

1100 Summit Avenue, Suite 101 (@ Avenue K) • Plano, Texas 75074

Visit Us Online At www.NorthDallasGazette.com



A Crowning Affair

First Baptist Church Hamilton Park Mourns The Passing of Annie Mrs.Pearl Massey Foster

By: Shirley Tarpley

Sunday, October 14, 2007, Jesus sent a Band of Angels to bring Sis. Annie Pearl Foster home to be with Him and her loved ones who preceded her in going from labor to reward.

Sis. Foster, Mimi, as she was lovingly called by her grandchildren and friends, was born to Solomon & Annie McAdams Massey, both preceded her in death. She was the eldest of six children, and witnessed four siblings laid to

Baptized at an early age by the late Rev. Howard Gill at Morning Star Baptist Church in Dallas; she loved the Lord and was on her Christian Journey from that day until her death.

Sis. Foster graduated from Lincoln High School in the Dallas Independent School District, in the class of 1945. She united in Holy Matrimony with the late, Rev./Dr. J. Lee Foster to this union three children

A Crowning Affair, Page 6

Minorityowned business should receive fair, equal treatment



Don Anyanwu, president of ADI Engineering

Cover Story, Page 9

Bush's FEC Nominee Undermined Voting Rights

Senator Barack

More than 40 years ago, John Lewis and Hosea Williams, along with hundreds of everyday Americans, left their homes and churches to brave the blows of Billy clubs and ioin a march for freedom across the Edmund Bridge. Thousands of anonymous foot soldiers -Blacks and Whites, the young and the elderly summoned the courage

to march for justice and demand freedom. A few months later, the Voting Rights Act was signed into law

It's because of the sacrifice of these American heroes that we've come so far today. But there's

more work to be done Recent elections have shown unprecedented intimidation African-American, Native American, low income and elderly voters at the polls. We Bush's Nominee, Page 11

For The Joy of the Sport, A Genuine Love for the Horse

By Arlinda Arriga Long time horse

rider Doug Smiley; born and raised in Chicago settles his horse here in North Texas. Smiley has been a professional horse trainer for over eight years and has been riding for as long as he can remember. "As a

young child riding horses was a part of his everyday life," said Smiley. He is one of only three African American professional riders in the DFW area. "Although sometimes I like to be at the forefront of setting the standard, I do it for the simple joy of the



explained Smiley. After graduating from Atlanta University with a degree in psychology, Smiley came to Texas to pursue an internship. While maintaining his internship Smiley's genuine love for horses pushed him

Doug Smiley, Page 11

Why Are **Phone Calls From Jails So Expensive?**

By: James Clingman Ever thought about that? Many of us have heard that recording telling us the call is coming from a jail, the cost of which is \$1.50 or more for the first minute or so, and that we should say "Yes" to accept the charges. Why do local calls from jails cost so much? That is a rhetorical question, brothers and sisters; I know you know the answer.

Like other greedy,

unethical, moneygrubbing, corporate thieves, the phone companies charge those outrageous rates for jail phone calls are among the list of profiteers that are steadily taking advantage of this country's prison industrial complex by exploiting prisoners and their families

This is probably a trivial point to many of you, but my rea-

Phone Calls, Page 6

INSIDE

Local News
Op-Ed
Out Of Africa 4
Education
People In The News
Community Calender8
Cover Story
Arts & Entertainment10
Business Service Directory
Career Opportunity
Church Happenings
Sister Tarpley
Church Directory

People In The News



Sam Lynch



L. Londell McMillan



Anthony Grisset

Page See

Local News

Garland Teens Continue Safe Driving Campaign

Garland, Texas -More crashes involving teenage drivers happen at night than at any other time, but surveys show that young people are unaware of the nighttime danger. In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that young drivers are more likely to crash between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. than at any other time of the day. These are facts that Garland teens are trying to focus on as the fall days become shorter and nighttime hours come sooner.

"Nighttime driving is the most common risk for young drivers, but it's the risk that we are least aware of," says Molly Davis, chair of other teen passengers), · speeding.

- · low seat belt use,
- · alcohol.

Teens in the Driver Seat®(TDS), offered to area schools at no cost through support from the Texas Department of Transportation and State Farm Insurance of Texas, is the first peer-to-peer driving safety program in the nation. Unlike any other safety initiative targeting young people behind the wheel, TDS involves teens directly to help develop and deliver the right mes-

TTI provides the science, program materials and background support for the TDS program, while each

"That's the equivalent of a commercial loaded with teenagers crashing to the ground every week for an entire year," says Russell Henk, a TTI Research Engineer and the Program Director for TDS, "But that's not how these tragedies happen; they happen one or two at a time, which is why this problem isn't getting the attention we believe it deserves. Teens in the Driver Seat intends to change that."

The Garland Youth Council is an advisory board appointed by the Garland City Council to provide a forum which educates Garland's youth to the various workings of City business, and

allows youth to be a voice to address their particular ideas and concerns. For more information about the Garland Youth Council, log n t o www.garlandyouthcouncil.org.

Designing Dreams Seeking Donations For Budding Youth Entrepreneurs

Frisco, Texas Designing Dreams, a non-profit artists collective of aspiring young artists and designers is currently seeking creative materials to assist

with the crafting and marketing of unique handcrafted These artists' creations ranging from leather purses, belts, and clothing, to a wide assortment of one-of-a-kind accessories and various other media are displayed on www.designingdreams.ifp3.com.

Designing Dreams teaches girls the basics of starting an entrepreneurial venture with hands-on experience involving creating and marketing products, developing business plans and forming companies. Through this, girls develop and build skills in leadership, problem-solving and decision making, while expanding their creativi-

Each week young designers partner with mentoring local business owners to gain insights and learn what qualities are needed to succeed in the business world. The second Saturday of each



Jinsyn Barnes and Diondra Davis

month, an Artisans Market is held showcasing numerous designs by class participants at South Side on Lamar, a unique downtown Dallas urban loft from 11:00 - 4:00.

Designing Dreams accepts donations from individuals, printers, carpentry shops, interior designers, clothing and jewelry manufacturers, leather upholstery shops, and art supply stores. Items needed include, but are not limited to, leather swatches, scraps or samples, textiles, beads and decorative accessories, sewing notions, machines, and other vard goods

Help advance a worthy cause, save valuable resources, and make one of their dreams your own. For additional information, contact designing-dreams@sbcglobal.net or (214) 544-0666.



Molly Davis, Garland Youth Council, presenting facts about factors that put teen drivers at greater risk for car crashes.

the Garland Youth Council. "Nearly half of our young drivers say they drive at night frequently, but only 1 percent of them understand that driving at night is risky. As it begins to get dark earlier and earlier each day, that's something we all need to think

about." Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) researchers attribute the crashes to inexperience, combined with one or more of the five main risks that plague young drivers:

- · driving at night,
- distractions
- (cell phones and

student group determines on its own how the program will work in their school. The GISD programs will be showcased on the TDS web site, www.t-driver.com. The high school teams are planning a wide range of activities to spread this important safety message including poster contests, special presentations and assemblies, creating their own video.

More than 6,000 teens die every year in traffic crashes in the United States - the number one cause of death, by far, for this age group.

Criminal Defense

- DWI / Suspended License
- WARRANTS Removed[¥]
- 24 Hour Jail Release
- Occupational license felonies
- Protective Order
- Misdeamenor/Felonies

Family Cases

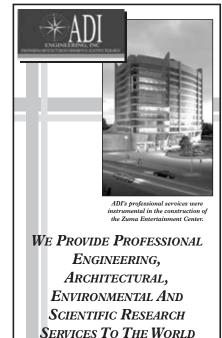
- Divorce / Annulment
- · Child Support / Paternity
- Custody Modification
- Restraining Order
- Protective Order
- Name Change / Adoption

• Domestic Violence

Open On Weekends Easy Payment Plans Law Offices Of Vincent Ndukwe

817-277-0196 (Metro)

2730 N. Stemmons Frwy, Suite 409 • Dallas, TX 75207 Not Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization



8035 E. R.L. Thorton Frwy., Suite 605 • Dallas, TX 75228

(214) 760-7112 • (214) 242-2742 fax

www.adiassociatesinc.com • adiengineering@sbcglobal.net
Don Anyanwu, Ph.D., P.E., CEM - President



Where Do You Want To Go Today?



Publisher's Office:

Phone: (972) 516-2992 Fax: (972) 509-9058 publisher@northdallasgazette.com

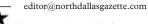
Sales Department:

Phone: (972) 509-9049 Fax: (972) 509-9058

opportunity@northdallasgazette.com

Editorial Department:

Phone: (972) 516-2992 Fax: (972) 516-4197





972-606-3890

Assistant Editor

Ruth Ferguson

Publicist

Cheryl Jackson

Contributing Writers

Jesse Williams

Arlinda Arriga

Paul Hailey

Photography

Patrick "PJ" Johnson Laquisha Buchanan

Ronald Coleman

Edna Dorman

Intern

Pietro Elina

Advisory Board

Committees:

Public Relations Planning

and Implementation

Cecil Starks, CHAIRPERSON

Business Growth Referral

John Dudley, Chairperson

Program Policy Development

Annie Dickson, Chairperson





1100 Summit, Suite 101 • Plano, Texas 75074 Assignment Editor

Chairman Emeritus 7im Bochum Published By

Minority Opportunity News, Inc

Assistant To Publisher Rosie Roberts

Office Manager Production

Special Projects Manager

Edward Dewayne "Preacher Boy" Gibson, Jr.

