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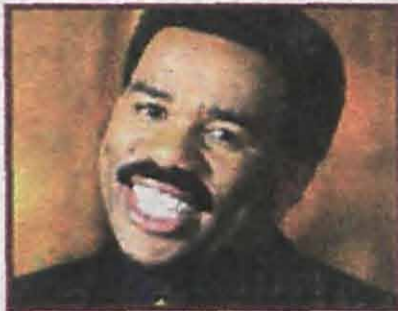
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People In The News



Sylvia Willis Lett's teen novel *I Wish I Had Waited* will be performed at the VenuPlaza Theatre of Garland on Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, 2005.

Today's adolescents are faced with insurmountable peer pressure. They are forced to make decisions and choices, which when made poorly, can affect the rest of their lives. *I Wish I Had Waited*, examines three girls who make choices, which will impact their lives as well as those around them. Rainey, Alicia and Tamara face issues regarding coming of age and teen sexuality. The book and play are intended as vehicles to open the lines of communication between teens and parents on sexuality issues.

The VenuPlaza Theatre is located at 521 W. State Street on the Square, Garland Texas. Showtimes are 4:00 & 7:00 P.M. on June 11 & 12th. Call 214-789-2928 for more information.

Sylvia Willis Lett can be reached at www.lettsdreambigpublishing.com.

Local motivational speaker Sherry Bronson will be conducting a workshop from 2:30- 4:30 PM on Saturday, June 11 as part of her Women Inspiring Women series. The workshop is entitled *Seven Virtues for Building your character*.



"This workshop is to give you some insight on what will continue to make you an exceptional woman to all the people who love you and those who look to you for guidance." Bronson said.

"In a world that gives us a false perception of what beauty really is, and a destructive representation of the family, I will share spiritual and natural characteristics that will help women to maintain high standards and morals that are needed to avoid compromising themselves to meet the standards of our society."

The workshop will be held at The Learning Bridge 4288 Spring Valley Road, Farmers Branch, TX, 972-701-9391. Cost is \$5.00.

Sherry Bronson can be contacted at www.discoverpowerwithin.com and at 972-387-1502.



Dallas actor Blair Dickens was pleasantly surprised after recently being named the area winner of the *Esquire* magazine and Macy's search for the "Best-Dressed Real Man". Dickens was selected from 40 entrants present at the Macy's Galleria store seeking to be named one of 10 regional finalists and, eventually, the winner.

"I couldn't believe it when they said my name; I just stood there unable to move. I think my heart skipped four beats," Dickens said.

The Dallas stop on the 10-city contest was judged by *Esquire* associate editor Christopher Berend, Kim Dawson Agency director Lisa Dawson, Macy's regional spokeswoman Holly Quartaro and model Hunter Bailey.

Each participant auditioned at a microphone by describing his personal style for the judges. Mr. Dickens went classic with a simple Geoffrey Beene suit, Kenneth Cole shirt, DKNY tie and Cole Haan shoes.

Dickens will now compete to be one of five national finalists to be featured in *Esquire's* annual Best Dressed issue this September. Readers will decide the ultimate winner, to be announced live on NBC's Today Show that same month.

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Neilsen Media To Join Forces With "Real Men Cook" in Dallas for Father's Day

DALLAS, TX-Nielsen® Media Research, the national media ratings and research firm named one of the 50 Top diversity, is building a relationship with "Real Men Cook," the nation's premier Father's Day cooking event for charity, by serving as national sponsor for the second straight year. "Real Men Cook" is widely recognized as the world's largest national urban Father's Day charity event. It is a ten city culinary event designed to honor real men who demonstrate exceptional interest in their families while providing service to their communities.

Each year, with a mission to raise money for charity, "Real Men Cook" mobilizes hundreds of men across the country to participate as volunteer cooks on Father's Day. The 2005 presentation will take place in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

"Nielsen's Media Research is an awesome

partnership to contribute to the success of such a meaningful and recognized urban celebration," said Terry Allen,



Terry Allen of the Dallas Real Men Cook management team and Malih Yoba preparing for Real Men Cook. Real Men Cook Page 2

It's Time to Get 'O.U.R.S.'

Blackonomics
By: James Clingman
Ten years ago, after the Million Man March (MMM), hundreds of brothers and sisters in Cincinnati started meeting every Saturday morning to work on the things we knew were necessary to uplift our people. We developed social, economic, political, educational, and legal strategies that would help us manifest the pledges and commitments we made during the MMM event. We also formed several committees to work on these initiatives. Of course, I chose to work on the Economic Development Committee, during which time I offered a concept called O.U.R.S., which is an acronym for Organized and United Resources for Self-Sufficiency. Ten years later, I offered to set it up again, as a commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the MMM; I now offer it to you.

As I travel around the country speaking to different groups, inevitably I am asked what local groups can do to change the economic condition of their people. Understanding that all cities have unique challenges and opportunities, one thing we all have in common is the need for money in order to implement our initiatives. My intention in 1995

was to create a fund that we could use to assist with the myriad of concepts our group devised, knowing that anything we decided upon it would take money to do it. Likewise, no matter where you live, and no matter what your particular challenges are, you are going to need some money to meet them.

O.U.R.S. is a way not only to establish a Black-operated funding base for initiatives, it also is way to instill in our people the principle of doing more for ourselves with our own resources, paying our own way without having to ask and beg someone else, and to form a habit in us to help our own people and to make the necessary sacrifices for our collective uplift. As I often say, the concepts I write about are not mine; I place no proprietary claim on them. These things have been

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League Of Women Voters-Community Dialogue on Homeland Security

The Dallas League of Women Voters has been selected along with nine other local Leagues in the nation to host a Community Dialogue on Homeland Security and Civil Liberties. Citizen's perspectives are needed for a report to be compiled in time for Congress to use during their deliberations on the sunset provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act. The League would like to have a broad range of the community in terms of racial and religious diversity, political views, education, and socio-economic levels to participate in this dialogue.

The confidential community dialogue will be on Saturday, June 4 at the Dallas Public Library Auditorium, 1515 Young Street from

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Directions to the library are on the web at <http://dallaslibrary.org/directions.htm>. Due to space considerations, the number of participants is limited to 100. There is no cost to participate, and lunch is provided. If interested, email inquiries to lvwdallas@sbcglobal.net or call Susybelle Gosslee at 214-349-0269 or cell 214-732-8610 for more information.

Mystics Sold, Sheila Johnson Becomes WNBA's First Black Female Owner

By: The Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) - Sheila Johnson, a former television executive and co-founder of Black Entertainment Television, became the WNBA's first black female owner Tuesday when she joined an investor group that bought the Washington Mystics.

