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People In The News



Rev. Alex Mason serves as the Associate Pastor of the Outreach Ministry and Executive Director of Project Turn Around at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship. In this role, he oversees Evangelism and Missions, Church Membership, and the Prison Ministry. Rev. Mason is also responsible for the entire operational and programmatic functions of Project Turn Around (PTA), the social outreach arm of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship. As an associate pastor, Rev. Mason supports the Senior Pastor in the areas of preaching, teaching, training and pastoral care of members.

Rev. Mason has the unique charge of connecting the Christian's social responsibility to our fellow man with evangelism and discipleship. This ministry focuses on the eternal destiny of people as well as empowering individuals to lead productive lives in this present age.

Rev. Mason has served as an evangelist, consultant, conference speaker, and social justice advocate. After studying communications at California State University at Sacramento, he continued his graduate level studies at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., receiving a Master of Divinity degree. Rev. Mason has been married since 1986 to his wife, Lyndel, and they have two children: Alexander, 16, and Aleyana, 14.



Erika McKay is an international speaker and leading authority in the areas of diversity, communications and finance. She is the founder and CEO of Erika McKay Enterprises. McKay is the author of Season to Succeed. She has been trained and mentored by world-renowned speaker Les Brown who characterizes Erika as an "unstoppable spirit making a difference by helping people go from success to significance." McKay is a financial expert, consultant and trainer who earned a bachelor's degree from Emory University.

Erika McKay serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc. in Atlanta, GA and the Euro-American Women's Council. Her civic duties also include Women Flying High, American Business Women's Association, Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce and the Business Women's Network. She thrives on serving, caring and empowering people to greatness!



Captain Michael J. Lockwood was born in Port Arthur, Texas, and is the oldest of three children. He grew up with a love of the outdoors, fishing and working in his grandfather's automotive repair shop. It was there he developed his no-nonsense work ethic. Those values were reinforced by his parents who believed that real men always work and provide for their families.

It was this mental attitude and physical determination that led to Lockwood's earning a congressional appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, and subsequently graduating with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Engineering. He went on to become a distinguished graduate from the Air Force Pilot Training Program. Lockwood served his country in the first Gulf War and Somalia.

In addition to being a pilot, Lockwood is also a commercial real estate developer, philanthropist and has added author to his long list of accomplishments with Women Have All the Power... Too Bad They Don't Know It! When not working, Lockwood's favorite pastimes are snowboarding, playing tennis, golf, or board games with his wife, WNBA superstar Lisa Leslie, and daughters (Gabrielle, Micaela and Lauren) and eating seafood! Lockwood is a God-fearing man who is a loving father, husband and son.

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City Of Irving Moving Forward With MWBE Program Is The Right Move

By: Ruth Ferguson
 Following public pressure over the last year, the City of Irving, Texas, has adopted a minority procurement policy. According to Ed Matthews, purchasing manager for the city, the working goal for the program is an average of 26 percent of the city's procurement dollars will be spent with Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) over the course of the year. With roughly \$2.1 billion dollars on the table, this would translate to approximately \$546,000 worth of business available to MWBEs for goods and services.

On July 12, in an effort to reach out to the community, local MWBE's were invited to an event hosted at City Hall. Community activist

Anthony Bond described it as a great success.

"Everyone came away impressed and hopeful, looking toward the future of Irving," Bond said.

To ensure the success of the program, a full-time position has been slotted for the city budget, which is slated for approval by the city council on September 27 and goes into effect October 1. The current title for this position is MWBE Coordinator, and an administrative support position has also been slotted for the program, according to Mr.

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Democrats Refused To Participate In Cbc Detroit Debate

Democrat presidential candidates refused to participate in the Congressional Black Caucus Debate in Detroit

By: Frances Rice
 Democratic Party operatives are busily creating a wave of anger in the black community over the fact that Republican presidential candidates do not want to participate in a debate hosted by liberal Democrat Tavis Smiley. Yet, not a word was said when the Democrat presidential candidates refused to participate in a debate that was to be hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus in Detroit. The hypocrisy and double standard are astonishing.

The rallying cry is "Republicans don't care about the issues affecting poor blacks." Yet none of these people who claim to care so much about poor blacks issued one word of condemnation when both Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama voted against the minimum wage bill, despite the fact that the Democrats used minimum wage as a wedge issue during the 2006 election.

Equally hypocritical is the lack of outrage about the fact that the Democrats in Congress are blocking reform of Social Security, even though black people, on average, lose \$10,000 in the current system because blacks, on average, have a five-year shorter life expectancy. No anger is expressed over the fact that Democrats are also blocking efforts to provide school choice opportunity scholarships for poor black parents so they can take their children

out of failing schools.

A visit to any black community in this country will show that these communities are in a crisis. Democrats have been running these communities for the past 40 years, and the Socialist policies of the Democrats have turned these communities into economic and social wastelands. Yet, the Democrats have the gall to blame Republicans for the deplorable conditions created by the Democrats.

After getting fed up with what is happening in black communities run by Democrats, liberal Democrat Juan Williams felt moved to write a book called: Enough: The Phony Leaders, Dead-end Movements, and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America.

So, in the face of the devastating conditions in black communities created by the Democrats, the only thing blacks can find to be upset about is the fact that Republican presidential candidates won't show up for a debate hosted by a far left-wing Democrat? I am mystified.

Blackonomics One Million Strong - Where Are They Now?

By James Clingman
 NNPA Columnist

Having seen how Black people are mistreated in this country, not only historically but presently, I thought about that gloriously perfect day on which more than one million strong Black men stood on Washington's Mall loving, trusting, and respecting one another. I thought about those I met that day, not having seen them since, and relished the notion of over one million strong Black men coming to the rescue of our children, as in the case of the William Mayo, who sat in a Georgia prison for 15 years for something he did not do. I smiled at the thought of us standing up for Genarlow Wilson, also in a Georgia jail; I beamed as the image of our brothers taking up the mantle of the Jena Six shot through my mind. Where are they now, I wondered?

In the 11 years since "The" Million Man March (MMM), we have seen many events that

continue to let us know our lives are less valued than the lives of others. We have seen murders, abuse, beat downs, abandonment, injustice, and intimidation by the authorities and by regular citizens of this country against Black people. We have been put on notice by the courts and the penal system that we count for nothing more than another occupant for an \$80,000 prison cell and \$30,000 annual upkeep.