Account Executive Shawntina Horton Kedah Shabazz-Terry

Religious/ Marketing Editor Shirley Demus Tarpley

Advisory Board:

John Dudley Myrtle Hightower Fred Moses Annie Dickson Cecil Starks Willie Wattley

Coty Rodriguez-Anderson B. J. Williams Denise Upchurch Barbara Simpkins,

Distribution

Integrity Distribution Company

Ouality Assurance Myrtle Hightower, Chairperson Coty Rodriguez

MON-The Gazette assumes no responsibility for unsolicited material and reserves the right to edit and make appropriate revisions.

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

ion or just want to know what is going on up north.

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

The North Dallas Gazette formally Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

THE TRUTH CLINIC Who Is Listening To Our Children?

By: James W. Breedlove During an interview with Marilyn Manson, while producing the award winning documentary Bowling For Columbine, Michael Moore asked Manson what he would say to the killers if he could have spoken to them on the day of the shooting. Manson replied, "I wouldn't say a single word to them; I would listen to what they have to say, and that's what no one did."

The

Columbine Massacre occurred in 1999. The same sad response Manson made then is applicable following the recent school shooting at Success Tech Academy in Cleveland, Ohio. A 14year-old troubled student, Asa Coon, after firing two revolvers on October 10 and wounding two students and two teachers triggered another cycle of pain, suffering, disbelief, and the inevitable post shooting question of Whv?

Coon, who killed himself after the shootings, was reportedly upset with teachers, because they would not listen to his side of the story regarding a recent

after-school altercation that resulted in his suspension.

Whether it is at Virginia Tech, Santee, Paducah, Littleton, Jonesboro, or any other killing field in America the common denominator seems to be that middle class white children are reaching out for help using blazing guns. Even when students openly discuss their intentions to murder classmates, as was the case with Coon, the prevailing mind-set spurns the idea as a playful joke. Several students have stated Coon threatened to blow up the school but his threats were not taken seriously school administrators.

Research studies have shown that children who are bullied and ostracized by their contemporaries can transform from a passive milquetoast to a violent terminator. The pressure of competition, being in the right clique, and the physical and mental anxieties of maturing can create havoc in a teen's mind, especially if there is no support system to explain and ease the pain they are suffering.

Bowling Columbine's central premise is the Columbine type massacres are a product of the "climate of fear" that is engendered by America's leaders and promulgated by the media. America's culture of fear, bigotry, and violence are the tools of manipulation used by the powerful elite political and corporate interests to feed their own greed. School shootings are just one of the acceptable consequences

Moving to the "safe suburbs" does not automatically solve the problem. The assumption that mayhem, murder, drugs, and alcohol thrive only in the urban ghettos is a convenient placebo.

This false sense of security lulls those isolated in suburbia into the collective mind-set that it can't happen here. When it does happen, there is an instant outcry of amazement and shock followed by a face saving investigation. The need to take serious corrective action dies out soon after the mainstream media loses interest in the event and it is back

to business as usual.

Perhaps it is time to reaffirm that educating our children is more than sending them to a quality school. Biblical guidance involves a total education and training program for children overseen by parents. It was essential to have the education and training complemented with both word and example. The total program designed to match the maturity of the child included: The knowledge and understanding of God; honoring of the father and mother; tailored guidance in obeying both God's law and civil law; respect for the elders: obedience to authority; practical training in adult living skills; and Academic three R skills.

Without this complete mentoring in education and life skills misguided and disturbed youngsters, who are left to their own devices, often resort to violent outbursts that result in frightening shooting statistics.

The shootings over the past seven years are trying to tell America that something is seriously wrong.

an You Hear Us Now?

By Donna P. Hall, MPH, MBA and Wendy C. Wolf,

When NARAL Pro-Choice America tried to subscribe to a paid service that would have allowed the group to send text-messages to Verizon customers who signed up for the group's texting service, Verizon turned them down

Reproductive rights -even birth control -were thought to be issues either too "controversial" or "unsavory," in the words of Verizon policy-makers, for traffic over their network. Within a day, the communications giant fully reversed itself.

Corporations thrive by doing what's good for the bottom line. News that Verizon had blocked access to information that affects an important life decision threatened the health of that bottom line

Surprised? No apology needed if you are. Given the way that

media and some politicians stoke drama and outrage by isolating abortion from the range of important, complicated life decisions faced by Americans, you might be excused for thinking that the profit motive required the company to avoid anything having to do with abortion. But, when taken in the context of other important life decisions, Americans do not view abortion with the same level of polarization as presented by the media and exploited by some politicians.

After years of seeing the key collective decision made by our national electorate -- the choosing of a president -- often reduced to a screaming match over abortion, we at the Women Donors Network became curiabout where ous American voters placed reproductive rights issues with other impor-

Can You Hear Us, Page 4

Rights Group Blasts Corruption Among Nigerian Politicians

(GIN) - In a devastating study of Nigeria, a U.S.-based rights group has recorded record levels of violence, corruption and impunity, adding that the conduct of the country's leaders "more resembles criminal activity than democratic governance."

Ethnic and religious violence, the study found, resulted at least partly from the efforts of politicians and other elites to manipulate intercommunal tensions for their own political gain.

Corruption and mismanagement were blamed for a waste of record oil revenues that could have tackled poverty and improved access to basic health and education services, the authors of the report affirmed

More than 11,000 Nigerians lost their lives in clashes along political, ethnic, religious, and other lines between the handover of power to the government of Olusegun Obasanjo and the end of 2006, according to a forthcoming survey by the watchdog group.

The report, titled Criminal Politics: Violence, "Godfathers" and Corruption in Nigeria, by the NY-based Human Rights Watch, recounts Nigeria's difficult history since independence in 1960 that saw only two elected governments in 39 years.

Nuhu Ribadu, head of the country's corruption fighting agency, acknowledged in a recent interview the depth of the problem.

"We have to change our country," he told reporters of the AllAfrica.com website. "Most of us believe that we have the potential to be great. It's [up to] us to work hard and behave properly, like [in] the rest of the world where things are working."

Meanwhile, corruption was cited in a pending British court case this week in which \$35 million in assets of James Ibori, former governor of oil-producing Delta state, were frozen. Ibori was one of the kingmakers behind President Umaru Yar'Adua, who took office on an anticorruption platform last May.

President Yar'Adua's election, closely watched by international observers, was tainted by reports of violence, ballot stuffing, and intimida-

Namibian President Of Swapo Set To Retire

(GIN) Sam Nujoma, former Namibian president and now leader of the ruling SWAPO party, formally announced this week that he intended to retire and not seek reelection as president of the party.

His surprise announcement, made on Monday, ended months of speculation that 77-year-old Nujoma, who stepped aside as state president in 2005, would seek reelection in 2009.

Nujoma was Namibia's first president and held that office for 47 years. He began a land reform program that has slowly addressed inequalities in land ownership where a small percentage of the country's whites own a large amount of the nation's farmland.

Current President Hifikepunye Pohamba, also a former independence fighter, has been Nujoma's pick to succeed him as party president.

Egyptians Turn Desert Sands Into Growing Fields

(GIN) North of Cairo's ancient pyramids, lush fields of cauliflower, apricot trees and melon are growing among a vast stretch of sand.

Scientists at the Desert Development Centre, a project of the American University of Cairo, produced this small miracle while working on hightech techniques to make Egypt's desert green.

Greening the desert could provide much

needed fertile land for Egypt's 74 million people who live crowded along a narrow strip by the Nile River and Mediterranean Sea. Cairo is one of the most densely populated cities on Earth.

But the \$70-billion recovery plan has raised serious questions among some environmentalists who say turning the desert green is neither practical nor sustainable and might ultimately ackfire.

"From a political perspective, it makes sense in terms of giving more people jobs even though it is not very rational from a water perspective," said Anders Jagerskog of the Stockholm International Water Institute.

The desert recovery is also worrying the Sudan and Ethiopia, Egypt's neighbors, who have a share in water from the Nile.

Can You Hear Us, Page 3 tant life decisions that Americans face: end-of-

life issues, stem-cell research, and how best to educate our children about sex, for example.

Together with the Communications Consortium Media Center, we worked with Republican and Democratic pollsters, both liberal and conservative. We enlisted linguists, social workers, religious leaders and think-tank specialists to help us understand the values debate Harris Interactive then coordinated on-line chat rooms, focus and "dial" groups, and voter survevs.

In some areas of the research there were no surprises: Americans value personal responsibility -- taking charge of one's life and family and helping to make the world a better place. We want a responsible government to focus on safety, affordability and access to information

and services. We affirm respect, protection, prevention and planning as values in this discussion. People believe that important life decisions can only be made responsibly if they have access to information and options.

We found that 81 percent of voters agree with this statement about the "values" debate: "The current debate focuses on abortion, but there is a much broader discussion that needs to happen that includes sex education, contraceptives and family planning, the cervical cancer vaccine, emergency contraception, stem-cell research and end-of-life decisions that are just as important."

The same proportion — 81 percent — agrees with the following (and 54 percent agree strongly): "I may have one position on birth control, another on abortion and still a third on end-of-life. Others have their own opinion which may

be different than mine. We should each appreciate and respect our individual opinions. Sometimes, we just must agree to disagree."

The narrow focus on abortion maintained by politicians and the media keeps a small base of voters energized and the rest of us polarized. Even so, we found

that only 11 percent of voters want abortion banned outright. Yet, for every personal decision people make about abortion, they make dozens on these other equally private and important life issues, the ones now buried under the abortion debate.

A large majority of voters want the

national discussion on ethically complex important life decisions to be broadened. And as Verizon found out, trying to lock out the public from any one piece of that discussion is bad for the bottom line. If candidates learn anything from Verizon's misstep, it's that dismission of the state of the state

cussion should be opened to include all important life decisions.

