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People In The News



Linda Mason, R.N., and vice president of long-term care with the Visiting Nurse Association, was honored by the Texas Association for Home Care at its annual convention held August 22, 2007 the Gaylord Texas Resort and Conference Center in Grapevine.

Mason, a Parker resident, was presented with one of the organization's most prestigious honors - the Ida Mae

Hebert Meritorious Award - in recognition of her outstanding contributions to home care in Texas.

She was cited for her strong advocacy of community-based care for the aging and developmentally disabled during a nursing career that has spanned more than three decades.

Mason began her service at VNA in 1992 as the director of risk management, taking charge of areas of greater responsibility before assuming her present position as vice president of long-term care. She now oversees the provision of a diverse group of long-term care services that include Community-Based

Alternatives, Primary Home Care, Family Care, Meals on Wheels, and senior congregate meals.

In addition, Mason has served on numerous committees with the Texas Department of Human Services and other state panels, and as an advisor on quality management of long-term care services for the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the Dallas Area Agency on Aging.

Prairie View A&M University head women's basketball coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke was honored by the USTA during the 2007 U.S. Open Opening Night celebration themed, "Breaking Barriers," which highlighted the 50th anniversary of Althea Gibson's historic title victory at the U.S. National Championships.



During the ceremony, Gibson was inducted in the U.S. Open Court of Champions based on the result of an international media vote. The Opening Night tribute included a celebration of African American females who also broke barriers in the world of sports, entertainment, politics and the arts.

Cynthia Cooper-Dyke was the first woman to score 2500 career points in the history of the WNBA. Her accomplishments were celebrated during the opening night on-court ceremony, which also saluted other black female firsts such as Yolanda Adams, Phylicia Rashad and Nikita Giovanni.

As a kid growing up in the Detroit area, Alicia Boler-Davis always wanted to work in the fast-paced auto industry.



On Oct. 1, she will get her next big opportunity - and a historic one at that - when she becomes manager of the General Motors Assembly Plant in Arlington, Ms. Boler-Davis, 38, currently assistant manager of GM's pickup truck plant in Pontiac, Mich., will become the first black woman to be appointed plant manager of a GM vehicle factory.

"It was all around us growing up, but I am the first in my family to work in the auto industry," she said. "I'm excited about this new assignment."

Ms. Boler-Davis, a native of Romulus who has degrees in chemical engineering and engineering, says she knows the Arlington plant mostly by reputation. She said that she realizes that the plant is considered one of GM's best, most efficient factories and that its full-size SUVs have fared well in quality surveys.

Her job will be to keep everyone focused on becoming even better, she said. Competition in the full-size sport utility vehicle segment is ferocious, with GM, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota, Lexus, Nissan and Infiniti all fighting for sales in a flat market.

"Sometimes when a plant is doing well, you have to explain to the organization the need to keep pushing to do well, to keep striving to always be competitive," she said. "You have to find ways to keep driving that."

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Open House After Remodeling



Family came to Open House Activities: Evangelist Ida Eggin, David Fielding, Rose Fielding, Resident Billie I. Daye.

After a massive remodeling of Carrollton Health & Rehab Center in Carrollton, Tex., located in the older southern section of town, administrators, staff and other employees of the center opened the doors for residents' family and friends, local and county elected officials, other health care providers, and administrators from hospitals in the surrounding area. The "open house" celebration was designed to show off the newly remodeled facility

The Honorable Becky Miller, Carrollton mayor, was present and expressed her pleasure with what had been accomplished. She thanked the staff for continuing the up keep of the older section of Carrollton.

Christa Bridges, age 15; Nicole Hartman, age 13; Shawna Hartman, age 8; and Kate Bridges, age 15 accompanied by their mothers, Mrs. Faith

Hartman and Mrs. BeaAnn Bridges, took turns playing beautiful music throughout the event. The young ladies are home schooled, and one of their extracurricular activities is to visit Carrollton Health & Rehab Center and provide music programs for residents and staff on a

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First Annual Governor's Lucheon Benefitting The UNCF



North Texas' first annual Governor's Luncheon, benefitting the United Negro College Fund, will be held Thursday, September 6, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency

DFW Airport. The luncheon will feature a keynote address by the Honorable Rick Perry Governor of Texas and remarks by State Senator Royce West and UNCF's CEO/President, Dr. Michael Lomax. Entertainment will be provided by Paul Quinn College's gospel choir.

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Minorities Worry More About Housing Slump: Poll

By Emily Kaiser
 New York (Reuters) - African-Americans and Hispanics are far more worried than whites about declining U.S. house prices, and are three times more likely to say it is getting tougher to obtain a home loan, a Reuters/Zogby poll released on Wednesday shows.

As the subprime mortgage mess prompts lenders to tighten credit terms, minorities appear to be feeling the pressure more acutely, perhaps reflecting a sense of discrimination, said pollster John Zogby.

The nationwide telephone survey of 1,020 likely voters was conducted Aug 9-11, when concerns about tightening credit terms sparked a global stock market slide. The margin of error was plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Some 60 percent of African-Americans said they were very concerned about declining home prices, compared with just 19 percent of whites. A third of Hispanics said they were very concerned.

More than one in three African-Americans and Hispanics said they thought it would be more difficult to get a home loan now than a year ago, compared with 11 percent of whites.

Zogby said the findings reflect growing economic uncertainty and a feeling of declining hope among minorities, even as consumer

confidence surveys show Americans overall feeling generally upbeat.

The Reuters/University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers showed consumer sentiment rose in July, and just 19 percent of consumers expected the economy to worsen in the year ahead.

"This is a bifurcated country," Zogby said. "There is an enormous amount of economic anxiety among minorities."

Some of that may reflect a long-running sense of discrimination -- both real and perceived -- in the housing market, he said.

A study released earlier this year by a group of fair housing agencies found that in six major U.S. cities, black borrowers were 3.8 times more likely than whites to receive a higher-cost home loan, while Hispanic borrowers were 3.6 times more likely to pay more.

The housing market downturn has exposed lax lending

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Local Gospel Station Hosts Musical Tribute To Honor 9/11 Tragedy

KHVN-Heaven 97 Hosts Free Gospel Concert For Community

As America approaches the sixth-year anniversary of the world-changing terrorist attacks that transpired on Sept. 11, 2001, local gospel station KHVN-Heaven 97 will host the "We Remember" concert, a gospel tribute honoring the many families affected by the horrible tragedy. This musical tribute will take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at the New Breed Christian Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

"Six years ago, the world united during a time of sorrow when so many innocent lives were suddenly taken away," said Antonio Johnson, program director of KHVN-Heaven 97. "The 'We Remember' concert will unite our community during a time of joy as we celebrate those lives through music and praise."

