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Mistrial for Muslim Charity Leaders Facing Terror Charges

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- A federal judge in Dallas, Texas, declared a mistrial Monday in the case against leaders of a Muslim charity accused of aiding terrorists.

Five former members of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief

and Development were accused of operating as a front for Hamas, the Palestinian group which U.S. authorities designated a terrorist organization in 1997.

The men were indicted in July 2004 for illegally funneling aid overseas to the

group.

One of the leaders, former chairman Mohammed el-Mezain, was acquitted on all but one of 32 charges against him. Jurors deadlocked on one count of conspiracy to provide material support to a designated terrorist organiza-

tion.

Judge A. Joe Fish declared a mistrial on that single charge, as well as on all other charges facing the other four defendants and Holy Land Foundation itself.

Court officials say confusion occurred

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Christian Revolt Against Giuliani Brewing

(WorldNetDaily.com) "A lot of conservative Christians will never vote for Rudy Giuliani," says pastor, commentator and radio talk host Chuck Baldwin.

"Giuliani is unabashedly pro-choice," Baldwin argued in an interview with WND, "He is the most pro-abortion candidate the

Republican Party has." Baldwin is the pastor of Crossroad Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla.,

"A growing number of Christian values voters believe Giuliani's open support of abortion disqualifies him from ever being president," Baldwin said. "A revolt against the Republican Party from within is gaining

momentum, and Giuliani's front-runner status has galvanized opposition from the ranks."

Recently, some of the top leaders in Christian pro-family activism - including James Dobson of Focus on the Family - met in Salt Lake City to plot a strategy should Giuliani or another supporter of legalized

abortion be nominated by the Republican Party as its presidential candidate.

Giuliani's problems with the Republican base were compounded in April when he issued an "in your face statement" that the Republican Party has to "get over" issues like opposing abortion.

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Secretary Alphonso Jackson Facing Second Investigation

Alphonso Jackson U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary indicated last week he will cooperate with investigators regarding the awarding of a contract worth nearly half a million dollars for work on behalf of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO). HUD assumed over-

sight of HANO in 2002 due to alleged mismanagement.

Reportedly HUD's inspector general and the FBI have questioned Jackson's possible role in HANO's hiring of South Carolina construction contractor William Hairston. Jackson is a friend of Hairston, whose construction company was



awarded a no-bid contract in July 2006.

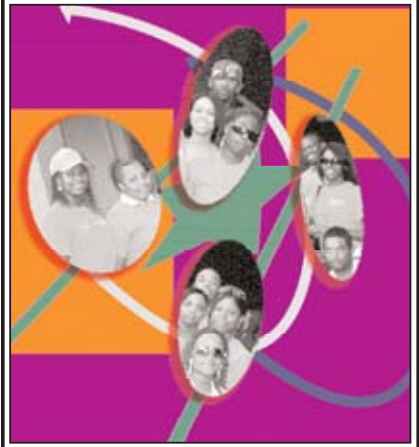
"My commitment to helping the American people find decent, safe and affordable housing is unwavering, and I intend to fully cooperate with any possible investigation and to clear my name," Jackson said in a statement via a spokes-

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Blackonomics

We are Leaving Here, But, What are We Leaving Here?

By: James Clingman

M u h a m m a d Nasserdeen, another warrior for economic freedom for Black people, succumbed on October 11, 2007. Brother Nasserdeen was the founder of Recycling Black Dollars (RBD) in Los Angeles.

News of his death was yet another realization of what everyone already knows: We all have to leave here one day. Nasserdeen's transition was eerily similar to our brother, Ken Bridges, co-founder of the MATAH Network.

Those two brothers knew and supported each other, and they worked on the same issues vis-à-vis economic empowerment. Both died on October 11th and both were 53 years old (Nasserdeen was one month away from his 53rd birthday).

Brother Nasserdeen has worked for the empowerment and economic freedom of Black people, not only in L.A. but all across this country. His philosophy and practice of recycling Black dollars will live on, and it

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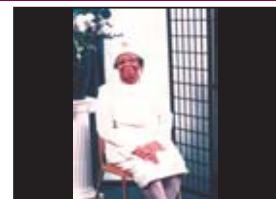
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Plano Community Forum's 26th Annual Awards Banquet "Education: The Key to a Healthy Community"

The Plano Community Forum (PCF) non-profit 501 c (3) organization was founded in 1981, almost three decades ago, when local African American Leaders in Plano saw a need for recognition of minority students' achievements and education. The PCF serves Plano's youth, realizing that education is power; the PCF is devoted to encouraging education through scholarship opportunities, and civic awards for outstanding community members.

October 13th the PCF held its 26th Annual awards banquet at the Southfork Hotel near Downtown Plano, awarding over \$12,000 in scholarship funds. Outstanding students from Plano East and Plano West Senior Highs were awarded with the Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr. Scholarship Award, which will aid them through their journey to college.

Honoree Candace Miller was featured in the musical performance of "All That." The honorable Mayor Pat Evans gave his acknowledgement to this year's award recipients, allowing for PCF president Brenda McDonald to close the ceremony.

Exemplary students like Candace Miller, and Kierra Johnson are recognized for their achievements in academics, as well as in the community. Through philanthropy, dedication, and humility the Plano Community Forum has been able to provide scholarship opportunities for graduating minority students in Plano, as well as to promote cultural enrichment within the community, and build on leadership values.



Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Don McKnight and T.J. Johnson



Former Plano City Council Member, David Perry and spouse, Marie



Brenda McDonald, PCF President, Evelyn McKnight, and Mazzie Moses



Kevin Dillion, 2005 Youth Award Recipient



The Honorable Mr. & Mrs. Harry LaRosiliere, Plano City Council Member Place 5



Don McKnight, The Honorable Plano Mayor Pat Evans, Brenda McDonald, T.J. Johnson



Brenda McDonald, PCF President and Mr. and Mrs. Earl and Barbara Simpkins, President Award Recipients



2007 Award Winners - Deborah Jones - Civic, Kierra Johnson - Youth, Mazzie Moses- Awards Presenter, and Steve Hardy - Educator

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Monday after jurors returned from 19 days of deliberations. Three Holy Land leaders were at first declared not guilty, but when jurors were polled individually, several told Fish the verdicts were incorrectly read.

The entire panel was sent back to straighten out the matter, but returned about an hour later, saying further deliberations would be pointless, since a unanimous decision could not be reached. Fish, named to the federal bench in 1983 by President Reagan, then declared a mistrial.

Holy Land Foundation claimed it was the nation's largest Muslim non-profit charity. Based in Richardson, Texas, it had offices in California, New Jersey

and Illinois.

It was shut down December 4, 2001, just weeks after the September 11, 2001, terror attacks, when its offices were raided by federal authorities. President Bush made a White House announcement that day, saying, "Those who do business with terror will do no business with the United States."

