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People In The News



Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, D-Calif., died early Sunday of cancer, an aide said. Millender-McDonald, who was 68, died at her home in Carson, California.

She was in her seventh term representing a heavily Democratic Southern California district that includes Compton, Long Beach and parts of Los Angeles.

President George Bush called her "a dedicated public servant who tirelessly and honorably served her country for many years." Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said she was "a pioneer who will continue to serve as an inspiration for Californians and all Americans."

This year Millender-McDonald became chair of the Committee on House Administration, which oversees operations of the House and federal election procedures.

The congresswoman, a native of Birmingham, Ala., worked on former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's unsuccessful 1982 gubernatorial campaign before getting elected to the Carson City Council in 1990.

She went on to serve in the California state Assembly, and in 1996 sought a U.S. House seat during a special election.

Under California election procedures, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has 14 days to set a date for a special election to fill the seat.

The DART Board of Directors has named Hyatt O. Simmons General Counsel. In his 19 years as an Assistant General Counsel - and most recently as Interim General Counsel of the transit agency - Simmons has been involved in a wide variety of legal matters with an emphasis on defense of litigation against DART.



Before joining DART in 1988, Simmons was a Dallas Assistant City Attorney and served as General Counsel to the Texas Secretary of State. He was a member of the 2001 State of Texas Task Force on the Texas Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) and is a member of the North Texas Crime Commission.

He is a graduate of Lamar University in Beaumont and The University of Texas School of Law.

The mission of Dallas Area Rapid Transit is to build, establish and operate a safe, efficient and effective transportation system that, within the DART Service Area, provides mobility, improves the quality of life, and stimulates economic development through the implementation of the DART Service Plan as adopted by the voters on August 13, 1983.



Cynthia Tucker, editorial page editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and syndicated columnist, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for commentary Monday afternoon.

Tucker was cited for a submission of 10 columns, including those critical of former Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., and former Atlanta mayors Andrew Young and Bill Campbell.

Their titles: "US Leaders, racial epithets better unsaid"; "Reserved but never reticent - She spoke out to honor MLK, fight bigotry"; "Poor little big man's pity party - No reason to feel sorry for Campbell"; "Voting is a right that has GOP running scared"; "Voting Rights Act protection not outdated"; "Living proof of immigration's marvelousness"; "Voters can see through McKinney"; "Voter ID law's ugliness can't be disguised"; "This is a big deal! Sure shouldn't be"; and "Stereotypes fester - thanks even to Young."

The Pulitzer judges said Tucker won "for her courageous, clear-headed columns that evince a strong sense of morality and persuasive knowledge of the community."

Last year, Tucker was named Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists.

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Urban League: Problems Facing Black Men Are Nation's Worst Social Crisis



By David Crary - AP
 Citing black data on incarceration, joblessness and AIDS, the National Urban League said Monday that problems facing black men represent America's most serious social crisis and proposed an aggressive campaign to provide them with more opportunities.

The 97-year-old black empowerment organization, in its annual State of Black America report, called for universal early-childhood education, more second-chance programs for school dropouts and ex-offenders, and expanded use of all-male schools emphasizing mentoring and longer class hours.

"Empowering black men to reach their full

potential is the most serious economic and civil rights challenge we face today," said Urban League President Marc H. Morial. "Ensuring their future is critical, not just for the African-American community, but for the prosperity, health and well-being of the entire American family."

According to the report, African-American men are more than twice as likely to be unemployed as white males while earning 74 percent as much per year. They are nearly seven times more likely to be incarcerated, with average jail sentences about 10 months longer than those of white men, the report said.

In addition, it said, black males between 15 and 34 are

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Award Winning African American Children's Book Authors And Illustrators Come To Dallas

The 12th Dallas Children's Book Fair, which will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas Public Library, will feature illustrator R. Gregory Christie and author Carole Boston Weatherford. Christie is a three time recipient of the Coretta Scott King Award honor for his illustration of his first book, The Palm of My Heart: Poetry by African American Children. In 2006 for Brothers in Hope; The Story of the Lost boys of Sudan, and a second time for his illustration of Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth and Carole Boston Weatherford's book, Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom, which was illustrated by Kadir Nelson received the Caldecott Medal Honor.



Weatherford was nominated for the NAACP Image Award. Other books by Christie include: The Champ, Yesterday I had the Blues, DeShawn Days, and Love to Langston.

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Texas Senate Approves TAKS Test Phase-Out



The state's high-stakes standardized exit exam would be history for high schoolers under a bill the Texas Senate unanimously approved Thursday.

The legislation would replace the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills with exams in four core subjects for students in grades 9 to 11. Younger students would still have to take the standardized exam.

The high-stakes nature of the TAKS has been lambasted by teachers and parents, who argue that too much classroom time is spent on preparing students for the test. Students take the exit-level test as juniors and must pass to graduate.

"My preference is always for increased local control," said Waxahachie ISD board president Dr. Joe Langley. "I think that the campuses and the teachers need to have discretion beyond standardized tests on when a child is ready to move on to the next grade or graduate."

Langley said he recognizes the validity of standardized testing as a way to measure student achievement but notes that TAKS, while effective

as an achievement test, has come to mean "much more than that."

"I hope this is a step it is the right direction," Langley said. "I think the TAKS test has gotten out of control. I feel like the pressure that it puts on kids and using it as the sole measure of student performance looks over so many other areas."

The proposal would be phased in over several years, starting with students who are in ninth grade in 2009-10. It now goes to the House, where the public education committee approved a similar bill on Tuesday.

"I am relieved that the state of Texas is moving away from the current TAKS testing," said Kim Kriegel, history teacher at Waxahachie High School. Kriegel also serves as the local chapter president and a regional director for AITPE.

"I just wish it were happening sooner. Hopefully, the new end-of-course test will provide a better evaluation of our students' capabilities," she said.

"For a long time, we've all

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Jury Awards \$9 Million In Linden Beating Case



AP

An East Texas jury has awarded \$9 million to a mentally disabled black man who was taunted, beaten and dumped in a field by four white men in Linden, Texas.

Billy Ray Johnson, 46, remains in a nursing home after suffering permanent and severe brain injuries in the 2003 beating. The men accused of assaulting him were fined and sentenced to probation and jail time, but none served more than 60 days

behind bars. But in a four-day civil trial that ended Friday, jurors found James Cory Hicks and Christopher Colt Amox responsible for Johnson's injuries.

The jury of 11 whites and one black member deliberated less than four hours before returning a unanimous verdict at the Cass County District Court, according to attorneys for the Southern Poverty Law Center, which brought the lawsuit on behalf of Johnson.

"The jury told all of Texas and, indeed, the entire country, that Billy Ray is a human being who deserves to be treated with dignity, that the life of each of us, rich or poor, black or white, abled or disabled, is truly precious," said Morris Dees, founder and chief trial attorney

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A New Era Of Black Political Leaders



Barack Obama campaigns for president and Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick.

Barack and Patrick share political experiences, languages, success.

AP
 Early in Deval Patrick's run for governor, when few Massachusetts voters had heard of the maverick candidate with

the odd first name, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama stopped by Cambridge for a class reunion at Harvard Law School.

Obama extolled the virtues of Patrick, a fellow Harvard Law School alum who, like Obama, faced better known and better financed opponents.

"He recognized that there was something very special about Deval and there were similarities in their experience," said Cassandra Butts, an Obama classmate who attended the reunion. "He wanted to give Deval the chances that he didn't have early on in his Senate race."

As Obama campaigns for president and Patrick works to shake off a rocky start as governor, observers are seeing in the

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32nd Annual Plano Police Department Awards Banquet

The 32nd Annual Plano Police Department Awards Banquet was held on Friday, April 13, 2007 at Reflections on Spring Creek. This banquet is to honor all Department personnel and give special recognition to those receiving awards for their "above and beyond" contributions in 2006.



