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People In The News



Michael V. Drake, MD
2007 Champions of Health Professions Diversity Award Honoree.

A nationally recognized academic and administrator, Dr. Michael Drake is passionate about medicine, public service and education. He is the current chancellor of UC Irvine. His efforts to increase diversity in the UC system's health-profession schools have elevated him as an expert and leader in recruiting and retaining minority students. Drake has a long and accomplished association with the UC system that spans more than 30 years.

Born in New York City, Drake graduated from UCSF Medical School. He is chair of the board of directors of the Association of Academic Health Centers and is a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Strategies to Enhance Diversity of the Health Sciences. He is the immediate past national president of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Drake has received numerous awards, including the Herbert W. Nickens Award from the American Association of Medical Colleges and UCSF School of Medicine's Gold Headed Cane Faculty Award. He lives with his wife in Irvine and has two sons, Chris and Sean.

Richard Davidson, BSc
D.C. inventor/designer of an amazing weight loss system with a different twist... no risky surgery, no dieting. The program addresses the digestive problem and allows weight loss effortlessly.



Dr. Davidson received his degree in Metahurgical Engineering from University of Oklahoma and earned his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Parker Chiropractic College. Dr. Davidson completed six years of training, including numerous postgraduate programs. Dr. Davidson is certified in acupuncture and manipulation under anesthesia. He is also certified in pain management.

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To learn more about the program, contact Modern Back & Neck Clinic, 4041 W. Wheatland, Suite 120, Dallas, TX 75237, 972-283-3300 or visit www.youramaz-ingweightloss.com.



R. Donahue Peebles, real estate mogul and author recently closed on a deal to purchase 13 acres of land near the Las Vegas strip on which he plans to build the city's largest and only five-star non-gambling hotel. The project will be the largest of its type in the nation developed and owned by an African American.

Peebles is founder and president of the nation's largest Black-owned real estate development company - The Peebles Corporation based in Coral Gables, Florida. His portfolio includes luxury hotel and residential properties in Washington, D.C., Miami Beach, the Florida Keys and Las Vegas. His book is published by Wiley and is entitled The Peebles Principles. Additional information about the entrepreneur is available online at www.peeblescorp.com

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Ronald Jones, 1st Black Mayor, City Of Garland Swearing In Ceremony



(L to R) Martin Burrell, VP, American Airlines Center Public Affairs; the Honorable Ronald Jones, 1st Black Mayor, City of Garland; the Honorable Fred Blair, former Dallas City Council Member; the Honorable Craig Watkins, 1st Black Dallas County DA & 1st Black DA for the State of Texas; and Judge Thomas Jones.

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Dale Long Named 2007 National Board Member Of The Year By Big Brothers Big Sisters Of America

Within one month of his college graduation in 1974, Dale Long fulfilled a promise to a fellow fraternity brother and became a mentor to a little boy. Thirty-three years, six Little Brothers and one national Big Brother of The Year title later, this Big Brother and board member is now leading a national effort to recruit 10,000 African American mentors for children throughout the United States. As a result of this endeavor, he was recently selected as national Board Member of the Year for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA).

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity became a partner of BBBSA in 1990 when Mr. Long recognized the need for more African American men as role models and petitioned the national body of his fraternity to include Big Brothers Big Sisters as one of its National Programs. Today,



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Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick Denounces Supreme Court Ruling On Race Plans

Washington, DC - Today, Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (13th District, Michigan), Chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), released the following statement on the Supreme Court ruling to vacate school desegregation plans in Seattle and Louisville:

"Yesterday, the Supreme Court rejected reason, rationality, and respect for all Americans in its decision limiting access to education for all Americans. In rejecting school diversity plans that made race a factor-but not the sole or most important factor-in Louisville and Seattle, the Court tears at the very fabric of unity in our nation. We can, and we must, do

better for our children and grandchildren.

As a former teacher, a mother, and a grandmother, I understand the value of education. Access to education is one of our most sacred privileges. Education is the linchpin of achievement, success, and stability in our country. If you were not born of privilege, education and hard work can earn you privilege. This heinous ruling not only topples more than half a century of progress achieved under the Brown v. the Topeka, Kansas Board of Education decision, it encourages separation and segregation in private industry and government as well as in education.

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Jesse Jackson Stresses Need To Remedy Darfur Crisis

Ghana - American civil and human rights campaigner, Rev. Jesse Jackson, in Accra as an observer at the 9th AU Summit, has called on the international to show more interest in finding remedy to the crisis in Darfur than seeking to apportion blame for it.

However, Jackson told journalists in Accra Saturday after watching a teleconference press encounter with Sudanese President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, who would be absent at the summit, his absence rather prolongs the crisis.

Jackson called for respect for the peace agreement on Darfur, advocating for transparency and more resources to be allocated towards reconstructing the war-ravaged region.

He lamented the massive loss of human lives in Darfur, stressing that there must be distinction between rebels and civilians. He urged the UN as a credible organization to give con-

stant support to the peace process.

Jackson said the world is watching the troubled areas of Zimbabwe, Darfur and South Africa, and expressed full support for a combined UN/AU peace force in Darfur.

As the Union discussed the grand debate of a united government for Africa, Jackson said the unification was long overdue, stating that the process started with the struggle for independence for African countries, followed through pan Africanism, and moving ultimately to the United States of Africa.

Residues of colonial tremors, he observed, had however undermined these, because 'the roots of the slave trade run deep.'

Jackson called for commitment to reconstruct the continent, and emphasised the need to address the debt burden, mass illiteracy and HIV/AIDS.

Bringing Back Black Through Strategic Partnerships

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist

One of our main objectives when we met on December 9, 2006, in Cincinnati, Ohio, was to develop relationships with Black leaders (not "leading Blacks") and initiatives across this country, in an effort to strengthen and empower ourselves, both locally and nationally.

