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MALCOLM X COLLEGE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY



Naiwa Dancers give audience a taste of African culture

Malcolm X College launched its year-long celebration of 40 years empowering through education and service to the community at the Red and Black Tie President's Scholarship Gala. Nearly 500 guests joined in the festivities that featured recording artists, After 7 and Avant and the artist-in-residence dance troupe, Najwa Dance Corps.

"Malcolm X College was founded in this building 40 years ago through the collaborative efforts of the community, government, students, faculty and administrators. And since then, that collaboration has stayed focused on the single minded intention to develop an institution of higher learning that provides empowerment through education to anyone that passes through our doors," said Malcolm X College President Ghingo Brooks. "The positive impact of our mission is evident by our alums who have distinguished

themselves as dynamic professionals in every sector of our community – attorneys, educators, entrepreneurs, artists, musicians, nurses, skilled health care workers and child specialists.'

As a special surprise to the College, nationally recognized artist, Samuel Akainyah, presented a visual



From r to I: Former President Zerrie D. Campbell, current President Ghingo Brooks and wife enjoying MXC anniversary

rendering to commemorate Malcolm X College's 40 years in the community. The painting depicts 40 years of leadership at Malcolm X College, including its first president Dr. Charles Hurst, its forth president Dr. James Griggs, immediate past president Zerrie D. Campbell and current President Ghingo Brooks. Signed lithographs and posters of the commemorative painting are available for sale online at www.malcolmxcollege.edu.

"As we celebrate our past and present, I keep my eyes trained on the future of Malcolm X College. In the coming years, the College will continue to extend itself to adapt to the changing demands of our global economy," said President Brooks. "We will provide the education and training to prepare our students for the demands of the modern workforce. We will reach into the community, and beyond, to build scholars, empower through education and develop tomorrow's leaders."

Proceeds from the gala and sales of lithographs and posters will benefit the Malcolm X College Scholarship Fund, which provides students educational opportunities they otherwise would not be able to afford.

Congressman Davis Hosts Retirement Party for Longtime Employee Mrs. Mary Lindsey



Mrs. Mary Lindsey has been involved with Congressman Danny K. Davis since 1979. That is when he first ran for public office. A retirement party was held for her on Monday October 12, 2009 at 3333 W. Arthington.

Family, and friends were on hand to congratulate and thank her for her many years of community service. If anyone visited Congressman Davis' Office at 3333 W. Arthington, Mary Lindsey would be the first welcoming face you would see at the receptionist desk. Congratulations Ms. Lindsey.

Work Of His Hands Ministries Planting the Seeds of Unity between Church and Community *One Home at a Time*

By Robbin F. Jefferson

Making the effort in planting the seeds of unity and filling the growing chasm between church and community is a need that Work of His Hands Ministries, a church located in the Lawndale community on the Westside of Chicago, recognizes and understands. Intimate in number but giant in spirit, Work of His Hands Ministries began an outreach beautification effort from a church in Lawndale. Beginning with three home outdoor makeovers this past summer and hoping to do at least ten homes in summer 2010 (taking into account already planned church and other outreach services) Work of His Hands Ministries performed major outdoor makeovers during the month of July, removing bad grass/weeds and replacing it and putting down sod, raking, shoveling, planting flowers and foliage. They did so well that they were mistaken for a landscaping business.

The blessed recipients of the outdoor makeovers were grateful and extremely appreciative. One of the recipients stated he was losing faith in the church because he felt the church did not keep their word (consistent



Work of his hands ministry members posed for photo during beautification and cleanup between church and community.

follow ups) but after the completion of the outdoor makeover that he received for his home, the now inspired and encouraged gentleman has offered to join in any future community beautification commitments of Work

of His Hands Ministries.

Mission accomplished. Work of His Hands Ministries strives to do just that, reaching out and pulling in the community. This Ministry is working it out together so that church and

community are interwoven, involved, and unified. WOHHM also continues in their mission to teach and preach The Word of God, raising The Kingdom of Heaven on earth, diligently.