Officer Keith Sholes

Officer Keith Sholes was recognized as the Medal of Valor Award winner. On November 8, 2006, Officer Keith Sholes was working an extra-duty, part-time assignment at the Metro Bank at 3911 West Park. Officer Sholes observed two suspicious males about to enter the bank. As the first of the two subjects entered the front door and pointed a weapon at a bank employee, Officer Sholes

was already reacting to the incident. Officer Sholes immediately engaged the suspect in gun fire and then continued to pursue the subjects,

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Park Place Porsche Hosts Fresh Faces Of Fashion

A night of fashion, food and fast cars benefited The Suicide and Crisis Center at Park Place Porsche was recently the hot spot for fashion, food and fast cars.

More than 300 guests eyed the redesigned 2008 Porsche Cayenne, dined on delicacies

from Pei Wei, and met the Fresh Faces of Fashion® from "Modern Luxury Dallas" magazine.

KLTY-FM radio personality Starlene Stringer served as emcee for the event.

Confetti cannons exploded as the kabuki drape slid away to reveal the new Porsche Cayenne and the

Fresh Faces of Fashion, including Sheila Bryant, Amy Carreker, Jess Chiles, Michelle Claassen, Abi Ferrin, Abby Gregory,

Marisa Huckin, Jessica Olsson, Amy Ryan, Capera Ryan, Paige Slates and Christen Wilson. The ladies were all featured in the March issue of "Modern Luxury

Dallas" magazine, resplendent in fashions by Stanley Korshak.

"Our Fresh Faces of Fashion were chosen from reader submissions based on poise, presence and a distinct fashion style all their own," explained Terri Provencal, Group Publisher of Modern Luxury Dallas.

Whether in jeans or ball gowns, these ladies know how to put clothing together. No matter the occasion, their style shines. Park Place Porsche General Manager Mike Marsh presented a \$10,000 check to Margie Wright, Executive Director of The Suicide and Crisis Center. The 24-hour telephone hotline provides anony-

mous counseling for persons in crisis, including those contemplating suicide, and their friends and families. Hotline numbers are: 214-828-1000 or toll-free 1-866-672-5100.

More info is available at www.sccenter.org.

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Margie Wright, executive director of The Suicide and Crisis Center, accepts a \$10,000 check from Mike Marsh, general manager, Park Place Porsche.



Stephene Dunbar & Sheila Bryant.



Starlene Stringer & Carolyn Alvey.

Savor Dallas 2007 Enjoys Record Attendance In Third Year

Savor Dallas 2007 brought many of the world's leading experts in wine, spirits and food to North Texas to inform fans on

the best flavors of the year. And the international experience's fan base continues to grow, as this year's attendance numbers show.

Savor Dallas 2007 included such highlights as a beautiful spring evening where hundreds strolled in Victory Plaza and the Arts District and enjoyed premier wines and light hors d'oeuvres; a high-energy celebration honoring Lone Star recipients; an inspiring series of seminars hosted by celebrity chefs, vintners and mixologists; an historic presentation of "Babette's Feast" in high-definition at Victory Park; and an International Grand Tasting that showcased North Texas' premier culinary talent. Savor Dallas 2007 had all the elements to attract 4,000 guests to all the events - more guests than Savor Dallas entertained in its first two years.



CBS 11 Reporter Robbie Owens and her husband, WFAA-TV Channel 8 Weatherman Greg Fields.

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Paul Hailey

Heard Any Original Thoughts Lately?

I've lived in Dallas since 1989. Not Plano, not Richardson, Duncanville or Cedar Hill, but Dallas. And in nearly 18 years of intently observing Dallas politics in action I can tell you one thing for certain: politics in Dallas can be strange. From school board trustee to city councilmember to Dallas Mayor elections and politicians in this town have ranged from the ridiculous to the bizarre. I am a political junkie, (I know, its weird, but that's my cross to bear), and I was really looking forward to all the fur that was going to fly in this year's Dallas mayor's race. I anticipated the group, which I have cleverly dubbed the "Dallas 11" to put on a show displaying all manner of hi-jinks, backstabbing and good 'ol Texas mudslinging. With 11 people running to be mayor of Dallas, how can there not be some fireworks?

I have been extremely disappointed.

The Dallas 11 has been about as colorful as big bowl of mashed potatoes. No hi-jinks, no backstabbing, no mudslinging. We haven't even seen witty insults. Instead, every candidate is on an all-out death march to make sure they distinguish themselves in one specific way that are not Laura Miller.

In a race that features a wealthy front-runner that has never held an elected position (Tom Leppert), a city councilman with serious IRS problems and under investigation by the FBI (Don Hill), an openly gay candidate (Ed Oakley), and a homeless transgender candidate (Jennifer Gale), would expect that someone would be talking about anything other

than how the city needs economic development. Side note: you can definitely expect an entire column in this space devoted to Jennifer Gale between now and the May 12th election.

In short, these mayoral candidates have differentiated themselves about as much as the five kids that ran for student body president when you were in the 8th grade. Which means no differentiation at all. In every political forum, sound bite and commercial the gang of 11 take the same position on the same issues while all saying the same things. They have become interchangeable, homogenous, none of them presenting a clear message or vision for Dallas.

These are the Stepford candidates, 11 cookie cutter versions of the same thing. Each of them are being so careful not to offend anyone in an effort to make it to the inevitable runoff election, that none of them have brought an original point of view to the table on any issue.

Dallas City Council member Mitchell Rasansky recently summed up the mayor's race far better than I could ever hope to describe it.

"This morning I saw five ducks cross a road where I live, and I thought to myself, 'That reminds me of the mayor's race,' Rasansky recently quipped. "Everyone is doing the same damn thing. I can't tell one duck from another."

None of these candidates have offended anyone and none of them have done or said anything notable either. Each candidate has come out publicly against crime (oh my!), for creating a more business friendly environment (really?), pro economic development of the city's southern sector (what an idea!), and

anti-Farmer's Branch type immigration ordinances (imagine that). The Dallas 11 has shown themselves to be very adept at telling us what we already know. Personally, I'm still looking for the one candidate that says, "I've got a well-thought out, completely different approach to this particular issue and this is why you should vote for me over the other guys".

This is all incredibly interesting when you realize that mayor of Dallas is nothing more than a figurative leader at best. Unlike every other major city in the country, the city of Dallas still operates under a strong City Manager form of government. The City Manager creates and presents the budget, is responsible for hiring and firing for police and fire chief, and wields all the real power. The mayor is a token leader, who makes a lot of public appearances, but essentially, is just one of 15 council members. All the mayor of Dallas really has influence.

I recently went to a black press luncheon held by the front-running Stepford candidate, Tom Leppert. Mr. Leppert was a nice enough guy, he said all the right things, he was attentive and I think he sincerely tried to answer my questions. He came off like every other generic CEO I've ever held a conversation with. My problem with him was, over the course of one hour, he didn't say a single thing that inspired me. He brought nothing unique to the table. I've seen a lot in Dallas politics and one of the constants has been the uniqueness in the personalities of those who have served. I think its time for the mayor of this city to inspire as well as serve.

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Gays And The Black Church

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson.

The Reverend Dennis Meredith's mouth had to drop when his head deacon brusquely accused him of turning the church into a "sissy church" and left in a huff. Reverend Meredith had committed the unpardonable sin to the deacon and as it turned out hundreds of other black members at the predominantly black Tabernacle Baptist Church in Atlanta of embracing and welcoming gay members. The deacon and the other members that fled the church in protest over gays are not a hateful, intolerant aberration. There are reports from other black churches of members marching out in indignation when their minister preaches a message of tolerance toward gays.

The first big warning sign that the issue would inflame, polarize, and even energize blacks within and without the black pulpit came in 1997 when the Green Bay Packers perennial all-pro defensive end Reggie White, an ordained minister, touched off a firestorm of protest from gay groups with a rambling, hour-long talk to the Wisconsin legislature in which he took a huge swipe at gay rights and gay marriage. He later barnstormed through several Mid-Western cities pushing the anti-gay gospel at pro-family rallies.