We have been given a reality check, and the point has been made, repeatedly and with emphasis, that we do not count. Even when we returned from the MMM, the media said we were only 425,000 strong; obviously they were still counting each of us as three-fifths of a man. Where are those men now?

The abuse of Black life is not waning; rather, it is on the rise, from both outsiders and

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Plano Fitness Trainer Creates Healthy New Replenishment Drink

Benny Pajouh was motivated to create his own replenishing drink Kul Fuel after reading about the growing scourge of childhood obesity and the declining health of many Americans due to high consumption of sugar and caffeine.

"Things have gotten out of control," said the 42-year-old head trainer and owner of two Ultima Fitness centers in Plano and Euless. Pajouh is planning an official product launch at his Plano fitness center in October. During the opening, there will be product samples, demonstrations, giveaways, massages, and a "fit-talk" on the impact of sugar on the body. Pajouh has agreed to donate a percentage of proceeds from the sale of the drink during the month of November to the Diabetes Association to aid in the fight against juvenile diabetes. Pajouh is hoping that Kul Fuel, which has less than 1 gram of sugar, will turn the tide on

sports drinks and energy drinks that are loaded with sugar and caffeine. He's hoping that the public will respond to his call for a move toward a healthier lifestyle with less sugar and processed food.

In the last 20 years, sugar consumption in United States has risen from 32 pounds to 161 pounds per person, per year. Prior to the turn of the century, the average sugar consumption was only 5 pounds per person per year. During that time in American history, cardiovascular disease and cancer were virtually unknown.

Experts predict by the year 2010, 50 percent of kids in America will be overweight, and most of it will be caused by liquid sugar.

Pajouh said his research shows that more than 80 percent of our food contains high fructose corn syrup (labeled as sugar). Most companies use of sugar, will turn the tide on

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New Film Shows Why The Democratic Party Should Pay Reparations

The issue of reparations for slavery is coming before the U.S. Supreme Court this season in (mention the case name). There have been demands for years, by African American "representatives" that somebody pay monetary damages for centuries of slavery and discrimination. Damage amounts discussed ranged as high as 8 trillion dollars. Slavery ended in 1865 and while many Americans felt it was immorally wrong and should be recognized as such, many don't feel any personal

responsibility for the U. S. government's sins back then. The issue will become another opportunity to further polarize an already fragile society.

Mychal Massie, head of Project 21 says, "In light of all the relevant historical evidence as pointed out in the new film Emancipation Revolution, it's clear that the slavery and discrimination lawsuits should not target every American and should definitely not target

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Mckinney's Jesse McGowen Elementary School Standing Apart From The Start

By: Pietro Elina
Photos By: Joe Hill
Jesse McGowen, committed educator of 37 years, was honored this Sunday, September 16, at the Jesse McGowen Elementary School Dedication Ceremony.

"I wish I could put into words my feelings right now and how proud I am," McGowen said in a prayer. "I just want to thank you Jesus, thank you, Lord."

During the ceremony, McGowen was praised by his family, colleagues and former students.

McGowen's teaching career

began in 1963, during the time of segregation, in McKinney ISD. At Doty High School, McGowen enthusiastically taught social studies, he indefatigably coached the football, basketball, and track and field teams, and he even served as a bus driver, providing transportation to students who had none. In 1973, he began a 20-year term as a guidance counselor at McKinney High School, touching the lives of hundreds of students.

McGowen's students remember him for his sincere concern for their futures. His coworkers described him as a gentle giant

with a passion for education. Although he retired in May of 2000, he still works part time with the GED testing program. McGowen says he strongly values the GED program for the priceless second chance it offers so many students.

McGowen embodies a true love for the educational process, and a passion for service. Hopefully, the same enthusiasm for learning will occur in the school

dedicated in his name. "They're going to be an exemplary school," McGowen said.



Jesse McGowen, Jr. & Holly Rogers - Asst. Principal at McGowen Elementary School



Jesse & June McGowen, Jr.



Tom Crowe



Dr. Sharon Cuffee Johnson



Ms. Gilda Garza - Council Member



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N2NE [In Tune] Youth Mentoring and Intervention/Prevention Program

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N2NE is a non-profit youth mentoring and intervention/prevention program that was established to instruct, mentor, encourage, and gain insight from our future generation. Rich Etna Weatherbee, founder/CEO would like to introduce Penny Francis as V.P. & Dr. of Community Development. Penny received an A.S. in Computer Science, and a B.S. in Business Admin. from Sacred Heart Univ. in Fairfield, CT, and a M.B.A. in Business Mgmt from the Univ. of Phoenix. She is also an active member at Fellowship Church of Allen under the leadership of Pastor W.L. Stafford, Sr.

The mentoring program is currently being held on Monday's and Wednesday's, from 6:30 - 7:45 pm, in the clubhouse, at Indigo On Forest Apartments, 9669 Forest Lane, Dallas TX 75243. For more information, please call: 469-223-5618 or 214-793-1718.



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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 culture. Included in the exhibition are baseball "firsts," such as the first ball pitched by Cy Young in the first World Series in 1903; historic photographs and artifacts from Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, Joe DiMaggio and a host of other heroes. The fair is located at 1318 South 2nd Avenue in Fair Park, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily; after the fair: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday is free. Email or call Amy.Corenblith@richards.com 214-891-5863 for more information.

September 29
A Job Fair hosted by Facilities Consulting Group, Inc. is offering you a chance to seize one of the following positions: general maintenance technician, utility professional, janitorial position, or special events work. Experience is preferred but not required. Pay ranges from \$6.50 - 16.25 per hour depending on skills and experience. Remember to bring a valid/verifiable social security card, a current state-issued identification, and, if possible, a resume! Come from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to 8911 Governors Row, Dallas, Texas 75247, between I-55 and John Carpenter Freeway. For more information call 214-631-4453.

September 29 - 30
Bill Cosby Live at Bass Performance Hall: He resurrected the American sitcom. He broke the racial barrier on television as the first black performer ever to receive an Emmy. He revolutionized the way African-Americans were portrayed on television. He is an Honoree of the Kennedy Center Awards and a recipient of the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award. He broke the record for com-

edy album sales, won the Grammy for "Best Comedy Album" five times in a row, and is a best-selling author many times over. He is a husband and father, a passionate philanthropist, and a boy from the "wrong side" of Philadelphia. He has touched the lives of millions of Americans, and now -- on one Sunday this September -- he pulls up a chair at Bass Hall to talk to you located at 330 E 4th Street in Fort Worth, TX 76102. The event will be at 2 p.m. and at 5 p.m. Call 817-212-4264 or visit www.basshall.com for more information.

