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People In The News



Dr. Claire A. Nelson has been actively engaged in the business of international development for over twenty years...

The first Jamaican woman to hold a Doctorate degree in an engineering discipline, Dr. Nelson holds Industrial Engineering Degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo...

Residents of Allen who are experiencing gum recession, gum disease or need dental implants or other oral plastic surgery are lucky because board certified periodontist Fatima Robertson, DDS, PA opened for business in March of 2006.

Known for her compassion, gentle chair-side manner, Dr. Robertson is committed to providing comprehensive, quality care. Her passion for her work and patients shines through in everything she does.

After receiving her bachelor's degree and DDS simultaneously from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, as part of an accelerated degree program, Dr. Robertson worked as a general dentist for three years. She then returned to the University of Missouri for an advanced education program in Periodontics.

"Having a background in general dentistry allows me to broaden my perspective a bit," Dr. Robertson said. "A comprehensive approach to oral health care yields a properly phased treatment plan for the patient."



Vention Jones, a native of Dallas, Texas, graduated from Texas A&M University in 2006 with a B.S. in Community Health. Jones is a volunteer with the Community Outreach Specialist with Abounding Prosperity, Incorporated.

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VNA Needs Volunteers To "Adopt A Grandpa"



VNA Eldercare volunteers assist the homebound elderly with shopping, escorted transportation, and errands, as well as provide needed companionship.

The Visiting Nurse Association's Eldercare program is looking for volunteers to visit the homebound elderly in the Dallas area and provide assistance with shopping, escorted transportation, errands, and other outings.

College In Nigeria Slammed For Compulsory HIV Testing

Christian university says it is trying to promote high moral standards. A private Christian university in Nigeria has come under fire from activists and health officials over its policy of compelling students to undergo HIV and pregnancy tests.

Earlier this year, Covenant University, in Otta, a town near the port city of Lagos, in Ogun State, introduced mandatory testing for new students and those about to graduate, as part of its "Total Man" concept.

Wrap-A-Loc Workshop And Hair Day Happening

Sonya Nandi Gilkey, the Atlanta-based inventor of the revolutionary dual hair-styling tool and lock-wrapping technique is coming to Dallas to teach workshop participants how to turn ordinary locks into beautiful spiral curls!

The Wrap-A-Loc Workshop, sponsored by A Nappy Hair Affair (ANHA), will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Ice House Cultural Center, 1004 W. Page St., Dallas, Tex.

The workshop will be followed by ANHA's traditional Hair Day gathering which will be held from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Professional hair stylists who want to offer their clients versatile styling options, have eagerly embraced the Wrap-A-Loc workshops which are conducted internationally.

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The Wrap-A-Loc Workshop fee is \$75 per person. Products and material will be available for purchase. Register online today at www.wrapaloc.com. Seating limited.

Jena Judge Reduces Charges

College students rally nationwide

A judge has thrown out one of the two charges against the first Black student tried for beating up a White student at Jena High School, saying juveniles cannot be charged with conspiracy in adult court.

But Judge J.P. Mauffray Jr. rejected arguments that, for the same reason, he should throw out the aggravated second-degree battery charge on which Mychal Bell, 17, also was convicted.

The judge's decision means Bell will face at most 15 years in prison rather than 22 1/2 when he is sentenced Sept. 20.

Bell, the first of the students known as the "Jena Six" to go on trial, was 16 when he was charged with attempted murder of the White student, Justin Barker.

The attack on Barker, 18, came amid tense race relations in Jena, a mostly White town of 3,000 in north-central Louisiana where racial tensions have escalated since incidents

that started last school year at Jena High. After a Black student sat under a tree on the school campus where White students traditionally congregated, three nooses were hung in the tree. Students accused of placing the nooses were suspended from school for a short period.

The six Black students were accused of beating and kicking Barker on Dec. 4. A motive for the attack was never established. Barker was treated at a hospital emergency room and released after about three hours.

Murder and attempted murder are charges on which a juvenile can be tried as an adult, but aggravated battery is not, defense attorney Bob Noel argued.

He said LaSalle Parish District Attorney Reed Walters used "bait-and-switch" tactics to try Bell as an adult. Bell was indicted on a charge of attempted murder, but Walters changed to the battery charge

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DCHHS Launches Television Series "Healthy Lives, Healthy Families" As Part Of National Preparedness Month



On the set of Dallas County Health and Human Services' television series, Healthy Lives, Healthy Families. Shown left to right: Jennifer McMillan, Ph.D., Assistant Director of DCHHS Public Health Preparedness Division and the show's host interviewee Mary Katherine Sanchez, Ph.D., DCHHS Epidemiology Program Planner during episode 2.

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is pleased to announce the launch of its new television series "Healthy Lives, Healthy Families." The series will make its premiere Tuesday, September 11, 2007, on Cable Access Channel 27A in

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Garland Announces Plans For 2007 Neighborhood Summit

The City of Garland's Office of Neighborhood Vitality will host its annual Neighborhood Summit on October 27, 2007. The theme for this year's event is "Built to Last." As Garland nears buildout, ensuring the health and sustainability of neighborhoods is a high priority. What all healthy neighborhoods have in common are residents who connect through shared commitment and shared responsibility.

The Summit will offer workshops on several topics including managing change in diverse neighborhoods, community policing as a neighborhood management tool, goal setting for Vital

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Plano Skyline Turns Into A 'Kaleidoscope Of Color'

It's arguably one of the most eye-catching events to float through the Texas skyline, proving that more than 70,000 annual attendees can't be wrong.

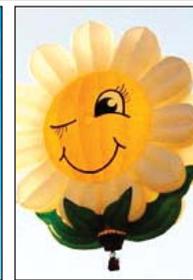
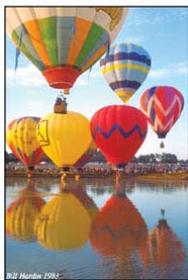
The annual EDS Credit Union Plano Balloon Festival will be held on September 21, 22, and 23 at Oak Point Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. This year's festival boasts three days filled with activities and events for the entire family, including five balloon launches, performances by local groups, a drum-a-thon of sounds from metropex drummers, and arts, crafts and activities designed especially for kids.

Admission to the Balloon Festival is \$5 per person for an event ticket; \$8 per person for a 1-day ticket; \$4 per person for discounted admission (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.); \$1 off for Seniors 65 and over; and kids under 36 inches are free.

DART Rail is the official transportation provider for the event; busses run continuously from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Prime parking (\$10 per car) is available at Collin County Community College Spring Creek Campus, Oak Point Recreation Center, and

First United Methodist Church. Offsite parking (\$5 per car) is available at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

For more information about the Plano Balloon Festival, visit www.planoballoonfest.org.



