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Tyler Perry Fans Force Apology

Filmmaker Tyler Perry has demonstrated that the news media have underestimated how popular his films are among African Americans, and now he has taught a Sacramento television station not to underestimate the wrath of his

fans. Entertainment reporter Mark S. Allen of KOVR-TV's "Good Day Sacramento" apologized to viewers after receiving at least 13,000 complaints from fans of Perry and Janet Jackson, a star in Perry's latest film, *Why Did I Get*



Married?" over an October 11th interview that the "Good Day Sacramento" hosts did with the two entertainers.

"I was a jerk, an absolute jerk," Allen said.

As the station, a CBS affiliate, reported, *Tyler Perry, Page 5*

Attorney to Speak at Bernice Chatman Freeman Banquet

Attorney E. Leon Carter is the keynote speaker for the Annual Bernice Chatman Freeman Banquet Program in Carrollton this weekend, November 3rd at Brookhaven Country Club, 333 Golfing Green, Dallas, Texas 75234.

Carter is a Shareholder and Board Member of Munck Butrus Cater, P.C. and practices within the



Firm's Litigation section. He is an "A-V" rated attorney, who has over 20 years of trial and litigation experience working with an impressive client list. In 2007, Carter was named by the Dallas Business Journal to "The Defenders" - Top Business-Defense Lawyers in the D-FW Metroplex. He was declared a SuperLawyer by Texas Monthly and Law & Politics Magazine. He is one of

Lawdragon's "500 Leading Lawyers in America," and was recently appointed to the Honorable T. John Ward American Inn of Court.

Carter has served as a Dallas County Assistant District Attorney and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Texas at *Attorney, Page 12*

Texas Journalists to Chornicle Black History

Two veteran Black journalists have recently signed a contract to pen an extensive history of Blacks in Texas. A non-profit corporation has been formed to help fund the research and to provide a framework for future historic ventures for African Americans in the state.

The project editors Roxanne Evans and Michael Hurd have cre-

ated the Texas Black History Preservation Project, a 501(c)3 that will allow them to receive grants to fund the significant research and writing this project will entail. The Editorial Advisory Board for the project includes prominent historians and archivists from around the state. The Editorial Advisory Board members have affiliations

with University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at El Paso, Texas A&M University, Texas State University, the University of Houston, Austin Community College, and Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches.

"We are excited by the prospects of writing a comprehensive history of African Americans in Texas in a way that is

accessible to Texans in a variety of forms," said editor Michael Hurd. The finished products will include a book, to be published by the University of Texas Press, a DVD and an interactive website.

Both Evans and Hurd have extensive journalism experience.

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We are on the Roof Again

By: Bishop T. D. Jakes
NNPA Special
Commentary

The problem of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community has rapidly progressed beyond just an illness to a massive epidemic that is a national crisis. When reviewing the magnitude of the numbers connected to this deadly disease, you only need to take a glance at a few of them to completely take your breath away.

• While only 12 percent of the total American population, African-Americans make up 37 percent of total American AIDS cases.

• More than 50 percent of newly reported HIV infections in the United States are among African-Americans.

• Among African-American men aged 25 through 44 years, AIDS is the single largest cause



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81st Anniversary Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce



Family of the late Thomas L. Houston, Sr., spouse (right) Dorothy Houston & children. Thomas L. Houston, Sr. Service Award

The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (DBCC), founded in 1926, recently celebrated 81 years of "Constructive Leadership" at the Dallas Convention Center. The event featured Laura Morgan Roberts, Ph.D. as the

keynote speaker.

The DBCC serves the area as an advocate for the creation, growth, and general welfare of African American business in the Dallas community. The Chamber is actively promoting expansion of businesses on behalf



Reginald Gates, President DBC, Laura Morgan-Roberts, Ph.D., keynote speaker

of its members through referrals, partnerships, seminars, technical assistance and marketing. The Chamber focuses on economic and business development, education, tourism, convention, special projects, and working together with

member services.

The banquet also included the presentation of the DBCC's prestigious Community Service Award. The award, which debuted in 1985 as the Willow Award, was awarded posthumously to the late former DBCC



Lynne and Elvonn Richardson. Elvonn is the former City Manager of Plano.

president Thomas L. Houston, Sr. He served as DBCC's president from 1982 - 1995, and under Houston's guiding hand the DBCC enjoyed its healthiest years of steady growth and accomplishment. Houston was a loving father and husband,

and selfless volunteer. Now, with the Community Service Award, Houston is immortalized for his service to the community. His family proudly accepted the award acknowledging Houston's love for his community.

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of death.

These numbers should not alarm just African-Americans only.

I believe that the African American church, long a symbol and source of information and education to the African American community, has for too long, remained silent about this challenge. It will take the collective might of both the church universally committed and the implementation of a comprehensive agenda that includes medical professionals, political might, social services and personal responsibility to overcome this dreaded disease.

The Congressional Black Caucus recently presented a bill to fund a program that is designed to meet the unique needs of our community as we have unique challenges and issues, which previous efforts have failed to address.

The church was not designed to find cures, introduce legislation, change government policy or produce the kind of financial strength we need for research, care and prevention. But, the church can contribute to the solution and partner with existing institutions to do a much better job than it has done alone.

Here are a few reachable goals that most churches can accomplish to make up for our late start:

- We can be a voice and support advocacy related to HIV/AIDS.

- We can challenge the government to set aside more funding for this initiative.

- We can challenge our members to get tested.

- We can make educational material available through our counseling and medical ministries.

- We can dispel the myths and fears.

Many pastors are overwhelmed, intimidated and ill equipped to do all that could be done. I also feel grossly under equipped for the daunting task before us. But if we do not stand up, then who will? And, yes, I am saddened that the Black community has little more than the church to draw from as a lightening rod to motivate national dialog. I agreed with Sen. Hillary Clinton when asked at a recent debate her thoughts on the fight to end HIV/AIDS. She said, "If HIV/AIDS were the leading cause of death of White women between the ages of 25 and 34, there would be an outraged outcry in this country."

Yet we must do as the Bible says and "save your-

selves from this untoward generation."

I realize that as Sen. Clinton stated, if this were killing Whites in the way it is killing Blacks, it would not be their pastors who would have to take on such a daunting task and it would not be tithe money but tax money that would be used for resource.

But alas, we are on the roof again.

This time we must not wait. We must aggressively develop ways to work together, put aside petty differences, stabilize the

loss of lives, reduce the rate of new infections, and disseminate much needed information to areas and groups who do not seem to understand the severity of the crises.