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HEALTH & THE ECONOMY

One of the major issues of the recent presidential campaign was health care. Health care costs have become an escalating burden for employers and consumers alike. Research has shown that total health spending is reduced when consumers bear more responsibility for their health and the expenses related to it. One of the best ways to increase life expectancy while reducing disability is to encourage a culture of self-care practices.

Self care is personal health maintenance. It is the care taken by individuals towards their own health and well being. Self care includes the actions individuals take in their role as care givers for their children, their families, and others to stay fit and to maintain good physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Extreme self care means making choices and decisions that honor our soul in everyday living. It means feeding ourselves whole foods, moving our bodies every day, balancing silence with activity, and surrounding ourselves with supportive, likeminded people who are committed to improving or restoring health and uplifting the quality of their lives as well.

More than 75% of people surveyed in the United Kingdom said if they had guidance or support from a professional or peer they would feel far more confident about taking care of their own health. Research shows that supporting self care can improve health outcomes and increase patient satisfaction. Our intention is to support individuals, families, institutions, and communities in their efforts to practice extreme self care. During 2009, the North Lawndale Community News focuses on cost-effective ways you can improve your health by practicing self care.

The Economy has made itself the number one issue with gas prices reaching almost \$5.00 per gallon and having a domino effect on everything else sold, except housing stock which experienced a terrible decline with the high rate of foreclosures. The Chicago metropolitan area reported 5,821 new foreclosure filings in December, a foreclosure rate of one new foreclosure filing for every 499 households — more than twice the national average. That brought the area's fourth quarter foreclosure total to 16,949 and its 2006 foreclosure total to 57,706, according to Realty Trac.

Even transportation on the CTA went on the rise with one day passes increasing by seventy-five cents and monthly passess increased by \$10.00 from \$75.00 to \$85.00. Those are just a few of the increases.

The North Lawndale Community News this year is expanding on last years financial focus to give attention to its broader parent the economy. Saving and making smarter shopping decisions will help stop us losing through wasteful choices. Finding new ways to increase our income is a necessity for many in an area where gentrifrication is not going to stop.

One of the hardest things to change is behavior. Modifying behavior seems to be easy when it comes to pain. Social pain lack of money has to be extreme for many to change. 2009 should be different for many and of course many will continue toward economic mistakes and financial ruin.

But in today's information society there is no excuse for not making smart choices. Financial literacy alone is not enough. Look what happened to Lehman Brothers and what's happening to many other financial institutions let alone individuals, families. and small businesses

Solutions come to the internet, books, economic experts, financial counselors and experts, the media and your economical neighbors.

The North Lawndale Community News will tap into resources and share them with you, our reader. So to help you improve your health and your economy keep reading The North Lawndale News. We say yours because some may not modiy their behavior, except when the pain comes and still some won't change.. Your imput is also welcome If you have some information that is beneficial please submit it. Let's make smarter health and economic moves for life in 2009.

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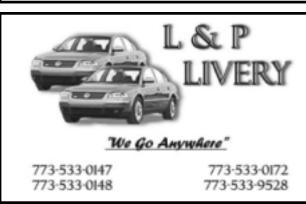


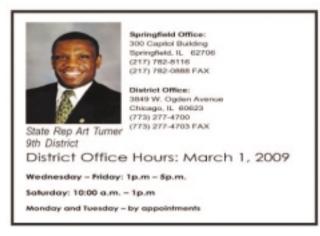
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From Sista To Sister: Enough Is Enough We Need Prayer Back In School

Tali Bahkit

In God we trust or not? A barrage of violence has taken over the Chicago city streets and schools. Innocent children are being killed everyday. The shadow of hate haunts the children of Chicago as they duck and dodge bullets, on their way to school, during recess, and on their way home from school. The question that many are asking is, "Does anybody see what's going on?" Without surprise to many who have witnessed such, gun shoots pop in the inner city of Chicago streets in the broad day light, without regard for the "innocent bystander" everyday.