More Than 25,000 People Expected Downtown For Annual Heart Walk Featuring Free Health Screenings, Cooking Demonstrations And Entertainment

NFL Hall of Fame 18-Wheeler Exhibition and Healthy Choice Cooking Demonstrations Among the Headliner Events

The American Heart Association Dallas Division will host the 2007 Start! Heart Walk Dallas on Saturday, September 15, 2007, at Victory Park, located at 2500 Victory Avenue, on the Plaza of the American Airlines Center. The 3-mile non-competitive walk begins at 8:30 a.m. and will last until 11:00

a.m. The event promotes walking as a part of a healthy lifestyle and raises funds to support cardiovascular research and education programs for the Dallas community.

One of the highlights of the morning will be the NFL Hall of Fame 18-wheeler. Walkers can view the exhibition of memorabilia from throughout the history of football. The NFL is a national partner of the American Heart Association and promotes heart-healthy lifestyles for children who are

entering their teen years. Some of the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders will be on-hand during the opening ceremonies.

The family-oriented event is expected to attract more than 25,000 people, (including more than 100 companies and their families) who will be walking to fight heart disease.

Heart disease is the nation's number one killer, claiming the lives of 870,000 people each year. In Dallas, more than 4,500



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Around The Town

Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County: Collin County's newest Republican Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at Collin County Republican Party Headquarters beginning at 7 p.m. The purpose of this club is for men and women to discuss issues important to African American Republicans. For more info, please call Fred Moses at 972-618-7027 or email him at fred@tes.com.

DFW Empowered Women is a group for women interested in taking charge of their financial security. We meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For more information call 972-542-1530 or visit www.msetup.com/378.

September 14

Freedom Reader's Club For Teens: "Empowering our communities through knowledge, imagination and action." This is a place where ideas, thoughts and imagination roam; where young creative minds prepare to grow, organize and develop our world. This is a reader's club for 14-18 year olds and mature 13 year olds. The club shares its company with guest speakers who have literary open minds and who can offer encouragement to

the members. The club will meet at Halfprice Books, 5803 E. Northwest Highway at 6 p.m. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided. Email Nnanyamka@aol.com or call 972-874-2347 for more information.

September 14

12th Annual Sickle Cell Disease Association of Dallas: Golf tournament fundraiser event at Riverchase Golf Club in Coppell. Entrance fee is \$125 per individual and \$400 per foursome. Price includes green fees, electric cart, breakfast, lunch, tee gifts, and souvenir photos. Registration and breakfast begin at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Players can register by downloading an entry form from www.sickleceldallas.com or calling 214-942-1262. Sponsorships and donations are welcome, and volunteers are needed to assist with the event. All proceeds go to funding sickle cell screening and testing for the community. For more information, email mfg@sickleceldallas.com.

September 15

Denton Blues Festival features blues artists from around the globe, free food and free drink. The festival is located at the Querkertown Park McKinney & Bell in Denton. Hosted by the Denton Black Chamber Of Commerce. The festivities start at 3 p.m. Admission is free. Call 940-565-9015 for more information.

September 15

FREE Jazz Onstage Concert at the Plaza Theatre in Garland, featuring saxophonist and pianist Ray Baker. The show starts at 7:30

p.m. Call 972-461-0857 for more information.

September 15

FREE HUD-approved Homebuyer Education Classes: If you dream of owning a home but need help buying one, come and learn about how to get started. Hosted by the City of Lewisville's First Time Homebuyer Program, this class is HUD-approved, free, and open to the public. The class will walk you through the entire home buying process, including getting the loan that's right for your household budget, shopping for your dream home, dealing with credit issues, and how to insure and inspect your new home. Also learn how you could qualify for up to \$19,000 through the City of Lewisville Homebuyer Assistance Program. Professionals from all industries are present to answer questions. All students receive free HUD-approved certificates of completion and lunch. Full day attendance is required. The seminar lasts from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and is located at 400 High School Dr. Lewisville. Email arinon@cityoflewisville.com or call 972-219-5026 for further information.

September 15

17th Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet: "One Band-One Sound (Unity) The Key To Victory." The NAACP Garland Branch will be hosting the 17th annual Freedom Fund Banquet at GISD Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. (off of George Bush turnpike at North Garland Road). The banquet will include a

silent auction, beginning at 6 p.m. and also will feature special guest speaker Craig Watkins- Dallas County District Attorney. Awards will be presented for Educator of the Year, Community Service Volunteer, Minority Business Owner, and Communications Award. Banquet tables are available for \$450 and individual tickets for \$45. Call 972-381-5044, Box #5 with any questions.

September 15

The Potter's House International Bazaar: This exciting outdoor event will expose you to other cultures as you visit countries thousands of miles away without leaving Dallas. The expo includes International Cuisine, International Exhibits, Cultural Entertainment, Hands-On Demonstrations, Language Learning Sessions, Live Performances, International Fashion Show, and Children's Activities including face painting, bounce houses, a book fair and more! Terra Cotta International is operating vendors who own or operate a restaurant and vendors that sell cultural artifacts, fashion or jewelry and more. If you would like to register as a vendor, contact Joy Sparrow at 214-333-6360, ext. 7 or e-mail tcj@tdjakes.org. Space is limited so act fast! All proceeds support international humanitarian efforts to help children around the world. This event is located at 6777 W. Kiest Blvd. and it will last from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is FREE. Call 214-333-6360 or email tcj@tdjakes.org for more

information.

September 16

Jesse McGowen Elementary School Dedication will be held in McKinney at 4:30 p.m. The school is located at 4300 Columbus Drive, between Hardin and Lake Forest Drive, in the Avalon neighborhood.

September 21

Dallas Jazz Saxophonist David Carr Jr. will perform while George Knock exhibits his nationally renowned sculptures. Presentation will be 7-9 p.m. at the Stephanie Ward Gallery, 920 18th St., Plano TX 75074. Call 469-229-0024 for more information.

September 22

18th Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held at the American Legion Post #321 located at 1236 Ave. J near 14th street, in downtown Plano. The cook off will include raffles, great food, children's activities, and a juried chili cook-off. All proceeds go to support the Collin County Committee of Aging, a 32-year-old, non-profit organization that provides Meals on Wheels, Caregiver Support, Silver Threads Thrift Store, and CCART. The event hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with judging from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and entry to the event is free. The chili cook-off is open for additional entries; trophies will be awarded for 1st - 5th place, Showmanship, and People's Choice. Call 972-423-5423 for more information.

September 22

Irving Health Center Opening

Celebration Health Fair: Irving's health fair and resource information.