Holy Land officials denied the accusations, calling them a "smear campaign to undermine Muslims and the institutions that serve them."

Since it was shut down, federal courts have rejected Holy Land's ongoing efforts to have their assets unfrozen.

There was no initial reaction Monday from the defendants, their attorneys or the

Justice Department.

Because a mistrial was declared on most of the counts, federal

prosecutors have the option of re-filing charges.

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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 recruitment company, 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 region to continue this growth is the fastest expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most viable of many area opportunities. As shown, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carrying a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north, think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

The North Dallas Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

THE TRUTH CLINIC

The Tough Choice: Serving God or Mammon

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matt 6:24

The current allegations of ethical and financial misconduct that caused Richard Roberts, President of Oral Roberts University, to take a leave of absence adds another page to a long list of embarrassing fiascos associated with high profile church leaders.

Over the last two decades evangelists such as Jim and Tammy Fay Bakker, Jimmy Swaggart, Oral Roberts, Ted Haggard, Juanita Bynum, Robert Tilton, Benny Hinn, and Henry Lyons have all taken their turn in the spotlight of shame while defending against accusations that included misuse of funds, tell-tale divorces, fake healing, profiteering, and sexual impropriety. These recurring scandals have caused many disillusioned followers to both lose confidence in evangelical ministries and also to question their faith.

In many instances the evangelists headed ministries that while growing unbelievably fast seemed to focus less on God and more on self-promotion. Their message of prosperity was showcased with palatial mansions, private planes, lavish vacations, and other vestiges of

material wealth.

Today Christian leaders are twisting the word of God to conform to their own brand of Christianity that supercedes the Jesus-based version. Their followers are none the wiser because of blind paternal like ties to the leader and biblical.

Sadly the church is becoming less recognizable as the solid rock that Jesus ordained. People go to church to be blessed instead of being a blessing, to be served instead of serving. The church has become materially rich while precious little gets to the distressed souls that are in dire need. We see magnificent buildings, great cathedrals, towering steeples that reach to the heavens all wrapped in media refined proselytizing programs that do little to reveal Christ to the world.

The essence of too many religious organizations is money. It was money that trapped the chief priests and it is money that is tripping up many of today's religious charlatans. Christ said it is impossible to serve God and mammon.

America's foundation was based on Christian principles but now our faith is rooted in the almighty dollar. Greed is everywhere and has infected every aspect of our civil, political and religious lives. No matter how much worldly

materialism we acquire it never seems to satiate our desires for more.

There are many competing voices trying to explain this growing devotion to mammon. The world is asking, why is this happening in a Christian America? God blessed America to become the most powerful nation in the world, but look at her now. She is the most amoral and violent nation since pagan Rome. It is happening just as Christ said it would.

And in the American political arena the influence of man based religion rooted in materialism has been the dominant force driving an agenda for a new world order.

The bulk of the Christian church in America has supported this new world order as part of their devotion to mammon. This man based religion self ordains that its leaders can play at being gods and do anything they wish.

Jesus in discussing the Laodicean Church in Revelation foretold of so-called Christians who would be spiritually poor. These church members would be neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm. The church at Laodicea said, "We are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing." Jesus responded, "You do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked."

Notwithstanding the Laodicean reminder God does not disavow having money. The story of the Good Samaritan is one illustration of the proper use of material riches.

The Samaritan was a businessman, merchant, traveler, and a man of substance. When he came upon the man who had been robbed and left for dead he acted immediately. He tended the man's wounds then pulled out his purse and personally financed his stay and care at the Inn. The Samaritan used his material riches in a god like manner instead of letting materialism be his God.

How can God's church have time to dispense the real message of salvation when it is totally occupied with developing, packaging and selling prayer clothes, tapes, books, CD's, videos, and other products designed to amass money?

What Jesus is trying to tell us is that when we are idolizing earthly treasures we are held in the grip of a power from which we cannot deliver ourselves. We say that we serve God but we are actually serving mammon.

In other words, if anything can lead us astray from God it is money.

James W. Breedlove

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Out Of Africa

35 Corporations Back in the Dock Over Apartheid

A New York judge who dismissed claims against some thirty-five American, Canadian and European companies that propped up and profited from the racist system of apartheid, has been ordered to reconsider his ruling, in a surprise decision by appeals court judges last week.

The judge, John E. Sprizzo, initially dismissed claims brought in 2002 against Citigroup, General Electric, E.I. DuPont de Nemours, I.B.M., General Motors, Shell Oil and ExxonMobil, among others.

But now, a federal appeals court has reinstated some of the class-action claims of mil-

lions of people who suffered under the repressive South African regime.

"Today's appeals court decision is a major victory," said Michael D. Hausfeld, a lawyer for the plaintiffs in a press interview. "It enables victims of terrible human rights abuses to hold those who aided and abetted those abuses accountable."

The lawsuit seeks to hold those businesses that aided and abetted human rights violations by the apartheid regime responsible for the wrongs they made possible. For example: IBM and ICL provided the computers that enabled South Africa to create the hated pass-

book system and to control the black South African population. Daimler Chrysler Corporation and other manufacturers provided the armored vehicles that were used to patrol the townships. Arms manufacturers violated the embargoes on sales to South Africa as did the oil companies.

The DC-based TransAfrica forum, a human rights, social advocacy group, initially wrote of the case: multinational banks and businesses that propped up and profited from apartheid abuses should acknowledge their complicity and take measures to repair the damage their actions made possible.

Women Brave Beatings to Seek Political Office

(NNPA) Asha Ali has joined the growing list of Kenyan women political aspirants recently beaten and warned against carrying on with her campaign.

Other recent attacks were on Kasarani parliamentary aspirant Orie Rogo-Manduli, Catherine Nkhabi Amayo, and Aileen Kaari Nyaga.

The victims have

vowed to carry on with their campaigns but are pleading with Government and the Electoral Commission of Kenya to take firm action against the perpetrators.

Igoki said the attack has only made her stronger. "The struggle continues. There is no retreat and no surrender," she said.

Meanwhile three

opinion polls have put former political prisoner Raila Odinga, 62, well ahead of incumbent Pres. Mwai Kibaki, a 75-year-old economist seeking a second and final term of office.

The upcoming December polls are the fourth multi-party elections since pluralism was restored in the East African nation in 1991.

Recruiters for Iraq War Get the Boot in Namibia

(NNPA) Namibian authorities have ordered the immediate deportation of two Americans said to be rounding up recruits for U.S. security guard jobs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Authorities said the Special Operations Consulting-Security Management Group of Nevada, which was set up earlier this month, employed the Americans.

Under Namibian law,

citizens may not participate in security or military activities in foreign countries without the written permission of the Defense Ministry.

