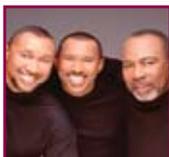




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**People In  
The News**



Eddie Robinson, the long-time Grambling coach who transformed a small, black college into a football power that sent hundreds of players to the NFL, has died. He was 88. The soft-spoken coach spent nearly 60 years at Grambling State University, where he set a standard for victories with 408 and nearly every season relished seeing his top players drafted by NFL teams.

"For the Grambling family this is a very emotional time," Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams said Wednesday. "But I'm thinking about Eddie Robinson the man, not in today-time, but in the day and what he meant to me and to so many people."

Robinson had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease, which was diagnosed shortly after he was forced to retire following the 1997 season. He began coaching at Grambling State in 1941, when it was still the Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute, and single-handedly brought the school from obscurity to international popularity.

Robinson sent over 200 players to the NFL, including seven first-round draft choices and Williams, who succeeded Robinson as Grambling's coach in 1998.

Nine-time New York Times best-selling author Eric Jerome Dickey will be in Dallas on Tuesday, April 17th at 7 pm for a book signing at the African American Museum, 3536 Grand Ave, Dallas.



Mr. Dickey knows how to keep his readers coming back for more, and in the highly anticipated Sleeping With Strangers. Dickey's unique style features thriller plot lines that will keep readers guessing until the very end. However, fans of Dickey will not have to wait long to find out what happens to Gideon—the sequel to Sleeping with Strangers, Waking with Enemies, will be released August 7, 2007.

Readers will love his new leading man, Gideon, a hit-man who is traveling to London to escape the aftermath of his latest successful job. Eric says of Gideon, "Gideon is a character who walks a fine line between the two extremes of love and violence. It was a lot of fun developing this character and telling his story."

For more information on the tour and the book, visit [www.ericjeromedickey.com](http://www.ericjeromedickey.com).



Local gospel singer Angela Blair is working her way up the charts and making fans internationally. Angela's song "Time is Time" is now the #9 song on the Finland soul charts. The CD, "It's All About Love" has garnered much success in the UK and is making waves across the US as well.

A Duncanville High School graduate, Angela also attended the Arts Magnet at Booker T. Washington School for the Performing Arts High School during 9th and 10th grade. In the early '90s Angela was cast as an "Angel of Mercy" singer in the motion picture film Leap of Faith. She has been featured under the musical direction of mega producers George Duke and Edwin Hawkins, and performed as the opening act for Jeffrey Osborne, Regina Belle and the Isley Brothers.

Angela's talent was recognized nationally when she won the 2005 Kraft Gospel Talent Search. She has been featured in national advertisement and promotions that included prominent ads in Essence, Ebony, Today's Black Woman, and Jet magazines.

Angela Blair will be performing Saturday, April 14th, at the Rockwall Founders Day Festival in Rockwall from 6:45 to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

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**Dallas County Forms Task  
Force To Address Cheese Heroin**



Zachary Thompson, Director-Dallas County Health and Human Services; Dallas County Commissioner Kenneth A. Mayfield and Mike Griffiths, Director - Dallas County Juvenile.

Dallas County Commissioner Kenneth A. Mayfield has announced the formation of a countywide task force to address the cheese heroin epidemic in Dallas County. The task force is comprised of community leaders from different disciplines.

"Dallas County has been especially hard-hit by the introduction of cheese heroin to younger teens," said Kenneth A. Mayfield,

Dallas County Commissioner District 4. "We are convening this small group of community leaders to develop an action plan to address the heroin epidemic affecting our youth."

Cheese Heroin is a cheap and highly addictive recreational drug that has gained popularity since it first came on the scene in 2005. Made by combining heroin and crushed tablets of certain over-the-counter common cold medication, cheese heroin is considered a starter drug and is being used by children as young as 12 years of age. This has led to an epidemic of cheese heroin in users and deaths among middle and high school age students.

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Task Force For Cheese Page 8

**Dallas Education Trailblazers To  
Be Inducted Into African American  
Educators Hall Of Fame**

Outstanding educational trendsetters will be inducted into the African American Hall of Fame at 6 p.m. Saturday at the New Birth Baptist Church, 444 W. Ledbetter Drive, Dallas. The event will recognize notable individuals who have made significant systemic contributions to the education of African-Americans in Dallas County.

Educators to be inducted this year are: Willie B. Anderson, E. Brice Cunningham, Leon Hayes, Theodore Lee and Mamie McKnight. Deceased educators will also be honored; they include M.K. Curry, Wilmer Gray, Howard Kirven, Harold Lang and Hassell Tankley. The dedication of renowned educator Norman Washington Harlike will be recognized with a special Pioneer/Trailblazer award.



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Education Trailblazers Page 9

**City Of Garland To Host  
Home Buyer Education Fair**



In recognition of Fair Housing Month (April) and CDBG Week (April 9-15, 2007), the City of Garland, along with the Dallas County Home Loan Counseling Center, will sponsor a Home Buyer Education Fair and Workshop on Saturday, April 14, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held at the City of Garland Unified Learning Center (COG-ULC), which is located at 232 Carver Drive in east Garland.

Interested home buyers and persons who want to prepare for home ownership will have the opportunity to learn about the home purchase process and hear from certified home counselors and real estate professionals regarding this timely and important topic.

"We want to make sure prospective home buyers are fully aware of the responsibilities of home ownership and learn about City and community programs that can benefit prospective home buyers," said Priscilla Wilson, Senior Managing Director of Human Resources.

The event is sponsored by the City of Garland, with speakers from the Dallas County Home Loan Counseling Center, and area realtors. "The event is a collaboration between various entities to bring resources to residents while presenting City programs and services to the community," said Jose Alvarado, Fair Housing Manager for the City of Garland.

The event will provide residents an opportunity to learn more about topics such as: How to find your perfect home; home selection; budgeting for home ownership; financing process; role of the lender and realtor; property taxes; home

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**Don Imus Apologizes  
About Racial Remarks;  
Al Sharpton Weighs In**



AP Don Imus had a hot seat on the other side of the microphone Monday, appearing on the Rev. Al Sharpton's radio show and enduring more criticism for his offensive comments about the Rutgers women's basketball team. Imus issued another apology

for referring to members of the team as "nappy-headed hos." Sharpton called the comments "abominable" and "racist" and repeated his demand that Imus be fired. "Our agenda is to be funny and sometimes we go too far. And this time we went way too  
Imus Racial Remarks Page 6

**Black Farmers Call For  
Boycott Of Monsanto Products**



Reuters The National Black Farmers Association is calling on its 80,000 members to launch a nationwide boycott of agricultural giant Monsanto to protest a proposed \$1.5 billion merger by the company that would reduce competition and crush small farmers.

"It is going to have a drastic effect on black farmers and other small farmers around the country," said John Boyd, president of the National Black Farmers Association. "It's going to give Monsanto

a lock on three major commodities. They already have corn and soybeans and now they're going to have control of cotton," Boyd said.

Hundreds of letters have been sent to Congress and teams of lobbyists

have been fanning out across Washington to decry the proposed merger. Boyd's group has petitioned the House Judiciary Committee to hold hearings on the matter as the Department of Justice weighs whether or not the acquisition would violate antitrust rules. A committee staffer said on Thursday the request was being considered.

Absent any action from Congress, Boyd said his group

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**New Plano Environmental  
Awards Announced –  
Nomination Deadline Nears**

Three new community awards have been announced to recognize exemplary volunteer service and partnership in the City of Plano's environmental programs. They include: Environmental Volunteer of the Year, Environmental Community Outreach and Environmental Services Partnership. The deadline for nominations is April 12, 2007.

Nomination packets are available on-line at [www.livegreeninplano.com](http://www.livegreeninplano.com) An application form must be included with each nomination and must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday,

April 12 by a third-person nominator or by self-nomination.

Two awards are specifically geared to honor individuals. The Environmental Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes a person who has volunteered with the Sustainability and Environmental Services department programs, and whose service has greatly enhanced the City of Plano's environmental outreach in the community.