Located at 1800 N. Britain Rd., Irving Health Center Parkland Health & Hospital System. The convention will last from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and admission is FREE. For more information, call 214-266-1232 or email bnmora@parknet.pmh.org.

September 28

Baseball As America Exhibit: an intricate baseball exhibit organized by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Baseball As America is the most significant exhibition of baseball artifacts and history ever assembled. The exhibition educates and informs visitors about the many ways in which this national pastime mirrors and influences the always-evolving American culture. Included in the exhibition are baseball "firsts," such as the first ball pitched by Cy Young in the first World Series in 1903 and historic photographs and artifacts from Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, Joe DiMaggio and a host of other heroes. The fair is located at 1318 South 2nd Avenue in Fair Park, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily; after the fair: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday FREE. Call 214-891-5863 or email Amy_Corenblieth@richards.com for more information.

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Remembering The Little Rock Nine

By: James W. Breedlove

School bells tolled across the country last week as students were beckoned to the start of a new school year. For summer vacation was over, and, for most who were heading back to school, the major concerns on that first day were what to wear and locating the right classroom.

But last week was also noteworthy for another reason. September 4 marked the fiftieth anniversary of an ugly chapter in Little Rock history when vicious mobs and the Arkansas National Guard stopped nine black students from answering the school bell at Little Rock Central High.

It is worth reflecting on and remembering the events that precipitated the conflict that terrorized the young black students who were seeking nothing more than to be educated in a neighborhood school that had never books and better facilities than their previous school.

During the spring of 1957, after much legal maneuvering in the courts, the Little Rock School Board adopted a policy for integration that would start at the high school level and gradually include other grades over a period of six years.

There were 517 black students who lived in the Central High district that were eligible to attend Central in the fall. Following extensive interviews with the Superintendent and staff, 17 are selected to initiate integration at Central. Eight of those opted out and decided to remain at the all-black high school.

That left nine students to undertake the arduous and dangerous mission of being the first blacks to attend the all-white Little Rock Central High School. They were: Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Jefferson Thomas, Terrence Roberts, Carlotta Walls, Minnijean Brown Gloria Ray, Thelma Mothershead, and Melba Pattillo who would later

become known as the "Little Rock Nine."

But Arkansas' Governor Orval Faubus had other ideas as he proceeded to orchestrate a series of despicable actions to prevent the nine from entering Central High.

When the black students showed up at Central on September 4, 1957, escorted by two white and two African-American ministers, they were met by a frenzied mob who cursed, jeered, threatened, and screamed, "go home nigger...go back to Africa...go to your own school."

They surged menacingly toward the bewildered and frightened black children. The National Guard, sent by Governor Faubus to keep the students away from Central, held the rabid hecklers back and turned the black students away.

Fifteen-year-old Elizabeth Eckford, who became the face of the Little Rock desegregation crisis said, "That's when I knew that they were just not going to let me go to school...that they were not there to protect me."

She walked alone that first day because her family had no telephone to receive the message on where to meet the others. The chilling images of teen Elizabeth in her crisply starched shirtwaist dress walking through the screaming white mob are gut wrenching. But one photo stands out that characterizes the depth of the enmity being hurled at Elizabeth. It is a photo of a little white girl mimicking her elders as she yells through contorted lips while shaking a menacing fist as Elizabeth walks slowly through the gauntlet of guardsmen.

On September 23, 1957, after more legal skirmishes, the nine black students were secreted into the school through a side door as several thousand protesters milled around in front of the school. When the mob learned the students were inside, it became unruly and several riots broke out. The police, fearful

they would be unable to maintain control, took the black students out of the school through a back door.

President Eisenhower finally stepped in and asserted the U.S. government's authority over the defiant Governor Faubus. He sent over one thousand members of the 101st Airborne Division to Little Rock and federalized ten thousand Arkansas National Guards.

The next day, September 25, 1957, under escort by bayonet-wielding federal troops, the "Little Rock Nine" were allowed to enter Central High for the first full day of classes.

The black students thought things would now be relatively quiet. But when the 101st transferred its duties to federalized Guard troops — many of them opposed to integration — a small group of white students were encouraged to begin "a reign of terror" against the black students.

Reacting to the harassment of white students, Minnijean Brown threw a bowl of chili on several of her antagonists in the cafeteria. She was suspended for six days but later had other altercations that led to her being suspended for the remainder of the 1957 school year.

Melba Pattillo, who was beaten, stabbed and cursed by white students, had acid thrown in her eyes. Her alert guard saved her from blindness by throwing water over her face and eyes.

Earnest Green graduated from Central High on May 27, 1958, as he joined 600 seniors in the commencement exercises. Two more of the "Little Rock Nine" would also graduate—Carlotta Walls in 1959 and Jefferson Thomas in 1960.

This story is just one of many that occurred across the nation documenting the tortuous path blacks had to take in an attempt to gain equal educational opportunities following the 1954 Brown decision.

And after fifty years of struggle the task is still not complete.

Authorities: West Africans Used As N.J. Hair-Braiding Slaves

Federal authorities say it's a case of modern-day slavery.

Two men and a woman were charged Thursday with smuggling at least 20 girls and young women from the West African nation of Togo and forcing them to work at hair braiding salons in Newark and East Orange.

The females told investigators that they worked without pay for up to 14 hours a day, six or seven days a week. They said that if they complained or did not follow the rules, they would be beaten. And they were threatened to be sent back to Africa if they objected to working without pay, they said.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said the workers were brought to the United States through a lottery that lets people from some countries have visas to move to the U.S. Authorities

said the alleged victims posed as relatives of lottery winners so they could get into the country.

"This is a case of modern-day slavery," said Tom Manifase, deputy special agent in charge of investigations for the immigration agency's Newark office.

"These women were promised a better life in the U.S. but instead ended up becoming victims of human trafficking."

The suspects, like the females, are Togolese nationals. Lassissi Afolabi, 44, Akouavi Kpade Afolabi, 39, and Dereck Hounakey, 30, all face charges of harboring illegal aliens, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. Kpade Afolabi is also charged with smuggling illegal aliens for financial gains, which can be punished by 10 years in prison.

The Afolabis, who are related, share an East Orange home.

Lassissi Afolabi's 19-year-old son, Aki Afolabi, told the Star-Ledger of Newark on Friday's newspapers that the claims against his mother, aunt and family friend were false and that the women were paid for their work.

"They got everything they needed and it was better than Africa," he said. "Everybody was treated well. We helped them."

He showed a reporter two bedrooms in the family home where he said three of the salon workers lived. Each room had a television and closets that were full of clothing.

The 20 females are now in protective custody where they have access to emergency housing and counseling.

The suspects were ordered held without bail and were due in court again Friday.

