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**People In The News**



**Ephren W. Taylor II** the youngest African-American CEO of any publicly traded company—City Capital Corporation (CCCN). He started his first business venture at age 12, built a multi-million dollar national company by age 17, and his companies currently manage over \$150 million in assets. In April 2007, Taylor presented Cheney University with a check for \$353,000 to create the specialized curriculum for high school and college-aged aspiring entrepreneurs. Cheney University is the nation's oldest historically Black institution of higher education, and the only Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The Ephren W. Taylor II Entrepreneurial Academy will provide training, mentoring and an in-depth overview of entrepreneurship. Students will be exposed to the process of how to start, operate and thrive as business owners. Students will also gain knowledge of the impact small businesses have on the global economy. Taylor is also an author, inspirational speaker and real estate mastermind. Taylor's web site is [www.ephren.com](http://www.ephren.com).

**Tom Braxton**, a native of West Texas, contributes his success to his father, who has a love for jazz. "I credit my dad with connecting me to jazz at an early age. I have memories of music flowing through the air from my parents' bedroom. He put the alto sax in my hands in the 6th grade, after playing piano for two years." Braxton has shared the stage with Lenny Vandross, Philip Bailey, Kirk Whalum, Jonathan Butler, Jeff Golub, George Duke and Paul Brown. Braxton has toured with Tisdale for over a decade. Braxton has produced four successful records on his own. In 2004, Braxton and friend Wayman Tisdale teamed up for a project. After some creative and fun moments in the studio, Bounce was given life and a CD was born. In 2007, Braxton joined forces with the growing Pacific Coast Jazz record label and is gearing up for a summer tour with a new release. The title of the CD, *Imagine This*.



**Thomas A. Hart, Jr.**, recently hired as General Counsel for Group Geetz Architects. Prior to joining GGA, Hart was a partner at Holland & Knight, LLP where he practiced telecom, real estate, and corporate law. Hart brings to GGA an extensive knowledge of the real estate industry, with particular emphasis on developments. He independently owns and develops real estate holdings, particularly Hartland Commons, which is located across the street from the Howard theatre in the historical Shaw district of the city. Hart currently serves as president of CLEO Condominium Association, a complex in the Soldier's Heights area of Petworth. Hart works with the National Bankers Association and the Congressional Black Caucus. He is also an active member of the African-American Real Estate Professionals organization (AAREP). Recently, he spearheaded the first "Visions of Washington" event at GGA that was designed to salute citizens of the D.C. community who had contributed to its lifestyle, urban-escape, and infrastructure.



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**Republicans Move To Seek Jefferson's Expulsion From House One Day After His Indictment**

**AP** Washington - Republicans moved on Tuesday to seek Rep. William J. Jefferson's expulsion from Congress, a day after the Louisiana Democrat was indicted on charges of taking more than \$500,000 in bribes.



Jefferson, meanwhile, relinquished his seat on the House Small Business Committee before members of his own party could vote to kick him off the panel. In a two-paragraph letter to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Jefferson, 60, said he was taking the step "in the light of recent developments in a legal matter." He acknowledged no wrongdoing. Republicans, citing Pelosi's election-season promise to run the most ethical House in history, sought Jefferson's expulsion from the chamber, possibly before he comes to trial on the bribery charges.

Republican Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio was pushing for a vote late Tuesday on a resolution to bar Jefferson from serving on any House committee and to direct the ethics committee to decide by July 11 whether the allegations

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**Presidential Candidates Still Silent On Most Issues Pertaining To African-Americans**

**By: Amber English - NNPA Special Correspondent** Washington - The war in Iraq and the issue of immigration took center stage during the second 2008 presidential debate in New Hampshire Sunday night.

These are issues that African-Americans care about, political observers say, but, what about the low quality education in city schools, the violent crime rates that are up for the second year in a row, the unemployment rate among African-Americans that consistently doubles that of Whites and the mandatory minimum sentences that keeps Blacks crowding prisons across the nation?

Though African-Americans are adamantly against the war and immigration is on America's front burner, political observers say Democratic candidates have yet to tackle the bread and butter domestic issues that disparately relate to Black people.

"With the Democrat Party, when the candidates get to the issues, they make us a part of the omnibus," says Thomas Todd, a political commentator who is a former federal prosecutor and former leader of Operation PUSH in Chicago. "But being the most loyal and the largest voting block in the Democratic Party, you would think that they would deal with issues that specifically address the problems facing Black people or African-Americans. It's not being done."

Health care, education, and other domestic issues were touched upon briefly, but not mostly within the last 10 minutes of

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**Ronald Jones: The Right Man At The Right Time For Garland Mayor**

**By: Paul Hatley The time is now.**

While those words were not the campaign slogan of Ronald Jones' campaign for mayor, they do represent the sentiment of those who feel the time is now for a black mayor in Garland, Texas. The true test of this sentiment will come on June 16, when the town of 200,000 will hold a runoff election for mayor between Mr. Jones and his opponent Lee Alewine to determine who will succeed outgoing mayor Bob Day.



Mr. Jones was the leading vote getter in the May 12 general election, but his 2,887 votes (43 percent) fell just short of giving him a clear majority in the mayor's race. Mr. Jones has shaped his campaign around enhancing the view of Garland by both its citizens and prospective businesses. Although he has downplayed the significance of being elected Garland's first black mayor, the impact is obvious in a town with a current city council that does not include a single minority member.

"I want to make Garland the city of choice for businesses to locate and succeed, for people to live and raise a family, with a government that is accessible and open and where education and the performing arts thrive," Mr. Jones said going into the race. "As far as becoming the first African-American mayor, I will also be a mayor for everyone." His priorities in the race have included public safety, neighborhood vitality, downtown development and funding for the city's cultural arts programs.

In spite of the potential for a heated contest, the Garland's mayoral campaign has been a courteous one, with the candidates regarding each other with respect and courtesy.

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**TPA Press Release - New Officers Take The Helm At TPA**

TPA Newswire - Texas Publishers Association held its first meeting under the newly elected 2007 - 2008 slate of officers, Saturday, May 19, 2007 in Corsicana, Texas.

The 21 year old organization was founded in 1985 and is made up of twenty-two black newspapers around the state of Texas including Houston, San Antonio, Lubbock, Dallas, Longview, Tyler, Rusk, Corsicana, Farmersville, Greenville, Mesquite, Plano and Austin, the capital of the great state of Texas.

To be classed as a black newspaper, a newspaper must be owned and managed by black people, intended for black consumers, and deal with the interests and concerns of black people. Most importantly of all, it should speak for the poor, women, minorities and the oppressed as well as, empower the people political, socially, and economically.

The black press remains the main source of information for Texas' growing black population. Black owned newspapers are published weekly, bi-weekly and monthly.

A recent readership study showed statewide readership exceeding 500,000 weekly, 520,000 bi-weekly and 550,000 monthly. As with the first-founded black newspaper, Freedom's Journal, in 1927 and others of the early 1900's, Texas Publishers Association continues the legacy of its predecessors. It challenges the black press of the past by being better. It uses the latest technology to disseminate the news faster and more efficiently. It uses investigative reporting to tell the facts and the TPA Press Release Page 3

**Spreading The Pain At The Gas Pump**

**By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist**

Let me see if I can say this a little stronger than I did the last time. Economics is local! Until we make a point of doing more than complaining and calling for symbolic gestures to protest high gasoline prices - along with conservation, of course, Exxon/Mobil, Conoco Phillips, Chevron, Shell, and British Petroleum will continue to laugh at us and do whatever they want with prices. Just as the crooks at Enron did in California when they caused an artificial hike in energy prices, the gasoline crooks are doing the same thing to us now.

Iraqis killed thus far, "It's the casualties of war." For the life of me, I do not understand why we continue to come up with empty, meaningless, gestures to let crooks know we don't like their actions. Don't you think they already know that? Gas Out Day, May 15th, on which I did participate by not buying gas, was symbolic and really meant nothing to the gasoline industry thieves. Where I live, the price per gallon on May 14th was \$3.19; on May 15th the price was \$3.29. Gotcha!