The firm had been targeting Namibians over the age of 25 as well as veterans of Namibia's lengthy war with South Africa for independence.

Private security firms operating in Iraq and Afghanistan have come under increasing scrutiny. The Iraqi govern-

ment has ordered Blackwater USA expelled from the country within six months following the shootings of 17 Iraqi civilians last month.

The company had aimed to recruit at least 3,000 Namibians to work in Iraq and Afghanistan, with promised salaries of \$1,000 a month, local newspapers reported. It is not clear whether anyone had been recruited yet.

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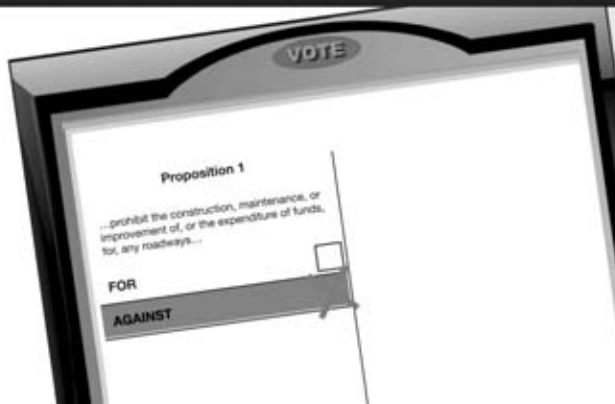
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Education

Current Social and Political Issues Gain Little Currency in Schools, History and Government Classes Tend to Emphasize Traditional

Research Shows Differences in Class Content and Instruction Among Ethnic Groups, College and Non-College Bound Government and civics classes continue to focus on traditional

themes such as "the Constitution and great American heroes" rather than current political and social issues such as racism and economic injustices, according to new research released by the Center for Information

and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) at the University of Maryland. The survey asked students between the ages of 15 and 25 to name two themes emphasized in their middle and high

school civics or social studies classes. Just over 40 percent reported "the Constitution or how the U.S. government works." The second most chosen was "wars and military battles," at 32 percent, a seven

point rise from 2004. "Great American heroes" was listed third at 26 percent. Lastly, only one in 10 students reported studying "problems facing our country today" and "racism and other forms of injustices."

The research also found differences in civics class content and instruction, depending on a student's ethnic group, and whether or not a student attended or planned to attend college. The statistical

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Echoing themes advanced by President Bush's adviser Karl Rove, Giuliani has urged the Republican Party to move to the political center, arguing, "Our party is going to grow, and we are going to win in 2008 if we are a party characterized by what we're for, not if we're a party that's known for what we're against."

A growing number of Christian leaders on the political right disagree, especially if the Republican Party decides to tolerate abortion as a strategy to gain voters in 2008.

"I'm tired of being threatened by the Republican Party that if I don't support Giuliani or one of their other pro-abortion front-runners, Hillary Clinton will be elected president," Baldwin stated.

"There is no way I am going to vote for a Republican candidate who has a history of supporting abortion, regardless of who wins the presidency as a consequence of that decision," Baldwin said.

Baldwin also objected to Giuliani's globalist tendencies and his active support of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

"Giuliani's law firm is also deeply tied into the construction of the N A F T A Superhighway," Baldwin pointed out. "Giuliani would advance the Bush administration's Security and Prosperity Partnership agenda toward a North American Union, in a manner that would seriously threaten United States sovereignty."

WND reported Giuliani's Houston law firm, Bracewell &

Giuliani, is the sole legal representative of Cintra, an investment consortium in Spain.

Cintra has signed with the Texas Department of Transportation, TxDOT, a definitive comprehensive development agreement to build the four-football-fields wide Trans-Texas Corridor, TTC-35, parallel to Interstate 35 from the southern tip of Texas at Laredo to the Texas border with Oklahoma, passing Austin, San Antonio and Dallas in the process.

According to the agreement, Cintra will own the operating and toll rights on TTC-35 for 50 years after the superhighway is completed.

The agreement promises Spain investment returns, with the option to exercise

non-compete clauses preventing TxDOT from developing competing freeways, including I-35, as alternatives to the TTC-35 toll road.

"We have to quit voting for Republican Party candidates like robots," Baldwin argued. "We've been mind-numbed into decades of demonizing liberals. Being conditioned to vote Republican is not good enough anymore, not when the Republican Party sees no problem promoting open pro-abortion candidates as their presidential front-running candidates."

Baldwin concluded: "Were tired of the Republican Party lie. Rudy Giuliani is the last straw. We're saying 'no more,' even if it means the end of the Republican Party."



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Irvin Ashford Jr.

Irvin Ashford Jr., vice president of Public Affairs and manager of the statewide Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) program for Comerica Bank's Texas Market, has been named to the 2007 United States delegate class of the British-American Project.

The British-American Project brings together select people in the United States and Great Britain who are well known in their profession. The group meets annually, alternating between the United States and Great Britain, to debate issues of importance to both countries. The 2007 conference will be in November in Newcastle, England.

"It is an honor for me to be chosen a British-American Project delegate," Ashford said. "I am looking forward to sharing thoughts and ideas with people from both sides of the



Atlantic. Ashford joined Comerica in 2000. A graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio, Ashford has dual master's degrees – one in public affairs from the University of Texas and one in business administration from the University of Dallas.

He is a Woodrow Wilson International Studies and Public Policy Fellow, as well as an American Marshall Fellow. In 2006, Ashford was named one of Comerica Bank's Volunteers of the Year for his work in the community. In 2007, he was presented with Comerica's Chairman's Outstanding Achievement Award.

Dawn Mann

Dawn Mann is the Founding Principal and President of Break of Day Design AD & PR LLC (BOD) located in DeSoto, Texas. The firm was established in January of 2000. BOD is an advertising and public relations agency specializing in communications for the global sports and entertainment industry. Earning two IABC Bronze Quill Awards for design in 2005 and recognition from Girls Incorporated National in 2004, this award-winning firm and its leader is excited about the future. With over a decade in the business, Dawn's career path has included working as a production artist, senior designer, and art director. Her skill set also includes photography, typography, and corporate identity.

Additionally, Mrs. Mann is a Journalism Adjunct Professor teaching Information Graphics and Interior Design at Texas Christian University in



Fort Worth, Texas. Dawn is a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners and serves on the board of directors of Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County where she provides extensive pro-bono services. Dawn attended Ball State University where she studied Journalism and Graphic Communications and earned a Bachelors degree in 1995. She also attends Texas Christian University where she will earn her Masters degree in December 2006 in Advertising & Public Relations.

Mrs. Julia R. Riley

Mrs. Julia R. Riley, a native of New Orleans, celebrated her 100th birthday on October 3, 2007. Mrs. Riley has spent much of her life in service to God, as a minister's wife, a soloist, president of the Mission Society, a Sunday School teacher, and president of the Junior Choir for over 40 years.