The KHVN-Heaven 97 "We

Remember" gospel concert is an opportunity for the local community to come together for a time of reflection and remembrance and to experience and witness gospel music's miraculous power to heal, uplift and provide hope for the future. Among the gospel artists expected to deliver soul-stirring musical performances are Shirley Murdock, Earnest Pugh, Z'Nel, Carolyn Taylor, Barbara Mitchell and Blair and Sean Reed. The "We Remember" gospel concert is open to the public, and there is no cost required to attend. To show support and remembrance, attendees are asked to wear a red ribbon and to bring a small American flag to wave during the concert. For additional information on the KHVN-Heaven 97 "We Remember" concert, please visit www.khvn.com.

Oops! Upside Your Head

By: James Clingan - NNPA Columnist
 We have been taking blows upside our heads since 1619, and some Black people still believe it's unintentional. As long as the perpetrators say, "Oops," we are somehow consoled.

In the 1980's, we danced to the beat of the Gap Band's song, but today we are dancing to the constant rhythm of a "beat-down" and taking the apologetic "Oops" part seriously. We act inappropriately to being marginalized and mistreated by the larger society, especially when it comes to economics, by looking for any way to excuse their behavior against us. We say, "Oops!" to our own assaults and keep on dancing to their tune.

In a recent conversation with a friend, in answer to his questions as to why Black people are so reluctant to act in our own best interests and what it will take to get us to do so, I asserted that we have not been

slapped hard enough yet.

I also shared with him my belief that our people really believe we can change the hearts of those white folks who continue to mistreat us. Not only do we believe we can change them, in some cases, we really don't believe they are serious when it comes to keeping us down and even eliminating us altogether. It's just another "Oops" moment.

In some distorted illogical way, some Black folks believe that Whites who work daily to keep us in our place will eventually change their ways and start to help us move forward. Despite knowing what has happened since 1619, we still believe that some day they will bring us into the fold and elevate us to the level we deserve. After all, we have been in this country as long as they have. Keep dreaming.

White people, certainly not all of them (I should not have

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17th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Garland Branch will host this year's Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, September 15, at the Garland ISD Special Events Center. The 2007 banquet theme is "One Band - One Sound (UNITY): The Key to Victory in the Struggle!" Special guest speakers include the Honorable Craig Watkins, Esq. Dallas County District Attorney and Master of Ceremony Mr. Gilbert Palmer of KVHN Heaven 97 Radio. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m. with a silent auction.

Then, awards will be presented for Educator of the Year, Community Service Volunteer, Minority Business Owner, and Communications Award. Individual tickets are available for \$45, and banquet tables are \$450. The GISSD Special Events Center is located at 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. (at N. Garland Avenue and President George Bush Turnpike) Garland, Texas 75040. For more information contact Shauntae Jackson, Freedom Fund Banquet Chairperson, at NAACP Garland Branch 972-381-5044, voice box #5.



Resident Billie I. Daye and Courage Ehmwoonze, Director of Nurses.



Rodrigo Giacinti, Executive Director; Barry R. Port, President, Keystone Care; Paulette Allen, Activities Director; Debbie Johnson, Dietary Director; Sherrie Otto, Moslite Nurse; and Courage Ehmwoonze, Director of Nurses.



Christa Bridges, Nicole Hartman, Shawna Hartman, and Kate Bridges, these home-schoolers came to play.



Three Finemen and a lady: Chad Leavitt, Millie Council, Activities Director; Seth Saeustruck; and Greg Louder.

regular basis. Some Carrollton firefighters stopped by to visit the newly renovated facility and enjoy "meet and greet" time and refreshments. In addition, Mr. Barry R. Port, president of Keystone Care (the home office for Carrollton Health & Rehab) came down from San Antonio to help get regular basis.

Throughout the day, residents, administrators and staff went about their usual routine,



Rodrigo Giacinti, Executive Director, Carrollton Health & Rehab; Bill Haynes, Resident's Council President; and The Honorable Becky Miller, Carrollton City Mayor.

yet they miked and mingle with family and friends to make certain that all felt welcomed at their home.

"Our doors are always open for

visitors to view our home atmosphere for residents," said Rodrigo Giacinti, executive director of the Center. "We strive to make this more like a home than a hospital."

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By Michael L. Baldwin, Oncor

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Once you choose a retail electric provider to sell electricity to you, it's our job to deliver that electricity to your home or business reliably, safely and efficiently. Think of our vast network of poles and lines as a giant extension cord connecting power plants and customers. In fact, we have more than 100,000 miles of lines across the state of Texas and we manage one of the most efficient and reliable electric grids in the United States.

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We've been a part of the community for a long time. As your Oncor area manager, I appreciate the opportunity to serve this community by delivering safe, reliable and efficient electricity.

Think of our vast network of poles and lines as a giant extension cord that connects power plants to millions of customers.

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Around The Town

Ongoing
African American Republican Club of Collin County: Collin County's newest Republican Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at Collin County Republican Party Headquarters beginning at 7 p.m. The purpose of this club is for men and women to discuss issues important to African American Republicans. For more info, please call Fred Moses at 972-618-7027 or email him at fred@afrc.com.
DFW Financially Empowered Women is a group of women interested in taking charge of their financial security. We meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For more information call 972-542-1530 or visit www.meetup.com/378.
August 30
AIDS Awareness Campaign: Paul Quinn College will host the Black Women AIDS Summit at the Grand Lounge Student Union Building, 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd., Dallas Texas. The FREE presentation will include special guest speakers, AIDS drama, SAAVED Ministry, Women Praying for Christ Ministry, St. Luke AIDS Ministry, entertainment and door prizes. Contact Dona Mitchell for more information at 972-748-4648 or email her at aidsawarenessexpo@yahoo.com.