Johnson became a part-owner of Lincoln Holdings LLC, which bought the Mystics from Abe Pollin's Washington Sports & Entertainment for about \$5.5 million. Lincoln Holdings, founded by AOL executive Ted Leonsis, owns the NHL's Washington Capitals and is a partner in the NBA's



Washington Wizards and MCI Center, which Pollin also owns. Mystics Sold Page 2

The Black Press stresses the importance of family-owned businesses succession planning

By: Dr. Paulette Brown-Hinds and Corey Washington
Special to the NNPA

Nearly two centuries of tales of oppression and triumph - chronicled by the black press - reflect a story of black families coming together to not only make a profit, but also to unite an entire race by providing a wealth of knowledge.

From mom and pop companies to large iconic enterprises, most American businesses fall within the realm of family-owned operations. African-Americans have followed a similar path, establishing themselves as entrepreneurs. This is especially true of the Black Press.

"Over 80 percent of the newspapers among The Black Press of America are family-owned. Recognizing this fact, NNPA made a two-year commitment to raise awareness of fundamental issues and solutions, we as family business owners should consider," said NNPA Chairperson Sonny Messiah Jiles.

"The death of a publisher can have a devastating impact on a family-owned newspaper. Thanks to contributions from Office Depot, NNPA has been

able to empower our members with information to assist them in succession planning for their businesses."

While the average company has a lifespan of about 24 years, many black-owned media firms have experienced multi-generational success.

NNPA, consisting of over 250 weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly member publications, boast a combined circulation of over 14 million with over half of its members listed as family-owned and controlled. Some of those publications remain under the control of the third and fourth generation.

When Frederick Douglass founded the North Star in 1847, his children assisted in printing the type, locking the forms, folding, wrapping, and mailing the paper. When he later published the *New National Era* in the 1870's both his sons Frederick Jr. and Lewis joined the venture. Lewis, who had apprenticed with his father, worked in the Government Printing Office



Gail Berkley of The Oakland Post

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Senate Democrats Caved in on Right-wing Judges

National
By: Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA National Correspondent
WASHINGTON (NNPA) -

Democrats and Republicans, seeking to avert the "nuclear option" of limiting debate in the Senate on President Bush's most extreme judicial nominees, agreed to let three of Bush's nominees - Janice Rogers Brown, William Pryor and Priscilla R. Owen - come to a floor vote, leaving the fate of William Myers and Henry Saad in limbo.

Monday night's compromise, engineered by moderate Senators in both parties, was crafted to avert a showdown Tuesday over whether the Senate would alter its long-standing rules on filibusters, a maneuver employed by the party out of power. Under Senate rules, it takes 60 votes to end a filibuster, known as cloture. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist was moving to allow a simple majority to curtail filibusters because Democrats were holding up some of Bush's more extreme nominees.

Although billed as a compromise, some political observers saw this as a clear-cut victory because they were able to obtain a floor vote for the three judges that had been the central target of progressives: Janice Rogers

Brown, William Pryor and Priscilla Owen.

"Owen has an extremely disturbing record of judicial activism on the Texas Supreme Court in favor of corporations and against consumers and individual rights. In fact, her own fellow justices on the court, including current [Texas] Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, have criticized a number of her opinions as improperly seeking to 'judicially amend' Texas law or constituting 'an unconscionable act of judicial activism,'" states Ralph Neas, president of People for the American Way in a letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter.

Neas continues, "Janice Rogers Brown has a long, disturbing record of activist legal extremism and disregard of precedent on the California Supreme Court, particularly in the areas of civil rights and protection from discrimination, consumer and employees' rights, and property rights."

Brown, Owen and Pryor were re-nominated by President Bush after they failed Senate confirmations during his last term.

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Komen Race for the Cure

The 15th Annual Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation North Texas Race for the Cure (formerly the Plano Race for the Cure) is scheduled for June 4, at the campuses of its new local presenting sponsors, EDS and The Shops at Legacy. Twelve thousand runners and walkers are anticipated. The One Mile Family Fun Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. and the Co-ed 5K Run/Fitness Walk will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The Komen Race for the Cure, is the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world. This is the largest fundraiser



for the North Texas Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Net

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Odd Fellows Founders Day Celebration



(L-R) Rev. J H Dunn, Pastor Hillstar Missionary Baptist Church, Ronnie Ferrell, David Cleaver, (District Deputy Grand Master), Ralph Anderson (District Grand Director), Gerald Black (District Grand Master), Mrs. Frances Black (Most Noble Governor of Household of Ruth (sister organization), Vincent Nixon, James Nixon.



Mrs. Frances Black (Most Noble Governor of Household of Ruth (sister organization)



(L-R) Vincent Nixon escorts in Gerald Black (District Grand Master)



(L-R) Rev. J H Dunn, Pastor Hillstar Missionary Baptist Church and Gerald Black (District Grand Master) listen as David Cleaver, (District Deputy Grand Master) present the proclamation.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows held their annual Thanksgiving and Founders Day Celebration on Sunday, May 15,

McKinney High school honors first-in-family grads

By: Tiffany Uzor
McKINNEY - McKinney High School's First in Family ceremony honors those students who have accomplished something no one else in their family has: completing high school.

School counselor Sandi Shelton and friend and former co-worker Don Place organized the reception recently for the 23 graduates. The ceremony concludes with one student receiving a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of Grace Rivera, who was the first in her family to receive a high school diploma.

Ms. Rivera was a teacher at McKinney High until she lost her battle with cancer in 2003. This year's scholarship winner is Jessica Nuanes. "To reach this milestone means so much to me because so many in my family didn't make it this far," she said. Jessica plans to attend Sam Houston State University and study criminal justice and psychology. "I've always wanted to study the mind of a criminal," she said. Jessica said she was motivated by a desire to show her younger cousins that there's more to life than just working a job.

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Director, Business Assistance Center and The Real Men Cook Dallas Event Manager. "Through Nielsen's support of "Real Men Cook," we are able to participate in the real life celebration of men who have worked very hard to sustain their families and build their communities."

"Real Men Cook" will have on-site kids activities to provide children with a hands-on opportunity to build a gift and smiles for their fathers or the real men in their lives. Last year, Real Men Cook Dallas provided complimentary beauty products for more than 900 women participating in the event at Eddie Deen's Ranch. Real Men Cook will continue to build upon the success established last year through sponsors like Empress, Soft-Sheen, Smoothie King, Central Market and Eddie Deen's Ranch hosting the 16th Annual Real Men Cook celebrating 5 years in Dallas.

