real weapons of mass destruction.

What you warned of then is just as

valid today. You said that God has a way of breaking the backbone of decadent powerful nations. And it can happen to America because God didn't call America to do what she's now doing- to engage in a senseless unjust war in which we are killing thousands of innocents. And even though the world knows it is unjust we won't stop because of our pride and arrogance as a nation.

We seem to be carrying the 20th century values of greed, selfishness, hypocrisy, and materialism over into the 21st century. We talk peace but deliver war and more arms. Our leaders make speeches and pronouncements with high moral values as keywords but rarely do we see those values enacted by our politicians, corporate heads, civic leaders and, increasingly, religious leaders.

Dr. King, we need you to bring the Drum Major message home one more time.

James W. Breedlove  
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: [www.truthclinic.com](http://www.truthclinic.com)

**Local MLK Celebrations Page 4**

theme is "His Vision, Our Mission".

The weekend celebration starts January 17 at 10:00 am with a parade in East Plano. It travels south on Avenue K from Parker Road to 15th Street and City Hall. The Huntington High School Band from Shreveport, LA and the South Oak Cliff High School Band will perform. The parade will also include many other community organizations, cars, floats, and walkers. Plano Mayor Pat Evans will be the parade Grand Marshal.

Immediately following the parade, a program will be held at Plano City Hall with guest speaker, Dr. A. Marcia Nelson, a nationally renowned high school principal and motivational speaker and a social performance by Miss Teen Texas 2003.

**Chase Brown.**

A health fair will also be held at City Hall during this time providing free screenings and health information to the public.

**12:00 pm**

Free lunch will be served at the Douglass Community Center at 1111 Avenue H.

**January 18, 2004, 7:00 pm**

"An Evening of Celebration" will be held at the Center Road United Methodist Church with performances by the MLK All-Community Choir. Clarence Tinsley and Steve Eagle of Fox 4 News will emcee this event.

**January 19, 8:00 am**

A Prayer Leadership Breakfast will be held on Monday at Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus. Following the breakfast, a panel of city leaders will discuss current and pertinent issues involving

our community. Also following the breakfast, a Teen Leadership Forum will also be held at GCCC with area high school students discussing topics concerning our youth.

**January 22, 7:00 pm**

Plano ISD will hold its annual MLK Multicultural Observance at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. The program, "A Celebration of Freedom" will include a parade of nations with students representing over 200 countries.

Artwork from the MLK art contest will be displayed at all of the programs.

All events are free and the public is encouraged to attend. For more information, visit the Plano MLK Celebration Committee web site at [WWW.PLANOMLK.ORG](http://WWW.PLANOMLK.ORG) or contact Earl Simpkins at 972-422-0012 ext. 128.

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# Howard Hewett, NtheKnow.com and 105.7 KRNB at Stone Trail, January 25

Howard Hewett's voice has been described as blessed by angels, with just a touch of daring earthiness to make for a satisfying and soulful experience. The Akron, Ohio born vocalist received his just due at a celebrity-packed party thrown by Rhino Records in celebration of the recent release of The Very Best of Howard Hewett. Also present were die-hard fans of this soulful singer, who entertained the audience with selections from that 16-song CD, including his signature Shalamar song "This Is For The Lover In You" and his own composition, the powerful gospel classic "Say Amen."

After seven years with hitmakers Shalamar, Hewett embarked on a solo career. The move reaped immediate and positive results with 1986's "I'm For

Real" (# 2) and "Stay" (# 8), 1988's "Strange Relationship" (# 9) and



1990's "Show Me" (# 2). All these songs are included on The Very Best Of, as well as

such late-night radio staples as "I Commit To Love," "Once, Twice, Three Times,"

"If I Could Only Have That Day Back" and "Heaven Sent You," featuring stellar bassist Stanley Clarke. And wait, there's more -- like outstanding remakes of The Eagles' # 8 Pop hit "I Can't Tell You Why" and Bob Dylan's "Just Like A Woman," two songs that Hewett treats with such respect that they have become almost as identified with him as the originals.