Before his untimely death in 2005, White apologized for his anti-gay remarks, but he was unrepentant in his view about homosexuality. He was a conservative black minister and homosexuality still violated his biblical conception of the proper roles for men and women. In defying the canons of political correctness, White became the first celebrity black evangelical to say publicly what many black religious leaders said and believed privately. Few blacks joined in the loud chorus that condemned his remarks.

A year before White's outburst, a Pew Poll measured black attitudes toward gay marriage and found that blacks by an overwhelming margin

opposed it. A CNN poll eight years later showed that anti-gay attitudes among blacks had not changed much since then. At a tightly packed press conference in October 2003, five of Michigan's top black prelates publicly called on the state legislature to amend the state constitution to define marriage as between a man and a woman. The ballot measure passed in November, and more than fifty percent of blacks backed it.

The same year the conservative Virginia based Alliance for Marriage corralled a handful of top black preachers to plow their name on the Alliance's letterhead and tout the Alliance's anti-gay rights agenda. The Alliance's biggest catch was Walter Fauntroy. His civil rights and Democratic Party credentials were impeccable. He had marched and gone to jail with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was a founder of the Congressional Black Caucus.

He not only endorsed the group's drive for a constitutional amendment outlawing gay marriage, he was a leading Alliance board member, Fauntroy fumed at any talk that he was a stooge of the Republicans, that he was a turncoat Democrat, and a Bible spouting homophobe, or that he had shamefully betrayed the egalitarian message of Dr. King. "Only fools are going to be diverted to voting for a Republican on the question of gay marriage, and we're not fools."

Yet even a fool might see that it mattered little whether Fauntroy personally abandoned the Democratic Party, or even encouraged other blacks to do that. His name on the masthead of the group that was a stalking horse in the conservative family values war was a coup for the GOP. That also sent a shiver through the ranks of its implacable foe, the NAACP. A foe that is, on all issues involving race, politics, and social justice. But gay rights was another matter.

At the group's convention in July 2004, there was some talk

of taking a delegate vote to put the organization firmly on record backing gay rights. It didn't get far. Reverend Julius Caesar Hope, the head of the NAACP's religious affairs department, warned that a resolution to back gay marriage "would make some serious problems. I would think the membership would be overwhelmingly against it, based on our tradition in the black community."

Seven months before the November 2004 presidential election, a legion of black churchmen staged a rally on Capitol Hill, "We believed that we are faced with a challenge," Bishop Paul Morton thundered to the crowd, "God versus same-sex marriage and we will not compromise in that area." A day later an AME convention forbade its ministers from performing same-sex marriages.

Gay rights, and especially gay marriage, advocates had a big uphill battle to convince blacks that tolerance didn't begin and end with race alone. The Democrats and civil rights groups had no real defense against the anti-gay phobia among black Christian groups and blacks that weren't of the faith but still latched gay marriage.

Nonetheless, the Reverend Meredith and the few black ministers that preach a message of tolerance even as their church's hemorrhage with dwindling memberships and collections should be applauded. That's the true Christian message; a message that many Christians seem to have forgotten.

Earl Ofari Hutchinson's new book, "The Latino Challenge to Black America: Towards a Conversation Between African-Americans and Hispanics" (Middle Passage Press) examines the hot button issues and problems that conflict and unite blacks and Latinos. The book will be published jointly in English and Spanish editions.

Virginia Tech Tragedy And Politics: The American Way

By: Leroy Jones, Jr. - Political Commentator & Columnist

Just think, one week ago Don Imus and the question of whether he would keep his job was the story of the moment in our country. It appeared that the meaning of our American culture and society hinged on the outcome of his job security. It only took a few hours of absolute violence, insanity and mayhem in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia to change the whole debate in this country, and bring life into perspective.

The tragic occurrence at Virginia Tech should remind all of us how fragile life is. The cable news networks that will unfold this story in every conceivable way possible are detailing this violent and horrific story around the clock. This terrible tragedy will resonate across the country, affecting both students and parents alike. The politics of this tragedy has already become a part of the story as well, it is another way Americans' mourn and express their grief.

In the aftermath of this massacre, gun control has now become an important issue in Election 2008. This is a hot button issue that is divided into two schools of thought. There are those groups who are adamantly against more restrictions on the right to purchase weapons, while the other group wants even tougher restrictions. There will be some who believe this incident could have been prevented if students had been allowed to carry weapons on campus. While others believe that allowing students to carry weapons on campus would have increased the number of shootings and deaths prior to this tragedy. The right and need to vigorously debate these very important issues is the American way, and there will be plenty of time to do that in the future.

Clearly, this should be one of those moments in our Nation's history where even those who are on opposite sides of this argument can step back, mourn and reflect on this great tragedy.

When a catastrophe of this magnitude occurs, some will attempt to link all the ills of our country into this one event. We should not allow ourselves to do that. Let's not forget that the massacre at Virginia Tech is about those who have died, those who survived, and the families and friends who loved them. Once all of the media glare dies down, and it will; they will still have to live with the fact that their loved ones are gone.

So let's hope that before all the fingers are pointed, and before the entire pop psychology breakdown of the perpetrator and society, that we are able to see this for what it is. Not a political or societal moment, but a very personal moment of loss for the families of the victims. They deserve our respect. Our outrage and sorrow ends once we turn off the continuous cable news coverage, but the pain and grief for these families will last forever.

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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 viable 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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Managerial Rudeness - Bad Attitudes Can Demoralize Your Staff.

By: **Chauvette Folds**

When Maurice Moragne became vice president of sales administration in 2004 at a beauty care corporation in New York City, he was ambitious and enthusiastic. His fervor, however, was dampened by an executive who berated staffers and picked on team members when the company fell short of financial goals.

Moragne and his team worked with a rude manager. Eventually the team stopped identifying new opportunities and contributed only 10% to 15% of their abilities. "Self-drive dissipated to the point where employees came in almost as automatons, doing only what they were told to do," he says.

Common characteristics of a boorish boss range from subtle behaviors, such as not listening or being unresponsive, to more severe infractions, such as publicly humiliating subordinates or being arrogant or manipulative. They may also lack self-control, compassion, and appreciation.

Trudy Bourgeois, president and CEO of The Center for Workforce Excellence, stresses that discourtesy is a major cause of problems in the workplace. The study, *Employee Perceptions of Managerial*

Civility: Development and Validation of a Measurement, by Robert Mitchell Crocker, finds that managerial and supervisory



incivility is linked to employees feeling afraid, distressed, and hostile.

After a year of feeling underappreciated, Moragne left the company, as did many others. "The company is now not functional in achieving profit margins or its full potential in the marketplace," he reports.

When managers fail to accept responsibility for mistakes, never offer encouragement, and are routinely angry, they create an unproductive culture that leads to turnover, says Ella L. J. Edmondson Bell, associate professor of management at Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. "People need to feel affirmed,

heard, supported, and respected," Bell says. "If you are rude, arrogant, and hostile, [employees] are not going to go the extra mile. Why should they?" She notes that it is easy for people to slip into inconsiderate behavior when they are overworked, frenzied, or tired, but warns that bad attitudes can be contagious and may eventually affect an entire company.

There are many ways to ensure that you are not the rude manager, or if you are, to change your actions in order to boost morale and establish an environment conducive to productivity.

Hold "Start, Stop, and Continue" meetings. In roundtable discussions employees can give their manager honest feedback on behavior and initiatives

the manager should start, stop, or continue, says Bourgeois. The group can formulate norms for how employees should interact and conduct themselves.

Self-evaluate. Bourgeois suggests asking yourself questions such as "Why should I follow you," to help you determine the effectiveness of your leadership. Deal with your issues. Bell stresses the importance of man-

agers taking time to identify the root of their problems, which may not be work related. Bourgeois says that discourteous conduct, such as acting superior or stealing ideas, is often related to personal issues such as low confidence. In these cases, a manager may need professional help to conquer his or her incivility.