Launched in 1989 by Resources Associates International (RAI), "Real Men Cook" provided more than 100,000 attendees the opportunity to taste culinary delights prepared by 1000 plus men nationwide. Real Men Cook's 16-year success, with the assistance of Real Men Charities and other sponsors, resulted in over \$750,000 in net proceeds to charities. RAI is owned and operated by husband and wife business partners, Kofi and Yvette Moyo. Real Men Cook is committed to the positive promotion and support of African-American history, families, businesses and communities. 13 African American Dallas men are being highlighted as the Bakers Dozen this year. The list includes Kirk Franklin, Van Howard, Terdemer Ussery, C. Victor Lander, Tom Joyner, John McCaa, John Wiley Price, James Ragland, Freddie Haynes, James Washington, Willis Johnson, Rudy Vee and Robert Ashley. Real Men Cook will take place, Sunday June 19, 2005 3pm - 6 pm @ Eddie Deen's Ranch in Downtown Dallas.

Real Men Cook has reached a more impactful level in the community with the release of the Simon and Schuster publication, Real Men Cook ...Rites, Rituals and RECIPES for Living. For more information regarding sponsorship and charitable donations for "Real Men Cook", visit the event Web at www.realmencook.com.



Saloni Barber Shop Owner, Family Patriarch, Edmund Flewellen shares ice cream and smiles with a Real Men Cook Fan



Cheryl Smith



Wendi Schofield



Geonna



Starlene Stringer



Ester Davis

"Real Men Cook for Charity is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Black family and Black men in particular. I always enjoy the spirit of community and family associated with the event. This is the perfect Juneteenth Closing Event. ...Cheryl Smith

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The Mystics said Johnson (whose stake in Lincoln Holdings is between 5 percent and 10 percent) is believed to be the first black woman to be a part-owner of three professional sports franchises. "I hope that this is a signal that it's about time that a woman, and an African-American woman, is part of this whole scene of sports," said Johnson, who founded BET with former husband Robert L. Johnson in 1980. The couple divorced in 2002, and he owns the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats. Sheila Johnson will hold the titles of president and managing partner of the Mystics and will represent the team at board of governors meetings, Leonsis said. Separately, she also is director of the Washington International Horse Show, held annually at

the MCI Center. "We think it's time for an African-American woman to own a WNBA team," Pollin said. "We sought her out, we think she's perfect to run a team." The franchise is worth about \$10 million. The sale is the latest transfer of Pollin's holdings to Leonsis' group. Lincoln Holdings bought the Capitals from Pollin in 1999.

located along Main Street from Rock Island to Third Street including Heritage Park, 217 S. Main Street. For more information, call (214)636-7326.

Around The Town

June 2, 2005

The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas announces the June Meetings of Senior Connection, Dallas' first support group dedicated to older adults looking for a job, are Thursday, June 2 and June 16, 2005, 10:00 am. - 11:30 are. At The Senior Source, 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas. The topic addressed at the June 2 meeting will be Is Your Network Too Small? The June 16 meeting will be Overcoming The Age Issue. The group meets twice a month. All meetings are free. RSVP is required. Please contact Renae Perry or Judy Burk at (214) 823-5700 or email SESD@TheSeniorSource.org

June 4, 2005

Davis Apparel Shop announces Ms. Connie Davis official and final retirement after forty (40) years in business in sunny South Dallas. Themed "The Steel Magnolia" the garden party event is being held at 2413 Martin Luther King Blvd., Dallas, Texas, 75215, from 4:00

to 6:00 PM. Friends and former customers are invited. Please call to RSVP at (214) 428-4011.

June 4, 2005

The Southern University Alumni Federation - Dallas Chapter will be hosting its 21st Bayou Bash at the Skyline Ranch, which is located at 1801 E. Wheatland Road in Dallas, Texas. The festivities begin at 6:00 pm and last until 11:00 pm. The menu for the evening will consist of an all-you-can-eat buffet including Louisiana style boiled crawfish and Natchitoches Meat Pies. This year's event features a Gumbo Cook-Off. Presale tickets are available through May 21, 2005 at a cost of \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (6 - 12 years of age). Tickets purchased after May 21 are \$35 for adults and \$ 15 for kids. Kids 5 and under get in free. A portion of your ticket price is tax deductible. For more information call Samara Trent at (972)480-5247 or email SUAFDdallas@yahoo.com.

June 6, 2005

Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce 16th Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Venue Cedar Crest Golf Course located at 1800 Southerland, Dallas, Texas. This event will be for a

general audience. The proceeds are benefiting the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Scholarship Program. Donations are accepted. For more information, contact the chamber office at (214) 421-5200 or log on to www.dbcc.org.

June 6 through June 10, 2005

SPCA of Texas is offering a spray/ neuter special of \$20 for cats by appointment only. This will take place at SPCA Martin Animal Wellness Center, 362 S. Industrial Blvd., Dallas SPCA Perry Clinic, and 8411 FM 720, McKinney, Texas. For more information call (214) 651-9611 in Dallas or in McKinney call (972)562-7297.

June 6 through August 5, 2005

Dallas Black Firefighters Association is hosting the "Inspiring New Heroes" Vincent Davis Summer Camp for children ages 6 - 12. For more information call (469) 363-9942 or (214)405-6178.

June 9, 2005

Renaissance Cultural Center announces Susan L. Taylor of Essence Magazine as Keynote Speaker for their 12th Annual Dr. Marion J. Brooks Living Legend Awards

and Scholarship Banquet and Names the 2005 Living Legend Recipients. The banquet will be held at the Fort Worth Plaza Hotel, 1701 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, Texas, beginning with a reception at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. For more information contact Ms. Gloria Reed Austin at (817)922-9999 or e-mail renaissancecc@earthlink.net

June 10, 2005

Meyerson Symphony Center located at 2301 Flora Street in Dallas, Texas 75201, will host an African American Festival Concert. There will be music by Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, and Aaron Copland highlight a program celebrating the music of African American composers and artists. Arrive early for pre-concert activities, including African Drummers and Art Displays. TICKETS MUST BE RESERVED prior to the performance. Call the Dallas Symphony Patron Services Center at (214) 692-0203. Limit four (4) tickets per order. The show begins at 8:00 pm.

June 10, 2005

There will be a BlockBuster Drive - In for a free outdoor screening of Tim Burton's "Batman." Starring Jack Nicholson and Michael

Keaton, this special showing is just in time for the release of the latest installment "Batman Begins", debuting in theaters nationwide June 15. For more information contact: Phyllis Hammond at (214)571-1077 or e-mail phammond@dallascvb.com

June 10, 2005

A Smooth Summer Nights Jam featuring Norman Brown's "Summer Storm" with Peabo Bryson, Brenda Russell and Everrett Harp. Admission is free with ticket voucher. For more information call (214) 827-7977.