The Environmental Community Outreach Award distinguishes an individual who has been instrumental in

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# Friendship West Baptist Church Holds Second Faith Summit On Poverty

Photos By: Sister Tarpley  
Dr. Frederick Douglas Haynes III, Senior Pastor of the

Friendship West Church recently joined forces with community and national leaders to host the

2nd Annual Faith Summit on Poverty, March 30th and 31st. The central theme and goal

was to enlighten and equip citizens to mobilize their state, local and federal politicians toward a meaningful, updated and earnest War on Poverty. The event featured workshop sessions, a Town Hall meeting and the AT&T Community Job Expo. Discussion included workshops on poverty, criminal justice and social re-entry, and media advocacy in the African American Community.



Broderick S. Harrison gets information from the Dallas County Sheriff's Office about available positions.



Star Bucks representative talks with applicants regarding potential job opportunities.



The Honorable Royce West, Texas State Senator, Moderator at Saturday's Town Hall Panel.



Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III, Senior Pastor, Friendship West BC and FaithSummit 2007 Conference Chairman.



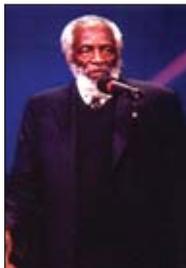
Father Michael L. Pfleger, Faith Community of St. Sabina, Chicago, IL and Friday's Keynote Speaker.



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The Honorable Craig Watkins, Summit Panelist and the Dallas County District Attorney.



Mr. Dick Gregory, Comedian/Activist and Panelist.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Saturday's Panelist (L to R): Mr. Brian Collier, Texas Board of Pardons; The Honorable Valencia Nash, Justice of the Peace, Dallas; The Honorable Craig Watkins, Dallas County District Attorney; The Honorable Royce West, Texas State Senator; and Mr. Dick Gregory, Comedian/Activist.

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## Around The Town

**Ongoing**  
**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 Douglas 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](http://www.assistance-league-gcc.org).  
"EVOLVE," 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 Coit 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 tenanted-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for

rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.  
**Kuamaasi 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 S-Ankh Rasa at 214-298-5858.  
**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. 2 1 4 - 9 2 2 - 1 2 0 0 , public programs@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** taped live every Tuesday @ The Historical Rose Marine Theater, 1440 N. Main St. Fort Worth. Doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale online [www.TheYundraeShow.com](http://www.TheYundraeShow.com) ,877-840-0457. Tickets are \$20 at the door.  
**April 12**  
**AAAC Concert Series** with Carmen Rogers and Joe McBride, AT&T Plaza on the south side of American Airlines Center, Olive St. in Houston, 7:30 p.m. Admission is Free.  
**General meeting of Stonewall Democrats of Collin County** will be held on, 6:30-8:30 pm at El Grano Bakery & Cafe 960 West Parker Rd #210, Plano TX. 6:30-7pm social, 7pm business meeting followed by guest speaker Meredith Fisherman, Outreach & Activism Chair, Texas Democratic Women of Collin County.  
**Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Luncheon**  
Angela Lopez, Attorney with Badmus

Immigration Law, will address the proposed Immigration Reform Law now before the federal congress. RSVP required.  
Mama's Chiquita Restaurant, 3310 North Center Expressway, in Plano 75074  
11 am-1pm \$20 - \$15  
info@chchamber.org 972-801-2717  
**Dallas Peace Center Panel Discussion**, Immigration in Dallas County: Perception vs. Reality at the Catholic Charities Immigration Center, 5415 Maple Ave. For more information, call 241-823-7793 or visit [dallaspeacecenter.org](http://dallaspeacecenter.org).  
**April 13**  
**The Silent Partner Presents...OJays** Nokia Theatre At Grand Prairie, 8:00 pm.  
To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or by phone at 214.373.8000, metro 972.647.5700.  
**The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Tenth Annual Excellence in Education Scholarship Luncheon** Recognizing Outstanding Performance in Education 2007  
Registration: 11:00am Program & Luncheon: 12:00 noon Dallas Convention Center - Ballroom A, 650 South Griffin Street. For more information, contact the Dallas Black Chamber office at (214) 421-5200 or log onto [www.dbcc.org](http://www.dbcc.org)  
**Garland NAACP Youth Council Meeting**, 12:00noon, Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, Garland.  
**April 14**  
**Black Academy of Arts and Letters Sonia Sanchez and T.C. Carson:** Spoken Word and Music, Fusing a wide range of musical styles with the poetry of international icon Sonia Sanchez, this groundbreaking concert celebrates an artistic journey of

her work for more than four decades. Dallas Convention Center Theater, 650 South Griffin Street in Dallas, 75202  
Dallas NBA All Star Celebrity Hoop It Up 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Fair Park, 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd., 8-5 p.m. For more info, call 214-670-8400.  
**Slam Jam**, Dallas Mavericks players will coach Mark Cuban and members of the NBA's Entertainment League at the first ever Celebrity Basketball Game at the Moody Coliseum, 6425 Boaz Lane. For more info, call 214-352-1881.  
**Collin County Photo Documentary**, How will they know it is us without our past? 3:30 p.m. at the Hands-on Gallery of the North Texas History Center. Call 972-542-9457 for more info.  
**The Frisco Ballet Annual Golf Tournament**, Plantation Golf Club in Frisco, 9 a.m. with a shotgun start, followed by a catered luncheon. Call 972-731-0361 for more info.  
**Plano Kidney Walk**, Lakeside Market, 4021 Preston Road. Walkers are advised to come early to register. The walk will benefit the National Kidney Foundation of North Texas, kidney patient education. For more info, call 214-351-2293  
**20th Annual Older Senior Games** for those 50 and older. Registering for Senior Games 2007 allows you to enjoy as many of the competitive games and social activities as you like and receive a special Fairist too. First Place medals and ribbons will be distributed at each event. All events will be held at the Senior Center, 401 West 16th Street. Registration fee: \$10 per person. For more info call 972-941-7155.  
**April 17**  
**Volunteer of the Year Awards Luncheon**, A celebration of outstanding volunteers from throughout Collin

County. Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Admission is \$25.00 per person. For more info contact the Volunteer Center of North Texas at (214) 826-6767 or visit [www.volunteecenter-northtexas.org](http://www.volunteecenter-northtexas.org)  
**Earth Day at Collin County Community College**, with Cornell Kinderknecht, Rat Denton, and Nancy Steed, 9700 Wade Boulevard, Frisco, 11 am-2 pm  
**April 18**  
**Beyond Borders - International Seminar & Trade Fair**  
Practical "how-to" advice and numerous resources on how to generate sales in international markets. Brookhaven County Club, 3333 Golfing Green Drive in Farmers Branch American Marketing Association 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, kim@scottandscottllp.com 214-999-0080  
**April 19**  
**Fort Worth Arts Festival**, four days of music, food, fun, and fine arts and crafts by 200 artists from around the country. The festival takes place on the nine blocks between the convention center and the courthouse in downtown Fort Worth, in downtown Fort Worth, [www.mainstreetartsfest.org](http://www.mainstreetartsfest.org)  
**Diana Ross, Nokia Live Theater**, 1001 Next Stage Dr. in Grand Prairie 8 pm 214-373-8000  
**Comedian John Witherspoon**, Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Road, Addison, thru Sunday, call 972-404-8501.  
**April 20**  
**Dallas Black Dance Theater's Spring Fiesta**, Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, \$15 Call 214-871-2390.  
**Black Cinematheque** Dallas film: Spit, Celebrate National Poetry Month with us with SPIT! More than just a film about poetry slams, SPIT! explores the lives of the poets outside of the poetry houses. Magnolia Lounge in

Fair Park \$5.00 per night [marilyn.clark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marilyn.clark@sbcglobal.net) 214-670-0315  
**April 21**  
**Aretha Franklin, Nokia Live Theater**, 1001 Next Stage Dr. in Grand Prairie 8 pm 214-373-8000  
**The Plano Civic Chorus Presents: Mendelssohn's "Elijah"**, featuring Donnie Ray Albert, Saturday, at 8:00 p.m., St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Plano and Sunday, April 22, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., Temple Emanuel-ElDallas. For Saturday Tickets, call Plano Civic Chorus at 972-606-5220. For Sunday Tickets, call Temple Emanuel-El at 214-706-0000  
**The Mad Hatters** "Spring Into Summer with PACE", 11:30 A.M. Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Drive, Dallas. Wear your favorite hat and join the fun. Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund. Tickets \$35.00 Call Patricia Hempstead, 972-236-1337  
**Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB)** will host the Bi-Annual Mesquite Trash-Bash on from 8:30 am to 1 p.m. at City Lake Park.  
**April 23**  
**LR Training & Consulting** will be offering "Free" Job Readiness training in Oak Cliff. There is a one-time registration fee of \$25. For those that qualify, the registration fee will be waived/sponsored by our nonprofit organization, LRCT Early Learning & Training Ctr. Classes consist of Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, Cover Letters, etc. If interested, please contact LaShawn @214263-4894 for more information.