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 Negro League Scrapbook, Sink or Swim: African-American Lifesavers of the Outer Banks, The Tar Baby on the Soapbox, Freedom on the Menu: the Greensboro Sit-Ins, and Jesse Owens: Fastest Man Alive.

Christie and Weatherford are the author and illustrator of Dear Mr. Rosenwald.

Other notable African American authors who will participate in the Book Fair are Freddie Williams Evans and Toni Simmons. Admission to the reading and book signing at the library is free and open to the public.

Urban League Page 1

The report did highlight a few nine times more likely to be killed by firearms and nearly eight times as likely to suffer from AIDS.

"I could rattle off the names of African-American men who have overcome the odds and have risen to national prominence," Morial said. "But for all the Barack Obamas, Tony Dungys and Colin Powells out there ... there are many more black men who face very limited opportunities and diminished expectations."

"It's not enough to have role models to give them hope," he added. "We need a public commitment in the form of concrete policy strategies to help lift them out of their state of underachievement and put them on equal footing with white men in this nation."

Obama, the Illinois senator who is a top contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, wrote the report's foreword.

"The crisis of the black male is our crisis," he wrote. "It is in our shared interest and in the interest of every American to stop ignoring these challenges and start finding the solutions that will work."

On several key measurements, the report found greater disparities between black and white men than between black and white women.

For example, it said unemployment for black men was 9.5 percent, compared to 4 percent for white men, while the jobless rate for black women was 8.5 percent, compared to 4.1 percent for white women.

In terms of annual median income, black men earned less than 75 percent of what white men did, \$34,443 vs. \$46,807. Black women made 87 percent of what white women made even though they earned \$5,000 less than black men, \$29,588 a year.

The Authors' & Illustrators' Breakfast will be held Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 a.m. at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Tickets are \$15 and \$20. In addition to the authors and illustrators, local champions of literacy will join the children.

The 2007 Festival is expected to attract nearly 2,000 children. At the last Festival more than 1,500 children, parents and educators attended the reading and book signing held at the Central Library.

For more information, call Daphne Stephenson at 214-565-9026, ext. 311.

However, the report cited a widening gap after elementary school as blacks begin to fall behind on standardized tests. In fourth grade, the report said, blacks perform at a level of 87 percent of whites; by the time they reach 12th grade, their scores are at 74 percent of whites.

By high school, blacks are more likely to drop out ... 15 percent compared to 12 percent for whites. For black males, the percentage rises to 18 percent compared to 14 percent of white males, the report said.

In an essay accompanying the report, University of California, Berkeley, lecturer Christopher Knaus said the rising emphasis on standardized testing would not yield major improvements as long as heavily minority schools had the least experienced teachers and highest faculty turnover.

"The curricula in most public schools also fails to adequately engage black students," Knaus wrote. "Disinterested students who are labeled as problems or disruptive often become the victims of 'zero tolerance' policies.

...contributing to the school-to-prison pipeline, especially among black males."

The report suggested that all-male schools with a strong emphasis on mentoring could help keep black boys "focused on their education and away from distractions that could lead them down the wrong paths."

The Urban League also recommended increased federal support for a summer jobs program in cities nationwide, and stressed that any overall progress will need a boost from parents.

"They must continually talk to their children about how much better off they will be by graduating from high school and college," it said.

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Texas Southern University In A Fight With Governor For Independence And Accreditation

Texas Governor Rick Perry's Call For Conservatorship At Texas Southern University Will Result in Major Consequences That Could Affect The Future of The Nation's Second Largest Historically Black College and University

Students and alumni of Texas Southern University, the nation's second largest historically black college and university (HBCU), is in an uphill battle with Texas Governor Rick Perry over his recent call for conservatorship of the university. Under the Governor's proposed plan, the conservator would be a single person governing the university on fiscal and administrative affairs, ultimately replacing the current Board of Regents. The plan

could put the university's accreditation in jeopardy.

The move by the Governor is a result of financial mismanagement of the university by former university president and chief executive officer, who were fired amidst allegations of misappropriations of funds for landscaping and furniture at the former president's residence. Soon after the firings, Governor Perry sent an interim president and interim chief financial officer and commissioned a blue-ribbon advisory panel to study the financial situation and make recommendations on what actions should be taken. However, both the interim president and interim chief financial officer are individuals who are not interested in the fate of Texas Southern University and

have agreed to recommend conservatorship to the Governor as the best option to resolve the financial situation at the University.

Despite the recommendations from his commissioned blue-ribbon panel, who clearly indicated in a report that, "conservatorship would severely stigmatize the institution and greatly damage its ability to carry out its educational mission. It concluded that conservatorship would damage student recruitment and retention." This recommendation has been totally ignored and the Governor has decided to do the exact opposite his commission's recommendations. To date, there is no significant evidence that affirms the university was eve in fiscal shamble.

Through a conservatorship, Texas Southern University could lose its accreditation, and will be unable to administer

literally be crippled and face a situation similar to that of Morris Brown College.

The Governor has asked the board of regents to resign and three has refused. As long as the three board members remain, the governor cannot appoint the conservator. No other university in the state of Texas or across the country has ever been placed into a conservatorship. Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee (D-Texas) has called for a federal intervention from the U.S. Department of Education stating that, "I am asking the U.S. Department of Education to intervene in connection with Governor Perry of Texas' intent to place Texas

Southern University in conservatorship while at the same time is continuing to operate under an outstanding federal civil rights violation. The Department of Education's policy as stated below requires the Office of Civil Rights to strictly scrutinize actions by states that "impose undue burdens on black students" during the desegregation process. The community believes that the proposed conservatorship is tantamount to a closing in strict violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Students and alumni will be traveling to Austin, TX, to rally and protest at the State Capitol and Governor Mansion on Friday, April 27, 2007.



Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee (D-Texas)

Golf Tournament To Raise Money For At Risk Teens- Inspirational Coach Honored

The 2nd Annual William Toles/Jordan CDC Charity Golf Tournament, presented by PGA Tour Superstore, will be held on May 5, 2007 at 1:00 pm, at Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 624 Country Club in Heath, Texas.



ing young people cross over from dreams into reality by

For the second year, the Jordan Community Development Corporation (JCDC), a non-profit community based organization, hosts the 2nd Annual Coach William Toles Charity Golf Tournament. The Jordan CDC believes in Coach Toles' commitment to help-

giving students from low economic households a fighting chance to fulfill their potential through higher education.

Golfers will tee off and participate in several contests including the long drives, closest-to-the-pins, and hole-in-one matches. The event also includes a professionally catered dinner by Johnny Carino's Country Italian Restaurant and a scholarship awards ceremony. All golfers will walk away from the Tournament with a one of a kind gift bag and a \$25.00

gift certificate to the PGA Tour Superstore.

Money raised from the 2nd Annual Coach William Toles Golf Tournament will benefit students from both Lincoln and Madison High Schools. This year's goal is to raise \$10,000 for scholarships. Last year, teenagers who survived Hurricane Katrina were the first recipients from the Toles Golf Classic.

Coach Toles was an inspiration to high school, college and professional athletes. His commitment to education and athletes spanned 25

years in the Dallas Area. Toles served as Principal at James Madison High School and Track Coach at Lincoln High School. In fact, Coach Toles' 1970 Lincoln Track team set the National Record in the 440 Relay.

History: The Jordan Community Development Corporation (JCDC) is a non-profit, 501(c) community based organization. Our mission is simple: to help the members of our community cross over from their dream into their realities by helping them help themselves. The

JCDC has programs that: 1) give teenagers information and skills to make healthy choices in the area of sexual abstinence, 2) promote wealth building and raise financial literacy, 3) increase home ownership in our community among all income levels placing additional focus on the under-served, and 4) provide college entrance scholarships. An additional objective is to encourage our constituents to develop a desire to help others by reinvesting in the community they call home.