June 11, 2005

The 7th Annual Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant will be held at University of North Texas, Union Building Lyceum Room in Denton, Texas. The event will begin at 4:30 pm. Log on to www.dentonjuneteenth.org for ticket information. Admission: \$5 for individual; \$8/ for a couple. Contestants compete for scholarship dollars and prizes in a personal interview, talent and evening gown competition. Live entertainment provided.

June 11, 2005

The 15th Annual Irving Heritage Festival from 10 am to 6 pm. This will be held at the Irving Heritage District

located along Main Street from Rock Island to Third Street including Heritage Park, 217 S. Main Street. For more information, call (214)636-7326.

June 12, 2005

FAMU Alumni Meeting will take place at Center for Community Center located at 2900 Live Oak Dallas, Texas. The event will start at 12:00 pm. For more information call (817)784-3589 or log on to www.famunaa.org.

June 18, 2005

Radio One Dallas (KBFB and KSOC) - 94.5 K - Soul home of the "Tom Joyner in the Morning Show" and sister station 97.9 The Beat home of the all new "Rickey Smiley Morning Show", presents the "4th annual Stone Soul Picnic-A Juneteenth Celebration 2005". Please RSVP @ (972) 331 - 5417 or ktabasuri@radio-one.com

June 20, 2005

The 3rd Annual ACE Camp Charity Golf Tournament Shootout to be held at the Mansfield National Golf Course, 3750 National Parkway, Mansfield, Texas 76063. For more information call (817) 477-3366.

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Gold Star Mothers Dishonor Memorial Day

By: James W. Breedlove
It seems almost surreal as America prepared to pay tribute to the many sons and daughters that paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve freedom and democracy that the American Gold Star Mothers would cast a dark shadow of dishonor on Memorial Day 2005.

The group, consisting of mothers of soldiers who died in the service of their country, denied membership to Ligaya Lagman whose son was killed last year while fighting insurgents in Afghanistan. Mrs. Lagman emigrated from the Philippines in 1983 and although she is a permanent resident of the United States is not a citizen. Her dead son is.

The price of membership in this exclusive club is dreadfully high but it appears that some mothers even while tearfully clutching the death certificate of their son or daughter can be turned away by an outdated and unforgiving 'citizenship clause' lurking in the Gold Star Mother's Charter.

The rejection of Mrs. Lagman raised questions but the explanation provided by the organization's current president revealed a degree of intransigence that is a disturbing throwback to a bygone era. She stated, "To remove the word 'American' from the title of the organization, and to change the bylaws, would require demolishing the entire organization and building a new one. This is not feasible."

She further explained that the group "can't go changing the rules every time the wind blows" and in a callous attempt to place blame on Mrs. Lagman questioned why in her 20-plus years living in the United States Mrs. Lagman had not become

a citizen. There was no reason given for why the word 'American' would need to change in order to modify the inappropriate clause that denies recognition of noncitizens who are serving in the U.S. military. There are over 28,000 noncitizens in service and over four dozen have been killed just in the Iraq war. Is the grief suffered by their mothers less painful than that of a citizen?

Federal, state and local officials have flooded the organization with letters and statements, all urging a change in the group's bylaws to accommodate Lagman and other mothers who may be in a similar position.

A past Gold Star president stated, "There's no discrimination in a national cemetery. There's no discrimination when they get killed side by side. So how can we discriminate against a mother?"

Another past president reasoned that, "Times have changed since this organization was started, and there are a lot of men and women serving today whose parents are not citizens. I think they deserve every honor and privilege that we have as Gold Star mothers."

Gov. George Pataki wrote, "...Service in defense of American freedom should be the paramount factor in determining eligibility."

This situation is reminiscent of the disgraceful stance taken in 1939 by the Daughters of the American Revolution against the internationally acclaimed black contralto, Marian Anderson. The DAR sparked national protests over their refusal to allow her to appear in concert at Constitution Hall.

Eleanor Roosevelt expressed her dismay regarding the DAR action in a resignation letter to then President Mrs. Henry Robert, Jr. "I am in complete

disagreement with the attitude taken in refusing constitution Hall to this great artist. You had an opportunity to lead in an enlightened way and it seems to me that your organization has failed."

America then showed its better side when the Department of Interior, encouraged by Mrs. Roosevelt, rescheduled Anderson's 1939 Easter concert to the Lincoln Memorial. It received rousing support from an enthusiastic audience of over 75,000.

Times change and people and organizations need to be open-minded to progress. On January 27, 2005 DAR President Presley Merritt Wagoner remarked at ceremonies dedicating the Marian Anderson Commemorative stamp, "It is most fitting that we gather at Constitution Hall, the place which historically represents a sad chapter in our country's history and in the history of DAR. We deeply regret that Marian Anderson was not given the opportunity to perform her 1939 Easter concert in Constitution Hall but recognize that in the positive sense the event was a pivotal point in the struggle for racial equality.

I stand before you today wishing that history could be re-written, knowing that it cannot, and assuring you that DAR has learned from the past."

Perhaps it would be instructive to provide members of the American Gold Star Mothers with a copy of Eleanor Roosevelt's resignation letter and DAR President Wagoner's contrite remarks.

Ligaya Lagman has paid her dues with the life of her son Anthony. She deserves to wear a Gold Star.

Email Comments to Politics@MonTheGazette.com

Census Bureau Says Whites and Blacks Voted at a Higher Rate in 2004 Than in 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) - Whites and blacks voted in the 2004 presidential elections at higher rates than they did four years earlier, the Census Bureau reported Wednesday. That was not the case with Hispanics, one of the most heavily courted groups of voters by the political parties.

The turnout for non-Hispanic white voters increased by 5 percentage points in 2004 to 67 percent, while the gain for black voters was 3 percentage points, to 60 percent. The voting rates did not change for Hispanics (47 percent) or Asian-Americans (44 percent).

The census report was based on the annual Current Population Survey of 60,000 households. It

reflected the increase in voter turnout in 2004 that has been mentioned in other voting reports, such as the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate's report in January.

The agency estimated that 64 percent of U.S. citizens over age 18 voted. The January report from the committee placed the 2004 turnout at 60.7 percent of those eligible to vote, the highest rate since 1968. Turnout was reportedly more than 6 percent higher than in 2000.

Voter turnout totals from a survey, even a thorough one such as the Census Bureau's, tend to be slightly higher than the actual turnout because of people over-reporting. That is the tendency by some people

to say they voted when they did not.

President Bush won re-election in 2004 by claiming 50.8 percent of ballots cast. His Democratic opponents, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts senator, took 48.3 percent.

The census report indicated people 65 and older had the highest voter registration rate of any age group at 79 percent.

People age 18 to 24 had the lowest voter registration rate, 58 percent.

The voter turnout for people with at least a college degree was 80 percent. By comparison, the rate for those with a high school education or less was 56 percent.