October 3
Sammons Jazz: The Great American Songbook: Tickets for these concerts are \$30 (\$25 for members - memberships start at \$35 per couple) and include complimentary beer, wine, soft drinks, appetizers, and valet parking. For concert tickets, please call us at 214-520-7189. Sammons Center for the Arts is located at 3630 Harry Hines (The exit from Harry Hines to Oak Lawn is currently under construction. Please take Market Center as an alternate).

October 4
Fall Job Fair sponsored by the North Central Texas Workforce will assist Collin County Employers in recruiting workers. The upcoming fair will be located at the Summit Ballrooms, on 2553 Summit Ave. in Plano Texas. Call 469-229-0099 ext. 224 for more information.

October 4
Quinta Terra Evening in Africa Gala: Event includes dinner, entertainment, silent live auction, and an African theme. Please remember your formal attire. This event benefits Quinta Terra, a 501(c)(3) Non Profit Organization that helps orphans, children with disabilities and other underprivileged children in developing countries. Please RSVP by no-

later than Sept. 27. This gala event is located at the Northwood Club, 6524 Alpha Road in Dallas, TX 75240, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$100.00 per person. For more information, email info@quintaterra.org or call 972-231-9331.

October 4
2007 Chick Flicks Film Festival: Annual film festival celebrating women filmmakers from Texas and the world at large. This festival is located at the Angelika Film Center-Dallas, Mockingbird Station, 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane. This event is hosted by the Angelika Film Center-Dallas, Entertainment Partners, 100.3 JackFM, and Spike Global Grill. The event lasts from 7-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for WIF members and \$10 for non-members. For more information, call 214-954-4488 or email wildalfschickflicks@yahoo.com.

October 5
Domestic Violence Awareness Month Open House at The Family Place: RSVP to 214-367-7707. This event is located at The Family Place and is free.

October 5
Friday Africa Village Night at the Sandaga Market, 1325 Levee St., beginning at 8:00 p.m. Admission is FREE. Email call 214-298-5858 for more information.

October 5 - 6
Dallas Tenors performing from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre, located at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, on the corner of Canton and Akard Streets in downtown Dallas. Admission is \$15.

October 10
A Conversation with Doctors Without Borders: Texas Public Radio's David Martin Davies takes the stage with executive director Nicolas de Torrente and fellow aid workers to

discuss their work in conflict zones around the world, including the Congo. Reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Angelika Film Center at Mockingbird Station.

October 11
Literary Voices Series: Voices of Power # 1 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre. Admission is \$10.

October 12 - 13
Comedy Night at the Muse featuring Marlon Mitchell starts at 9:00 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre. Admission is \$15.

October 13
Education - The Key to a Healthy Community: The Plano Community Forum 26th Annual Awards Banquet will be hosted at the Southfork Hotel, 1600 North Central Expressway Plano 75074. For more information, call 972-422-0012.

October 19
Kirk Whalum and Chuck Anderson play a live jazz performance at the Eisemann Center in Richardson HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

October 20
I Never Lost My Praise concert tribute celebrating Trinaime Hawkins' four decades in Gospel Music. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Naomi Bruton Main Stage. Admission is \$20 for Orchestra seats and \$15 for Mezzanine seats.

October 20
Seventh Annual Binational Health Week: The DFW Planning Committee for the annual health fair invite you to participate in this year's gathering. The Binational Health Week is a collaborative effort with the active participation of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Health. The fair will include screenings and educational material suited the target population of Mexican

immigrants and migrants. The event will be held at Mountain View College, 4849 W. Illinois Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75211 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more information, call Dr. Lori Miller at 214 648 8338 or email at lori.miller@utsouthwest.edu, or contact Ms. Graciela Salinas at 214 947 8060 or email at graciela.salinas@mhd.com.

October 27
"Many Voices, One Vision: A Dance of Praise" is a presentation located at the Naomi Bruton Main Stage of The Black Academy of Arts and Letters at the corner of Canton and Akard Streets in Downtown Dallas. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. so don't be late. Admission to the event is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Call TBAAAL's Box Office at 214-743-2400 for more information.

October 27
Poets N' Jazz #1: A night with actress and writer Irma P. Hall at the Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre which is located at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters. The event begins at 8:00 p.m.

November 13-14
Scholarships Available for Grant Writing Workshop in Dallas: Partial scholarships in the amount of \$74.00 are available for nonprofit and faith based organizations, government agencies, and schools. Students are to attend a two day grant writing workshop presented by Zocklem and Associates from 8:30 am to 5 pm. The presentation is being held at the Holiday Inn Select, 10650 North Central Expressway, Dallas Texas. To register call Zocklem and Associates at 800 371 5703 or visit the website at www.zockgrant.com.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Congressional Authority 101 Primer

By: James W. Breedlove

The power of the purse plays a critical role in the relationship between the United States Congress and the President of the United States and has been the main historic tool by which Congress can limit executive power.

It appears that many Members of Congress do not understand the basic constitutional authority they have to restrict, redirect, or terminate military operations in Iraq. Because of this lack of understanding the hapless congress muddles around holding irrelevant debates and toothless hearings that confuse the public while nullifying the true purpose of the Constitution in a representative government.

Both Republican and Democratic leaders whine endlessly over the lack of votes needed to override a presidential veto of any measure that limits the executive branch's dictatorial stance on continuing the Iraq War. In reality congress only needs a majority to do its legislative job.

The framers of the U.S. Constitution vested the decisive and ultimate powers of war and spending in the legislative branch. When Members of Congress take the oath of office it is to uphold the Constitution and not the President or partisan agendas. Their primary allegiance is to the people they represent and to abide by the constitutional checks and balances spelled out in the Constitution.

It is the judgment of congress to authorize this country to conduct war, not the President's. It is also their responsibility to monitor that authorization while it is operable and determine if military force continues to benefit the national interest. The abrogation of that authority and responsibility to the President is evidence enough that Members of Congress either lack understanding of their job or lack the fortitude to carry out their constitutional duties. In either case

America suffers.