Her husband, Mr. Evans, and their son, Mr. Robert Evans, preceded her in death. Her second husband, Rev. Freddie L. Riley also preceded her in death. Mrs. Riley served alongside Rev. Riley as the First Lady of the First Shiloh Baptist Church in New Orleans and St. Mark Baptist Church in Jeanerette, Louisiana.

Mrs. Riley was an active member of various organizations including: the



Minister's Wives of the Freeman Association, Eastern Star and the Uniform Rank of Miriam Household of Ruth, a prominent organization in New Orleans.

Her niece, Mrs. Jeannie Campbell of McKinney, shared that Mrs. Riley was gifted with a beautiful soprano voice, often invited to sing at churches throughout the area. In addition, she was a talented fundraiser and cook. Family and friends loved her

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Social and Political, page 7 breakdown showing these and other trends on U.S. civics instruction and content and teaching strategies can be found at www.civicyouth.org.

"Our research finds that the traditional topics are being emphasized in history and civics classes," said CIRCLE Director Peter Levine. "This is an important factual basis for debates about the curriculum. We also found serious disparities in both the content and instruction depending on students' ethnicity and if they are col-

lege-bound."

Nearly twenty percent of African American young people between the ages of 15 and 25 reported taking a civics class that covered "racism and other injustices," while only eight percent of White youth recalled taking such a course. In addition, Asian and White students were more likely to report traditional themes such as "the Constitution" and "great American heroes" in their civics classes than their African American and Latino counterparts.

The research also

showed differences among ethnic groups in classroom discussion of political and social issues. Latino students were least likely to attend civics classes that encouraged them to make up their own minds, while African American students were more likely to attend classes that encouraged discussion of political and social issues than Caucasian, Asian and Latino students.

College and college-bound students were 10 percentage points more likely to recall an emphasis on traditional civics topics than non-

college students. That same trend could be found in classroom discussion of political and social issues. The college and college-bound were more likely to be encouraged to make up their minds on political and social issues than the non-college bound.

The research is based on the 2006 National Civic and Political Health Survey, which was conducted from April 27 to June 11, 2006. The survey sampled 1,700 young people ages 15 to 25, and 550 ages 26 and older. The Pew Charitable Trusts funded this survey.

Plano City Website Test Drives Spanish Translation

Over the next several months the City of Plano will offer an abbreviated Spanish version of its Web site. The Spanish Web site is a pilot project spearheaded by Public Information

Director Susan Helt and translated through a professional translation service. It focuses on providing information critical to public safety and health such as West Nile Virus updates

and water restriction information. Other basic information offered includes a City department phone directory and City facilities address list.

The City will monitor the

use of the translated site for several months to evaluate usage and to determine the future direction for the site. Residents can check out the Spanish site at www.plano.gov/espanol.

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10/17 - Drug Abuse & Alcoholism
10/22 - Gang Violence
10/24 - Interviewing Preparation
10/29 - Job Fair

Tutoring is also available in Mathematics (Algebra, Calculus, and Statistics).

The mentoring program is currently being held on Monday's and Wednesday's, from 6:30 - 7:45 pm, in the clubhouse at Indigo On Forest Apartments, 9669 Forest Lane, Dallas TX 75243

For more information, please call: Rich Etta Weathersbee, Founder/CEO at 469-223-5618 or Penny Francis, V.P. of Community Development, at 214-793-7178.

Community Calendar

Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm, Collin County Republican Party Headquarters. For more info, please call Fred Moses at 972-618-7027 or email him at fred@tes.com.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting held monthly every second Thursday, from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. The general public is welcome. McKinney Housing Authority - 1200 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney 75069 for general information call 469-424-0120.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce Monthly Lunch & Learn a great opportunity to meet other business owners, as well as key decision makers from various organizations around the metroplex. Join us every third Thursday to gain valuable information presented by featured guest speakers to help your business grow. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm, Ralph and Kacoos - 401 S. Central Expy, Allen. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

DFW Financially 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.meetup.com/378.

October 25

Voice of Hope Ministries 25th

Anniversary Celebration, "Commemorating 25 Years of Helping Dallas Area School Children" will be held at the Belo Mansion. Guest speaker is the honorable Mayor Tom Leppard and entertainment provided by the Step By Step Choir. For additional information call 214-692-6141 or 214-526-7635 or visit www.voiceofhope.org.

FREE Jazz Performance featuring an Afro-Cuban Ensemble, a Brazilian Ensemble, and the UNT Latin Jazz Ensemble. The performance will be located at the UNT Music Building in Denton starting at 8:00 p.m. Admission to this event is free. Call 940-565-2791 for more information.

October 27

Resume Shop Seminar for Federal Government job openings and qualified individuals. Stop wishing and start planning to attend our next seminar that could change your life. The next seminar will be held at Baymont Inn & Suites 4681 Gemini Place, Fort Worth 76106, from 9a.m. - 12pm. Take I-35 West, Exit Meacham Blvd and the Baymont is across from the Radisson Hotel. To register and for full details go to www.fedresume.net.

Women Executives (W.E.) Network "Networking Celebration" Bill J. Priest Institute 1402 Corinth Street, Atrium Suite, Dallas 75215 10a.m. - 2p.m. Cost: \$10 members; \$15 non-members through October 15 (add \$5 after October 15th) Advertising and Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$15. Please visit www.wenetworktx.com or call 972-835-8297 for more

information

"Many Voices, One Vision: A Dance of Praise" presented by The Black Academy of Arts and Letters at the corner of Canton and Akard Streets in Downtown Dallas. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. Admission to the event is \$15 in advance, and \$20 at the door. Call Box Office at 214-743-2400 for more information.

Poets N' Jazz #1 A night with actress and writer Irma P. Hall at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters in the Clarence Muse Café Theatre at the corner of Canton and Akard Streets in Downtown Dallas. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. Call Box Office at 214-743-2400 for more information.

G.H.A.P. (God Has A Plan) hosts Small Business, Grant Writing Seminar, 9a.m. - 4:00pm. Ryan's Grill Buffet and Bakery (Hwy 80E and Galloway) Mesquite, TX. 7Lunch available. Seminar open to individuals, organizations or churches and will cover all aspects of starting a small business and the grant writing process. Contact: Annette, 214-497-4260 or www.ghap-texas.org.

Escape to Pair-a-Dice, Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Inc., The North Suburban Dallas Chapter Fundraising Event, 7:00p.m., Gleneagles Country Club, 5401 West Park Blvd, Plano Tickets \$40, can be purchased at the door. For more information contact Tracy Pugh 214-336-2043 or Monica Hawkins 214-773-8209 monica.hawkins@tx.rr.com

October 28

Oak Cliff Bible Fellow (OCBF) HEAT Ministry's 3rd Annual HBCU College Showcase and Fair.