Hall is the President and CEO of the Women Donors Network. Wolf leads the Women Donors Network project on reproductive and other health issues. Copyright (C) 2007 by the American Forum.



State Representative Barbara Mallory Caraway Announces Start Of 2007-2008 **High School Aerospace Scholars**

Representative Barbara Mallory Caraway is pleased to announce the launch of this year's High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS). HAS will enable selected Texas students to explore and become a part of NASA's plan for space exploration, which will send humans back to the moon, then on to Mars and beyond. After they employ their math and science skills to complete 10 Webbased assignments during the school year, they

will travel to Johnson Center Space in Houston during the summer and use those same skills to help investigate options for sending humans to Mars along side their peers and real NASA scientists and engineers

Eligible students are required to meet the following criteria:

- U.S citizen
- · Texas resident
- · Currently a high school junior
- · Interest in science,

math, or engineering

- · Access to the Internet and e-mail (home, school, or public library)
- · Able to commit to a relationship with ISC, including a one-week residential experience during the summer

The state of Texas, in partnership with JSC and the Texas educational community, developed High School Aerospace Scholars in 1990 to encourage more students to pursue studies and careers

in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Additional partners include Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, University of Houston System, and Rotary NASA. More than 1,750 students from across Texas have participated in the program.

High school juniors interested in applying for the 2007-2008 program should visit http://aerospacescholar.isc.nasa.gov/

Escape to Pair-a-Dice -**Fundraising Event to Support** Children in North Texas

Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Inc. is the philanthropic arm of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. since its conception in 1968, the Foundation has distributed millions of dollars to support children from communities all across America. In so doing, the Foundation is fulfilling its shared vision with Jack and Jill of America, Inc., to invest in the future of our children. The Foundation supports programs that not only create opportunities and challenges for children to learn and practice leadership skills, but also build leadership character in youth. For more than 17 years, the North Suburban Dallas chapter has held bifundraising events that directly impact the children in the North Texas com-munities. The next semi-annual gig being the Escape to Pair-a-Dice on October 27, a Vegas themed

fundraiser.

Casino night fundraiser will begin at 7:00 p.m. at whit degline agles Country Club (5401 West Park Blvd., Plano, TX). The fun includes Roulette, Craps, raffles and a live auction for a trip for two to Las Vegas. Funding recipients have included Hope's Door, The Tom Joyner Foundation, Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Collin County Foster Care, and M a k e - A - W i s h Foundation; this event will raise money for the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County and the Douglas Community College. The national division of Jack and Jill of America will match the proceeds that the North Suburban Dallas chapter raises for these organizations. Tickets to this event are \$40.00 and can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact Tracy Pugh at 214-336-2043 or Monica Hawkins at 214-773-8209, or by email at mon ica.hawkins@tx.rr.com

College Hosts Scholarship **Essay Writing Workshop**

Collin College will host a Scholarship Essay Writing Workshop from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 at the Preston Ridge Campus, Founders Hall Room F148, 9700 Wade Blvd in Frisco. Learn tips and strategies for writing your best college admissions and scholarship

essays. Register at destination college @ ccccd.edu. Questions call 972.377.1545.



Phone Calls, Page 1

son for writing about it is to illuminate the fact that Black folks are, in many cases, allowing ourselves to be used as wealth creators for others, even to the ridiculous extent of doing stupid stuff that will land us in jail or prison. Then when we get to iail we want to call our friends and families, at usury phone rates, to help get us out or just to stay in touch

A close look at the jails will reveal that Blacks occupy the cells at a disproportionate rate.

Black people are not building jails, supply-

A Crowning Affair, Page 1

were born: Essie Louise (Cookie) their only daughter, who also preceded her in death, Gregory, and Anthony Foster.

With her husband, Dr. Foster, on December 28, 1954, they founded and organized the First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park (First Church) on Oberlin Drive in the Hamilton Park Community, with four faithful members; the church has grown to a membership of over 5000.

As First Lady of First Church, she was blessed to be a mentor to a lot of young ladies in the church, and in the community. She was the first teacher of First Church's Child Development Center, which is named in her honor; she was a choir member in the early development of the church. Sis. Foster organized the GA Girls (God's Anointed Girls), and she founded Daughters of The King, which recently celebrated their 18th Annual Women's Retreat, honoring Sis. Foster for her Crowning Affair Life.

She leaves to mourn, two precious sons: Dr. Gregory and Rev. Anthony (Donna) Foster; eleven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one niece, five nephews, and a host of ing the needs of the jails, doing the maintenance in the jails, or selling hair grease, toilet paper, T-shirts, jumpsuits, flip-flops, books, or anything else to the jails.

A multi-billion dollar industry located in our hometowns, in many cases funded by our tax dollars, and we have no economic interest in that industry. All we do is fill the cells.

It is all about economics. The prisonjail system, both supply and demand, has grown exponentially, because of the high profit from prisonbuilding and prisoner warehousing.

cousins, other relatives and

friends.

Sis. Foster's life celebration will be "A Crowning Affair" for the beautiful and Godly life that she lived among family and friends. Viewing will be today, October 18, at the church, 300 Phillips Street, Richardson, TX 75081 from 12 Noon - 7 pm. Home Going

Celebration will be Friday, October 19, 2007 at 12 Noon, at the church. Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr., a long time friend and Brother-in-Christ, He is also Senior Pastor at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church will deliver the Eulogy. For addition information, log on to First Church's Website www.fbchp.org or call the church @ 972-235-4235.

already account for

the profit margins of

many consumer prod-

uct companies - that

we do not own, spend-

ing our \$800 billion

willy-nilly on whatey-

Now we are provid-

ing a huge profit mar-

gin for the prison

industrial complex as

we do our daily Bataan

Death March into

courtrooms to stand in

front of corrupt prose-

cutors and judges and

be accused by testi-

lying cops, in many

cases. And the first

thing we want to do when they escort us to

that cell is make a

phone call that cost the person on the other

someone

makes.



URBAN LEAGUE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS HOST COMMUNITY FORUMS

The COMMUNITY is invited to share its opinions and give us valuable feedback about any program and service(s) needed within your community.

These forums are designed to assist you the community in gaining valuable knowledge of the programs and services the League offers free of charge to the community.

URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER DALLAS

NEEDS YOUR INPUT

COME OUT AND HELP US

SO THE LEAGUE CAN BETTER HELP YOU!!!

Location

Community Forums will be held at the following: Time

mber 6 th - Headquarters (DALLAS) 6 p.m. -7:00 p.m November 8thGarland 6 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Carver St Suite 102C Garland 75040 November 13th Pleasant Grove 7 p.m. -8:00 p.m. 10325 Lake June Rd. Dallas 75217210 November 15 thIrving 6 p.m. -7:00 p.m. 1625 N Story Rd Suite 166 Irving 75061

> Questions concerning this application may be directed to Cylton Ewell 214.915.4600

end an arm and leg.

That is stupid, as I have said before, especially if you intentionally do a crime or neglect to pay your child support or fail to show up for a court appearance for an outstanding warrant or traffic ticket. That is stupid! It is also evil and just plain wrong if you are doing the more serious crimes like robbing,

raping, assaulting, or killing. At the end of it all there will be someone, who looks nothing like you, who will profit from your stupidity and your evil deeds, while you sit in a cell and waste your life away.

It is sad that Black people, especially, would subject ourselves to such a nowin situation, but we do it everyday.

This article started with a simple phone call, but you can see the implications of our behavior when it comes to crime and punishment and, I might add, wealth. In a system, things work together, in conjunction with one another; everything fits together, brothers and sis-



8 p.m. • Saturday • October 27, 2007 Mesquite Championship Resistol Arena • Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Largest multicultural rodeo in the country highlighting African American, Hispanic, Native American, European and Asian contestants and their contributions to rodeo and the American West!







RODEO TICKETS

Box Seats: \$25.00

Reserved Grandstand: \$12.00

Presell & Group Discounts Available



SONNY BRYAN'S BBO DINNER

\$10.95 Adults and \$6.95 Children

(Two meats, three sides, cobbler tea lemonade, water. rolls and relish)

For more information or to reserve tickets call 972-285-8777 x 2202

Sponsors

North Central Ford . State Farm . Air Products & Chemical, Inc. Grapevine Star Entertainment . Wild Bill's Rodeo Shoppe . Five Star Farms Vestige . Gold Buckle Network . Resistol

Proceeds benefit ICREA, Inc. a 501(c)(3) education nonprofit

Anthony Grisset

Anthony Grissett is a McDonald's Owner/Operator in the Metroplex. Black Enterprise magazine features Grissett, his wife, Arminida, and their three children on the cover of the magazine's October 2007 issue.

They are profiled in the magazine's series of articles focused on "The Ultimate Retirement Guide: How to Finance Your Dreams." "I was in



shock to learn that my family and I would be on the magazine's cover," said Grissett,

The Grissetts have in McDonald's system since 1992. He is the president of the Dallas Chapter of the Black McDonald's Operators Association, an affiliate chapter of the National Black McDonald's Operators Association (NBMOA). The NBMOA is one of the largest organizations of

African-American franchisees in the country.

Grissett. 49 five owns McDonald's restaurants Arlington.

Today, there are more than 300 African-American McDonald's Owner/Operators who operate more than 1,200 restaurants in the U.S.

Sam Lynch

Mr. Lynch is one of the co-founders of Global Lead Management Global Consulting. Lead has worked with companies such as The Procter & Gamble Company, The Limited Inc., Black Entertainment Television (BET), the NBA, and many others in the areas of team building, diversity, communication/ customer service, organizational processes and planning, pairs/leadership building, and change management. Mr. Lynch has over 25 years of consulting experience focusing on strategic planning, diversity and inclusion. Mr. Lynch is responsible for training and development for Global Lead, which includes overseeing all training operations, the trainthe-trainer process, and developing targeted training solutions.