There was a deliberate reason the framers of the U.S. Constitution gave Congress the predominate power in matters of war. John Jay, a member of the Continental Congress explained in 1787 in Federalist Paper No. 4,

"It is too true, however disgraceful it may be to human nature, ... that absolute monarchs will often make war when their nations are to get nothing by it, but for purposes and objects merely personal, such as a thirst for military glory, revenge for personal affronts, ambition, or private compacts to aggrandize or support their particular families or partisans. These and a variety of other motives, which affect only the mind of the sovereign, often lead him to engage in wars not sanctified by justice or the voice and interests of his people."

Two centuries of American history confirms that Jay's 18th century concerns are just as valid in the 21st century, appearing to be a tailor made prediction of Bush's actions.

It boggles the mind that the American people continue to be swayed by half truths, lies, and fear based slogans into accepting that the President's perverted rationale for continuing the war is superior to their own collective judgment for ending the war.

Many of the congressional representatives, showing an utter disdain for their constituency, spend countless hours and dollars stumping the networks and political venues seeking higher office by promising to do the very things they currently won't do. Their moment for political courage came and went. Those who could not summon courage in 2003, those who failed to speak out when their nation most needed them, cannot gloss over the horrors they permitted. Their record over the past five years has been one of accommodation, cowardice, confusion, and capitulation. Does their hypocrisy know no bounds?

Almost 3 million Americans served in Vietnam and over 58,000

died. The Vietnam war clearly illustrated that not even a super-power has unlimited strength and resources and political will, more than military might, is the decisive factor in the outcome of war. Neither the Nixon administration nor the Johnson administration could provide the South Vietnamese the secure indigenous political legitimacy so essential for success.

And the vision of victory in Iraq via a redundant military surge every six months, without an indigenous government, is nothing more than dangerous illusion.

In debating whether to adopt legislative restrictions on the Iraq War, Members of Congress are understandably concerned about jeopardizing the safety and security of U.S. forces. The Bush administration plays into this concern by implying that terminating funding will undermine the troops and embolden the enemy.

The overarching issue for lawmakers always should be: Is the military operation in the nation's interest? Members of Congress cannot avoid the question or defer to the President. Lawmakers must decide the scope, direction, and purpose of military operations. That is the constitutional requisite.

Because of Bush's intransigence, perhaps it is time for Speaker Pelosi to revisit the spineless Democratic opposition and roll out one of the other congressional constitutional prerogatives specifically applicable to executive office law breakers. Impeachment!!!

For a refresher primer on initiating the impeachment process and a template of the administration's high crimes and misdemeanors Speaker Pelosi is referred to the recently published book, U. S. v. George W. Bush et al, by Elizabeth de la Vega.

To allow a President to conduct a war free of legislative constraints, or free of constraints unless both Houses muster a two-thirds majority to override a veto, would violate the fundamental principles of our representative government. Power to an informed people.

Ban Ki-Moon Launches 'Unprecedented' Group To Boost Africa's Development

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today convened international development leaders for the inaugural session of a new steering group to boost Africa's as yet failing efforts to meet the ambitious goals the world has set itself to slash poverty, hunger, maternal and infant mortality, and other social ills, all by 2015.

This was an "unprecedented gathering," Ban told reporters after chairing the meeting of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Africa Steering Group, bringing together top officials from the African Union, European Union, African Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

"We are concerned that many African countries are off track, particularly for the countries in sub-Saharan regions. That is the only region in the world where not even a single country is on the track. We must help those countries so that they can join on the track," he added, noting that the Group had agreed to strengthen their collaboration to expedite the achievement of the MDGs adopted by the UN Millennium Summit of 2000.

The first of three challenges the Group resolved to address is to identify effective mechanisms for implementing the MDGs for health, education, agriculture and food security, infrastructure and statistical systems.

Five of the eight goals seek to cut by half the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day and suffering from hunger; ensure that all boys and girls complete a full course of primary schooling; cut the mortality rate among children under five by two thirds; reduce the maternal mortality ratio by three quarters; and halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and the incidence of malaria and other major diseases.

"Our organizations will work together to review international implementation mechanisms and support Governments in making the investments needed to achieve the MDGs," the leaders said in a joint statement. "We will determine how these mechanisms can be strengthened where they are falling short, and where new ones need to be added."

The second challenge they set themselves is to improve aid predictability. "Our organizations will make our own aid more predictable," they said. "We will also work with other donors to help establish country-by-country schedules for official development assistance to rise to meet existing commitments, so that African Governments can plan effectively for the practical investments needed to achieve the MDGs."

Thirdly they pledged to strengthen joint efforts at the country level. "Starting in a subset of African countries, we will launch an intensive collaboration among our organizations to support Governments in preparing and implementing strategies that are ambitious enough to achieve the MDGs," they declared.

"Just past the midpoint to the target date of 2015, it is of paramount importance that we focus on practical steps to implement existing pledges," they added. "With the launch of the MDG Africa Steering Group, we reaffirm our commitment to spare no effort in reaching the MDGs in Africa."

The leaders pledged to mobilize their institutions in cooperation and partnership. "We know that rapid progress is possible, and will work with other world leaders to use all the tools, resources and commitments available to support African countries in halving extreme poverty by 2015, and in charting a path towards sustained economic growth."

A MDG Africa Working

Group, led by the Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migniro, who was also present during today's discussions, will meet on 20 September to launch operational work, bringing together top leaders of the Group's organizations plus other bodies such as the 30-member Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) of industrialized, market-economy countries.

All those attending praised Mr. Ban's move. "This is an excellent initiative," World Bank President Robert Zoellick told reporters afterwards. "It is certainly a timely one."

African Union Commissioner for Economic Affairs Maxwell Mkwelalamba noted that international support had not been forthcoming as promised. "This has been one of our major concerns. You look at the commitments made since Monterrey in 2002, the Gleanages summit in 2005, we find that there is not much that has come to Africa," he said, referring to major international economic conferences.

"This indeed is something that needs to be addressed if Africa will attain the MDGs by the target date of 2015."

European Union Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid Louis Michel stressed that not only would the donors have to fulfill their promised but the African countries also had to make every effort to reach the targets.

Toward this end, he stressed the importance of trade. "We have a special focus for aid for trade," he said. "There cannot be a sustainable development in the developing countries without very strong support on trade, because trade can of course bring prosperity and jobs and also can give to the states the means they need in order to bring the basic services to the people."