Ban Ki-moon Comments On Sudan With U.N. Correspondents

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon speaks with correspondents about Sudan outside the Security Council chamber at U.N. headquarters in New York

SG: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I'm glad to see you all again. I returned yesterday night, and I would like to briefly tell you. My visit to the region, to Sudan, Chad and Libya, was very useful and constructive in

generating a momentum to bring an early resolution of the situation in Darfur. As you are already aware, we have announced the political negotiation meeting to be held on October 27 in Tripoli, Libya. And I was assured the full support from all the leaders in the region, including Presidents of Sudan, Chad and [Libyan] leader [Muammar] Qaddafi and [other] leaders in the region —

Egypt and Eritrea — and all other countries. I am encouraged. We must build upon this progress to bring peace and security and prosperity to these people.

In that regard, I am going to, again, closely work, particularly during the forthcoming September 21st high-level meeting, to be chaired between myself and Chairman

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The country's licensing body for universities, the Nigerian University Commission (NUC), last week summoned Covenant University officials to clarify the policy, which the NUC says is unjustified. Professor Ignatius Uvah, the NUC's deputy executive secretary, stressed that Covenant University was bound to respect national and international conventions on HIV/AIDS, which demand that tests should be voluntary. According to news reports, the Public Relations Officer of the NUC, Alhaji Ibrahim Yakasai, said the issue would be resolved "very soon."

The National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) has also condemned the compulsory testing of students, saying that "in line with the national guideline for HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, the administration of HIV tests should be with the full consent of the individual involved, and it must be voluntary, confidential and offered only as a package that includes pre- and post-test counseling."

Although the University had earlier stated that negative HIV and pregnancy test results were a condition for graduation, its spokesman, Mr. Emmanuel Igbani, said the tests were a routine exercise to determine the health status of students.

"It is not true that anyone who tests positive for HIV/AIDS would be denied the opportunity to graduate, contrary to media reports," Igbani said in a statement issued in response to growing condemnation of the university's policy. Bisi Ladipo-Salami, of BAOBAB, a women's human rights activist group, described the compulsory testing as a violation of the students' rights, and maintained that there was no law prohibiting HIV-positive and/or pregnant students from graduating.

"We believe that the fundamental rights of all Nigerians, irrespective of religious affiliation, are non-negotiable, and demand an end to the infringement on the rights of the young people under any guise," she said. Princess Olufermi Kayode,

Executive Director of advocacy group Media Concern for Women and Children, commended Covenant University for its efforts to ensure a high moral standard among its students.

However, she added that there was a need for better understanding of the human rights perspective on HIV/AIDS tests, because "the virus can be contracted through various means other than sex, which seems to be emphasis of the university." Notwithstanding these criticisms, the chancellor believed that the students should be guided to protect them from possible HIV infection or unintended pregnancy because in the past some students had been caught engaging in "reprehensible sexual activities."

"It is a very bad situation that requires every possible approach to ensure that we produce the kind of graduates that can guarantee a better future for this country," he said.

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before trial, as he did Sept. 4 with the charges against two more students, Carwin Jones and Theo Shaw.

But Mauffray agreed with Walters that, once a case against a juvenile is in adult court, reducing the charge did not automatically return the case to juvenile court.

Walters quoted state law: "The court exercising criminal jurisdiction shall retain jurisdiction over the child's case, even though he pleads guilty to or is convicted of a lesser included offense."

Bell's attorneys said they would appeal that and another rejected request to return the case to juvenile court. Walters said he would appeal the conspiracy ruling.

Bell's attorneys also argued that the convictions should be thrown out because there was no evidence of conspiracy or of the dangerous weapon required for an aggravated battery charge. Walters has said the weapon was shoes. Louis Scott, another of Bell's attorneys, said there was no evidence that Barker's injuries were caused by tennis shoes rather than a punch or hitting a wall.

made loud noises of disgust or disbelief during the arguments. That was but a mere taste of what is expected to be a massive public outcry against the perceived racial discrimination and unfair targeting of the boys in this case on Sept. 20.

Though the case received little mainstream media attention, a groundswell of sentiment in support of the Black students began on the Internet in blogs; Black media portals like The Final Call and BlackAmericaWeb.com; websites dedicated to the cause (http://jenasix.org) and online petitions to drop the charges in the case (www.colorofchange.org).

The movement is sweeping through college campuses as well.

On Sept. 5, a group of Howard University students comprising the Save the Jena Six Planning Committee, which is working to raise money for and awareness about the Jena Six cases, held a rally at the school's Cramton Auditorium.

"It would behoove students at a Historically Black University to show solidarity with any case that calls into question the blindfold that the court is supposed to wear," said Chigozie Onyema, a

member of the planning team in a The Hilltop article.

Jessica Harris, a student at Morgan State University in Baltimore and a member of Delta Sigma Theta, said as soon as she learned the details of the case, she knew she had to do something.

"I was immediately disgusted," Harris said of the case. "It shocked me back into the reality that racism is alive and well."

On July 31, the Rev. Al Sharpton of the National Action Network went down to Jena to lead in the battle cry of "No justice, no peace!" and he, along with Martin Luther King III, radio host Michael Baisden and other national leaders led a national vigil before the Jena Louisiana Court House on the day of Bell's sentencing.

Harris said while she cannot make the trip, she is working on organizing a simultaneous "Black Awareness" rally at the school.

"Even if I can't go down there and scream on the courtroom steps I can do something here to raise awareness of not only the Jena Six case but also the other important issues facing the Black community."

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

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carrying a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you date 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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Position Your Company For Minority Contracts

By: Madison J. Gray
For Stephen Jackson, one of the most important keys to successfully becoming a corporate supplier was networking.

"It was about being in the right place at the right time, but also about being able to solve a problem," said Jackson, general manager of RoadDoggz Productions, a New York-based video and film production company, which produces, edits, encodes and uploads web video for Seagram's Walk of Fame Tour.

Jackson's company got the deal because the marketing company Seagram's was using didn't know what to do with the video it had. An associate of Jackson's who knew about Seagram's dilemma suggested he contact Seagram's to talk about improving the quality and helping the Walk of Fame Tour develop an Internet presence.

"They liked the concept and brought into it," Jackson says. "After that, they asked us to go out and produce the entire Walk of Fame concept."

RoadDoggz Productions' story is just one example of how minority businesses can position themselves to become suppliers and contractors to major companies. In 2004 corporations working with the National Minority Supplier Diversity Council, an organization that helps provide procurement opportunities for minority-owned enterprises, spent \$87.4 billion with minority businesses.

Corporate America is becoming more willing to partner with minority owned businesses. Marriott International was the first worldwide hospitality company to establish a supplier diversity program and did \$347 million with minority- and women-owned enterprises in 2005. IBM Corp. has an entire Global

Supplier Diversity Program that spends \$2 billion a year in business with minority companies. Building relationships is an important part of getting a piece of that pie.