I am hoping that people of color will unite. I am praying that non-Blacks will help also as we must all realize that we are not safe while anyone is infected. We must work to get all groups to a healthy condition. I am pleading for us to not allow theological debate nor political maneuvering to cause us to ignore the

priority of saving lives. While our men and women are dying seven times more rapidly than their White counterparts who are also infected, we

do not have the luxury to politicize.

Bishop T. D. Jakes is Senior Pastor of the Potter's House in Dallas, Texas.

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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 carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north- Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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THE TRUTH CLINIC God Is Talking To America

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves. (Matt 7:15)

Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them. They prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of naught, and the deceit of their heart. (Jer 14:14)

And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword. (Jer 14: 16)

President George W. Bush on June 4, 2003 in a private meeting with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and then foreign minister Nabil Shaath allegedly said God told him to invade Iraq and Afghanistan. "I'm driven with a mission from God. God would tell me, 'George, go and fight those terrorists in Afghanistan.' And I did, and then God would tell me, 'George go and end the tyranny in Iraq,' and I did."

The White House vehemently denied that the president made these statements and the issue was quietly and quickly relegated to the back pages of media coverage.

However, the well researched book The Political Economy of U.S. Militarism written by Drake University economics professor, Ismael Hossein-Zadeh, provides revealing insight into the danger-

ous intersection of President Bush's perverted God based policies and the growing militaristic mindset that is undermining America.

Bush was put into office largely because his propaganda machine proclaimed that he had found God and was sent to lead the nation.

During his first presidential campaign, Bush was narcissistic enough to claim: "I feel like God wants me to run for President. I can't explain it, but I sense my country is going to need me." One can only imagine the extent to which his fatally flawed vision was enhanced after he won the White House and a subsequent second term.

While many of the electorate were duped by Bush's proclaimed transformation there is little evidence to indicate that finding God actually improved his character or humanity. Instead, by gaining the presidency, Bush was further emboldened with heavy neocon support to implement his God mission of an apocalyptic retribution upon Iraq.

The result was not the promised democratized Iraq but a country torn by sectarian violence, cities in ruin, an impotent central government, a demoralized populace, millions of displaced refugees, and America isolated from most of the world's nations.

By deliberately

couching their nefarious objectives in messianic terms, and repeatedly defining their enemies, in biblical language (axis of evil, evildoers, good versus evil, religious zealots), they have had no difficulty getting the president to carry out their profiteering agenda.

Yet, as Professor Hossein-Zadeh warns, the immediate danger to the U.S. and the world does not come from continuing to follow the flawed strategy in Iraq. It is that the United States is led by an emboldened narcissist who believes he is God directed while being manipulated by a callous Vice President and greedy corporate opportunists.

How are we to uncover the false prophet? The three essential criteria for establishing the credentials of a true prophet, as given through Moses, were: he would speak in Jehovah's name; the things foretold would come to pass; and his prophesying would be in harmony with God's revealed word and commandments. A true prophet's life must be in conformity with God's immutable will and purpose before he can receive God's revelation.

The last requirement is the most vital since anyone can cry out in God's name and coincidence might make a prophesy appear fulfilled. False prophets will lull the people with soothing assurances

that, despite their unrighteous actions, God is still with them to protect, empower and prosper them. While imitating the true prophets their fruits prove them workers of evil. Just as there were false prophets who pretended to be God like in the first century of the Christian church, so there arise false prophets in the 21st century.

False prophets bring dire consequences on the people they beguile.

Terrible fires in Southern California. More than a half-million acres consumed, 1,700 homes destroyed with 12,000 more threatened, over one million people temporarily displaced with damage estimates surpassing \$1 billion.

Epic droughts are occurring in Georgia, Alabama and Florida that threatens the water supply for millions. The Great Lakes are shrinking at an alarming rate and the western Sierra Nevada snow pack is melting faster each year. Across America, the nation's freshwater supplies are dangerously low and official projections indicate that at least 36 states will face shortages within five years.

America, God is talking and the message is clear. Continue to follow your false prophet at your own peril.

James W. Breedlove

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truth-clinic.com

Eritrean Gospel Singer Finds Asylum in Denmark

(NNPA) A popular Christian gospel singer, imprisoned and tortured when she refused to recant her faith, received asylum this week in Denmark.

Singer Helen Berhane from the Horn of Africa nation of Eritrea was arrested after recording an album in 2004 and held for two years until December 2006 at Mai

Serwa military camp.

Berhane was arrested on May 13, 2004, shortly after she released an album of Christian music, and after refusing to sign a document pledging to end all evangelical activities, effectively forcing her to abandon her prohibited evangelical faith and music. She spent most of her detention in inhumane



and degrading conditions inside a metal shipping container which was used as a prison cell. The authorities reportedly tortured her many times to make her recant her faith.

In May 2002, Eritrea closed down all independent religious groups not operating under the umbrella of the government-sanctioned

Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran or Muslim faiths. A reported 2,000 members of illegal Evangelical church groups have been arrested since then.

A senior government official, however, denied the existence of religious repression in Eritrea. "People have never been prevented from their right to wor-

ship freely," said the director of the Office of the President, Mr. Yemane Gebremeskel.

But the NY-based Human Rights Watch group notes that dissent in Eritrea is totally suppressed, that journalists and opposition leaders are routinely jailed, and there have been no elections in the country since independence.

Africans Grieve for Beloved Reggae Singer Lucky Dube

(NNPA) - South African Lucky Dube hoped to make the world a better place.

"Hey you Rasta man. Hey European, Indian man. We've got to come together as one," go the lyrics to his anti-apartheid hit *Together as One*.

Unity, peace, freedom and respect were Lucky Dube's

mantras.

Last week, the 43-year old Dube was shot dead in a botched hijacking while dropping off his two teenaged children at his brother's house in Rosettenville.

"I want my music to be heard - my message - not only in South Africa. Reggae

music is found everywhere so reggae was my first vehicle to take this message across to people in the world," the singer told the BBC shortly before his death.

South African music journalist Peter Makurube, who knew him before he made it big, says Dube had to fight his record com-

pany to take up reggae.

"At the beginning his record producers wanted him to do the more popular mbaqanga, so he couldn't record any of his reggae songs - he sang those live at his concerts," he told the BBC.

"He actually paid with his own money

to record the reggae that finally made him famous."

Arts and Culture Minister Pallo Jordan called him one of the most "important and relevant" reggae voices to come out of this country in the 20th century.

"It is one of the avoidable tragedies that we are forced to

endure," said Mpumelilo Toyise of the Azanian People's Organization, "as our countries and governments refuse to recognise the dangers of nations littered with guns."