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Civil rights organizations have strongly assailed Brown's anti-affirmative record, the California case of Hi-Voltage Wire Works v. City of San Jose.

"Brown's opinion stated that affirmative action is at odds with federal law, despite consistent Supreme Court rulings finding that, under the right circumstances, affirmative action is permissible under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Constitution," says an analysis by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), a coalition of more than 180 civil and human rights groups.

In the Hi-Voltage case, even California Chief Justice Ronald George, a White, conservative Republican appointee, said her written opinion minimized or ignored the reality of racial discrimination.

"The general theme that runs through the majority opinion's historical discussion—that there is no meaningful distinction between discriminatory racial policies that were imposed for the clear purpose of establishing and preserving racial segregation, on the one hand, and race-conscious affirmative action programs whose aim is to break down or eliminate the continuing effects of such segregation and discrimination, on the other hand—represents a serious distortion of history and does a grave disservice to the sincerely held views of a significant segment of our populace," George wrote.

LCCR also states, "In a 2002 housing discrimination case, *Konig v. Fair Employment and Housing Commission*, Brown's lone dissent argued that the state's Department of Fair Employment and Housing Commission, unlike the courts, did not have the authority to award damages for emotional distress. This rule, if adopted by the court, would have seriously limited the redress options available to victims of discrimination."

In a case involving the use of racial epithets in the workplace, Brown argued that racially discriminatory speech—even when it rises to the level of illegal racial harassment—is protected by the First Amendment. A majority of the Republican-dominated court disagreed.

In a housing discrimination case, Brown was the only member of the court to find that the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission did not have the authority to award damages to housing discrimination victims. The commission had awarded

\$10,000 to a Black female off-duty police officer who was refused rental housing by a White woman, who accused her of coming there to break in.

Civil rights groups went to great lengths to make their case about Brown.

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee during Brown's first nomination hearing, angrily pointed to a cartoon on BlackCommentator.com that he called an offensive example of attacks against Brown by liberals because of her refusal "parrot their ideology." The cartoon was really of conservative Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas in drag.

"Justice Brown's record does not demonstrate the commitment to fundamental constitutional and civil rights principles that should be shown by a nominee to an important lifetime position on the federal court of appeals for the D. C. Circuit," states a report by the NAACP and People For the American Way. "To the contrary, again, according to the California state bar evaluation of her in 1996, she is often prone to inserting conservative political views into her appellate opinions in an effort to remake the law."

The record of Priscilla Owen's nomination to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals is just as bad. According to a PFAW report:

"While on the Texas Supreme Court, Owen accepted campaign contributions from major corporations, including Enron and Halliburton, and then issued rulings in their favor.

"In *Montgomery Independent School District v. Davis*, the Texas Supreme Court agreed with the right of a teacher, whose contract had been terminated, to be reinstated to his/her job after a state board hearing, even after the school board established additional findings and reinstated the firing. Owen dissented, holding that the board had a right to make the additional findings despite the state board's ruling. The court's majority said Owen's view was not even based on the applicable statute: 'Nowhere in the specific provisions of [the statute] has the Legislature provided for a school board to find facts in addition to those found by the hearing examiner.'

"When a liquor retailer sold alcohol to an obviously intoxicated customer, who then caused a car accident that permanently brain-damaged 9-year-old Ashley, Duenez, Owen wanted to exonerate the liquor retailer."

"Nothing since the initial rejection of Owen's nomination by the Committee in 2002 supports a different result today," stated Neas in a letter last month to Sen. Judiciary chairman Arlen Specter (R-Penn.) and ranking Democrat, Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.).

The two women at the center of the filibuster debate have failed to women the backing of major women's groups.

"Justices Owen and Brown's deplorable records on women's rights make them unacceptable for lifetime appointments to the federal bench," said Marcia D. Greenberger, co-president of the National Women's Law Center. "They have repeatedly ignored the will of the people and state legislators in order to make law from the bench that follows their own conservative views."

Federal appeals courts are powerful because if the U. S. Supreme Court refuses to accept an appeal, their decision becomes the law of the land. Of the 8,000 to 9,000 cases appealed to the Supreme Court each term, only 100 or so—less than 1 percent—are accepted for review.

Additionally, most Supreme Court justices are selected from appellate courts.

Says Neas of Brown and Owen: "Their records continue to demonstrate that they are extreme nominees who would improperly seek to make the law, not interpret it, in a way that would seriously harm individual rights and liberties."

Because Brown and Owen were part of the GOP strategy to play the race and gender card, as Neas put it, Pryor's record was equally bad but did not receive the same public attention over the past several weeks.

People for the American Way research show that the former Alabama Attorney General called Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act "an affront to federalism and an expensive burden that has far outlived its usefulness." On the *Roe v. Wade* decision upholding the legality of abortions, Pryor said it was "the worst abomination of constitution in our history." As for future Supreme Court justices: "Please, God, no more Souters."

In announcing its opposition to Pryor, the Atlanta Constitution described him as a "Right-wing Zealot is Unfit to Judge."

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done by our relatives since the 1700s. Numerous business cooperatives were developed and managed by Black folks, two of the most famous of which were the Colored Merchants Association and the Cooperative Consumers of New Haven, Inc.

Pooling money and resources is nothing new; many groups in this country do it and use their collective resources to start new businesses, get lower prices in the marketplace, and to build an economic foundation for their children. Why are we so reluctant to do it? In every city there should be at least one O.U.R.S. fund. Deposits to the fund could be made whenever we get paid, just a few dollars per person, and would soon be built up to a level at which we could do some very positive things. Each person can decide what he or she would put into the fund from time to time, and an accounting of the fund could be published and sent out to all who participate. You make your own rules on the use of the funds and how they would be disbursed.

There have been national movements to start such funds, but I am convinced that they must be started locally and managed locally, and then maybe we could leverage a national movement from several local funds. With all of the challenges and opportunities I see in various cities around this country, if we would do the simple things, like starting an O.U.R.S. fund, and supporting the Blackonomics Million Dollar Club (BMDC), our time would be well spent and the results would most beneficial.

O.U.R.S. funds could be used to

assist our people with day-to-day issues that arise; they could be used to invest in or make loans to Black businesses; they could be used to bring events to our cities; they could be used to set up food co-ops and business associations; they could be used fund our think tanks and pay for our meetings; and they could be used to purchase venues for our Juneteenth Celebrations, our Kwanzaa Celebrations, and other events that we like but now, in many cases, have to run to someone else to foot the bill.

Think seriously about what an O.U.R.S. fund can do for you in your particular city. In addition to the tangible things I mentioned, it will also demonstrate how serious you are about freedom. The revolution may not be televised, but it sure will have to be financed. O.U.R.S. funds all over this country will make our revolution much easier to manage.