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**Paul Hailey**

Sometimes, when in doubt, I have to apply scripture to certain situations so I can properly process what has taken place. With that in mind, I offer the following for your consideration this week:

"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks".

Good solid insight from the bible that basically says that what comes out of a person's mouth is a direct reflection of what is in their heart. I couldn't agree more.

This week, we have yet another firestorm in the media about the comments of a middle-aged white man about black people, specifically black women basketball players at Rutgers University. Radio host (and all-around grumpy white guy) Don Imus essentially opened his mouth and inserted his foot last week when he referred to the Rutgers team as a bunch of "nappy headed ho's" following their loss to Tennessee in the NCAA championship.

You would think that as often as this happens, I would have a stock response. I could offer in this space for the newest mental deficient who slips up and actually says what he's thinking about black folks. But I don't, and even if I did, I don't think I could be anymore eloquent or accurate than Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer. She labeled Imus' comments as "racist and sexist remarks that are deplorable, despicable, abominable and unconscionable."

I completely agree with Ms. Stringer, but sadly, I can't say Imus' comments surprise me. In the roughly two years I've been writing this column, I've commented on similar idiotic, racist statements ranging from William Bennett and Michael Richards to Don Imus last week. The one thing that con-

## Deplorable, Despicable, Abominable And Unconscionable

tinues to amaze me in every one of these cases is how surprised black folks seem to be when a middle-aged white man utters a racist comment. We get all indignant and demand the offender be fired, strung up and burned at the stake. We act as if the biggest problem facing black people in America are racist slips of the tongue publicly made by white men.

When I hear statements like the ones Imus made, I have learned to use two words in response that are far more effective than demanding that these clowns be publicly beaten about the head and neck. I reflect on two words that pull the entire fiasco back into focus: *so what!*

We are simply being naive when we delude ourselves into thinking that racism has magically been eliminated from the fabric of this country. William Rhoden wrote a piece in the New York Times this week that begins by pointing out how many of our young people have been raised in cocoons, led to believe that sexism and racism have significantly subsided in this country. Statements by some of the Rutgers players in a press conference Tuesday tend to back up Rhoden's observation and highlight our collective racial gullibility.

"It kind of scars us. We grew up in a world where racism exists, and there's nothing we can do to change that," said Matee Ajavon, a junior guard. "I think that this has scarred me for life."

See what I mean? I think I can say for certain that my grandmother, my mother or even my sister would not have been "scarred for life" by hearing a white man spit racist venom about young black women. This generation has been conditioned to expect more from white people, they live in a world where color is starting to matter less and less and that's a wonderful development.

However, my reality is different. Don Imus has two million listeners to his radio program, the majority of them white and male. They have not yet been culturalized to the point where deep rooted attitudes about how they feel about black folks no longer slip out every once in a while. And when one of their own says what's really in his heart, they circle the wagons.

I listened/watched comedian Bill Maher on the MSNBC simulcast of the Imus show Tuesday morning, (don't ask me what I was doing up at 5 am watching Don Imus, I'm not completely sure), and he said something that was almost poignant while defending Imus. Maher said "My black friends have told me that every black person has an innate distrust of white people, an internal feeling that white people don't actually like them very much. The problem is black people go overboard in their distrust".

I guess slavery, lynchings, Jim Crow, political disenfranchisement and institutionalized racism in our justice system don't justify black folks being leery of white people. To imply that black folks are unjustified in their distrust of white people is laughable; for black people to believe there are no longer any racist white people is equally laughable.

Firing Imus and people like him doesn't solve the problem. There is a social conditioning that must take place for these folks, they have to examine and change what is embedded in their own hearts. As Imus said in one of his apologies: "I'm not a bad person. I'm a good person, but I said a bad thing. But these young women deserve to know it was not said with malice."

The problem is not what came out of Don Imus' mouth; the problem is what is in his heart.

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## Fox News Doesn't Care About Black People, Does The Congressional Black Caucus?

By: James Rucker

What would you say if someone told you that Black members of Congress were planning to host a presidential debate with a TV network that links Black churches to cults, implies that U.S. Senator Barack Obama is a terrorist, and used the solemn occasion of Coretta Scott King's funeral to call Black leaders "racists"? You'd probably wonder, "Have these brothers and sisters lost their minds?"

The Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute (CBCI) is on the verge of partnering with Fox News to host 2008 presidential debates. CBC members may not have lost their minds, but they're about to lose their way.

Fox is clearly no friend to Black people. The network regularly uses its reach to denigrate all things Black- Black people, Black cultural institutions and Black leaders-while it stokes whites' fears of losing race-based privilege in America. John Gibson, a Fox TV host, recently urged viewers to "Make more babies!" in a segment delivering the frightening news that half of American children under five are "minority."

Regular guest Mary Matalin used Corretta Scott King's funeral as a chance to call civil rights leaders "nothing more than racists who are keeping their brothers and sisters enslaved." Four times in the last month, Sean Hannity has invited Black guests to attack Sen. Barack Obama's church as separatist, racist, and cultish. After Fox repeatedly harped on Obama's middle name, Hussein, and ran a completely fabricated story that the Senator was schooled as an Islamic fundamentalist, the network announced that he would no longer speak with Fox reporters at all.

Since rumors about the Fox/CBCI deal were confirmed about a month ago, more than 12,000 of our members have emailed the CBCI, making the case against Fox and asking the network not to proceed with the deal. After getting no response, members made more than 600 phone calls to individual members of the CBC, asking that they speak publicly against this partnership.

Instead of hearing folks' concerns, most offices gave callers the run-around, sending them a CBCI voicemail box that was full for over a week, and saying the Fox debate is the Institute's issue, not the CBC's. It's a ridiculous response.

Everything the CBC Institute does is done with the tacit approval of the CBC. The Institute is led and supported by CBC members, and any CBC member can and should speak up if the Institute goes astray. Some representatives have said privately that they don't agree with the deal, but not one has been willing to stand up to Rep. Bennie Thompson, the chair of the CBC Institute, and the person most intent on seeing this deal go forward. Thompson is a good man, but on this issue, he is absolutely wrong.

Hurricane Katrina showed us the importance of having strong leaders in Washington who can take moral leadership and hold their own colleagues accountable. If our leaders can't take a stand when the political consequences for doing so are minor and the issues are relatively simple, what can we expect when there's plenty of pressure and the issues are more complicated? And when Black leaders willfully ignore the voices of Black Americans and act in opposition to our interest, what signal does that send to non-Black members of Congress?

Members of the CBC might

not realize it, but the CBC is going down a dangerous path. Having Black voices at the table during presidential debates is critical, but that's not the issue. The CBCI already has a deal with CNN to host debates, another major news network has also expressed interest, and PBS is doing a series of debates along with Tavis Smiley at HBCU's. A partnership with Fox risks sulling the Caucus' reputation as "the conscience of Congress" and an advocate for racial equality and justice. Worse, a CBC partnership with Fox does what our enemies can only dream of: it uses the most prominent Black brand in politics to validate and legitimize an organization that attacks us on a regular basis.