The gas crooks just raised the price in the correct anticipation that many would still need gas, thus, they made even more profits on Gas Out Day than they would have on any other day. And just think what they made on May 16th. Knowing that we consumers are so undisciplined and dare not ever inconvenience ourselves by organizing a real gas out effort, they played us for the suckers we are - again. Now they are paying us back for our temerity of trying to retaliate

ten's of thousands of innocent

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**Cornyn: Senate Missed Opportunity To Bar Felons From Immigration Benefits**

**Senate narrowly defeats Cornyn's effort to bar all felons, including terrorist associates, gang members, sex offenders from legalization.**

Washington - U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship subcommittee, made the following statement Wednesday regarding the Senate's vote to keep in place loopholes in the proposed immigration bill which would allow a range of felons to pursue a path to legalization, and ultimately, U.S. Citizenship. The Senate today narrowly defeated, by a vote of 51 to 46, an amendment offered by Senator Cornyn

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## DCHHS Hosts Ghana Health Minister



DCHHS recently played host to health officials from the West African nation of Ghana. Dr. Karine Lancaster,

DCHHS Nursing Coordinator; Dr. E. T. Adjase, Director, Kintampo Rural Health Training School, Kintampo, Ghana; Esteria Miller, Senior Business Analyst, UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas; Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director; Honorable Dr. Gladys Norley Ashitey, Deputy Minister of Health, Republic of Ghana; Larry Laisa, Principal, LSG Financial, Dallas; Ms. Sarah Ashitey, Medical Student, UT Southwestern; and Anthony Kokute, Nurse, Lake Pointe Medical Center. Dr. Ashitey toured the DCHHS TB Elimination program, Immunization Clinic, and Bioterrorism laboratory. The visit was coordinated by local community leader Roslyn Fitch, Manager of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. DCHHS Hosts Ghana Health Minister.



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## Heaven 97 Mother's Day Give Away Contest Winner Tatiyana Smith

**The Best Grandmother**  
My name is Tatiyana Smith, I'm 13-years-old. This is why I love my grandmother, Dorothy Smith, so much. I have



watched her down thru the years. One time there was 12 people in our home and she took in a homeless person that had no family here. After that he got on his feet (moved out), and not long after that 2 more people needed a home and they moved in (not at the same time) until things got better. How many people will help you like that?

Another thing from 1984-1991 before I was born, my mother said "she fed people every Sunday after church these were people at First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park. These were members that didn't have family close by. I really wish all children could have a grandmother like mine. She denies

herself for others. She loves the Lord because if she didn't there's no way she would have taken chances with all of these people. I love to hear her sing those old hymns and she is the best cook around here. She is teaching me how to buy groceries with little money however buying a lot. How not to spend money buying things you really don't need only the things that are important.

My grandmother has been through 14 operations, and the last one was breast cancer in 2001 and she is back teaching in Plano ISD. I love it when I hear my friends talk about "Your grandmother is really cool". She tells stories about life that other teachers don't talk about. How



Dorothy Smith

to love one another, being kind, and sweet to your parents. She is awesome. Her 6 grandchildren love her.

Tatiyana Smith

## Longtime Dallas Business Leader Thomas L. Houston Passed Away Tuesday, June 6, 2007

Dallas - Houston retired in 1995 after leading the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce to national prominence over his 13-year tenure as executive director of the organization. His consummate skills at negotiation - honed during a banking career at several of the nation's largest financial institutions - helped transform a moribund business association into a force in the worlds of local, regional and



national business.

"Without question, Tom was a legend," said current DBCC President Reginald Gates. "He was my mentor in the chamber business, and he was without peer in understanding the role of the chamber in improving opportunities for Black owned businesses. I can truthfully say there was no one else like Thomas Houston, and business owners across this country owe him a debt of gratitude,

even if they didn't know him," said Gates. "We are all stunned and have suffered a deep professional and personal loss.

Houston played an active role in the creation of the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce, helped build the National Black Chamber of Commerce and led the National Association of African American Chambers of

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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 cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-267-4452.

**Assistance League of Greater Collin County** meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit [www.assistance-league-gc.org](http://www.assistance-league-gc.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 Dallas Baptist University-North, 3211 Internet Blvd., Suite 100, Frisco. For more info, call 214-333-5777 or e-mail [dbunorth@dbu.edu](mailto:dbunorth@dbu.edu).

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

**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 Grisco 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 I.D. 214-922-1200, [publicprograms@DallasMuseumofArt.org](http://publicprograms@DallasMuseumofArt.org).

**Dallas Baptist University-North Leadership 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, Frisco. For more info, call 214-333-5777 or e-mail [dbunorth@dbu.edu](mailto:dbunorth@dbu.edu).

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**A Lovingsong for Miss Lydia** This hilarious comedy takes a look at an elderly woman living on her own and the pitfalls that surround her. Runs

through June 17. Showtimes and ticket information contact Jubilee Theatre Box Office, 817/338-4411 Tuesday through Friday between noon and 6 p.m. or online by visiting the Jubilee website: [www.jubileetheatre.org](http://www.jubileetheatre.org).

**Open Mic Night** - Local talent will display their talent in poetry, music, and song during this talent exchange, 7-10 p.m., \$12 in advance \$15 at the door. Stephanie Ward Gallery 920 18th St. Plano, RSVP 469 229-0024

**Grab Your Handkerchief and Umbrella and Come Secondline** with New Birth Brass Band at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, 9 p.m. June 8 & 9, Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, 650 South Griffin Street, (At the corner of Canton and Akard Street), Tickets \$15, plus service fee. Tickets by phone with a credit card - call TBAAL Box Office at (214) 743-2400.

**Solo Exhibit - Dan Zino** will exhibit his new series of landscapes during a one-man show. He will display his affordable originals. Zino new series of work features small colorful abstract multicolored landscapes that are perfect for small places in your home. Come meet the artist and enjoy a cool glass of lemon and sweet Nappy Cake. 4-6 p.m. Stephanie Ward Gallery 920 18th St. Plano, RSVP 469 229-0024

**Art Camp** first summer camp for gifted children who are interested in fine arts. June 11-15, enrolling now for more info go to website [www.stephanievardgallery.com](http://www.stephanievardgallery.com)

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**22nd Annual Summer Youth Arts Institute**, Classes - Monday, June 12 - Thursday, July 6 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Room T-312, T313, T314. Naomi Bruton Theatre, 650 South Griffin Street, Dallas, (214) 743-2440 Final Performance - Friday, July 8 at 8:00 p.m. & Saturday, July 9 at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Naomi Bruton Theatre Institute Registration Fee - \$20 Performance - FREE

**Flamefest Annual Competitive Soccer Tournament** Al Rushhaupt Soccer Complex & McKinney Soccer Complex at Craig Ranch; June 15-17; For application & rules go to website: [www.blackwatchsoccer.net](http://www.blackwatchsoccer.net) or Contact Tournament Director 972-390-0525 FAX: 214-544-1123 EMAIL: [flamefestsoccer@hotmail.com](mailto:flamefestsoccer@hotmail.com)

**7th Annual Sankofa Muse Cafe Bash "WINE, WATER-MELON, THE WORD"** Sip wine, eat watermelon and get ready for the word when REGENT POETS mix up music with hip-hop and rap at this mega-jam night on open Mic. Presented in partnership with Regent Management. Friday, 15 & Saturday, 16 at 9 p.m. The Black Academy of Arts & Letters, Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, 650 South Griffin Street, (At the corner of Canton and Akard Street), Tickets, \$10 call TBAAL Box Office at (214) 743-2400.

**Urban League Pleasant Grove Juneteenth Celebration** Dallas

County District Attorney Craig Watkins will open the Urban League of Greater Dallas Juneteenth Festival on Friday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Urban League Community Service Center at Pleasant Grove, 10325 Lake June Road, Suite 118 For more information call the Urban League Community Service Center at Pleasant Grove at (214) 413-1760.

**Southwest Juneteenth Celebration** Celebrating Texas Heroes 4pm - 10pm Valley Ridge Park, Cedar Hill. Texans Bessie Coleman, Barbara Jordan, and Scott Joplin, "the King of Ragtime" will be honored at the event.

