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People In The News



Awarded attorney and author Bobbie Edmonds will hold a book signing and discussion at Dallas' Joka's African American Bookstore located at 3223 W. Camp Wisdom Road on Saturday, March 17th from noon until 2 pm.

Attorney Edmonds has served as legal counsel on a number of high profile cases over the years. One of which resulted in the writing of her book *The Legal Navigator: Essential Tips for the Parent and Student Involved in the School Disciplinary Process*. Attorney Edmonds will be signing and discussing the book at Joka's Bookstore. Edmonds serves as a member of the Tarrant County Civil Service Commission panel, and is also an alternate judge for the City of Forest Hill. She is a board member of the Tarrant County Black Bar Association. Edmonds also practices before the United States Supreme Court, United States District Court of the Northern District, the United States Fifth Circuit court of Appeals and many others.

Attorney Edmonds was named Lawyer of the Year in 1996 by the Tarrant County Black Bar Association, and has been recognized as a KJDA African-American Hero.

For more info call 214-331-8100.

Dr. Motosoko Phoko, President of the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC), Member of South African Parliament and author of several books on history, law, political science and theology will speak at the Pan-African Connection Bookstore on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 7 p.m.

His latest book is, 'How Africans can regain their Lost Power: Land is Money and Power'.

Dr. Phoko has been a member of the PAC since 1960. He is a former Representative of the African Liberation Struggle at the United Nations in New York and at the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva. During the struggle against apartheid and colonialism, Dr. Phoko was imprisoned for his anti-apartheid activities. His organizing forced him into exile for 30 years.

He holds a B.A. degree from the University of South Africa, a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Zambia, a Master of Laws from the University of London, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Kensington.

The Pan-African Connection Bookstore and Resource Center is located at 612 E. Jefferson Blvd, Dallas. For more info, call 214-943-8262.



Dr. Sharon Blackman, president of Brookhaven College, has been appointed to serve as a member of the Commission on Community Colleges, a new project of the College Board's Center for Innovative Thought, effective February 2007.

Brookhaven College is one of seven individually accredited institutions in the Dallas County Community College District.

Blackman, who previously served in several administrative positions at Richland College, has 32 years of experience in higher education administration, program development, counseling and teaching. She taught at Richland and Earlham colleges, and she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Blackman holds a doctorate in educational administration from the Scholars Practice Program at Baylor University.

Blackman is involved in a number of professional organizations at the state and national levels, including the American Association of Community Colleges, and she also is an active member in the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce (board of directors), Carrollton-Farmers Branch Rotary (board of directors), the National Council on Black American Affairs and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., among others.

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NAACP President Resigns After 19 Months

AP
NAACP President Bruce S. Gordon is quitting the civil rights organization, leaving after just 19 months at the helm, he told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Gordon cited growing strain with board members over the group's management style and future operations.

"I believe that any organization that's going to be effective will only be effective if the board and the CEO are aligned and I don't think we are aligned," Gordon said. "This compromises the ability of the board to be as effective as it can be."

Gordon said he will give up his duties before month's end. He spoke by phone from Los Angeles, where he attended the NAACP Image Awards.

Dennis C. Hayes, general counsel of the Baltimore-based National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is expected to serve as interim president, Gordon said. Hayes filled the same role after Kweisi Mfume resigned the presidency in 2004 after nine



years. Gordon said that while the NAACP is an advocacy organization, it needs to be more focused on service and finding solutions.

"I'm used to a CEO running an organization, with the board approving strategy and policy," Gordon said. "But the NAACP board is very much involved."

Gordon said he made the decision in recent weeks and

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1,200 Seniors Rally At Capitol For Lower Electric Rates



An estimated 1,200 AARP-Texas members from every corner of the state - some boarding their buses as early as 4 a.m. - rallied at the south steps of the Texas Capitol Tuesday, February 27 to demand an end to high electricity rates in Texas and health care reforms.

Seventeen buses, along with vans and personal vehicles, descended upon Austin shortly before noon to kick off 3 hours of frenzy, led off by a rally attended by several members of the Legislature and a large press contingent.

Senator Juan Hinojosa of McAllen and Representative Sylvester Turner of Houston lead a group of legislators from both parties in publicly signing an AARP petition calling for the restoration of an electricity fund that protects low-income Texans, the prohibi-

AARP Rallies For Electric Page 9

Plano's Eyes In Sky - Serving The City Wirelessly



The City of Plano Technology Service Department has teamed up with the Plano Police Department to take securing Plano to a whole new level - sky level. The project began in June 2006, when City Council approved the purchase of a highly-integrated mobile broadband system from Motorola called MotoMesh to aid with public safety and City services.

The total project will cost approximately \$21 million. That includes the design costs, hardware purchase, installation, management software and make ready costs for various sites. The planned deployment will take approximately two years.

Public Safety (primarily Police) was the initial target audience. As planning progressed, other departments were incorporated into the phased deployment. According to Director of

Technology Services David Stephens, "The primary users at this point will be Police, Fire, Facilities Management, Transportation Engineering, and Customer and Utility Services. Other departments will be added as the network is built out and services available citywide."

In the long term, there are plans to offer Internet service for residents, but it will not be through the MotoMesh network as it is for city services only. It utilizes radio spectrums of 4.9 GHz, key to supporting Police and Fire operations, and 2.4 GHz for other city services with redundant data routes for reliability. The MotoMesh technology was originally developed for battlefield communications. Stephens added, "As more municipalities build out 4.9 systems, the options for interoperability will increase. At this time, our network will be a closed system in that only Plano employees will have access to it. As we progress

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Dallas Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., - Hosts Annual Mardi Gras "Naw'lins Jam"

On Saturday, March 10 at the Park Lane Ranch, 8787 Parklane, Dallas, Texas, the Dallas Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., will host the organization's annual fund-raiser Mardi Gras Event "Naw'lins Jam".

The Honorary Chair is Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District and the Celebrity King and Queen for the event is Dallas County District Attorney and Mrs. Craig Watkins.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Dallas Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., scholarships and children's projects. Previous beneficiaries have included Bryan's House, the AIDS Babies Project at Parkland Hospital, Gateway Apartments, St.



Craig Watkins

Philips Episcopal School and Community Center, Our Brother's Keeper, Jonathan's Place, Shaun's Place, Girls, Inc., A Lift for Life and a number of schools in Dallas County.

The cocktail affair, optional costume, will begin at 7:30 pm and feature musical entertainment.

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Chambers Boost Collin County Day Efforts



In a new attempt to grow the activities around Collin County Legislative Day in Austin, the Allen, Frisco, McKinney and Plano Chambers agreed to take on the organizational responsibilities for the 2007 Collin County Day events.

Back in the late summer, a series of meetings took place before the actual handoff occurred. Historically, the County Judge's office leads the

charge for Collin County Day, but this year, with the transition to a new county judge, it was agreed the chambers would take the reins for organizing the event. The first step was to build the committee tapping most (if not all) of those who had served in the past. Members of this year's committee included representatives from not only the chambers men-

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Almost 100,000 Children Displaced By Cyclone And Floods



Around 80,000 children in the southern African country of Mozambique have now been displaced by flooding after Friday's cyclone added to the misery of almost a

month of floods that destroyed the homes of at least 160,000 people, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said today, adding that the next week will be critical in avoiding outbreaks of disease.

Persistent heavy rains across southern Africa have wreaked havoc for hundreds of thousands of people in the region over the past month but Cyclone Favio last

Children Displaced Page 8

Jarvis Christian College – Ninth Annual Heritage Scholarship Banquet



Heritage Award Honorees
Darryl Davis, Mae Beck, Wynfred C. Watkins, Nancy Williams, Hachett Shau, Nina Malone Williams, Ada Marie Evans Willis, Clara Duberry.



Mr. Odell Brown, The Occasion



Dr. Sebetha Jenkins, President
Jarvis Christian College



Dr. Sherron C. Patterson

Jarvis Christian College in conjunction with the Dallas Alumni Chapter recently held it's Ninth Annual Heritage Scholarship Banquet at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas.



Michelle Coleman & Rev. Claude O'Dell Maples



Reverend Denny Davis

Dallas ISD Students Star In Dallas Water Utilities Commercial



Dallas ISD students take a break during the commercial shoot with DWU Conservation Manager Carole Davis; students from left to right include Marlon Johnson, Jacob DeLeon, Josefin Ruiz, Robyn Lam, Helanna Padgett, Kristin Barnes, Lauren Adams and Nicole Pison.