Dube is survived by his new wife and seven children, including a three-month-old baby.

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American Gangster Premieres November 2nd

So you thought Alonzo was bad dude you would never want to meet in a dark alley, Denzel Washington's performance as the real-life Frank Lucas in *American Gangster*, makes the fictional character from *Training Day* seem wimpy. From the opening scene, which shall we say begins with a blaze, there is no doubt Lucas is cold blooded killer, without a hint of emotion.

The film brings to the big screen the actual story of Frank Lucas, who in the 1970s built a drug dealing empire greater than the New York city Mafia by eliminating the middle man. He simply went to Asia bought the drugs from the "farmers" and utilized connections within the military to have it delivered to New York. From there, he undercut the competition by selling a better product — cheaper.

Lucas, learned from the previous kingpin of Harlem, Bumpy Johnson, who was an old school crime boss. While he had no problem with killing someone who needed to be dealt with, he happily passed out free turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Johnson believed in honor among thieves and a sense of decorum.

Lucas' reign in Harlem.

The film is divided in parallel storylines.

an impressive and interesting cast which includes Cuba Gooding Jr., who

acting is spot on, the story is interesting, but it is not necessarily a film you would watch again and again as some treasure the aforementioned films.

There are those who are touting the possibility of awards for *American Gangster's* stars. Perhaps.

Interestingly enough, Roberts is a more accessible and interesting character than Lucas. Who on earth is that darn honest, to walk away from \$1

million and not take a little piece of change? He also is roguishly popular with the ladies. Lucas on the other hand fascinates and maybe frightens the viewer but perhaps does not engage because he is so methodical and aloof.

American Gangster is certainly a good film, maybe not great, but well worth the price of admission. It opens Friday November 2nd with a well deserved R rating.



Washington's usual traits of grace and warmth are present when he is with his family. But when crossed his character attacks without warming or seemingly boundaries.

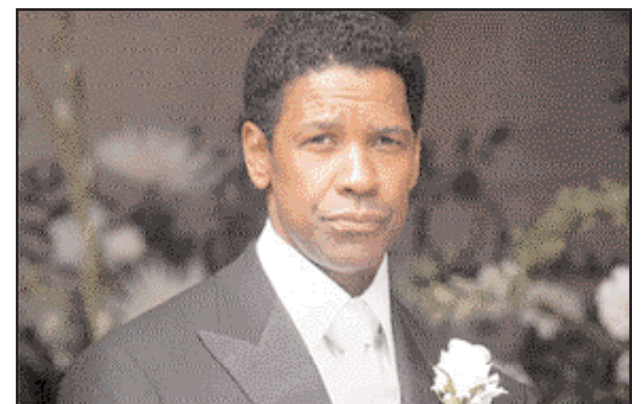
Russell Crowe is the other half of the star power for the film. He portrays Richie Roberts, a cop so clean that when he finds \$1 million dollars, he turns it in. Something that makes him very unpopular with his co-workers in blue. It is Roberts, who will finally end

Lucas's brothers are called up from North Carolina and trained in the new family business, while Roberts recruits a team to open one of the early federal drug agency offices in New York. Lucas marries a beautiful beauty queen from Puerto Rico, Roberts is mired in a custody case following his divorce. Lucas is refined and fits in easily in the beautiful mansion he purchases, Roberts is a street smart cop.

Director Ridley Scott has assembled

actually does not annoy anyone but Lucas; Chiwetel Ejiofor, Ruby Dee, and Josh Brolin are just a few. The story is based on Mark Jacobson's magazine article about Frank Lucas.

Scott certainly does not rush himself telling this story, at two and half hours, but there really is no lull in the film. However, if there is any disappointment it is that the film does not quite measure up to a *Godfather*, *Scarface* or *Serpico* level. The



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hosts Marianne McClary, Nick Toma and entertainment reporter Mark S. Allen stayed on topic, at least for the first half of the interview. Later on, eager for the chance to finally ask the questions that had burned in his mind for four years, Allen fired away.

"Hey, Janet, anything happen to you at the Super Bowl?" asked Allen.

"Immediately, Jackson appeared to have problems with her earpiece

while Perry quickly jumped in, trying to change the subject. But Allen wouldn't let up.

"How often do you consider that you single-handedly rocked the broadcast world?" asked Allen.

"Jackson remained mum, sitting quietly, while Perry ran interference during the questioning. Allen repeatedly tried to get an answer from her on the notorious wardrobe malfunction, but none was forthcoming.

"I had to maintain my

composure because we were live on the air. I didn't let her speak," Perry posted on his website. "I kept jumping in because it was just so unfair to her. She deserved more respect from this man than that! We both did."

Then, in his latest letter to fans, Perry states: "After you all saw that interview that Janet and I did; you started an email campaign that ended in this man going on air and giving an apology. He got so many emails that it crashed

the computer system at the TV station. The other employees couldn't get emails from what I understand," the EURWeb site reported.

A station spokeswoman shared that at least 13,000 people contacted the station and it was responding to each one. It was having difficulty trying to determine how many individuals had commented, since some sent emails to more than one person at the station. Allen told viewers he had received 19,000 emails.

Gov. Perry Appoints Three to the Texas Southern University Board of Regents

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry appointed three to the Texas Southern University Board of Regents.

Samuel Lee Bryant of Austin is the owner of Bryant Wealth Investment Group L.L.C. and is a registered representative of Maxwell, Locke and Ritter Wealth Management. Bryant formerly worked for Applied Materials as Austin Site Director, Director of Global Community Affairs-North America and Director of Human Resources. He serves on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Austin and on the Austin Community Foundation Board of Governors. Bryant is also an advisory board member of Communities in Schools, and member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He served in the U.S. Army and received a bachelor's degree from Tuskegee University. His

term expires Feb. 1, 2011.

Curtistene Smith McCowan of Dallas most recently worked as a senior investigator with the Federal Trade Commission's Southwest Regional Office, where she retired in January 2005 after 32 years of service. She volunteers as president of the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation, and is a board member of the DeSoto Independent School District (ISD) Education Foundation and Dodd Education and Support Inc. Additionally, McCowan is a past member and past president of the DeSoto ISD Board of Trustees. She also served on the Texas Education Agency Statewide Panel on Student Skills and Knowledge. McCowan received a bachelor's degree from Dallas Baptist University. She is married to Leon R. McCowan Jr., and they have two sons and three

granddaughters. Her term expires February 1, 2009.