Howard has more than just the Rhino CD to celebrate these days. His latest collection, The Journey was released earlier this year on Harmony Records. As song titles of the some of the 15 tracks -

including "Angel," "Grace And Mercy," and "Somebody's Watchin' Over Me," indicate, it's an inspirational album. Its strong vocal work - to say nothing of his performance at the Rhino release party - offer proof that Howard hasn't lost a step since those hit-filled 1980s.

"Of all the fine singers working today, Howard Hewett is among the finest." Those affirmative words come from none other than superstar producer/songwriter Babyface, an unabashed fan of the artistry of one Howard Hewett.

### Torque

Biker Cary Ford (Martin Henderson) returns to town to reunite with his girlfriend, Shane (Monet Mazur). Henry (Matt Schulze), leader of the Hellions gang, is after Cary because he stole some bikes that had drugs stored in the gas tanks. Henry frames Cary for the murder of Junior, the younger brother of Trey (Ice Cube), who heads up another gang, the Reapers. Starts January 16, 2004

### Along Came Polly

Reuben (Ben Stiller) watches his wife, Lisa (Debra Messing), run off with a French man (Hank Azaria) on their honeymoon, and then sadly returns to New York City, where he works at an insurance company. Reuben is behind his company's flawless risk-analysis software, but he also uses it to manage his life, so he's a bit gun-shy when he meets a new woman, Polly Prince (Jennifer Aniston). Starts January 16, 2004

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## Sevendust in Concert: NextStage at Grand Prairie, February 14

Sevendust is a band that's made their reputation by touring endlessly. The band originally formed in 1994 when bandmates Vince Hornsby and Morgan Rose saw an R&B band fronted by Lajon Witherspoon and stole him away, recruited John Connolly and Lee Banks (who would quit in 1995 and be replaced by Clint Lowery) and got Jay Jay French (remember Twisted Sister? That guy) to manage them after some convincing. The band then headed to New York City to record their first demos under French, and after a disastrous performance at a folk club of all places, they were eventually discovered and after a while, their song "My Ruin" appeared on the Mortal Combat soundtrack later that year, and they were signed toTVT Records in 1996.

Their self-titled debut, released in 1997, was initially a very slow seller, but after landing a gig on Ozzfest that summer, their luck changed for the better, and after that tour ended, they began playing to larger and larger audiences, and by 1999, the debut had gone gold, but they weren't able to attend the party as they were recording Home, released later that year. After co-headlining stints with Creed and other bands of the like, their reputation grew even more, and after more massive touring, they released Animosity in 2001 and are touring once again. I guess the road is their life.

Sevendust (1997): B-

"You opened up my eyes"

Cookie Monster vocals. Why'd it have to be Cookie Monster vocals?

In case you don't know, that's often referred to as "death metal grumbling" or "GGGRGRHGRHGRHGRHGRHGRHGRHGRH!" Anyway, this here album is what made Sevendust major stars in their own right and served to make them huge, and whole power to 'em for that, but...those vocals! God, make them stop!

Digressing from that, the opening tune "Black" sets the tone for the album with pummeling riffs, thundering drums, incomprehensible vocals, and a really angry vibe to the whole thing. That is cemented further with "Bitch," a grinding slab of vitriol with some nice singing from Lajon in the beginning before it becomes a huge thrashing diatribe against an enemy or evil person--you name 'em, and the song will probably apply to them. "Terminator," however, is long, boring, slow, dumb and incomprehensible once again--damn those accursed vocals! But the likewise brutal "Too Close To Hate" picks the momentum up once again with its soaring chorus and more grinding metal, but the momentum is ground to a halt with the stupid "Wired," a bland thrash tune with more of those Cookie Monster vocals I loathe so. "Prayer," however, is an uplifting, peaceful (sort of) tune with a great lyrical slant and an awesome delivery from Lajon that echoes where the band would head on the next album, and "Face," with its brutal lyrics and uneasy mood, makes for quite the trip indeed.