Stephen Jackson used networking to secure a minority contract.

"From the perspective of the minority business enterprise, most of them don't know how to penetrate the maze to get to the people that make business decisions," says Reginald Williams,

CEO of Procurement Resources Inc. and an expert on supplier diversity issues. "A second challenge is, unlike the consumer market, you have to understand the business culture in order to assimilate within it. For a businessman or woman wanting to enter the relationship, you have to understand how the company is organized."

It's also important to think of every relationship as a potentially long-lasting one, Williams says. "I'm not just selling them some paper today, corporations thrive on long term strategic relationships that add value to their mission."

Although companies such as RoadDoggz Productions have figured how to create relationships with larger companies, many don't know where to start. Minority business advocates say fostering and maintaining a healthy network is key to being able to grasp opportunities when

they come up. One way is to join advocacy groups such as the local chapter of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (nmsdcus.org).

"Getting into the mix is important because rarely does a contractor come knocking at your door," said Lynda Ireland,

president of the New York & New Jersey Minority Supplier Development Council. "If you don't know about the contracts, you can't go after them. When you know what your services are and you know your capabilities, you discover which companies you can add value to."

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Business Assistance Center Launches Its Fall Calendar & Training For Small Business Owners And Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Business Assistance Center, Inc., a nonprofit community development entity (BAC, Inc.), has created over 58 small business owners & employees who have surpassed over \$1,000,000.00 in generated gross revenue.

The new 2007 Small Business Start-up training class for Fall 2007 begins September 18, 2007 with two pre-orientations being held September 13, 2007, Thursday, 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. at 1201 Camp Wisdom, Dallas TX 75231.

Van Howard, BAC President/CEO said, "This fall marks our fourth training of Dallas entrepreneurs who want to create jobs, follow their passion and give

back to the community."

"Historically, people of color have not had viable access to capitol or entrepreneurial training programs," said Terry Allen, Business and Development Director. "The BAC, Inc. start-up class will provide information on how to gain access to financial support by building relationships with our partner banks and we will showcase the small business owners' roadmap to the process for procuring contracts."

Allen said, "This time we will be able to showcase our partnership Constant Contact. We will be able to provide our business owners with easy to use email marketing and online survey products that build strong,

lasting customer relationships and readily capture revenue opportunities faster. Constant Contact, Inc. is one of the leading providers of email marketing and survey tools for owner managed organizations. Since we joined Constant Contact's Business Partner program we

will be able to offer to the southern sector Small Business Network clients two classes with the Constant Contact Development Director, Julie Neihoff in October and November 2007."

For more information, access the website at www.bac5.org.

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House Of Blues, Skoolboy Entertainment & Panic Switch Present Tyrese On September 30 @ 9 p.m.

Tyrese Darnell Gibson (born December 30, 1978), often known simply as Tyrese or Black-Ty, is an American R&B and hip hop singer, songwriter, rapper, actor, and former fashion model and MTV VJ. After releasing several successful albums, he made the transition into films, with lead roles in several Hollywood films, including *Baby Boy*, *2 Fast 2 Furious*, *Flight of the Phoenix*, *Four Brothers*, *Annapolis* and his latest, *Waist Deep*, and *Transformers*.

Gibson was born in the Watts district in Los Angeles, California, where he attended Locke High School. His mother, Priscilla Murray Gibson (née Durham), raised him and his three older siblings as a single parent after Gibson's father left in 1983. Gibson's career began when he won a talent show at the age of fourteen. An appearance in a 1997 Coca-Cola advertisement, singing the phrase "Always Coca-Cola", led to wider fame, and at the age of seventeen his chiseled looks

paved the way for him to model for Tommy Hilfinger. In regards to beefing up, he told *CraveOnline* that he does "just a few push ups here and there... I'm doing push ups and eating Ding Dongs. That's it, man. Twinkies, got to keep it right."

Initially an MC, Gibson rapped under the alias of Black-Ty and was a member of an underground group known as Triple Impact, but he didn't hesitate to follow another career route as an opportunity to launch his R&B career came up first. He released his self-titled debut music album, which went platinum, in 1998; his second album, *2000 Watts*, shares the name of the organization he founded to help inner city children. Tyrese also co-wrote with Teddy Riley and Michael Jackson the song "2000 watts", included in Michael Jackson's 2001 album "Invincible." Gibson was given the role originally intended for Tupac Shakur in the 2001 film *Baby Boy*; the movie was a critical success and performed fairly at the box office. Gibson subsequently appeared in the 2003 box office

success *2 Fast 2 Furious* (opposite Paul Walker), as well as *Flight of the Phoenix* (2004), *Four Brothers* (2005) and *Annapolis*



(2006), co-starring James Franco. Gibson was picked as one of *People Magazine's* Sexiest Men of the Year in 2000.

In 2006, Gibson starred in *Waist Deep*, in which he played a man fighting to rescue his son from kidnappers; his co-stars in the film, Meagan Good and Larenz Tate, are personal friends of Gibson's in real life. Like several of his previous roles, the film is set in an urban environment, but

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Denton Sings The Blues

Black Chamber of Commerce hosts annual festival this weekend

The ninth annual Denton Blues Festival, the signature event of the Denton Black Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, September 15, from 1:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Quakertown Park.

The free festival includes a host of events catering to the entire blues-loving family. The Youth Talent Show is from 1:00 p.m.

until 4:30 p.m., and cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third-place winners. The Denton Blues Idol Contest, an effort to find new up and coming blues talent, will also run from 1-4:30 p.m. The Blues Festival begins at 5:00 p.m. Participants are encouraged to feast on barbecue, roasted corn, hamburgers, hot dogs, tacos, nachos, mustard greens & corn bread, beer and soft drinks.

Participants must bring their

own blankets and lawn chairs, and no outside food or drinks will be permitted on the premises.

This year's event is sponsored by The City of Denton, the Denton Black Chamber of Commerce, and Classic Lincoln-Mercury Mazda of Denton. For more information, visit www.dentonblackchamber.org or contact Reggie Hill, 940-565-9274; Kerry Gore, 940-382-9100; or John Baines, 940-565-9015.

Bill Cosby Presented by Bass Hall On September 30

He resurrected the American sitcom. He broke the racial barrier on television as the first black performer ever to receive an Emmy. He revolutionized the way African Americans were portrayed on television. He is an

Honoree of the Kennedy Center Awards and a recipient of the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award. He broke the record for comedy album sales, won the Grammy for "Best Comedy Album" five times in a row, and

is a best-selling author many times over. He is a husband and father, a passionate philanthropist, and a boy from the "wrong side" of Philadelphia. He has touched the lives of mil-

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lions of Americans, and now -- on one Sunday this September -- Bill Cosby pulls up a chair at Bass Hall to talk to you. Show times are at 2pm and 5pm.