August 30
The Future of U.S. Immigration Reform: A View from Mexico: An examination of U.S. immigration policies. Presented by Ambassador Andres Rozenal, Former Deputy Foreign Minister of Mexico at the Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Boulevard, SMU. The event lasts from 6-8:30 p.m., and admission is \$35.
August 31
Intro to wall climbing at the Oak Point Center, 6000 Jupiter Road, Plano, Texas. Participants will learn basic climbing fundamentals such as knot tying, belaying, safety language, and basic climbing techniques. All equipment is provided. Proper waivers must be completed before climbing (parent/guardian must complete waiver for those under 18 years of age). The course is from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., and admission is \$15. You can register online at www.planoparks.org or by calling 972-941-7250.
September 1
FREE American People's Poll on Iraq: Presidential candidates, congress members and the world media will be in Fort Worth attending the Texas Republican Straw Poll Townhall Convention on days prior to General Petraeus' report to the nation about the ongoing war and occupation in Iraq. You are invited to join in the "American People's Poll on Iraq - Texas Townhall" rally and other events to demonstrate where you stand and to end the war. Bring Our Troops Home Now! **9:00 am - 5:00 pm** - Straw Poll Canvassing outside the Fort Worth

Convention Center **1:00 pm** Pre-Rally Entertainment. **1:30-3:30 pm** Peace Rally on Main Street.
5:30 pm - Celebrate the American People - Texans for Peace after-rally fundraiser (\$5 donation suggested) at The Pour House.
September 1
Democratic Republic of the Congo: Forgotten War the VII Photo Agency and Doctors Without Borders (MSF) Presents Photographs from War-Torn Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Five world-renowned photographers from the VII Photo Agency traveled to the Democratic Republic of the Congo with the international humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders in order to shed light on the suffering of the Congolese people as they struggle to survive a war that remains virtually invisible to the outside world. The exhibition will be held at the Bath House Cultural Center, White Rock Lake Park, 521 East Lawther Drive, Dallas, TX, 75218. Admission is \$0.00. Email emily.linendoll@newyork.msf.org or call 214-670-8749 for more info.
September 4
Connecting Our Three Faiths Aligned in Abraham: Judaism, Christianity & Islam an interfaith program that examines historic and faith connections between the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. A rabbi, minister and imam will speak and take questions and answers from the audience. The program examines Abraham, his experiences with

his father and idol gods, how he found God and what his message means to the three faiths today. The program will also show how Abraham's seeds brought about the three religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Designed to foster understanding, respect and friendship among faiths. The presentation will be held at the Center for Community Cooperation at 2900 Live Oak Street, Dallas, TX 75204, Oak Corner Room, from 7 pm - 9 pm. Admission is free. Please email ayprodnet@yahoo.com or call 214-924-0270 for further information.
September 5
Dallas International Night Evening fun begins at Cafe Madrid at Samba Room - Cafe Madrid, 4501 Travis St. Call 214-528-1731 for more info.
September 6
Irving Community Conversation with community members regarding how to improve the Irving community. 1800 N. Britain Rd. in Irving at Parkland Health & Hospital System - Irving COHC. Forum is from 6 pm - 8 pm, no cost. Email bmmora@parknet.pmh.org or call 214-266-1232 for more info.
September 7
Friday African Village Night is at the Sandaga Market on 1325 Levee St. at 8 p.m. Admission is FREE. Call 214-298-5858 for further information.
September 7
The North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency hosts its 3rd Annual Disability, Minority, and Women's Business

Enterprise Awards Banquet. The NCTRCA asks that you consider nominating yourself, or another NCTRCA Certified Business Enterprise, as the Top Three Firms from throughout the North Texas region of each Category will be honored and recognized. The celebration includes notable speaker Mr. Craig Watkins, the newly elected District Attorney for Dallas County and the first African American elected to that type of position in the state of Texas. Nominations must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 7, 2007. For more information contact Frank Cortez, NCTRCA Board Chairman, at fcortez@dart.org or 214-749-3841.
September 8
Keep up the Pace - Educate the Human Race is an annual 5k walk/trace held at River Legacy Park in Arlington. It will be hosted by the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Dallas and Omega Psi Phi in order to raise funds and educate the community about the sickle cell disease. For more information, contact Mary Griffin at 214-942-1262, or email her at mfg@sicklecelldallas.org.
September 8
North Texas Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society hosts the Red, White and Blue Ragtime Revue. The show will feature acclaimed performers Dave Wickerman, theatre organist, and Dick Kroeckel, ragtime pianist. The show will be at Courtroom Theater at the McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee St., McKinney. Admission will be \$35. Call 214-

544-4630 for tickets and information, or visit www.mckinneyperformingartscenter.org.
September 8
International Fair in Irving: Family event featuring entertainment and vendors from around the world. The fair is located at Heritage Senior Center, 200 S. Jefferson, Irving 75060. This event will last from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Admission will be \$3. For more information, email agillesp@ci.irving.tx.us or call 972-721-2496.
September 8
FREE Danzón dance class will be held from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Latin Cultural Center, 2600 Oak Lawn in Dallas. For more information, email drema.chavez@dallascityhall.com or call 214-671-0051.
September 9
KHVN - Heaven 97 Hosts a Musical Tribute to Honor 9/11: Local Gospel station Heaven 97 is hosting "We Remember," a concert in memory of the September 11th tragedy's victims. Through music and praise, the "We Remember" concert will help unite the community in a time of sorrow and mourning. The free concert will be located at the Newbreed Christian Center, 4500 S. Riverside, Fort Worth. The show begins at 6 p.m., and is open to the public. For any more information, call 214-787-1970.

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When They Don't Show Up?

Behavior of Republican candidates hurt the cause of outreach to black voters
By: Bill Calhoun

As black Republican leaders, it is essential for us to develop and maintain friendly relations with members of the black press and African Americans who are employed in mainstream media. It is also important that we develop and maintain relations with leaders of organizations, which so many black voters support or hold membership.

Organizations like The National Urban League cannot be dismissed as just "another liberal organ of the Democrat Party." To many black voters, this is disrespectful and another example of how our party talks about outreach but seems unwilling to engage in it in a substantive way. Communicating with black voters by Republican leaders is essential to successful outreach.

Outreach in the past, especially near election time, has meant the making of unholy alliances by political campaign managers of both parties with so-called black leaders without so much as checking their voting record. So eager are they to win elections. But winning an election is not party building, and winning this way is destructive to the cause of outreach. When parties build ongoing relationships with voters, they win them over at election time. The Democrats learned this a long time ago. People vote for those they know, not for those they don't know.

Black RINO leaders (you know, the ones who vote Republican but would never be seen in a restaurant or cafe in a low-income neighborhood except in a photo op with party leaders) are often selected by party officials to be the face of outreach. In most instances, these are very bright people. However, voters looking for a

way out, "don't care who you know until they know that you care." Democrats have mastered the art of appearing to care.