**7th Annual Love Hangover Conference Do the Write Thing:** Answering God's Call 9am -2pm Christian Chapel Temple of Faith Church 14120 Noel Dallas registration \$25

**Plano Christian Chamber of Commerce Inauguration and Business Mixer** Learn how to increase your customer base through community partnerships. Churches and non-profits come discover millions of dollars available for your community projects. RSVP by June 12, 972-556-0522 Event is FREE to the public Location Plano Convention Center 200 E. Spring Creek Parkway

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**June 17**  
**Shereese of Shereese Magazine Hosts Real Men Cook 2007**, Real Men Cook returns to Dallas, with Dallas' largest celebration of Men in the community. Eddie Deen's Ranch Downtown Dallas, Sunday 3-6 p.m. Sign-up now to register, sponsor or host, [www.realmencook.com/dallas](http://www.realmencook.com/dallas), 214-376-6530

**June 18**  
**Jubilee Theater Music Series** Can't get enough of the Jubilee musicals? Then you won't want to miss Jubilee's first Music Series. Songbooks of Mahalia Jackson 8p.m. Tickets \$10 (season ticket holders receive \$2 off) Jubilee Box Office 817-338-4411

**June 23**  
**Habitat Home Run 5K**, 8:00 am Bob Woodruff Park, Plano; Visit [www.habitat-scc.org/homerun5k07.htm](http://www.habitat-scc.org/homerun5k07.htm) for full details and register at [www.dancewithlahunter.com](http://www.dancewithlahunter.com)

**Dance With Lahunter In Flight Dance Theatre** Starring Happy N Dance Theatre  
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## THE TRUTH CLINIC

### Is America Ready For Universal Health Care?

By: James W. Breedlove  
The World Health Organization (WHO), in its 2006 annual report, ranks the performance of the United States' health care system 37th in the world—just barely above Slovenia and Cuba.

The United States has fewer physicians, nurses and hospital beds than most developed nations. With regard to the continuity of care factor (five-plus years with the same doctor) that is so essential in developing a secure doctor/patient relationship, the United States is the worst. Considering the entire list of WHO medical outcome factors, one can only conclude that the United States has a second-rate health care system despite being the world's richest nation.

America spends almost \$2 trillion a year on health care or about \$6,700 per person. Despite this huge investment that is more than twice as much per capita as most of the leading industrialized nations, America's health care system is so disparate that many participants receive health services equivalent to that provided by a third world nation.

America's health care system is a hodge podge of public and private insurance programs that dates back to the late 1920s. It has survived for as long as it has because, by the late twentieth century, it had financed a massive industry focused on delivering the most sophisticated and technologically advanced medical care without practical cost controls. These arrangements have never met everybody's needs. The poor, the uninsured, and the underinsured have frequently struggled to find medical care either through ER doctors or through safety-net hospitals.

Overcrowding in ERs, according to most experts, is actually a symptom of other systemic problems that plague the medical care system. For example, consolidation or elimination of less profitable hospital services such as psychiatric wards and the swelling ranks of uninsured people whose

without chronic conditions are more likely to become serious future medical crises are becoming the norm. These trends may seem unrelated but they are all consequences of the way Americans pay for their medical care—and of how that system is falling apart.

The arrangements for financing medical care, from the private insurance workers get on the job to the public insurance programs that provide for retirees are all faltering because they can neither control nor keep up with the rising cost of medical care. Reform rhetoric provides no safety valve as more Americans fall through the healthcare cracks.

By the 1990s, health care spending had reached the crisis level. Things were so bad that when the Clintons came into office they launched their comprehensive plan for health care reform. They initially found an enthusiastic ally in what would appear to be their natural enemy—the profit motivated insurance industry.

Under Clinton's proposal, the government would have made certain everybody had insurance coverage. The insurance industry supported the Clintons because their reforms promised them a vast new market—the millions of uninsured Americans whose premiums would be paid or subsidized by the government.

The Clintons, in turn, needed the support of the insurance industry in order to have any chance of passing their comprehensive reform plan. The anticipated result would have done for Americans what governments such as France, Canada, Sweden, and Japan have long done for their citizens.

These two powerful forces came together with great expectations but with two entirely different agendas. The inherent contradiction in these two opposing agendas—the Clinton's regulatory reform and the insurance industry's maximizing profits—predicted that this unholy alliance would not hold together.

It fell apart when the insurance industry began to understand that the Clinton reform regulations

would plug many of the profit producing loopholes traditionally enjoyed by that industry. They suddenly turned on the Clintons—spent millions introducing the nation to Harry and Louise in a series of extremely effective opposition television ads—and health care reform went into hibernation for over a decade.

A recent Kaiser Family Foundation survey showed that health care ranks second only to the Iraq war in the minds of voters as the most important problem for government to address. As such all the top tier 2008 presidential candidates have made this an increasingly important topic in their campaign speeches.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama pledged that he would provide access to health insurance for all Americans by lowering costs, improving technology and rolling back appropriate tax cuts. Clinton and Edwards have made similar health care overtures. These proposals focus on cost controls while a primary problem with America's health system is being overlooked—the destruction of the medically prioritized doctor/patient relationship.

If the campaign promises for health care reform proposed by current high profile congressional office holders are so important to the well being of the American public why do they have to wait until after the presidential elections to initiate the legislation? Couldn't one or more of these premier politicians introduce a reform bill now? Or is it just campaign rhetoric to placate the public appetite until sometime after 2009?

As Obama has stated and the other presidential candidates have implied in their healthcare platforms, "The time has come for universal, affordable health care in America."

The 45 million Americans including some 9 million children without health insurance demand no less.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com.

## The Killings In Darfur Are Unacceptable

By: U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Texas) - NMPA Guest Columnist

At this moment, we stand in serious risk of allowing the ongoing slaughter in Darfur to become one of the Blackest marks on humankind's history. This is absolutely unacceptable. Here in Congress, we have been outspoken in expressing a bipartisan consensus of disgust at the atrocious human rights abuses committed in the western region of Sudan. We have been leaders in speaking out about the genocide in Darfur.

We have done a great deal. We just haven't done enough. It is not enough to commemorate the liberation of Auschwitz with speeches and candles, or to memorialize the 10th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide with pledges of "never again," even as over 400,000 men, women, and children are being slaughtered in Darfur. We have done a great deal, in declaring these killings genocide and sending much needed funds to African Union peacekeepers. But it will never be enough until the killing has stopped, the region has been made safe, and sufficient humanitarian aid is delivered.

The immense suffering in Darfur remains the most pressing humanitarian disaster we face today. Current estimates put the death toll at 450,000 people, with an additional two million driven from their homes and livelihoods into wandering uncertainty or refugee camps. More than 3.5 million people within Darfur are currently

entirely reliant on the international community for the crucial aid that might enable them to survive.

Some valuable foundations have been laid. While last year's Darfur Peace Agreement ultimately failed to either curb the violence or establish the much-needed humanitarian corridors, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706 is cause for more hope. The 22,500-strong UN peacekeeping mission authorized by this resolution is absolutely necessary to boost the brave but struggling African Union forces already in the region. These UN soldiers must be deployed immediately in Sudan, and given unimpeded access to the Darfur region. We must continue to press this issue until UN boots are actually on the ground in Darfur.

Additionally, we must step up pressure on China. As the principle export destination of Sudanese oil, China is complicit in the genocide perpetrated by the Sudanese government. However, the immense economic and diplomatic weight wielded by the Chinese government could be used to great effect in ending the killing in Darfur if applied to that end. It remains my hope that China may be persuaded to provide the type of constructive leadership in Sudan befitting a great power.

As a member of Congress, I take pride in being extremely active on the issue of Darfur. I have traveled to Sudan and the refugee camps across the border

in Chad as a member of multiple congressional delegations; I have seen the immense suffering and ongoing humanitarian need first hand. I have spoken with those who have lost homes, loved ones, and livelihoods as well as to those African Union soldiers bravely struggling to protect them with a complete dearth of resources. And I continue to maintain hope that we can help those remaining in Darfur. But only if we act immediately.

In a political era characterized by bitter polarization, a deep and broad-based consensus exists between Republicans and Democrats, Congress and the White House, that the killings in Darfur are unacceptable. We are currently faced with a number of important and pressing issues vying for our attention. Darfur must be made a priority, and it must remain so until the genocide has ended.

The time for admirable speeches and impassioned rhetoric—valuable though these are—has passed. The people of Darfur need definitive action and decisive leadership, and they need it now. We cannot continue to stand by as Darfur burns. Now is the time to seize upon bipartisan common ground, and to work together to respond actively, to fulfill our humanitarian promises, and to finally help bring an end to this shameful chapter in human history.