UN's Ban Ki-Moon & Muammar Al-Gathafi, President Of Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Discuss Darfur



Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (right) meets with Muammar Al-Gathafi, President of Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in Sirte, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to discuss Darfur and other issues, 08 September 2007. UN Photo/ 151185/Evan Schneider

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insiders: those who hate us and those among us who are acting just plain foolish and trifling. We are being killed and imprisoned at an alarming rate while we stand idly by in our respective cities and do little or nothing to curtail the violence against ourselves and the violence perpetrated against us by this evil corrupt system under which we live. Where are the million strong?

The newest and latest weapon of choice for zealous police officers, which is also the huge money-making machine for crooks like Rudi Giuliani's boy, Bernard Kerik and other, the infamous 50,000-volt "portable electric chair" known as the Taser, has killed Black folks across the country. We failed to come out by the millions to protest this cash cow, this so-called less-than-deadly weapon, and now there are actually laws on the books that allow it to be used on 7-year-old children.

I must admit though, now that a couple of White folks have been abused by it, one in Washington D.C. and the other in Warren, Ohio, there may be something done about these police "toys." But you know the saying, "Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak up." Sooner or later, if you do not speak up for others, trouble will find its way to your door. "Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the

poor, will also cry himself and not be heard." - Proverbs 21:13

In light of all of the dreadful statistics relating to Black people in this country, as pointed out in recent article by Hazel Trice Edney, NNPA Editor-in-Chief, if we ever needed a million strong Black men (and women) we definitely need them now.

Where are they? Here is the call. If you attended the MMM, if you supported the MMM, if you wanted to go to the MMM and could not, if you participated in some of the post MMM initiatives, if you were a young man and could not attend the MMM because of school, I want you to do something now. You are 10 years older and, I trust, 10 years wiser, 10 years more experienced, 10 years more committed, and 10 years tired of the rhetoric regarding "what we need to do." Whether you know it or not, or even believe it or not, you are part of the group that will take Black people to a higher level of responsibility, respect, and commensurate action vis-à-vis those statistics Sister Edney wrote about in her article.

I want you to go two websites: www.overonemillionstrong.org (or call 1-866-200-3174) and www.bringbackblack.org and begin the process of recapturing the strength and resolve of one million Black men who were so intimidated that the federal government virtually shutdown the

day we came to town. This time, however, I want us to demonstrate that same strength by turning it into real power, not just influence but genuine power. How? First by registering and letting us know who you are, where you are and what you are doing. Second, even though it's late notice, consider coming to the national "gathering" at the Dudley Manufacturing and Convention Complex in Kernerville, North Carolina on October 12-14. Call 773-779-3334 for information or see the Bring Back Black website.

Finally, I want you to reconnect, not only to the spirit of what we had in D.C. eleven years ago, but also to the actual charge to leave that place and do something to help our people. The first step in that "doing" phase is to reconnect and then stay connected, followed by an action that will demonstrate that Black is back! Surely one million of us can do something collectively by aggregating our resources in support of one another, by sharing information and working cooperatively to take control of our destiny, and by standing up to this unrighteous system and not only saying "enough is enough" but really showing that we mean it. Where are the million strong? Where are you?

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

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Here's To Your Success

Discover seven winning principles to grow your company

By: James C. Johnson
Turning a small startup into a multimillion-dollar enterprise is an entrepreneur's dream come true. But what are the secrets to growing a successful company? Business growth expert and speaker Steven Little

(www.stevenslittle.com) provides some answers - which he says most experts will agree with - on how to achieve "profitable growth."

"Most entrepreneurs have a growth plan in their head," explains Little. "But to sustain an effective growth strategy, that plan needs to be written down, well communicated, and regularly updated." In his book, *The 7 Irrefutable Rules of Small Business Growth* (John Wiley & Sons; \$18.95), Little outlines his effective principles for sustained small business growth and success.

Follow These Rules For Success:

- Establish and maintain a strong sense of purpose. Start by answering these questions: Why are you doing what you are doing? What is your company trying to accomplish? Honing your overall purpose is the first step toward growth.
- Thoroughly understand the marketplace. To grow a business, you need to recognize what customers are looking for and respond to it. Gain a better understanding of your market by reading industry magazines and trade journals. Join associations and trade groups to stay informed and share information.

- Build an effective growth planning system. Tap into employees, managers, and outside observers to help develop a good growth plan. Prioritize growth planning every day.
- Develop customer-driven processes. Define everything that you do from a customer's perspective, and then look for

ways to improve that every single day. Look for ways in which technology can improve your customer acquisition and retention.

- Put the power of technology to work. Educate yourself and become an expert on how technology will impact your business and industry. Identify technology experts who can propose ways to save you money and automate your business processes.
- Attract and keep the best and the brightest. A small busi-

ness owner needs to continually find, train, and retain superior people to achieve sustainable growth. Recognize the importance of purpose for your employees.

- See the future more clearly. Find ways to record and measure signs of change within your organization. Gather information about emerging issues and consider the importance of these trends to your business. Finally, develop an action plan to respond to these forces of change.

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Angela Blair To Perform At 2007 State Fair Of Texas

Dallas Singer, Angela Blair, gets the spotlight on the Chevy Main Stage, Texas/OU Weekend, Friday, Oct 5, 2007. Dallas' own soul & inspirational songbird, Angela Blair, will take the Chevrolet Main Stage on Friday, Oct 5 at the 2007 State Fair of Texas. Her live performance will be showcased with three performances beginning at 4 p.m., 5:45 p.m., and 8 p.m., during the opening of the Red River Shootout weekend, featuring the famed rivalry between the Texas

Longhorns and the Oklahoma Sooners. Blair was the 2005 Kraft Gospel Talent Search Grand Prize Winner, sponsored by Essence Magazine and Sony Music. Her latest album, "It's All About Love," reached #1 at Soultracks.com, the largest soul music site. She has shared the stage with many artists like Mary J. Blige, LL Cool J, Aretha Franklin, Blackeyed Peas, Destiny's Child and many,

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For tickets, call (972) 422-2575. The performances are at Heard Craig Hall, 306 N. Church St. in McKinney. A collection of songs and dances from the very best of Broadway, the performers range from age 7-18. Cassidy Crown, longtime director and

actor with MYT and Plano Children's Theatre, directs and choreographs. Gail Wasson is the musical director.