The City of Dallas Water Utilities (DWU), students of Sidney Lanier Elementary Vanguard for the Expressive Arts in Dallas ISD, and DWU Cartoon Contest Drawing Winner Helanna Padgett teamed up yesterday to shoot a

new commercial that delivers the importance of water conservation through the eyes of Dallas youth. The new commercial is expected to air on network affiliates and cable stations throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth market beginning April 2.

2007 TACA Grant Awards



James Gilyard of Sammons Center for the Arts/Sammons Jazz, and Connie Carreher, TACA board member.

On February 1, TACA-The Arts Community Alliance continued its 40th anniversary celebration and grant awards presentation by distributing



Ann Williams of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre and Irving Weiser, recent retired chairman of RBC Dain Rauscher and TACA sponsor.

\$760,000 to 37 local arts organizations. The event was held at the Dallas Museum of Art with Tony Award-winning actress Betty Buckley giving emotional remarks about being an artist.

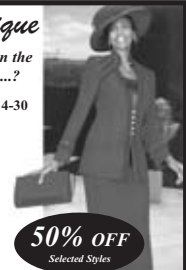
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Around The Town

Ongoing

The Allen Public Library will feature films with all black casts or have African-American themes will be featured each Tuesday night during February. On February 6th and 20th, guests will be treated to extremely rare viewing of "Beulah" a television program from the 1950's. For more info call Tom Keener at 214-509-4911.

The Collin County Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Drive in McKinney.

Free Tenant Legal Workshops are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Douglass Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-473-9089.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.assistance-league-gcc.org.

"EVOlive," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Court Road, Suite 202. Call 972-267-4452.

A free legal clinic is offered for residents who meet low-income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist

Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For locations and more information, call 214-928-9303.

The Frisco Housing Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Kumasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. For more info call 972-424-7547.

Late Night at the Dallas Museum of Art Join us on the third Friday of each month at 1717 N. Harwood. \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for students with current school I.D. 214-922-1200, publicprograms@DallasMuseumofArt.org.

Dallas Baptist University-North Leadership Empowerment Luncheon Series is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Dallas Baptist University-North, 3211 Internet Blvd., Suite 100. For more info, call 214-333-5777 or e-mail dbunorth@dbu.edu.

The Yundrae Show the live television taping every Thursday. The shows open at 7pm and the show starts at 7:45pm. There are door prizes and giveaways each week. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Check it out at: www.theyundraeshow.com

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"Long As You Live In My House" at 7:30 p.m. Friendship-West Baptist Church, 2020 W. Wheatland, Dallas. For more info, call Mushell Sullivan at 972-228-5200.

Plano Business Interchange at 7:30 a.m. Chamber Office, 1200 East 15th Street - Plano. For more info, call 972-424-7547.

Ambassadors Meeting at 11:45 a.m. Plano Chamber Office, 1200 East 15th Street, Plano. For more info, call 972-424-7547.

Women's Division Deadline at 12:00 noon. Plano Chamber Office, 1200 East 15th Street, Plano. For more info, call 972-424-7547.

Fashion at the Park a public fashion and media event from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. North Park Center, 1030 North Park Center, Dallas. For more info, call 1-888-767-3966.

Job Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie will host a customer service and hospitality Job Fair. For more info, call 972-237-1177 or visit www.lonestarpark.com/jobs.

Mother Goose Storytime from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for four to 18-month-olds. The event will be held at the Central Library, 801 West Irving Blvd., Irving. For more info, call 972-721-2458 or visit www.irv-inglibrary.org.

March 10, 2007

Savor Dallas - An International Experience of Wine, Food, Spirits and the Arts experience dedicated to fabulous wine and food from 50 of DFW's top chefs. For more info, call 866-277-7920 or email info@savordallas.com.

The Jazz Swing Era film and discussion sessions at Central Library's Fine Arts Division, 4th floor Dallas Public Library & Music Library and the Division of Jazz Studies at 2:30 p.m. For more info, email tina.murduck@dallaslibrary.org.

Kick 4 College from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Plano Center, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano.

National Karate League tournament series. For more info, call Kasey at 972-838-5425 or 214-352-5425 or visit www.kickcollege.com.

Personality Plus/Boundaries Seminar from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Plano Center, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. For more info, call Garry Mensch at 214-293-7215 or email garry@gbseminars.com or visit GKseminars.com.

Jamie Foxx with Special Guest Speedy at 7:30 p.m. at the Nokia. To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 214-373-8000, metro 972-647-5700. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

March 11, 2007

Plano Bridal Show at Plano Center, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more info, call 972-713-9920, or visit www.bridalshowinc.com.

March 12, 2007

Eric Roberson "LIVE" at 9:00 p.m. Petrus Lounge (4th floor of Luqui), 1217 Main Street, Dallas. For more info, call 214-264-2904.

March 13, 2007

New Visions, New Voices a spring playwriting festival from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Southern Methodist University, 6101 Bishop Blvd. For more info, call 214-768-2787.

Business Development Meeting at the Plano Chamber Office, 1200 E 15th Street at 8:00 a.m. For more info, call 972-424-7547.

Chamber Prospective Member Open House 4:30 p.m. at the Plano Chamber Office, 1200 E 15th Street. For more info, call 972-424-7547 or RSVP to rsvp@planochamber.org.

Power Networking at 5:30 p.m. at the Plano Chamber Office, 1200 E 15th Street. Please RSVP to rsvp@planochamber.org or for more

info, call 972-424-7547.

March 16, 2007

4th Annual Weekend Festival of Black Dance - "Rhythm And Soul Of A People" at Pulse Auction Naomi Bruton main stage at 8:00 p.m. For more info, call 214-743-2440 or contact Monica Ellington at monica@cmvfinancial.com or call 972-831-8866.

March 17, 2007

Roundtable Writer's Breakfast with award winning playwright P.J. Gibson from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Event will be held at the Black Academy of Arts & Letters in room 723.

Dallas Wellness Lifestyle Expo a two day event at Plano Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more info, call Adjutant Expos at 972-504-6358 or visit www.dallaswellnessexpo.com.

March 20, 2007

"My Sweet Potato Pie" runs through Sunday, 25th. Naomi Bruton Main Stage. For more info, call 214-743-2440.

March 21, 2007

Disney on Ice Princess Wishes thru Sunday, March 25th, at American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue, Dallas. For more info, call 214-373-8000.

March 23, 2007

The Isley Brothers at 8:00 p.m. at The Nokia. To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 214-373-8000, metro 972-647-5700. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

Heart of Texas Arts and Crafts Show at Plano Center 2000 E Spring Creek Parkway, Plano from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 25th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more info, call

Earline Walters at 903-217-8081 or visit www.heartof-texasshow.com.

March 24, 2007

2007 Mentout Festival, a free educational and health screening event featuring speakers, food sampling, and exhibits related to the vegetarian lifestyle, at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak Street, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more info, call 214-332-2812 or 972-578-0370 or visit www.bvms.org.

5 Men On A Stool Concert at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. A blend of contemporary R & B, Jazz and Spoken Word held at the Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre.

March 27, 2007

Retaining Your Workforce for Future Growth from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more info, call the Plano Economic Development Board at 972-208-8300.

"Meet Your Candidates" Town Hall Meeting and Political Forum 6:50 p.m. at the Women's Activity Center, 713 Austin Street, Garland. For more info, call 972-381-5044.

March 29, 2007

Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott Dallas/Plano Legacy Town Center. Speaker: Gary Kelly, Vice Chairman and CEO, Southwest Airlines. For more info, call 972-424-7547.

April 28, 2007

Senior Achievement Award Ceremony at Dallas City Hall Plaza hosted by deputy Mayor Don Hill and Cleo Glenn Johnson of Black United Fund of Texas. For more info, call 214-650-7065 or e-mail bkm104@yahoo.com.

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Paul Hailey

I knew it was going to be trouble as soon as I read the title of the article: "The Manifesto of Ascendancy for the Modern American Nigger." I thought it sounded like an extremely bad propaganda booklet for the Ku Klux Klan. I mean, what would you think if somebody gave you a magazine article to read with that title?

That's exactly the same thing I thought when I read it.

Writer, director, producer John Ridley recently penned an essay with the above title in *Esquire* magazine. Forget that I have read *Esquire* every month for the past 15 years, or that I too occasionally pen essays, Ridley's article pushed me to a point where all I could do is sit quietly and shake my head for about five minutes. I wish I could write something clever or witty about the...words John Ridley used in his essay. I wish I had some biting and sarcastic response to the points he made in his article after he sucked me in with his vicious title. But I don't. I'll let the opening words of John Ridley's piece speak for themselves-you be the judge.