It is reasonable to believe that we have the resources to achieve this simple task without a lot of hoopla, meetings, analysis, and all the other diversions that keep us from doing the things we should for ourselves. It is reasonable for us to want to engage in some kind of collective activity that will uplift our people. It is reasonable to assume that if Black people are at the bottom of every economic category in this country that we must create and execute economic strategies to get us out of this mess. Therefore, O.U.R.S. makes sense, doesn't it?

All right, here's the charge. Go out and get some brothers and sisters of like mind to start an O.U.R.S. fund. Name it something else if you like, but start a fund in

your local community through which you can begin to move toward a modicum of self-sufficiency. We owe it to ourselves and our children to have some kind of economic tool that we have built and over which we have control.


Don't wait. Don't put this article down and say you will get around to it. Don't procrastinate. Do it right now. Make a phone call to someone else and make a commitment to get it started right away. Solomon, the wisest man ever, said, "Money is the answer for all things." Even with all of his smarts, he knew that, at least on this earthly plane, we could solve a lot of problems by having and controlling money. O.U.R.S., and other economic initiatives, will create the opportunity for us to do just that. Our dollars must start making some sense, y'all.

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

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Prime Time Business Expo To Showcase Members' Products, Services

Richardson Chamber of Commerce members interested in showing off a new product or increasing their customer base through a networking event will want to participate in the 2005 Prime Time Business Expo. The event is set for 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22 at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 West Arapaho Road, Suite 102. "The Prime Time Business Expo is one of the best business-to-business marketing opportunities the Chamber provides for its members all year. It is really an inexpensive way for member companies

to market their products and services to other members and the business community. It should be a great event for everyone," said Beth Kolman, Nortel and vice chair of the Chamber's Business Services Division.

There are several levels of sponsorships available for companies wanting greater exposure at the Expo. The Headline Sponsorship is available for \$1200 and there are four Associate Sponsorships available for \$500 each. There is also a Beverage Sponsorship available for \$250. The deadline for sponsors wishing to have their name on promotional materials and signage is

Friday, June 10.

Sponsor packages include exhibit space with a table, announcements throughout the show, sponsor logos on the Web site, and company logo placed on e-mail promotional announcements.

Booth space is available to any RCC member for \$200. Each exhibitor will receive one table top display, exhibitor badges for two people, and listing in an exhibitor program.

Contact the RCC's Marketing Manager of Special Events Nicole Newkham at 972-234-4141 to sign up as a sponsor or to reserve booth space.

New Plano-based service aims to save teens

Plano small business owners Kristi Broekhove and Erin Henochoicz have announced the launch of a service for parents that just may help them sleep better at night. Report My Teen is a program designed to help monitor teenagers during the crucial years while they are learning to become responsible drivers.

Report My Teen originated with two professional moms and two teenage sons learning to drive. "As moms, we trusted our kids but we were astonished at the level of inexperience and impulsiveness we saw watching our sons drive. We were equally overwhelmed to find out our car insurance rates would be 50-100 percent higher with a teen driver. Our insurance companies told us that these high premiums are due largely to the staggering statistics of accidents and deaths caused by teen drivers. With that in mind,

we set out to find a solution. The concept of simply adding a Report My Teen bumper sticker to the vehicle changed the driving behavior of our teens."

Startling Fact... Auto accidents are the leading cause of death among

16-18 years of age and statistics prove that one out of four teens will have an auto accident in their first year of driving.

To order a Report My Teen bumper sticker please call 972-241-TEEN (8336) or visit www.reportmyteen.com.

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dollars raised from the Race will fund programs and services for medically underserved women in Collin, Denton, and Grayson Counties. Last year, \$350,000 was awarded to seven programs in these areas to assist women and their families in breast cancer education, screening, and treatment.

The Komen Foundation was founded on a promise made between two sisters: Susan G. Komen and Nancy Brinker. Suzy was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1978, when it was rarely discussed in public and little was known about the disease. Before she died at the age of 36, Suzy asked her sister to do everything possible to bring an end to breast cancer. Nancy kept her promise... by establishing the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in 1982 in her memory.

More than 20 years later, the Komen Foundation is a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative research and community-based outreach programs. Working through a network of U.S. and international affiliates and events like the Komen Race for the Cure, the Foundation is fighting to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by funding research grants, and supporting education, screening and treatment projects in communities around the world.

Registration forms can be

McKinney approves new rules for water conservation

Wasteful waterers take note: McKinney has some new conservation rules on the books.

Among the regulations approved this month:

Landscape watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from June 1 to Sept. 30. Some exceptions apply.

Water may not overflow onto driveways, sidewalks, streets or other drainage areas.

Watering is prohibited during precipitation or freezing temperatures.

Rain and freeze sensors are required on all new irrigation systems beginning June 1.

A copy of the new regulations is available on the city's Web site, www.mckinneytexas.org.

picked up at any of the local sponsors, City of Plano Libraries or participants may register online at www.komennorthtexas.org.

New to the race this year is the In the Pink Program. For a \$65 registration fee, participants receive Race registration, Race t-shirt and bib, premium parking pass, special In the Pink gift and continental breakfast.

This year's Local Honorary Chairs are WFAA anchors Gloria Campos, Macie Jepson, and Debbie Denmon and One Life to Live actress Melissa Archer.

For more information on the 2005 Komen North Texas Race for the Cure, call 972-378-4808 or visit www.komennorthtexas.org.

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Will Common's new CD save hip-hop?

NEWYORK - Common's sixth album is also his shortest, and perhaps his best.

"Be," which hits stores Tuesday, checks in at a slender 11 tracks, reminiscent of short classic rap LPs like Nas' "Illmatic," Eric B. & Rakim's "Paid in Full," and KRS-One's "Criminal Minded."

After disappointing his hardcore fans with his last effort, the exploratory "Electric Circus" in 2002, Common retreated back into the studio with longtime friend Kanye West and Detroit producer Jay Dee. The result was the critically acclaimed "Be," which leans on Common's raw lyrical artillery of clever rhymes and metaphors.

Now 33, the artist born Lonnie Rashid Lynn on Chicago's South Side recently spoke about love, life and redemption:

AP: The buzz on this album is that it's going to save hip-hop. Do you think hip-hop needs to be born again?

Common: I definitely think it needs some repairing. I can say, as a fan, it ain't been satisfying and feeding my soul the way hip-hop has always done in the past. I think that I'm one person that can bring a balance to it. Hip-hop has become so much of a hustle, that the art of it has lost its purity and its

innocence. **AP:** You've been dubbed everything from a sort-of gangster to socially conscious. Does the latter fluster you?