## Congressional Black Caucus Statement On Indictment Of Rep. William Jefferson

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-MD), Chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) released the following statement on the indictment of

Congressman William Jefferson. "While the charges against Congressman William Jefferson are gravely serious and warrant thorough deliberation, the law of the land entitles every citizen to presumed innocence until the

court of law deems otherwise. Therefore, we trust the merits of the case against Congressman Jefferson will be examined in a court of law instead of the chambers of public opinion."

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in the indictment merit his expulsion, according to a partial draft of the document obtained by The Associated Press.

Specifics were uncertain because the resolution was still being written.

It's unusual for the House in a resolution to specifically instruct the ethics committee to report whether a member's expulsion is warranted. Usually such resolutions leave it to the committee to recommend appropriate sanctions after its investigation.

The unusual directive produced a rare report from the chairwoman of the House ethics committee.

"It is inappropriate for any other member to impose on these proceedings," Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones, D-Ohio, chairwoman of the Standards of Official Conduct committee, said in a statement that did not mention Boehner by name. "I refuse to allow these proceedings to be politicized by House Republican leadership."

An ethics committee probe seemed certain. Pelosi, D-Calif.,

later Tuesday was expected to name 10 House Democrats to a pool from which the House ethics committee can pick if it decides to appoint a special subcommittee to investigate the charges against Jefferson.

A grand jury in Alexandria, Va., indicted Jefferson on Monday on 16 counts connected to a bribery investigation that could send him to prison for the rest of his life. The charges include racketeering, soliciting bribes, wire fraud, money laundering, obstruction of justice and conspiracy. He faces a possible maximum sentence of 235 years.

The indictment said Jefferson received more than \$500,000 in bribes and sought millions more in separate schemes to enrich himself by using his office to broker business deals in Africa. The charges came almost two years after investigators raided Jefferson's home in Washington and found \$90,000 in cash stuffed in his freezer.

Jefferson's lawyer has declared his client innocent. In his letter Tuesday to Pelosi, Jefferson said his resignation

from the Small Business Committee, was in the spirit of her leadership on ethics issues.

"In doing so, I, of course, express no admission of guilt or culpability in that or any other matter that may be pending in any court or before the House of Representatives," Jefferson added. "I have supported every ethics and lobbying reform measure that you and our Democratic Majority have authored."

After the FBI had found \$90,000 in cash in Jefferson's freezer and alleged that stash was bribe money nearly two years ago, Pelosi succeeded in stripping Jefferson of his seat on the Ways and Means Committee—over Jefferson's objection.

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San Antonio & Metroplex - Channel 26 - KPXL-TV@5:00 AM. Willie Hobdy, 2006-2007 president presided over the meeting until new officers were sworn in. Those sworn into office were Hattie Kelly, pub-

lisher Power Pages, President; Mollie Belt, publisher Dallas Examiner, Vice President; Maxine Session, publisher Texas Informer, treasurer; Dairry Johnson, secretary and Tommy Wyatt, publisher The Villager, Parliamentarian.

The next meeting will be held July 21, in Austin Texas.

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Houston is survived by his wife, Dorothy McDowell Houston, their three children: Thomas, Jr. and wife Carole, Natalie and husband Dr. Irby B. Hunter, Jr. and Matthew as well as grandchildren, Kenedi, Trinity and Irby, III all of Dallas, Texas. He is also survived by a beloved aunt, Ms.

Mignon Ricks of Taylor, Texas and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral arrangements are pending. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Thomas L. Houston, Sr. Scholarship Fund at the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce.

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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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## DCCCD Helps Parents With Kids

Dallas County Community College District can provide parents with solutions for how to keep their children occupied this summer.

Parents who need a little help with summertime fun for their children can find solutions at several campuses in the Dallas County Community College District. From music to mathematics, art to drama, computers to cooking - and more - check out offerings:

### Brookhaven College

The Arts Academy at Brookhaven College has new "Piano Fun!" courses for tykes ages 4 and 5, plus 6 and 7, starting in early June, as well as level-two courses for youngsters who are continuing in "Piano Fun!" This new course is designed specifically for a child and an adult to attend class together in BHC's state-of-the-art keyboard lab. Space is limited to six students. The cost is \$120 for eight half-hour classes. To register, call (972) 860-4274 or send an email to [bhcArtsAcademy@dccc.edu](mailto:bhcArtsAcademy@dccc.edu).

### Eastfield College

Eastfield College summer classes and camps will educate and entertain youngsters from age six months (swimming only) and up. Courses

include: a one-week piano camp for all levels (June 18-23); and multiple-week classes on computer design and keyboarding, dancing (belly, ballroom, Bavarian, salsa, country), government, mathematics, photo silkscreening, career exploration, college success and ACT/SAT/TEEA/TAKS test preparation, novel writing and storytelling, swimming, Spanish, tennis, tumbling, reading improvement, volleyball, violin, piano, guitar, voice and percussion. Start times and dates vary; costs range from \$10 to \$250, depending on the course. Contact (972) 860-7113 or send an e-mail to [MAFitzsimmons@dccc.edu](mailto:MAFitzsimmons@dccc.edu).

### Cedar Valley College

Cedar Valley College is offering kids several great reasons to get off the couch this summer and get into the classroom - whether it's a stage, a kitchen or a computer lab! A full schedule of innovative classes will focus young minds on learning and having fun at the same time. Courses, which are scheduled in July, include:

- "Computer Gaming Graphics" for fifth-through eighth-grade students; "Young Chefs: Cooking and Nutrition" for third-through eighth-grade students; "Science/Biology" for fifth-through eighth-grade students;

"Drama Camp" for third-through eighth-grade participants; and "Write It and Read It!" for children in grades three through eight. Each course is \$125. Contact (972) 860-8210.

### Mountain View College

Mountain View College can help students get on track and stay on track for the regular school year with summer classes in mathematics, reading and writing/spelling. Courses are \$38 and are offered from mid-to-late June and from late July through early August at various times during the day, Monday through Thursday. Contact (214) 860-8612.

### EI Centro College (ECC)

With Title V grant funding, ECC offers "Summer Bridge" programs specifically for high school students who are eligible to enroll. These programs include ExxonMobil Academy, eXtreme Techno Camp, TexPREP - The Texas Freshman Engineering Program, Health Career Pathways, Sight and Sound Program and Teacher Education Pathway.

For more information about ECC's targeted summer high school programs using Title V funding, contact Debbie Brown at (214) 860-2731 or Shaun Williams-Wyche at (214) 860-2027.

## North Texas Graduates Receive National Scholarship

### Twenty Metroplex Students Receive College Funds

DALLAS, TX - Twenty high school seniors from North Texas have been named African American Future Achievers through the 2007 Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) National Scholarship Program.

The scholarship recipients were selected based on their academic achievement, community involvement, financial need and leadership potential.

"We are excited and honored to have such an elite class of students for this year's scholarship program," said Anthony Grissett, RMHC of Greater North Texas Board Member and McDonald's Owner/Operator. "The scholarship program offers us an opportunity to recognize outstanding students locally who are committed to making positive contributions in their community. The scholarships complement our ongoing commitment to supporting local youth and organizations promoting the well-being of youth."

This year, RMHC of Greater North Texas distributed \$90,000 in scholarships to area high school students through three scholarship programs. The local scholarship programs are supported by local McDonald's franchisees.