"Let me tell you something niggers, the oppressed minority within our minority. Always down. Always out. Always complaining that they can't catch a break. Notoriously poor about doing for themselves. Constantly in need of a leader but unable to follow in any direction that he's navigated by hard work, self-reliance. And though they spiff and drink and procreate their way onto welfare doles and WTC lines, niggers will tell you their state of being is no fault of their own. They are not responsible for their nearly 5 percent incarceration rate and their 9.2 percent unemployment rate.

Some People Just Don't Get It

Not responsible for the 11.8 percent rate at which they drop out of high school. For the 69.3 percent of births they create out of wedlock."

This from a black man in America. But wait, there's more: "In the forty years since the New Deal was brokered, since the voting rights act was signed, there have been successes for blacks. But there are still too many blacks in prison, too many kids aggrandizing the thug life, and way too many African-Americans doing far too little with the opportunities others earned for them. That which retards us in the worst of us," those who disdain actual ascendancy gained by way of intellectual expansion and physical toil who instead value the posture of an 'urban,' a 'street,' a 'real' existence, no matter that such a culture threatens to render them extinct. 'Them' being niggers."

Wow. Do you see how Ridley's words might be inflammatory to me?

Ridley goes on for another 8000 words about how the high-water mark in "ascendancy" for African Americans came in eleven days in March 2001, when Dr. Condoleezza Rice and General Colin Powell assumed "real power" during an international plane incident with China. Condi and Colin were given full control over the incident by President Bush; they alone were in charge of negotiating with the Chinese on the release of twenty-four detained crewmen from a U.S. plane that was shot down.

Ridley's piece went on about how this watershed moment for black ascendancy into real power got overshadowed by rioting "niggers" in the Over-the-Rhine section of Cincinnati on April 9, 2001.

By that time, I didn't care what argument or point Ridley was trying to make. John Ridley's piece was wrong on so many levels it is hard for me to rationally discuss them.

For starters, black people, (as I

have written in this space on several occasions), are not niggers. I don't like it when white people refer to us niggers and I'm almost equally offended when we use the term toward each other. I get antsy when anyone starts throwing around stereotypes and generalizations, while they usually contain a nugget of truth, it is only a nugget. Ridley's words have a dangerous undertone of self-loathing attached to them, or at the very least, outright hatred for a segment of his own race.

And that's where I have the biggest problem with John Ridley. I agree there are large numbers of people, both black and white, who possess an unrealistic sense of entitlement and refuse to take responsibility for their own actions. Those people are a drain on all of society, not just black members. But blatant hatred is not going to solve any of those problems.

Ridley confuses a cause with a consequence. U.S. ghettos produce human misery, not "niggers". "Niggers" didn't create slavery or Jim Crow or racism or mandatory minimum sentences. I agree that black people need to find a solution to the current state of drugs, alcohol, abuse, despair, murder and suicide. But the historical reasons for the current situation are not unclear; the unclear part is the solution. Which is something the Ridley piece never provides, and that makes him suspect.

It's also suspect that the Republican Ridley wrote his piece in December, the month following major Democratic gains in the November elections. I like quoting a brother of mine from time to time. His favorite line is "some get it, some don't", which refers to the lunacy of people in understanding the obvious. For all his blustering and nastiness, I don't think John Ridley gets it.

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Hair Weaves Tangle Self-Image For Black Women

By: Malena Amusa,

This past winter, I noticed something very unsettling while I was visiting my family in St. Louis.

Almost all the black women I encountered were sporting lavishly long hair weaves, fake locks that can add length and volume after being sewed or glued to the scalp. Weaves come in straight, curly and kinky textures. But most black women with weaves wear them to extend and strengthen the appearance of their naturally coiled and nappy hair.

Everywhere I turned, from the church to the mall, black women suited up in this straight-hair uniform. Was I missing something? I thought. Would my close-cut Afro set me too far apart from other black women?

Natural, kinky hair — which is most associated with blackness — has also been tied to inferiority in the United States. We can thank entrepreneur Madam C.J. Walker, the late 19th century inventor of the hot pressing comb — literally a comb-shaped iron — for the subsequent years of black women burning their disobedient hair into submission. Still today among African Americans, there exists a strata between those with "bad hair" and "good hair," the latter being hair that is most in sync with the dominant culture.

Walk into any pharmacy and you'll see a deluge of harsh chemical products that promise black women unnappy hair. Many believe this is a demonstration of self-loathing.

This perplexed me because around St. Louis, so many everyday women who have no celebrity stakes to claim were subscribing to this myopic image of beauty wrapped around these hair weaves that, by the way, can take hours to glue onto the scalp and cost hundreds of dollars.

I wanted to walk in their shoes and understand them, so I decided to get a long, straight wig. Without the labor-intensive process, I achieved the luscious locks of a weave so I could learn what the non-celebrity woman had to gain from emulating the straight hair of non-African

woman.

After several days of wearing the wig and interviewing black women, I found that the straight-hair phenomenon has little to do with a need to fit into mainstream social settings. Rather, these long weaves may reflect our desire to try on a different feminine persona that has historically been appropriated for white women.

I knew my hair was being mistaken for my femininity upon entering the Asian-owned beauty-supply store in my predominantly black neighborhood where I went to buy my wig. Perhaps because the elderly Asian sales lady kept saying: "Oh you pretty... with the wig," Malena

It became even clearer once I returned home with the long, black, straight wig in hand and saw the label name Nikita. Even the manufacturers figured that by wearing this wig, I was to transform myself into another woman.

A few weeks later, I moved to New York and met an actress and professor of aesthetic studies at the University of Texas-Dallas. Venus Opal Reese has interviewed hundreds of black women in researching this hair transformation.

During the opening night of her one-woman play "Split Ends," which takes an in-depth look at black women and their historical tangle with hair, Reese bombarded a small stage wearing a skimpy dress and a Tina Turner wig just as wild as her flailing arms. Seconds later, the wig flew off and fell to the floor. As the crowd yelped with laughter, Reese hurried to pick it up, and kept waving the hair in her hand as if still attached to her swirling head.

"Being a woman is a performance," she said in the skit. "It's a full-time, thankless job."

Her point was to show that by wearing weaves and wigs, black women are dressing up in their own drag, whereby they can become the type of woman they aren't otherwise expected to be. Black women weaving up has so much to do with our need to feel

feminine and strong at different points in our lives, Reese argued later in a phone interview.

"Hair is a navigator," she said. "It's a negotiator, it's a deal-breaker."

I'd say. In a world where black women are constantly blunted by racial and sexual discrimination, it makes sense that we'd begin adopting counter-representations of ourselves.

That's what the wig did for me. It gave me the freedom to be aloof, to flirt and to smile without fear of not receiving smiles in return.

I made several outings with the wig. During one trip, I went to a mall. The weave made my confidence soar. Heading there, I drove faster than usual. And every time I reached to pick up my cell phone, I dramatically tossed my hair back and said "Halo!" roaring and perky like a valley girl. I was ready to explode onto the mall scene and attract all kinds of men.

As I entered the sliding doors, my hair swooshed about my face and I loved it. And after some time, I noticed that I was moving around like a butterfly, flighty and irregular. I couldn't stop giggling like a school girl and tossing my hair lightly back as I rolled my eyes sensuously around while talking.

The wig had changed me; with it, I felt excited to become Nikita, who I assumed was a fun-loving white woman.

I believed I could seduce with my hair without thinking men wouldn't return my vibes because I was too black. Whatever that feeling — call it femininity if you like — I had more of it. And while I hated the persistent itch of the wig and those fluffy bangs scratching my eyes, for the first time, I saw clearly the power of weaves.

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Misfiring On 'Why I Hate Blacks'

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson, BlackNews.com Columnist

Kenneth Eng has been crucified for writing in *Asian Week* that blacks are weak-willed, Asian hating, and were complacent in subjection to slavery. But was he totally wrong? Did he have the right to say his hurtful words? Did *Asian Week* have the right to publish them? And was the passion and anger that Eng whipped up warranted when measured against the big-ticket problems that hammer blacks daily?

A few days after Eng's inflammatory column sent *Asian Week* publishers back-peddling fast to utter me culpous, drew denunciations from politicians and media activists, got his sci-fi book pulled from Amazon.com, and got him banned to writer's Siberia, a cross-section of black activists, politicians, and writers at a roundtable in Los Angeles weighed in on Eng, *Asian Week* and relations with Asian-Americans. They answered the above questions far differently and surprisingly than those outraged at Eng's column and him have.

The views ranged from, it was much ado about nothing, to a near defense of him. The reasons for their relatively muted, even benign response, aren't hard to find. The week before the Eng furor broke the Los Angeles City Council debated a resolution that would have put the city on record backing a Congressional bill to establish a reparations study committee. It passed, and a big argument that swayed the council was the current plight of blacks.