Since then, we have met in Chicago and Atlanta, increasing the number of members and raising our consciousness along the way; now we are headed to Kernersville, N.C., (near Greensboro) on October 12-14, 2007. An unprecedented conference will take place there among several Black organizations that have agreed to cooperate and combine and leverage their resources to Bring Back Black.

The key to the success of any movement by Black people in America is collective activity. That means we must find ways to work together, to support one another's issues and initiatives, and to stay in touch with one another via the many com-

munication vehicles available at our disposal, i.e., Internet Radio and TV, Websites, Blogs, Conference Calls, Newspaper Columns, "Black" Papers, Commercial Radio Talk Shows, Black Books, and E-mail.

The conference in Kernersville, to be held at the Dudley Products compound, will bring together no less than five separate Black organizations, all of which are dedicated to Bringing Back Black. We have decided to take things into our own hands, to make our own way, and do more for ourselves, using our collective leverage and reach. We have decided to take advantage of our economies of scale by pooling our resources and meeting together rather than on five separate occasions.

We have decided to work together; after all, each group is working toward the same general goal anyway, so why should we be isolated from

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Congresswoman Johnson Honors 43rd Anniversary Of 1964 Civil Rights Act

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson released the following statement commemorating the 43rd anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, which was signed into law on July 2, 1964:

"This Monday marks the 43rd anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson signing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law. The passage of the Civil

Rights Act was one of Congress' greatest accomplishments in America's long struggle against discrimination and oppression. It changed the face of this Nation and invalidated the Jim Crow laws that suppressed the rights of millions of Americans. The Civil Rights Act represented a momentous step towards

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"SICKO" Indicts America's Health Care Industry

By: Marian Wright Edelman -
NNPA Columnist

I am not in the habit of doing movie reviews. But I recommend everyone see Michael Moore's documentary "SICKO" about our health care system which leaves 45 million Americans uninsured including 9 million children. The film shows how sick people and taxpayers are victimized by powerful corporate interests guided by profits rather than preventing and curing health problems.

"SICKO" puts human faces on our national health care crisis. A grieving mother whose two-year-old daughter had a high fever and was gripped by a seizure and rushed to the nearest hospital was turned away because the hospital wasn't in her HMO's network.

She was told the child had to be moved and that any care provided by the receiving hospital would not be covered. Leaving that hospital denied the child vital emergency care. She slipped into a coma and died on the way to the HMO facility.

There's the middle-age couple, both professionals with health insurance, who were bankrupted when their insurance company stopped providing health coverage after her bout with cancer and his heart attacks. They were forced to sell their home and move into their daughter's storage room. We see a 22-year-old single mother and cancer survivor from Michigan who drives to Canada and poses as the common law wife of a friend to get free clinical care in that country. And we experience disoriented, indigent patients pushed out of hospitals, put in taxis and dumped, still in their clinical gowns, on the streets of Los Angeles' Skid Row.

Moore exposes how far some insurance companies go to avoid paying for medical costs and the voluminous list of ill-

ments insurance companies call "pre-existing conditions" to deny treatment, cancel policies or demand repayment for already received medical services.

He presents doctors and other employees of insurance companies and HMOs promoted and given bonuses based on the number of medical procedures denied sick people. In one case, a young woman with cancer was denied medical treatment because she once had a yeast infection, which the company claimed was a pre-existing condition.

Moore takes us to Britain and France, which have had universal health care since the 1940s. No child or adult would be denied care in those countries because they had a pre-existing condition or because necessary care was "too expensive." When he asks patients how much they are being charged for the care they receive, they laugh and say there is no charge because everybody is included in the National Health Service.

France, in addition to universal health care, maintains a 24-hour medical care service staffed by doctors who make house calls. When is the last time any of us had a doctor come to our home? "SICKO" explores some of the myths about health care in other industrialized democracies including supposed long waits for care and underpaid doctors.

One of the most dramatic segments of the film involves three first responders to the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center who are suffering from severe respiratory diseases and a host of other ailments from exposure to dust and debris at Ground Zero. Moore took them to the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to get the same free, top-notch health care that the U.S. military claims it is providing to "enemy combatants."

After he failed to enter the base, he took them to a Havana hospital where they received extensive free diagnostic tests and treatment and medication for which they paid nominal sums. In none of the countries Moore visited are children denied care or provided a lesser standard of care for lack of health insurance or money, as is too often the case in the United States.

I hope "SICKO" pricks our consciences and catalyzes a robust national debate about our broken health care system. The film asks timely questions our political leaders need to answer. If other countries can guarantee health care to all of their citizens, why can't ours? If Canada, European nations and Cuba can take the profit motive out of caring for people, why can't we?

As we search for the answers to these questions, we should start with our children right now as the State Children's Health Insurance Program comes up for renewal before September 30th. Why are there 9 million uninsured children in America? And why are many of our leaders claiming we can't afford to cover them all? We need to find common ground with all Americans of good will to address the nation's health care crisis regardless of one's political affiliation. It's a matter of life, death and health.

Tell Congress and the White House to ensure health coverage for all children by calling 1 (800) 861-5343 or visiting <http://www.childrensdefense.org>.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

Justice For Genocide Victims, Demands Hotel Rwanda Ex-Manager

Special to the NNPA from GIN (GIN) - Paul Rusesabagina, the man who inspired the film Hotel Rwanda, says unless the term of the UN tribunal on the genocide is extended, it will be a failure.

The mandate of the UN-backed war crimes court to try genocide ringleaders ends in December.

"I'm trying to be the voice of

millions of Rwandese who have no-one to speak out for them," said Rusesabagina.