DCCCD, Langston University Agree To Smooth Transfers For Students

Officials with the Dallas County Community College District and Langston University (Okla.) have signed an agreement that enables DCCCD students to finish their associate's degrees and then transfer seamlessly to Langston University to pursue their bachelor's degrees giving them yet another option to continue their careers in higher education. Langston is Oklahoma's only historically black university.

Representatives - including Dr. Wright Lassiter, DCCCD's chancellor, and Dr. JoAnn Haysbert, president of Langston University - participated in a signing ceremony on Wed., April 11, at 10 a.m. at DCCCD's

downtown office. Officials from both institutions also attended.

"DCCCD welcomes another new partner with us in higher education so that we can offer our students more options for their educational and professional growth," said Lassiter. "We look forward to the additional opportunities that this agreement will provide."

"We also welcome DCCCD students to Langston's family, and we look forward to working with them as they pursue their bachelor's degrees," said Haysbert.

Langston has three locations: its main campus in the city of Langston, plus upper-division urban learning centers in Tulsa

and Oklahoma City. The institution was established in 1897 as the land grant college named the Colored Agricultural and Normal University. The following year, the school was opened in a Presbyterian church with an initial budget of \$5,000, led by its first president, Dr. Inman E. Page, the son of a former slave who had purchased freedom for himself and his family. Haysbert became the institution's 15th president in 2005.

"The purpose of the DCCCD/Langston University agreement is to enable the district's students to transfer to Langston and carry with them the credits they already have earned for as much relevant study as possible," said Gregory Williams, DCCCD's director of transfer services/articulation and university relations. "Courses taken at any DCCCD college are considered equally transferable."

All DCCCD associate's degrees - Associate in Arts, Associate of Arts in Teaching, Associate in Applied Sciences and Associate in Sciences - transfer to Langston as a block; completed blocks are treated as a whole, and the components are not examined separately to determine transferability. DCCCD will not have to repeat lower-division requirements at LU, and DCCCD graduates who have a minimum 2.0 grade point average are guaranteed

admission to the university under the new agreement.

Additionally, DCCCD graduates who complete the district's 48-hour core curriculum will see those credits transfer as a block, which will satisfy the lower-division general education requirements at Langston. The core curriculum will be transferred from DCCCD and accepted as a component of an associate's degree or a stand-alone general education block not affiliated with an associate's degree.

The DCCCD/Langston University agreement also includes other stipulations; for more information, contact Williams at (214) 860-2185.



Left (front) Dr. JoAnn Haysbert, president of Langston University, and Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr., DCCCD chancellor.

DCCD Graduation Ceremonies In April And May

Hundreds of Dallas County Community College District students will cross the stage during commencement ceremonies beginning April 29 and continuing through May. Graduates from DCCCD's seven individually accredited colleges will hear a variety of keynote speakers and receive greetings delivered by members of the district's board of trustees. The schedule is listed below.

El Centro College - Sun.,

April 29, 2007, at Southern Methodist University, Moody Coliseum, 3 p.m.

DCCCD Trustee Martha Sanchez Metzger will bring official greetings from the board, and Dr. Ruth Shaw, El Centro's fourth president, will deliver the commencement address.

Richland College - Fri. and Sat., May 4 and 5, 2007, lake-side by Guadalupe Hall, 7:30 p.m. each evening

Jerry Prater, chairman, will



bring official greetings from the DCCCD Board of Trustees.

Brookhaven College - Thurs., May 10, 2007, at Loos Field house on Spring Valley Road, Farmers Branch, 7 p.m.

Trustee Bob Ferguson will bring official greetings from the board.

Cedar Valley College - Thurs., May 10, 2007, on the soccer field, southeast of the gym, 7 p.m.

Trustee Kitty Boyle will

bring official greetings from the board; Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr., DCCCD's chancellor, is the keynote speaker.

Eastfield College - Thurs., May 10, 2007, at Mesquite Convention Center and Exhibit Hall, 1800 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite, 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Charletta Compton will bring official greetings from board; President/CEO Terry Loftis of Dallas-based Nerve Communications (and also an Eastfield alumnus) is

keynote speaker.

Mountain View College - Thurs., May 10, 2007, at Jesse Owens Memorial Complex, 9191 S. Polk Street, Dallas, 7 p.m.

Trustee Sonny Williams will bring official greetings from the board.

North Lake College - Thurs., May 10, 2007, at North Lake College, 7 p.m.

Trustee Diana Flores will bring official greetings from the board.

Memorial Services Announced For Civic Leader Carol Ann Brandon

"I committed my life to the service of others."

- Carol Ann Brandon

The Memorial Service for City Official Carol Brandon will be held at the Hall of State at Fair Park. (The service was initially scheduled to be held at Friendship-West Baptist Church.) Ms. Brandon was a long time Dallas public servant and community activist.

Services will be held Friday, April 27, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at The Hall of State at Fair Park, 3939 Grand Avenue Dallas, Texas.

Ms. Brandon has been an active part of the Dallas com-

munity for over 30 years. She served as a Legal Assistant at the Law Office of Scottie D. Allen, Program Manager for ACORN Housing Corporation and Special Services Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the President/CEO Joyce Ann Brown of Mothers (Fathers) for the Advancement of Social Systems, Inc. Most recently she served as Community Services Assistant in the office of State Representative Terri Hodge. When her physical disability required her to retire, Ms. Brandon began serving the community as a volunteer.

Ms. Brandon touched the lives

of many and she was very concerned about the quality of life for the citizens of Dallas. As a member of the City of Dallas Park & Recreation Board (1992-2002), she was very concerned and worked to provide safe playgrounds for children to play and water parks in the community. Ms. Brandon was also instrumental in working with NBA star and Dallasite Larry Johnson in building the Larry D. Johnson Recreation Center on Dixon Circle in South Dallas. As a member of the City of Dallas Planning & Zoning Commission (2002-2006) she lead the charge to rename Boulder Drive to

Pastor Bailey Drive, the restructuring of the Dallas City Council to 14-1 and most recently, the community effort to close a sexually oriented business in Oak Cliff.

Her efforts to help the poor and disenfranchised took her many directions. She was an active force in the Black Adoption Agency's "One Child, One Church" program, the Martin Luther King Jr. Center and countless other community organizations.

Ms. Brandon was an active member of the steering committee for the Annual KwanaaFest

hosted by Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price at Fair Park.

Ms. Brandon received many awards for her work in the Dallas community and was a member of Friendship-West Baptist Church of Dallas.

Ms. Carol Ann Brandon was a native of Dallas, Texas, born to the parentage of the late Willie Brandon and the late Francis Louise Frias on April 10, 1957. After graduation from South Oak Cliff High School in 1975, she continued her education by attending Dallas County Community College, and later transferred to the University of

North Texas in Denton. Her major course study was Business Administration.

Carol Ann Brandon's life was dedicated to serving others. She will be missed.

Flowers for Ms. Brandon can be delivered to: Clark Manor Funeral Home, 7515 South R. L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas TX 75203, 214-942-7372.

For those elected officials, community and social organizations and individuals that would like to present proclamations, resolutions and/or make remarks please call MASS Inc. at 214-821-8810 by Thursday at 5 p.m.

Plano Police Awards Page 1

one now suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, as they fled from the bank. Officer Sholes again engaged them in gun fire behind the bank. Both subjects were quickly taken into custody with the assistance of other responding officers. Officer Sholes, because

of his observation skills, quick actions, and desire to protect the occupants of the bank and the citizens of our city, put himself in danger without any hesitation and at risk to his own safety. These suspects had been involved in additional bank robberies, and had extensive criminal histories, including murder.