Yes everyone is watching! As many concerned parents and students speak up about the violence, it seems only as if matters are getting worst. Kids are being sold sawedoff shotguns—ammunition that's being used in war. A child's funeral arrangements are being made, almost everyday, with many being innocent bystanders. With education being the main ingredient in keeping our youth focused, one could only wonder how and why many of the crimes, and deaths take place right on school grounds or not too far from one?

While education may be one of the main ingredients many parents and concerned people of Chicago ponder their thoughts as they understand that something is missing. According to Dr. Leela Miller former Chicago high school teacher, professor at Harold Washington college and current professor at the University of Northern Texas at Dallas where she teaches potential principles, superintendents, and teachers on the subject of "A Diverse Population" the schools systems nation wide are in dyer need of prayer—in school.

Dr. Miller understands the significance of

an administrators position with the responsibility of a child's life/education being placed in their hands and feels that each administrator should be taught and fully equipped to deal with the diversities and situations that many youth bring forward.

Dr. Miller says that prayer/a moment of silence may be the one thing that the school administrator's and student's need in order to solve the hate issues of the youth and get them focused on their education.

Currently Dr. Leela is working on her own project called "The Negro Spiritual" based on the lost art of the African American freed slave and how the message in the music of today has a catastrophic effect on our youth especially as it pertains to gangsta rap. The Negro Spiritual project confronts the force which has so eagerly pushed God out, and called hate in.

Dr. Leela feels that this very force may be the major problem that our society deals with today especially when it comes to reconnecting with our youth. But the bigger question arises. Would bringing prayer back in school be against the law?

Although the first amendment has not completely banished prayer out of school, legislation has somewhat diminished the outlook of prayer in unity in the nations school systems. In an article written by Annie Laurie Gaylor posted on the freedom from religion website Anne specifies the dangers of mixing church with state and as well prayer entering the school system. She specifies leaving many religious and non-religious groups of children out due to the many different belief systems.

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Anne's article titled What Happens When Worship Enters

Public Schools? states: When religion has invaded our public school system, it has singled out the lone Jewish student, the class Unitarian or agnostic, the children in the minority. Families who protest state/ church violations in our public schools invariably experience persecution. It was commonplace prior to the court decision against school prayer to put non-religious or nonorthodox children in places of detention during bible-reading or prayer recitation. The children of Supreme Court plaintiffs against religion in schools, such as Vashti McCollum, Ed Schempp and Ishmael Jaffree, were beaten up on the way to and from school, their families subjected to community harassment and death threats for speaking out in defense of a constitutional principle. We know from history how harmful and destructive religion is in our public schools. In those school districts that do not abide by the law, school children continue to be persecuted today. Read the full story at http://ffrf.org/nontracts/schoolprayer.php. But what could be more horrifying then keeping prayer in unity out of school and having children murder each other in school, and outside of school everyday . How could we be one nation under God, and separate church from state? How do we say in God we trust if our children don't receive the guidance that they need to go about their day. And how could we spend the money that say's "In GOd We Trust" if we don't make the right investment in our youth? As a prayer/a moment of silence doesn't cost anything but the cooperation of the people, however keeping prayer/a moment of silence out of the school system could be the lost of many young lives inside and outside of school.Not long after the 1963 decision made in the Abington Township School District v. Schempp case where Edward Schempp a Unitarian pursued litigation to purge a 1949 Pennsylvania state law providing for mandatory devotional Bible reading in public schools statewide did the crime rate amongst our teens rise, teen pregnancy well exceeds marriage in the inner cities of our nation, and devastatingly innocent children are being killed by each other in cold blood on the streets and in their schools which has become a trend. While the District court was in favor of Schempp, Abbington Township School District appealed to the supreme court and the rise of the consolidation of Schemmp and world known atheist Madalyn Murray-Ohair held precedence and "kicked prayer out of school." From the Columbine shootings, to Virginia Tech's mass murder shooting, North Carolina State's Tailgate shooting and Illinois own Northern college campus shooting the scene of anger raged senseless murders have overshadowed our youth, and let's not forget the 40 plus children that have been murdered on the streets of Chicago this year. Never in the history of American, have the youth gone so wrong. The hate that fills the heart of the youth is visible, as the elders outlive the youth. In a phone interview with Monique Bond communication officer for Chicago Public Schools, Monique advises that if any child is looking for direction and a safe place in the storm of violence that so abruptly has taken over the mind set of our youth that the child or parent should log on to CPS's website to find out more information about the new youth anti-violence program. As Monique did indicated that prayer hasn't been much talked about as a resolution to the violence upheaval, CPS is working closely with counselors and social workers to resolve the problem. But many are still trying to figure out what will help our youth get rid of the spirit of hate that dwells among them, as counselors and social workers have been around interacting with our youth for many years and still we have problems, problems like never before. So how will we solve the problems with the old methods, the same methods that are already put in place? New one's are very well needed, could prayer be the answer.In President Obama's address to children on Sept. 8, 2009,