In 1994, Rusesabagina - a middle-class Hutu married to a Tutsi with whom he shared four children - sheltered some 1,200 refugees at a hotel in the capital, Kigali, where he was the manager.

The film Hotel Rwanda told the story of how he used his

influence to bribe military officials to secure a safe escape for refugees.

Some 800,000 Tutsis and Hutu moderates were slaughtered during the country's 100-day genocide.

Since 1997 the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda has convicted 28 people and acquitted five.

Ruling Party And Opposition Pledge To Share Power

NNPA (GIN) - Nigeria's main opposition party, the ANPP, has said it will join the new government of President Umaru Yar'Adua.

Both parties have agreed to work on issues, including the electoral process and the constitution.

Until this week, the All Nigeria People's Party, the Action Congress and

Progressive Peoples Alliance had all refused to recognize Mr. Yar'Adua's election victory in April because of alleged vote-rigging. At least two of these political parties are challenging the results in court.

Meanwhile, oil workers are still fuming over the sale of two refineries, just prior to elections, to private Nigerian hands. The oil workers' unions,

PENGASSAN and NUPENG, say their concerns center on the loss of 4,000 jobs, with no plan on how to meet the pension commitments of laid off workers.

"We are saying, yes you can privatise, but let us sit down and thrash out the labor issues," Williams Ibbia Inko, NNPC's union chair told the Nigerian This Day newspaper.

What's Wrong With Bringing Back The 'Fairness' Doctrine?

William Greene, President of the conservative online activist organization RightMarch.com, announced today that his group will be launching a nationwide media and grassroots campaign to stop the attempt by liberal Democrats and MoveOn.org to re-instate the "Fairness Doctrine."

During your Talk Show interview with William Greene, he will share with your audience that the attempt by liberal extremists to re-instate the 'Fairness Doctrine' is really just an attempt to censor conservative talk radio, and every-body knows it," said Greene, president of RightMarch.com.

RightMarch.com will be launching a national campaign in print and broadcast media, as well as a grassroots campaign to Congress through his million-member organization, to oppose the re-instatement of the "Fairness Doctrine," and to support Rep. Mike Pence's new bill, the "Broadcast Freedom Act," to prohibit the FCC from bringing in this anti-free speech bill back.

William Greene is no lightweight when it comes to media matters. Under his leadership, OVER ONE MILLION emails were dispatched by RightMarch.com, grassroots activists urging Dan Rather to step down, to supplement the RightMarch.com newspaper ad campaign with giant ads calling for the resignation of Dan Rather. At the time, it was unthinkable that Dan Rather would actually succumb to grassroots pressure to

call it quits but he did!

This time Greene's goal is to have Grassroots America contact their legislators en masse, BEFORE the concept of bringing back Fairness Doctrine ever gets entrenched, to avoid the arduous task of ending something once it takes root.

ABOUT WILLIAM GREENE

William Greene is a visionary. He is often months or years ahead of his time. Last year Greene ran full-page ads in national newspapers as well as airing powerful radio ads on radio stations across the U.S., each calling for the resignation of Dan Rather. This effort was months ahead of the mainstream call for Rather to resign. Greene is also not afraid of being unpopular. He doesn't lick his finger and hold it in the air to see which way the wind is blowing before making a decision. One of many examples is when Greene made a bold and expensive move by running full page national ads praising Don Rumsfeld when Rumsfeld's popularity was at an all time low. Less than one week later, both Greene and Rumsfeld were vindicated when our television programs were interrupted with this breaking news: "Saddam Has Been Captured."

William Greene is a Founder and President of RightMarch.com, an online activist organization which enables its members to take effective action against activities by online liberal groups. RightMarch.com has been

responsible for over three million activist messages sent from conservatives across America to Congress, the President and other leaders. He also heads up the RightMarch.com PAC, which targets federal races where they can support conservative Republican challengers to incumbent liberal Republicans.

Greene is also president of Strategic Internet Campaign Management, Inc. (SICM.com - pronounced "sick 'em"), a consulting firm that enables organizations and candidates to harness the power of the Internet for fundraising and grassroots activism. In its April, 2002 issue, Campaigns and Elections magazine (campaignline.com), the trade publication for political professionals, featured Greene as one of its "Rising Stars In Politics."

Greene was formerly VP Internet Marketing & Development at ConservativeHQ.com Inc., a conservative online activism and fundraising company headed by political direct mail legend Richard A. Viguerie; before that he was the Director of Internet Marketing at The Grizzard Agency, a top ten direct marketing agency, as well as Internet Manager at Jesus Fellowship, Inc., which was in the vanguard of Internet use for religious nonprofits with sites like Churches dot Net and the Christian Internet Broadcast Network (citv.com).

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

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

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

MON-The Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991 by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

Success Has You Written All Over It

By: Farrah Gray -
NNPA Columnist

Are you a butcher, baker or a candle stick maker? Your ideas at first may not appear to you as "big" ideas that can go to market.

A young man living and working near a college campus could see the opportunity wanting to open a small chicken wing restaurant. What is great about his idea? He was selling "the sizzle" and not "the steak" with 18 different hot sauces flavors to choose from kept the college students coming back for more. When I arrived in Jackson, Miss. for our meeting and taste test I was convinced along with him that he has every opportunity for market entry product success.

Success can't be the goal. It is not the hope of a great achievement or a plan to accomplish a specific goal. Rather, success is an attitude that affirms worthiness of

who you are and the things you are doing. It is an attitude that keeps you open to new discovery and continual growth.

Choosing a business idea that will work well for you is paramount to starting a business. For now however, we will concentrate on choosing an idea for starting your own business. The best place to start is to look at the skills and knowledge that you do have. For instance, if you are in employment could you do your job working for yourself rather than being employed by someone else?

Other ideas are listed below.