Other award winners included:

- Civilian of the Year Award - Ms. Liu Yuan
- Meritorious Service Award (for being Civilian of the Year Finalist) - Ms. Josef Theurer
- Meritorious Service Award (for being Civilian of the Year Finalist) - Mr. Brandon Sailer
- Officer of the Year Award - Detective Jeff Rich
- Meritorious Service Award (for being Officer of the Year Finalist) - Ofc. Danny Breyans
- Meritorious Service Award (for being Officer of the Year Finalist) - Ofc. Sean White
- Rookie of the Year Award - Officer Byron Betser
- Meritorious Service Award (for being Rookie of the Year Finalist) - Ofc. Paul Malcom
- Supervisor of the Year Award - Sergeant Terry Holway
- Meritorious Service Award (for being Supervisor of the Year Finalist) - Ms. Charlotte Holzmeister
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- Meritorious Service Award (for being Supervisor of the Year Finalist) - Ofc. Paul Malcom
- Supervisor of the Year Award - Sergeant Terry Holway
- Meritorious Service Award (for being Supervisor of the Year Finalist) - Ms. Charlotte Holzmeister
- Meritorious Service Award (for being Supervisor of the Year Finalist) - Sgt. Sandy Tomeo
- Civic Achievement Award - Christmas Cops (all members listed below)
- Lifesaving Award - Officer Allen Klark
- Lifesaving Award - Officer David Waddell

Arts & Entertainment

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Jamie Foxx Brings One-Man Show To Nokia

Comedian and Academy Award winner Jamie Foxx gets back to his roots as he brings his one man show to Grand Prairie's Nokia Theater on Friday, April 27.

"The tour is absolutely amazing," he says. "I'm pioneering this tour with 40 minutes of comedy where I talk about the elements of what's going on with me now - how to handle yourself when you win an Oscar - and my fans want me to go back to Wanda (In Living Color). Either way, I'm coming back. It's like the old western where the cowboy walks in the saloon. Jamie still has it. He's back."

Foxx capitalized on his Oscar win by launching a 30-city national tour for his hit album, "Unpredictable." After appearing in Hollywood blockbusters ranging from "Collateral" to "Ray," to the hugely successful "Dreamgirls," Foxx says he's ready get back to his roots of performing in front of live audiences. For Jamie Foxx, stand-

up comedy remains his purest challenge-with or without an Oscar.

"It doesn't mean anything that you have an Oscar when you're telling jokes," he says. "I do stand-up all the time ... it's a stand-up when I go on stage. Every comic, no matter how far they have come with other talents, they want to top another comic's act. We're all in this friendly competition and we all want to make people laugh."

His stage show is split into two very distinct halves, with the first half featuring a traditional stand-up routine. Among the subjects of his humor are Briney Spears, Michael Richards, O.J. Simpson, Prince and Oprah.

The second half of the show is a high-energy concert featuring a full band, backup singers and skimpily-clothed dancers, performing to Foxx's chart-topping "Unpredictable" album as well as selections from the late Ray Charles.

With song titles such as "Three Letter Word," "DJ Play a Love

Song," "Warm Bed" and "Love Changes," the album is definitely a romantic throwback to R&B.

He channels Charles on the tour and ends his concert as a benediction, similar to one you may find in church.

Jamie Foxx performs at Nokia Theater, Grand Prairie on



Friday, April 27, at 8 p.m. To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 214-373-8000, metro 972-647-5700.

Romeo Big Enough For College Ball

Like father, like son. Not to disparage Romeo's dancing skills or anything.

The actor-rapper and son of hip-hop mogul Master P said



that he's headed to the University of Southern California this fall to play basketball for the Trojans, according to a rep for Romeo's online label,

UrbanDigital Records.

Romeo, whose real name is Percy Romeo Miller and who used to go by the moniker Lil' Romeo, was an All-American point guard for Beverly Hills High School and, at 6-foot-1, has designs on playing in the NBA.

"I love basketball, I've been doing that since I was two years-old," the former star of Romeo! on Nickelodeon told MTV Radio. "I've been doing it since before the music and acting ... I try to make it so I am able to do all of them. If it gets to that point, I won't give up acting or rapping at all. I love it, my fans love it. I'm gonna be dedicated to them."

He said that he's hoping to release his latest album, Gumbo Station, later this year.

"Basketball has run in the family," UrbanDigital spokesman Dave Lindsay said, referring to Master P, who, despite his sorry turn on Dancing with the Stars last year, scored tryouts with two NBA teams back in the 1990s.

USC refused to comment on Romeo's status because the school has not yet received a signed letter of intent from the prospective Trojan, who reportedly is planning to major in business administration.

Romeo's sophomore album Game Time hit number one on the U.S. R&B charts in 2002, when the aspiring baller was 12 and barely measured 5-foot-6.

DBDT II Spring Fiesta Is First Rate Performance

By: A. Anjelica Harris, Special Contributor

I thought I was in for an evening of viewing artists with "potential," but I could not have been more wrong ... and I am so glad that I was. DBDT II, the second performing company of Dallas Black Dance Theatre, gave an energetic dance concert that steadily built to a feel-good finale.

Each piece commanded your attention for its own reason. Of the seven works in the show, four were choreographed by DBDT II Artistic Director and professional dancer with Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Alynne D. Gartrell. Usually that means that you are in for the same dance to different music; but Mr. Gartrell drew from a vast pool of techniques and delivered a fresh taste each time.

Love Songs, by another DBDT dancer Nycrole Ray, almost made me wish for a companion. The intricate series of weight-transfers was executed to near perfection; and the dancers projected such longing for one another, it made me wonder if there was some back-story I had missed.

It's Magic and It's Going to Be a Gladys Knight were both up-tempo, sassy numbers; but each had a distinct feel for their celebration. The Gladys Knight work was beautifully lit by Milton T. Tatum, Jr.; and the dancers' energy did not let up from start to finish - even their jazz walks and seamless transi-

tions had a driving pulse. It may have been fueled by the bright yellow costumes that screamed high-energy.

A special treat was the performance of Nepenthe by Contemporary Ballet Dallas. Although I had hoped to see some dazzling pointe work, the female trio showed technical prowess even in soft shoes. Andrea Toler's performance per-

a guest dancer on the program performing Reflections by Grambling State University choreographer Dianne Maroney-Grigsby; and he made a cameo appearance in It's Magic. His clarity of movement was as awe-inspiring as what he did on that stage. He danced to John Legend's "Ordinary People," but his performance was truly extraordi-



sonality really shined through.

There are two gold star awards for the night. First goes to To Feel & Understand, a powerful work overflowing with emotion and technical mastery. Dancer Katrina Higgins hit every fourtette turn and whipped out triple pirouettes with great ease. Also impressive was the great facility of Stephanie Davis, with tilts, properly places lines and unmatched musicality. If the show had ended then, I would have been satisfied.

The second gold star goes to Richard A. Freeman, Jr. He was

nary. They may be the second company, but their presentation was first class. I later learned that they rehearse three times a week, perform all over the city and dance is not their full-time job. I asked one of the dancers, "Why do you all work so hard?" She answered by simply saying, "Because we love it." And I will continue to view DBDT II...because I loved it.

A. Anjelica Harris is a freelance writer based in the DFW metroplex.

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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 Douglass Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service club 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.assistanceleague-gcc.org.

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays the 100. For more info, call 214-333-5777 or e-mail dbunorth@dbu.edu.

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 214-928-9033.

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.

Kumaasi 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 ID. 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 Ydraca 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.TheYdracaShow.com 877-840-0457. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

April 26
DISD-Council of PTA 55th Annual Life Membership & Scholarship Luncheon, Honoring life members, past presi-

dents and benefiting the Council of PTA Scholarship Fund, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7050 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. For ticket info call Ruby J. Scott, 214-943-5998 or Pamela Craddock 214-372-6061

African American Republican Club will meet at the Collin County Republican Headquarters at 2520 Avenue K, Suite 280, Plano, Texas. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The information on our speaker for the month is as follows: Ms. Suzanne Walls, Retired CPA, The Drug Policy Forum of Texas, How We Got into This Mess and the Special Interest That Keep us Here"

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce Monthly Evening Mixer, Stephanie Ward Gallery, 920 E. 18th St. Plano, TX 75074, 214-473-4234, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Free. RSVP by April 24, 2007 cbccsecretary@yahoo.com, sponsorship opportunities available call blackwax 214-289-7840

Urban Ministries Prayer Breakfast, Hilton Anatole Hotel (Chantilly Ballroom), 2201 Stemmons Fwy, 6:30 am \$500 (tables) - \$50 <http://dubweb1.blackbaud.com>

April 27
Denton Arts & Jazz Festival
Great music, good food, beautiful art and many activities are planned for the whole family in Denton, Texas, where FUN IS THE THING and JAZZ IS KING! Civic Center Park, 321 E McKinney St. in Denton, 5 pm - 11 pm. FREE. 940-565-0931

Creative Tyme Literary & Visual Arts Ministry of Oak Cliff

Bible Fellowship presents open mic night "Off the Page" from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the choir room. For more info, send e-mail to creativetyme@yahoo.com.