Tracye McDaniel of Houston is executive vice president and chief operating officer of Greater Houston Partnership, and serves as a board member of the Texas Economic Development Corporation. She formerly served as executive director of the Governor's Division of Economic Development and Tourism, and as CEO of the Texas Economic Development Corporation TexasOne Program. McDaniel is a board member of the Houston Greeters, the Center for Houston's Future, and the United Way of Houston. She is also founding president of the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Her term expires Feb. 1, 2009.

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Collin College's Career Services and Cooperative Work Experience department has slated a series of events -- under the theme of "Find Your Voice, Change Your World" -- to celebrate careers and purport lifelong career development for Collin College students, faculty and staff.

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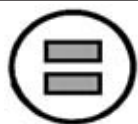
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 12 at the Preston Ridge Campus Event Center, 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco -- Jason Neidrich, from Texas Instruments' DLP Division and Phil Coffman from DRS Infrared Technologies, will present "Destination Digital -- Beyond the Infrared."

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14 at the Spring Creek Campus atrium -- Greg Brown, manag-

ing director of AFI Dallas, will present "Living the Creative Life, Making Your Dreams Work for You."

For more information about Career Development Month,

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Black History, Page 1

graduate of Drake University, has worked in journalism for nearly three decades and she has more than a decade of work in public service and politics. Roxanne did extensive reporting on Iowa Black History for the Des Moines Register and Tribune in the late 70's and won an Iowa Associated Press Managing Editors' First-Place Investigative Reporting award for her work on a series on Blacks in Iowa. In 1983, she became a reporter at the Austin American-Statesman and within five years rose to become a member of the Editorial Board and served as Chief Editorial Writer. In 1988, Roxanne's paper on "The History of Black Catholics in Texas" was placed in the Schomburg Center Collection for Research in Black Culture in New York with excerpts published in the Handbook of Texas. She has also served as a deputy press secretary for Gov. Ann Richards, and her work has appeared in African American publications such as the Capital City Argus, NOKOA, The Villager, the Dallas Examiner, African-American News and Issues and Our Texas Magazine.

Michael Hurd is a native of Texarkana but grew up in Houston,

served in the U.S. Air Force (including one year in Vietnam), and has a degree in journalism from UT-Austin. He began his journalism career in 1979 at the now-defunct Houston Post, then to the Austin American-Statesman and USA Today -- all as a sportswriter, though he has also worked as an assistant city editor for the Statesman, as well as a media coordinator for the UT-Austin development office. He has also written about social issues affecting the African American community, and Black military history. He is the author of two books: "Black College Football, 1892-1992," and "Collie J., Grambling's Man with the Golden Pen." (Collie J. Nicholson was the visionary publicist who put Grambling State University on the map as football coach Eddie Robinson built one of the

most powerful programs in college football history. Collie was also the first Black combat correspondent for the U.S. Marine Corps). Michael Hurd has also researched and is in the process of writing a book (historical fiction) based on the Houston riots of 1917.

"This project creates the opportunity for us as African Americans to follow in the footsteps of pioneer Black journalist John Russwurm, Ida Wells Barnett and others who understood why it was important for us to tell our own story," said Hurd.

(Texans who have information, documents, photos or other information they would like to share with the project editors should call (512) 527-3046, write 603 W. 13th Street, Suite 1A-212, Austin, Texas 78701-1744 michaelhurd@tbhpp.org roxanneevans@tbhpp.org)

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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.

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Teen First Fridays an exciting new event designed to transition youth into a higher level of engagement with worship through music, movement, spoken word and spiritual food. Teen First Fridays is held in collaboration with St. Philip's School and Community Center, Project Still I Rise Inc. and the Dallas Leadership Foundation. 5:45pm - 8:45pm every first Friday of the month at St. Philip's Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania, Dallas, TX 75215. Each Friday includes motivational speakers, food, live entertainment, youth and spoken word performances. For more information contact Tiffany Kirby, Community Center Director, St. Philip's School and Community Center at 214-421-5221 or Kevin Mondy, President, Project Still I Rise at 1-877-380-6413.

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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 202-34-9733

November 1

South Dallas Cultural Center grand opening ceremony is free and open to the public as they reopen their doors at 5:30 p.m. 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave,

Dallas, 75210, after being closed for renovation since 2005. The entire month of November will be dedicated to the grand opening celebration and will feature open houses, live music, workshops, classes, film, literary events, dance festivals and the popular "Jammin' at the Center" open-mic jam session for jazz lovers. It will now have nearly double the space and will feature a new library, a superbly equipped dance studio with full dressing rooms, the Virtual Sound Lab recording & video studio, digital photography studio, a state-of-the-art 120-seat black Box Theater, a spectacular art gallery, new offices, break room, outdoor patio, a beautiful lobby/reception area, and an extended parking lot. All present and past SDCC students, patrons, friends and family are encouraged to attend. For additional information call 214-670-0315 or victoria.meek@dallascityhall.com

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group located at the Audelia Road Branch Library, 10045 Audelia Rd. This is a free support group for grandparents and other relatives raising a child. Training for relatives looking to start their own support group at their own library will be located at the Dallas Center for Community Cooperation at 2900 Live Oak, 75204. For more information, contact Belinda Glenn at 214-243-2049.

November 2

WBI Book Awards Gala Winners for the Texas Book Awards will be announced during a celebration of great African-American liter-

ature. Located at The Cooper Guest Lodge Hotel, Spa, and Conference Center and presented by The Writer's Block Inc. The celebration begins at 7:00 p.m. and admission is \$50. For more information call 817-821-0671, or email info@writersblockinc.org.

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

Faith-Based Economic Empowerment Summit Join Reverend Wayne and Michelle Thornhill of the Harvest Strategic Group (HSG), LLC and learn how to empower your ministry and community economically 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Texas Rangers Ballpark, Legends of the Game Museum. The seminar is FREE. However, seating is limited. For more information, call 832-754-9690, register at www.consultharvest.com. The pastor that brings the most people will receive a free Strategic Planning Retreat for their church leaders from The Harvest Strategic Group, LLC (valued at \$3000). Free tours of Texas Rangers Ballpark will be available for the first 100 registered participants.

TBAAL Film Fest with Greg Anderson The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters will present the black film festival on Saturday at noon at the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex. Please call 214-943-2442 for tick-

et information.

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

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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.