The CBC can still do the right thing here, but it's going to take Black Americans sending a strong message. It's up to us to let them know that we're watching and that we expect better.

You can help-call the Congressional Black Caucus Institute at 202-785-3634, or your representative if you live in a district represented by a CBC member, and ask that the Fox plans be canceled or that your congressman publicly oppose the CBC Institute/Fox deal. Visit [colorofchange.org](http://colorofchange.org) online for more information and other ways to make a difference, and [foxatstacks.com](http://foxatstacks.com) to see a short video of Fox's attacks on Black America.

(James Rucker is a co-founder and executive director of ColorOfChange.org, an online advocacy organization with more than seventy thousand members dedicated to amplifying the political voice of Black American. Visit [www.colorofchange.org](http://www.colorofchange.org) for more information.)

## Obama Is In The Lead

By: Ron Walters - NMPJ Columnist

I know, I know, the public opinion polls show that Barack Obama is somewhat behind Hillary Clinton in the race for the Democratic nomination for president.

However, the first quarter figures have shown that Obama has pulled in \$25 million to Clinton's \$26 million - and that is with the 1,000 pound guerrilla of fundraising, Bill Clinton helping out! By my reasoning, he is in the money lead.

The fact that Obama has posted only one million dollars less than Clinton means that many people may be switching to vote for him with their pocketbooks rather than Clinton. The very public switch occurred in Hollywood where a former funder of the Clinton's, David Geffen, a Hollywood producer, helped Obama to raise \$1.3 million in one event in February, while denouncing the Clintons. His view that he was "tired of the Clintons" was no doubt related to the inconclusive position of Hillary on the war in Iraq, a problem she may be having with many other people who see a clear rejection of the war from Obama.

For me, it also throws some doubt in the well-known theory which holds that a significant proportion of Whites say they will support a Black candidate for statewide office, but then change their minds when faced with actually pulling the voting lever. For the average person to give up their hard earned cash means that they are committed to following through on the act of voting. Only the well-heeled voting class will routinely hedge their bets by giving significant

sums of money to several candidates of either one party or both parties.

The problem Hillary has now is not just the cash that Obama has raised, but that it signals that he might have the resources to match her ground game. The ground war and the cash to feed the media are both massive users of financial resources and they very often decide the nature of the competition, especially in the large voting and media markets.

Hillary has had a large operation in place that she built up from her Senate campaign - and the fact that she contributed \$10 million from her Senate campaign fund means that Obama raised much more money from outside of his Senate base.

Obama is raising money in small amounts, 100 thousand contributors to Hillary's 50,000, another signal that his fundraiser reflects a wide base of potential campaign participants. He has used the internet to good advantage, for example, to organize small meetings all over the country simultaneously, where his website streamed campaign messages and fundraising appeals to these groups.

They responded by contributing over \$7 million, or more than one-third of the total amount - and he has raised over \$500,000 from this source even after declaring his third quarter results. The money just keeps on coming through the net!

This is good news also because Barack Obama raised these sums in basically small contributions, means that he can go back to his contributors in the second quarter and per-

haps the third. This says that he can stay in the race and fend off challenges at least from John Edwards, who raised a decent \$15 million.

With respect to Edwards, Obama will have an opportunity to see whether the money he raised is "sympathy money," spurred on by the announcement that his wife's cancer has returned. In any case, Obama doesn't have to worry over much, he will have the resources to continue to compete.

Finally, this is all the more remarkable because Obama isn't taking big pac money. He has also worked out a special deal with the FEC that he can return funding if it exceeds the limits required to accept federal matching funds.

But it looks like Federal matching funds are all but out this cycle, as it was in the 2004 election cycle, because the amounts raised, and the amounts needed to campaign have grown so much greater than the limits imposed by the matching fund route.

So, Obama is in the game for a good while, as long as he doesn't make the kind of mistake that cause the funds to dry up. Let's see how he plays! Ron Walters is the Distinguished Leadership Scholar, Director of the African American Leadership Institute and Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland College Park. His latest books are: *White Nationalism, Black Interests*, (Wayne State University Press) and *Freedom Is Not Enough*, (Rowman and Littlefield Press).

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

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

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# College Hosts Earth Day Celebration 2007

Collin College (Collin) will host the 2007 Earth Day celebration April 17-18 at its Preston Ridge Campus, 9700 Wade Blvd., in Frisco. The celebration is free and open to the public and is presented in coordination with the city of Frisco.

Events will focus around the theme of "Less is More...Sustain Our Earth." The celebration will also recognize International Day and Environmental Education Week. Through various activities and lectures, attendees will learn how to make choices that will improve quality of life and benefit the environment. All events are free and open to the public.

Attendees can get a henna tattoo, view hybrid vehicles, take a trip on a Segway, plant a Xeriscape dish garden, listen to Native American music and learn about green building, among many other activities. Community members are encouraged to bring old eye glasses, gently used pairs of shoes, old telephone books, old printers and computer components to recycle.

The following special events are scheduled:

Tuesday, April 17

"The Environment from the Nigerian Perspective" - Noon at the college's Event Center

Ehimare Aigbivbalu, Collin adjunct environmental science professor, will present a lecture and slideshow of environmental conditions and issues in the developing countries.



Rock Concert and "Affluenza" - 4 p.m. in the Quad

A rock concert will be followed by pizza and the movie "Affluenza," which explores the high social and environmental costs of materialism and over-consumption.

Wednesday, April 18

Fun Run-Walk and Bike Cruise - 9 a.m. in the Quad

The Fun Run-Walk and Bike

Cruise will emphasize foot-power and pedal-power as alternative modes of transportation that improve quality of life.

Official Proclamation and Welcoming Ceremony - 11 a.m. in the Quad

Collin Board of Trustee member Sam Roach will kick off the festivities, and the Earth Day Proclamation from the city of Frisco will be read.

Special Lectures - 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the college's Event Center

Christy Ilfrey, co-owner of Native Texas Garden Designs, will present "Journey of a Water Molecule: Drought, Native Landscaping, and the Trinity River Basin" at 11 a.m. Jeremy Starritt, environmental educational coordinator for the city of Frisco, will present "Peace Corps Experiences" at noon. A faculty-student panel will discuss "Changing Our Attitudes: How to Sustain Our Earth" at 1 p.m.

Responding to wide spread environmental degradation, United States Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin called for an Environmental Teach-in on Earth Day to be held on April 22, 1970. Over 20 million people partici-

pated and it is now observed each year by more than 500 million people and national governments in 175 countries. Senator Gaylord Nelson, an environmental activist in the U.S. Senate, took a leading role in organizing the celebration, to demonstrate popular political support for an

environmental agenda. Nelson selected Denis Hayes (a Harvard graduate and Stanford graduate) as the National Coordinator of activities. The nationwide event included opposition to the Vietnam War on the agenda. Pete Seeger was a keynote speaker and performer at the event held

in Washington DC. Paul Newman and Ali McGraw attended the event held in New York City.

For more information, contact E.J. Hanford, Earth Day committee chair, at ehanford@ccc.edu or 972-377-1589.

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would like to invite you to our "2007 Anthony Brown Scholarship Golf Tournament

and Reception". Our tournament will be held at the Bear Creek Golf Club in Irving, Texas on Thursday, April 26, 2007 - Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

The "2007 Anthony Brown Scholarship Golf Tournament and Reception" will help support our efforts to provide scholarships to local high school and college students. Last year, NABA-DFW awarded \$6,000 in scholarships. Our goal for 2007 is to award \$10,000 in scholarships and with your support we can achieve this goal.

With the downturn our economy has taken in recent years, it is critical that we continue to award these scholarships to the students who need financial assistance.