Jamie Foxx Concert, Nokia Live Theater, 1001 Next Stage Dr. in Grand Prairie, 8 pm, 214-373-8000

The Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce hosts its monthly general membership lunch & networking meeting, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. This on-going monthly luncheon features various speakers discussing topics such as; business financing, government procurement opportunities, business start up, and much more. This month's speaker is Monica Corneiti, Business Counselor with the Collin SBDC, Ralph & Kacoos 401 Central Expressway South Allen, Texas 75013

Erykah Badu hosts the Dallas Soul Music Conference at the Black Forest Theatre, 1920 Martin Luther King Blvd. For more info, visit www.neosoulcafe.com.

April 28, 2007
Black Academy of Arts and Letters presents Zane. Spend an early Saturday morning dining with one of America's most popular urban authors , Zane, as she talks about the ups and downs of writing, publishing and making a living as a writer. Dallas Convention Center Theatre, 650 South Griffin Street in Dallas, 10 a m - noon \$15 for Breakfast.

April 30
Arlington-Grand Prairie Guide Right Foundation, Inc. Grand Prairie Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 14th Annual Metroplex Beautillion, Wyndam

Hotel, 1500 Convention Center Drive, 7 p.m. 817-535-7810

The National Black MBA Association of the Dallas Fort Worth Chapter will host a career planning workshop at the University of Dallas in the Gorman Lecture Center, 1845 E. Northgate Drive, 9 am-6 pm. RSVP online at www.dfwmbas.org. For more information, call 214-853-4497.

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

The Altrusa International Foundation Inc and Southeast Tarrant County Early Risers Club will present Jazz With an Attitude at the Wyndham Arlington Dallas Fort Worth South, 1500 Convention Center Drive, 7-9 pm. For more information, call 817-548-7363.

The Global Day Dallas Aware Fest will present family day, music, films, lectures, and African drumming for the genocide in Darfur at the Hall of State Fair, 3939 Grand Ave. It is free-of-charge. For more information, call 972-948-7498 or send and e-mail to Rhonda@darfurawareness.com.

G.H.A.P. (God Has A Plan) Grant Writing Seminar, 9 am-4 pm at Ryan's Bakery & Grill, 909 Tripp Rd., Mesquite. Lunch is free. For more info visit www.ghap-texas.org or 214-497-4260.

April 30
NAACP Garland Branch Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, April 30, 2007 (6:30p.m. - executive committee; 7:30p.m. - general membership). please join

us at 7:30p.m. for a special "thank you" tribute to long-time executive committee member and former officer, rev. James anthony and wife (walles) who will be relocating out of the garland area soon.

May 2
African Chamber of Commerce DFW Luncheon with DCCCD - Rosalind McDonald /Adrian Williams Bill J Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth Room 202A in Dallas, 7:215,12 noon, 214-421-6155

May 3
Collin County Christian Prayer Breakfast. Annual breakfast of prayer, song, and a message of Christ's influence in our lives. Keynote speaker will be Captain Scott O'Grady, survivor of downed aircraft in hostile territory in Bosnia. For more information, call 214 757-7259, www.collinchristianprayer-breakfast.com.

May 4
Musician Roger Boykin will be featured at the African American Museum inside the Fair Park, 3809 Grand Ave, 7-10 p.m. For more information, call 214-569-9026.

The Texas Notary Public Association will host its last spring seminar at the Holiday Inn Express, 21850 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway to train current or prospective notaries and provide you with the most up-to-date information available, 9 am-12 pm. RSVP is required. For more information, call 972-288-9900.

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two old friends the new face of black political leadership - figures as comfortable in the boardroom as on the picket line who can appeal to large swathes of white voters.

Both candidates share similar life stories, rising from modest means with the help of family and education.

For Obama, it meant Columbia University before Harvard Law School, where he was the first black president of the Harvard Law Review. For Patrick, who grew up in the shadow of the Robert Taylor Homes housing project in Chicago, it meant Milton Academy before Harvard University and Harvard Law.

They also share a political language ringing with themes of hope, new beginnings, and citizen-friendly government. At times they seem to be reading off the same script.

"They've moved beyond the rhetoric of the civil rights generation," said David Gergen, a former White House aide now teaching at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

"They accept the nobility of that generation... but they believe there are new solutions," he said. "We are in a new age where these new black politicians are not just trying to appeal to a broad base of voters, but they are succeeding."

While Patrick welcomes the "new" label, he balks at the idea that the only reason he and Obama are seen as different is because they haven't focused exclusively on civil rights.

"It's an oversimplification. It's a dimension of him, it's a dimension of me," Patrick, who worked for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund early in his career, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Black politicians haven't come solely from the civil rights movement. Not here in Massachusetts, not anywhere in the country."

"I think what made a difference for me here is not one thing. What made a difference for me here was in some ways a moment in time," he added.

Obama and Patrick share a friendship stretching back to Patrick's days heading the civil rights division of the Clinton era Justice Department, when Obama was trying to launch a

political career in Patrick's home state of Illinois.

While Patrick landed top jobs at Coca-Cola and Texaco, Obama shot through the political ranks, winning a seat in the state Legislature.

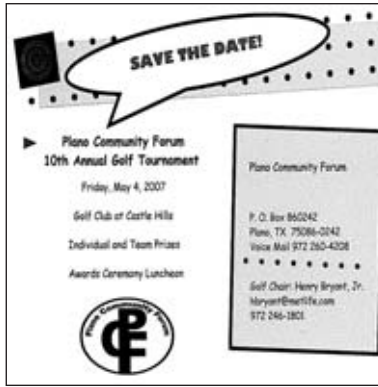
In 2004, Obama became the first black man from Illinois to win a seat in the U.S. Senate. Two

years later, Patrick, in his first run for office, became the first black governor of Massachusetts.

While Patrick remains popular, his first months were plagued by missteps, from upgrading his official car to a Cadillac to placing a call to Citigroup on behalf of a struggling lending company on whose board he once served.

Critics of Patrick and Obama worry that voters are being swayed by personality and a lingering desire to right past racial injustices. "My real issue is with voters who vote for a complete stranger just because he's nice

looking and well spoken and makes them feel good for voting for a black candidate," said Barbara Anderson, an anti-tax activist who supported Patrick's Republican opponent. "They get too caught up in the charisma."



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- Time: **6:30 pm**
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A loved one died, and on that clear, cold morning, in the warmth of the day the other person was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't anymore. No more hugs, no more special moments to celebrate together, no more phone calls just to chat, no more "just one minute." Sometimes, what we care about the most gets all used up and goes away, never to return before we can say, "good-bye," before we can say, "I love you."

So while we have it. Its best we love it, care for it and fix it when it's broken . . . and heal it when it's sick. This is true for spouses, children, other family members, friends, marriages, aging parents and grandparents. We keep and love them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Some things we keep -- like a best friend who moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make us happy, no matter what. Life is important, like people we know who are special; and so, we keep them close. Suppose one morning you never wake up, do all your family and friends know

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you love them? I was thinking . . . I could die today, tomorrow or next week, and I wondered if I had any wounds needing to be healed, friendships that needed rekindling or three words needing to be said.