They continue to have the highest rates of poverty, infant mortality, violence victimization rates, and health care disparities than any other group in America.

They are still more likely to live in segregated neighborhoods, be refused business and home loans, their children attend failed public schools than any other group, and are more likely to be racially profiled on America's urban streets. These were the issues that the roundtable participants repeatedly said were the things blacks should get enraged about, and take action on. Those problems would exist and demand outrage and action even if Eng had never written a word. The racial lethargy on major social problems engenders deep frustration among many blacks. And those at the roundtable reflected that frustration.

Blacks also have watched and listened with mounting fury as a legion of foul mouthed rappers, comedians, and entertainers continue to use and defend the N word, as well as propagate and glorify in the most vile and repulsive stereotypes about black men and women in films and in TV sitcoms. They are rightly and rightly should be appalled that there is relatively little outcry from other blacks about them. Even worse, judging from the success of the silly, and degrading Eddie Murphy film *Norbit*, they still will pack the theaters to see them. But when a white politician, celebrity, or known public figure slips, deliberately uses the N word, makes a racial gaffe, or when a white gay comedian Shirley Q. Liquor slurs black women in his act, or Eng bashes them in his column, blacks stampede to the barricades to denounce them.

Then there's the issue of a writers right to say what they please, even if it's idiotic and insulting. More than one participant flatly

said that Eng had that right to write his column, and that blacks should defend it. This was not just a rote ACLU protest hate speech no matter what line, though a compelling argument can always be made for that. It's a practical concern.

The worst thing that could happen is to censor even the most odious racial slanders that would make it impossible for them to be publicly challenged, and blow a chance to educate the public on the colossal harm that they do. Eng's column is the best example of that. If the editors at *Asian Week* had pulled it, the public would not have known how widespread the myths, misconceptions, and negative stereotypes about African-Americans are among some Asian Americans and Asian immigrants. That forced, blacks, Asians, and many others to make the painful admission that the prejudices exist and then confront them. Eng and *Asian Week* in effect did a valuable service by printing his views.

There were many things that the roundtable participants said that they hated about the problems that blacks face, and what blacks often fail to do about them. Eng's column was not one of the problems that bothered them. They were right.

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US Renews Effort To Solve Civil Rights Era Murder Cases

By: Jim Malone
The U.S. government is forming a partnership with some prominent civil rights groups to identify and investigate unsolved murders committed during the U.S. civil rights era of the 1950s and 1960s. VOA National correspondent Jim Malone has more from Washington.

The partnership involves the Justice Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and civil rights groups like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Urban League and the Southern

Poverty Law Center.

The announcement came at a Washington news conference where Attorney General Alberto Gonzales issued a warning to those who have so far escaped prosecution and punishment for murder and civil rights violations perpetrated decades ago. "And to those individuals who committed these crimes and who have lived with their guilty consciences for these many years, our message should be clear. You have not gotten away with anything. We are still on your trail," he said.

FBI Director Robert Mueller says federal investigators are considering about 100 cases at



Attorney General Alberto Gonzales the outset, and have reopened 10 to 12 cases that involve suspicious deaths from decades ago. Mueller says he cannot guar-

antee all the cases will be prosecuted or will result in convictions. But he says the government, with help from the civil rights groups, is determined to reopen cases that have been ignored for years. "In too many instances, the truth has been hidden for too long. Many individuals have, quite literally, gotten away with murder. We cannot turn back the clock. We cannot right these wrongs. But we can bring a measure of justice to those who remain. Justice has been delayed, but we are determined that justice will not be denied. We will do everything we can to close these cases and to close this dark chapter in our

nation's history," he said.

The civil rights groups involved in the effort will share information and leads about unsolved murder cases with the government. Organization leaders are urging witnesses who have remained silent for decades to come forward if they have information regarding a murder or other crime from the civil rights era.

Stephanie Jones of the National Urban League says the cooperative effort is an important step in the continuing process of racial healing in the United States. "The history of lynchings and racial violence in this country has left a stain on

the fabric of our country. And it is up to all of us to eradicate that stain and one of the ways to do it is to work together to bring justice, both for those who have been harmed by this and those who have perpetrated the harm," she said.

Federal and state prosecutors have had success in recent years in obtaining convictions for murder and civil rights violations in cases that had remained unsolved for years.

In January, a 71-year-old former member of the racist Ku Klux Klan was charged in connection with the kidnapping and murder of two African-American men in 1964.

AsianWeek Dismisses Author Of Racist Column

San Francisco Chronicle
The author of the "Why I Hate Blacks" column published Friday in AsianWeek has been dismissed, and editors say publication of the piece was "a serious lapse in editorial judgment."

"The failing of our editorial process in allowing this piece to go forward was an insensitive and callous mistake that should never have been made by our publication,"

AsianWeek editor-at-large Ted Fang said today at a news conference organized by the local branch of the NAACP.

New York-based Kenneth Eng will no longer be writing for the paper, Fang said.

The news conference brought together leaders from various faith-based organizations who condemned the column and also discussed how to improve race relations in the city.

Eng stated in his column that "blacks are easy to coerce," and that "blacks are weak-willed." He said that those of African descent were "the only race that has been enslaved for 300 years. It is unbelievable that it took them that long to fight back."

These statements and others have created a huge backlash of criticism against Eng for writing the article and AsianWeek for publishing it.

"Racism is very much alive and well," said Doris Ward, formerly a San Francisco supervisor and city assessor. "All of us here are responsible for doing something."

Amos Brown, president of the San Francisco branch of the NAACP, said the incident should be used as an opportunity for the city to do a better job at racial relations.

Eng, an AsianWeek contributor who wrote roughly every

two weeks, listed in his column several "reasons" to discriminate against African Americans.

Past columns include "Proof That Whites Inherently Hate Us" and "Why I Hate Asians."

Prominent Asian Americans immediately condemned the Feb. 23 column and were later joined by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, the Board of Supervisors and Speaker Nancy Pelosi.



NAACP President Resigns Page 1 told the board at its annual meeting in New York City in mid-February.

NAACP leaders were surprised by his decision and engaged in hours of discussion, he said.

"They expressed disappointment," Gordon said. "We attempted to see whether there was a way to continue but that didn't happen."

Gordon sounded weary as he boarded a flight home to New York City on Sunday.

"I don't view this as I'm right and they're wrong. I view this as I see things one way and

they see things a different way," he said. "That misalignment between the CEO and the board is unhealthy."

Asked about his plans after leaving the NAACP, Gordon said: "I'm going to catch my breath."

"What I've clearly learned in my tenure here is that all is not well in black America, that's for sure," he said. "I believe I have a lot to offer. I've got to find a way to be engaged that optimizes what it is I bring to the table. My intention is not to disengage, but to find a different way."

NAACP spokesman Richard McIntire declined to comment.

Gordon, 61, was a surprise pick for the NAACP's top post. When he took over on August 1, 2005, he had no track record in traditional civil rights circles. He had spent 35 years in the telecommunications industry and retired in 2003 from his post as president of the Retail Markets Group for Verizon Corp.

Critics said he wouldn't be a good fit for the nearly 98-year-old organization.

However, he smoothed strained relations between the NAACP and the White House, meeting with President Bush three times in less than a year.

He used his corporate ties to lend quick assistance to black New Orleans residents after Hurricane Katrina. And he hired a number of key national employees whose reputations inspired staff members.

Gordon "brought a level of competence that we hadn't had," Julian Bond, chairman of the board, said last year.

Bond also has acknowledged that, with 64 members, the NAACP's board of directors is large and sometimes unwieldy. But he has defended it, saying it allows a wide range of members voices to be heard.

Ronald Walters, a University

of Maryland political science professor who has followed the NAACP closely for years, was surprised at the news, but added that he had suspected that Gordon may not fit in at the NAACP.

"I thought very early on that there might be a cultural conflict," Walters said. "Somebody who came out of a corporate culture and was used to a set of agenda items and management style in one field might not have been able to make the adjustment totally to another field."

Willis Edwards, a board member from Los Angeles, said, "We tried a certain type of guy, a

business guy we didn't have a civil rights guy. Maybe he had a different philosophy of what a civil rights organization is about."

Rupert Richardson, a board member from Louisiana, said it was clear Gordon wanted the NAACP to do more social service work, but that was not the decades-old mission of the group.

"I think he saw his job as remaking us to make us more effective, but his job was to do what the board and management wanted," she said. "He was not a good fit for us, but he could have been."

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Financial Focus To Build Wealth, Look At Both Sides Of Balance Sheet



Marcia Donaldson

To achieve your financial goals, you need to be a diligent saver and investor. But you need to do more than just build your assets — you also must do a good job of managing your debts. If you let your debts get out of control, they will eventually erode your savings and investments — and when that happens, the road to financial success can get pretty bumpy.