Regardless of the mood in our party regarding outreach, black Republican leaders must be vigilant and speak out to help our party find its voice. We must do this because we truly understand the destructive impact that the policies of the Democrats have had over the last 50 years. Therefore, our fight is more for the future of our people as opposed to the future of our party.

Republican candidates stay away from gatherings like the National Urban League Convention because they do not know what to say to black voters.

Consultants fail to understand that there is an emerging group of black voters whose annual household income is \$75,000 or above but who are very much concerned about the less fortunate. Caring about their brothers and sisters is in their DNA. They know the value of a good education, the peace-of-mind that comes from living in a safe neighborhood, and the benefit of having health insurance to protect against a catastrophic illness, and they want these things for their children and the children of others.

This group of voters is looking for new leaders who will keep the old that is good but embrace the new that is better. They want a bold new message from courageous new leaders. This group should be our party's target among black voters.

In addition, the consultants view appearances before black voters as pandering, yet they have no problem sending their candidate to speak before gatherings comprised largely of white voters. They are not only deaf but also blind to the stark contrast that these visual images portray.

Our challenge as black Republican leaders is to educate

Republican consultants on the need to engage black voters, the emergence of this new pool of voters, and how their candidate should speak to them.

In fact, I believe that it is time to overhaul the entire approach regarding "outreach" to black voters altogether.

The old civil rights guard, while still in control, has lost its influence with the majority of 30-45 year-olds. That is why the majority in this group self-identify as "Independent" rather than Democrat. While they are reverential toward the civil rights era and its impact on our social development, they are restless and seek further advancements toward achieving the American dream. Our new outreach approach should focus on them and their goals and dreams while being sensitive to the accomplishments of the old guard and the civil rights movement.

Regarding our party's mantra about outreach, we know it is easy to say we are for expanding the base of the party, but it is yet another altogether to put money, resources, planning, and preparation into doing it. More important, all of these things without a vision are useless.

Both the presidential campaigns and the RNC have to address issues important to black voters. Inadequate border security has resulted in the loss of jobs, housing, medical and education resources to illegal immigrants. This is a real issue to black voters who feel disrespected for the long years of blood, sweat, and tears which went into earning their legal status. Many of our party leaders do not understand the depth of the hostility these voters feel toward politicians of both parties regarding this issue.

Deep also is the frustration regarding the public school system. Black voters will no longer support public bond issues because politicians or community leaders say they will improve education or create

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Police Ranked Most Corrupt Institution In Kenya

Kenya's badly paid police force is the most bribe-prone institution in the country, according to a report issued by an anti-corruption watchdog on Tuesday.

Corruption has grown worse in Kenya since President Mwai Kibaki swept to power in 2002 vowing to stamp out the graft that was deterring investment in east Africa's biggest economy.

Kenya ranks 142nd on Transparency International's 163-nation global corruption list -- above only Guinea, Sudan, Equatorial Guinea and Ivory Coast in Africa.

The new Kenya Bribery Index, compiled by TI's local branch, found that Kenyans encountered bribery in 54 percent of interactions with officials last year versus 47 percent in 2005.

The average number of bribes more than doubled to 2.5 from 1.2 per person, but the average size of the bribe fell to 1,236 shillings (\$18.35) from 1,700.

Shortly after the landmark 2002 elections, signs advising

Kenyans to report corruption were posted in almost every public office.

There were even instances of Kenyans making a citizen's arrest on police officers who asked for "kitu kidogo" -- "something small" in the local Swahili language.

But the initial euphoria wore off and many Kenyans say small-scale corruption remains a feature of daily life.

Although the majority of bribes in 2006 were paid to the police, its score improved to 46.6 from 60.3, partly because the government's decision to scrap road licenses removed one reason for officers to stop cars in search of a bribeable offence.

The study also showed the gap in bribes between the police and the second worst institution -- the Transport Licensing Board -- had narrowed, while the number of areas in which the police ranked worst fell to two from four out of six.

"Reform in the force seems to be bearing fruit. However, media reports show that police

are more blatant in demanding bribes and they still rank the worst in terms of likelihood and frequency," said Richard Leakey, chairman of Transparency International Kenya's steering committee.

"We cannot start celebrating yet."

The study revealed a marked increase in bribery relating to employment, with job seekers paying employers 42 percent more in bribes to secure work.

Critics have accused the government, which stands for re-election this year, of failing to meet its promise of creating 500,000 jobs a year.

In third place on the index were public colleges and universities, in fourth place the Immigration Department and fifth place the Ministry of Local Government.

The index saw the entry of 14 new institutions -- including the Constituency Development Fund Office, which hands out money for services to Kenya's 210 constituencies, in eighth place.

New Research Links Black Suicides And Religious Community

By: J. Claire Wilson
Black suicide can be lessened through the influence of religious communities, according to new UA research.

The study done by UA sociology professor Kevin Fitzpatrick intended "to focus the question on whether or not religion was important, particularly in a community where religion has been, and often still is, playing a central and unifying role across generations."

"Historically, we know that the church has been an incredibly important institution around which the Black community has unified," Fitzpatrick said.

For examples of this, history professor Calvin White points to the leaders who emerge out of the Black community such as Martin Luther King Jr., Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton.

"It's no coincidence," White said, "that these men are all ministers and the position of the church as a leader, although perhaps declining slightly, is still huge among Blacks."

White, whose research deals specifically with Blacks and religion, said it is the "unique struggle of Blacks in this coun-

try" which has made religion so powerful a factor.

Facing hardships and overcoming obstacles was central to day-to-day existence of Blacks and, in many cases, still is, White said.

"You may be barefoot on Earth, but you've got shoes waiting in heaven," and suicide is a denial of the struggles essential to the Black identity, White said.

Mary Margaret Hui, a UA senior minoring in Black studies, said she believes "the church community is tight among African-Americans because the church offered a new family of welcoming, supportive people with the similar life struggles," and because faith "gives Blacks a place to belong."

Hui notes that the long history of discrimination and hardship gave the church a position of prominence in the Black community.

"Blacks are so strongly religious as a whole because of their ties to slavery. Most often, when people are oppressed and mistreated, they turn to faith to escape the physical reality and enter into a euphoria all their

own," Hui said.

The study found that regular church attendance, school and family, while important, are not the factors that keep Black youth from committing suicide, according to the study.