Mr. Lynch holds a B.S. in Biology from the University



Cincinnati. He is a certified trainer in HBDI, Social Styles, DiSC, Diversity Inclusion, and Preventing Sexual Harassment trainings. Currently he serves on the board of the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, Boy Scouts of America; Advisor to the Society for the Advancement Reforming Felons (SARF); and was formerly a registered representative of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and on the boards of Bank One, WCET and the Community Chest.

L. Londell McMillan

L. Londell McMillan, Esq., is Chairman of The McMillan Firm and NorthStar Business Enterprises, Inc. He specializes in entertainment and sports law, business operations, and public advocacy. McMillan's elite clients include recording artists, professional athletes, authors, executives and businesses in the communications, media, entertainment, retail and real estate industries.

McMillan is one of the co-owners, along with real-estate developer Bruce Ratner and hip-hop artist Jay-Z, in purchase of the New Jersey Nets, a National Basketball Association (NBA) team. He and the other co-owners intend to bring the celebrated franchise to his hometown of Brooklyn, New York, as part of a major \$2.5 billion dollar mixed-use commer-



cial, retail and residential development proj-

McMillan is a graduof Brooklyn ate Technical High School, School Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, and New York University School of Law. He is admitted to practice law in the States of New York and Connecticut, and is a member of the American Bar Association, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and the New York State Bar Association.

Fall Job Fair at Eastfield College

(Mesquite, TX) -Eastfield College's Career Services Office will co-sponsor and host its Fall Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30 in the Gym (P Building). The event is free and open to students of Eastfield College and the general public. Sponsors include Eastfield College

Career Services, Eastfield College Student Programs & Resources, and the US Department of Education's Job Location and Development Program. Special employer sponsors include Annexus Personnel & Business Services, AT & T, Bank of America, Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy Stores,

Employment News, Napa Auto Parts, UPS, Volt, Whataburger of Mesquite.

More than 60 area companies will be present to talk to job seekers employment about opportunities with their organizations. Attendees should bring plenty of resumes and be dressed to interview.

For more informa-

tion, contact Ron Rollinson at 972-860-8310. For an updated list of employers and available positions visit www.eastfieldcollege.co m/SSI/EFCjobfair.

Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.

WISH you were HERE!!!

(Your ad would be seen by our affluent readers!)

Call Our Marketing Department 972-606-7498

For More Information promotion ad 1

The Women's Museum To Launch Star-Struck and Texas Girls' State Fair DALLAS Timed to coincide with

Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future, today announced that, during the 2007 State Fair of Texas, it will premiere Star-Struck, a new exhibit that contains 18 movie costumes from well-known films from the 1930s through today; and, it will bring back the Texas Girls State Fair, the event honoring the achieve-ments and interests of adolescent Texas girls.

the State Fair of Texas and its 3-4 million visitors, Star-Struck opens Friday and runs through Oct. 28. The Texas Girls' State Fair runs concurrent with the fair, through Oct. 21.

Through Star-Struck, Mary Rose, the curator of last year's Marilyn Monroe exhibit at the museum, brings an exhibit of well known costumes worn by a number of well known

"leading women" of the silver screen: Vivien Leigh in Gone With the Wind and Audrey Hepburn in My Fair Lady to Jennifer Hudson in Dreamgirls and Kate Winslett in Titanic, these costumes will be on display, along with 50 original designers' sketches. Sketches from Academy Award-winning or nominated films, from the Sound of Music to Hollywoodland. Movie

posters and film clips will add depth to the exhibit. From Sept.

through Oct. 21—during the State Fair of Texas—admission to The Women's Museum and its exhibits will be free, and the museum will be open every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For additional information, including hours, admission and location. go to www.thewomensmuseum.org.

N2NE (In Tune) Youth Mentoring and Intervention/Prevention Program

"Focus on your future and believe in your dreams."



Upcoming sessions 10/15 - Resume Building & Job Applications 10/17 - Drug Abuse & 10/22 - Gang Violence

10/24 - Interviewing Preparation 10/29 - Job Fair

Tutoring is also available in Mathematics (Algebra , Calculus, and

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: Rich Etta Weathersbee, Founder/CEO at 469-223-5618 or Penny Francis, V.P. & Dir. of Community Development, a 214-793-7178.

Community Calendar

Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County: Collin newest County's 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. more info, please call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or email him at fred@tes.com.

DFW Financially Empowered Women is a group for 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/37

Reggae Saturdays Every Saturday at the Daiquiri Dump, 2612 located at Commerce St. Dallas, Texas 75226, is Reggae Night. The fun starts at 9pm. Admission is free before 11pm, RSVP. You can RSVP www.mingle monday.com. For more info call 214-629-0077.

October 18

La Bella Belly Maternity at Village on the Green located near the Galleria Mall is hosting "Shop for a Cause Thursdays" in observance Domestic Violence Awareness Month During the month of October, 10 percent of the proceeds made from the sale of apparel on Thursdays will be donated to the Women's Genesis Shelter, a Dallasnonprofit based, organization that provides emergency shelter, in-house food and

clothing for battered women and their children. La Bella Belly Maternity will also host an intimate event on Thursday, October 18, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in which a representative from the Genesis Women's Shelter will address the issue of domestic violence and provide effective ways for mothers to safely escape abusive relationships with their children. No cost to attend, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 972-385-4022. La Bella Belly Maternity, 5301 Alpha Road, Suite 16, Dallas, Texas 75240.

October 19

FREE Art Exhibit Doors and Windows to and from the Soul Araoz's Monica Abstract Contemporary paintings with a unique application of texture. The exhibit is located at the Stephanie Ward Gallery 920 18th. Street in Downtown Plano from 5:30 -7:30. Admission to this event is FREE. For more information call 469-229-0024, or email s t e p h a n i e gallery@aol.com. Kirk Whalum

Chuck Anderson play a live jazz performance at the Éisemann Center in Richardson HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

October 20

Third Annual Plano International Festival to take place in Haggard in Downtown Park Plano from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For additional information, contact 214.495.7838 or send email to info@PlanoInternationa lFestival.org.

7th Annual Binational Health Week - Annual Health Fair, 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Mountain View College, 4849 Illinois Ave, Dallas, TX 75211. . For more information, call Dr. Lori Millner at 214 648 8338, email at lori.millner@utsouthwestern.ed

contact Ms 11: or Graciela Salinas at 214 947 8060 email at gra cielasalinas@mhd.com.

4th Annual Path-Way to Purpose Conference - "Learning to Love Each Other" 8a.m. -5:00pm, Fellowship Dallas Conference Center, 9330 North Expressway, Central Dallas, TX, Cost \$99. For additional information contact Cynthia Mickens-Smith, 888-419-0957

Monthly meeting of the Garland NAACP Youth Council at the Saint Luke AME Church, Ave D., Garland. Time to be announced. Call 972-381-5044, or email garlandtxnaacp@garlandtxnaacp.org more information.

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

October 20 and 22 HUD-FREE approved Homebuyer Education Classes! If you dream of owning a home but need help buying one, come and learn about how to get started. Full day attendance is required. This free educational seminar will start at 8:30 am at 400 High School Dr. in Lewisville, and end at 4:30 pm. For more information call 972-

con@cityoflewisville.co October 23

219-5026 or email arin-

Justice Clarence Thomas, keynote speak-speaks on "My er, speaks on "M Grandfather's Son 11:30-12:30 p.m., Adams Marks Hotel, 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, TX. Luncheon sponsored by The DFW Committee for Heritage, The Federalist Society, Society, and the National Center for Policy. For additional information, please contact Emily Davis, 202-608-1524

Monthly meeting of the Garland NAACP Adult Branch: Executive Committee begins meeting at 6:30p.m. and general membership at 7:30p.m. The meeting will be held at the Women's Activity Women's Activity Building, 713 Austin Street, downtown Garland. Call 972-381-5044, or email gar-landtxnaacp@garlandtxnaacp.org more information.

October 25

Voice of Hope Ministries 25th Anniversary Celebration "Commemorating 2 Years of Helping Dallas Area School Children' to be held at the Belo Mansion , will include this year's guest speaker the honorable Mayor Tom Leppert and entertainment provided by the Step By Step Choir. For additional information call 214-692-6141 or 214-526-7635 or visit www.voiceofhope.org.

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 Downtown Dallas. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. so don't be Îate Admission to the event is \$15 in advance, and \$20 at the door. Call TBAAL's Box Office at 214-743-2400 for more information.

G.H.A.P. (God Has A Plan) hosts Small Business, Grant Writing Seminar, from 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m., Ryan's Grill Buffet and Bakery, 909 Tripp Rd, (at 80E and Galloway) Mesquite, TX. Lunch available. Seminar open to individuals, organizations or churches and will cover all aspects of starting a small business and of Writing the Grant Contact:

Annette, 214-497-4260 or www.ghap-texas.org,

Poets N' Jazz #1 A night with actress and writer Irma P. Hall at the Clarence Muse Café Theatre, which is located at The Black Academy of the Arts and Letters The event begins at 8:00 p.m. October 28

Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship (OCBF) HEAT Ministry's 3rd Annual HBCU College Showcase and Fair, 2:00 p.m. Come and meet with representatives from over Black Historically Colleges and Universities from across the country. Don't miss the Showcase - a new twist on the traditional college fair format. Be on time to enter drawings for door prizes. OCBF, 1821 W. Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas, TX 75322. Call 972-672-9200, ext 4169 for further information. October 29

N2NE (In-Tune) Youth Mentoring and Intervention/Prevention Program "JOB FAIR", 6:30pm-7:45pm, location Clubhouse at Indigo on Forest Apartments, 9669 Forest Lane, Dallas, TX 75243, Employers in attendance will include Barnes & Nobles, Steak & Shake, CiCi's Pizza and Auto Zone. For information, please call Rich Etta Weathersbee

469-223-5618 or Penny Francis 214-793-7178 October 31-November 2

2007 National Hispanic Council on (NHCOA) Conference Aging Annual offers three days of professional development, information-sharing, community-building, and networking at The Fairmont Hotel Dallas, 1717 North Akard Street, Dallas, TX 75201. Invited guests include former Surgeon General Dr. Richard Carmona, Senator Hillary Clinton, and former NY City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. For conference information or registration, visit www.nhcoa.org or call 202-347-9733.