If you are interested in supporting our efforts or would like additional information on a tournament, please contact Malcolm Williams at malcolm.l.williams@us.pwc.com or (214) 999-2538. We look forward to your continued support. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause. Sincerely, Malcolm L. Williams Golf Tournament Coordinator

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## Terry Allen, CEO, 1016 Media Obtains Third Essence Event Management Contract For Pantene Total You Tour

Terry Allen, Owner of 1016 Media selected as event manager for Essence Pavilion in the Pantene Total You Tour in April 14th at the Dallas Convention Center (Dallas, TX) and on April 28th at the George R. Brown Convention Center (Houston, TX). Essence Communications is a Time Warner company. The Pantene Total You Tour is an inspiring, uplifting, and empowering celebration of holistic beauty—mind, body and spirit for



Celebrity MC Lyte with Terry Allen event manager.

women. The tour has brought millions of women together over the past few years to celebrate self-beauty and enjoy live musical performances, inspir-

ing celebrity guests, makeovers, manicures and free gifts! This year's Tour features special guests such as comedienne Myra J., renowned nutritionist Dr. Ro, former Miss America Kimberly Cockerham and Essence magazine legend Susan L. Taylor. And live musical performances but R&B legend Brian McKnight, songstress Tamia and Heather Headley. But the show doesn't stop there! After the show, an entire expo hall featuring

makeovers, manicures and free gifts will be held. "Terry is the best", says Sharon Wynne, Essence Senior Special Events Manager, "his return to event management for us is very welcome." Allen's company has obtained previous contracts with Essence /Time Warner, Inc. He has handled the National Essence College Tour on the Texas Southern Campus, 2002 and 2006. The Essence College Tour is where students receive skincare consultations, free giveaways and manicures, and had the oppor-

tunity to create and express their own personal style. Allen is a small business consultant. He is one of the multiple co-authors of the best-selling Simon and Schuster book, Real Men Cook: Rites, Rituals, and Recipes for Living. He is the Texas event manager for the Real Men Cook, the largest

urban Father's Day Celebration in the USA, Sisters CEOs™, The Town Hall™ and the Business Assistance Center, Inc.™ CAP Networking Luncheon. He is a certified parenting specialist and a registered community mobilization expert.

## African American Business Summit To Be Held June 20-23, 2007 In Los Angeles

The African American Business Summit 2007, partnering with Turning Point Urban Magazine and TPC Foundation, Inc., recently announced that the event will be held in Los Angeles, California with an array of diverse programming celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The African American Business Summit provides solutions to the issues that confront diverse urban small businesses - from access to capital, new business acquisition, to operational excellence. Nationally recognized as the "must attend" event for business owners and corporate executives, the 10th Anniversary will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 South Figueroa Street in Los Angeles, CA 90015 on June 21st and 22nd, 2007.

The event will feature the opening day keynote by Dennis Kimbro, Ph.D.; timely general sessions including the Mayor's Roundtable on Urban Development which presents several Mayors from major United States metropolitan cities challenging the state of urban development; and on

Friday, June 22, 2007 - The Turning Point URBAN Business Expo, where business will showcase and provide demonstrations from 10AM to 3PM, is free to the business public.



Dennis Kimbro, Ph.D.

Additional African American Business Summit 2007/Turning Point URBAN agenda and events are as follows: Wednesday, June 20th - TPC Foundation, Inc. Golf Tournament will be held at the Malibu Country Club, 901 Encinal Canyon Road, Malibu, CA 90265. The Hon. Herb J. Wesson Jr. of Los Angeles City Council 10th District is Honorary Chair.

On Thursday evening after the African American Business Summit 2007 scheduled conference & sessions, an opening V.I.P. Reception will be held at 5:00 P.M. Then at 7:00 P.M., there will be a very special Jazz and Art Reception honoring world-renowned artist Synthia Saint James at an additional site TBA very soon!

On Friday evening after the Turning Point URBAN Business Expo at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Tiffany & Co. will be hosting a special V.I.P. Reception in Beverly Hills, California at 5:00 PM.

And finally on Friday, beginning at 7:30 PM - the African American Business Summit 10th Anniversary Dinner and Gala will honor those who serve as catalysts to unite the community such as: Mocesuma

Esparza, President/CEO of Maya Cinemas and Member of California State University Board of Trustees; Pat Tobin, President of Tobin & Associates; Sean Harrigan President of Los Angeles Department of Fire and Police Services; Gwen-Marie Thomas professor of Business and Management of West Los Angeles Community College; the Living History Maker 2007 Winner and other honorees TBA at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel, 9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA.

And on Saturday June 23, the TPC Foundation, Inc. will present its Smart Start Youth Financial Literacy Program at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA.

For more information visit [www.aabs2007.com](http://www.aabs2007.com) for current information and registration.

## Census Bureau Issues Report Covering Black Business Ownership

The Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration today released A Demographic Review of Business Owners who are either women, African Americans, Asians, Native Americans, or Pacific Islanders. The data are compiled primarily from the 2002 U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons.

"This report continues Advocacy's tradition of providing small business data for policy makers and others," said Dr. Chad Moutray, Chief Economist for the Office of Advocacy. "Solid research and data on small business will help drive sound policy decisions."

Among the data presented in the report (owners may claim multiple races/ethnicities):

In 2002 (latest data), Asians owned 4.6 percent of all firms (1.1 million), Blacks 5.0 percent (1.2 million), Hispanics 6.6 percent (1.6 million),

Native Americans .8 percent (.2 million), and Pacific Islanders .1 percent (.03 million).

In 2002 (latest data), women owned 17 percent of all employer firms (those with employees), or 900,000. Women owned 22 percent of Asian-owned employer firms (71,000), 29 percent of Black-owned employer firms (27,000), 22 percent of Hispanic-owned employer firms (43,000), 30 percent of Native American-owned employer firms (7,000), and 23 percent of Pacific Islander-owned employer firms (800).

The Office of Advocacy, the "small business watchdog" of the federal government, examines the role and status of small business in the economy and independently represents the views of small business to federal agencies, Congress, and the President. It is the source for small business statistics presented in user-friendly formats, and it funds research into small business issues.

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mental in reaching out to the community to further and promote environmental and sustainability programs or issues benefiting Plano.

The Environmental Community Partnership Award recognizes the efforts of an organization who has partnered with the City of Plano to accomplish an environmental objective that benefits the community, or motivates residents to take action to protect the envi-

ronment. The 2007 Environmental Community Awards Celebration will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8 at the Conference Center of the Spring Creek Campus, Collin County Community College District, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. at Jupiter Rd.

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# Obama Raises \$25M To Rival Clinton Camp

AP  
With a stunning \$25 million fundraising haul for his presidential campaign, Democrat Barack Obama affirmed his status last week as Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief rival.

The freshman Illinois senator proved he could channel his appeal into significant financial muscle, and he dispelled, for now, questions about the durability of his anti-war, "hope"-driven candidacy. Obama's three-month money total stopped just short of the record \$26 million Clinton brought in. By any measure, it was an astonishing figure for a political newcomer elected to the U.S. Senate just two years ago.

His campaign released additional details illustrating the breadth of Obama's support. He had 100,000 contributors in the first quarter, with more than half donating online for a total of \$6.9 million. Clinton, by contrast, had about 50,000 contributors and raised \$4.2

million online. The campaign said at least \$23.5 million of the \$25 million total was available to be used in the highly competitive primary race. The Clinton campaign has yet to disclose how



much of her \$26 million can be used for the primary and how much was earmarked for the general election.

Obama's strong showing was a blow to Clinton, who sought

to position herself as her party's strongest White House contender in part through her fundraising prowess. She has spent years developing a national fundraising network through two Senate campaigns and her husband's eight years as president.

Obama began his campaign with a relatively small donor base concentrated largely in Illinois, his home state. But his early opposition to the Iraq war and voter excitement over his quest to be the first black president quickly fueled a powerful fundraising machine.

He attracted Wall Street executives and big-money Hollywood moguls like billionaire David Geffen, a former Clinton supporter who shifted allegiances. But he also focused on smaller donations and raised money in several small cities, a practice Clinton aides say she will follow this quarter.