"The family is of course a critical element in mediating or moderating the negative life experiences that all youth are exposed to," Fitzpatrick said. "Nevertheless, in our study, using very specific kinds of protective, we found that the family had limited impact on whether or not youth had thought about or attempted suicide. The same was true of school," Fitzpatrick said.

"Keep in mind that these measures of protection while very general ones and used often in the literature, may not be as culturally sensitive as they need to be in assessing family and school protection among racial and ethnic minorities," Fitzpatrick said.

Although Black women are the least likely to complete a suicide attempt than any other major minority group, according to the National Organization for People of

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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 dare 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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6 Rules For Selling To A Skeptic

By William R. Patterson, award-winning lecturer and co-author of the national best-selling business and personal finance book, *The Baron's Son*.

Let's face it: the greatest accomplishment for a member of the sales community is closing a deal with a skeptic. Many who are proficient at this art agree that it is far more gratifying to convince a misbeliever that your product is necessary than to complete what the industry terms an "easy sell." Lucky for us all, doubters buy products and services everyday. Let us examine eleven of the fundamental techniques used by those who succeed in persuading the worst of cynics.

1. Know your product/service. You should know your product/service's strengths,

weaknesses, and any proprietary features. Also understand the factors that influence its supply and demand. All of these will strengthen your presentation and help the skeptic make a more informed purchasing decision. There should be nothing that anyone can tell you about what you solicit. You will definitely be asked questions, so be prepared to demonstrate all aspects of your product/service in response.

2. Know your prospect. Along with knowing your product comes knowing your prospect. Strive to know all you can about your target demographic and potential clients. Make sure you deal with the decision makers. You should know their purchasing habits, what motivation determines their choice, and how

long a buying decision takes. You must understand how your product fits into their overall purchasing strategy. When you know the buying habits of your prospect, you can use them to develop a longer-term sales plan—that means repeat business. Put yourself in the most favorable position to get a "yes" by focusing on what most concerns your prospect.

3. Believe in your own words. You will never be effective selling something you do not believe in, particularly if you are selling to a skeptic. Your lack of enthusiasm will be obvious as you attempt to convince your potential buyer. When you emanate passion and confidence, you break down the wall of doubt the cynic has built. To not be a pil-

lar of strength during your presentation is a sure-fire ticket to an abrupt "no." If you are lucky enough to sell a product you do not believe in, you still lose because you risk killing referral business and losing the trust of your customer.

4. Be transparent. Too often, we give strong pitches with lots of hype and little information. We will say, "If you want these benefits, buy my product." This is done with the hope that a prospect's curiosity about your bold claims will be enough to convince a buyer to purchase. The idea that if you divulge too much information, you could dissuade your prospect is a far too common falsehood. Be prepared to give as much information as needed to convince the potential buyer to make a purchase. Transparency builds trust. Things people do not

understand will always be greeted with "no." The more information available when making a purchasing decision, the more likely a person is to say "yes." And know: the more resources you divulge free of charge, the more likely you are to generate interest in your product/service.

5. Gain trust by associating yourself with things buyers respect. By offering endorsements and testimonials, especially from well-known sources, you will strike the chord of "trust" with your target market. Many skeptics have purchased based on the recommendations of individuals they respect. Also, align yourself with trusted agencies through strategic partnerships. Major endorsements mean less resistance and more sales.
6. Offer a free trial, incentive, bargain, or

guarantee. The structure of your offer can play a key role in building trust and enticing your prospect to buy. There are many variations of each, but incentives and guarantees are great ways to gain your potential buyer's confidence. Guarantees and free trials allow the skeptic to try the product/service before determining if your offer is a good fit. Incentives and discounts are also helpful tactics, as they make the cynic feel they are getting value. People always love the feeling of getting something for free and buying when it is a low/no-risk transaction. By guaranteeing the quality of your product/service, you disarm the skeptic and encourage them to buy. Also, you communicate an important message: You are confident in what you sell.

Eastfield Hosts Grants Workshop

Eastfield College Office of Resource and Community Development will host a workshop—Compliance & Federal Grants Management For Texas Community Colleges—on September 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The one-day workshop, presented by Attorney Michael Brustein, will be in the S Building, Room 100. The cost is \$150 per person, which includes materials, lunch and breaks.

Michael Brustein is a partner in a Washington, D.C. law firm that maintains a nationwide education law practice. He specializes in federal grants management and audit resolution and has authored books on Perkins, Tech Prep, WIA and Adult Education. Mr. Brustein has represented TEA and THEECB. Sherri Demmel, Regional Inspector General, has also been invited to present.

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Procter & Gamble Unveils "My Black Is Beautiful"

Procter & Gamble (P&G) announced the launch of "My Black is Beautiful," a program designed to ignite and support a sustained national conversation by, for and about black women. The initiative was created to serve as the catalyst for a movement that affects positive change in the way African American women are reflected in popular culture.

"My Black is Beautiful" is a celebration of the personal and collective beauty of African American women and encourages them to define and promote a beauty standard that is an authentic reflection of their spirit," said Najoh Tita Reid, P&G Multicultural Marketing Director.

Key components under development include a multi-city "My Black is Beautiful" Conversation Tour and the release of a discussion guide to encourage women to facilitate or participate in a conversation cluster in their local communities. Consumers can more learn about the campaign and access the booklet online at www.myblackisbeautiful.com, at select retail store and in national magazines. Additionally, P&G has created a "My Black is Beautiful" community trust fund.

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House Of Blues Presents Common Support The Knux

By: Steve Huey, All Music Guide
Common (originally Common Sense) was a highly influential figure in rap's underground during the '90s, keeping the sophisticated lyrical technique and flowing synopses of jazz-rap alive in an era when commercial gangsta rap was threatening to obliterate everything in its path. His literate, intelligent, nimbly performed rhymes and political consciousness certainly didn't fit the fashions of the moment, but he was able to win a devoted cult audience. By the late '90s, a substantial underground movement had set about reviving the bohemian sensibility of alternative rap, and Common finally started to receive wider recognition as a creative force. Not only were his albums praised by critics, but he was able to sign with a major label that guaranteed him more exposure than ever before.