Unfortunately, your fellow Americans are doing a poor job of saving money and staying out of debt. Here are some telling statistics:

- Debt is rising. By September 2006, household

debt had reached 130.9 percent of disposable income, according to the Center for American Progress. In plain English, that means we owe about a third more than we have available to spend after we've paid our taxes and met our expenses.

- Savings have fallen. For most of 2005 and all of 2006, the personal savings rate was negative, according to the U.S. Commerce Department. Previously, we haven't had a negative savings rate since the Great Depression. In short, we've gotten into the habit of spending more than we save.

These grim figures foretell a discouraging financial future for many of us. Every dollar you pay for debt is a dollar you can't use to invest. Furthermore, if you have too little in savings, you may well be forced to dip into your existing investments to pay

for short-term needs, such as a car repair or an expensive new appliance. And the more you take from your investments today, the less you will have available tomorrow — when you might need the money to help pay for retirement or your children's college tuition.

So what can you do to protect your savings and investments against the demands of debt? You probably already are familiar with some steps you can take to cut costs: Extend the life of your old car, eat out less often, look for cheaper phone and cable service, etc. In short, review your entire lifestyle, and try to separate the "nice to have" items from the "must have" ones. If you can reduce your expenses, you can start whittling away at your debt.

While you're taking steps to cut your costs, you can still add

to your investments. How? For starters, increase your contributions to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan every time you get a raise. Until you retire, you generally won't be able to access this money without taking a big tax hit, so you won't be tempted to "raid" your 401(k) to pay off debts. (You can, however, typically take loans from a 401(k) or similar account.)

You also may want to "pay yourself first." Each month, before you pay the mortgage, the utility companies and your other obligations, set aside an amount for your investments. It's easier if you set up a bank authorization to move the money directly into the investment you choose. By having the money taken out this way, you are less likely to "miss" it — and, hopefully, you'll be less

likely to look at it as a source of funding for your daily life.

By cutting your debts, boosting your 401(k) contributions and paying yourself first, you can help yourself get a firmer grip on your financial situation

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Comerica To Move Headquarters To Dallas

Comerica Inc., a financial services company with \$58 billion of assets, on Tuesday said it will move its corporate headquarters to Dallas from Detroit to be closer to most of its markets.

The move is a blow for Detroit, which is reeling from a difficult environment for automakers and a flight that has seen the city lose more than half its population since 1950.

Comerica's Detroit roots stretch back to 1849, when the Detroit Savings Fund Institute



took in \$41 of deposits on its first day of business.

The company, however, generates much of its business in the large, fast-growing southern states, and has offices in Arizona, California, Florida and Texas. It has 71 banking offices in Texas, where it has been doing business for nearly 20 years.

"Moving our corporate headquarters will give us greater proximity to all of our markets, and the additional resources in these markets will lead to accelerated growth," Chief Executive Ralph Babb said in a statement. "The vibrant and diversified

economies of Dallas, Houston and Austin will be particularly helpful," he added.

Comerica expects to complete the move by the end of September, and plans soon to pick a site for its headquarters. It would become by far the largest Texas-based banking company, and said it will look for "fill-in" acquisitions in Texas.

The company said it has 11,270 employees, including 7,539 in Michigan, 2,082 in Arizona and California, 1,351 in Texas, 162 in Florida and 136

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tioned above, but many of the other chambers in Collin County as well as representatives from the Junior League of Plano, Collin County, our state representative's and senator's local staff, the various cities, economic development offices and Collin College.

Through the efforts of this strong committee, 318 residents registered for the event and Collin County Day came off without a hitch. We were joined by Governor Rick Perry for the opening luncheon and heard from a panel of experts addressing issues specific to Collin County. Included on that panel was Mary Katherine Stout from the Center for Healthcare Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation; Steven Polunsky, the Director of the Texas Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security and Coby Chase, Director of Government and Business Enterprises Division for

TxDOT. After the issues panel, the attendees were off to the Capitol to visit with all of the elected officials offices to share the Collin County issues papers and make them aware of local issues for Collin County.

The first day's activities ended with a reception at the Austin Club honoring the local Collin County Senate and House delegation along with their colleagues. We received updates from Senator McCall, Madden, Laubenberg and Paxton. We even had a surprise visit from House Speaker Tom Craddick.

The next morning began with a breakfast featuring Ross Ramsey, Editor of Texas Weekly. Mr. Ramsey enlightened the audience with facts and humor of the current session and the significant bills that have been filed. Following breakfast, the delegation was off to the capital again to receive recognition in the House and Senate Chamber honoring Collin County Day. Before going to the respective Chambers, the delegation had

their picture taken on the capital steps with another surprise guest, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst. All in all, the entire trip was a great success and the participants look forward to

returning to Austin in 2009! In the coming months, look for a new Collin County Day Web site featuring the 2007 visit as well as plans for 2009 including online registration.

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Four students from the Dallas County Community College District recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to

College Trustees and the American Association of Community Colleges. They attended program sessions and also scheduled visits with legislators from the Dallas area to share their experiences about being a student at one of DCCCD's seven colleges in Dallas County. The students were accompanied to the conference by Dr. Wright Lassiter, the district's chancellor, plus several members of the DCCCD board of trustees, including Kitty Boyle, who also is currently ACCT's national chair, plus Martha Sanchez Metzger and Charletta Compton.

U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling, District 5, welcomed the group to his office and spent time talking with the DCCCD students.

UT Dallas Chamber Singers, Jazz Band to Perform A Tribute to Manhattan Transfer Concert March 16 & 17

The University of Texas at Dallas' premier performing ensembles, the UT Dallas Chamber Singers, directed by Kathryn Evans, and the UT Dallas Jazz Band, directed by Kelly Durbin, will appear together in their eight annual concert collaboration on Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17 in the University Theatre at 8 pm. The concerts are free and open to the public.

The ensembles will present works made famous by The Manhattan Transfer. The program will include Snowfall, Choo Choo Ch'boogie, Operator, A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square, Java Jive, Route 66, Twilight Tone, Tuxedo Junction and Ray's Rockhouse. More information about this



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6. Students must complete a scholarship application and send in five (5) copies of all requested materials, including an official high school tran-

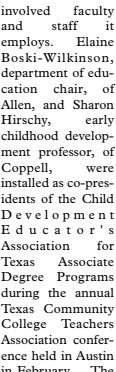
script, standardized test scores, typed essay of 250 words or less, a detailed listing of all extracurricular activities and volunteer work, and at least two letters of recommendation.

7. All applications are weighed as follows:

- Transcript/Test Scores 10%
- Letters of Recommendation 10%
- Extracurricular Activities/Volunteer Work 15%
- Essay 20%
- Interview 20%
- Need 25%

Collin College Faculty Named Co-Presidents For State Organization

Collin College prides itself for the award-winning and involved faculty and staff it employs. Elaine Boski-Wilkinson, department of education chair, of Allen, and Sharon Hirschy, early childhood development professor, of Coppell, were installed as co-presidents of the Child Development Educator's Association for Texas Associate Degree Programs during the annual Texas Community College Teachers Association conference held in Austin in February. The Texas Community College Teachers Association is comprised of educators from every discipline in addition to counselors, librarians and administrators from public and independent community, junior and technical colleges in Texas. It is the largest organization of postsecondary educators in the state. The organization's annual convention is the largest gathering of community college faculty in the country.



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County Community College District (Collin) serves more than 41,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.

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tainment, dancing, dinner, a masked judging contest, fortune telling, casino and silent and live auctions.

We are proud that the Dallas Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., has been recognized locally and nationally for its outstanding service to children. Since 1980, our non-profit organization has provided scholarships; NASA Space Camp grants; housing assistance for homeless women and children; teen mentoring programs; funding for learning and computer centers; arts and humanities programs; and career exploration opportunities. Additionally, Dallas

Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., has devoted thousands of volunteer hours at local schools, hospitals, at-risk programs and other philanthropic agencies and organizations that share a similar mission and purpose.

This year we are involved in serving the children and youth at the Myrtle Davis/Mattie Nash Recreation Center, The Vogel Alcove Day Care for Homeless children and several schools, including Stults Elementary School, Dallas Montessori Academy, Obanino Middle School and Thomas Edison Middle School. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Please call for ticket information call.

PSHS Academic Decathlon Team Headed to Honolulu, Hawaii For National Championship, After Winning Texas AcDec Competition

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Legendary Isley Brothers Perform At Nokia Grand Prairie

First formed in the early '50s, the Isley Brothers enjoyed one of the longest, most influential, and most diverse careers in the pantheon of popular music.