Could you turn your hobby into a business? Maybe in your spare time you have gained a skill or knowledge, which could be turned into a business. It could be hair styling, gardening, cooking or writing. With the business know-how, something you take pleasure in doing,

could be earning you money!

Copy an idea?

An idea does not have to be novel or even original; in fact very few businesses are based on original ideas. Observe what happens abroad, you could get an idea that has not been tried where you live. Look around, watch the news, observe things around you and think how it could be translated into a business idea.

Look for inspiration
You could be inspired with an idea by looking at trade magazines, attending business expos or trade shows. This could provide the seed for a new idea or give you an idea to do it better.

Identify the best market
Apart from choosing an idea based on your skills, you could research markets you believe to be profitable. The ideal market

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ending discrimination in public facilities, in government, and in employment.

"We must remember that this fight for equality and freedom is not yet over. It is notable that this anniversary comes on the heels of the decision by the

United States Supreme Court to restrict the quest for diversity in our schools; a decision that certainly threatens the progress we have made and has the potential to further re-segregate many of our classrooms.

"We cannot develop future policies or laws without know-

ing and applying the lessons we have learned from the past. I hope that on this anniversary we recognize the brave men and women who fought and sacrificed for equality, and look for ways in which we can continue those efforts."

A Promise To Mentor One Evolves Into Mission To Recruit 10,000

Shortage of African American Male Role Models Ignites National Campaign

Dallas/FW - Within one month of his college graduation in 1974, Dale Long fulfilled a promise to a fellow fraternity brother and became a mentor to a little boy. Thirty-three years, six Little Brothers and one national Big Brother of The Year title later, this Big Brother and board member is now leading a national effort to recruit 10,000 African American mentors for children throughout the United States. As a result of this endeavor, he was recently

selected as national Board Member of the Year for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA). He will receive the organization's Clifford P. Norman Award Wednesday, June 27, at the organization's national conference.

In 1990, Mr. Long, a City of Dallas employee and resident of Garland, Texas, successfully petitioned his fraternity to become a national partner of BBBSA. Today, he serves as National Chairman of the Alpha Phi Alpha - Big Brothers Big Sisters Partnership. In this role, he leads the charge across the nation to recruit 10,000 African

American male mentors for 10,000 boys by the end of 2008.

"We know that there are at least 10,000 African American boys throughout America who are looking for role models. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has undertaken the meaningful task of serving as Big Brothers themselves and encouraging their friends to do the same. They are opening doors to their businesses, places of worship and professional organizations for volunteer recruitment opportunities," said Dale Long. "Being a Big Brother is a 'doable' and significant way to give back."

"Dale Long has been nothing short of truly amazing in his ceaseless efforts to mobilize men through Alpha Phi Alpha and beyond as mentors," said Mark Scott, director, community partnerships for BBBSA. "His momentum has ignited mentoring initiatives in Alpha Phi Alpha chapters across the nation with the common goal of recruiting 10,000 male mentors."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America will recognize Mr. Long with their Clifford P. Norman Board Member of the Year Award at their national

conference this week in Scottsdale, AZ. Chosen from more than 450 Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies throughout the US, the award focuses on a board member's commitment to the organization, contributions to his local agency and contributions to nationally strengthening ties and unite efforts throughout all BBBSA agencies. Mr. Long is

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New State Plan Brings Back Prepaid Tuition

Written by Aissatou Sidimé, San Antonio Express-News

Gov. Rick Perry has signed a new law that allows Texas families to prepay college tuition costs for the first time since 2003 — and with greater flexibility in purchases.

But if it catches on, the Texas Tomorrow Fund II, which will open in 2008, could wind up pushing prices higher for future low-income students, according to some experts.

Under the new program, fami-

lies will be able to prepay undergraduate tuition and fees by purchasing tuition units. A full year's tuition, or 30 hours of class, will require 100 units. Prices will vary based on whether the buyer chooses to purchase units for a community college, the average four-year university or the highest-priced four-year institution in Texas.

Each year, the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board will set the new prices for tuition units according to what Texas colleges are charging that year.

Using today's actual college prices in Texas, families would pay about \$23 per unit for community colleges, and \$57 or \$81 per unit for four-year universities, based on data supplied by the Texas Comptroller.

The new plan also will allow low-income families to receive matching contributions.

Supporters praise the plan for being more affordable and accessible than the state's original prepaid plan that forced families to buy two, four or five years of college. It

closed four years ago.

"This way anyone can spend whatever they want and still pay for college," said state Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, who co-sponsored the bill to create the new prepaid tuition plan.

Morrison got the idea for the new Texas Tomorrow Fund II after studying a similar plan in Tennessee.

The new program is expected to help the state reach its goal of getting more Texas students to attend college.

Board Member Of The Year *Page 1* as the program chairman, he travels to the fraternity's national conference and to each of the state and regional conventions to educate chapter leaders and members as to the dire need for African American male mentors across the nation. He secures mentoring commitments and unites Alpha Phi Alpha organizations with their local Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies to develop programs in cities from coast to coast. All of this is accomplished while serving on the local board of BBBSNT and mentoring his sixth Little Brother since 1974.

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Locally, Mr. Long reaches beyond the membership of his fraternity to his fellow congregation members at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, United Methodist Men and his fellow employees at the City of Dallas.

Over a professional career spanning more than 30 years, he has worked for McDonnell Douglas in the NASA Space Shuttle Program, Texas Instruments and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Light Rail

project. He currently works for the City of Dallas as the Senior Public Information Officer.

Named "National Big Brother of the Year" by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America in 1989, he was invited to the White House by former President George H. Bush to assist in the announcement of his "Thousand Points of Light" initiative.

A firm believer in community involvement, Mr. Long serves as a Trustee of Children's Medical Center of Dallas, is a member of the Leadership Dallas Alumni Association and the Garland NAACP. He also serves as a Dallas County Deputy Voter Registrar, City of Garland and is on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit and the Garland Police Chief Advisory Committees.