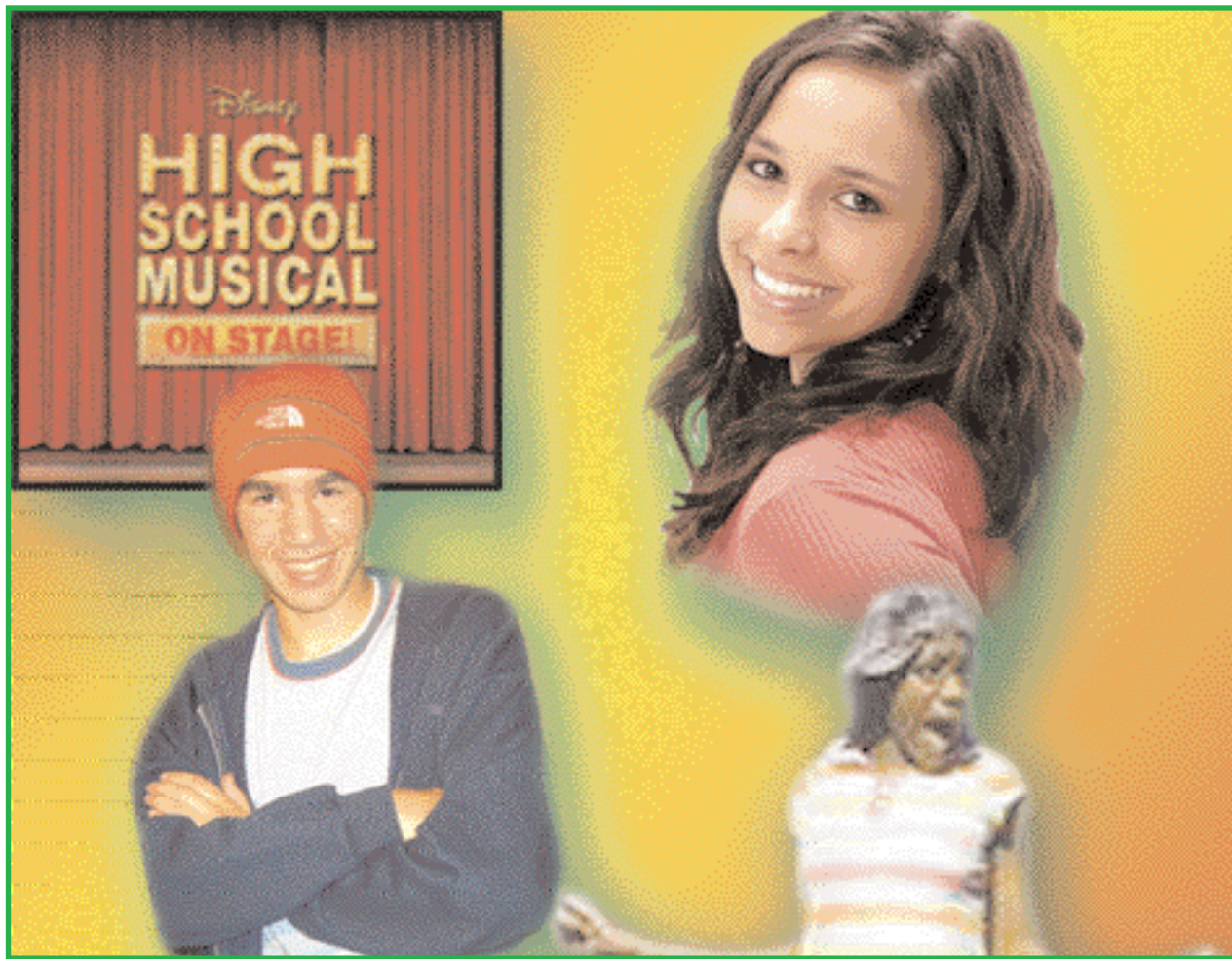
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The Arts Community in Plano



Alex Gilbert (left), Brittany Stene (top) and Randell Robertson (bottom)

Arts Community, Page 1

The arts community in Plano and surrounding cities is rapidly growing. Theater and symphony fans no longer have to trek to downtown Dallas to enjoy quality productions. The growth of the suburban arts community also provides more opportunities for performers of all ages. Recently Disney's very popular "High School Musical on Stage!" enjoyed a 15-show run at the Art Centre Theater in Plano, Texas.

The musical was a successful TV movie that resulted in a TV sequel and a possible future big screen release. The story centers on two teens: the basketball star, Troy and the nerd, Gabriella, who break social expectations and try out for the school musical and fall for each other against the objections of their socially-restricted peers. The stage production was the

successful debut of the Teatro delle Muse theater company. Rick A. Elina shared that every show was either sold out or nearly sold out.

The North Dallas Gazette had the opportunity to interview four of the star performers. They range from 14 – 20 years of age and featured veterans and newcomers.

Alex Gilbert

Everyone has heard the term of "dropping the ball," at a crucial moment, but 15-year-old Alex Gilbert did it literally. Gilbert was doing the musical number, "Get Your Head in the Game," when he missed and lost the basketball on stage.

"The ball hit my shoulder and fell into the audience," Gilbert said. "I had to run to go get it."

The musical deals with a star basketball player who more or less "drops the ball" to sing in the school play and be

with a girl considered a nerd. Gilbert was cast as Jack Scott, the school announcer, and this was his first musical outside of high school, Lakehill Preparatory School in White Rock Lake. Gilbert, a sophomore, wants to attend Julliard after high school.

When Gilbert was 13 years old, he played in "Bye-Bye, Birdie," and has appeared in "Once Upon a Mattress," "Charlie Brown," "Guys and Dolls," and other musicals.

If Gilbert was not pursuing theater, he would try paleontology. His hobbies include fencing and playing tennis.

Other than the musical's statement for teens to stay true to themselves, Gilbert may have indirectly made another statement with the "ball incident." The process of missing the ball, retrieving the ball and running back with the ball sends a message. The image

parallels missing the goal, retrieving the goal and seeing it finished to the end.

Randell Robertson

Every aspiring artist dreams of her big break but 14-year-old Randell Robertson never imagined she would star in one of her favorite musicals on stage.

Robertson was a huge fan of Disney's "High School Musical," but this was her first musical.

"I was freaking out," Robertson said.

Despite her agitation, Robertson still handled two roles: Susan, a thespian and Mongo, a cheerleader and skater.

Robertson is a 9th grader at Vines High School in Plano. There she takes theater classes and is on the speech club. She learned about the stage production when Ms. Wornan, her former theater teacher, told her of the auditions.

Robertson's goal is to

pursue studying Julliard and performing on Broadway. She feels her options are pretty open: to act, sing or do both.

Even if she was not pursuing a theater career, she would still pursue some artistic endeavor as a fashion designer or a chef.