November 1

South Cultural Center Grand Opening-5:30pm, 3400 South Fitzhugh Dallas, Texas 75210. For additional information contact 214.939.2787 or 972-291-0501.

November 3

The Douglass Community Center Cotillion Ball, 6:00 p.m., Los Rios Country Club, 1700 Country Club Dr Plano, TX 75074, For additional information contact Dianne Dillion, 972-941-7174 or dianned@plano.gov

The National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) Annual Scholarship Fundraiser, 7:00pm 12:00 a.m. at the Grand Hvatt Hotel at DFW Airport, 2337 South International Parkway, cost \$20. To purchase tickets, contact Jean Coleman 817-871-5748, or Kimberly Simmons 972-941-7115, or Doris Edmon 214-670-3906

November 5

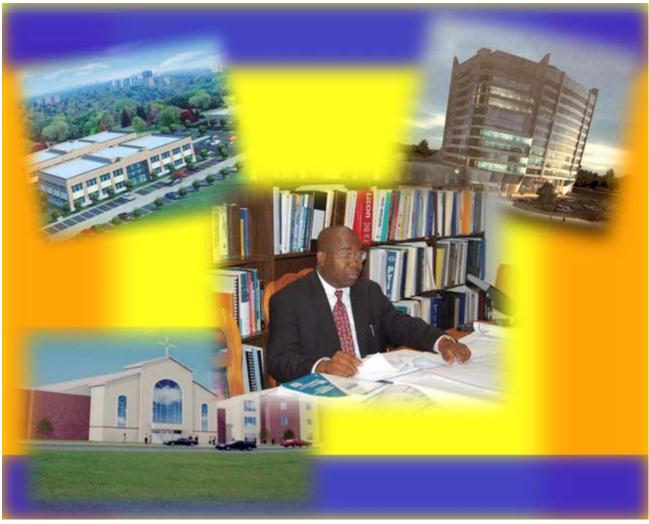
The National Association of Women Business Owners Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter monthly luncheon and networking program, "Collin County Area program, Council Advertising For Your Customers. Registration and networking is from 11 -11:45 a.m., and the program and lunch will last from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Holiday Inn Select Richardson, 1655 N. Central Expressway. RSVP to 214-428-7475 or rsvp@nawbotx.org. Luncheon cost with RSVP will be \$35, and \$48 without. Reduced prices apply for members.

Sponsored Bu:



Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community

Minority-owned business should receive fair, equal treatment



Cover Story, Page 1

lthough Don Anyanwu, president of Engineering, was born in Nigeria, his home is here in the United States. Anyanwu is not seeking handouts or preferential treatment for himself or his company. He desires equal treatment for all in the field of small business. Anyanwu simply is seeking the same opportunity as the larger corporations.

Anyanwu has been with ADI, a company specializing in engineering, architecture, environmental and scientific research, for over 10 years and has noticed small businesses suffer because large corporations receive the majority of projects.

When clients want a project completed they register the plan with counties, cities or school districts. The government entities send information for a bid request or a proposal to a variety of corporations. Anyanwu believes it is at the bid request phase when smaller businesses are blocked or eliminated from possible selection.

Sometimes, large corporations merely outsource minority-owned businesses to attract clients and projects

clients and projects. Anyanwu feels the government agencies should be responsible for paying the large corporations and small businesses for their individual contributions. "The state should pay separately," Anyanwu said. "Do not ask large corporations to pay the smaller corporations." Instead, corporations large receive all of the funds and do not fully compensate for the small businesses' work.

The agencies screen the corporations for questions into bankcompany ruptcies earnings to insure they are financially healthy and stable. According to Anyanwu, they also call for a three-year tax return as a requirement to perform the project. "If we can pay the same tax equally, why can't we participate equally?" Anyanwu Anyanwu said. He feels these obstacles prevent people from entering small business market place. "There is a need for employment for the

U.S.," Anyanwu said. When you consider the bulk of U.S. employment is provided by small businesses, this process is preventing growth for small employers and reducing job opportunites. He points out, "This is not helping the country economic wise." Anyanwii recommends the state and government agencies create workshops to encourage more bidding between clients and smaller businesses.

Even though Anyanwu is busy with several building projects, he has not forgotten about his heritage. In addition to working on an entertainment complex in Wisconsin and other projects, his company has drainage projects underway in Nigeria.

Anyanwu arrived in the United States in 1985 and chose Texas because it reminded him of his native Nigeria. "It looks like the place I was born," Anyanwu reminiced. He wants to feel at home, so he works to ensure his business and others are treated equally.

Hip-Hop Vs. America Fell Short

By: Jeff Johnson

I have received all kinds of emails, letters, text messages and comments on the street from people in and outside of the hip-hop community regarding BET's Hip-Hop Vs. America. Many loved it; while others hated it. Some supported what various panelists had to say, while others felt that the panelists should not have even been on the show. There were some of you that felt like the discussion was good, whiles others question the point of the special at all. However, when all is said and done, people were talking. People are talking about the issues covered on the show, as well as those the special did not discuss. People engaged in real dialogue about hip-hop with parents and grandparents, and children and grandchildren. However, this needs to be the starting point, and not the end.

Were there panelists that could have added more to the discussion? YES. Were there more pertinent issues that could have been covered? YES. Finally, should we have done more discussion of solutions and strategy? YES!!! However, TV was never designed to provide the substantive solutions for the community, but rather cover people in the community developing the solutions. I read a fantastic opinion piece by R Ŝ (http://blogs.bet.com/mu sic/hhvsa/?p=11) that made a point that I have been talking about all over the country. Artists are not leaders. But neither are television networks. I applaud BET for continuing this discussion, and for the opportunity to host it. I look to work with this network, as well as other mainstream networks to produce more programming that provides insight and encourage discussion. But as KRS1 mentioned, leaders must lead; teachers must teach...

Neither BET, nor any

other television network is going to develop the strategy necessary to address the issues we have such an easy time discussing, but a difficult time mobilizing around. I would recommend we make these dialogues local, multi-generational, and focused. We have to pull in young people and elders to discuss a wide range of issues and col-



lectively begin to solve them. It doesn't take a thousand people. FIVE will do. But if we keep waiting for the TV to provide the solutions, we are denying the ability that lies within "regular people" to make real change. I think media HAS to play a role in providing information, which is why I do what I do. But the role the community and the role people in it play is far more important.

I would recommend:

• Use libraries, churches, community centers, campuses, schools, or the

street as places to start connecting the young and elders to just build bridges. There are some amazing elders out here prepared to teach without judgment and hold young people accountably with love (even if its hard love).

• Use these discussions as jumpoffs for the development of real solutions. Create simple things that people in the community

can do together.

• Make the solutions about people (the collective), and not about an organization or church. It is not about credit, it's about change.



Eastfield Library presents "Jasper, Texas: The Healing of a Community in Crisis"

(Mesquite, TX) –
Eastfield College
Library presents
"Jasper, Texas: "Jasper,
Texas: The Healing of a
Community in Crisis"
October 8 – 27.

Focusing on the strength of their community rather than the horrific crime to James this Byrd. exhibit reveals the extraordinary ways in which the entire town was affected. Photos of the peaceful Huff Creek Road and the lovely country church where James Byrd was found hold no clue to the terrible event that turned Jasper, Texas into an international byword. The

exhibit compels the viewer to realize the impact of the crime on young and old alike in this close community.

Additional photographs emphasize the diligence of the minis-

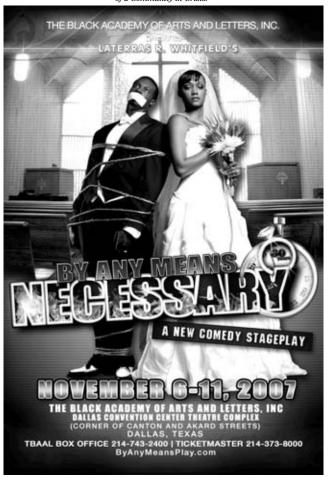


"Reverend Bobby Lee Hudson," Photograph by Sarah Wilson. In the Humanities Texas exhibit, 'Jasper, Texas: The Healing of a Community in Crisis."

ters who through concerted and cooperative efforts kept the incident from erupting into more violence. A timely exhibit that compels the viewer to look racism anew, "Jasper, Texas" is a thought-provoking examination of the healing of a community through tragedy.

The project was made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, call 972-860-7168 or visit www.eastfield-college.com. This event is free to attend.



Water-Wise Landscaping Classes

The City of Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) is partnering with the Dallas County Master Gardeners Association, Texas Cooperative Extension-Dallas County and the Dallas Park and Recreation Department to teach garden aficionados about Water-Wise landscaping - in quick 30-minute mini-seminars.

These "Micro-Talks" will feature topics important for outdoor water

conservation including: Rain Water Harvesting; Butterfly Gardening: Herbs in the Water-Wise Garden; EarthKindTM roses and more. Sessions are scheduled during the months of September, October and November and will be held in various neighborhoods in Dallas. Each "Micro-Talk" will last 30 minutes followed by a brief question and answer period.