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Marcia Donaldson

First, the bad news: There's still plenty of identity theft out there. Now, the better news: There's not as much as in previous years. And here's the best news: You can do a lot to protect yourself from being victimized.

What is identity theft? It basically involves someone getting some pieces of information about you — name, Social Security number, credit card numbers, "pre-approved" credit card offers — and using this data to make purchases or withdraw funds from your accounts.

In 2006, some 8.4 million Americans were hit by identity fraud — but that's half a million fewer victims than in the year before, according to a study conducted by Javelin Strategy & Research. The study also found that, in 2006, the average victim of an existing account fraud paid \$587 out-of-pocket in consumer costs associated

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Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

with the fraud, while victims of new accounts opened in their name paid, on average, \$617.

The overall decline in identity theft may indicate that more people are acting to protect themselves — but the average cost per person shows that fraud victims still can get hurt. How can you reduce the chances of being victimized by identity theft? Here are some suggestions:

- Shield your credit card from prying eyes and ears. Thieves can now use camera cell phones to take photos of your credit cards while you're making purchases. Don't pull your credit card from your wallet or purse until you're ready to use it, and put it away afterward. If you're making a contribution over the phone to a political or nonprofit group, don't give out your credit card number unless you're sure the organization is legitimate.

- Use secure sites when shopping online. Before giving out your credit card number to make a purchase

on the Internet, make sure you're on a secure site — one that begins with https://. (The "s" stands for "secure.") Also, the site should display a small lock or other security seal.

- Change your PIN number. Change the PIN number on your cash card once in a while.

- Shred those documents. If you are purging old investment statements, tax returns and bank documents, use a shredder. And while you have the shredder out, use it on pre-approved credit card offers.

- Go "virtual." Try to replace paper statements — from banks, financial services providers and credit card issuers — with online versions. Many businesses will be quite happy to save the cost and expense of mailing account statements to you.

- Check your bank statements. Whether you get your bank statements online or on paper, check them at least a few times a month. If you find a transaction that looks unfamiliar or questionable,

call your bank to find out more details.

- Get your credit report annually. You are eligible to receive a free credit report once a year from each of the three main credit bureaus. To request a copy of your report, you can go to the website www.annualcreditreport.com or call the credit bureaus: Equifax (1-800-685-1111), Experian (1-888-397-3742) and Trans Union (1-800-888-4213). Check your report closely for "surprises" or unaccounted activity.

- Guard your personal information. Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet. Unless it's truly necessary, as when you're filling official papers, don't give out your Social Security number.

Identity thieves are clever — so do whatever it takes to keep them out of your life.

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one another? We have decided to pay our own way and not have our conference be dependent upon "sponsorships" from folks who only want us to buy more of their "stuff." We have decided that we must step up, first, before we ask anyone else to assist us, and make the initial sacrifice necessary to build an authentically Black coalition.

We understand the alternative if we fail to work together, the way other groups do. We know that by supporting our people rather than ignoring them, denying them, and running away from them, Black folks will have greater clout to determine what happens to us and our children.

Thus, the groups coming together in October are taking a collective stand for Black people, and we want you to join us. We want you, wherever you are, to commit to Bringing Back Black and not allow it to fade into oblivion as a mere afterthought of times gone by. It is our responsibility; it is our obligation; it is our calling to take control of our destiny. We cannot afford to leave it in the hands of anyone else.

Think about how long we have been in this country, and how much our ancestors did to build and sustain it; if you have an ounce of consciousness and respect for yourself as a Black person you cannot help but want to Bring Back Black. You cannot help but want to do your part, whether by physically being there in October, or by establishing contact with your brothers and sisters to see how you can get involved.

Fred Moore, an organizer for the National Negro Business League in 1900,

pleaded with Black folks more than 100 years ago about the importance of working together and supporting one another. He intimated then, as we must also acknowledge now, "Jews support Jews; Germans support Germans; Italians support Italians [Black people] must support [Black people]."

Moore went on to make the following prophetic statement, "Instead of constantly appealing to Whites, [Blacks] should create our own opportunities. What a mighty power we shall be when we begin this, and we shall never be a mighty power until we do begin."

Moore's message of "collective work and responsibility" rings true today. Our commitment to his goal can only be reflected in the work we do to bring his vision to fruition. During the last four centuries, many other stalwarts have issued similar warnings to Black people, whether it was the call for freedom from enslavement, for political rights, public accommodations and access, or economic rights. But their call went out to Black people first; they knew that the initial responsibility was ours to assume. They were not asking someone else to do what they could do for themselves.

The Bring Back Black movement, such a powerful and unapologetic mantra, while it may intimidate some of our brothers and sisters (so did the National Negro Business League), is an excellent banner under which we can rally our various causes, quests, and struggles. It is the best way to achieve a wide-ranging collective victory for Black people in the United States of America.

Bring Back Black does not usurp anyone's authority; it does not co-opt anyone's program; it does not deny anyone's worth; it

does not denigrate anyone's efforts; it does not diminish anyone's work; it does not subordinate anyone's position; it does not claim to be the panacea in and of itself. Bring Back Black recognizes that the panacea is found the sum of our individual work, all the issues we fight for, from inferior education to reparations to genuine Black political leadership to economic equity to health-related issues to housing to employment to criminal injustice to environmental justice.

Bring Back Black encompasses all of those vital issues, and you are a part of it. Wherever you fit, whatever your involvement is, whatever you are doing to help your people, and whatever your particular cause happens to be, you are a necessary link in the Bring Back Black chain. I hope to see you in October in Kennesville. For more information see: www.bringbackblack.org.