Robertson enjoyed the stage experience and shared, "Love to do it again, if they have a playbook for 'High School Musical Two.'"

Brittany Stene

There is no need to read the lines when one knows them all by heart. Fourteen-year-old Brittany Stene had seen the Disney movie enough to know what to say, or more importantly what to sing.

"I had seen the movie a bazillion times," Stene said.

Stene played Gabriella Montez, the female lead for the "High School Musical on Stage!" This production was her first major show.

"I went in, not knowing anyone," Stene said.

Now, Stene said she is close with cast and crew, especially, Curt Mega, who played male lead Troy Bolton.

Stene attends 9th grade at Jasper High School. She takes voice lessons and is an alto in choir. Stene is also on the school dance team and attends KJ Dance Studio, located in Plano. Stene has since performed in another Teatro delle Muse play, "First Kiss."

Stene's idols include her mom "who always supported her." She also admires Christina Aguilera.

Following graduation, said Stene wants to go to NYU and pursue a musical career on Broadway.

Deondria Toney

Perhaps the world

was not prepared for the successful theater production, but Deondria Toney, 20-year-old business major is prepared for the world.

"I would love to New York and do Broadway," Toney said.

Toney, who played Martha Cox, a "brianiac" in the popular Disney musical, is determined to succeed, not in just one profession but many.

Although she keeps the dream of going to Broadway, Toney accepts the reality of the need to also pursue another career as profitable. She currently attends Tarrant Community College where she is finishing her core classes. Toney plans to major in business at the University of North Texas and minor in music. Toney would like to own a studio, thus her reason for pursuing a business degree.

Before the stage production, her previous performances were singing and dancing. She was nervous because, "Acting was new to me," Toney said.

In high school Toney was active in the choir, drill team and musicals in Cedar Hill High School.

Toney said her idols are her parents and Beyonce. She admires Beyonce as an actress, a dancer and a businesswoman. There is no doubt, with school work and performances Toney wants to follow this example of handling multiple areas of artistry and business.

The cast and crew worked on the production throughout the summer and the experience left a strong bond between each of them.

"We all became a summer family," Toney said.

Nephew Tommy at Addison Improv

Thomas Miles is best known as Nephew Tommy and a member of The Steve Harvey Morning Show.

However Miles did not begin his career as comedian. He attended Texas A&M where he performed in stage plays, and continued his theater career after college for ten years. During that period, he began doing stand-up comedy during summer hiatus. In published interviews, Miles said he learned how to act like a comedian.

In the late nineties he received the opportunity to work as the opening act for the late Luther Vandross subbing for someone for one week. At the end of the week Miles was offered the chance to remain on the tour, a job he held for three

years until Vandross became ill.

He joined his Uncle Steve's radio show in Los Angeles for what he thought was a temporary stop.



However, Vandross did not recover from his stroke and return to performing before he passed away.

His character "Nephew Tommy" has become an important member of the Steve Harvey Morning Show team. His prank calls are a regular hysterically funny highlight to the team's program.

Miles television and film work consists of appearances on *Showtime at the Apollo*, BET's *Comic View*, *Sister-Sister* and *The Parkers*.

This weekend Miles is appearing at the Improv in Addison, Friday November 2nd through Sunday November 4th. For more information and tickets call the box office at (972) 404-8501.

24-Hour Filmfeast & By Any Means Necessary

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters is hosting a 24 Hour Filmfeast featuring filmmaker Greg Anderson on Saturday November 3rd at the Clarence Muse Café Theatre at the Dallas Convention Center theatre Complex. Anderson will talk candidly about the subjects of his films and how he broke into the film industry. Anderson has produced *American Dream* and the *Trois* trilogy of films. He was the writer for the *Trois* trilogy and the breakout hit *Stomp the Yard* and *Room for Seven*.

The line-up of activities include: *Stomp the Yard* - Noon *American Dream* - 2:00 p.m. Talk

by the Film Maker - 4:30 p.m. The cost is only \$5 per event.

By any Means Necessary is the next stage production TBAAL is featuring November 7 - 11, 2007 The race to get married has always been the topic of conversation amongst women. Laterras R. Whitfield's new comedy stage play places three women in starting blocks, fires the pistol of determination and creatively showcases their pursuit to getting husbands before their 30th birthdays... *By Any Means Necessary*. By the way, this isn't a marathon - it's a sprint. Their 30th birthdays are only a few months away.

You can pay for your ticket for both events by phone with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express by calling TBAAL Box Office at (214) 743-2400. If you pay by phone, your ticket(s) can be held for you at the Will Call window. or you can purchase your ticket(s) at TBAAL's Box Office between the hours of 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday- Friday or Saturdays Noon-4p.m. The Box Office is closed every Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for weekly staff meeting.