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### 2007 RMHC / African American Future Achievers Scholarship Recipients

- Lauren Ausama** - Plano East Senior High (Plano)
- Monique Baker** - Eastern Hills High School (Fort Worth)
- Beatrice Barron** - Lincoln (Dallas)
- Lurit Bepo** - Texas Academy of Math & Science (Denton)
- Natasha Bostic** - Skyline Center (Dallas)
- Joi Crawford** - Lincoln High School (Dallas)
- Trei Chae Hays** - Cedar Hill High School (Cedar Hill)
- Micki Jackson** - Dunbar High School (Fort Worth)
- Vanessa Kwarteng** - Naaman Forest High School (Garland)
- Alyce Logan** - Booker T. Washington High School (Dallas)
- Brittany McCoy** - South Oak Cliff High School (Dallas)
- Erica Muhammad** - Red Oak High School (Red Oak)
- Walter Murrell** - Justin F. Kimball High School (Dallas)
- Ijeamaka Okechukwu** - Richardson High School (Richardson)
- Chukwudi Okeke** - The Academy of Irving (Irving)
- Judy Oyedele** - Grand Prairie High School (Grand Prairie)
- Bennett Parsons** - Juan Seguin High School (Arlington)
- Sharonda Ransom** - South Oak Cliff High School (Dallas)
- Sydnea Redwine** - Bishop Dunne Catholic School (Dallas)
- Darius White** - St. Mark's School of Texas (Dallas)

## Striving For Academic Excellence Earns Spot On Dean's List

Missouri State University Spring 2007 Dean's List

Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain excellence are named to the dean's list. For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at

least 12 credit hours during the fall semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale). Of the 13, 592 degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled during the spring 2007 semester, 3,628 earned a spot on the list.

Students from the North Texas area are Benjamin P. Metzger, Allen; Lindsey Young, Denton; Matthew T. Saitz, Frisco; Joshua B. Williams, Pilot Point; Anthony B. Costales and Kelli E. Maddock, Plano.

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which would have permanently barred all convicted felons - including terrorist associates, gang members, sex offenders, violent criminals and identity thieves - from receiving any immigration benefits.

"Today's vote was a missed opportunity to close serious loopholes in this legislation. Senators could have demonstrated they want to restore respect for our laws. They failed to do so.

"If we are serious about

restoring the rule of law, then how in good conscience can we reward those who have repeatedly committed felonies, such as identity theft, with a path to American citizenship? In our post 9/11 world, how can we in good conscience retain a loophole that would allow members of terrorist organizations and gang members to stay here legally and possibly become U.S. citizens? My amendment made clear that those loopholes would be closed and that would be impossible. I can't imagine

the American people support providing these benefits to people who so clearly have shown themselves unworthy of receiving them.

"This vote was disappointing but it does not weaken my resolve to continue working to improve this bill in the days ahead. There are still a range of areas that need to be reformed and strengthened in this legislation. I hope my Democrat colleagues will allow the Senate to have a full and fair debate."

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## Financial Focus - Financial Tips For Newlyweds



**Marcia Donaldson**

It's June — a popular month for weddings. If you're getting married this month, you have a lot to think about: a rehearsal, a ceremony, a reception and possibly a honeymoon. But most important of all, you've got the anticipation of starting a new life together. To help make that life a happy one, you and your new spouse will need to communicate with each other on all types of issues —

and one of the most important of those issues is your joint financial situation.

So once the wedding festivities are behind you, take some steps that relate to your future financial well-being. Here are a few suggestions:

- Establish financial goals. You and your spouse can become disciplined money managers if you're both working toward some joint long-term financial objectives, such as a new home. If you eventually have children, your goals may expand to include college. And throughout your working life, you'll want to

put money away for retirement. No matter what your goals, you'll have a better chance of achieving them if you set out a strategy — and stick to it.

- Don't put off investing. How much money you have available to invest depends on your income and expenses. When you're just married and establishing a household, you may not believe you have a lot of cash to spare, but make it a priority to put away something each month, even if it's only a small amount. If you can get into the investment "habit" right away, it will serve you well throughout

your married life.

- Take advantage of retirement plans. If you and your spouse are both working, you may each have access to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Contribute as much as you can afford to each plan — at least enough to earn the employer's match, if one is offered. Also, look closely at how you are each allocating your dollars within your respective plans. Try to avoid duplicating each other's investment choices. By spreading your money around a range of investments, the two of you can potentially reduce the

effects of market volatility and give yourselves more chances for success. A financial advisor can help you identify the investment choices that are appropriate for your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon.

- Get control of your debts. Your debts, and those of your new spouse, are now of concern to both of you. While some debts — such as a mortgage — may be inevitable, it's generally a good idea to keep your debt load as low as possible. That's because the more money you spend on debts, the less you'll have available to invest for your future. By

going over your student loans, car loans, credit cards, etc., you may be able to develop a strategy to reduce your overall debt load.

By following these suggestions, you can start married life off on the right foot, at least in regard to your financial situation. As for who gets to write the thank-you notes for the wedding presents — well, that's another matter.

[Article contributed by Marcia Donaldson, a licensed Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. You can contact her at (972) 542-1530.]

### Collin County Black C Of C And Collin County Hispanic C Of C To Sign Partnership Agreement

In an effort to "stimulate unity in the communities we serve," the CCBC has developed a working relationship with the Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce that will begin with the signing of the partnership agreement on June 14th at the Chambers' joint monthly luncheon.

The agreement will entail a number of advantages to members of both chambers that include:

- Provide Chamber members the ability to attend events at membership cost i.e. Business After Hours, Education/Training Seminars
- Collaborate on legislative issues

- Trade-out tables or registra-

tions as mutually agreed upon to sponsored events

The agreement recognizes the common interest of both organizations to cooperatively pursue activities that enhance the business opportunities, professional development and career advancement of minority business owners and entrepreneurs in Collin County.

The luncheon will also consist of a presentation about "E-Mail Marketing 101" presented by Julie Niehoff, Regional Development Director of Constant Contact.

In order to RSVP please e-mail either: ccbbc secretary@yahoo.com or info@cchchamber.org

Come join us for this festive, informative and historic event!!

### DCHHS Prepares Community For Summer Heat

To prepare an effective response to the anticipated public health concerns that arise during the hot months ahead, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) hosted its Annual Heat Wave Meeting. The Heat Wave meeting brought together community partners to develop a coordinated response to heat-related crisis. The group addressed ways in which each partner can meet the needs of the elderly and persons with medical conditions to ensure their safety. DCHHS has already received major commitments that will help protect the health and safety of Dallas County residents. TXU has committed to provide \$150,000 for cooling centers in the event of a heat emergency, and the City of Dallas has identified cooling centers where residents can go during an emergency. DCHHS operates the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). The program provides low-income families in our community with the basic necessities, such as electricity, gas, and the heating and cooling of their homes. Persons without a working air conditioner unit

in their home can contact the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) at 214-819-1848, for assistance in English or 214-819-1938, for assistance in Spanish. Dallas County also offersthe Weatherization Assistance Program that can help decrease the cost of heating and cooling bills by providing energy efficiency improvements to low-income and elderly individuals. For more information on the program, call 214-819-1909. Inside This Issue DCHHS Reminds Public to Catch and Release When Fishing in Prohibited Areas National Immunization Week 2 DCHHS Offers Free Testing for National HIV Testing Day DCHHS Hosts Exercise of New Medical Operations Center DCHHS Hosts Ghana Health Minister 3 3 Don't Let Water Fun Make You Sick DCHHS Receives Grant from HRSA by Ryan White 4 4 Shown left to right are Ronnie Lowe, Lancaster Outreach Center, Darla Spencer, DCHHS CEAP Coordinator, Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director, Patricia Wiessner, City of Dallas and TXU Program Manager Kim Campbell.

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against them by raising prices even higher to \$3.49 - \$4.00+ per gallon.

I can see them now, like that TV commercial with the fat-cat bankers eating shrimp and playing golf while they chide a small business owner who wants a loan, "Well show those stupid consumers who's the boss. And our excuse, this time, despite oil prices being low, will be the refineries need repairs." After all, they suffered damage during Katrina. "But that was two years ago," said the stupid consumers. "Don't bother us with minor details," they responded, as they continued to count their \$72 billion in profits.

We love Martin Luther King so much. Every year we repeat his "I Have a Dream" speech and his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech. Since we love him so much and believe in what he said, let me see if I can get us to DO some-

thing he said. Read the following excerpt of his "Mountaintop" speech on the evening before he was killed.

"Now the other thing we'll have to do is this: Always anchor our external direct action with the power of economic withdrawal. Now, we are poor people, individually, we are poor when you compare us with White society in America. We are poor. Never stop and forget that collectively, that means all of us together, collectively we are richer than all the nations in the world, with the exception of nine. Did you ever think about that? ... That's power right there, if we know how to pool it.

We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles, we don't need any Molotov cocktails, we just need to go around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our coun-

try, and say, 'God sent us by here, to say to you that you're not treating his children right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment, where God's children are concerned. Now, if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. And our agenda calls for withdrawing economic support from you.'