"Since as much as 50-

70 percent of water use is on vards and gardens, it's important to offer our customers ways to use water efficiently, and still keep their gardens and lawns lush," said Carole Davis, DWU Water Conservation Program manager. "We encourage people to take advantage of these free seminars to help them learn to conserve water and save on their water hills "

The mission of the

Dallas County Gardeners Association is to teach residents the best horticultural methods for the Dallas area. Each Master Gardener volunteer goes through 72 hours of instruction on horticulture topics specific to the region. The Texas Master Gardener Program is a volunteer training program of Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas A&M University System

October 20th (Saturday) 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Kiest Recreation Center, 3080 S. Hampton Rd., Dallas, TX 75224

9:30 AM – Wildflowers

10:15 AM – Soil & Amendments/preparing for Winter

11:00 AM - Composting & Mulch

October 24th (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Samuell Grand Recreation Center, 6200 East Grand, Dallas, TX 75223

7:00 PM – Native & Adaptive Plants 7:45 PM – EARTHKINDTM Roses

For the complete schedule through November or for more information on the Master Gardeners program, please visit www.DallasMasterGardeners.org. To register, call the Dallas County Master Gardeners Hotline between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at (214) 904-3053.

Bush's Nominee, Page 1

have seen political operatives purge voters from registration rolls for no legitimate reason, distribute polling equipment unevenly, and deceive voters about the time, location and rules of elections.

So today, more than ever, we need to have confidence that those in government responsible for overseeing our voting system will uphold the right to vote for every single American.

This is what is at stake in the United States Senate today. President Bush has recently nominated Hans von Spakovsky to serve on the Federal Election Commission (FEC). It's the job of the FEC to

regulate elections and disclose campaign finance contributions. So it goes without saying that the FEC needs strong, impartial leadership that will promote integrity in our election system.

Hans von Spakovsky is not the right person for this job, and I strongly oppose his nomination. From 2001 to 2005, von Spakovsky served as an official at the Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division where he amassed a record of voting undermining rights, creating restrictions that would make it harder for poor and minority communities to vote, and putting partipolitics above

upholding our civil rights.

Take what happened in Georgia. In 2005, Georgia was trying to require photo identification to be presented by all voters. Even though Georgia's voter ID law was being reviewed by von Spakovsky's office at the DOJ for violating the Voting Rights Act, he anonymously published an article supporting the restriction, arguing it did not affect minority voters disproportionately. von Spakovsky undoubtedly drove the DOI's decision to approve the law - a law later overturned by a federal judge.

In 2000, while sitting on the Fulton County Registration Board in Georgia, von Spakovsky endorsed the idea of "purging" election rolls of felons and joined a Republican group called the "Voting Integrity Project." This group helped remove voters from election rolls in Florida – denying countless legitimate Democratic voters in Florida their right to vote.

This year, a group that worked with von Spakovsky at the DOJ wrote a letter to the Senate Rules Committee expressing their concern about his nomination. In it they called him the "point person for undermining the Civil Rights Division's mandate to protect voting rights."

History proves them right. In 2003, von Spakovsky overruled the career professionals on his staff and upheld Tom DeLay's 2003 Texas redistricting plan – a plan the U.S. Supreme court determined violated the rights of Latino voters.

Hans von Spakovsky's record speaks for itself. He should not serve on the panel responsible for protecting the integrity of federal elections. The United States Senate must stand firm in our commitment to fighting the disenfranchisement of minority voters and reject this nominee.

And we should go further. We need to undo the work of the partisan operatives like von

Spakovsky and protect our citizens from deception and voter intimidation. I have introduced a bill that would prohibit and criminalize practices that seek to intimidate or mislead voters to keep them away from the polls on Election Day. This bill also requires the Attorney General to take corrective action by providing the public with accurate information about the time and place of elections and the rules of voter eligibility.

We must ensure that all eligible voters can vote – and that their votes will be counted. Our brave civil rights leaders gave too much for partisan nominees to chip away at this right.

Doug Smiley, Page 1

to pursue his lifelong dream of owning his own training and breeding farm. During

Smiley's college years it became evident to him early in life that he would pursue riding, but never knew he could make a career out of it. "I wanted to pursue something that would make me happy and I think I am at the

best and what makes me happy," said Smiley. Smiley owner and

trainer of Five Star Farms has been training, breeding, and successfully showing Tennessee Walkers since he was a small child. Much of Smiley's inspiration comes from his father, Doug Smiley



Sr., who also rode and breeded horses. "Rising and working with horses was a family thing, that I knew I wanted to bring to other families," explained Smilev.

Smiley has worked with some of the most famous Tennessee Walking Horse trainers and has become well

known and highly respected throughout the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. As a trainer Smiley has built an admirable reput a tion. Smiley presents an exhibition with his famous

Tennessee Walking
Horse at the annual
Cowboy of Color
Rodeo.

The Cowboy of Color Rodeo is one of the largest multicultural rodeos in the country. Over 300 African American, Hispanic, European and Native American

cowbovs and cowgirls compete for prizes in traditional rodeo events: steer wrestling, bronc busting, calf roping, ladies barrel racing and wild bull riding. Though the rodeo is entertaining the

rodeo also seeks to educate. The Cowboy of Color Rodeo presents a history of cowboys and the many who blazed trails in the teaching

and sharing of diversity. The rodeo is held from February thru October the entertainment line-up includes



Tennessee Walking Horses, Ceremonial Dancers, Texas Buffalo Soldiers, Mexican Charros, Escaramuza Guadalupana, and Circle L5 Drill Team.

"I am glad to be a part of something where young ones can

have fun, and learn about the history of horse riding," said Smiley. "I could not imagine my life without riding and if the opportunity arose to do anything else, I would still choose to ride and train,"

explained Smiley. Smiley's Tennessee Walking Horse will be featured with the Cowboys of Color Rodeo thru October.

Business Service Directory

The American Airlines Power Lunch Series Returns with Star Power

One lucky winner of Airlines American Power Lunch Series will win a private coaching session with Kwame Jackson, celebrity entrepreneur The Apprentice fame. Jackson and Atlantamotivational based expert Patricia Russell-McCloud are providing life-enriching online video and audio vignettes to American's customers at www.aa.com/powerlunch through Oct. 31. The American Airlines Power Lunch series was created in 2003 as an online promotion designed to offer career life-empowering and guidance in addition to travel information to the airline's business travel customers. Jackson and Russell-McCloud have partnered American Airlines to narrate weekly online vignettes with advice for maintaining successful

personal and business relationships. Six visitors will instantly win great prizes and one lucky vis-



itor will win a trip to New York City for a private session. Jackson has blazed trails as the first runner-up on The Apprentice and by developing the company he founded, Legacy Holdings, LLC. Russell-McCloud authored A is for Attitude: An Alphabet for Living and travels the nation as a motivational orator.

All vignettes can be automatically delivered weekly as a podcast by subscribing to Real Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds accessible on the site.

Five Ways To Damage Your Credit Score

By: Monte Brown

Your credit score, which ranges from 300 to 850, not only affects your ability to obtain a mortgage, car note, or personal loan, but it also affects the interest rate you pay. Any score above 700 is a sign of good financial health. To stay fit, avoid these five credit score ills:



Late payments: "Your payment history is about 35% of your credit score," says Orlandobased financial adviser Kimberly R. Stewart, who has conducted workshops for the Smart Women Finish Rich seminars. If your payment is 30 days late, it stays on your credit report for seven years.

· High card balances: The more balances you owe compared to your total available credit, the lower your score. Lenders look favorably upon borrowers who maintain balances of 30% or less of their credit limit.

Closing credit accounts: "You will not be able to build wealth without credit," says financial expert Cheryl Broussard. A longer credit history increases your score. So, if you cancel a card with a 10year history, you're erasing positive credit history, which accounts for 15% of your credit score.

• Multiple in-store cards: Stewart advises steering clear of too many department store cards. "It shows the lender that you don't use credit wisely," she says.

· Unpaid fines and fees: These days, unpaid parking tickets and even library fines can appear on your credit report and will lower your score. Pay them prompt-

Monte L. Brown is a real estate consultant and can be reached at

214-335-1105, monte@ultimare.com or www.montebrown.com.

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 S. Little (www.stevenslittle.com) provides

answers 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 Success, Page 13

ATTORNEY



Hiram McBeth III

Attorney and Counselor at Law (972) 498-8872 No Charge for Const.

CIVIL LITIGATION CLASS ACTIONS

- Avandia (Type 2 Diabetes)
- · Peanut Butter Contamination
- (Code 2111 Peter Pan or Great Value) West Dallas Asbestos Exposure
- Personal Injury, Auto Accidents,
 Defective Products, Workplace Injuries
- · Corporations (Minority/DBE)

Se Habla Español

Not Certified By The Texas Board of Legal Specialization

FINANCIAL SERVICES

WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR TO-DO LIST, PUT YOUR FUTURE FIRST.



Marcia Donaldson 972-542-1530 www.edwardjones.com

To find out how to get your financial goals on track, call today.

Edward Jones

HAIR SALON

The Styling Salon

It's All About You and Your Family

More than 25 years of Experience Call Today for Appointment 214-618-8180 8604 Preston Rd., Suite 119 • Plano, Texas 75024 (Preston Village Shopping Center)

- Retouch Relaxer \$55 (Reg. \$65)
- Full Highlights, Cut and Style . . .\$95 (Reg. \$140)
- Shampoo and Style \$35 (Reg. \$45) • Swedish Massage (30 Minutes) . . .\$30 (Reg. \$40)
- Basic Manicure and Pedicure . . .\$35 (Reg. \$40)
- Wednesday's Special . . . Men's \$12 Boy's \$10

FREE Evebrow Waxing (with full hair service)

PRE-PAID LEGAL

PARTIES

LEGAL ACCESS WHEN YOU NEED IT PRE-PAID LEGAL

Have You Ever?