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DBDT's 2007 Summer Dance Training Programs

Dallas - Dallas Black Dance Theatre's (DBDT) 2007 Summer Dance Training Programs include the Summer Youth Dance Enrichment Program June 4-22, 2007 and the Summer Intensive Professional Dance Workshop July 1-14, 2007.

"We are pleased to support Dallas Black Dance Theatre's summer programs for furthering dance training for young boys and girls and aspiring dance professionals," states Michelle R. Thomas, Vice President - JPMorgan Chase Community Relations.

"Chase promotes partnerships that build capacity with particular emphasis on programs that support the middle-school years and engage students in the arts."

Dance students ages 9 - 15 from across the state of

Texas attended the 2007 dance enrichment workshop, with the theme "Dance: Igniting the Power of



Students enhance their skills in the Modern dance workshop.

Creativity." Daily the boys and girls participated in ballet, modern, jazz and African dance classes taught by the professional dancers of Dallas Black Dance Theatre. Additionally, motivational speakers and community leaders volunteered to encourage the youth to pursue healthy attitudes and

make good decisions that can lead to success in life.

At the end of the 3-week workshop, all participants were presented in a final recital on June 22, 2007, at the Dorothy and Plato Karayannis Opera Rehearsal Hall in the Fair Park area. The students performed works from all four dance disciplines, and some students that excelled received

tuition scholarships to attend the Academy of Dallas Black Dance Theatre for the 2007-2008 school year.

With the youth program wrapped up, DBDT's Summer Intensive Professional Dance Workshop is underway with classes designed to give serious dance students intensive

instruction from the finest teachers in the disciplines of Ballet, Modern, Jazz, African Dance and Liturgical/Praise Dance.

Students from around the world are drawn to DBDT's exciting summer workshop. The roster of guest master teachers includes: Elizabeth Roxas, former principal dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, teaching Modern dance; international instructor Derrick Brown, from Amsterdam, Holland, leading the Ballet workshop; the inspirational Dr. Chuck Davis, Artistic Director of North Carolina-based African American Dance Ensemble and founder of Dance AFRICA, teaching African dance; and Grambling State University instructor and Orchestral dance coordinator, Dianne Maroney-Grigsby, will guide

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Beyonce With Special Guest Robin Thicke

Since wrapping up her first solo tour in 2004, Beyoncé has kept up a whirlwind pace. In 2005, Destiny's Child said good-bye with Destiny Fulfilled, a farewell tour and the greatest hits collection #1's. That same year Beyoncé and her mother, Destiny



Child's stylist Tina Knowles, launched a fashion line, House of Deréon, named for Beyoncé's maternal grandmother. The following year Beyoncé began filming what she described as the role of a lifetime: "Deena Jones" in the long awaited cinematic version of the Broadway classic Dream Girls. Her creativity took center stage on her 2003 solo debut, Dangerously In Love, which won an astounding five Grammy Awards, confirming her status as one of pop/R&B's

premier songwriters, producers and singers. With hits like "Crazy In Love" and "Baby Boy," Beyoncé shattered sales records, headlined sold-out tours worldwide, and presented the full range of her artistic vision, redefining herself in the process. With the release of B'Day, Beyoncé invited her fans around the world to celebrate their best years yet.

The Evolution of Robin Thicke, is the second solo album from the critically acclaimed Grammy Award-winning songwriter/producer/singer. He brings to life the stories and emotions of the last two tumultuous years of his life. With a voice of purity, passion and soulfulness; he weaves tales of love, loss, temptation, redemption and finding hope when all the odds are stacked against you. As a songwriter and producer he has amassed dozens of gold and platinum records with artists including Usher, Mary J. Blige, Michael Jackson and Christina Aguilera...but now it's Robins turn to show what he can do as a singer, and as his own man.

Success Has No Page 3 would, for example, be a growing market and have a niche. Still no idea?

Try brainstorming with friends and family. Invite them to come up with any ideas (it does not matter how silly some of them may sound). A brainstorming session should last no longer than fifteen minutes. It should be a starting point to help you think about the opportunities available.

New product of process?

Maybe you are a bit of an inventor and have invented a new product or process that you wish to create into a business. If that is the case, make sure you patent your invention with the Patent Office (see address below).

Making it a good e-idea

Whatever business idea you decide, you should also be thinking of how it would translate on the Internet. Your business idea should therefore be an e-idea with the following attributes:

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Hopefully, this should be enough general information to help you make up your mind about your business idea and the important attributes needed to make your idea work. Go for the success that has your name on it!

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Being an executive producer on her debut for Elektra (which was out of the ordinary) meant that Anita had complete control on the project. Choosing her friend from Chapter 8, Michael J. Powell as her Producer, they created a masterpiece called "Rapture". The album received US platinum in only 6 month and the success on the chart's meant a total sale of over 6 million records worldwide. The following Grammy awards gave her 2 Grammy's.

In November 1986 when she was returning to Detroit

to receive the key of the city, she got engaged to Walter Bridgforth Jr. whom she had met on a earlier trip home in January. They got married on Christmas Eve 1988.

1987, Anita worked on her follow-up album "Givin you the best that I got" in between a busy performance schedule. Again she worked with M.J. Powell, and although the album received Grammy's later on, Anita wasn't comfortable with the final mix. As the perfectionist she is, she believed that if she wasn't satisfied with her work, the fans wouldn't be either, but later she has realized that the fans are with her in good and bad times, and the album became a critical and commercial success.

On her third project for

Elektra, Anita wanted to be more involved in song writing and wished to experiment with jazz. The album contains 7 songs written by Anita and the album was mostly cut live, meaning that the rhythm sec-



tion was playing as Anita sang. On the album produced by Michael J. Powell, there were musicians like Greg

Philiganes, Nathan East, Paulinho da Costa, Vernon Fails, Ricky Lawson and Stephen Ferrone. Anita's involvement in the whole recording process gave the album a personal touch and for the effort she received her 7th Grammy award. The album is of course, "Compositions".