Honors:
 • Cosby received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Carnegie Mellon University at its 2007 commencement ceremony, where he was also the keynote speaker.

• Cosby received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Yale University on 2003.



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people die each year from heart disease.

In an effort to help people change their lifestyles to become more heart healthy, Healthy Choice has partnered with the American Heart Association as a national sponsor of Start! Heart Walk. Healthy Choice is featuring celebrity chef Juan Carlos Cruz, who will give cooking demonstrations from an 18-wheeler, complete with a kitchen. Known for his fun and energetic style, Cruz has been featured on the Food Network, and will teach visitors how to use clever ingredient substitutions to replace unnecessary

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Gibson has said that he does not view the role as a "step back", rather seeing the film as taking "another direction" due to some of its themes and action sequences.

Gibson prefers his music career to acting, but will focus on both areas. His rap persona was finally revitalized on December 12, 2006, with the release of his newest album, titled Alter Ego, with one disc featuring R&B (as Tyrese) and one disc featuring hip hop (as Black-Ty). His most recent role was in the big-budget action movie, Transformers, which was released in July 2007; the film's director, Michael Bay, had Gibson in mind for the role before he was cast, and thus Gibson did not have to audition for the part. Gibson may also star in a film version of the superhero Luke Cage; as of 2006, the script was being re-formatted. Gibson has been attached to a new R&B supergroup entitled

Neighborhood Summit Page 1

setting for neighborhoods and more. Noted neighborhood developer and advocate Jim Diers from Seattle, WA will present a workshop titled "Neighbor Power". Diers will share real-life examples of how neighborhoods have worked together to develop community-driven plans and neighborhood self-help projects. He will offer practical applications and invaluable lessons for ordinary, caring neighbors who want to make a difference. It also provides government officials with inspiring stories and proven programs to help them embrace neighborhood activists as true partners.

"Mr. Diers has shared his

calories, salt and fat.

Another heart-healthy component of the Start! Heart Walk is the free health screenings conducted by AstraZeneca, who has also partnered with the American Heart Association to promote healthier living. Participants can get glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, as well as learn how they can reduce their risks of heart disease.

Locally, the event is chaired by Trevor Fetter, President and CEO of Tenet Healthcare Corporation and co-chaired by Peter Altabef, President and CEO of the Perot Systems Corporation. Dallas Mavericks Head Coach Avery Johnson is

TGT with Ginuwine and Tank. He is quoted in saying, "With all the support our fans have given us individually over the years for our distinct signature styles, collectively we felt our fans deserved to hear great music in a way that they could never have imagined. I've known these guys for years and they truly are like brothers, so it only felt right to come together as a trio to make history." The group is first featured on Tank's remix to the song "Please Don't Go." They also plan an international tour entitled "The Shirts Off Tour." TGT stands for "Tyrese, Ginuwine, Tank."

During a 2003 appearance on the New Tom Green Show, it was revealed that Tyrese has an immense fear of owls. On the show, Tyrese confessed that he has such a fear of owls that looking at a picture would make him freak out. Knowing this, Tom Green began to draw a picture of an owl, causing Tyrese to go into a panic and threaten to leave the stage.

experiences with audiences all over the world," says Ms. Conner. "We're very excited about the opportunity to share the lessons he has learned with Garland neighborhood leaders." The Neighborhood Summit will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth Street in Downtown Garland. The Summit is open to the public. Early registration costs \$15. After October 1, 2007, the cost increases to \$20. The registration deadline is October 19, 2007.

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Sudan to faithfully implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, which is the core in this issue. I again expect that they will faithfully implement [it]. At the same time, the leaders in the region, particularly Sudan, should make their utmost efforts, to make this political process move smoothly, keeping the cessation of hostilities and helping the humanitarian assistance flow smoothly, without any hindrance.

I visited again the future site of the hybrid operation, UNAMID [UN Assistance Mission in Darfur]. Initial preparations are going on well -

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on track. Again, President [Omar El] Bashir of Sudan has assured me of his Government's full support - logistical, administrative areas, including some additional land which may be required for operations. We must build upon this momentum. The Chadian Government is going to hold a preparatory meeting with all the representatives of movements, in about two week's time. I have asked my Special Representative, Mr. Jan Eliasson and African Union

Special Envoy, Mr. [Salim A.] Salim, to fully utilize this opportunity to engage in talks with the leaders of rebel groups. They will have to engage in shuttle diplomacy before this formal meeting takes place, to see that [there is] the smooth process of this meeting. I am going to be continuously engaged in this and you will have my full commitment to it. I am grateful to all the leaders for their political flexibility and cooperation.

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Sister Tarpley

John paced up and down outside his cabin and asked, "Why did the Lord allow my wife to suffer so, to approach death with no hope of a doctor's help? Perhaps they should never have come to this lonesome jungle without a government outpost near. Why did they come to Africa? But not that was doubting God. He had sent them here, and He had blessed their work; souls had been saved, and a church was established. God wanted them here.

But why was God allowing his wife to die? She couldn't last the week out until the messenger would bring the doctor from the coast. And that strange request of hers—three ripe tomatoes. She thought they would help her and give her nourishment to sustain her until the doctor arrived.

As far as John knew, there weren't three ripe tomatoes in all of Belgian Congo. There might be some canned tomatoes at their distant outpost but ripe ones? They just did not grow tomatoes in this part of Africa.

John thought of praying for tomatoes but considered it unreasonable to ask God for the impossible. Tomatoes couldn't grow like the beanstalk in the old fairy tale even if he did have seeds, and he didn't.

Steadily the tropical fever was burning the very life from John's wife. By nightfall, she was so weak she could not talk; lack of food had sapped her strength until she could only moan and whisper occasionally

Three Ripe Tomatoes

to her husband. Only the prayers of the entire mission compound kept her alive through that night, alive to face another day of suffering—physical for her, mental for John. As he leaned over her bed in the morning, again he heard her whisper, "If-only-I-had-three-ripe-tomatoes."

In agony, John heard that dying request—three ripe tomatoes. If only



Picture of The Week
Mr. Henry & Mrs. Nanaola Bryant, Training For Excellence Executive Director, at the Annual Teen Leadership Purpose & Destiny Conference.

it were humanly possible to get them. He would go to any extreme. He picked up his wife's hot hand and gripped it compassionately in his. As he stood looking down at his wife, a native servant appeared at the door and said there was a nearby tribeswoman out in front who wanted to see him. Reluctantly John left his wife and stepped outside. He had

never seen this woman before, yet her tribal dress was familiar. Questioning her, he found that his guess had been correct—a bush woman from the tribe he had visited last month. But what was she doing here at this season of the year?