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AT THE FLICKS

David Schultz, film critic



MOTHERHOOD

For years, and movies have been few and far between with their a lengthy Yoda-like explanation that suddenly makes treatment to the virtues along with the tribulations of being a her realize her place and value is with her family. mother today. Writer-director Katherine Dieckmann's latest project, "Motherhood" spells out the importance through their annoying for what most of this movie and its energy sacrifice that is mainly carried off by a decent yet complex through Miss. Thurman's performance has been about. performance by Uma Thurman. And for the most part, the movie Clearly, Eliza more than proves herself without any is a step in the right direction, only to falter in its finale.

Set in a congested N.Y neighborhood that has already And yet, she accepts his brief soliloquy that seems to seen the married couple's parked old car moved of the block for a go against everything she's been through and in this Hollywood film crew's shooting locale, Uma Thurman gives a movie this point credible performance that she obviously felt a kinship to, as an overworked mother with child who lives wither her seemingly through, I couldn't help but wonder why did she felt clueless and preoccupied husband-teacher (Anthony Edwards) had to choose between re-establishing her writing in an old multi-unit apartment building.

daily obligations and demands placed upon her that she begins to blog into an on-line essay contest. While trying to prepare for conclude this movie meant to be a relevant testimony. an evening birthday party for her six year old child.

finds herself rekindling a passion for a career left behind that film. makes her wonder about her true calling and worth.

"Motherhood" reflects attitudes and tones that many women can relate to with situations that invokes humor and irony. But near the finale, When Thurman's character begins to do what probably many women only think about doing when they are fed up with their lives.

When she drives away in frustration in the family car on route to leaving the city and her family behind. Only to be pulled back into her parental mode, when her husband (Anthony Edwards) phones her with an emergency with their child. Naturally, she kicks into high gear defying rush hour traffic to return home to tend to her child.

Soon after, Thurman and Edwards sit together in the family car. Each

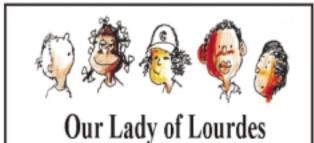
reflecting over the last few days. With Thurman's character still looking for answers, Then suddenly out This isn't "Momma Dearest", this is "momma madness" of nowhere, her clueless, preoccupied husband offers

> This seems more than out of sync and a bit endorsement from a man for most of this film's duration.

But in these difficult times, we are all living career in contrast to being a wife and parent. When The film chronicles a mother's madness through the there are many women that have to be doing both.

It's rather odd and unfulfilling way to This might be understandable to some, but not A woman who through her observational comments completely satisfying to the majority watching this

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Mississippi Damned filmmakers and cast members celebrate Gold Hugo win at Chicago International Film Festival Awards Ceremony on Saturday October 18th. Photographed from left to right - Morgan Stiff (producer), Tina Mabry (writer/director), Jossie Thacker (Actress), Chastity Hammitte (actress).