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Boyz II Men At State Fair Of Texas

Boyz II Men, the sensational blend of the four most influential voices to come around in the last decade, are far more than the record-breaking, award-winning "doo-wop hip hop" group they appear to be. Nathan, Michael, Shawn and Wanya are pure, unsaturated romance manifested through music. Landmark songs



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Boyz II Men will be on the main stage at The Texas state Fair on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 3 p.m.

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Republicans. The Supreme Court and the Democratic Party share the blame equally for keeping segregation and discrimination alive for over 100 years in the U.S. "Emancipation Revelation Revolution," produced and directed by Nina May, tells the truth about the founding of the Republican Party in 1854, specifically for the purpose of ending slavery and supporting the Civil Rights movement and equality for slaves.

The film draws from history in the 1860's, when the first Republican president, Abraham Lincoln, and a Republican Congress led the U. S. in a painful civil war which freed the slaves. Abraham Lincoln was assassinated for his trouble, but the Republican Congress continued the battle for complete civil rights for ex-slaves, passing not only three Constitutional Amendments (13, 14 & 15), but two dozen additional civil rights bills.

The Republican majority also passed Special Field Order No. 15, which would have provided 400,000 acres of land to over 40,000 freed slaves. But this order was reversed by President Andrew Johnson, a Democrat after succeeding Lincoln into office. Thaddeus Stevens, a Republican Congressman from Pennsylvania sponsored a bill for the redistribution of land to African Americans, but it was not passed. Reconstruction came to an end in 1877 without the issue of reparations having been addressed.

Then, in the 1890's, the Democrats, the party of slavery, finally gained control of the presidency and both houses of Congress. They promptly repealed all the civil rights bills, and with the Supreme Court ruling of Plessey v.

Ferguson, the 14th Amendment was ignored.

Author Mason Weaver, who is featured in the film says, "Democrats continued to trample Negro civil rights for another 70 years. In the 26 major civil rights votes between 1933 and 1964, a majority of Democrats opposed civil rights legislation in over 80 percent of the votes. By contrast, the Republican majority favored civil rights in over 96 percent of the votes. The landmark Civil Rights Bill of 1964 was passed with overwhelming Republican support despite the obstruction of Democrats." He believes that we would not have institutionalized racism had the Democrats not fought so hard to keep the country segregated.

Several conservative black leaders such as Shelby Steele, Star Parke, Jesse Peterson and Armstrong Williams who are featured in the film, discuss how the Democrats try to keep blacks on a virtual plantation of welfare handouts and degrading programs that assume a second class status. These leaders oppose the treatment of blacks who are ridiculed for leaving the party and embracing conservative values. They all agree that reparations are ridiculous, but if the Supreme Court feels they should be paid, the bill should be presented to the Democratic Party.

Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, and featured in the film says "If any group should be held accountable, and pay the requested reparations, it is the Democratic party." Democrats collect about a billion dollars, more or less, in annual campaign contributions from various lobbyists, labor unions, and Hollywood celebrities and African American supporters. There are almost 50 million registered Democrats, and their pro-rata share in reparations would be about \$140,000 per person.

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Arthur J. Johnson is the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of The Vision Inspired Performance Group - A corporate and personal development company specializing in leadership and performance development training, coaching and consulting. His primary focus is educating, equipping and empowering individuals and organizations to maximize their poten-

tial for personal and professional success. Mr. Johnson has been featured in the Houston Chronicle and on Daystar in Houston. For more information, view his website at www.arthurjohnson.com.

On Friday, October 5, Mr. Johnson along with Dr. Karen Hollie will offer an Empowerment Seminar for the general public from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Johnson Chapel Community Church located in Desoto, Texas at 1400 N. Hampton Road. This seminar will focus on the importance of transforming your life with a purpose. Dr. Karen Hollie will also speak and release her new book, Ask Dr. Hollie: Therapy in a Flash.

Dr. Hollie has a Ph.D in Counseling and has served as a counselor for the past twenty years in either the public or pri-

mate sector. She enjoys her work as an advice columnist for the Elite News in Dallas, Texas. She travels nationally as an educational consultant supporting numerous organizations. She is the host of a weekly radio broadcast "Ask Dr. Karen Hollie" on KGCMradio.com and she is an ordained minister and the senior pastor of Johnson Chapel Community Church in Desoto Texas. In addition, Dr. Hollie is the founder of Grace International Seminary, which offers an educational program that is international, interracial and interdenominational for the preparation of women for the mission and ministries of the church.

Both of these events are free to the public. For more information regarding these events or the authors, contact Froswa's Booker-Drew at 214-500-4608 or froswa@soulsticeconsultancy.com.



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Mathews. Neither positions are additional job slots added to the city staff. Instead other positions were reclassified to fill this need.

Mr. Bond has expressed a concern that if this is merely an entry-level position and not on par with a director, they will not have the needed level of influence to impact change in the city's way of doing business. However, Mayor Herbert Gears and Mr. Matthews are confident the city officials will follow the mandate of the program in reaching its ultimate goal of 26 percent spending with MWBEs.

Mayor Gears expressed enthusiasm about the city's new initiative and has reportedly been a champion for the program along with City Manager Thomas Gonzales. Mayor Gears said the new coordinator "will be responsible for monitoring and ensuring the success of the program. We are excited to have new bidders and possibly new opportunities for the city." The Mayor and Mr. Matthews agree, with more competitive bids everyone wins, especially the taxpayers.

Mr. Bond says this should be a win-win for everyone and stressed that it is his hope the MWBEs fully and properly participate in the program.

"I want the MWBE coordinator to treat the city fairly, too. The worst thing that could happen is we have the MWBE's come over expecting a hand out. They must have their workers' compensation, bidding documents and insurance in order. They should not be allowed to cut corners," Bond said.

Mr. Bond says he feels strongly the MWBE coordina-

tor should hold them to the same scrutiny as all others, as well treat them friendly and make them feel welcome at City Hall. Another key role for the coordinator is to provide feedback to the MWBE's, let them know if there is a problem with their bid and steps they should take to submit a better bid in the future.

Mr. Bond identified the Greater Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce as a key partner in moving this program forward with the city. The chamber passed a resolution encouraging the city to adopt the program and one of the key champions was Chamber President Chris Wallace. The chamber sent emails out and Mr. Wallace secured Microsoft as a sponsor for the recent city hall event. Mr.