The first generation of Isley siblings was born and raised in Cincinnati, OH, where they were encouraged to begin a singing career by their father, himself a professional vocalist, and their mother, a church pianist who provided musical accompaniment at their early performances. Initially a gospel quartet, the group was comprised of Ronald, Rudolph, O'Kelly, and Vernon Isley; after Vernon's 1955 death in a bicycling accident, tenor Ronald was tapped as the remaining trio's lead vocalist.

In 1957, the brothers went to New York City to record a string of failed doo wop singles; while performing a spirited reading of the song "Lonely Teardrops" in Washington, D.C. The call-and-response classic "Shout" failed to reach the pop Top 40 on its initial release, it eventually became a frequently covered classic.

Still, success eluded the Isleys, and only after they left RCA in 1962 did they again have another hit, this time with their seminal cover of the Top Notes' "Twist and Shout." Like so many of the brothers'

early R&B records, "Twist and Shout" earned greater commercial success when later rendered by a white group -- in this case,



the Beatles. During a 1964 tour, they recruited a young guitarist named Jimmy James to play in their backing band; James -- who later shot to fame under his given name, Jimi Hendrix -- made his first recordings with the Isleys, including the single "Testify," issued on the brothers' own T-Neck label.

In 1973, the Isleys scored a massive hit with their rock-funk fusion cover of their own earlier single "Who's That Lady," retitled "That Lady, Pt. 1"; the album 3 + 3 also proved highly successful, as did 1975's *The Heat Is On*, which spawned the smash "Fight the Power, Pt. 1." As the decade wore on, the

group again altered its sound to fit into the booming disco market; while their success on pop radio ran dry, they frequently topped the R&B charts with singles like 1977's "The Pride," 1978's "Take Me to the Next Phase, Pt. 1."

On March 31, 1986, O'Kelly died of a heart attack; Rudolph soon left to join the ministry, but the group reunited in 1990. Although the individual members continued with solo work and side projects, the Isley Brothers forged on in one form or another throughout the decade; in 1996, now consisting of Ronald, Marvin, and Ernie, they released the album *Mission to Please*. Ronald and Ernie hooked up several years later for *Eternal* (2001), a brand-new selection of R&B cuts featuring collaborative efforts with Jill Scott, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, and Raphael Saadiq. On that particular release, Ronald also introduced the alter ego Mr. Biggs. Body Kiss (2003) and Baby Makin' Music (2006) followed. ~ Jason Ankeny, All Music Guide

The Silent Partner Presents The Isley Brothers, March 23rd, 8:00 PM at The Nokia. To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 214.373.8000, metro 972.647.5700.

Jay-Z, Aretha Tapped For Rock Hall Ceremony

Rap mogul Jay-Z has been chosen to induct hip hop pioneers Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame during its ceremony in New York on March 12.

Also, the legendary Aretha Franklin has agreed to perform in honor of the late Ahmet Ertegun, who served as the Chairman of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation and spoke during the opening

of each induction ceremony.

For the first time ever, VH1 will air the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame ceremony live. Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder will induct R.E.M. and the Rolling Stones' Keith Richards will usher in the Ronettes. Patti Smith will be inducted by reclusive Rage Against The Machine vocalist Zach de la Rocha.

Also, Velvet Revolver will introduce Van Halen, who made headlines last week after



their summer tour with original vocalist David Lee Roth was scrapped. The group's camp has yet to make any statement about which members, if any, will attend the event.

Dallas Theater Center Announces Opening Night Of Fences

Dallas Theater Center announces the opening night of August Wilson's *Fences* on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 7:30pm, Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. at Blackburn.

A modern masterpiece by one of America's finest contemporary playwrights, *Fences* is the best of August Wilson's epic cycle of plays chronicling the African-American experience in the 20th century. Wilson zeroes in on Troy Maxson, a former star of the Negro Baseball Leagues who is coming to terms with his own lost dreams while struggling to



hold onto his pride and keep his family together. *Fences* is a stunning portrayal of a family at the mercy of the American dream. Directed by Jonathan Wilson,

Fences is produced in collaboration with Hartford Stage and Portland Center Stage. Call 214-522-8499 for more info.

Indulge Yourself In Dance, Spoken Word, Literature And Comedy This March At The Black Academy Of Arts And Letters

March explodes with dance, music, literature and comedy at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL). With vibrant programs including TBAAL hosting the 71st National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts Conference, the 3rd Annual Weekend Festival of Black Dance, Roundtable Writers Breakfast with P.J. Gibson, Five Men on a Stool, and Comedy Night at the Muse featuring BET's ComicView Star, Muhammad, March will jump with excitement at TBAAL.

If industry professionals in theatre, film, television and arts administration are looking for youth with promise, take a journey to Dallas, March 14-17, 2007 as TBAAL hosts the 71st National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts (NADSA) Conference.

NADSA is one of the country's only predominantly African-American educational theatre conferences that showcase some of the brightest students from more than thirty African-American institutions. Students compete in various theatrical competitions critiqued by industry professionals. Noted celebrities who are slated to serve as guest judges and lecturers include Erykah Badu, Meshach Taylor and Toney Stewart.

The 3rd Weekend Festival of Black Dance kicks the month of March into overdrive under the theme "Rhythm and Soul of a People", Friday, March 16 and



West Africa's Amazonas Women Master Drummers And Dance Company of Guinea

Saturday, March 17, 2007, 8 p.m. nightly on The Black Academy of Arts and Letters' Naomi Bruton Main Stage.

Noted playwright, author, poet and laureate, P.J. Gibson, joins TBAAL in its extremely popular Literary Voices Series - Roundtable Writes Breakfast, March 17, 2007 from 10 a.m. - Noon in TBAAL's Room T-203. A powerful voice in black and American theatre, she will talk about her works and lead a provocative discussion on the state of black playwrights and their presence in American and World theatre.

If you enjoyed the musical genius of 3-Mo Tenors, then wait until you see 5 Men on a Stool, Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. in TBAAL's Clarence Muse Café Theatre. This Atlanta based phenomenon is a contemporary

R&B/Jazz ensemble accompanied by a touch of the spoken word. The group consists of four tremendously talented individuals with an All-Star rhythm section representing the "fifth" man.

Closing out March with riotous laughter is P. Diddy's Bad Boys of Comedy and BET's ComicView star, Muhammad. Comedy Night at the Muse is a night of side-splitting laughter, Friday, March 30, 2007 and Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 9 p.m. nightly on The Black Academy of Arts and Letters Clarence Muse Café Theatre stage.

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along, we will investigate processes for allowing others to gain access to critical information."

Through the MotoMesh network police officers will be able to take laptops into the field to access important crime data, and to generate and submit reports from the field. The system also enables them to use onboard cameras to send instant video footage back to the dispatch center during traffic stops. The system is expandable, secure and flexible. It also includes cameras to perform surveillance on areas with increased incidents of criminal mischief. These cameras can be monitored remotely from the field via laptops equipped with a special PC network card. The in-vehicle camera can maintain connectivity at speeds up to 150 mph. The system also allows for positioning and resource tracking without the use of GPS

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The Fire department will be using the network to transmit



data for patients in route to the hospital. The ability to transmit video to the hospital from the ambulances will enable better diagnosis of a patient's condition and provide an additional level of service. Future plans include the ability to download blueprints for a facility prior to arrival at the scene, so the responders know whether there

are mitigating circumstances, such as hazardous material (HazMat) issues.

The first of the mobility corridors will be put in place in the spring along 15th Street and Coit Road for field reporting. The City will continue implementing mobility corridors.

As applications become available, other departments will be able to mobilize their workforce, and the use of the MotoMesh network will expand. The installation of the system has occurred over the last year in phases. Nineteen "hot spots" were installed and became operational in mid December. Stephens said, "Currently we are working on what we call 'Phase 2.' This encompasses the design and deployment of access points to cover all major arterial streets in Plano. The final phase will be to locate access points to 'fill-in' the neighborhoods we can have seamless coverage throughout Plano."

The system consists of four

radios inside a box with two of the radios set up for proprietary data, one radio is used for the backhaul transport and the remaining radio could be available for public usage, mounted in various locations throughout the City. Public Wi-Fi access will be offered through an independent vendor in the near future.

Plano joins a handful of U.S. cities deploying mesh systems, including Philadelphia, PA and Anaheim, CA. In November 2006, Motorola brought its wares to Plano Centre for a government exposition, allowing Plano city personnel as well as other communities and agencies in north Texas to view up close this emerging technology. Many cities are watching to see how Plano utilizes the new technology to decide whether they step forward into this new frontier. Plano continues to live and thrive by the promise it made its community to be "A city of excellence" through Technology.