Still, her strategists point to numerous state and national polls that show Obama consis-

tently trailing Clinton. A new poll of New Hampshire Democrats by CNN and WMUR showed Edwards surging into second place. Clinton was leading with 27 percent, Edwards had 21 percent and Obama 20 percent.

Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards reported \$14 million in new contributions, including \$1 million for the general election.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said he had raised \$6 million and had more than \$5 million cash on hand.

Aides to Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd said he raised more than \$4 million and transferred nearly \$5 million from his Senate campaign, for a total of \$9 million in receipts and \$7.5 million cash on hand. Delaware Sen. Joe Biden lagged behind, with his staff reporting that he had total receipts of nearly \$4 million, nearly half of which was transferred from his Senate campaign account.

Donors can give just \$2,300

apiece for the primary election, but Clinton, Obama and Edwards can also solicit another \$2,300 from each donor to be used in the general election. The money has to be returned if they don't win the nomination.

Clinton's campaign often solicited the \$4,600 donations, while Obama's campaign focused on recruiting small dollar donors. In the coming months, he can return to those donors and ask those who haven't maxed out to

give more.

But Fred Hochberg, a top Clinton fundraiser, said it was important to remember that Clinton had still come out on top.

"She did spectacularly well," Hochberg said. "It would be one thing if Hillary raised \$14 million or something, but she did so much better than that. If fundraising is a show if strength, she shows enormous strength."

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far," Imus said on "The Al Sharpton Show."

The meeting prompted a series of testy exchanges, and Imus grew visibly frustrated at times. During one exchange, Imus said he can't win with "you people." Sharpton was clearly irritated by that remark.

In another encounter, Sharpton said, "If you walk away from this uncathed..."

"How am I uncathed by this?" Imus interrupted. "Don't you think..."

"...I'm humiliated?"

During commercial breaks, Sharpton walked out of the studio and said few words to Imus.

Earlier Monday, on his own radio show, Imus called himself "a good person" who made a bad mistake.

"Here's what I've learned: that you can't make fun of everybody, because some people don't deserve it," he said on his show, which is nationally syndicated to millions of listeners. "And because the climate on this program has been what it's been for 30 years doesn't mean that it has to be that way for the next five years or whatever because that has to change, and I understand that."

He pointed to his involvement with the Imus Ranch, a working cattle ranch for children with cancer and blood disorders in New Mexico. Ten percent of the children who come to the ranch are black, he said.

"I'm not a white man who doesn't know any African-Americans," he said.

On the radio show, Sharpton said that Imus' good deeds do not make up for what he said about the Rutgers team, which includes eight black women.

"This is not about whether you're a good man," Sharpton said. "What you said was racist."

Imus said he hoped to meet the Rutgers players and their parents and coaches, and that he was grateful for the appearance on Sharpton's nationally syndicated show.

"It's not going to be easy, but I'm not looking for it to be easy," Imus said.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and about 50 others marched Monday outside the Chicago offices of NBC, the General Electric Co. subsidiary that owns MSNBC, carrying signs and shouting "Imus must go." Jackson said Imus' comments contribute to "a climate of degradation" and stem from a lack of blacks as program hosts.

Imus made the now infamous remark during his show Wednesday.

The Rutgers team, which includes eight black women, had lost the day before in the NCAA women's championship game. Imus was speaking with producer Bernard McGuirk

about the game when the exchange began on "Imus in the Morning." The show is broadcast on more than 70 stations and MSNBC.

"That's some rough girls from Rutgers," Imus said. "Man, they got tattoos..."

"Some hardcore hos," McGuirk said.

"That's some nappy-headed hos there, I'm going to tell you

that," Imus said.

Imus apologized on the air Friday, but his mea culpa was not quoted the uproar.

James E. Harris, president of the New Jersey chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, demanded Sunday that Imus "resign or be terminated immediately."

Allison Gollust, a spokes-

woman for MSNBC, said the network considers Imus' comments "deplorable" and was reviewing the matter.

Karen Mateo, a spokeswoman for CBS Radio - Imus' employer and the owner of his New York radio home, WFAN-AM, said the company was "disappointed" in Imus' actions and characterized his comments as "completely inappropriate."

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## Dallas Black Academy Of Arts And Letters Presents Stage Play "The Bachelorette"

"The Bachelorette Party" is coming to the long horn state of Texas at the Black Academy of Arts & Letters, located in the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex Naomi Bruton theatre. The show is slated to open Tuesday, APRIL



Nicole Pettis of HBO's *The Wire* 17 and run through Sunday, April 22, 2007 for eight (8) Big Shows! Show times are 8:00pm, Tuesday through Saturday and 7:30pm on Sunday, with two Matinee performances - Saturday and Sunday at 3pm.

### Kelly Rowland Hopes To Repeat Album Success With Release Of Ms. Kelly

Music World/Columbia Records will release Ms. Kelly, the avidly-awaited sophomore album from the Grammy-winning pop-urban musical superstar Kelly Rowland, on Tuesday, June 26.

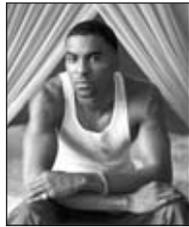
"Like This," the first single from Ms. Kelly, is an infectious pulsating hip-hop groove featuring the Grammy-winning rap artist Eve. After a mere week at radio, "Like This" is already lighting up America's radio airwaves with a nationwide listening audience of over 5 million. The single is slated to impact

This groundbreaking play, written by Don B. Welch, has assembled a very powerful cast. Leading the ensemble in "The Bachelorette Party" is the sexy and talented R&B superstar Ginuwine along with nine of the most popular and gorgeous women in theater today.

In association with and backed by Oscar Nominee Will Smith ("Pursuit of Happiness" film), Welch's productions is one of the theatrical stage play that "every woman should see and every man needs to see."

He has created a production for any woman who has felt the need to emancipate her too often suppressed inner thoughts or for any man who wishes that he could be a "fly on the wall" when women really speak their minds. "Don Welch must have really studied 'sistahs.' I mean how else could he be so on target when it comes to how we interact? It's funny, it's emotional, it's interesting, it's sensitive, its provocative and it's definitely good!" says Vanessa Bell Calloway. R&B mega star,

Kenny Lattimore says, "I loved how the cast really brought to life the diversity of women's issues. The writing was very honest and I was able to experience and appreciate each emotion of every character on



R&B superstar Ginuwine

stage." The well seasoned company has eleven cast members that have graced the sets of many well-known theaters, blockbuster movies, and sitcoms such as "The Wire" (Nicole Pettis), "MadTV" (Keena Ferguson), "All of Us" (Tiffany Lowery)

and "The Jamie Fox Show" (Kiyano LaVin). Other players such as Keith Burke (Ice Cube's "Player's Club" as well as the new motion picture "Ocean's 13"), and Kiki Haynes (Spike Lee's "Bamboozled" and "Nora's Hair Salon") spent a considerable amount of time on the big screen.

Amidst a veteran cast is the phenomenal veteran R&B Superstar, Ginuwine. With over 5 million album sold, an American Music Award nomination, and a host of Billboard chart topping hits such as "Pony," "Differences," and

most recently "When We Make Love," Ginuwine makes a special appearance in "The Bachelorette Party."

Nominated for the "Best Ensemble" award by the NAACP and premiering in the fall of 2006 to twenty-four (24) sold-out record breaking performances,

Welch's "Bachelorette Party" has surpassed other plays of similar stature by running more than 30 consecutive performances at prestigious LA theaters such as Cast Theater and LATC Theater. The play had such an impact on the LA market that it

drew celebrities like Will Smith. After seeing the play, Smith felt compelled to be a part of it. Since then his company,

Overbrook Entertainment has purchased the filming rights for the play. In the words of Loretta Devine, "The 'Bachelorette Party' is a must see!"

Tickets available at TBAAL Box Office 214-743-2400, and all Ticketmaster Outlets; including All FYE, Fiesta, and Macy's locations.. Charge by phone 214-373-8000 and 817-467-2787 or ONLINE at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).