Anita now felt it was time to relax a little and ended her partnership with Michael J. Powell. She felt that on her next project she would like to be more in charge on how the record should sound and be the ultimate creative force. During her break away from the industry and 2 miscarriages in 1989 and 1991, Anita and Walter became parents in January 1993 to a son, Walter Baker Bridgforth. Five months later Anita started working on her next project, "Rhythm of love" and during the recording sessions she became pregnant again.

Anita produced most of the album, but famous producers like George Duke, Arif Mardin, Barry Eastmond and Tommy Lipuma also contributed to the album. "Rhythm of love" was mainly recorded in Anita's home due to the pregnancy, she wrote 5 out of 12 songs and beautifully selected "My Funny Valentine" to be the last song, a song that proves that Anita should do an all jazz album in my opinion. After the birth of Edward Carlton Bridgforth in May 1994, "Rhythm of love" was released in September

1994 and received her 8th Grammy for "I apologize" in 1995. After "Rhythm of love" she has taking time of to spend with her family, until a tragedy occurred, when she lost her birth mother in 1996 and her father in 1998 and at the same time struggling with the record company on disagreements, naturally it has delayed a new cd for quite a while. But she has won the case against Elektra and has signed with Atlantic Records.

Texas Born Yolanda Adams Hits It Big

Yolanda Adams, the groundbreaking Grammy-winning contemporary gospel artist, born and raised in Houston, Texas, where her first musical influences ranged from gospel and classical music to R&B and Motown. Yolanda found her calling and honed her craft as the lead singer in the Southeast Inspiration Choir. Her debut album, "Just As I Am," reached #8 on the Billboard Top Gospel Albums chart in 1987 and inaugurated an unbroken string of chart-topping collections



including the #1 Top Gospel Albums: "Mountain High ... Valley Low" (1999),

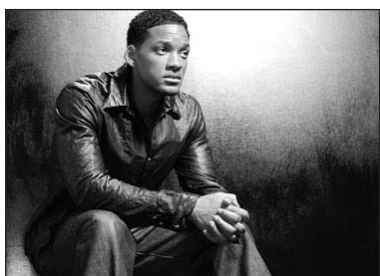
"Christmas With Yolanda Adams" (2000), "Believe" (2001), and "Day By Day" (2005).

Yolanda will release her new collection of holiday songs on Tuesday, October 16. She is currently recording with legendary production team Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis in her hometown of Houston, Texas. Adams, Jam and Lewis will continue their creative collaboration on a follow-up studio album to be released in early 2008.

The star of "The Yolanda Adams Morning Show," airing

on major radio stations across-the-country, Yolanda has been the recipient of numerous honors including four Gospel Music Association Dove Awards, seven NAACP Image Awards (including 2001 Outstanding Female Artist and 2006 Outstanding Gospel Artist), one Soul Train Music Award and five Grammy Awards. She is the first artist to win the American Music Award for Best Contemporary/ Inspirational Artist (2001) and took home the BET Award for Best Gospel Artist three years in a row (2001, 2002, 2003).

Will Smith Star In New Movie, I Am Legend By Nolan Strong



Will Smith may be one of the most popular celebrities of the moment, but the actor/rapper will find an audience of one

at the end of the year for his new film, I Am Legend.

The Francis Lawrence-directed action thriller stars Smith as Robert Neville, a brilliant scientist who becomes the last human survivor in what is left of New York City and possibly the world when he is unable to contain an unstoppable man-made incurable virus.

New footage from I Am Legend will be featured in the film's trailer, which debuted Friday June 8 online.

The feature, which has a budget of over \$100 million dollars, will be presented by Warner Bros. Pictures in association with Village Roadshow

Pictures and is slated to open in theaters around the world in December.

The movie is based off of Richard Matheson's 1954 novel of the same name.

Portions of I Am Legend were shot in Brooklyn, the Bronx and Manhattan. One scene in the film on the Brooklyn Bridge cost \$5 million, the most expensive shot in the history of New York City to date.

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Find out at special kick-off meeting for minority-and women-owned businesses.

Thursday, July 12, 2007
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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825 W. Irving Blvd.

Minority - and women-owned businesses are invited to share in \$1.2 billion in upcoming city contracts. Participants will receive a list of projects and a handbook containing important information on new policies and procedures to encourage M/WBE participation.

Registration is not required, but is strongly encouraged.
Those who register will be eligible to win door prizes.

To register, visit www.theburrellgroup.net/rsvp.

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder and Senior Pastor: The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary. Genesis 2:15; Exodus 20:9-10. Those who begin the day with prayer usually end it with praise. Daniel 6:10-15. Adversity is like a mirror, it is sent to draw us closer to God! 2 Samuel 4:9; Proverbs 24:10. Anything that's big enough to worry about is big enough to pray about. Luke 18:1; Psalm 61:1. Let God's love fill your cup and you will find no difficulty in letting it overflow to others. Psalm 16:11. Worry kills more people than work, because more people worry than work! Matthew 6:26 & 33:34. Behind the clouds of trouble the grace of God is still shining. Job 5:7.

Let your light shine - many are walking in darkness! Matthew 5:16. God does not demand success or profit, just obedience. 1 Samuel 15:22. If God sends a man into a lion's den of trouble, He always goes there with him. Psalm 91:15. The way to face a trial is to begin praying, continue watching, and end up praising. Hosea 6:4. Calvary is the result of God's heartache for perishing souls. John 3:14-15 & 19:17-18. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10.

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cation.