Come and meet with representatives from over 25 Historically Black Colleges and Universities from across the country. Don't miss the Showcase - a new twist the traditional college fair. Be on time to enter drawings for door prizes, 2:00p.m. OCBF, 1821 W. Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas, TX 75322. Call 972-672-9200, ext 4169 for further information.

October 29

N2NE (In-Tune) Youth Mentoring and Intervention/Prevention Program "JOB FAIR" 6:30p.m. - 7:45p.m., location Clubhouse at Indigo on Forest Apartments, 9669 Forest Lane, Dallas, TX 75243. Employers will include Barnes & Nobles, Steak & Shake, CiCi's Pizza and Auto Zone. For information, please call Rich Etta Weathersbee 469-223-5618 or Penny Francis 214-793-7178.

October 31 - November 2

2007 National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA) Annual Conference offers three days of professional development, information sharing, community building, and networking at the Fairmont Hotel Dallas, 1717 N. Akard Street, Dallas, 75201. Invited guests include former Surgeon Dr. Richard Carmona, Senator Hillary Clinton, and former NY City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. For conference information or registration visit www.nhcoa.org or call 202-347-9733

November 1

South Dallas Cultural Center Grand Opening, 5:30pm, 3400 South Fitzhugh, Dallas, 75210. For additional information contact 214-939-2787 or 972-291-0501.

November 3

The Douglass Community Center Cotillion Ball, 6:00

p.m., Los Rios County Club, 1700 Country Club Dr, Plano, &5074. For additional information contact Dianne Dillion, 972-941-7174 or dianned@plano.gov

2007 Business Women's Expo Come out and enjoy shopping, health and fitness booths, free health screenings, educational seminars, live entertainment, and door prizes. Also, make donations by bringing non-perishable food items (to benefit Christian Community Action -and other non profit organizations). 10 am - 6 pm, \$3.00 donation, Lewisville Senior Activity Center 1950-A South Valley Parkway Lewisville, TX 75067 For vendor booth & exhibit information visit www.businesswomenexpo.com or contact Ms. Jackson at 972-746-1349

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The National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) Annual Scholarship Fundraiser, 7:00p.m. - 12a.m., Grand Hyatt Hotel at DFW Airport, 2337 South International Parkway. Cost \$20. To purchase tickets, contact Jean Coleman 817-871-5748, Kimberly Simmons 972-941-7307 or Doris Edmon

214-670-3906.

"Realizing the American Dream" Home Ownership Seminar 11a.m. - 1p.m. Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2815 South Ervay, Dallas, 75215, Lunch provided and childcare available To reserve your space call 214-426-5468 or 214-515-9779

November 5

The National Association of Women Business Owners Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter (NAWBO D/FW) monthly luncheon, networking and series of workshops on management and entrepreneurial topics include Collin County Area Council and Advertising For Your Customers. Registration and networking is from 11 - 11:45 a.m., and the program and lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Holiday Inn Select Richardson, 1655 N. Central Expressway. RSVP to rsvp@nawbotx.org or call 214-428-7475 Luncheon cost with RSVP will be \$35, and \$48 without. Reduced prices apply for members.

November 13-14

Scholarships Available for Grant Writing Workshop in Dallas. Partial scholarships in the amount of \$74.00 are available for nonprofit and faith based organizations, government agencies, and schools. Students are to attend a two-day grant-writing workshop presented by Zocklein and Associates from 8.30 am to 5 pm. The presentation is being held at the Holiday Inn Select, 10650 North Central Expressway, Dallas Texas. To register call Zocklein and Associates at 800 371 5703 or visit the website at www.zockgrant.com.

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N2NE (In Tune): Connecting Youth to a Positive Life



By: Jacquinette D. Murphy
Failure was the only option that was given to Rich Etta Weathersbee as a young child growing up in Flint, Michigan. "My father was murdered when I was very young and my wonderful mother was always working trying to make sure that we had things."

This left the young child under the direction of a stepfather, who was less than supportive. "I was the stepchild. I was always told that I would never be nothing,

that I was dumb and would not make it. It was said that I would be pregnant and on welfare," said Weathersbee. The continued negative conditioning thrust her into a world of fear and depression. It left her with a longing for love and an emptiness that would one day be her inspiration.

Today, at age 39, she is the founder of N2NE (In Tune), a non-profit youth mentoring program established to instruct, mentor, encourage, and to get

insight from our future generation. N2NE pours hope into the lives of North Dallas at-risk teens and young adults.

Since its inception in September 2007, N2NE already has twenty-one participating teens and currently educate youth on topics such as teen pregnancy and self-preservation, alcoholism and drug addiction, cigarette smoking and tobacco use, juvenile homes and prisons, date rape, youth and child molestation, resume

building and job applications. A basketball program, ESL and GED Preparation courses will be added to the organizational offerings. During the sessions, Weathersbee, helps the youth to understand the world around them and more importantly, she shows them the many opportunities they have in life.

As one who turned her negativism into sheer success, Weathersbee has a strong commitment to effecting positive

change in the upcoming generation. She often shares her story with the session attendees. "After I graduated from high school, I was afraid to go to college. I had no confidence in myself." Weathersbee admits that she felt stuck like many of the youth that she now mentors. Yet, she refused to succumb to the predictions of her environment, so she opted to join the U.S. Navy. After serving 13 years in active duty and three years in the Navy

Reserved Forces. Weathersbee left the Navy in 1999 with a new attitude and a drive to succeed. "Now, I had a little confidence," she recalled.

Weathersbee became a corporate trainer for a telecommunications company and soon graduated with an Associates of Science from ITT Technical Institute in Computer Networking Systems. Her involvement in the church youth ministry began at First Baptist

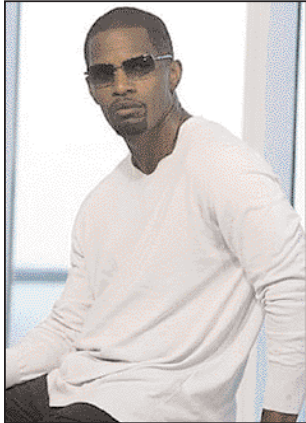
Jamie Foxx Joins Performance at Country Music Awards

Multi-talented, Academy Award winning actor Jamie Foxx joins reigning CMA Awards Vocal Group of the Year Rascal Flatts for a duet performance during "The 41st Annual CMA Awards" Wednesday, Nov. 7 (7:00-10:00 PM) live from the Sommet Center in Nashville on the ABC Television Network.

Rascal Flatts, who are nominated for Entertainer of the Year, will open "Country Music's Biggest Night(TM)" with the title track from their third consecutive No. 1 album, *Still Feels Good*. Later in the broadcast, they will perform "She Goes All the Way" with Foxx. The duet with Foxx was penned by Gary LeVox, Jay DeMarcus and Joe Don Rooney and is also on the album.