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April 2007 is the 39th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, and April is designated across the nation as

Fair Housing Month, commemorating the law that prohibits discrimination in housing-related transactions. Locally, the Garland Fair Housing Ordinance makes it illegal to discriminate against a person in the sale and rental of housing based on race, color, sex, religion, handicap, familial status, age or national origin. It is the policy of the City of Garland, through

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development of the Garland community. The CDBG grant provides resources for a wide variety of community development activities that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, including the elderly and children.

For more information about this release, please call the Garland Fair Housing Office at 972-205-3300.

is preparing to file suit to seek an injunction.

In August, Monsanto Co. announced the \$1.5 billion deal to buy Delta and Pine, which was approved by the latter's shareholders in December. Monsanto said on Thursday it had arranged a \$2 billion credit facility to fund the acquisition.

Last year, Monsanto's biotech crop traits were planted on roughly 75 percent of U.S. cotton acres, 95 percent of U.S. soybean acres and 60 percent of corn acres, according to data from Monsanto and the U.S. Agriculture Department.

Concerns about antitrust issues in crop seeds were laid out in a lawsuit filed last month by the American Corn Growers Association against Monsanto. The group alleged Monsanto has violated federal and state antitrust laws by using its dominance in herbicides and biotech seeds to drive up prices and curtail options for seeds and supplies.

"The concentration and the lack of choice and the lack of competition is a significant burden for us financially," said American Corn Growers Chief Executive Officer Larry Mitchell.

"We have concern about anti-competitive activity," said Doyle Karr, a spokesman for DuPont Co., whose subsidiary Pioneer Hi-Bred competes with Monsanto in seed production. "The main thing we want is a thorough investigation," he said.

DuPont bought Pioneer in 1999, when Pioneer held more

than 40 percent of the U.S. corn seed market. Since then competition from Monsanto has helped cut that share to 30 percent. Karr said DuPont has hired a lobbyist to look at the latest merger.

Monsanto said on Thursday that competition in both seeds and technology is flourishing and that the deal with Delta and Pine would result in more and better crop technology.

"Farmers definitely have different seed varieties and technology available to them and we expect them to continue to have that despite this acquisition," Monsanto spokesman Lee Quarles said.

Monsanto has said it will sell its Stoneville cottonseed brand, which now controls about 14 percent of the market, if required for approval of the deal. Delta and Pine operates the world's largest private cotton seed breeding program.

The proposed deal includes a provision for Monsanto to pay \$600 million to Delta and Pine if it does not go through.

A consumer group, the Center for Food Safety, is also lobbying against the merger. It issued a report that says cotton seed prices have risen 240 percent from 1995 to 2005 due primarily to fees charged for genetically

engineered traits.

Monsanto says any pricing increases are tied to increased value associated with higher yields, reduced inputs and improved efficiencies, according to Quarles.

Center for Food Safety officials also say the merger will threaten farmers in developing countries because Monsanto would gain control of Delta and Pine's "terminator" technology, which produces plants that are sterile and cannot reproduce.

Monsanto has made a commitment not to commercialize sterile seed technologies in food and cotton crops, Quarles said.

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### Overcoming Obstacles To Victory

sure you were OK; I said, "Have you ever really looked at your hands, he said."

I slowly opened my hands and stared at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I never really looked at my hands, as I tried to figure out this point. He smiled and related this story:

"Stop and think about your hands, how they have served you throughout your years. These

ding band and showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They wrote letters home and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle. Yet, they were strong and sure when I dug my buddy out of a foxhole and lifted a plow off of my best friend's foot.

These hands have held children and consoled neighbors. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, and dried and raw. To this day not much of anything else of me works real well, but these hands hold me up, lay me down and again continue to fold in prayer.

These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life. More importantly these hands are what God will take when He leads me home. He won't care where these hands have been or what they have done. But He will care to whom these hands belong and how much He loves these hands. With these hands He will lift me to His side and I will touch the face of Jesus."

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When we step out in faith and the opposition comes, let's stand our ground and keep doing what we know to do. Let's keep praying, reading the Word, going to church, walking in love and forgiveness and keep our hearts tender. When the enemy sees that we are more determined, he will back down and we will move forward to new levels of victory! Let's stay focused and full of joy no matter what comes against us. As we do, we will overcome opposition and discover the champion in us!

**HANDS**—An old man sat on a park bench. With his head down he stared at his hands. I wondered if he was OK. Not wanting to disturb him but to check on him, I asked him if he was OK. He looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking," he said in a clear voice.

"I didn't mean to disturb you, but you were sitting here staring at your hands, I wanted to make



**Picture of The Week**

Mr. Bill Blair, Founder/Senior Publisher of *Elite News and Negro League Hall of Fame* and *Sister Tarpley*.

hands, though wrinkled, shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach, grab and embrace life. These hands braced and caught me fall when I was a toddler. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They have tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They dried the tears of my children and caressed the love of my life. They held my rifle and wiped my tears when I went off to war.

They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn child. They are decorated with my wed-

endent Marvin Edwards will sign copies of his recent publication, "The Modern Superintendent as part of the festivities at 4 p.m. Dr. Edwards led the Dallas District from 1988 to 1993. He later became superintendent in Elgin, Illinois and director of an Educational Leadership Program at Aurora

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For additional information or to purchase tickets, please call Verna Mitchell at 214-330-0626.

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For registration call Pam Williams @ 972-235-4235 or Joi Cross @ 469-330-7035.

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### McKINNEY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

April 21, 8 am  
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### PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVERS FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE (PACE)

April 21, 11:30 am  
"Mad Hatters-Spring into Summer" Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show @ the Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Drive, Dallas, TX 75234. Proceeds going to scholarships. For information and tickets, contact Patricia Hempstead @ 972-235-1377.

High School recipients are: Vanetta Cannon, Newman Smith; Tyehsa Standford, A Maceo Smith; Jamaica Lett, Plano East; and Vanessa Kwarteng, Naaman Forest.

Intimately." Women are asked to wear white. Registration will be April 20th @ 1 pm with a Midnight Prayer Service and Dinner @ 5:30 pm. Saturday's Service will start @ 7 am, followed by prayer @ 8 am; lunch @ 12 Noon and the closing session after lunch.

For registration call Pam Williams @ 972-235-4235 or Joi Cross @ 469-330-7035.

### RIVERSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

April 16, 2007  
Fish and Chicken dinner fundraiser for: "The Lord's Army Drill Team" for their annual competition trip to the National Missionary Baptist General Convention's Sunday School and BTU Congress in Orlando, FL. They are asking for any donations of food items and paper goods.  
For info and donations call Yvonne Wilburn or Melva Diane Gardner @ 214-428-3200.

Riverside Missionary B. C.  
Rev. S. T. Tutson, Jr., Pastor  
3132 Lagow Street  
Dallas, TX 75210

### WOMEN PRAYING FOR CHRIST MINISTRY

April 27, Doors Open @ 11 pm  
"Prayer Shut-In #2 Progress" for Women Only. Speakers & Prayer Warriors every hour featuring Dr. Angela S. King, WPPC Founder/CEO; Candace Watson, Hope and Humble Organization; Connie Greer, First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park; Evangelist Dorothy Danberry, Rhema Life Fellowship Church; Maria Reyna, Productive Women Ministries; Sis. Dorothy Beard, SISTAS Ministry Inc.; Prophet Charlette Posa, To Women With Love Ministries; Leslie Denman, Girls Living Life On Purpose, Inc.; Prophets Lori Manning, Dominion Keepers Community Church; Roslyn Houston, The Potters House; Kerrina Daunway, Palmist; Robyn H. Jimenez, WPPC - Spoken Word. FREE Admission, but you must pre-register for this Shut-In. Registered attendees will receive a confirmation e-mail or phone call. Register @ 214-450-7634; the shut-in will be @ Open Bible Fellowship Church, 2701 Briarwood Drive, Plano, Texas 75074, 972-422-4248, Pastor Don Bright.