"Speak" opens up side 2 with a bang and a whack with more brutality and screaming lyrics and more crappy vocals. "Will It Bleed" is an intriguing song with more heartfelt lyrics and a great, thought-provoking chorus ("I'd rather kill myself/Than put you through the pain again"). Unfortunately, though, the momentum is ground to

a halt with the final two tracks--"My Ruin," the track that introduced Sevendust to the world, is a slow, ambling piece of nothing that does exactly that for five minutes, and "Born To Die" is overrun by Cookie Monster vocals set to crappy lyrics and awful playing that'll nauseate many and please few.

So after the initial slow selling (300 copies in its first week) start for this

album, the guys landed a spot on Ozzfest and exploded into the mainstream, becoming stars almost overnight. Come 1999, this album would be at gold status, and the band would be recording their next album in a barn in Massachusetts missing the festivities.

Animosity (2001): A

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"Look at yourself and start to live again"

Touring does wonders for a band, wouldn't you agree? After traveling with various bands in the modern rock melodicism vein, it was only appropriate that some of it would leak into Sevendust's new record, which it did, but believe me, they still kept their hard side.

Appropriately, that side kicks off the album in the relentlessly brutal "Tits On A Boar," a song featuring some awesome screaming in the bridge and a profane, yet so exciting, chorus. Then we have "Praise," and with its punchy yet addictive chorus, great soulful singing from Lajon, and an awesome rumbling groove, you'll be giving praise to this tune in kind (ha! I made a funny!). The mellow vibe of "Trust" comes up next, and despite the violent screaming in the bridge, it's a calm, collected, almost ballad-like tune that'll really worm its way into your head. "Crucified" showcases the old and the new of Sevendust in a great manner as its chorus is contrasted by the angry groove in the verses. Then we hit the tragedy of "Xmas Day," the first ballad on the album, and the lyrics in this song are so depressing and heartbreaking that you'll be lucky if you make it through this one without choking up. The rumbling "Dead Set," with some awesome groove dynamics and more great singing, is a worthy addition to the band's canon of tunes, but "Shine" is a bit too ordinary and bland for my tastes.

Opening up side 2 is "Follow," and with Stained frontman Aaron Lewis backing Lajon up, the song becomes a creepy, haunting ballad unlike anything I've heard in a while—gee, a song benefited from the presence of AARON LEWIS?! It's a miracle. "Damaged" is a punishing, furious reminder of the guys' past with its screaming chorus and aggressive playing. Up next is the beautiful ballad "Live Again," and with an incredibly moving performance from Lajon and awesome lyrics to go along with it, it becomes a genuine classic. Next up are some experimental tunes in "Beautiful," which throws

electronic elements into the mix with surprisingly good results, and "Redefine," which has a prominent Indian music feel going on. Closing out the album is their tribute to James Lynn Strait, "Angel's Son." Pure beauty is what this tune is—from the reflective verses to the soaring chorus set to a great, stripped down performance from the band, it turns into another classic in the same vein as "Black," only not as heavy.

This album also went gold a bit after its release, continuing the band's success, and after touring for the album through 2002, they just set out on tour again earlier this year! Will they never stop?

Home (1999): B+

"From left to right"

I guess they just couldn't take it anymore, performing "Black" for the 10,539th time to a bunch of screaming fans. This album, released almost two years to the day as their debut, was an instant success and went gold quickly, eventually landing the guys a spot on a package tour with Three Doors Down and Creed (what a combination!), which is where I heard their music for the first time. Needless to say, their reputation spread, and up went the popularity, thanks in no part to this here record.