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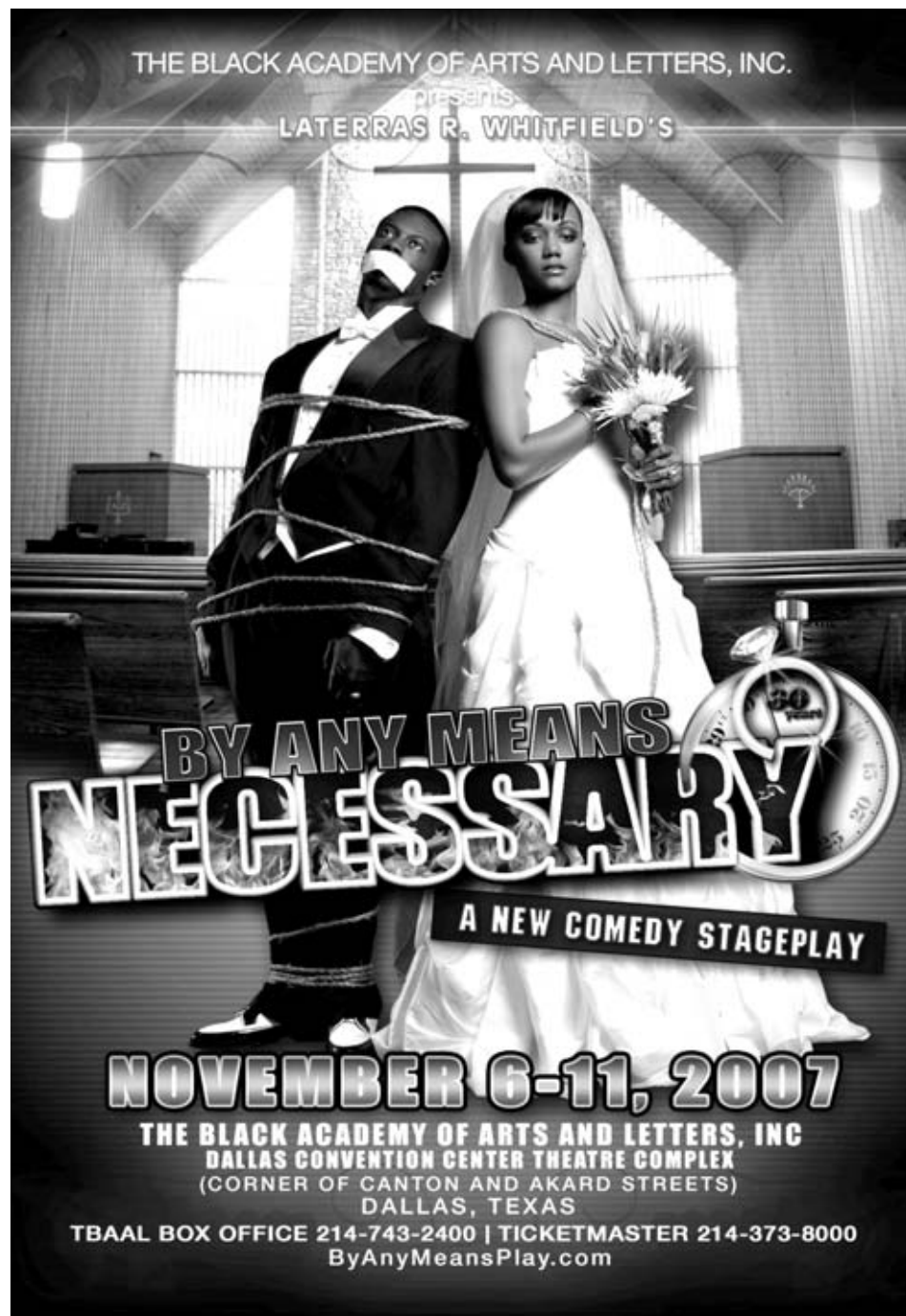
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Bailey, a resident of Carrollton for 20 years has taught in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD for 18 years, and is now the principal of Ted Polk Middle School. She is married to Michael Bailey and they are the proud parents of two children. The family are members of First



Baptist Church of Hamilton Park (First Church). Her educational philosophy is: "We are all charged with the responsibility to provide a quality education for all our students. It takes a Village!" Bailey's personal belief is: "I can do all things through Christ that strengthen me!"

Rev. Driver has lived

in Carrollton for 25 years, following 10 years in the Air Force. During his career he was employed by Caltex Petroleum Corporation, Dallas Water Utilities, (DWU) the City of Dallas, EDS, DPS, and now at DWU as a computer analyst contractor. Rev. Driver has a Master's Degree in Theology, and bachelor's in business, finan-



as president of an African country, at the United States Institute of Peace that aired on C-SPAN.

Before moving to Africa, Wilson served as co-producer and host of "Good News", a positive television news segment that aired on KCOP-TV (UPN). The TV segment was based on the Good News Magazine she created and published in 1992 following the Rodney King civil unrest in Los Angeles.

Julie Wilson

Julia Wilson is the founder and managing director of Wilson G l o b a l



the first American to own and operate a multicultural, full service strategic public relations and business consulting firm in the New South Africa where she lived for five years.

Wilson served as moderator of the March 21, 2006 worldwide webcast with Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, the first woman to be democratically elected

Communications LLC (WGC) and executive producer and host of "Julia Wilson on the Continent," an international television program focusing on positive developments in Africa. Wilson has produced television programs, corporate branded videos, live stage productions and special events in the U.S., Africa and Europe for more than a decade.

As an international broadcast and print journalist, she worked as a TV news correspondent for the UPN network to report Nelson Mandela's election as president during that country's first democratic elections. Following the 1994 elections, Wilson made history as

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cial management, computer science and information systems.

He is married to

Trudy Driver and they have six children, seven grandchildren and six great-grand children.

Rev. Driver is an Associate Minister at Friendship Baptist Church in The Colony.

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Location: **McKinney Housing Authority
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Persons Interested In Joining Contact:
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Licensing Fees Lowered in Texas

The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (Commission), Texas Department of Licensing and Registration's (TDLR) governing body, has voted unanimously to reduce twenty-one licensing and registration fees in eight of TDLR's programs. Fee reductions range from 8 percent to as high as 80 percent. On an annual basis, the fee reductions are projected to exceed \$1,300,000.

"We perform an annual review of our licensing fees to ensure that each program covers only the cost of operating it," said William Kuntz, TDLR's executive director. "As our efficiency improves, it is good news for our licensees."

"The same basic functions are required regardless of the type of license," Kuntz said. "So it only makes sense

to us to have the same people issuing all licenses rather than setting up a system of specialists for each type of license. This also gives us more flexibility to handle the regular ebbs and flows of licensing."

Fee reductions include: barbers licenses, reduced from \$90 every two years to \$70, a 22 percent reduction; master electrician and master sign electrician licenses, \$65 annually to \$50, a 23 percent reduction; elevator contractors licenses \$300 annually to \$115, a 62 percent reduction; combative sports contestants licenses, \$30 annually to \$20, a 33% reduction; combative sports event fee, \$500 per event to \$100 per event, an 80 percent reduction. To see a complete list of TDLR licensing fees that will be reduced, visit the TDLR website <http://www.license.state.tx.us/feereductions.htm>.

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Arlington and Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. Carter has provided legal analysis for Court TV, a CBS affiliate and a FOX affiliate.

After serving as Assistant DA, Carter joined the law firm of Jackson Walker, L.L.P., where he was a Senior Partner in the Litigation section. His experience includes representing plaintiff's and defendants in the areas of wrongful death, products liability, labor and employment, and toxic tort litigation. Carter has appeared in a variety of State and Federal courts and has tried more than 100 civil and criminal cases before

a jury. He has conducted numerous mediations compiling a settlement rate of over ninety percent. Carter can be reached by phone: 972-628-3625 or email: lcarter@munckbutrus.com.

The scholarship luncheon is sponsored by the Christ Community Connection, Inc. (CCC), Rev. Willie Rainwater is the Founder/Director. CCC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is a concerned community of citizens with a commitment to the education of our children. A number of scholarships and financial assistance have been awarded to students in area. Your support is needed to continue this tradition.

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The Ticking Clock On Pay Discrimination

By: Barbara Arnwine

Look around your office. Do you know what your co-workers are really being paid? Probably not. A recent survey found that only 10 percent of companies have pay openness policies. And if you were paid less by your employer simply because you are female how long do you think it would take to find out? Probably not until you've been working there a long time, maybe years.