"Save That Penny For A Sunny Day Contest" Save Now or Pay Later

"Save Now or Pay Later", essay contest will offer the opportunity for one child per grade ranging from fifth through eighth grade to write a one hundred word essay about the importance of learning financial literacy during their child hood years versus waiting to learn financial literacy as an adult.

The contest is open to all Chicago Public Schools students, participants will email their essay to xernona@gmail.com where each essay will be carefully reviewed by the "Save That Penny For A Sunny Day", committee.

The four winners will receive fifty dollars cash each from the following contributing sponsors: Ronnie MCcarthy of Bronzeville Signs and Printing, Martin Honore of Maha Printing, Carl West of Truth Magazine, and Angel Hayman of Angelic Events & Design and a autograph copy of the children book "Save That Penny For A Sunny Day".

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The winners will be required to keep the entire funds and contribute any monetary denomination on a monthly basis for the term of six months into their Young Marquette Savings account to encourage the commitment dedication and rewards for due diligence towards saving and investing.

Contest will begin on August 24, 2009 and will end on October 31, 2009, Winners will be notified via phone to their school upon knowledge of winning students will be required to meet with their parent or guardian

at Marguette Bank Evergreen Park Branch location

Date and Time will be announced participants are required to include the following contact information: school address, phone number, name of school, student name, student phone, date ,grade level and Principal of school. Students and Parents or guardians will have to sign a promissory note in reference to not withdrawing any monies until six months after their first deposit.

X'ernona Woods is a partner of Chicago's Federal Reserve Money Smart Week, 2009 Presenter for Global Alliance of Teachers Economics Annual Conference, National Black Women Expo Presenter of "Save That Penny For A Sunny Day", financial literacy workshops, Presenter for Mayor Daley's Spring Book Conference 2008, and National Black Women Expo 2009 Conference.

X'ernona currently conducts financial literacy workshops "Save That Penny For A Sunny Day" a children book that educates youth about entrepreneurship, finances and budgeting has been implemented within Chicago Public Libraries.

"Save That Penny For A Sunny Day" financial literacy workshops has touched the lives of students at University of Chicago Carter G. Woodson, University of Chicago North Kenwood Oakland, Mayo Elementary, National Shriver Center of Poverty Seed Program to name a few and continues to stand in the forefront to educate youth on prosperity conscious thinking for generations to come.

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CIRQUE DE FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (**1/2)

To say the least, "The Vampire's Assistant" has a familiar bite for its audience that will probably continue to fuel the fascination with "all things bloodthirsty" these days. But the film isn't the straight-up action horror adventure like "Van Helsing".

Instead, director-co-writer Paul Weitz and writer Brian Helgeland tries to travel a different route with its sardonic humor and freaky special effects. The movie is entertaining enough but not as shocking and graphic than expected. Even though this film has a familiar feeling reminiscent to director John Landis' "An American Werewolf in London" for not taking itself too seriously until the finale

Obviously poised as the first entry into a potential movie series as sort of "Star Wars" / "Harry Potter" for vampire saga involves a 200 yr old truce being broken between two warring factions of vampires being pushed into confrontation by a thrill seeking, fat and bald headed man known as Mr. Tiny..

The script carves itself around eventually who becomes and works for good and evil in this cause between two best friend teenagers, goody Darren Shun (Chris Massoglia) whose stuck in a boring existence pleasing his cliché parents and yet has a curious fascination for spiders; and bad boy Steve (Josh Hutcherson) who doesn't like his life with his alcoholic and abusive parents.

Therefore, Steve is the mischief maker always trying to loosen up "Mr. Perfect" Darren that gets him into trouble with his parents who forbid him to associate with Steve. Later, Steve and Darren's discussion over their friendship becomes interrupted by an antique

car that tosses out a flyer advertising the one night stand of an illegal freak show.

The teens travel to an abandon movie theater to watch the motley crew of supernatural "oddities" in performance (with the only blacks in the entire film played by Orlando Jones and Frankie Faison as Alexander Ribs and Rhamus Two-Bellies; the two deformed bodied freaks).