The furious title track kicks off the festivities with a pummeling guitar and double bass line in the beginning before turning into a song reminiscent of Living Colour if they were heavier—Lajon's vocals are about ten steps up from the Cookie Monster vocals on the album previous; they're more expressive and soulful. That change is more immediate on "Denial," a great hard rock tune featuring some great

singing in the chorus and nice lyrics (for them, anyway). "Headtrip" has an ungodly intensity running through it, from the volatile chorus to the bitter lyrics to the maybe-propane sounding yells in the background of said chorus. After some guitar diddling entitled "Insecure" comes "Reconnect," a simpler, more direct confrontational song with a great groove and some more awesome singing. Then up comes "Waffle," and this song just screams "radio hit" like no other—with its catchy chorus and monster groove countered by the peaceful verses, not to mention the part where Lajon sounds like he's singing "eat Musclix," it had reason to

lumbering tune with a great chorus and interesting lyrics. "Feel So," however, halts the momentum a bit—it's just a wee bit too by-the-book, if you know what I mean. After the seven second joke tune "Grasshopper" comes "Bender," and this one is truly terrifying—with guest vocals from Deftones frontman Chino Moreno, this one turns into a hair-raising, truly evil sounding tune and the screaming towards the end...creepy stuff, that.

And once again did the little band from Georgia that could tour endlessly as their latest release struck gold repeatedly. Not only would this record make them bigger than before, but it'd also cause a lot of envy amongst a certain demigod singer of a certain band on a certain package tour. Then there was a bit of tragedy—close friend James Lynn Strait, of the band Snot, was killed along with his dog Dobbs in a car accident. The guys recorded the song "Angel's Son" for the Strait Up tribute album, and with their next release, they'd get much more soulful and introspective.

Seasons (2003): B+

"Step up to me, step up to me"

The last couple of years haven't been kind to Sevendust. Last year, Lajon lost his brother Reginald, Dave Williams, lead singer of Drowning Pool and a close friend of the band, died as well, and Morgan's wife, the former bassist for Coal Chamber, got into a feud with former bandmate Dez Fafara that caused words to fly and slander to be thrown. Needless to say, the band soldiered on while keeping these events in mind and crafted another great album in the process.

The opening "Disease" features some great soulful singing from Lajon, some heavy guitars, great screaming, and an awesome chorus. "Enemy" throws rap into the mix and features another soulful harmonized chorus that's really catchy, and those lyrics are a rush and very fun to sing. The title track has a great crunching rhythm and a great lyrical slant, not to mention some more great soulful singing (I'm getting sick of saying that, but it's true!). "Broken Down" has a neat shuffling drumbeat in the verses and a great harmony chorus, more great singing, and an

unexpected ending. "Separate" has a damn catchy guitar line throughout the tune, a catchy chorus and a nice chug to it. "Honesty," however, just sort of sits there and doesn't do much of anything.

Side 2 opens with the heartbreaking ballad "Skeleton Song," featuring some piano (artistic leap alert!) and some gentle, almost lullaby-like singing, not to mention some sad, sad lyrics. But right after that, it's back to the heavy with "Disgrace," a chugging, melodic piece of music with some nice vocals (once again...lord). "Burned Out" just fails right out of the box, as it feels rushed and incomplete, especially in the

lyrics department. "Suffocate" has a nagging guitar line throughout and some desperate lyrics to go along with the dark mood of the song, and some gruff vocals (YEE-HA). "Gone," however, gets more melodic once again and it works nicely. But then, "Face To Face" closes the album out on a loud, angry, profane note with its blatant kiss-off lyrics and appropriate angry singing.