LeVox and Foxx have known each other for more than a decade. They were

introduced by Foxx's manager Marcus King and were roommates for a brief time in the late 1990s while LeVox was pursuing a music career on the west



coast. They reestablished their friendship after running into each other at the 2007 Grammy Awards and have been in regular contact since, which resulted in the duet.

"Jamie is an incredible talent and we were

thrilled he took us up on our invitation to join us on the song," said LeVox. "He said he'd do it if we would sing on one of his records, so it's a pretty good swap. He came to Nashville just after finishing his comedy tour to work on it with us."

"It was an easy song to write once we had the first few lines and it's a really wonderful thing to have Jamie join us on the record," said DeMarcus. "We run into him at awards show and he always tells us how much he enjoys the music and how proud he is of Gary. We sent the song to him early this year and he said he'd love to do it."

Tyler Perry Continues to Surprise Hollywood

In the past Tyler Perry's opening weekend box office success has been dismissed as being a slow season as they are often released in February. However, opening at the cusp of Oscar season and facing one of Hollywood's leading men, Perry faced stiff competition during the first week of *Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married?* No worries for Perry, the film ranked #1 with an opening week take of \$21.4 million per final studio figures compiled by Exhibitor Relations. Then last weekend he followed up \$12.1 million for a second place finish.

The Perry comedy pushed *The Game Plan* out of the top spot after two weeks at

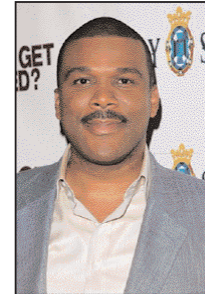
number one. The latter comedy, a vehicle for Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, slipped to second but collected another \$11 million, for a three-week haul of \$59 million.

Perry, enjoyed a big box-office improvement over his last film, *Tyler Perry's Daddy*

Little Girls, which opened with a decent but less showy \$11.2 million in February. *Daddy's Little Girls* was Perry's first theatrical release not to star Perry. *Why Did I Get Married?* featured Janet Jackson and Jill Scott.

The opening for *Why Did I Get Married?* was similar to Perry's original hit, 2005's *Diary of a Mad Black Woman* (\$21.9 million) but less than his top performer, 2006's *Madea's Family Reunion* (\$30 million).

The 38-year-old Perry is also a director, writer, occasional performer and the executive producer of the top-rated TBS comedy *Tyler Perry's House of Payne*.



Congresswoman Johnson Announces Dallas Latino Cultural Center Grant

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson congratulated The Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) City of Dallas and Latino Cultural Center for their receipt of a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant will enable to the Center to organize a Big Read program to engage the community in reading and discussing Rudolfo Anaya's *Bless Me, Ultima*.

"I am proud to represent the Dallas Latino Cultural Center and applaud the organization for their success in receiving the National Endowment for the Arts grant award. This award will assist with the success of the Center's works to enhance the vitality of the City and the quality of life for all Dallas citizens by creating an environment wherein arts and cultural organizations can thrive," said

Congresswoman Johnson.

The matching grants supported by the National Endowment for the Arts help support projects that involve the creation and presentation of both new and established artistically excellent work. Projects include commissions, residencies, rehearsals, workshops, performances, exhibitions, publications, festivals and training programs.

Tyson Beckford To Host Bravo Reality Show

(EUR-WEB) Niki Taylor will team to co-host Bravo's "Make Me a Supermodel," a reality competition that will feature both men and women vying to launch their own modeling careers and pocket a \$100,000 prize in the

process. The show will feature 14 fresh-faced hopefuls living together in a New York City loft over a 12-week period, according to E! Online. Through the course of the show, the contestants will face

various challenges designed to test their potential as professional models. Instead of a judging panel deciding who leaves each week, the fate of "Supermodel's" contestants are left up to the voting public.

Church of McKinney after her pastor unknowingly confirmed God's words to her. "In 2004, God really worked on my heart to start working with the youth. I knew that I would be mentoring youth. My pastor came to me and said that God showed me [you working with] youth. It almost blew me away because I

already knew what God had told me." Her next step was to become well versed in her field.

Three years later, Weathersbee holds a Bachelor of Arts in

Interdisciplinary Studies from Dallas Baptist University and is currently pursuing a



Rich Etta Weathersbee

Master's degree in Christian Education Student Ministries. She is also an ordained minister at Fellowship Church of Allen.

Her mentoring pro-

gram has spread beyond the church walls to community. "It is easier for us to minister to the youth that are already coming through the door [of the church], but God told me now it is time to go outside." She is doing just that.

At the Indigo On Forest Apartment Homes locat-

ed at 9669 Forest Lane in North Dallas, when the doors of N2NE open about twenty-one young people between the ages of 13 and 21 walk through the club-

house doors with an emptiness ready to be filled by the God-inspired, hope-infused mentor program funded and operated by Weathersbee, her husband of 18 years, Cordell, and her assistant, Penny Francis. "We meet Mondays and Wednesdays at from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. We open with discussions and then we go into our lesson for the day," shared Weathersbee.

Within five years, Weathersbee seeks to obtain her own building where she can actually have a home for the young people

that are displaced, homeless, or misdirected. She also seeks to house and mentor



Penny Francis

youth whose parents feel like they can no longer help them. "I want them to have an alternative to the juvenile system." Eventually,

Weathersbee and husband want to have facilities across the country and abroad to serve as help centers for youth.

Once a hopeless child herself, Weathersbee is called and committed to dismantling negativity and developing a positive future for as many as will come through the doors of N2NE. "Even if this program helps only one person, then I have done what God has told me to do."

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is up to us to continue his legacy by doing what he espoused.

After the celebration of his life, we must continue to move forward, to press toward the goal that Nasserdeen set, for himself, and for all of us. We must take up the gauntlet he threw down via his work and dedication to Black economic empowerment and do the things necessary to bring us to that place called true freedom.

As I said during my speech at the Bring Back Black convention, just after I heard about Brother Muhammad's death, We are leaving here, but what are we leaving here?

We can see what Nasserdeen left; we can see what Ken Bridges left; we can see what other brothers and sisters left. The most important question for each of us is: What will I leave here when I leave here?

There will be a tremendous outpouring of condolences and remembrances for Muhammad Nasserdeen. Go to the website: www.rbdmedia.net and see all of

the comments and the beautiful online memorial; listen to the inspiring music as well.

And then take a moment to think about yourself. Take some time out to reflect on your life and your legacy.

Let's allow Brother Nasserdeen's life, to lift us up to higher heights in our resolve and follow through on the things we must do to empower ourselves and leave an economic legacy here for children. Do what he and others have admonished us to do for years.