Common was born Lonnie Rashied Lynn on the South Side of Chicago, an area not exactly noted for its fertile hip-hop scene. Nonetheless, he

honed his skills to the point where -- performing as Common Sense -- he was able to catch his first break, winning The Source magazine's Unsigned Hype contest. He debuted in 1992 with the single "Take It EZ," which appeared on his Combat-released debut album, *Can I Borrow a Dollar?*; further singles "Breaker 1/9" and "Soul by the Pound" helped establish his reputation in the hip-hop underground, although some critics complained about the record's occasional misogynistic undertones. Common Sense subsequently wound up on Ruthless Records for his 1994 follow-up, *Resurrection*, which crystallized his reputation as one of the underground's best (and worst) lyricists. The track "I Used to Love H.E.R." attracted substantial notice for its clever allegory about rap's descent into commercially exploitative sex-and-violence subject matter, and even provoked a short-lived feud with Ice Cube.

Subsequently, Common Sense was sued by a ska band of the same name, and was forced to shorten his own moniker to Common; he also relocated from Chicago to Brooklyn. Bumped up to parent label Relativity, Common issued the



first album under his new name in 1997. *One Day I'll All Make* Sense capitalized on the fledgling resurgence of intelligent hip-hop with several prominent guests, including Lauryn Hill, Q-Tip, De La Soul, Erykah Badu, Cee-Lo, and the Roots' Black Thought. The album was well received in the press, and Common raised his profile with several notable guest spots over the next couple of years; he appeared on Pete Rock's *Soul Survivor*, plus two

watermark albums of the new progressive hip-hop movement, Mos Def and Talib Kweli's *Black Star* and the Roots' *Things Fall Apart*. Common also hooked up with indie rap kingpins Rawkus for a one-off collaboration with Sadat X, "1-9-9-9," which appeared on the label's seminal *Soundbombing, Vol. 2* compilation.

With his name popping up in all the right places, Common landed a major-label deal with MCA, and brought on Roots drummer 7uestlove as producer for his next project. Like *Water for Chocolate* was released in

early 2000 and turned into something of a breakthrough success, attracting more attention than any Common album to date (partly because of MCA's greater promotional resources). Guests this time around included Macy Gray, MC Lyte, Cee-Lo, Mos Def, D'Angelo, jazz trumpeter Roy Hargrove, and Afro-beat star Femi Kuti (on a tribute to his legendary father Fela). Plus, the singles "The Sixth Sense" and "The Light" (the latter of which earned a Grammy nomination for Best Rap Solo Performance) earned considerable airplay.

Following that success, Common set the stage for his next record with an appearance on Mary J. Blige's *No More Drama* in early 2002. He issued his most personal work to date with *Electric Circus*, a sprawling album that polarized fans, in December of that year. Be, a much tighter album that was produced primarily by Kanye West, followed in May 2005, netting four Grammy nominations. Also featuring extensive assistance from West, *Finding Forever* came out two years later.

House Of Blues And The Silent Partner Present VH1 Hip Hop Honors Tour Featuring The Roots On September 19

The Roots, also variously known as The Legendary Roots Crew, The Fifth Dynasty, The Square Roots and The Foundation, are an influential, Grammy-winning hip-hop band based out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, famed for a heavily jazzy sound and live instrumentation. Inspired by the "hip-hop band" concept pioneered by Stefonnie, The Roots themselves have garnered critical acclaim and influenced later hip-hop and R&B acts.

The Roots' original lineup included Tariq "Black Thought" Trotter (MC) and Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson (drums), who were classmates at the Philadelphia High School for Creative Performing Arts. As they began to play at school and on the streets, they added a bassist named Josh "The Rubberband" Abrams, who went on to form the jazz group The Josh Abrams Quartet. They later added another MC named Malik Abdul Basit-Smart ("Malik B."), a new bassist Leonard Nelson Hubbard ("Hub"), and a keyboardist named Scott Storch, who eventually became one of the most prominent rap producers in the industry. Another MC, Kid Crumbs, was a part of the group for their first album, *Organix*, but did not appear on any later albums.

Yet another MC, Dice Raw, joined on for cameos in later albums. Scott Storch also left to pursue a producing career following the *Do You Want More?!!!!!* album. The split, however, was on amicable terms: Storch continues to produce tracks for Roots albums to this



day. The Roots filled his void with another keyboardist, Kamal Gray, who is still a member.

The Roots performing A beatboxer named Rahzel also joined the group and contributed from 1995-1999. Alongside Rahzel was vocal turntablist Scratch, who DJ'd for them during live concerts. He abruptly left in 2003. Malik B. left the group in 1999 due to drug problems but continued to record, making occasional

cameos on future albums. A guitarist, Ben Kenney, had a short stint with the group and contributed to their *Phrenology* album, but left to join Incubus as their bassist. A percussionist, F Knuckles, was added in 2002 and guitarist, Kirk Douglas (a.k.a. "Captain Kirk"), replaced

Kenney. A vocalist, Martin Luther, toured with The Roots in 2003 and 2004 and contributed to their *Tipping Point* album. The current members of The Roots are Black Thought (MC), 7uestlove (drums), Hub (bass), Kamal (keyboard), F Knuckles (percussion), and Captain Kirk (guitar).

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Disparities between racial and ethnic groups in our health care and criminal justice systems are real. Dilapidated highways and bridge infrastructure, climate change, genocide in Africa, and reducing the military budget to increase spending to improve the quality of life for all Americans all appear to be the policies of the Democrats and can be easily discredited, but look closer. When viewed from the prism of the post-9-11 lens, they take on an aura

of national security that gives them new credibility.

In fact, relying solely on the old set of Republican issues, tax cuts, strong defense, family values etc., may not resonate enough with white voters to win next year's election. That's because voters of all colors sense something is wrong when the "rule of law" is held in high esteem by some but trampled in the public square by others. Unless the feeling of unease is addressed by Republican candidates, some Republican voters will vote for Democratic candidates or will stay at home again, and any hope of reaching out to black voters will be lost.

The goal of political parties is to win elections and to govern with a mandate. However, in order to do this, their leaders must listen to a majority of voters. If the election were held today, Republicans would lose because we do not have a majority of voters on our side. Does that mean we just aren't listening?

findings of others should help policy makers, educators, and religious leaders formulate plans to keep Blacks students from attempting suicide or harboring suicidal thoughts, although Fitzpatrick said little research has been done on the mental health of Black Americans.

"The challenge, I think, is finding what protective mechanisms truly work and then making every effort to reinforce and support them in any way that we can so that families, schools, churches and communities as a whole recognize the problem and work in common for a solution," Fitzpatrick said.