Children Displaced Page 1

week, which killed at least two children in Mozambique, also severely damaged the central hospital at Vilanculos, as well as an estimated 220 classrooms.

"It is rare for a country to be hit by two massive and simultaneous emergencies within such a short period of time," said the Head of UNICEF in Mozambique, Leila Pakkala. "Mozambique responded quickly to the

flooding, but there is no quick fix, and all our problems around water and sanitation, shelter, health, and education are now exacerbated by this severe cyclone."

The next week is "absolutely critical" for children who have lost homes, schools and are in danger of contracting diseases. "The response has been express and effective, but it must be stressed that this can only continue while resources and actions on the ground are

maintained."

Current priorities for the Government, UN agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are to ensure water facilities are clean and serviceable, temporary health structures are functioning, children are back in school, and drugs and health equipment are delivered to all affected areas.

UNICEF has already spent \$3 million on helping the flood and cyclone victims, in particu-

lar by responding to the growing needs of populations now sheltered in camps, with such assistance as 500 tarpaulin sheets to build shelters, 10,000 cans and buckets for fresh water and other emergency supplies.

UNICEF is the lead partner for nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene and is co-leader with Save the Children in education and protection. It also works in health, which is led by the UN World Health Organization (WHO).

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

Again, I thank God for wonderful Black women that have been a great part in who I am and what I have done with my life. Each lady is very precious and dearly loved by me.

Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus, my mother for being a great mother and the glorious memories that she left behind. Mrs. Jessie Baker Green, my aunt in Clovis, NM. Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott, my daughter, Mrs. Jewel Price McKenzie, my teacher and mentor; Mrs. Phemia Tinner, my precious friend; First Lady Elizabeth White of Love Chapel COGIC; my sisters: Nurse Eloyd Demus Avery, Beutician & Hair Stylist Billie Iverce Demus Daye; Evangelist Ida Demus Eggins; and Teacher Rose Demus Fielding; they are the greatest.

Some friends over the years (in alphabetic order): Doris Bonner, Yocla Bryant, Vivian Evans, Stella Johnson, Eloise Joiner, Doris King, Barbara Lewis, Frankie McFadden, Shirley Moore, Theresa Simpson, Ora Watson, Pat Wesley, Annie Pearl Williams, and Judy Williams.

Black Women Postage Stamp Honorees: Abolitionist **Harriet Tubman** in 1978; the first woman to be honored on a U.S. stamp, and the first honoree in the Black Heritage series; she organized the Underground Railroad. **Mary McLeod Bethune** in 1985, a noted educator and social activist, was an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. **Sojourner**

AARP rallies for electric Power 1 line of electric disconnections during the intense summer heat, and a provision to guarantee a rate based on the cost of providing electricity. Some of the participants were also recognized in the Senate and a large number of them got to visit with their legislators and

March Is Women's History Month

Truth, considered one of the greatest orators of her time, she traveled and lectured on women's rights and the evil of slavery in 1846. **Ida B. Wells** in 1990, she devoted her life to educating people about the horrors of discrimination and lynching. **Bessie Coleman** in 1995, the first woman to earn an international aviation license and the first licensed Black aviator. **Madam C. J. Walker**

Distinguished Black Woman: **Phillis Wheatley**, an internationally known poet during the Revolutionary Period (1753-1784); **Maria Stewart**, outspoken Abolitionist, the first Black woman to speak in public and leave extant texts of her addresses, her farewell speech "What If I Am A Woman," defended her right to speak against slavery; **Mae Jemison, M.D.**, the



Picture of The Week
Motivational Speaker **Angela Clay** (right); she autographed a copy of her CD, "Experiencing God's Love in the Midst of..." for Sister Tarpley.

In 1998, she was one of the nation's first female millionaires and an advocate of women's economic independence and empowerment. **Patricia Roberts Harris** in 2000, she was a committed public servant and champion of civil rights, the first Black woman to hold a U.S. Ambassadorship and serve as a member of a Presidential Cabinet. **Singer Marian Anderson** in 2005, she was invited to sing the "open" at Lincoln Memorial Park in Washington which drew 75,000 people; this was the largest crowd at the time to assemble at the Memorial. **Hattie McDaniel** in 2006, she was the first Black to win an Academy Award (the Oscar); and for 2007, Jazz Singer **Ella Fitzgerald**. Log on www.usps.com for more information.

staff. This was generally regarded as AARP's most successful rally ever in Texas and the first one of its kind in nearly a decade. AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as

a whole. They produce AARP The Magazine, published bimonthly; AARP Bulletin, our monthly newspaper; AARP Segunda Juventud, our bimonthly magazine in Spanish and English; NRTA Live & Learn, our quarterly newsletter for 50+ educators; and our website, AARP.org.

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Sunday Morning Bible Class will begin at 9:45 am; Morning Worship at 10:45; and Sunday afternoon program begins at 2:30 pm; we will honor Brother Oscar Bailey for his dedication and love toward this congregation for over 45 years. All services through the week will begin at 7 pm. Please come and get refueled with us.

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March 23 @ 7 pm
Please join us as our Men Empowered by Christ presents "2007 Transformation Conference" with Pastor Eric Brown, The Living Revelation Center.

March 24 @ 8:30 am
Our Saturday Seminar will feature Pastor A. A. Todd from Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church who will speak on "Men of God—Men of Purpose, Peace,

Promise and Prosperity." Rev. Dwight Harris from FBICA will speak on "Transformation into the Likeness of Christ." Pastor Charles Malone from The Little Bethel Baptist Church will speak on "Transformation into a Better Husband and a Better Father." Pastor Perry from True Image Ministry will provide the "Ministry of Music."

March 25 @ 11 am
You don't want to miss Pastor Darrell Ferguson from Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC as he speaks on "Ministry of the Word."

For more information and registration fees about the above 2007 Transformation Conference please call Deacon Michael Polk @ 469-667-3068

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NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF ROWLETT

March 18th @ 4 pm
Please join us for our Church Celebration in 2007. This year's theme is, "Getting Ready for the Abundant Harvest," Amos 9:15. The dynamic and anointed speaker of the hour will be Pastor W. L. Stafford, Sr., M. Div., Senior Pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen, TX and his congregation. Also, special guest, Bishop Eric Henderson, Pastor of New Life Ministry in Dallas and his congregation. We are expecting a Spirit-Filled Worship Service with you as we give praises to God for 17 years of ministry!

For more information, please call New Life Fellowship Church @ 972-463-4964.

New Life Fellowship
Church of Rowlett
Bishop M. E. Johnson, Jr., Senior Pastor
Pastor Bobby J. Hill, Jr., Co-Pastor
7401 Miller Road
Rowlett, TX 75088
972-463-4964

Church Directory

Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church

"Where Jesus is the Main Attraction"

Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am
Wednesday Bible Study - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

14120 Noel Road • Dallas, TX 75254
972-239-1120 (Office) • 972-239-5925 (Fax)
templeoffaith_cme@sbcglobal.net (Email)

Healthy Beginnings Child Development Center - 972-404-1412

Avenue F Church of Christ
1026 Avenue F • Plano, TX 75074 • 972-423-8833
"Our Pilgrimage to Heaven in 2007" - Hebrews 11:13-16

Sunday Bible Class 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Men Bible Class 5:00 pm
Women Bible Class 5:00 pm
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 pm

Radio Program @ 7:30 am on KRVN 970 AM Sunday Mornings
Emory Tenor, Associate Minister

www.avefchurchofchrist.org

Mt. Olive Church of Plano
740 Avenue F Plano, TX 75074 972-633-5511
WWW.MOCOR.ORG

Serving the Plano Community for 13 Years

Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Wednesday Night
7:15 pm

Pastors Sam & Gloria Feneroy

Call Pastor Sam on:
"Vision & Truth Live"

Radio Broadcast: KWRD 100.7 FM Sundays 9pm - 10pm
HEAR PASTOR SAM DAILY ON: "TRUTH MADE SIMPLE"
KQGR 1040 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY @ 5:25pm - 5:30pm

Hill Chapel
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
1113 Ave. I, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4990
Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr., Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Service: 11:30 A.M.
Wednesday Night: 7:30 P.M.
Community Bible Class:

St. Luke A.M.E. Church (aka - SLAME)
"Where we slam dunk the devil and serve up Jesus"
521 W. Avenue E Garland, TX 75040 972.487.9703
Email: slamechurch@aol.com

Sunday
8:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship
10:15 a.m. Worship Experience

Thursday
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday
7:15 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Church School

Reverend Charles E. Franklin, Pastor

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
"A Spiritual Oasis for a Thirsty World" Isaiah 55:1

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:
8:00 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:30 AM

972-437-3493

Dr. Leslie W Smith,
Senior Pastor

1010-1020 South Sherman Street • Richardson, TX 75081
www.ndcbf.org

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX

Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr.