And so, as a result of this, we are asking you tonight, to go out and tell your neighbors not to buy Coca-Cola in Memphis. Go by and tell them not to buy Sealtest milk. Tell them not to buy — what is the other bread? — Wonder Bread. And what is the other bread company, Jesse? Tell them not to buy Hart's bread. As Jesse Jackson has said, up to now, only the garbage men have been feeling pain; now we must kind of redistribute the pain. We are choosing these companies because they haven't been fair

in their hiring policies; and we are choosing them because they can begin the process of saying, they are going to support the needs and the rights of these men who are on strike. And then they can move on downtown and tell Mayor Loeb to do what is right."

Can't you see what King was doing? Can't you see how his words are instructions for us today? Can't you see that we must use the power of withdrawing our dollars, not for just a day, but for the long haul. Spread that pain, not only within the local industry but in entertainment, restaurants, recreation, and the like. As many people as possible should feel the bite of gas price-gouging.

Organize an effort and refuse to purchase gas at just a few local stations, especially those that are corporate-owned, and watch what happens.

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## The Black Academy Of Arts And Letters Heats Things Up With Star-Studded Programs In 30th Anniversary Season Finale

Dallas - The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL) closes out its 30th Anniversary Season in grand style with outstanding programs and one moving exhibition. With programs in theatre, music, dance, spoken word and visual arts, June 2007 will have programs that speak to everyone, young and old.

In celebration of Black Music Month, TBAAL presents the Black Music Month Celebration Concert, Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. on the Naomi Bruton Mainstage. This celebration is a moving performance that dramatizes the Civil Rights Movement in film footage, narration, and music performed by the phenomenal 200 voice Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert Choir along with several recording artists. Tickets to the Black Music Month Concert Celebration are \$10.

TBAAL's resident Dance Company, Happy Nia Dance Theatre, makes their solo performance in "The Journey is Long and The Struggle Stays Strong," Saturday, June 23, 2007 at 8 p.m. on the Naomi Bruton Main Stage. This young and energetic dance troupe intermingles modern dance, ballet, jazz or even a stint of hip-hop into their performance under the direction

of former Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre company member and a long time TBAAL performer, Dereque Whiturs. Hearts, spirits and jazz shoes will



soar as this vibrant troupe makes a bold and powerful statement signifying life's constant journey. Tickets to this spirited dance performance are \$10.

TBAAL and Dallas Independent School District (DISD) proudly present the 23rd Annual Summer Youth Arts Institute, June 4 - June 30, 2007. Classes for the Summer Youth Arts Institute are Monday - Friday, June 4 through June 28 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Summer Youth Arts Institute is a 4 week intensive arts program that teaches students, ages 10 - 17, the ins and outs of theatre, dance, music, costumes, lighting and creative writing. TBAAL is

excited to once again partner with DISD for the 5th consecutive year on this rewarding summer enrichment program. "The Summer Arts Institute is an out-

standing arts and education initiative and an incredible partnership between TBAAL and DISD," explains Curtis King, TBAAL Founder and President and Summer Arts Institute Director. This year's Summer Arts Institute's production is "Rhapsody in Rhythm," a choreo-peom set to music and dance based on the works of the great writer Langston Hughes. The summer's hard work will culminate with more than 300 students, soaring across the stage in a spectacular performance of "Rhapsody in Rhythm," Friday, June 29th at 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 30th at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00.

The Summer Arts Institute is supported in part by Dallas Independent School District, Ronald McDonald House Charities and City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs.

The third exhibition in TBAAL's three-part series chronicling the formative years of the institution opens June 9, 2007 with The Black Academy of Arts and Letters: Three Decades of Excellence-Triumph Over Adversity - 1997 - 2007 (Decade III). It was in the last ten years of the organization's history, 1997-2007, that The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL) final reached its stride of major support from the African American community and a growing acceptance and appreciation for the non-African American community. Thus, TBAAL was able to achieve its rightful place in the annals of Dallas and America's cultural history. The rich legacy of photographs, memorabilia and archival ephemera are living testaments that TBAAL is a victorious mainstay institution in this conclusive final three part exhibition series. Phillip Collins curates this exhibition. Exhibition admission is free.

All programs take place at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, corner of Canton and Akard Streets, downtown Dallas, Texas. For ticket information to any of these exciting

programs, please call TBAAL's Box Office (214) 743-2400, Ticketmaster (214) 373-8000 or visit our website at www.TBAAL.org.

**TBAAL ON THE ROAD!!**  
TBAAL is proud to take From Garvey to Parks: "The Spirit of Marcus Garvey" and "A Rose Among Thorns" to the

and theatre icon, Ella Joyce, gives a stunning portrayal of the Civil Rights mother, Rosa Parks in "A Rose Among Thorns."

TBAAL's Martin Luther King Concert Choir and Praise Dancers have been invited to perform at the Southern Christian



National Black Theatre Festival in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Monday, July 30 - Saturday, August 4, 2007. These two shows, which were a part of TBAAL's 30th Anniversary Season and were selected out of hundreds of applicants, will perform four shows at the festival. "The Spirit of Marcus Garvey" provides an intimate yet powerful look into the life of the indomitable figure Marcus Garvey portrayed by Ron Bobb Semple. Beloved film, television

Conference's (SCLC) 50th year Anniversary National Convention in Atlanta, GA, Saturday, August 4 at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. The SCLC is the national historic organization that launched the national and international leadership of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The phenomenal orator and daughter of Dr. King, was scheduled to narrate the program before her untimely death.

## D.L. Hughley At Fort Worth's Bass Hall

The star of "The Hughleys," "The Original Kings of Comedy," "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip," "Premium Blend," "Comic Relief," "Weekends at the D.L." and much more makes his debut Bass Hall appearance! Saturday, 06/16/2007 8:00 PM

D.L. Hughley grew up in South Central Los Angeles and had a difficult upbringing, getting kicked out of high school and becoming a member of the Bloods gang. After his cousin was shot, Hughley turned his life around, got a GED and a job and, after prompting by his wife, LaDonna, tried his hand at stand-up comedy. His comedy was a huge success and in 1992 he was picked to be the first host of BET's ComicView. He also appeared in the 3rd season of The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air as an old friend of Will Smith trying out for an audition as a comedian.

By 1997, Hughley went on a nationwide stand-up comedy tour with Steve Harvey, Cedric the Entertainer, and Bernie Mac as the Kings of Comedy. The comedy act was later put into a film by Spike Lee called The Original Kings of Comedy.

In 1998, Hughley was given his own TV sitcom, The

Hughleys, on ABC. It received high ratings in its first season, thanks in part to a lead-in by the popular Home Improvement. However, by the following season, the show was moved to the low-rating TGIF segment on Friday nights and the ratings tanked. In 2000, ABC cancelled the show, but it was granted a reprieve by UPN, which ran it



for an additional two seasons before cancelling it again.

During this time Hughley began working on an acting career, providing the voice of the Gadgetmobile in the 1999 film Inspector Gadget and performing in Scary Movie 3. He also stuck with his stand-up comedy roots, becoming host of Comedy Central's Premium Blend in 2003. In 2005, his late-night talk show Weekends at the D.L. premiered on Comedy Central. He once appeared as a guest on

Comedy Central's Daily Show.

He is number 54 on Comedy Central's list of the 100 Greatest Stand-ups of All Time. Hughley is one of the stars on Aaron Sorkin's behind the scenes sketch comedy show Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip, as one of the show-within-a-show's more popular cast members. In Episode 5, "The Wrap Party," Hughley's character Simon Stiles explains his life story, one that bears a strong resemblance to Hughley's own. Hughley provided interview footage on the Richard Pryor tribute special, I Ain't Dead Yet, #\$\$\$@!!, alongside the aforementioned Bernie Mac and Cedric The Entertainer.

Hughley made a recent appearance at Providence Performing Arts Center, where he performed a special show for Johnson and Wales Students, free of charge for the students. At the show's ending, he brought a freshman majoring in Baking backstage and offered to give the student his books free of charge as a condolence to being used as target practice, which is common in Hughley's comedy act.