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Color Against Suicide's Web site, the suicide rate for Blacks ages 15-19 more than doubled to 8 suicides per 100,000 from 1980-1995.

Black women are less likely to attempt suicide because "of protective factors that work to safeguard them, such as an inner sense of music that is typified by gospel and blues, the natural toughening process African-American women are forced to endure, the development and maintenance of support networks and the belief that suicide is a 'white thing,'" as stated on the Web site.

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Housing Slump Page 1

standards, particularly among subprime mortgages given to people with poor credit histories as well as so-called Alt-A loans that required little or no documentation of income.

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A Federal Reserve survey of loan officers, released on Monday, showed that banks have further tightened credit on subprime and non-traditional mortgages, and were

also taking a more cautious tone toward prime mortgages.

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Sister Tarpley

From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobbias Murray, Founder/Pastor: Nothing is "opened by mistake" more than the mouth. Matthew 12:34; Psalm 141:3.

It's easy to make a mountain out of a molehill—just add a little more dirt. Proverbs 26:20. The empty tomb proves Christianity, but the empty church denies it. Revelations 1:18; Matthew 28:5-6. A bad heart is like a comfortable bed—easy to get into but difficult to get out of. Song of Solomon 2:5. True faith is like a kite; a contrary wind raises it higher. Mark 4:35-37; Matthew 14:24-28. In Jesus Christ we find a savior who redeems, cares, and gives meaning to life. John 3:7; Acts 16:13. Friendliness is one of life's richest investments. Proverb 18:24; Hebrew 10:25. Direct your prayer to God in the morning and He will walk with you all day. Psalm 5:3.

The more you love Jesus, the more you long for Heaven! John 7:24. A half hour of communion with God will save an hour of confessing in the evening! Matthew 6:6. A church stays on its feet when the members get on their toes! Isaiah 12:23; Acts 12:5; Philippians 1:19. It is not enough to master the Scriptures; you must let them master you! 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrew 4:12. Those who deserve love the least.

Calling Wives To Save Their Marriages

Supporting Others through Mentoring (SOTM) will offer Wives of Excellence, a monthly gathering of wives and marriage coaches for support, learning, and discussing issues affecting marriages. Wives of Excellence group is a resource provider for wives, offering coaching, mentoring, networking, encouragement and growth opportunities.

Scriptures For Month Of September 2007

need it the most. 1 Peter 4:8. Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath! James 1:19. Something happens when we pray with hearts open to God! Matthew 6:6; Mark 11:25.

Some people have Heaven on their tongues, but the world at their fingertips! John 2:15. Keep your words soft and sweet for you never know when you will have to eat them. Proverb 15:1.



Picture of The Week

Rev. Ronald Seccion, Pastor, Sims Chapel B.C. in Garland, TX and Rev. J. Dewitt Clark, Pastor, New St. Phillip B.C. in Arcola, TX at Sims Chapel's 29th Church Anniversary.

Jesus Can Help With Ups and Downs of Life: All of us face days that are up and down; sometimes we feel that both happen at the same time. You are not alone in feeling that way. Even Jesus faced up and down days, but He knew how to handle them. And He wants to help you handle your up and down days. His Word is filled with help through examples, instructions and encouragement. All that you have to do is read His Word, and do what it says. The Bible is our road map to Heaven and happiness. King David said, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105.

25:11. Neighborliness is God's love reaching out through us to others in time of need. Mark 12:31. It is impossible for faith to overdrive its account in God's bank. Mark 11:22-25. Go to your Bible regularly, open it prayerfully, read it expectantly, live it joyfully! Psalm 119:103; John 5:39; 2 Timothy 2:15. The best way to break a habit is to "drop it." Roman 6:14; James 4:17. Living without God means dying without hope. Ecclesiastes 9:4.

You don't advertise religion by wearing a label; you do it by living a life. Acts 2:4; Ephesians 5:18. Don't judge a thing by the way it looks to you, but

the way it looks to God. Matthew 7:1; John 7:24. Courage and strength are available to those who depend on God each day! Isaiah 40:28-30. Anger is only one letter short of danger. Proverbs 15:18. Godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Timothy 4:8; Philippians 4:1. A loving smile adds a lot to a Christian's face value. Psalm 46:4 & 34:5. Three things when once they are gone can never return: the spoken word, the sped arrow, and the lost opportunity. Galatians 6:10.

To prevent "truth decay," read God's Word daily. Joshua 1:18.

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Relationship, fellowship and encouragement in their marriages. Monthly wives group meetings will be held every first Saturday at Metro COC, 450 W. Parkerville Rd, Cedar Hill from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. New Group kicks off September 1, 2007. There is no charge to attend the group meetings; however, you must RSVP at www.sotmnc.com or call 972-709-1180.

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ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

August 30 @ 11 am
As a new church in the area, we invite you to our Sunday Worship Service each week @ 11 am; and our third (3rd) Sunday only, 4 pm Worship Service. Services are currently being held @ the Southfork Hotel, 1600 N. Central Expressway (East side of the Freeway) in Plano, TX 75074. Call 972-781-8225 for information.

Abundant Life Fellowship Church
Elder Daniel Richard, Senior Pastor
1600 N. Central Expressway Plano, TX 75074
972-781-8225

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME CHURCH TEMPLE OF FAITH

September 16, @ 12 Noon - 2 pm
Please join our 2nd Annual Business Expo in our main lobby. The seminar features professionals and entrepreneurs and will be facilitated by Fay Fleming, President of the Business Performance Company.
For Expo fee and information call Fay Fleming @ 817-428-2480.

Christian Chapel CME Church Temple of Faith
14120 Noel Road, Dallas, TX 75254
972-239-1120

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

August, 2007 @ On Going
Our Education Department is providing a FREE English as a Second Language Class for everyone; and a FREE GED preparation, including pre-testing and tutoring every Wednesday @ 6 pm. If you or someone you know needs assistance, contact Marcia Jones @ the church.

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September is Anniversary Month at Hill Chapel and we are inviting you to join us for a wonderful time in the Lord.

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HOPEWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

September 2 @ 3:30 pm
Join us for "Celebrating Six Years of Service" for our pastor; this promises to be a glorious occasion.
August 30-31 @ 7:30 pm
You are welcome to help us in the conclusion of our "Celebrating Six Years of Service" for our pastor.