Buy Black as much as you can. Recycle your Black dollars. Start more businesses that can grow and create jobs for our young people. Pool your resources, locally and nationally; invest in one another, support one another, and assist Black organizations and causes.

Now that Nasserdeen is gone, physically, will his work continue? That's up to us, of course. Not only should his work be continued, it should be raised to an even higher level. Are you ready?

I did not know Brother Muhammad

personally, but I have spoken to him several times over the years since 1994, when I first called him to inquire about the RBD Program. We were definitely on the same page when it came to Black economic empowerment, and that will be my personal remembrance of him.

I know I have to leave here, and I am working hard to leave a legacy. We should all consider that sobering thought and, if we are not doing it already, we should get busy doing the work of leaving a legacy of some kind.

It does not have to be like Muhammad Nasserdeen; everyone cannot start and maintain an organization. But everyone can do something, and that is what we need. I always say, If everyone did a little, we could all have a lot.

As you remember Brother Muhammad Nasserdeen, remember also to do your part to uphold and continue his work, no matter where you are in this country. Find others of like-mind and do some collective work to empower Black people the way he did. Get

involved in movements and initiatives that have as their mission the economic empowerment of Black people.

Here is something else you can do to honor our brother. On November 2nd, the National Blackout Day called by Brother Warren Ballentine, Recycle Black Dollars.

While we are doing our Black-Out, let us also do a Black-In, by buying at least one product or service from a Black business, either where we live or on the Internet.

One more thing we can DO. Join the Blackonomics Million Dollar Club (BMDC) by going to www.blackonomics.com and start helping our Black organizations. Now, that is Recycling Black Dollars, y'all.

Do your part, brothers and sisters, the way Muhammad Nasserdeen did his part, because we all have to leave here, but what will you leave here?



ATTENTION!!!

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce

Meeting: **Thursday, November 8, 2007**

Location: **McKinney Housing Authority
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McKinney, TX**

Time: **6:30 pm**

Persons Interested In Joining Contact:
**Jamal Murray 972-838-1316
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Can Small Businesses Benefit From PR?

Size really doesn't matter when it comes to PR. Most entrepreneurs think of it as something that only large corporations have a budget for and don't realize the power of publicity and what it can do for a business. When you're invited to appear as a guest on a radio or TV show, or a story is written about your company in a newspaper or magazine, it lends credibility to you, and your company beyond anything you attained with advertising. Marsha Friedman, CEO of EMSI, Inc., a leading publicity firm who represents a diverse group of experts and corporations in many different fields, says that utilizing PR positions one as an expert in their particular field.

For instance, in today's real estate market you could get ahead of the other competition by offering sound advice in the form of "real estate advice articles". Give away information that people normally would pay you for and submit it to daily and weekly newspapers as well as other newsletters in your area like the Chamber of Commerce, and even national publications that complement the real estate industry.

You may think that giving away valuable advice will hurt you by tipping off your competition, but it is quite the contrary. It will establish you as someone who is an authority on the subject. "Anything written is perceived to be true," she advises, "therefore articles you've written that get published or articles with quotes from you, give you immediate positioning as an the 'go-to guy' in your field."

Some tips Friedman

gives on different ways to approach the print medium are:

1) Write a "tips" or "how to" article - this is one of the best ways to get free publicity in newspapers and magazines. Offer lots of valuable advice and make sure it's written well enough for a publication to run it without having to make any edits. Be sure to include your credentials and other boastful information to support your position as an expert - but be careful not to make the article a promotional piece. Editors are looking for content that will be informative to their readers, not a brag piece about you or your company.

2) Create photo opportunities - local newspapers are always looking for interesting photos and images. Create a local event - a fundraiser, an art show, a local or national contest, etc. Then make sure to invite the local press to attend. But even if they don't show up, get them a photo and press release right away while it's still news!

"Do not discount coverage in small publications," advises Friedman, "Every newspaper story, sidebar, small mention or magazine article is like gold when trying to get the attention of editors at the national major magazines."

Marsha Friedman is the CEO of Event Management Services, Inc., a leading publicity firm that has represented many well-known clients such as, Motown's Temptations, Teamsters Union President Jim Hoffa, Jr., National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane's, and Bristol Myers Squibb

Self-Promotion Creates Buzz for your Small Biz

By: Tarsha Polk
Getting noticed among thousands of customers can be difficult when hundreds of competitors are going after the same target audience. But, some can make sure they stand out from the crowd by doing "self-promoting". Establishing a strong brand is the first step to

making self-promotion a lot easier and more effective. Your brand consists of the key marketing message you want your target audience to hear and the image (logo, symbol, personal image) you want portrayed.

While creating a buzz for yourself through public speaking, your

brand must be communicated effectively so that customers think of your products first when they need your type of service. You are promoting the fact that you can deliver an experience better than anyone else. When promoting by developing partnerships, they should know what your product stands for through your words, symbols, messages, or concepts. It makes it easier for them to refer business to you and spread the word about your products. During self-promotion,

you should deliver a powerful message and shape the customer's perception. Customers should be able to quickly identify with your brand. Tell them why your products and services are right for their needs.

Other ways to promote yourself is through your accomplishments. Be sure to list any awards or nominations you have received. If you have not received any, ask your best customer to nominate you when the time comes. List any success

stories you can share on your website and newsletter; this helps to establish credibility and shows off your experience. Do not be afraid to call yourself an expert. If you have the knowledge, skills, and experience, you are an expert - so let everyone know. Establishing a strong brand for your company or product by communicating a clear message and image you want to promote is key

to effective self-promotion.

Tarsha Polk, known as The Marketing Lady is a small business marketing coach and consultant. She has helped countless business owners with marketing their products and services. The Marketing Lady offers more strategies on self-promoting and branding on her website at www.themarketinglady.com. Click on free resources and download a copy.

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woman.

In published reports, Jackson spokesman acknowledges the friendship between the two men, but counters Hairston was one of three potential construction managers Jackson passed along for consideration by HANO. However officials in charge of federal oversight of HANO indicate they never saw three names.

Jackson, a long-time friend of President George W. Bush, dating back to when they lived in the same Dallas neighborhood, has faced accusations of favoritism before. Jackson is the former head of the Dallas Housing Authority, where he often clashed local homeowners over his efforts to place DHA clients in predominately white neighborhoods.

Last year an investigation was initiated when Jackson during a speech in Dallas indicated he pulled a HUD contract after the contractor offered he was then HUD's appointed receiver at the New Orleans housing authority. Jarmon alleges that

cluded that although Jackson encouraged aides to consider the politics of contract bidders, there was no proof that he showed political favoritism.

Reportedly the FBI, a federal grand jury in Washington and prosecutors from the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section are focusing on at least two issues: did Jackson misled Congress during his testimony this spring, when he defiantly challenged a Democratic senator to prove he ever "touched one contract" and if he directed Lori Moon, a hired agent of HUD in New Orleans, to hire Hairston.