His question was answered. She had been sent to him for advice. Food was scarce this season, but she was afraid to eat this queer fruit she had grown from seeds left her by a white man. Were they all right to eat? As John peered into the basket she carried, he almost cried for joy. These tomatoes came now in answer to his wife's prayers and in rebuke to his doubts.

And not only that, but the bewildered Black woman said that she had more! She scurried to get them at the missionary's plea.

John's wife ate the tomatoes and lived until the doctor arrived with healing medicine, lived for a successful ministry through the amazing appearance of three ripe tomatoes, that were planted, raised and ripened at the appropriate time by the hand of the all-wise God.

The seeds were sown long before—because someone prayed. The Black woman brought the tomatoes to the missionary because someone prayed. — From Miracles and Melodies. Only God Can Do The Miraculous!

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ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

September 16 @ 11 am
As a new church in the area, we invite you to our Sunday Worship Service each week @ 11 am; and our third (3rd) Sunday only, 4 pm Worship Service. Services are currently being held @ the Southfork Hotel, 1600 N. Central Expressway (East side of the Freeway) in Plano, TX 75074. Call 972-781-8225 for information.

Abundant Life Fellowship Church
1600 N. Central Expressway
Plano, TX 75074
972-781-8225

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME CHURCH/TEMPLE OF FAITH

September 15, 10 am - 12 Noon
Join us as Dr. Luther Smith speaks at a FREE lecture about Theologian and Civil Rights Leader Howard Thurman, and 'The Spirituality of Transformation: An In-depth Look at Howard Thurman'

September 16, 12 Noon - 2 pm
Please join our 2nd Annual Business Expo in our main lobby. The seminar features professionals and entrepreneurs and will be facilitated by Fay Fleming, President of the Business Performance Company.

For Expo fee and information call Fay Fleming @ 817-428-2480.

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME Church

Temple of Faith
1420 Noel Road
Dallas, TX 75254
972-239-1120
Our Education Department is providing FREE English as a Second Language Class for everyone; and a FREE GED preparation, including pre-testing and tutoring every Wednesday @ 6 pm. If you or someone you know needs assistance, contact Marcia Jones @ the church.

Fellowship B. C. of Allen
Rev. W. L. Stafford, Sr., M. Div. Senior Pastor
200 Belmont Drive
Allen, TX 75013
972-359-9956

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

September 15, 9 am
You are invited to our FREE Women in Red Prayer Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. Each woman is asked to wear something red and invite two women.

September 16, 10:30 am & 6 pm
Please join us for our Crowns of Royalty honoring Sister Annie Pearl Foster. We are asking all women to wear hats on this day to honor our First Lady.

At 6 pm don't you dare miss our Women's Angelic Choir Musical in our main Sanctuary as we worship and praise God for His blessings.

September 22, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Our Women's Day Mini Conference will be in our Chapel. A Continental Breakfast will be served. This is a FREE conference and breakfast but you must call 972-235-4235 immediately to register for enough food and supplies to be ordered.

September 23, 7:30 am & 10:30 am
We are looking for you at the conclusion of our 2007 Women's Day Celebration. All ladies are asked to wear purple and to sit in the reserved seating in the middle aisle.

First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park
Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor
Rev. Anthony Foster, Co-Pastor
300 East Phillips Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-235-4235

GREATER ST. JOHN REVELATION CHURCH

September 15, 9 am - 3:30 pm
You are invited to our Pre-Family and Friends Day Conference. Registration is 9 am - 9:30 am. Work sessions to follow. Theme: A House Divided Cannot Stand. (Luke 11:14-23.)

September 16, 3 pm
Please join us for our Family and Friends Day activities as we worship the Lord in Holiness.

Greater St. John Revelation Church
Elder E. E. Livingston, Pastor
3633 Atlanta Street
Dallas, TX 75215
214-428-8913

HAMILTON PARK UMC

September 2007 On-Going each
Wednesday, 7 pm - 9 pm
It's not too late for a FREE 28-Week African American

History Class with instructors John Ross and Kerry Shelton. The instructors are well-versed in African History and will give an in-depth view of our glorious past and present.

For information contact John Ross @ 972-230-9096 or you may register at the church.

Hamilton Park UMC
Rev. Harold Dargfield, Pastor
11881 Schroeder Road
Dallas, TX 75234
972-235-4633

HILL CHAPEL CME CHURCH

September 2007
This is Anniversary Month at Hill Chapel and we are inviting you to join us for a wonderful time in the Lord.

Hill Chapel CME Church, Plano
Rev. Clarence Ford, Pastor
1113 Avenue I
Plano, TX 75074
972-423-4090

MOORE'S CHAPEL C.O.G.I.C. ALLEN

September 9 - 14, 2007
We will host the McKinney Metropolis 3rd Holy Convocation, starting with a musical @ 3:30 pm on September 9th. Officials include: Superintendent Willie Wilson; District Missionary Mable Smith; Bishop T.W. Johnson, State Mother Ophelia Evans. Come magnify the Lord with us. For more information call 972-302-5272.

Moore's Chapel C.O.G.I.C., Elder Willie D. Wilson, Pastor
306 North Cedar Drive
Allen, TX 75002
972-727-9693

SAINT MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

September 16, 11 am & 3:30 pm
Join us in "Celebrating 24 Years of Sharing the Living Word" honoring Senior Pastor Charles S. Wattley. Special guests will include Sweet Home Baptist, Pastor D. L. Wilson and Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Pastor Franklin Wilson

Saint Mark Baptist Church
Rev. Charles S. Wattley, Senior Pastor
1308 Wilcox Street
McKinney, TX 75069
972-542-6178

Frisco Residents of Color (FROC) Promote Unity In The Community

Frisco Residents of Color (FROC) will announce its newest members at a Welcome Mixer to be held Monday, September 24, 2007, at Stephanie Ward Gallery, 920 18th Street, Plano, TX 75074. The Welcome Mixer is the culmination of FROC's first annual membership drive, which began this past June.

cultural awareness and enrichment in Frisco and the entire Collin County community with support from a coordinated network of diverse community-based organizations and businesses. FROC's vision is to become the pinnacle organization in Frisco and the surrounding communities for initiating and promoting activities reflecting the culture, aspirations, and progressive advancement for

individuals, students, and families of color. FROC meets on a monthly basis to discuss business, political, educational, family, and social opportunities in the city of Frisco and strives to emphasize how working together can affect change and make an economical impact within the community. For more information or directions to the Stephanie Ward Gallery, call 469.229.0024.