Hughley has been married to LaDonna since 1986. They share three children, daughters Ryan Nicole (born 1987, attends Smith College) and Tyler Whitney (born 1991), and son Kyle Aaris (born 1988).

## Howard Hewitt Former Lead Singer Of The Group Shalamar

Shalamar was the creation of Dick Griffey, the booking agent for the television R&B program Soul Train. The group's first single, the 1977 Motown medley "Uptown Festival," featured a bevy of faceless studio musicians; once it became a hit, Griffey decided to form a performing group under the name Shalamar. Through Soul Train, Griffey found Jody Watley, Jeffrey Daniels, and Gerald Brown, the three vocalists that became Shalamar; Brown was quickly replaced by Howard Hewitt in 1978.

Shalamar's string of poppy dance-soul hits began in 1979 with "Take That to the Bank"; later that year, "The Second Time Around" hit the Top Ten. Throughout the early '80s the

group were favorites on the U.S. R&B scene, as well as scoring a number of British hit singles. Watley and Daniels left the group in 1982 and were replaced by Delisa Davis and Micki Free in 1984; Watley went on to stardom as a solo act. The following year Shalamar won a Grammy award for "Don't Get Stopped in Beverly Hills," which was featured in Beverly Hills Cop. Hewitt left for a solo career in 1986. He's also acted in movies and on television.

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bors, and a charming, elderly stranger. Is he a swindler, or is he on the up and up? Join the world of Miss Lydia to find out. This hilarious comedy takes a look at an elderly woman living on her own and the pitfalls that surround her. A Lovesong for Miss Lydia is by Don Evans, considered the Neil Simon of comedy for the African-American stage.

Last produced by Jubilee Theatre in 2001, this season's production, directed by William Earl Ray, features Jubilee favorites Regina Washington as Lydia Frazier, Stormi Demerson as Sarah Williams, Lloyd W.L. Barnes Jr. as Mahlon Patterson, Alonzo Waller as Ostell Holloway, Set design by

the run of the production. Tickets can be purchased from the Jubilee Theatre Box Office by calling 817/338-4411 Tuesday through Friday between noon and 6 p.m. or online by visiting the Jubilee website: www.jubileetheatre.org

Michael Pettigrew and costume design by Barbara O'Donoghue. A Lovesong for Miss Lydia runs through June 17. Performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. tickets range from \$14 to \$20 for

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adequate supply of blood. The Red Cross asks that eligible and first-time donors call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) or log on to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to schedule a donation appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

## Garland Mayor Page 1

"We have not had any dirty politics," Mr. Alewine said. "The mayoral candidates got together and agreed that we were going to stay aboveboard and we were not going to do any mudslinging."

Garland demographics also suggest that the time is now for a black mayor in the city, even if all its citizens don't recognize the fact. The tenth most populous city in the state of Texas, Garland was a majority white suburb as late as 2000 with 65 percent of its residents being Anglo. However, as with every large city in the state, the makeup of the population in Garland has changed dramatically in recent years. In 2007, whites are 53 percent of the population; blacks are 12 percent; while Hispanics have grown to 26 percent of Garland's population.

Ronald Jones, 62, brings an incomparable resume of city government administration experience when compared to his opponent Lee Alewine. Mr. Alewine, 48, is an executive with Kraft America Credit Union and

served as the 2006 chairman of the Garland Chamber of Commerce. By contrast, Ronald Jones has been in Public Administration for nine years, including over 15 years of Executive Management experience and five years as Garland's Assistant City Manager.

Mr. Jones has also had cumulative direct oversight for several City of Garland departments including Customer Service, Tax, Code Compliance, Municipal Court, Purchasing, Warehouse, Parks and Recreation and the Granville Arts Center and Plaza. Mr. Jones and his supporters are convinced this experience makes him the best candidate to be the next mayor of Garland.

"People should vote for me because of my excessive experience in City Government," Jones commented. "You want a mayor who knows how to preside and can conduct with the highest level of decorum and I have experience in the Council-Manager form of government. In the business sector the bottom line is profit. In the city sector the bottom line is service to the peo-

ple and I know the difference. I understand the inner relations of all departments and I will not have to go through a learning curve. When I take office I will just roll up my

sleeves and go to work."

It is that type of turnkey readiness and insight that supporters say make Ronald Jones the right man at the right time to be mayor of

Garland. They assert that Mr. Jones' readiness for this position is not based on the changing demographics or the political climate or emotional opinions about race in

the city of Garland. They contend that Mr. Jones is the right man at the right time for Garland mayor because he is simply the most qualified.

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## Candidates Still Silent Page 1

the debate. The two-hour debate focused almost solely on war and immigration issues.

"The way it was organized, this was an effort to campaign on issues that are typically seen as dominated by the GOP," says California political science professor Katherine Tate. The CNN debate, hosted by Wolf Blitzer, might also have played to the dominant White population of New Hampshire. The state is 1 percent African-American.

"It's not as though Blacks are not interested in the other issues, but it does mean that there are more immediate concerns in terms of their ability to achieve more viable lifestyles, including employment and education," says Dr. Ron Walters, professor of political science at the University of Maryland, College Park. "You need some people to be passionate enough about the issues to demonstrate that the Black community is hurting in some respects, and needs the candidates to speak to these issues."

Tate notes that her research in Black public opinion shows that the war in Iraq is important to Blacks. But, domestic issues that hit home are also on the minds of those who are hurting, says Todd.

"We have the highest unemployment, we have the highest rate of unemployed or jobless, formerly incarcerated persons, we have the worse health care. Affordable housing, yes, it's a problem throughout the nation, but it's a greater problem for us," says Todd. "And so, when we look at all of the specific issues - crime, the death of young Black men, and the crisis facing young Black men, it would seem to me that if you are concerned about the Black vote and not thinking that it's going to go to you automatically, that you would come up with a comprehensive kind of program designed to address these issues."

Ironically, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were not mentioned during the entire debate although both Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have outlined extensive platforms on recovery in New Orleans.

On the subject of health care, Sens. Obama and Clinton expressed the desire to provide care to more Americans, John Edwards quoted the potential

cost of his health care program, saying his plan would cost from \$90 billion to \$120 billion per year.

Currently, 47 million Americans currently lack health coverage, 16 percent of those uninsured are African-American, according to calculations of numbers reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Walters was unimpressed with all of the candidates proposed plans. "They really are not talking about universal health care in most cases," says Walters. "They're talking about some variety of it." Walters also pointed out that there was no mention of prescription drug costs, another important factor in the health care debate.

The most recent Washington Post-ABC News Poll shows Clinton has a solid lead of 42 percent, followed by Obama with 27 percent and Edwards with 11 percent.

But Walters cautioned not to overlook other candidates, like Dennis Kucinich, whose voting record has often mirrored that of the Congressional Black Caucus.

"Overall, he has [a] kind of position toward the Black community," says Walters of Kucinich.

The debate was held at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire, a state that historically plays a major role in presidential elections. Since 1977, state law has required that its primary be first in the nation. New Hampshire is also known for going either Republican or Democratic. As a result, it is usually an early predictor of the front runners and can sometimes make or break a candidate. Presidential hopefuls often spend large amounts of time, and money, attempting to win the support of the New Hampshire electorate.

Though the Black community has been documented to be the strongest against the war, Walters says Blacks need to speak up in order to ensure the other concerns are addressed.

The responsibility is also on the candidates, says Todd.

"They're concerned about all these other issues that are a part of the omnibus, but for my vote, give me something that I can vote for you for that's going to help me directly, but that's not happening," says Todd. "It's not happening because of an old, old kind of tradition where you talk about Republicans who ignore the Black vote and Democrats who take it for granted."

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**Scriptures For June 2007**

From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder and Senior Pastor: Accepting God's gift of His Son makes us strong. Ephesians 6:10. The poor man is often happier than the rich man. Psalm 37:16.

Temptations are sure to rap at your door, but it's your fault if you let them in! 2 Peter 2:9; Matthew 6:13 & 26:41. Sanctification is like riding a bicycle: You either keep moving or you fall down! 2 Peter 3:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:23. Death brings about total integration; all are equal. Romans 5:12. To know God's will is man's greatest treasure; to do His will is life's greatest privilege. Mark 3:35; 1 John 2:15-17. A word of encouragement can change a person's life. 1 Samuel 30:6. True courage is like a kite, a contrary wind raises it higher. Joshua 1:9. Christ can help me to speak the right word to the right person at the right time. Proverbs 25:11.