### Women Praying for Christ Ministry

Dr. Angela S. King, WPPC Founder/CEO  
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Plano, TX 75086-3766

## Church Directory

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templeoffaith\_cmc@sbcglobal.net (Email)

Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor

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**Avenue F Church of Christ**  
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Sunday Bible Class ..... 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:45 am  
Men Bible Class ..... 5:00 pm  
Women Bible Class ..... 5:00 pm  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Class ..... 7:00 pm

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Emery Tester, Associate Minister

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Sunday Worship  
10:00 am

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**Hill Chapel**  
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
1113 Ave. I, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4999  
Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr., Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.

**St. Luke A.M.E. Church (aka - SLAME)**  
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521 W. Avenue E Garland, TX 75040 972.487.9703  
Email: slamechurch@aol.com

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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

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**Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church**  
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Pastor Charles S. Wattley

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## Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church To Host L.K. Williams Ministers' Institute

Pastors, ministers, church staff, ministry leaders and lay leaders are invited to attend the 77th Annual L. K. Williams Ministers' Institute. For three days, April 24-26, the event will feature powerful preaching, and engaging class sessions that will help ministers to re-focus their ministry to meet the ever-changing needs of their membership.

The conference is hosted by the Antioch Fellowship

Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. Karry D. Wesley is the Senior Pastor and serves as the Chairman of the Board of the Institute.

One of the longest-running ministry conferences, the L. K. Williams Ministers' Institute was founded on the campus of Bishop College in 1931 by educator Joseph J. Rhoads. The namesake, Lacey Kirk Williams, was the first African American president of Bishop College. He also served as the



Dr. Karry D. Wesley, Senior Pastor Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Dallas and the Mount Gilead Baptist Church in Ft. Worth. In the early 1920s, Williams served as the Pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church of Chicago. At that time, the congregation had more than 12,000 members and was considered the country's largest black church.

Lacey Kirk Williams was a strong proponent of religious studies and furthering the cause of ministry. He held the position

of president of the National Baptist Convention, USA for 22 years. He died in 1940.

The Institute was a focal point of the religious studies at Bishop College. Every student of theology was required to participate in this sort of "rites of passage" during their time at the college. Nearly every celebrated pastor across the United States, who is a Bishop College graduate, still maintains a connection to the Institute because of the teach-

ing and ethics that were instilled in them.

The Institute continues to serve the needs of the ever-changing focus of ministry by presenting some of the top pastors from across the country who converge in Dallas for the three-day event. Their powerful preaching pushes people to progress each day at Noon and each evening at 7:30 PM.

For more information visit [www.afmhc.org](http://www.afmhc.org).

## Award Winning Williams Brothers To Perform In Dallas

The SayNo2Drugs, Inc. organization is proud to present legendary gospel artists The Williams Brothers in concert on Sunday, April 29th.

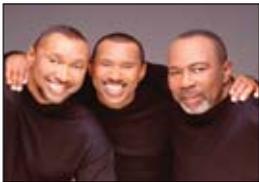
As gospel groups go, few can equal the Williams Brothers in terms of longevity and popularity.

The trio dates to 1960, when Leon "Pop" Williams founded the group. It has performed in some of the nation's more famous concert halls including: Madison Square Garden, The Apollo Theatre, The Grand Ole Opry, The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and The House of Blues.

The group, which includes Melvin Williams, Doug Williams, Henry Green, and members in the back-up band, is still traveling across the country, presenting its distinctive gospel sound to enthusiastic audiences.

Green, who joined the group when he was 18, said the Williams Brothers have placed God first in their efforts for nearly four decades, and have no

regrets in doing so. "Down through the years, God has always blessed this group," Green said. "No matter what we do, we put God out in front, and when you put God out in front, there's no



limit."

The Williams Brothers have three Grammy Award nominations and numerous Stellar Awards to their credit. In spite of the Williams Brothers' travels and success, the group continues to make music from its base in Mississippi.

The current Williams Brothers members can trace their own spiritual development to the guidance of their parents years ago, Green said. "It goes back to our roots,

our mothers and fathers," he said. "We grew up in the South, in the country. Back then, no matter what you did on Saturday night, no matter what movie you saw or how late you stayed out, you had to go to church on Sunday morning. There wasn't any I don't want to' or I don't like going to church." You went to church, and not only did you go to church, your parents took you to church.

The concert will be held at the Radisson Hotel Dallas Love Field at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 presale and \$20 at the door. Tickets are available at Sam's Records, Dallas, or His Place, Dallas. For more information, visit [www.thewilliamsbrothers.com](http://www.thewilliamsbrothers.com)

The goal of the SayNo2Drugs Inc. organization is to recognize, educate and reward the talents of our future leaders while promoting the music and arts as well as a healthy and happy learning experience which is the key to a drug-free society. Victor McCray is the Founder and Director of SayNo2Drugs Inc.

## Hamilton Park United Methodist Holding "Work It Out" Youth Revival

Three-day youth revival to provide teens with opportunities for up reach, in reach, and out-reach!



Pastor Harold G. Dangerefield of Hamilton Park UMC.

The Park Youth Ministry® is hosting the "WORK IT OUT" Youth Revival, from Friday, April 27, 2007 until Sunday, April 29, 2007 at the Hamilton Park United Methodist Church (11881 Schroeder Road, Dallas, Texas). The three-day program opens in the church's Christian Life Center on Friday at 6:30 pm with a Hip Hop Worship Party featuring Favor Youth Choir, The Park® Step and Sacred Dance Teams, Christian rappers Bobby and Chris Burris of the Christian Beat Team, DJ Reverend CC, an open microphone session, and a hip hop flavored word by Pastor E.

The revival will start again on Saturday, April 28, 2007, at 9:30

am with a continental breakfast. Saturday's activities include workshops addressing issues for teens from school to the streets, a community service project, and a fun event.

Sunday worship, beginning at 9:45 am, will be a youth led worship experience.

For more information and pre-registration, contact us at 972-235-4633 ext. 30 or [YouthRevival07@hparkumc.org](mailto:YouthRevival07@hparkumc.org). All youth, ages 12 - 18, regardless of religious belief, ethnicity, or gender are welcome to participate.

The Hamilton Park United

Methodist Church, a Christian "Community" of faith, is called by God to make Disciples for Jesus Christ by transforming lives and communities through the preaching and teaching of the Word and the works of the Holy Spirit. The Park Youth Ministry®, a ministry of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, serves to spiritually form young people to worship God, receive God's grace, and provide a living testimony to others. You can visit the church at [www.hparkumc.org](http://www.hparkumc.org).

## City of Dallas To Declare April 14th "Man Talk" Day

For the 2nd consecutive year April 14th has been officially declared as Man Talk Day in the City of Dallas by Mayor Laura Miller, an official Proclamation Presentation will be made to Bishop T.D. Jakes, Senior Pastor and Founder of The Potter's House Church, Ray Orr, Director of The Men's Department at The Potter's House and Founder of ManTalk, Chris Howell Assistant Men's Dept. Director and Host of ManTalk.

The men's ministry at The Potter's House creates new and effective ways to reach and positively impact the lives of men of

all socio-economic levels, races, cultures, and backgrounds from throughout the city of Dallas and from around the nation. At a monthly talk show-type forum



Chris Howell, founder of ManTalk

entitled ManTalk, hosted by broadcast personality Chris Howell men are provided the opportunity to freely discuss the

pertinent issues in a man's world. The declaration will be made on Friday April 13, 2007 @ 10 am Dallas City Hall (Flag Room) 1500 Marilla Dr., Dallas, TX 75201.

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T.J. Denson, Pastor

Saturday: Incessant 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 Services: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

**New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett**  
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Senior Pastor  
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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.

**Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen**  
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**Ben Washington Baptist Church, Inc.**  
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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

**Spiritual Direction**  
"Each One, Reach One"

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7:30 am and 10:30 am  
Sunday School - 9:30 am  
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8:00 pm

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(972) 625-8186  
website: [www.fbc-online.net](http://www.fbc-online.net)

**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.

**"The Church with a Vision"**