Church Directory

Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church
"Where Jesus is the Main Attraction"
Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am
Wednesday Bible Study - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm
14120 Noel Road • Dallas, TX 75254
972-239-1120 (Office) • 972-239-5925 (Fax)
templeoffaith_cme@sbcglobal.net (Email)
Healthy Beginnings Child Development Center - 972-404-1412
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor

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1026 Avenue F • Plano, TX 75074 • 972-423-8833
"Our Pilgrimage to Heaven in 2007" - Hebrews 11:13-16
Sunday Bible Class 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Men Bible Class 5:00 pm
Women Bible Class 5:00 pm
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 pm
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www.avefchurchofchrist.org

Hill Chapel
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1113 Ave. I, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4090
Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr., Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church
7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.
Dallas, Texas 75257
Phone: 972-515-4252 Fax: 972-709-3888
Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30pm.
Monday School: 7pm
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Sunday 9:45AM Sunday School
Monday 7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries
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Thursday 7PM Mass Choir
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One, two or three lots for sale at Restland in North Dallas; located in the beautiful and peaceful Serenity Gardens Section (Southeast corner of Greenville Avenue & Restland Road.) Market value \$3450 each, but selling price negotiable. View plots by appointment only. Call 972-606-3878, 972-416-6109, or 469-235-5808.

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Six Area Pastors' Wives Honored For Domestic Violence Advocacy

The Family Place will honor six area Pastors' Wives (First Ladies) who have taken a stand in proactively addressing the needs of domestic violence victims in the church community at the Belo Mansion on Saturday, September 29.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of death among women in the nation. Texas and Dallas is the leading state

and city of domestic violence, respectively. The month of October is national awareness month bringing attention to this cause. As a result, The First Ladies Gospel Brunch and Fashion Show benefiting The Family Place has been created to help raise funds to continue awareness and education.

Honorees include Paula Coleman, Kingdom Harvest Church of God in Christ; Lois

Evans, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church; Toy Sargent, Faithful Missionary Baptist Church; Denise Simon, All Saints Catholic Church & St. Elizabeth of Hungary; Glenna Smith, North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship; and Decia Terry, The Breakthrough Center.

For ticket information, contact Emily Santillan at 214-443-7117.

Tarrant County College Hosts HBCU College Fair

Tarrant County College will host an HBCU college fair on Saturday, September 15, on the TCC Southeast Campus, located at 2100 Southeast Parkway, Arlington, Tex. from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Participants will meet representatives from Dallas

Metroplex Council of Black Alumni Associations (DMCBAA), The United Negro College Fund (UNCF), HBCU alumni and recruiters from public and private schools in the United States, and obtain scholarship and financial aid information.

All Arlington and Fort Worth students, parents, and educators are invited to attend.

For more information, contact DMCBAA at 972-220-0477, email dmcbaa@yahoo.com or go to the organization's website at www.dmcbaa.com.

Author Dr. Luther E. Smith Speaks About Theologian, Civil Rights Leader Howard Thurman



Christian Chapel CME Church will host a unique lec-

ture titled "The Spirituality of Transformation: An In-depth Look at Howard Thurman" by Dr. Luther Smith of the Chandler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. The free event will be held on Saturday, September 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Christian Chapel CME Church, 14120 Noel Road in Dallas.

Dr. Smith is the author of a number of books about influential theologian Howard Thurman, including 2007's "Howard Thurman: The Mystic as Prophet." Thurman was a groundbreaking theologian, philosopher, and educator who

influenced civil rights leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King.

For more information about the lecture, call 972-239-1120 or email rev.lucury@cctof.org.

DCHHS TV Series Page 1

as a possible influenza pandemic, that the public need to be made aware of," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "Through this public service television series, we hope to raise the public's awareness of current public health issues, emerging threats to the public health and well-being and what DCHHS is doing to address these issues." Efforts are underway to expand viewership to include additional venues.

The four-part series focuses on topics such as pandemic influenza, personal preparedness, and highlights the work being done by DCHHS to prepare for any public health emergency. "We are pleased to launch this new initiative that allows us to enter the homes of Dallas County residents and talk to them about important public health issues such as pandemic influenza," said Jennifer McMillian, Ph.D., DCHHS Assistant Director, Public Health Preparedness.

The series is being launched on September 11th as part of DCHHS National Preparedness Month activities. National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort encouraging Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Dallas County Health and Human Services

has joined more than 1,000 organizations nationwide to sponsor the fourth annual celebration that encourages Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

tested its emergency preparedness plans and taken the lessons learned from each to make the agency better prepared for real-life situations. Planning an effective response to a public health

The rebroadcast schedule for September is shown below. Additional air dates will be announced at a later time.

September 13, 2007	11:00 a.m.	Channel 27A	Episode 1
September 13, 2007	11:30 a.m.	Channel 27A	Episode 2
September 14, 2007	10:30 a.m.	Channel 27A	Episode 2
September 18, 2007	8:00 p.m.	Channel 27A	Episode 1
September 25, 2007	8:00 p.m.	Channel 27A	Episode 2

"While September has been designated as National Preparedness Month, at DCHHS we consider the issue of preparedness year round," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "It is incumbent upon each Dallas County resident to take personal responsibility by having a disaster plan for their families and a Go Kit in their homes.

Dallas County Health and Human Services is at the forefront nationwide of public health preparedness efforts. DCHHS works diligently to keep the public informed about public health issues and to prepare critical partners for public health threats such as pandemic influenza. In multiple exercises focusing on a full range of scenarios from anthrax to pandemic influenza, DCHHS has

emergency, such as an influenza pandemic or bioterrorism attack, necessitates a coordinated leadership effort between all stakeholders. DCHHS continues its active involvement in preparing and educating the public, municipalities, hospitals, first responders, schools, faith-based organizations, and many non-governmental agencies and service providers regarding the potential impact of influenza pandemic or other public health threats on the community.

For a copy of the DCHHS Personal Preparedness Guide and more information on preparing for a public health emergency, visit the DCHHS preparedness website at www.dallascounty.org

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11:00 am: Morning Worship

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3rd Annual Women's Celebration

September 20th - 23rd, 2007

Theme: "Women... Fearfully and Wonderfully Made - By God, For God"
"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:14

Thursday, Sept. 20th - 7:00 P.M.
Beverage Welcome - Guest Speaker: Dr. Sharon Patterson, Highland Hills U.M.C.

Friday, Sept. 21st - 7:00 P.M.
Ladies Only - Gift Bags & Mirrors Plus - W.O.S. Balling (Prizegive), Light refreshments and an open bar, with a new surprise.

Saturday, Sept. 22nd - 3:00 P.M.
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Monday Services: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday Service: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

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8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday
Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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