Common: At first I did because I was talking about God, growing, but I wasn't all perfect. I didn't realize that once you talked about (things like) abortion, God, that people would only come to expect that. I feel now that being conscious is a blessing because that means you are aware. Like, just because I am talking about something conscious, they separated me from Jay-Z. And he might be talking about getting paper, but that doesn't mean we ain't part of the same culture.

AP: You're one of Jay-Z's favorite MCs.

Common: That's an honor, like getting respect from one of the greatest. ... Jay-Z changed the movement of, like, black society. He can say, "Yo, I'm wearing button-up shirts," and a whole generation of people (is) wearing button-up shirts instead of throwbacks.

AP: Creatively speaking, what was the lowest point of your career?

Common: Creatively, it's between two albums, "Can I Borrow a Dollar" and "Electric Circus."

AP: Perhaps your fans

didn't believe that the album essentially came from within you, rather more from your then-girlfriend Erykah Badu.

Common: (Laughs.) The album was all me at that time. I go through changes. If you look at my career, I started off holding 40-ounce (of beer) on my first cover. I grow and I go through changes. I think that there was a period in my life



that I was trying to find myself, maybe trying to find myself in that relationship too. That was one of my transitional periods and that isn't always going to fly with the masses.

AP: What do you say to critics who thought you got soft and impressionable during the making of your last album?

Common: Where I'm from and how I was raised, I never got to prove that I'm hard. My music never comes from anyone else.

AP: When you started recording "Be," where you

already broken up?

Common: We had been broken up for a little while, and it was a time where I was really grounded. It came to me at a hard time in life where I was really hungry.

AP: What are you trying to show the sides of who I am as a being. I tried to not think about my sales, what I've done in the past. I was in the moment when making this album.

AP: After all these years, how do you keep on reinventing yourself and not get bored like most artists?

Common: I try to find new challenges, new things that excite me. On my last album it was about breaking boundaries and convention in hip-hop. Part of the challenge this time was that people were kind of doubting me, so that got me hungry.

AP: One of the things you tried that was, well, atrocious on your last album was attempting to sing! Are you subjecting us to that again on "Be"?

Common: (Laughs.) Yeah, I sing on the chorus on this album. Yo, why you playing! One time this magazine had an official opera singer who

didn't know who we were listen to me, Andre 3000, Pharrell Williams and 50 Cent I think. He only gave my singing some love.

AP: I thought you sounded like Scooby-Doo on "Jimi Was a Rock Star."

Common: (Laughs.) Someone else told me that too. Sooner or later people will appreciate my sound. I think that "Electric Circus" is going to be one of those albums that people go back to and say, "That record was aight."

AP: Would you ever consider having another public relationship like you did with Erykah Badu?

Common: I don't think I would. I wouldn't hide behind a relationship either but one thing I do think is that sometimes you open up so much that you allow other

energies to come in. And if it's vulnerable at that time, then, you know, it can get messed up.

AP: Is that what happened between you and Erykah?

Common: No, it wasn't a specific situation that (led to the breakup). It was just a gradual thing where we both felt like it was time to move on. We were so engulfed in each other we stopped taking care of ourselves as individuals. Like, for example, if something was going wrong with my business, I would just go down to Dallas and chill with the family. You can't run from things, you have to also be focused on your work. But that relationship was meant to be for that time period. It has something to do with me evolving, for better and for worse.

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Comedian Steve Harvey Leaves LA Radio Show After 5 Years

By: The Associated Press
Tues May 24

LOS ANGELES- Comedian Steve Harvey has signed off for the final time after five years hosting a morning radio show that delivered one-liners, political commentary and hip-hop.

"The Steve Harvey Morning Show" on hip-hop and R&B



station KKBT-FM featured a mix of Harvey's advocacy for the city's black community, ruminations on everyday life and interviews with local and national political figures. The show, which also aired in Dallas, ended Friday.

"As I close the door on this chapter, please know that the people of Los Angeles have made me a better person, and I thank them for that," Harvey said in a statement.

The WB network also announced this week it was canceling Harvey's TV variety show, "Steve Harvey's Big Time Challenge."

KKBT general manager Sue Freund said Harvey wanted to spend more time with his family and take a break, but was discussing possible future projects with the station's parent company, Washington, D.C.-based Radio One Inc.

Harvey was featured in the 2000 stand-up comedy film "The Original Kings of Comedy," and appeared last year in "You Got Served" and

"Johnson Family Vacation." Former NBA star John Salley, a co-host of Fox's "Best Damn

Sports Show Period," was taking over KKBT's morning show on Monday.

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The 2005 North Texas Annual Conference will be held in Wichita Falls, TX. For more information, please call 972-224-4556

June 11, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
"Go Global With Jesus!" is the theme for the 2005 Vacation Bible School. The event kicks off with a "Spirit Fest" featuring choirs, food, a garage sale and a car wash.

June 13 - 18, 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm
Vacation Bible School will be in session. Classes are available for ages 2 years to adults. The classes are FREE and refreshments will be served nightly. For more information, please call Pat Wilson @ 972-224-4556

Camp Wisdom UMC
Rev. L. Charles Stovall, Pastor
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On-Going Mentor Program

Our host church, True Lee Baptist Church, 3907 Bertrand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210, 214-421-9435 where Rev. Donald Parish is the Pastor, is working with a mentor program for children of parents that are incarcerated. Come or call to find out how to get involved.

For more information, please call Carolyn Johnson @ 972-235-6432.

Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry
Rev. Isaac Johnson, Coordinator
P. O. Box 225863
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Community UU Church
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Dallas, TX 75376
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FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS MINISTRIES
June 2 - 3, 7:30 pm

We are hosting a Pastors & Leadership Conference; our theme is: "Leading By Example." The conference will be held at the Quality Inn Market Center, 1955 Market Center Blvd., Dallas TX 75207. Bishop Gregory D. Crawford, International Presiding Prelate for Fellowship of Believers International Church Association is the Host Speaker. Other guest speakers include: Bishop John B. Williams, Pastor Deborah Jackson, Attorney Alisha Darden, Minister Darrell King (formally of KNON Radio 89.3 FM), and Elder Erica Jackson.

Our Pastors & Leadership Conference will conclude; Seminar Sessions will be from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm; and our evening services will start @ 5:00 pm.
For registration fees and other information, please call Elder Erica Jackson, National Secretary @ 214-405-3173

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Project DNT-466. Construction of 2.89 miles roadway and 0.25 miles bridge for new 6-lane Dallas North Tollway and southbound service road from north of FM 2934 (Eldorado Parkway) to US 380, Section XII-N, consisting of grading, drainage, structures, concrete pavement, walls, illumination, signs and sign structures, pavement markings, and ITS infrastructure. The engineer's estimate of probable construction cost is \$55,700,000. Non-refundable bid packet cost is **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 (\$150.00)** and will be available May 26, 2005. Contact Karen at 214-461-2061 for more information.