According to published reports, Moon declined to comment on how Hairston was hired, as she is scheduled to be interviewed by investigators and therefore will not provide any statement at this time.

Hairston was put on the payroll of NKA Contractors, a company owned by Nadine Jarmon, who was then HUD's appointed receiver at the New Orleans housing authority. Jarmon alleges that

someone within Jackson's office asked Moon to hire Hairston. Reportedly Jarmon and Hairston began to bump heads within a month of his arrival, after he allegedly began boasting to HUD headquarters behind her and Moon's backs, how much money he was saving HANO by cleaning up overpriced contracts.

After Jarmon and Moon left the project, C. Donald Babers, a senior HUD official who serves as the sole member of the HANO

board, approved an emergency, no-bid contract for Hairston Construction Services.

Donald Vallee, the head of a local landlords association, challenged the contract, eventually taking his complaints to HUD headquarters. It was suggested in reports that Vallee's complaints possibly triggered this investigation.

Although he has since declared the article is a lie, Hairston is reported in the *National Journal* as saying Jackson recommended him for the job.

Wells Fargo Joins United Negro College Fund To Provide \$100,000 In Scholarship

Wells Fargo & Company has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the United Negro College Fund to establish a new scholarship program for low-income students attending historically Black colleges and universities. The Scholarship Program is available to students pursuing degrees in: finance, business, economics, accounting, and computer science and others.

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From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder and Senior Pastor: It is better to try and fail than to fail to try. Luke 19:20, 21. Troubles are not sent to batter us but to better



Picture of The Week
Ms. Paulette Allen, Activity Director and Mr. Ken Grover, Marketing Director for Carrollton Health and Rehab Center; both doing a fantastic job

us. 2 Corinthians 4:17. "... the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8.

They witness best who witness by their lives! 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12. No sin is small, for it is against an infinite God. James 2:10. Prayerful homes produce powerful churches. Joshua 24:15. For the

Scriptures for November 2007

Christian, old age is the forerunner of eternal youth. 2 Corinthians 4:16. Justification: Man's guilt GONE;

Christ's righteousness GIVEN! Romans 4:24, 25. You take no risk when you abandon yourself to God. Matthew 10:39. Too many Christians who are strong on service are weak on worship. Ecclesiastes 2:1-11.

The Christian's life is the world's Bible. 2 Corinthians 3:2. To escape God's wrath, flee to His love. Romans 8:1. God often empties our hands in order to fill our hearts. Romans 8:28. Divine forgiveness brings both remission of penalty and restoration of fellowship. Romans 8:16, 17. You can have an upright life only as you lean on Jesus. Psalm 37:37. We need not fear the perils AROUND us as long as the eye of the Lord is UPON us. Psalm 34:7. A Saint is one who makes goodness attractive. Romans 1:6, 7.

Salvation is much more than reformation—its transformation! 1 Thessalonians 1:9. All that's necessary for evil to triumph is for Christians to do nothing. James 4:17. Christians must produce fruit—if they don't witness, they wilt. John 15:8. No trouble can come so near that God is not nearer! Psalm 40:4. If you have the smile of God, you can

expect the frown of men. Luke 6:26. Christ became a curse FOR us to remove the curse FROM us. Ephesians 2:14. Living without God means dying without hope. Genesis 5:5.

The return of Jesus is sure; for what the Bible predicts and Christ promises God will perform! Acts 1:11. Prayerful homes produce powerful churches. Joshua 24:15. Sin is a heart disease that can only be cured by the Great Physician. Jeremiah 17:9. Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him it is a hopeless end. Proverbs 4:18. Salvation is not a goal ACHIEVED but a gift RECEIVED! Romans 10:4. They who WALK the closest and WORK the hardest, WATCH the best. Mark 13:37.

Things To Ponder: A World Overcomer – If you are a Christian, whether you realize it or not, you are a born again winner. You were born again to win. You

were born again to overcome. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world..." 1 John 5:4. When you know that you are a born again child of God, you don't allow yourself to be overcome by the world and the things of the world. On the contrary, you overcome the devil and demons of this world. You overcome the demonic forces that you have been set over.

There are all kinds of pressure. There is mental and emotional pressure. There is financial pressure; social pressure or pressure from people. There is also spiritual or demonic pressure. One of the greatest demonic pressures is the pressure to conform to the world. You can overcome these pressures. You can overcome the pressure to throw in the towel; overcome the pressure to give up or give in. Just ask Jesus to help you. All you have to do is what Jesus said, "Be of good cheer!" John 16:33.

Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Turns up the Heat

The Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship's (OCBF) Higher Education Action Team (HEAT), Ministry has guided North Texas students in the right path for five years now. Sunday October 28th students are blessed with opportunity to learn more

about college choices as the OCBF presents its 3rd annual Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) showcase and fair. Representatives from over twenty-five HBCU across the country will be present to answer

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zdeserts, Mrs. Riley prepared wedding cakes throughout the years and many looked forward to the monkey bread she would give as Christmas gifts each year.

A survivor of what was previously considered the worst storm to hit New Orleans in 1915, Mrs. Riley evacuated her hometown as a result of what she calls "Ms. Katrina." Even though her home was on pillars, the flood still covered half of her home. Prior to Katrina, Mrs. Riley lived independently, still cooking

and taking care of her home. Her impression of Dallas is that everything is so clean, big and quiet, however naturally she misses her home.

Mrs. Riley is a member locally of St. Mark Baptist Church in McKinney. However, she is currently recovering from illness at the Bay Brook Rehabilitation and Care Village. This did not prevent her from celebrating her milestone birthday. Family, friends and church members provided flowers and cards to honor the occasion.

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people and organizations to exchange resources.

Distinguished guest speakers scheduled to appear this year include former Surgeon General Dr. Richard Carmona, New York Senator Hilary Clinton and Democratic candidate for president, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Republican candidate for president, and

Congressman Ruben Hinojosa. They are gathering together to discuss work in the community. Goals of the conference are to tackle important issues involving the aging community, and quality of life for them and their families. For conference registration, or information on sponsorships call the conference coordinator at 202-347-9733, or email conference@nhcoa.org.

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any questions and offer any help possible. "I'm just looking forward to being able to provide the students with information on Historically Black Colleges and Universities," says Jackie Lewis of the OCBF HEAT Ministry. Unlike other college fairs where a student will walk around endlessly looking at indistinguishable booths, the HEAT Ministry's

HBCU Fair brings the schools to the students. Each school will have a chance to present itself to the students and their families. Once a student comes across a school that fits their interests, they can then go to that schools booth to learn more. It's a unique twist that ensures easy access to important information for all of the students. "Its always worked really well in the past," says

Lewis "sometimes the students just don't know where to go, so what we do is bring the information to them."

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