So, it's a raging return to form after a set of tragedies that would have destroyed a lesser group of people. As long as Sevendust keeps these happenings in perspective, we can expect to hear some more great music from them.



be. The pummeling "Rumble Fish" closes out side 1 with some really violent, profane lyrics and one massive chorus. "Licking Cream" opens side 2 up with a flourish and is easily the best song on the record—Lajon duets with Skunk Anansie singer Skin on this tune, and this woman has an incredible set of pipes. Just listen to the song and try to tell me you're not impressed—I will laugh heartily at you. Then we've got the haunting "Grasp" to contend with, and with its watery guitar line in the beginning giving way to a techno-industrial feel in the meat of the thing, not to mention another violent chorus, it makes for quite the bone-chilling experience indeed. Despite its incredibly goofy opening, "Crumbled" becomes a massive,

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## Honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by Visiting Texas' Historic Sites Travel Guide Showcases African American Heritage

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NLC, "My vision is to be a church of multi-cultural races and ages that will fulfill the Psalm 34:8 as found in the King James version, (O Taste and see that the Lord is Good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him)," said Rabb.

Bringing to NLC sound judgment and practical wisdom, Rabb has a fresh approach for building up the ministries. "I believe in practical ministries. Everyone is battling something," said Rabb of his "Overcomers" ministry where the goal is to provide assistance to those re-integrating the workplace or society through practical means of counseling. "I wasn't qualified," said Rabb of his pastoral appointment. "But I was equipped by God," he continued. The same holds true of his discipling to equip the young women of his congregation, "Girls need to know how to be young women for God's Purpose. Appropriate attire, healthy relationships, and intimacy with God, are paramount for the young women to learn", said the young pastor of NLC.

"He's on fire for God" said Jimmy King a member from the embryonic stage. "Six months ago, we started with only 9 of us. We're now up to 110 members. I love to see the outpouring of men in the

church," said King of the now 40% male ratios. "This is a place of worship. If you don't want to worship, don't come here" said King. Harriet Turner, a member from the beginning says their growth has been phenomenal, "We are growing so fast. I'm so excited about what God is doing here at NLC". Turner also a member from the start-up says the location in mesquite is no hindrance to her drive from Lancaster.

The NLC family is reaching out in all areas of development. They are developing an after school program and enlisting the assistance of Mesquite Independent School District (MISD) teachers where their expertise will be available to tutor students based on their own lesson plans.

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Teaching on the qualities of a Christian with a message entitled "The Gift", Rabb is certainly on track to a successful story of his own for the world to behold.

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never get to preparing for our future. And we can only prepare for our future by using the present to do all we can while we are alive. Unfortunately, we fall prey, sometimes willingly, to the hoopla of celebratory gestures and empty rhetoric from politicians and business owners who really have no interest in our future. They are quite willing to hold hands when it comes to our past but you can't find them with search warrant when it comes to supporting the economic future of Black folks. But that's all right; we can do that for ourselves.

Amos Wilson told us to get busy building some pyramids of our own, in addition to celebrating the ones our ancestors built. Since it would defy all logic for greedy, corrupt, and evil men to teach and promote the economic advancement of those outside their group, Black people had better get out of the past and get on with our future - for ourselves and among ourselves. Other sub-groups are doing just that, and we had better get with the program.

Here's an interesting thought to support my contention. Each year we get a mega-dose of Black history from corporate marketers and politicians, telling us how great we

"were." Why then do many of those same folks tell us to forget about the past when it comes to things like reparations, slavery, and lynching? They say, "That was in the distant past," "Let's move on," "All of the slaves and slave masters are dead." In one breath, they tell us to remember our history, but in the next breath they tell us to forget about it.

We must remember our past; we must teach it to our children and not allow others to do that in our stead. We must not, however, live in the past. It is there for our learning; it is there for the benefit of our collective future. Reflect on 2003, and then get busy "doing" in 2004.

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## Bishop Reflects on Milestones in Letter to King

Dec. 2, 2003  
Each year, United Methodist Bishop Woodie W. White writes a letter to the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., in advance of King's Jan. 15 birthday. White, 68, was the first staff executive for the denomination's Commission on Religion and Race, where he served from 1969 to 1984. He was elected a bishop in 1984 and led the church's Illinois Area for eight years before being appointed to the

Indiana Area in 1992. He wrote his first "Dear Martin" letter in 1976.