While there is life there is hope. Psalm 65. You quickly lose interest in the church if you have nothing invested. Hebrew 10:25. Spend your time counting your blessings, not airing your complaints! Psalm 103:2. Fear is a hindrance to all virtue. 2 Timothy 1:7. Christians are like tea; it takes hot water to bring out their strength. 1 Peter 5:8-10. Patience

is bitter, but its fruit is sweet. Galatians 6:9. It is better to forgive and forget than to resent and remember. Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:14. To friendship, every burden is light. 1 Peter 5:7. Kindness is the language the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Ephesians 4:32. God's power can change fear and weakness into confidence and strength. Psalm 56:3. The best inheritance a father can leave his

danger but in the presence of God! Psalm 40:2-3. Those who have a second birth will never experience a second death. 1 John 3:6. Those who walk the closest and work the hardest, watch for Christ's return. Luke 12:37; Hebrew 5:28. Salvation is like a parachute—there's isn't any substitute. John 14:16.

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June 4 - 29, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
We are sponsoring an Arts Vision Summer Day Camp for children ages 5 - 12 on Mondays thru Fridays. We will focus on Visual Arts, Music, Theatre, & Dance. Arrangements for care before/after camp are available. Call Muriel Johnson-Redd for fees and registration @ 214-922-0000 for more information.

St. Paul UMC Church  
Rev. L. Charles Stovall, Pastor  
1816 N. Routh Street  
Dallas, TX 75201  
214-922-0000

**Church Happenings**

**CHRIST COMMUNITY CONNECTION (CCC)**

June 16, 9 am - 11 am  
Don't miss the opportunity to take part in a "Community Clean-Up" of Carrollton's Historical Black Cemetery; and celebrate Juneteenth by cleaning & fixing up the resting place of many slaves. Bring your tools: paint brushes, rags, etc. to 1615 West

**Belittle Road, Carrollton, TX 75006**

(back of The North Church.)  
For information, directions, or to volunteer, call Rev. Willie Rainwater @ 972-242-0933.

June 16, 11 am - 2 pm  
Juneteenth - An African American Holiday in Celebration of Freedom; join the community @ the Clifford Hall Park, Northwest corner of W. Jackson &

**McCoy Roads in Carrollton.**

Bring your special dish or desserts, sodas, chips, chairs, blankets, and games. CCC will provide the meats.

Christ Community Connection  
Rev. Willie Rainwater, Director  
2006 Southern Oak  
Carrollton, TX 75007  
972-242-0933

**Church Directory**

**Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church**  
"Where Jesus is the Main Attraction"  
Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am  
Wednesday Bible Study - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm  
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972-239-1120 (Office) • 972-239-5925 (Fax)  
templeoffaith\_cmc@sbcglobal.net (Email)  
Healthy Beginnings Child Development Center - 972-404-1412

**Avenue F Church of Christ**  
1026 Avenue F • Plano, TX 75074 • 972-423-8833  
"Our Pilgrimage to Heaven in 2007" - Hebrews 11:13-16  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:45 am  
Men Bible Class ..... 5:00 pm  
Women Bible Class ..... 5:00 pm  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Class ..... 7:00 pm  
Radio Program @ 7:30 am on KRVN 970 AM Sunday Mornings  
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**Hill Chapel**  
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
1113 Ave. L, 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.

**The Inspiring Body of Christ Church**  
7710 S. Westmoreland Rd. Dallas Texas 75231  
Phone: 972-516-1822 Fax: 972-709-3888  
Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30pm.  
Monday School: 7pm  
Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00pm  
Website: www.ibccjoy.org

**Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church**  
1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX  
Pastor Charles S. Wattlely  
Sunday  
Education Ministries - 9:30 a.m. • Worship Celebration - 11:00 am.  
- Nursery Facilities Available -  
Wednesday Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.  
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www.saintmarkbc.com • stmarkmissionary@aol.com

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Dr. Leslie W Smith, Senior Pastor  
1010-1020 South Sherman Street • Richardson, TX 75081  
www.ndcbf.org

**Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church**  
920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX  
Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr.  
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Sunday Worship Services 8AM & 11AM  
Sunday 9:45AM Sunday School  
Monday 7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries  
Tuesday 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir  
Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service  
Thursday 7PM Mass Choir  
For more information call (972) 423-6695  
www.shilohbaptistchurch.org

**Faithway Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Of Hamilton Park  
8219 Bunche Dr. Dallas, TX 75243  
Church Office: (972) 792-0239  
Pastor's Office: (972) 792-0240  
Service Times  
Sunday School: .....9:45AM  
Morning Worship .....11:00AM  
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00PM  
PEOPLE OF FAITH WITH A MIND TO WORK

**New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas**  
Sunday Service  
Morning Worship 7:30 am & 10:30 am  
9:00 am Sunday School  
Wednesday Service  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Brotherhood 7:00 pm  
Missions 7:00 pm  
Singles Group 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:45 pm  
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## Prairie View A & M University's Alumni Fundraising, A Success

Prairie View A & M University's North Dallas, Denton, Collin Counties (NDDC) Alumni Chapter's Scholarship Fundraising Fish Fry was successful, from preliminary reports.

This past weekend, many supporters and alumni members gathered at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Shepard's Road; Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr. is the Senior Pastor, for their 3rd Annual Scholarship Fundraising.

Alumni members, some, whom attended PVA&MU on

a scholarship, worked on Friday night and Saturday morning making preparations for supporters to have the best in a Fish Dinner or a combination Fish & Scrimp Dinner.

In spite of a late start this year and a bad weather forecast, "It was successful - thank GOD," said Walter S. Gerard, Class of '72 and Chairman of the event; mainly due to supporters from the last two years. Not only are the dinners tasteful, but the price is great; and where else can you get a good lunch and help some student attend college, support-

ers were saying. Many said they look for the Fish Fry each year.

NDDC Alumni members will be back next year hosting a Fish Fry for some more deserving students; be on the look out to enjoy good food and a chance to help in raising scholarship funds.



Royle King-cook.



Billy C. Heath- President, PIVAM National Alumni Association, NDDC Chapter.



Elaine Gerard & Gwen Jackson-servers.



Barbara Stephanie, Ada Hansford & James-cleaning fish.



(Left-to-Right) Ada Hansford, Shirley Demus Tarpley & Eloise London-eating fish and counting money.

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www.macedoniaministries.com

T.J. Denson, Pastor

Saturday: Intercessory Prayer @ 7:00 am  
Sunday Services: Sunday School @ 9:30 am • Morning Worship @ 11:00 am  
Monday Services: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Service: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

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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.

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

Contact Info: Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church  
11611 Webb Chapel Road • Dallas, TX 75229  
Office: 972-541-6151  
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Website: www.dallasmtpisgah.org

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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

## "Do The Write Thing: Answering God's Call" 7th Annual Conference Focuses On Writing

If one waits for the right time to come before writing, the right time never comes - James Russell Lowell

What: "Do the Write Thing: Answering God's Call"

7th Annual National Get Over Your Love Hangover Conference  
When: Saturday, June 16, 2007; 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church, 14120 Noel in Dallas

Cost: \$25.00; includes meals

History: The National Get Over Your Love Hangover Conference was founded by author Shevanda Riley (Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends) in 2001. It is held annually in June and is designed to provide practical tools for maintaining strong relationships. Both the conference and book have been featured in JET Magazine. The book, Love Hangover, is also an Essence Magazine best-seller.

Recognizing the Call (God...Is that You?)  
Discover how writing well is connected to recognizing the voice of God.  
• Do the Write Thing - Answering God's Call (Will Your Answer be Yes, No...or Maybe?)  
Explore how the first step in the process is starting out with the right answer to God's call.  
• Do the Right Thing - Ending the Call the Right Way (You've Said Yes to God...Now What?)  
Realize how writing can be a joyous experience and not an isolated burden on your relationships.  
• Do the Right Thing - Stop Treating God Like Your Cell Phone!  
Find out from an expert panel the rich blessings that come from answering God's call.

Additional information can be found at the conference website at www.thewritethingworkshop.com

Selected Workshop Topics

• Do the Write Thing -

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**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.

Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

**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.

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