We applaud the remarks of Supreme Court Justice Breyer. Justice Breyer, in his dissenting opinion, said that "this is a decision that the Court and the Nation will come to regret." The Congressional Black

Scriptures For July 2007

God wants from us—not our ability, but our availability. Philippians 4:6-7.

Many Christians are not at home when opportunity knocks at their door. Mark 1:33-34. Christ emptied Himself of celestial glory that sinners might be filled with Heaven's riches. 2 Corinthians 8:9. In God's eyes it is a great thing to do a little well.



Picture of The Week
Thomas Jefferson, President of Hamilton Park Civic League & Sister Tarpley at an outdoor luncheon for The Heart of a Warrior Charitable Foundation.

Colossians 3:23; 1 Corinthians 10:3. The darker the night, the nearer the dawn! Psalm 30:5. The family that prays seldom strays! James 5:17-18. Hold firm the lantern of truth and it will guide you aright. Proverbs 3:6. God and you make a majority that can win against all odds. Romans 8:31; Matthew 28:20.

God can turn winds of adversity into showers of blessings. Genesis 50:20. For the Christian there is an appointment in every disap-

pointment! Psalm 42:11; Romans 8:28. There will be more power in the pulpit when there is more prayer in the pew! Acts 4:31. The best bell to ring to call people to church is a good example! 1 Timothy 4:12; Hebrew 13:24-25. To live victoriously think less of things "over you" and more of the power of Christ "in you." 1 John 4:4. Holiness is not a luxury for a few, but a necessity for all. Hebrew 12:14; 2 Corinthians 6:17-18. A true friend will put a finger on your faults without rubbing them in! Proverbs 27:5-6.

The wise man adjusts himself to the Bible, but the fool adjusts the Bible to himself. 1 Corinthians 3:19. Every day is the right day to use the right word. Proverbs 24:6. Sassy Christians are the only ones who add true spice to life. Matthew 5:13. **Something to Ponder:** Each life needs its own quiet place. It's the little moments that make life big. It isn't the load that breaks us down, it's the way we carry it. What we seek depends mainly on what we look for. Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there. Happiness is where we find it, but rarely where we seek it. Nothing is difficult to those who have the will. Take nothing for granted; have a good day or a great day.

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Monday School: 7pm
Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00pm

Website: www.ibccjoy.org

Church Happenings

AVENUE F CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 7, 10 am to 2 pm
Please join us for our Community Picnic, in the Douglass Community. There will be games, a bounce house, and a dunking booth. FREE food and fun for everyone! For details please call 214-636-1468 or 214-282-7791.

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Brother Ramon Hodridge, Minister
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BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

July 23-27, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Everyone is welcome to our FREE Vacation Bible School; this will be a week of fun with games, crafts, and snacks. For information, call Carmelia Godwin @ 972-513-0122

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2700 Finely Road
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972-513-0122

COMMUNITY OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

This Saturday, July 7, 6 pm
You are invited to our Black Tie Pastoral Celebration Gala honoring our Overseer, Pastor Lisa Tarpley at the Radisson Hotel, 100 Alta Mesa East Blvd., Ft. Worth, TX 76134. Keynote Speaker is the renowned Bishop Gerald Long, Jr.

For information, ticket prices, or to RSVP, call 972-790-6930.

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We are offering (FREE) English as a Second Language Class for everyone. Please call Marcia Jones @ the church for details.

July, 2007 & On Going
Our Education Department is providing FREE, GED preparation, including pre-testing and tutoring every Wednesday @ 6 pm. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact the church.

July 6, 7 pm
Join us for "A Night of Praise" Talent Night, dinner will be served.

July 7, 10 am - 5 pm
Youths, ages 12 - 18, are invited to go to Hurricane Harbor. FBCCA youth will pay half the fee of \$26.

July 11 - 13, 2007
Pastor Stafford will be in a revival in Pleasant Grove; the public is invited to come.

July 14, 2007
Please join us for our 2nd Annual Joyce Turner Scholarship Fund Gold Tournament at the Westridge Golf Club in McKinney. All proceeds will help our graduating seniors attend college.

Please call 972-359-9956 for details about any or all of the above events.

July 22, 4 pm
You don't want to miss our special guest, the dynamic Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr., Senior Pastor of New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett and his congregation at our Friends & Family Day.

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Rev. W. L. Stafford, Sr., M. Div.
Senior Pastor
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July 7, 8 am - 1 pm
Come to our Children Youth Fellowship Yard Sale & Social. There will be great quality and low prices. Please, no early birds.

July 27 & 28, 2007
Come to our Women's Retreat 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Central Suites, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, TX 75243. Speakers: Pastor Gloria Fenceroy, Mr. Olive Church of Plano; Dr. Jacquelyn Brown; Rev. Pat Thresher; Rev. Lisa Autry; Eirene Christian Fellowship; and Pastor Ouida Lee, U.M. Church of the Disciple.

There will be workshops; prizes; musical performance by the McCampbell Trio; facials; manicures; pedicures; massages; and more.

For information and registration, call 972-423-4090.

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5th Annual Citywide VBS Hosted By Saint Mark Baptist Church Held At Malvern Elementary School, McKinney



Opening Night Worship Rally.



Jahara steps off bus for her first night at VBS.



Jalen listens carefully to instruction during snack time.



Ashanti and Brianna finish meal, as they get ready for class.



Students and teacher have group prayer before beginning class.



Minister Melvin Crosby lead, 9th-12th grade boys class.



Basketball was among games play to win prizes during Family Night Carnival.

Learners Enjoying Vacation Bible School during Citywide VBS hosted by Saint Mark Baptist Church.
Photos by Rodrickus Brandon
Vacation Bible School, one of the greatest opportunities to reach all people, especially children and preschoolers during the summer months. It continues to be one of the most productive special events in terms of both finding prospects and leading them to the Lord. This year's VBS had over two

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