Bond encourages MWBEs to join and become actively involved in organizations such as the Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and of course the Greater Las Colinas Chamber.

The city hired Art Burrell and his company to serve as a consultant during the last year as they designed the program. Mr. Burrell was instrumental in starting similar programs for DART and the American Airlines Center. In addition, Mr. Matthews says the Burrell Group, "opened doors to meet with minority-based organizations around the communities such as the Black Contractors Association." The 2008 budget includes an allocation to retain Mr. Burrell as a consultant for the first year of the program.

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From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobia Murray, Founder and Senior Pastor. Guard well the tongue; it stretches far because what you say tells what you are. Psalm 34:13; Proverbs 12:17. Whose ever is willing to follow the Word of the Lord will be sure to be led by the Spirit of God. Romans 8:14. A true Christian is one who is "right side up" in an "upside down" world. Romans 8:16-17. Instead of pointing fault-finding fingers, hold out a helping hand. James 5:16; Matthew 7:1. The Bible doctrines are holy, its precepts binding, histories true, decisions right. Isaiah 28:10 & 13. When it comes to salvation, he who hesitates is often lost! Hebrews 2:3. Nothing is "opened by mistake" more than the mouth. Exodus 4:13; Psalm 10:7; Matthew 12:34. We should live in such a way that our lives will not be a false pattern. Titus 2:7. The only time it is not a sin to be angry is when you get angry in sin. Ephesians 4:26. A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves. Proverbs 13:10. The man who walks close to God leaves no room for the devil to come between. 1 John 1:3 & 7. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. 1 John 4:18. There are no idle rumors. Rumors are always busy. 1 Thessalonians 4:11.

A man who serves God only for

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money is "spiritually bankrupt." 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. The only proper basis for teaching and preaching is the Word of God. Romans 10:24. Happiness is one thing you will have if you give it to others. Psalm 144:15; John 3:17. When all men forsake us, we have



Picture of The Week
Sylvester Jones, featured saxophonist and member at Sims Chapel MBC 92nd Anniversary, accompanied by Brian Hargrove on the piano.

the assurance that the Lord will not forsake us. Psalm 27:10. The thickest clouds often bring the heaviest showers of blessing. Luke 9:34-35; Ezekiel 34:26. One Mediator, the Lord Jesus, has paid what we owed and what we were unable to pay. 1 John 2:2. Enduring persecution is the hallmark of those who seek to live godly lives. 2 Timothy 3:12.

A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor. 1 Peter 4:12. Read the Bible to be wise, believe it to be safe,

and practice it to be holy. Proverbs 4:5-6. Worry about nothing, pray about everything. Philippians 4:6. Taking one step at a time is the best way to make progress. Psalm 73:2. God's help is only a prayer away. Psalm 34:5; Acts 12:5. Everyday is the right day to use the best word. Proverbs 25:11. The Bible reveals God's mind, man's state, and salvation's way. Psalm 119:9 & 105.

The Bible describes the sinner's doom and the believer's happiness. Revelations 21:18; Romans 6:22. Because we are so prone to forget, the Word of God reminds us of our duties. John 14:26. You can be sure that those who will not listen to the truth will listen to that which is false. 2 Timothy 4:3. Meekness is giving a soft answer to a rough question. Proverbs 15:1.

2 Timothy 2:15 says to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

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high fructose corn syrup because it is cheap and very profitable. Most major health bars, energy drinks, sports drinks and fruit juice are packed with sugar and have little to no nutritional value.

Three years ago, a group of soccer moms asked Pajouh if he would create a drink for their children that would be a healthy alternative to sports drinks, energy drinks, juice and sodas which

are filled with sugar and caffeine. Pajouh did extensive research with the endorsement of physicians to produce a drink perfect in protein-to-carbohydrate ratio together with 26 vitamins and minerals and fiber.

Pajouh's Kul Fuel comes in two flavors and has less than one gram of sugar, 25 grams of complex carbohydrate 7 grams of protein and 26 vitamins and minerals and 5 grams of fibers. The drink has all natural flavor, no artificial

color or preservatives.

Pajouh said the drink is good for the entire family, and it has everything a person needs during physical activities and post training to replenish the body.

Those interested in trying the product or wanting more information can go to www.kulfuel.com. Interested person may also contact Pajouh at his Plano fitness center at 4140 Legacy #322, Plano or call 214-770-4860.

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
September 27 @ 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, a 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

CHRIST COMMUNITY CONNECTION, INC. (CCC)
November 3, 1 pm
Make plans to attend our Annual Scholarship Banquet Luncheon @ Brookhaven Country Club, 333 Golfing Green, Dallas, TX 75234. Sponsor Levels: Platinum = \$1,000; Gold = \$750; Silver = \$350; and a single ticket = \$35.

CCC is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that is a concerned community of citizens with a commitment to the education of our children. We have awarded numerous scholarships and financial assistance to students in area. We need your support to continue this tradition. For more information, contributions, and to volunteer, call 972-242-0933.

Christ Community Connection, Inc. (CCC)
Rev. Willie Rainwater, Founder
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Carrollton, TX 75007
972-242-0933

EBENEZER WORSHIP CENTER
October 21 @ October 28, 3:30 pm
You are invited to our pastor's office and his application services with guest speakers Pastor Ron Shaw, The Light Church, Dallas, on October 21st and Pastor Don Bright, Open Bible Fellowship Church, Plano, on October 28th. For information call NiTasha Smith @ 214-797-0150.

Ebenezer Worship Center
Rev. Cecil T. Smith II, Pastor
14000 Preston Road @ Spring Valley
Dallas, TX 75254
214-797-0150

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN
September 2007 @ On Going
Our Education Department is providing 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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Senior Pastor
200 Belmont Drive
Allen, TX 75016
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HAMILTON PARK UMC
September 2007, On-Going each Wednesday, 7 pm - 9 pm
It's not too late for a FREE 28-Week African American-American History Class with instructors John Ross and Kerry Shilton. The instructors are well-versed in African History and will give an in-depth view of our glorious past and present.

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September 2007
This is Anniversary Month at Hill Chapel and we are inviting you to join us for a wonderful time in the Lord.