Let every one know you love them. Even if you think they don't love you back, you would be amazed at what those three little words and a smile can do.

Live today to the fullest because

worry about it **TOMORROW** with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. **TOMORROW** is also beyond our immediate control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds—but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in **Tomorrow**, for it is as yet unborn; and its no guarantee that we live to see **Tomorrow**.

This leaves only one day -- **TODAY** -- Any man or woman can fight the battles of just one day! It is only when you add the burdens of those two other eternities -- **Yesterday** and **Tomorrow** that we break down.

It is not the experience of **Today** that drives men and women into a state of depression and worrying—it is remorse or bitterness for something which happened

Yesterday which is forever beyond our control; and the dread of what **Tomorrow** which is yet unborn and beyond our immediate control, may bring.

Let us, therefore, live but one day at a time. Let Us Pray and Learn to Keep An Open Mind.

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Rev. Horace L. Crayton, Founder/Emeritus Pastor and the Keynote Speaker at Greater Mount Hebron BC 44th Church Anniversary, Dallas; Rev. Fred Conwright is the current pastor; and Sister Tarpley.

tomorrow is not promised. **Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow:** There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is **YESTERDAY** with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. **Yesterday** has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back **Yesterday**. We cannot erase a single word said. **Yesterday** is gone forever. The other day we should not

of the attack. He lived with his mother and brother in Linden and had no criminal background or history of violence.

Authorities say Johnson was lured to a pasture party, given alcohol and taunted for the defendants' amusement. He was found unconscious on a fire ant mound and had suffered a serious con-

fusion and bleeding in the brain. Jurors in the criminal cases against Amox and Hicks charged them of serious felony charges and instead convicted them of a lesser charge, recommending sentences of probation. Stone and Owens pleaded guilty to an "injury to a disabled individual by omission" charge.

Beating Case #1

for the Southern Poverty Law Center. The two other defendants, Dallas Chadwick Stone and John Wesley Owens, previously reached confidential settlements, the center said in a statement. Johnson functioned at the mental level of a child at the time

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May 2 - 4, 7 pm Nightly
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PEOPLE OF FAITH WITH A MIND TO WORK

Women Praying For Christ Ministry Holding Prayer Shut-In

Women Praying For Christ Ministry is holding their Prayer Shut-In #2 Program on Friday, April 27, 2007. The Prayer Shut-In will be held at the Open Bible Fellowship Church (Pastor Don Bright), 2701 Briarwood Drive, Plano, Texas. This "For Women Only" event will feature dynamic women speakers and prayer warriors from all over the DFW metropol. Doors will open at 11 A different speaker will be featured every hour on the hour for the duration

of the event. Scheduled speakers include: Dr. Angela S. King (WPF Founder and CEO), Candace Watson (Hope and Humble), Connie Greer (First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park), Evangelist Dorothy Danberry (Rhema Life Fellowship Church), Maria Reyna (Productive Women Ministries), Sister Dorothy Beard (SISTAS Ministry Inc.), Prophet Charlotte Posa (To Women With Love Ministries), Leslie Denman (Girls Living Life on Purpose, Inc.),



Dr. Angela S. King, WPF Founder/CEO

Kertrina Dauway (Psalmist), Prophetess Lori Manning (Dominion Keepers Community Church), Rosilyn Houston (The Potters House), Robyn H. Jimenez (WPF-Spoken Word).

The theme for the Prayer Shut-In is "A Call for the Waiting Women", with scriptural reference of Jeremiah 9:17-20. The vision statement for the shut-in is "If you want something different from God in 2007, you must do something different for Him".

Admission is free, but pre-

registration is required. Attendees are asked to fast April 23-27. Suggested attire is loose fitting clothing. WPF is an outreach organization that targets women and families to provide support and services related to personal growth. They conduct a Christian Sisterhood and Support Group that emphasizes intercessory prayer. The WPF Ministry understands and espouses the power that lies in prayer and faith. Women Praying for Christ Ministry is nondenominational

and open to anyone in need of help. WPF is not a church and is not intended to take the place of any church prayer team, but instead to be an addition and complement to those prayer chains by increasing prayer support for specific needs WPF has faith in the age-old adage and belief that there is power in prayer and strength in numbers. For more info and registration call 214-450-7634, or log onto www.womenprayingforchrist.org.

Bishop T. D. Jakes' For Ladies Only Conference

Women all over the world are making plans to be in Dallas, Texas October 18 - 20 to attend For Ladies Only.



Created with you in mind, this conference is designed to address relevant issues related to today's woman. Known for his candid yet compassionate

approach, Bishop T. D. Jakes along with his wife, First Lady Serita Jakes have pulled together some of the world's best speakers to propel you into your destiny.

Guests include Joyce Meyer, Yolanda Adams, Susie Owens, Gloria Gaither, Dr. Bridgett Hilliard and Ernestine Reems-Dickerson.

Mark your calendar and reserve your seat now for the biggest conference of the year! Enjoy 3 power-packed days that will ignite your passion and propel you into your greatest dreams.

Participants will discover how

to: Create a Strategy for Your Life • Recover Every Set Back • Improve Your Relationships • Revive Your Spirit.

You can enjoy every aspect of your life and find balance in the multiple roles you play as companion, mother, business leader and friend. God wants you to live the good life and to experience every benefit of His blessing. He's just that into you

The event will be held at The Gaylord Texan Resort, 1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine, TX 76051, 817-778-1000.

HBCU Concert Chorale To Perform At Local Church

Langston University Concert Chorale to perform at Keller Springs Baptist Church on Sunday, April 29th at 4:00 pm.

The Keller Springs Baptist Church will host a special concert featuring the Langston University Concert Chorale on Sunday, April 29th at 4:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

Langston University is a 110-year-old Historically Black University Langston, Oklahoma.

The Chorale, under the direction of Bonita Franklin, is visiting Dallas

to perform at Keller Springs as part of their Spring Tour.

The Chorale is composed of more than 35 young singers who are selected by audition.

Members of the Chorale hail from Oklahoma, Texas, New York, California, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Connecticut and Tennessee. The Chorale consists of music majors and other majors in various disciplines offered at Langston University and include several McCabe Honors Program participants and Thurgood Marshall

Scholarship recipients.

The musical repertoire of this dynamic ensemble represents a wide variety of styles, languages and periods. The essence of their definitive sound is evident in their prized CD produced in the Spring of 1998.

Keller Springs Baptist Church is proud to host this unique opportunity to hear the Chorale.

The church is located at 3227 Keller Springs Road in Carrollton, just west of the intersection of Keller Springs and Midway.

Plano Receives FDI Magazine "North American Small Cities Of The Future 2007-08" Award

FDI Magazine has just released the names of the "North American Cities of the Future 2007/08" Award winners and Plano, Texas won in the category of North American Small Cities of the Future – Best Human Resources. This is the fifth year of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Magazine's competition to select and promote cities, large and small, with the best prospects for inward investment, economic development, business expansion, and quality of life.

From British Columbia, Canada to Chetumal, Mexico – and all cities, states and provinces in between – a total of 108 applications were submitted and categorized into four "long and short lists": Major (pop. over 2 million), Large (pop. 500,000 – 2 million), Small (pop. 100,000 – 500,000), and Micro (pop.

under 100,000). All nominees are scored by an independent panel of nine judges on over 60 criteria designed to assess each cities' potential to attract business investment projects.

The selection process involved seven major "factors" of consideration:

- Best Economic Potential
- Most Cost Effective
- Best Human Resources
- Best Quality of Life
- Best Infrastructure
- Most Business Friendly
- Best FDI Promotion

Plano, Texas was chosen one of the "Top 5 Small Cities" in the "Human Resources" factor along with Albany, New York; Waterloo and Windsor, Ontario; and Greenville, South Carolina. Very few cities scored in the Top 5 on more than four of the seven selection factors in their size range, making this distinction all the more special.

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed

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11:00 a.m.

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

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