Where after the show, Steve confesses his desire to become a vampire by entertainer-emcee Larten Crepsley (John C. Reilly) that is advised against by his love interest, a bearded lady – seer, Madame Truska (Salma Hayek). While Darren being infatuated by the colorful large spider; hides in the same room to hear several conversations before sneaking out with the spider.

Later at school, Steve happens to discover the spider in Darren's locker and chases after the spider through the school corridor. Until the spider gets a bite on Steve's face that rushes him to the hospital.

Leaving Darren to bargain for Steve's life with Crepsley; by agreeing to become the vampire's apprentice that would save Steve's life and make Darren into a half vampire in exchange for the antidote.

But instead, Steve feels betrayed by Darren's death that leaves him alone in a life he dislikes while feeling cheated by Darren for taking what sure his chance to become a vampire. A fact that isn't lost on Mr. Tiny who recruits him for the war on the evil side with the Vampanneze while still trying to get at Darren- the obvious" Bloodthirsty One" he secretly wanted all along

While Crepsley tries to prepare Darren for his impending confrontation with his former best friend that he can only be strengthen through blood consumption that Darren refuses that could kill him.

Until his romantic interest in a lovely teen, Rebecca (Jessica Carlson) who happens to be "monkey girl" who makes him take a suck of blood out of her. That's the closest we get to a sex scene here in this

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Letters to the Editor

Recently, my husband and I received and outrageous Com Ed bill for almost \$1,000 after receiving almost a year and a half worth of \$50-\$70 bills. We are both hardworking people who serve our community and the world of academia (on Chicago's West side). We get a bill and pay it. That is it.

I'm sure you can imagine our surprise when we opened a bill for \$936.47. This was due to Com Ed's estimating our bill for almost 2 years and now they've decided to take our meter reading with a pair of binoculars. Therefore, they credited our account for all the bills we've paid then rebilled an average for the past 12 months!

We immediately contacted Com Ed to dispute this billing as it is not our responsibility to take meter readings for them. My husband and I would have been happy to allow them access to our meter at any time! All they had to do was ring the door bell. We are both outraged and insulted that Com Ed has not done their job for almost two years and now we are penalized for their laziness. Com Ed only offered a payment plan!

I contacted the ICC (Illinois Commerce Commission) and placed a dispute and again Com Ed only offered a payment plan after admitting wrong doing to my husband. I contacted the ICC stating that we were not satisfied with the result and I would like to file a formal complaint. I was told that due to the high volume of calls and complaints our "counselor" had closed our file because it was a "rough Monday"!

It seems there is no help for the battered consumer. The usage is not a issue for us. It is the fact that we just received yet ANOTHER estimated billing! When is this going to stop! We have surmised that this time next year we will be going through the same problem with outrageous billings!

I took a closer look at the Com Ed bills and started asking questions about the charges. The public is being ripped off as we (the public) pay for ALL of Com Ed's expenses and no one can explain them.

Someone should expose them...might it be you?

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Sears takes online layaway to barbershops to give potential shoppers a firsthand experience. Ronald Larry, a regular patron of De' Bon's Barber Shop in Chicago, tries shopping Sears' new online layaway for the first time as barber Tawan

Brazier, looks on.

"Now that Sears has layaway online, not only is it easy on my wallet, it's easy on my time. I can even get that new flat screen TV I want, and have it in time for Christmas," Larry commented.

New online layaway is one of many new convenient shopping options recently unveiled by Sears as part of its new ShopYourWay initiative. Now, customers can shop 24/7 and get what they want any time, any place, any way. Visit www.sears.com/layaway for more information.

ON VIDEO

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Woody Allen's WHATEVER WORKS

(***) Brisk and funny. Writer-director Woody Allen returns to Manhattan and his comedic roots in this shelved 30 yr old script that was originally intended for the late Zero Mostel that now stars TV's "Curb Your Enthusiasm's Larry David who turns out to be good reincarnation of Allen's familiar comedic neurosis.