Dear Martin:  
I write this year on the anniversary of your birth with special memories, profound thanksgiving and a somewhat unsettled spirit.

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**Sister Tarpley**

Note: I received this from a friend and thought you might find this interesting reading and pondering if you need this at this time of the year. The question was asked: Is it time for a wakeup call?

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

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Author Unknown  
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## Church Happenings

**ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
January 24, 8:30 am - 6:30 pm  
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All Nations United Methodist Church  
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February 6, 6:00 pm  
February 7, 8:00 am (Healing Service 6:00 pm)

February 8, 10:30 am  
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Brotherhood 7:00 pm  
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Singles Group 7:00 pm  
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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Sunday** - Early Morning Worship . . . . 7:45 am  
- Bible Class . . . . . 9:30 am  
- Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 am  
- Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 pm

**Wednesday** - Prayer Service . . . . . 7:00 pm  
- Bible Class . . . . . 7:30 pm

**Thursday** - Bible Class . . . . . 11:00 am

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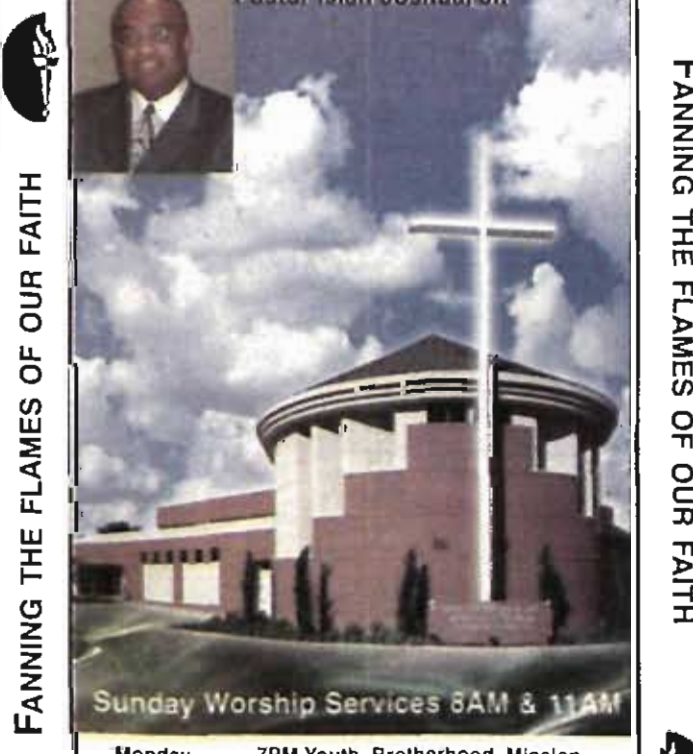
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Singles Ministry . . . . . 4th Mondays 7:30 pm  
Youth Bible Study . . . . . Wednesdays 7:30 pm  
Mid-Week Service . . . . . Wednesdays 7:30 pm  
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God's call to ministry, and in nine months I shall retire from active ministry in the United Methodist Church. It hardly seems 50 years ago that I left my beloved Harlem and ventured to your beloved Georgia to attend college. Where have the years gone?

This too, Martin, will be the 50th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's 1954 decision, a momentous one, rendering the concept of "separate but equal" unconstitutional and bringing an end to legalized segregation in public schools. I remember the day well. I fear it was a gift to the nation largely squandered. That day brought out the worst, not the best, in us.

While legal segregation as policy has disappeared, separation of the races has not. Ironically, Martin, 50 years after the Supreme Court decision, public education in the nation may be more segregated. Indeed, quality public education for black children and increasingly for Hispanic and immigrant students remains one of the great challenges.

Martin, this challenge not withstanding, individual achievement by black Americans continues in every field of public life. It is what I call the "quiet revolution." Black Americans are appointed, selected, promoted or employed in positions of prestige, power and importance.