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Michael Hubbard, Sr., Pastor
5144 Dolphin Road
Dallas, TX 75223
214-823-1018

KHVN AM - HEAVEN 97 RADIO STATION

September 9 @ 6 pm
September 12 @ 9 pm
Heaven 97 presents a 9-11 Gospel Tribute, We Remember Concert, a FREE Gospel Celebration @ the New Breed Christian Center, 4500 S. Riverside Drive in Fort Worth, TX. Featured guest will be Shirley Murdock, Ernest Pugh, Zie'l, Carolyn Traylor, Barbara Mitchell, Blair, Sean Reed and many others.

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NEW PRAISE WORSHIP CENTER

Labor Day Weekend, September 12, 9 am - 9 pm
Join us for an Inner-City Gospel Concert. We will have Gospel Rap, Hip Hop and R & B Artists to perform a FREE Gospel Blowout outdoor concert @ Silverman's Field, 4438 W. Jefferson Blvd. and Calumet Street. Call Belinda Price or Nu Praise Records @ 972-642-0366 for booth prices, to reserve a booth, or more information.

New Praise Worship Center
Rev. John Wiley Price, Jr., Senior Pastor
4515 Pagoda Street
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WOMEN TOURING AMERICA CONFERENCE

November 9-11, 2007
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Women Bible Class 5:00 pm
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Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 pm
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Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church
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Christian Chapel Temple Of Faith Announces Upcoming Business Expo Event

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith (CCTOF) is launching its second annual Business Expo. The Business Expo will be held Sunday, September 16, 2007, from noon until 2:00 p.m. at 14120 Noel Road, Dallas, TX, 75240 in CCTOF's main lobby. This event allows area businesses to market their products and services to the greater Dallas community and CCTOF

members. Businesses pay \$50 for exhibit space, a listing in the directory and one ticket to this year's business seminar.

"We have put a lot of thought and effort into improving this year's expo experience for the businesses and consumers who participate in the event. Our goal is to continuously improve the event to make it the best Business Expo in the Dallas area," said Rev. Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., CCTOF Pastor.

The business seminar features successful professionals and entrepreneurs and will be facilitated by Fay Fleming, president of the Business Performance Company. The session targets new entrepreneurs as well as business owners who want to jump start their companies.

For more information, visit: www.christianchapelonline.org.

Frisco Residents Of Color (FROC) Promoting Unity In The Community

Frisco Residents of Color (FROC) will announce its newest members at a welcome mixer to be held Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at Zella's Fireside Grill, 8100 Dallas Parkway, Plano. The welcome mixer is the culmination of FROC's first annual membership drive, which began in June.

FROC's mission is to develop

and promote activities of cultural awareness and enrichment in Frisco and Collin County with support from a coordinated network of diverse community-based organizations and business. FROC's vision is to become the pinnacle organization in Frisco, and surrounding communities for initiating and promoting activities reflecting the culture, aspirations and progressive advancement for people, students, and families of color.

FROC meets on a monthly basis to discuss business, political, educational, families, and social opportunities in the city of Frisco, and strives to emphasize how working together can affect change and make an economic impact within the community.

FREE outdoor concert on Labor Day Weekend, Saturday September 1 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at 4438 W. Jefferson Blvd. For more information, call Nu Praze Records at 972-642-0366.

Inner-City Gospel Concert Held Labor Day Weekend

Throughout the city of Dallas, when you hear the name John Wiley Price, you instantly get a mental picture of one of the most passionate and effective politicians in the cities' history. But there is another John Wiley Price who is equally as passionate but for a different cause and a higher calling.

John Wiley Price Jr. has been a minister of the gospel for almost 12 years and the capable leader of a growing congregation. His ability to use the pulpit as a platform for Christ evidences his emergence as the new young breed of minister that Dallas has to look forward to.

Reverend Price grew up in Oak Cliff and knows the streets

of Dallas well. That knowledge also allowed him to craft a ministry and message that is custom designed for young men and women of all ages and races.

The paralyzing problems that plague our youth include the popularization and use of the deadly drug cheese, youth gangs and violence, and a whole host of issues that our teens face daily. Speaking to those issues requires a voice that resonates with reasoning that a new generation readily understands. Reverend Price is adept and equipped to deliver a message that the un-churched and professed Christians are in dire need of.

The Inner-city Gospel Concert will bring local Gospel Rap, Hip Hop and R&B artists to perform a

Dallas County Health And Human Services Receives \$50,000 Grant Award From Meadows Foundation To Purchase And Install Air Conditioning Units For Elderly Dallas County Residents

The Meadows Foundation of Dallas has approved a \$50,000 grant award to Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) to purchase and install air conditioning units in the homes of elderly Dallas County residents.

"Dallas County Health and Human Services is pleased to receive this grant award from the Meadows Foundation," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "Thanks to the generosity of the Meadows Foundation, DCHHS will be able to assist 300 elderly residents to have a healthier, cooler summer," Thompson continued.

During the Heat Wave of 2006, The Meadows Foundation lead a funding col-

laboration which included The Meadows Foundation, The Dallas Foundation, and Communities Foundation of Texas that provided DCHHS with grant awards totaling \$248,000 to purchase and install air conditioning units in the homes of elderly, disabled and low-income residents of Dallas County.

"The ongoing need for chilled air in the homes of those most at-risk of developing heat-related illnesses is a far greater problem than most people realize," Thompson continued. "These air conditioning units will be life savers in homes without working chilled air. To be able to assist our elderly population in this way is one of the most gratifying things we do at DCHHS." Dallas County Health and Human Services has opened its heat hotline number at (214) 819-6001. Persons who do not have a working air conditioning unit in their homes are encouraged to call the heat hotline to see if they qualify for air conditioner replacement or repair. DCHHS also operates the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) that offers help to low-income families in paying their energy bills. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) at 214-819-1848 or visit the website at www.dallascounty.org.

Ebony Ladies Golf League To Host Golf Tournament To Benefit The Susan G. Komen Foundation

The Texas Chapter of the Ebony Ladies Golf League will host their 4th annual Rally For The Cure golf tournament benefiting the Susan G. Komen Foundation on Saturday, September 8, 2007. The venue is Lake Park Golf Club in Lewisville, Texas, and the event

starts at 8:00 a.m. There is a \$100 entry fee, which includes the green fee, cart, continental breakfast and lunch. Reservations made before August 25th will qualify for the early bird discount. Raffle tickets for two round-trip American Airlines tickets, along with additional contests and door prizes, will also take place at this event. Contact Kusana Turner at (214) 570-9743 or kusana.turner@ebonyladiesgolf.org for additional information.

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Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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