- · Worried about Identity Theft?
- · Received a moving traffic violation which you felt was unjustified?
- Signed a contract?
- · Purchased a home?
- · Prepared a will?

5 Min Overview 1-817-421-1777

www.prepaidlegal.com/hub/michaeldavis90 Contact: Michael G. Davis Independent Associate 214-503-6311 or 504-261-6712 cell

TRAVEL

T've Got It Travel & Cruises

You Can Have It, Too! Travel, Make Money, Have Fun



Beverly A. Walker - Referring **Travel Agent**

Book Travel at: www.vtbtravel.com/gotittravel Marketing: www.vtb.com/gotittravel 214-394-6251 or

Email: bevpretty2002@yahoo.com

Career Opportunity

Success, Page 12 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 customerprocesses. driven 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 technol-





(972) 941-7299 FIRE HOTLINE (972) 941-7402

24 HOUR CAREER INFORMATION HOTLINE (972) 941-7116

Home Page: www.plano.gov FAX (972) 941-7239 AA / EOE /ADA

ogy 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 business owner needs to continually find, train, and retain superior people to achieve sustainable growth.
- See the future more clearly. Find ways to record and measure signs of change within vour 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.

SMALL **COMPANY** Needs Office Assistant For Part-time Work During

Mature Microsoft Software Organized|Efficient Light Collection Work Punctual Professional

Day

Fax or email resume to 972-509-9058 or trj1909@tx.rr.com Leave Message (voicemail) 972-606-3891

WISH you were HERE!!!

(Your ad wold be seen by our affluent readers!)

Call Our Marketing Department

972-606-7498

For More Information



Organist

Job Description

The First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park (FBCHP) is an exciting, growing congregation with an average attendance of 1500 members during our Sunday morning worship services. We are currently seeking a professional organist well versed in m genres of music, such as traditional hymns, praise, classical and more. The selected individual will work under the supervision of our Ministry of Music to inspire worship through music.

Specific responsibilities include

- Provide instrumental music/accompaniment for all Sunday morning worship services, weekly choir practices, midweek service and other services/rehearsals as needed
- · Interact and collaborate with the Minister of Music during rehearsals on music selections
- · Participate in worship planning meetings
- Specific competencies include:
- Strong sight reading skills
- · Rehearsal accompanist skills
- Previous experience (3-5 years) as Church organists for large congregation

To be considered for this position, please email your resume and cover letter with salary requirements to: sagafinn@tx.rr.com or mail it to

Church Organist - Chairman First Baptist Church Hamilton Park 300 Phillips Street Richardson, Texas 75081

You can learn more about our church by visiting our website at: www.fbchp.org.

AVON

Would you like to:

- · Be your own boss?
- Work for yourself?
- Develop a porfitable home-based business with unlimited earnings?

If your answer is yes, contact Wilma at (972) 222-1699 and become an Avon Representative.

Age requirement 18, enrollment fee \$10.00. "Ask Me About The \$250.00 Bonus Incentive"

TISEO PAVING COMPANY

419 E. Hwy. 80, Mesquite, TX 75150 Tel: (972) 289-0723 Fax: (972) 216-5637 www.tiseopaving.com

Performing Concrete Street Paving in the Metroplex Area We Accept Subcontracting Bids For All Public Works Project in the Dallas Area We Are Accepting Applications for Concrete Mixer Drivers and Heavy **Equipment Mechanics**

Equal Opportunity Employer

Graphic Artist Needed Part-Time

Candidate Must Know Quark, Photoshop, Illustrator & Dreamweaver. Newspaper Layout A Plus.

Email Resume to trj1909@tx.rr.com or Leave Message at 972-606-3891



DO YOU WANT AN EXCITING AND REWARDING CAREER?

PURSUE A CAREER AS A POLICE OFFICER OR FIREFIGHTER!

- · Competitive wages
- · Array of benefits
- · Education incentive pay
- · ... and more

SIGN UP TO TAKE THE CITY OF IRVING'S NEXT CIVIL SERVICE ENTRANCE EXAM. CALL (972) 721-2532 TO REGISTER.

The City of Irving does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services. www.ci.irving.tx.us

CITY OF CARROLLTON

Alternate School Crossing Guard Civil Engineer-Building Inspection Code Enforcement Officer

Maintenance Crew Leader II-Public Works

Maintenance Worker I

Marketing Director Recreation Attendant

Sanitarian

Telecommunication Dispatcher Telecommunication Shift Supervisor

To view/apply for a career opportunity go to: http://www.cityofcarrollton.com

Click on "Jobs" at the bottom of the page

Click on "Apply Here" to complete your online application or Call our Job Hotline to hear a list of open positions

Job HotLine: (972) 466-3376

Committed to Quality Customer Service Equal Opportunity Employer

Church Happenings

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH October 21 @ 11 an

and 4 pm Please join us for our of Women Destiny Conference with Evangelist LaWanda Brown ministering in the 11 am service and Evangelist Charlotte Parker ministering in the 4 pm services. Call 972-781-8225 for information. Abundant Life Fellowship Church Elder Daniel Richard, Senior Pastor 1600 N. Central Plano, TX 75074

CHRIST COMMUNITY CONNECTION, INC. (CCC)

972-781-8225

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(3)c 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,

2006 Southern Oaks Carrollton, TX 75007 972-242-0933

EBENEZER WORSHIP CENTER October 21 & October 28, 3:30 pm

You are invited to our pastor's and wife's appreciation 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 NaTasha Smith @ 214-797-0150. Ebenezer Worship Center Rev Cecil T Smith II.

14000 Preston Road @ Spring Valley Dallas, TX 75254 214-797-0150

GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

November 10, 12:30 pm

You are invited to our 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament @ Indian Creek Golf Course. Funds raised will be used to build a Family Center which will include a gym and facilities to nourish the bodies & spirits of the community. For information, golf fees, and directions, call Kim Teamer @ 972-636-1334 Grace Missionary Baptist Church Rev. Maurice Floyd, Pastor 1602 College Parkway

HAMILTON PARK UMC October 28, 2007

Lewisville, TX 75067

972-436-6131

Please join us for our 50th Church Anniversary with Dr. Zan Holmes. For more information call 972-235-4633, Ext. 10. Hamilton Park UMC Rev. Harold Dangerfield, Pastor

11881 Schroeder Road Dallas, TX 75234 972-235-4633

HOPEWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH October 21, 3:30 pm

You don't want to miss our Anniversary Hour Services with guest speaker, Rev. Roy Locke, Pastor of New Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

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

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Help us to celebrate our 40th Church Anniversary with a Fellowship Golf Tournament at the Indian Creek Golf Course in Carrollton Entrance fee is \$75. Please call the church for more information and directions.

Keller Springs Baptist Church Rev. Larry J. Sanders, Pastor 3227 Keller Springs Road

Carrollton, TX 75006

214-376-2383 November 3, 2007

> MINISTRY November 2 - 3, 2007

at our "Victory Today is Mine" Conference @ The Wyndham Garden Hotel, Dallas Park Central, 8051 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75251 on Friday from 6 pm - 10 pm and on Saturday from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Our Praise & Worship

972-735-8122

ST. LUKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 21, 10 am

Please join us for our Annual Homecoming Celebration with speaker Rev. James Lee, minister of the Word and Sacrament. Our theme: Celebrate Our Heritage - Embrace Our Dinner will be Hope. served immediately following worship services. For information call Aretha Jones @ 214-376-2383. St. Luke Presbyterian Church 5915 Singing Hills Drive Dallas, TX 75241

WOMEN PRAYING FOR CHRIST

You are invited to join us

feature Concert Dauway with Kertrina speakers Dr. Shirley Clark and Elder Zimbalis Crawford. You must register before October 31, 2007. Call 214-450-7634 for registration fees and vendor tables.

Women Praying for Christ Ministry Dr. Angela S. King, Founder/CEO P. O. Box 863766 Plano, TX 75086 214-450-7634

WOMEN TOURING AMERICA

CONFERENCE 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 Diva Marketplace shopping. For conference fee or more information call JoAnn Tolbert Yancy @ 972-417-3071. Women Touring America IoAnn Tolbert. Coordinator P.O. Box 110691 Carrollton, TX 75011 972-417-3071

EBENEZER WORSHIP CENTER



"We are Living Stones in God's Temple"

10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Morning Worship MONDAY

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Men of Power and Women of Power TUESDAY

7:00 pm- 8:00 pm: Bible Study & Worship Service

14000 Preston Road • Dallas, TX 75254 • 972-980-0977 (Church Phone)

The New Light Church

www.newlightchurchdallas.org

Encouraging Empowering Evangelizing' "Taste and see that the LORD is Good."

Sunday Worship Service11:00AM Sunday School9:30AM Thursday Night Live At The Light 7:00PM

Experience the Light!

9314 ELAM RD DALLAS, TX 75217 (214) 391-3430



Shaun Rabb, Senior Pastor

PRIME BURIAL LOTS FOR SALE

One, two or three lots for sale at Restland in North Dallas; located in the beautiful and peaceful Serenity Gardens Section (Southeast corner of Greenville Avenue & Restland Road.) Market value \$3450 each, but selling price negotiable. View plots by appointment only. Call 972-606-3878, 972-416-6109, or 469-235-5808.



Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen

200 Belmont • Allen, Texas • 75013 Phone: 972-359-9956 Fax: 972-359-6048 www.fbcofallen.org



"A Kingdom Building Church"

First Lady Tasha Stafford

Sunday School Sunday Morning Worship Children's Church

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study "Youth for Christ" - Every Monday 9:45 am

8:15 am & 11:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm

Come experience the Worship Atmosphere at Fellowship, you will never be the same!

If you need a ride to worship with us, please call the church

Mt. Olive Church of Plano 300 Chisholm Place Plano, TX 75075 972-633-5511

WWW.MOCOP.ORG

Serving the Plano **Community for 13 Years**



Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Wednesday Night 7:15 pm

Pastors Sam & Gloria Fencerou

Call Pastor Sam on: "Vision & Truth Live"

Radio Broadcast: KWRD 100.7 FM Sundays 9pm - 10pm

HEAR PASTOR SAM DAILY ON: "TRUTH MADE SIMPLE" KGGR 1040 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY @ 5:25pm - 5:30pm



Hill Chapel

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church 1113 Ave. I, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4090 Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr., Pastor

Sunday School: Sunday Worship Service:

Community Bible Class:

Wednesday Night-

9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.



Sister Tarpley



Sister Tarpley

Just being human means that we will all face times of crisis. With illusions of personal control and invincibility gone, we come face-to-face with the truth – this situation is beyond me; I cannot help myself!

The disciples had done everything humanly possi-



control of every storm in life. But while Jesus is well able to take control of our stormy lives, He will not barge in and seize control from us. We must ask Him to take control, and when we do so, He comes immediately to

When you are down and out, that's when you realize that Jesus is truly in control of all our lives. And that's no illusion.

our aid.

Picture of The Week Sister Tarpley and Dr. Lassiter Wright, Jr., Chancellor, Dallas County Community College District

Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church

The Rock

Still standing.... Est. June 1864

A Kingdom Building Church offering DELIVERANCE, RESTORATION, PURPOSE and PROSPERITY

ble to stay afloat on the sea. We do all we can to keep our lives from falling apart, but eventually we have to admit that we don't have

what it takes. We need help. A desperate crew of fisherman was saved one day on a stormy sea where they were certain to perish. A desperate demoniac was saved one day near a cemetery where he walked as a living dead man. When all else had failed, Jesus did not. He was, and still is, in

Things to ponder: When You Least Expect It - Jesus took on the form of a servant. The humility of Jesus made Him so notably different and very attractive to people who needed help. If you are hungry, if you ask Him, He'll feed you. When you sin, He can forgive you, all you have to do is ask. In your hour of distress or if you have a guilty conscious, He will comfort you, if you only ask. For those that are

saved others.
Jesus was the greatest role model for Christians; He left a path for anyone who wanted to follow Him, could. He has shown that

He left a path for anyone who wanted to follow Him, could. He has shown that we can love unconditionally, not because we can get something in return, but for the satisfaction of doing right.

Jesus can help you by using people and things that you never expected. You never know where your help comes from; nor the way your help comes. Christians must learn to have mercy on others the same way God has mercy on all of us. Jesus came to earth in human form and demonstrated that a positive attitude is different from anything the world has ever known, and that it can make a difference in everything that you do in life.

God Speaks to Us. A man whispered, "God, speak to me." And a Meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear. Thinking God didn't hear him, the man yelled, "God, speak to me." And the thunder and lighting rolled across the sky, but the man did not listen. The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you." And a star shined brightly. But the man did not see.

Then the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle." A new life was born; a flower grew; trees budded, and fields were ready for harvest. But the man did not notice. So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here; whereupon, God reached down and touched the man; but the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

This should be a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted. Even in our technology age, the man cried, "God, I need your help;" an email was opened; reaching out to the man with good news and encouragement, but the man deleted it and continued crying.

Forty-two percent favor higher taxes to fund health coverage for all

Nearly half (42%) of Americans would be willing to pay higher taxes for everyone to have health insurance, a new Aspen Institute/Zogby Poll shows. When asked if they would be willing to pay higher taxes so that all children could have health insurance, 51% of Americans said they would, with those with lower household incomes showing the most support.

Slightly more than half of American adults (53%) believe the U.S. government should ensure that every person has health coverage, but support jumps to 76% among those with less than \$25,000 in household income.

These poorest Americans are also most likely to say they would personally be willing to pay higher taxes (61%), however support for higher taxes to fund health insurance for everyone drops significantly among those with higher household

incomes. Just 38% of those with more than \$75,000 in household income would be willing to pay higher taxes if the government were to provide everyone with health coverage.

Despite showing the least support for health insurance for all Americans and higher taxes to fund the coverage, 14% of those with more than \$100,000 in household income said they have been unable to get the medical care that was needed for themselves or their family, the survey shows. The interactive survey of 1,941 adults nationwide was conducted from Sept. 25-26, 2007, and carries a margin of error of +/- 2.3 percentage points.

While nearly all Democrats (92%) said they favor health care for all, far fewer independents (52%) and Republicans (14%) said the same. Similar division among political affiliation was found when asked about

Health Coverage, Page 16

PASTOR TERRENCE AUTRY THE CONTENSION TO THE BOYD. FOR THE PROPERTY OF THE PR



T.I. Denson, Pastor

Macedonia Ministries

702 S. Mill Street • Lewisville, TX 75057 9 7 2 - 4 3 6 - 2 0 1 1

"We Choose Love to Nourish and Cherish One Another John 13:34 & Ephesians 5:28-29

www.macedoniaministries.com

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



Come Experience A

Church that Believes in

Email: info@dallasmtpisgah.org
Website: www.dallasmtpisgah.org

New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Senior Pastor New Worship Home 7401 Miller Road • Rowlett, TX 75088 972-463-4964

A Place of New Beginnings II Corinthians 5:17
Sunday Life Bible School
Sunday Life Celebration Worship Service
First Sunday: Ingredients for Life
Wednesdays: Life In The Word Prayer
and Bible Study

Friendship Baptist Church

4396 Main Street The Colony, Texas 75056 (972) 625-8186 website: www.fbc-online.net



Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

Schedule of Services:
Sunday
Early Morning Worship

8:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting and 7:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study

"The Church with a Vision"

Church Directory

Learning How to Love Each Other Conference in Dallas

Cynthia Mickens Ministries announces 4th Annual Path~Way To Purpose® Conference. The conference theme is "Learning to Love Each." This year's speakers include Pat

Smith, wife of former Dallas Cowbov Emmitt Smith, who will share

her touching story of how she created a successful blended family

Cynthia Mickens-Smith, founder and host of the conference, admits she doesn't have all the answers to puzzling relationship questions like why Dallas has one of the highest divorce rates in

the country. However, she does promise that those who attend her conference will learn important relationship building tools.

"We have assembled a group of experts and together we will address/confront the relationship/love issue, identify the problems

and offer practical solutions which, if implemented, will be life changing, explains Mickens-Smith. The conference is designed to help men and women discover the true definition of love and how to achieve strong healthy and lasting relation-

The conference will he held Saturday October 20th 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Dallas Conference Center. 9330 North Central Expressway in Dallas for a cost of \$99. For more information call (888) 419-0957.

Health Coverage, Page 15 the willingness to pay higher taxes to fund the coverage. More than three in four (79%) of Democrats would be willing to do so if everyone was covered, and even more (83%) would pay higher taxes if all children had health insurance Just 8% of Republicans said the same regarding health coverage for all, but 21% would be willing to pay higher taxes if it would ensure all children had health insurance.



Sunday Worship Services 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Baptist Training Uni

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Prayer Hour 7:30 p.m. Bible Study



Avenue F Church of Christ 1026 Avenue F • Plano, TX 75074 • 972-423-8833 "Our Pilgrimage to Heaven in 2007" -Hebrews 11:13-16

Sunday Bible Class . Sunday Morning Worship10:45 am Men Rible Class Women Bible Class Evening Worship6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Class Radio Program @ 7:30 am on KHVN 970 AM Sunday Mor

Emery Tease, Associate Minister www.avefchurchofchrist.org

Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church



"Where Jesus is the Main Attraction"

Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am Wednesday Bible Study - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

14120 Noel Road • Dallas, TX 75254 972-239-1120 (Office) • 972-239-5925 (Fax) templeoffaith_cme@sbcglobal.net (Email)

Healthy Beginnings Child Development Center - 972-404-1412



Website: www.ibocjoy.org



NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP "A Spiritual Oasis for a Thirsty World" Isaiah 55:1 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:00 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:30 AM

972-437-3493

1010-1020 South Sherman Street • Richardson, TX 75081 www.ndcbf.org



New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas

Sunday Service Morning Worship 7:30 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday Service Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Brotherhood 7:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm Singles Group 7:00 pm

Bible Study 7:45 pm



Dr. Robert E. Price.

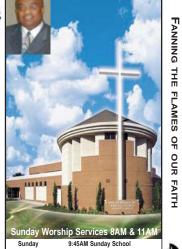
A Praying Church Family

"Watchmen on the Walls"

214-341-6459 (Phone) • 214-342-8403 (Fax) 9550 Shepard Road Dallas, TX 75243

www.nmzb.org (Website) • newmzbc@aol.com (Email)

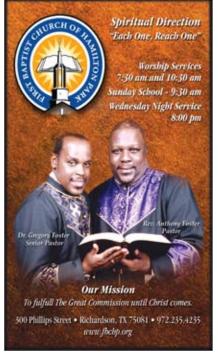




7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission Monday & Young Adult Ministries 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir Tuesday Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service

7PM Mass Choir

For more information call (972) 423-6695 www.shilohbaptistchurch.org





Thursday

FAITH

OUR

Ы

FLAMES

FANNING THE