Yet, Martin, there is another "quiet

revolution" taking place in our nation: the repackaging of racism! It is no longer wrapped in negative language, nor even vile racist deeds, but often in "color blind" rhetoric and "color blind" decisions that result in racist consequences. I believe it will require a new kind of leadership response to combat and challenge racism consequences that may not be called racist nor are intended to be racist!

In many ways, Martin, the races are closer than they have ever been - but still worlds apart. It often does not take much to reveal the still deep divide between "black" and "white" America. There is still much work to be done!

Martin, we lost some great leaders and champions this past year - persons who made a difference in my life and who made significant contributions in breaking down the barriers that separate the races.

We lost Maynard Jackson, who became the first black mayor of Atlanta; Althea Gibson, the great tennis star who learned the game on the courts of Harlem and became the first black

person to win the prestigious Wimbledon title; and Larry Doby, who broke the color barrier in the American League, becoming the second black player in Major League Baseball shortly after Jackie Robinson. I saw him play often at Yankee Stadium. I must confess I was a Yankee fan!

There were others, politicians and entertainers, who were defining character formers and inspirational

leaders. Perhaps it is to be expected in these my sterling years.

Martin, I am elated and surprised to note that one of my early heroes, Paul Robeson, has been honored with a



commemorative stamp to be issued in January 2004. He was an extraordinarily talented and courageous champion of civil rights. I am pleased he is now remembered and honored.

Martin, no emotion is more evident as I write than one of thankfulness. I have learned in these years to value two qualities - truth and perspective. Truth looks reality in the eye and names it. Perspective looks at all reality, not just a

part, and acknowledges it. Truth and perspective create my spirit of thanksgiving.

I am thankful, Martin, that in my lifetime I have seen black Americans achieve places in American life not even its leaders imagined, and indeed perhaps unparalleled in many other multiracial societies. It was accomplished as Americans of every race and faith gave themselves - their best - to make the nation even greater than the founders may have perceived.

You, Martin, made the critical difference at an important juncture in the nation's history, and that cannot be emphasized enough. For I believe what you did so magnificently was to place the issue of race in America as a moral issue. Martin, I believe that is where it must be if progress is to be sustained and new gains achieved. America must be true to itself. But, Martin, you said it even more eloquently:

"The passing of systems that were born in injustice, nurtured in inequality, and reared in exploitation... represents the inevitable decay of any system based on principles that are not in harmony with the moral laws of the universe."

Martin, as always, I close with hope and thanksgiving. Thanks for your continuing impact on the human spirit, public discourse, and the achievement of racial and social justice.

We are overcoming, Martin, we are overcoming!  
 Woodie

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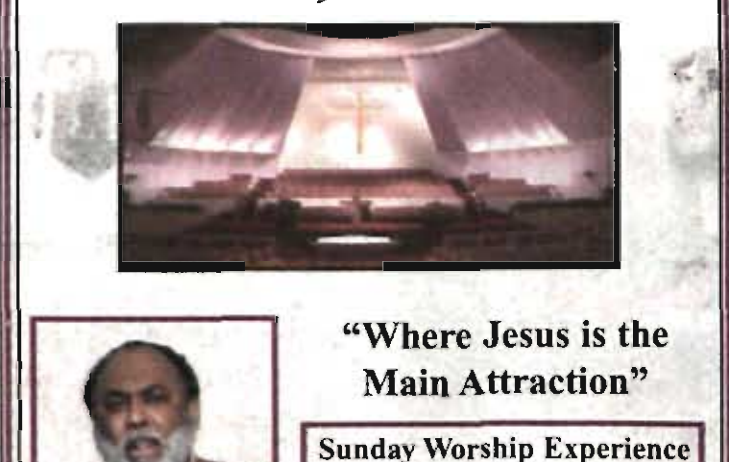
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