FANNING THE FLAMES OF OUR FAITH

Sunday Worship Services 8AM & 11AM

Sunday 9:45AM Sunday School
Monday 7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries
Tuesday 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir
Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service
Thursday 7PM Mass Choir

For more information call (972) 423-6695
www.shilohbaptistchurch.org

Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church
1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX
Pastor Charles S. Wattlely

Sunday
Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Celebration... 11:00 a.m.
- Nursery Facilities Available -

Wednesday
Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

Friendly Fellowship with A Family Focus
For More Information Call 972.542.6178
www.saintmarkbc.com • stmarkmissionary@aol.com

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas

Sunday Service
Morning Worship
7:30 am & 10:30 am
9:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday Service
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Brotherhood 7:00 pm
Missions 7:00 pm
Singles Group 7:00 pm
Bible Study 7:45 pm

Dr. Robert E. Price,
Senior Pastor

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214-341-6459 (Phone) • 214-342-8403 (Fax)
9550 Shepard Road
Dallas, TX 75243

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Mocha Sisters Inaugural Community Service Award

Dr. C. Paul McBride, Senior Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church of The Colony; was the recipient of the Inaugural Community Service Award of The Mocha Sisters Organization, Inc. (MSO) at their first Annual Scholarship Banquet for the support and contributions his church has made over the years to The Colony and other surrounding communities.

Pastor Paul, as his members and friends call him, has been senior pastor of Friendship Baptist Church for 23 years. He has been married to Sister Ida for 43 years. They have

three children: Paul, Vickie, and Chris. They have nine grandchildren, and two great grand children.

Pastor Paul's awards and degrees are many: Associate Degree in Computer Science, Child Development, and Money Management. He is a Certified Marriage Counselor and Deacon Trainer. He has served on various committees with the Dallas Baptist Association (DBA) and the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT), including President and First Vice President of BGCT.

He was chosen by the Baptist World Alliance for a Mission Trip to Africa. Pastor Paul and



Sister Ida also attended Oxford Round Table Religious Discussions held in Oxford,

England. As Pastor of FBC, they completed three building programs. Out of all of his awards and accolades, the Mocha Sisters Organization, Inc. Inaugural Community Service Award is among his proudest. He is quick to say, "My church believes in service to people and communities; this is a great part in what God commands us to do. We don't do community service to be seen or get a

pat on the back; we are honored and grateful that God has blessed us to be noticed by others

and to be an example for others to see. We pray that they emulate God's love and His concerns."

MSO, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization stated, "We proudly elected you as the recipient of one of our 2006 Service Awards." "Since the majority of our members' time is spent in community service; we believe the community service works of Friendship Baptist Church mirror those of our organization, which is why we have chosen you as a recipient."

MSO's mission is, "To articulate and promote community awareness (community service);

bring unity among women, teach networking skills with other influential and innovative women of color; provide scholarships and a mentoring program for African-American females." View them online: www.mochasisters.org or www.mochasisters.com.

Mr. Tim Brown, Heisman Trophy winner and a 17-year NFL veteran was the Master of Ceremony. The event was held at Paul Quinn College in Dallas. There was excellent food, wonderful music, great entertainment, raffles, a silent auction and a salute to Black History Month.

Collin County Gospel Explosion



Pastor Daniel Davis leading FBCCA Sanctuary Choir in song and praises.

If the first is an example of what's to come, citizens in Collin County and surrounding counties can look forward to bigger and better things in the future.

Pastor Wayne L. Stafford, Sr. M Div of Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen (FBCCA) was energized and very enthusiastic when he came on the stage; and with the line-up of entertainment yet to come, it became clear why he was excited about what was in store for the audience.

The 1st Annual Collin County Gospel Explosion was a rousing success. If anyone left un-inspired and unmotivated they were there in physical presence only.

Pastor Stafford stated that God had given him this vision to uplift and encourage adults and young people alike. This great event had to be God-Inspired.

As the Master of Ceremony, Pastor Stafford was on fire for God the entire concert and when time was up, members in the audience were not ready to leave, in

fact, it seemed that the praising and honoring God was just getting started. Pastor Stafford predicted that God will take future events to the next level; and with the reception that the gospel explosion received, the 2nd Collin County Gospel Explosion in 2008 will be highly anticipated. Start making your plans for a great time in the Lord in 2008.

The Gospel Explosion began with an opening prayer by Reverend Dwight Harris, followed with Holy praises to God by the Voices of Inspiration, the FBCCA Praise Team. The True Praise Music Group brought the audience to their feet as they added their voices. Soloist, Pastor Charles Lasiter, II, didn't leave a stone unturned when he was on the stage.

The FBCCA Choir under the direction of Sister Evelyn Beachum kept the Gospel Explosion moving in praises to God. They returned to the stage featuring the dynamic and on-fire-for-God, Elder Daniel Davis. The audience was in for a special treat when

Pastor Davis joined the choir; everyone was on their feet clapping and praising God to the highest.

If you ever have an opportunity to hear Pastor Niyi Adams play his saxophone or get one of his CD's don't miss the opportunity. He was absolutely wonderful. He took the audience to Heaven and back.

Pastor Stafford personally thanked Pastor Nosa of Arise and Shine Ministries introducing FBCCA to his Sons in the Gospel, Pastor Daniel Davis and Pastor Niyi Adams.



Pastor Nosa of Arise and Shine Ministries with Pastor W.L. Stafford, Sr. of FBCCA at the 1st Annual Collin County Gospel Explosion.

Hype And Humble Empowerment Breakfast

Ms. Candace Watson, TV host/producer, author, founder and CEO of Hype and Humble, hosted the organization's first Texas "Empowerment Breakfast Conference at the Melrose Hotel in Dallas. Hype and Humble is a non-profit organization that assists adults and youths in crisis situations, they are also dedicated to empowering individuals back to stability.

Ms. Watson, Angela Clay, and MON-The Gazette's Religious Editor, Sister Shirley Tarpley gave motivational speeches.

Ms. Clay empowered the attendees to improve their lives by learning and using five good words: Dream, Believe, Pursue, Focus and Expect.


Sister Tarpley spoke on the topic "12 Things the Negro Must Do For Him/Herself" by Nannie Helen Burroughs, written in the early 1900's. Although the essay was written over 100 years ago, Sister Tarpley expressed how the points were still relevant today.

Hype and Humble has future plans for a day of pampering for women in homeless and domestic violence shelters; celebrity auctions, makeovers and job training. They offer resource and referral programs for individuals in need.

Candace Watson can be contacted at icefor2006@aol.com, Angela Clay can be reached at www.angelaclay.com.




Group of attendees (L to R) Front: Shelia White; Wanda Jones; Tashundra Smith; Vanessa Womack; Pastor Wanda Walker; and Candace Watson, Founder & CEO of Hype and Humble. (L to R) Back: Angela Clay, Motivational Speaker; Jennette Smith, Duana Kibby, Roslyn Dodge, and Kanisha Causey.



Spiritual Direction
"Each One, Reach One"

Worship Services
7:30 am and 10:30 am
Sunday School - 9:30 am
Wednesday Night Service
8:00 pm



Dr. Gregory Foster
Senior Pastor

Rev. Anthony Foster
Pastor

Our Mission
To fulfill The Great Commission until Christ comes.

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Friendship Baptist Church

Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor



Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Early Morning Worship
8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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

4396 Main Street
The Colony, Texas 75056
(972) 625-8186

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John 13:34 & Ephesians 5:28-29

T.J. Denson, Pastor
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Saturday: Intercessory Prayer @ 7:00 am
Sunday Services: Sunday School @ 9:30 am • Morning Worship @ 11:00 am
Monday Services: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday Service: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm



New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Senior Pastor
New Worship Home
7401 Miller Road • Rowlett, TX 75088
972-463-4964

A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17

Sunday Life Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Life Celebration Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
First Sunday: Ingredients for Life 4:00 p.m.
Wednesdays: Life In The Word Prayer and Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



The Inspiring Body of Christ Church
7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.
Dallas Texas 75237
Phone: 972-572-4262 Fax: 972-709-3888

Sunday Services 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 pm
Monday School 7:00 am
Men's Fellowship Friday 7:00 pm

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"THE CHURCH WITH AN OPEN BIBLE"

Sunday Worship Services
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Baptist Training Union

Wednesday
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Prayer Hour
7:30 p.m. Bible Study