Hill Chapel CME Church, Plano
Rev. Clarence Ford, Pastor
1113 Avenue I
Plano, TX 75074
972-423-4090

NEW MORNING STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, DALLAS
September 30, 3 pm
Please join us for our Installation Services for our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Norris L. Latham, Jr. For more questions please call 214-637-0286.

New Morning Star MBC
Rev. Dr. Norris Latham, Pastor
1932 Dennison Street
Dallas, TX 75212
214-637-0286

THE BRIDGE TO LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
September 30, 3:30 pm
Please join us at our Women Mission annual "100 Women in Red" services to praise and lift up the name of Jesus. Our theme: "Spiritual Women Working for the Lord." For directions and/or questions call 214-375-3360 or 214-375-3361.

Bridge to Life Christian Fellowship Church
Rev. Jiles R. King, Pastor
2306 E. Overton Road
Dallas, TX 75216
214-375-3360

THE HENSLEY ENSEMBLE
September 30, 10:30 am and at 12:30 pm
You are invited for a treat when you visit the House of Blues Gospel Brunch, at the Victory Park in the White Swan Building on Lamar Street in Downtown Dallas, to hear the 1st place winner in the John Wiley Price Kwana Fest Gospel Competition against more than 22 gospel groups and acts and featured in a NBC-KXAS Channel 5 Expose on August 16th, The Hensley Ensemble. Also recording artist "Elbert Hensley, Jr. presents the release of The Hensley Ensemble, We've Come to Worship." For more information call 817-707-0955 or 817-707-8077.

The Hensley Ensemble
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November 9-11, 2007
Ladies, please join us for our annual conference @ The Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando, FL. There will be Workshops, Book Signing, Keynote Luncheons, and Dive Marketplace shopping. For conference fee or more information call JoAnn Tolbert Yancy @ 972-417-3071.

Women Touring America
JoAnn Tolbert, Coordinator
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templeoffaith_cme@sbcglobal.net (Email)
Healthy Beginnings Child Development Center - 972-404-1412

Avenue F Church of Christ
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Sunday Bible Class 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Men Bible Class 5:00 pm
Women Bible Class 5:00 pm
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 pm
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1113 Ave. I, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4090
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Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.

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Dallas, Texas 75237
Phone: 972-514-4242 Fax: 972-709-3888
Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30pm.
Monday School: 7pm
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Business Expo For Christians



Renowned author Dr. Luther E. Smith, Chandler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and Dr. Jerome E. McKell, Jr., Senior Pastor of Christian Chapel Temple of Faith after Sunday worship service where Dr. Smith was the guest speaker.



NAACP member Barbara Rateroe registering Lisa-Lin Burke to vote.



Vendors discussing the Business Expo: Adina Dugre of Simplywand with daughter, Adina (same name as her mom) helping; Paulette Fecunda, Banking Center Manager, Bank of America on Hampton Road; Paul Jeter, Banking Center Manager, Bank of America in Cedar Hill; and Raven Fecunda.

All through Christian Chapel Temple of Faith lobby and corridors, as far as the eyes could see, there were people gathered to purchase various items at bargain prices, receive free sample goods from businesses, gain knowledge on how to open a business, discover how to improve their credit and increase their credit score. Some participants wanted to learn fashion tips on applying makeup and coloring hair, learn about being a caregiver or placing a loved one in a nursing facility, and become skilled at preserving your precious memories forever.

The place to be was the 2nd Annual Business Expo at CGTOF after morning worship service. The expo and seminar featured professionals and entrepreneurs, and by Fay Fleming, president of the Business Performance Company, served as facilitator.



Photographer Patrick "PJ" Johnson, CEO of PJ Photography @ Business Expo.

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to reach people with their message of hope.

GETV is an online Gospel entertainment venue that broadcasts pastors as well as Gospel artists and musicians to the world. Anyone will be able to log on to the Web and hear the messages and music from their own home. GETV accepts audition information by email and provides a submission form for those who would like an opportunity to broadcast their pastor or Gospel music or share their Gospel-related presentation. The main focus of GETV is education and giving back to the community.

"The goal of GETV is to help others through ministries, health, and wealth," said Herbert H. Boyd, Jr., the GETV's Founder and CEO.

Boyd started GETV under the inspiration of his mother. He was born and raised in Port Chester, New York and grew up in the Church. He was baptized at the age of 12 and became president of the church youth group and sang in the choir. He has been greatly inspired by his mother, Hardena Boyd, who played the church organ, filled in as a choir director, and was well known for her alto opera singing voice.

Because of his upbringing, Boyd had the foundation for a great Vision. Thus, GETV was born.

Boyd was also greatly inspired by Dr. Frederick K.C. Price of the Ever Increasing Faith Ministries, based out of California. Dr. Price has been his teacher for over 20 years, and Boyd is a Faith Partner in Dr. Price's ministry.

Guy Fortt, an actor and singer who is currently part of the cast for one of Oprah Winfrey's projects "The Color Purple on Broadway," will be joining GETV in his own Gospel Specials.

GETV offers a free newsletter and provides space for advertising to help

businesses get targeted exposure for their products and services.

The Web site also provides useful Gospel-related links, a message board, and a section that lists the available shows that users can watch for Gospel ministries and music, education, health, and wealth.

GETV will also have a Gospel radio station soon.

I feel GETV is a valuable resource that will bind the Gospel community and help ministries to expand their outreach to the far corners of the earth," said Boyd.

For more information and audition details about Gospel Entertainment Television, visit <http://www.getv1.com>.

Bryant Joseph, Principal Of Fred F. Florence Middle School And Franchise Owner Of Salad Creations Restaurant, Dies



In the September 20 online edition of the North Dallas Gazette, we incorrectly identified Bryant Joseph, deceased middle school principal and entrepreneur, as Stephen Jackson. Our sincerest apologies are extended to the family, friends and loved ones of the Joseph family.

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September 20th - 23rd, 2007

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Thursday, Sept. 20th - 7:00 P.M.
Evening Welcome - Guest Speaker: Dr. Sharon Patterson, Highland Hills, U.M.C.

Friday, Sept. 21st - 7:00 P.M.
Sabbath Study - God Talks With Women Place - WQ 3, Ballroom (Hilton). Light refreshments and an open forum, with a new surprise.

Saturday, Sept. 22nd - 3:00 P.M.
Evening Welcome - Guest Speaker: Pastor Regina Burnell, Prairie Temple Evangelical Church

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Monday Services: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday Services: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

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Morning Worship
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