David portrays a ranting, brilliant string theorist consumed by "big picture" and angered by people who seem to be too stupid to be depressed their circumstances. While making amusing one liners and convoluted tirades into and away from the camera, David's character has his life uprooted by a homeless woman (Evan Rachel Wood), a dimwitted beauty queen from the South and her parents who arrive to take her back home. After David has enjoyed a decent life and time with the woman who helps him value the importance of flexibility.

PG-13; 92min. Sony Classics Home Video Available: Oct. 27



TINKER BELL AND THE LOST TREASURE

(**1/2) The second entry in Disney's new "Fairies" animated video series seems to have overcome most of the troubles that hampered the initial film that christened this video series. Still the second entry is busy, but not fulfilling enough for a movie for the very young and active crowd (with at least three more in the works).

With autumn being the season of change and preparation for the fairies in Pixie Hollow; Tinker Bell takes on a perilous journey when she jeopardizes the town that suffers a pixie dust shortage that leaves her across the sea to correct her mistake while encounters new adventures and allies along on her quest.

G; 80min. Walt Disney Home Video; Available: Oct. 27

Coming Soon to Home Video: Walt Disney/Pixar Animation's "Up" arrives Nov. 10....Meryl Streep as Julia Child in "Julie and Julia" arrivesDec.8.... One of the best and unexpected summer movie blockbuster, the sci-0fi action thriller "District 9" debuts on DVD, Dec. 29.

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9/26	Computer Fundamentals Windows Vista
10/3	Word 2007 Basic To Advance
10/10	Excel 2007 Basic To Advance
10/17	PowerPoint 2007 Basic To Advance
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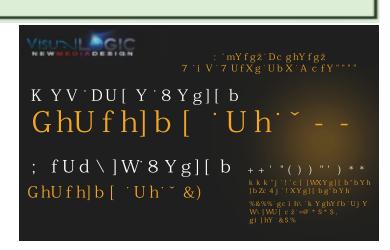


"Where Caring Begins and Trust Never Ends"

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many words were expressed and questions were asked in order to inspire our youth to focus more on education. In the words of President Obama: "So today, I want to ask all of you, what's your contribution going to be? What problems are you going to solve? What discoveries will you make? What will a President who comes here in 20 or 50 or 100 years say about what all of you did for this country?" As these questions begin to get harder to answer as our youth are killing each other everyday, what will be America's next investment in the lives of our children, as many are needed. In the words of the unknown poet "The best things in life are free.'

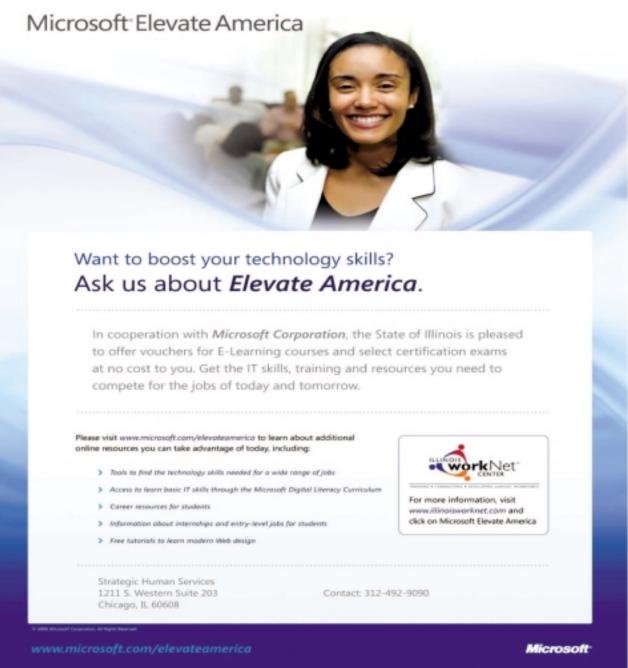
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