That is exactly what happened to Lilly Ledbetter. Her employer, Goodyear Tire, kept compensation information confidential and it was later when she discovered she was being paid less. At retirement, she was paid \$3,727 monthly, while the lowest paid male doing the same job was paid \$4,286. Taking her employer to court, a jury found that she received raises less frequently than her male colleagues because of her gender. The jury awarded her damages for this intentional discrimination, but on appeal to the Supreme Court earlier this year, a majority tossed out the award because Ms. Ledbetter failed to file her claim within 180 days of her employer's discriminatory decisions – decisions she didn't have reason to suspect until long after they were made.

Pay discrimination based on gender is a violation of federal law and victims of such discrimination should be able to recover lost wages and perhaps other damages as well. But the Supreme Court has now made it practically impossible for victims to recoup damages when they have been discriminated against.

To encourage victims of discrimination to promptly file their claims, the law requires they file within 180 days of the discriminatory practice. So far, so good. But the Supreme Court's decision in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire*, interpreted the law to mean that the 180-day clock starts when the employer makes the discriminatory decision,

not each time the employee receives a smaller paycheck. So, if the employee did not learn about her employer's decision to pay her less when the decision was made, the claim of discrimination will probably be too late, even though the employer continues to pay her less money.

Unlike discriminatory decisions to hire and fire, compensation decisions are typically confidential. Consequently, it makes more sense to start the clock each time the employer makes a discriminatory payment rather than when the decision to discriminate is made.

Ledbetter was a 5-4 decision in which the conservative majority rejected the consistent position held by most of the lower courts for years. Over 20 years ago, in a race discrimination case, the Court observed "each week's paycheck that delivers less to a black than to a similarly situated white is a wrong actionable under Title VII." This common sense idea means that if the employee files within 180 days of receiving the discriminatory pay, he or she can have their day in court.

Some argue that the clock should start when a reasonable person would have discovered the wrong, but this vague standard is very difficult to apply in a compensation setting. In particular, employees may learn about pay differences but might not have enough information to suspect discrimination until much later. It's a cruel joke on the victim if their clock runs out before they even know it started.

Rather than opening the door to such time-consuming disputes, a

better approach would be to change the law back to the definition that worked for decades and that has proven to be workable for both employers and employ-

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November 3, 1 pm

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November 10, 12:30 pm

You are invited to our 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Indian Creek Golf Course. Funds raised will be used to build a Family Center which will include a gym and facilities to nourish the bodies & spirits of the community. For information, golf fees, and directions, call Kim Teamer at 972-636-1334

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November 3

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November 16 - 18

We invite you to our 4th Anniversary Celebration Services. Friday at 7:30 pm at the Allen Civic Center, 300 N. Allen Drive in Allen, TX will be our "Joy Night Musical," this FREE event will feature Minister Ron Hadley and Worship Squad of New Orleans; Psalmist Becky McCadden of Chesapeake, Virginia; JaRa and Lineage and other groups. Saturday at 7 pm there is a Celebration Banquet at the Southfork Hotel in Plano with guest speaker Rev. Josef Rasheed, Founder/Pastor of CrossRoad Covenant Church in DeSoto, TX. Sunday at 4:40 pm will be the conclusion of our anniversary with Pastor Chuckie Brown of New Birth Church, Sherman, TX and his congregation. For more information con-

tact Pastor John Wilson, III at 469-853-2380.
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SAINT MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

**November 10,
12 Noon - 2 pm**

Senior Saints (ages 55 and above) please join us for lunch, bingo and prizes during the "Double Nickel Luncheon" at Newsome Homes Community Center, 230 Amcott Street, McKinney, TX 75069. FREE home delivery available to house-bound seniors within the city only. Please call 972-542-6178 no later than Friday, November 9th with your name, phone number, address, and the number of meals desired.

November 11, 11 am & 3:30 pm

You are invited to our 128th Church Anniversary. There will guest speakers in both services, in the morning and in the afternoon.

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Rev. Charles Wattley,

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November 3, 10 am - 2 pm

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Sister Tarpley

With the Holiday Season coming soon, I thought it would be a good time to print the following narrative that I received some years ago. Perhaps you have heard or seen this before; I know that I have received this item, or a version of it, more than once in an



Sister Tarpley and Rev. Fred Conwright, Founder/CEO of Two Podners Restaurants in the Dallas area.

email or in print. Or, perhaps this is your first time reading this. Either way it should encourage you to, 'Have Faith in God' as you go through your trials or tribulations. A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life, and how things were so hard for her, given all that she is now going through. The young woman also told her mother that she didn't know how she was going to make it; and that she wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It

Are You a Carrot, Egg or Coffee?

seemed that as one problem was solved, another appeared.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first pot she placed a carrot, in the second she placed an egg, and in the last pot she placed ground coffee beans. The mother let the items sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrot

out and placed it in a bowl. She then took the egg out and placed it on a plate. Finally, she ladled some of the coffee into a cup. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see?"

I see a carrot, an egg, and some brewed coffee," the daughter replied. The mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrot. She did and noted that it was soft. She then asked her daughter to take the egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, the daughter observed the egg was hard-boiled. Finally, the mother asked her daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then

asked, "What's the point mother?" Her mother explained that each of these items had faced the same adversity—boiling water—but each reacted differently. The carrots went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shells had protected its liquid interior, but, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The grounded coffee beans were unique however, after they were in the boiling water they had changed the water into something desired.

"Which are you?" the mother asked the daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or coffee beans?"

Are you the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do you wilt and become soft and lose your strength? Are you the egg that starts with a sensitive

heart, but changes with the heat? Do you have a fluid spirit, but after death, a breakup, a divorce, a financial hardship or some other trail, have you become hardened and stiff? Does your shell look the same, but on the inside are you bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

Or are you like the coffee beans? The beans actually change the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the beans, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. How do you handle adversity? Coffee anyone? - Anonymous

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programming. This includes a conversation with well-known Dallas historian Dr. Clarence Glover and special Sunday morning worship services featuring the 8th Episcopal District presiding prelate Bishop Ronald Cunningham. A Conversation with Dr. Clarence Glover is scheduled Wednesday, Nov. 7th at 7:30 pm. Dr.

Glover will share well-known and not so well-known facts about Christian Chapel's unique place in Dallas history. Church Anniversary Celebration continues Sunday, November 11th at the 8 am and 10:45 am services. This highly anticipated day will feature guest speakers Bishop Ronald Cunningham,

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