Project CIF-228. Widening construction, shoulder modifications and safety improvements for 10.76 miles roadway and 0.13 miles bridge modifications to the northbound and southbound Dallas North Tollway from IH-635 to Legacy Drive, for work includes grading, drainage, paving, structures, signing, pavement markings, illumination, shoulder rehabilitation and safety enhancements. The engineer's estimate of probable construction cost is \$15,000,000. Non-refundable bid packet cost is **SEVENTY FIVE AND NO/100 (\$75.00)** and will be available June 2, 2005. Contact Karen at 214-461-2061 for more information.

Project CIF-217. Construction of 0.91 miles of roadway modifications to the westbound connector ramp of IH 635, from Midway Road to Dallas North Tollway (DNT), consisting of grading, drainage, paving, signing, pavement markings, and illumination. The engineer's estimate of probable construction cost is \$1,000,000. Non-refundable bid packet cost is **FIFTY AND NO/100 (\$50.00)** and will be available June 2, 2005. Contact Karen at 214-461-2061 for more information.

The bid packet includes the Proposal book and Plans. Acceptable methods of payment include cashier's check, money order, company check, or personal check. **Cash will not be accepted.** Paper based bids and documents supporting electronic bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked clearly with the project number, company's name, and bid opening date. **No oral, telephoned, or faxed bids** will be considered. Late bids will not be considered and will be returned unopened. All rights reserved.

The bid packet may be examined at the NTTA's main office, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano TX 75093, prior to purchase. Bid documents may also be examined and downloaded online, at no charge, under the **Business/View Opportunities** section of the NTTA's home page (<http://www.ntta.org>). If not previously registered with the NTTA, the bidder must register online prior to accessing the bid documents.

Electronic bids may be submitted through the NTTA's electronic bidding software. The NTTA is offering optional training on its electronic bidding process on June 9, 2005 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the NTTA's main office, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano TX 75093. Contact Forrest at 214-461-2008 to register for this training.



Sister Tarpley

Words Of Wisdom For Graduates

Ekwenugo, Sr. Praise God for Bishop Johnson and his entire church for all that they do to encourage youth and teach them the way of Holiness.

Don't forget to cut out the flyer in this week's paper or last week's issue and let your favorite student, (a high school graduate or not) and our



Picture of The Week

Bishop Miller T. Johnson, Jr., Pastor and Overseer of New Life Fellowship Church of Hamilton Park, supports youth at his church. These are their Elementary School graduates (L to R): Jalyn Danielle Harris, LaJazerin Armonté Paul, and Gabriel Chizoba Ekwenugo, Jr.

reading audience know how proud you are of their accomplishment this past school year; and that you praise God that they are alive, and is as well as can be expected.

Dear graduates, as you reach another crossroads in your life, remember to draw on wisdom found in "The Bible." The Bible "is the greatest instruction book you will ever read and study." All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction,

for instruction in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV)

I have learned that true success goes beyond the trappings of wealth, power, and prestige; it is honoring God in your everyday life. It's honoring Him in your home, your school, your workplace, at church, and in your community.

An unknown author once said of the Bible: The Bible, "Contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is Holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable." "Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be Holy."

The Bible contains, "Light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, and the soldier's sword. In The Bible paradise is restored, Heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its main object, and the glory of God is its end."

The Bible should, "Fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet." "It is a source of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of joy."

The Bible is given to you in life, it will be opened at the judgment, and it will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities; it will reward the greatest labor; and it will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents."

Many young people have what seems like insurmountable problems, they have parents, and peer pressures. The Bible says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray... II Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

I believe that if people revered the Scriptures as they once did, this world would be a much better place for everybody.

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June 6 - 10, 2005
Vacation Bible School

Greenville Avenue C of C Brother S.T.W. Gibbs, III
1013 S. Greenville Avenue
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972-644-2335

HAMILTON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 12, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Summer Blood Drive sponsored by the African American Pastor's Coalition; for more information, please contact Don Yancy @ 214-808-3113

Hamilton Park UMC Dallas
Rev. Derrick Wright, Pastor
11881 Schroeder Road
Dallas, TX 75243-3656
972-235-4633

HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

June 6, 7:30 pm
Al Fike of the Christian Comedy Night at the Improve in Addison will host Ms. Vickie, aka Vickie Ransom; Chonda Pierce; Tim Hawkins; and many other nationally-renowned comedians. This event is the kick-off for the National Christian Comedy Association Conference that will be June 6-8, 2005 @ The Heights Baptist Church.
For more information and ticket prices, call the church @ 972-238-7243

Heights Baptist Church
Rev. Gary Singleton, Pastor
201 West Renner Road
Richardson, TX 75080
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KAUFMAN COUNTY AREA CHURCHES

May 5 - June 4, 7:00 pm Nightly
Kaufman County Pastors, Churches, Evangelists and laypersons invite you to a "30 Days of Revival Under The Tent" at City Lakes Park, 1500 Highway 34 in Kaufman, TX 75142. Doors will open at 5:00 pm; and there will be special events for youth and kids every Saturday starting at 11:00 am and going through to the night services.
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call RexAnne @ 972-962-4168 to find out how you can be blessed being a blessing.

Kaufman County Area Churches
Steve Partain, Coordinator
1-972-962-4168

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

June 4, 2005
The Men of Purpose and Promise Ministry will hold their 2nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament @ the Indian Creek Golf Course in Carrollton, TX. This event provides financial scholarships to college recipients within the Dallas Metroplex.
June 20 - 22, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Our Vacation Bible School 2005 will present "Extreme Makeover Church Edition;" featuring "Team Impact." After three days of spiritual rebuilding we will: "Move the Bus" to reveal our "Extreme Spiritual Makeover." The public is welcome to join us.
For more information, please contact Carolyn Starks @ 972-735-8077.

Keller Springs Baptist Church
Rev. Larry Sanders, Senior Pastor
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June 6 - 9, 6:30 Nightly
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June 11, 12 Noon - 6:00 pm
You are welcome to join us for our Homecoming Celebration Kickoff; we will have food, fun, and games on the church grounds.

June 12, 3:30 pm
We welcome you to our 3rd Annual Homecoming Celebration Service. Our theme: "Reasoning Together in Unity;" found in Isaiah 1:18 and Psalms 133:1-3 (KJV). Our guest speaker will be Pastor Clifford Mitchell from the Encouraging Word Bible Fellowship.

New Life Fellowship Church
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr.
Senior Pastor
8219 Bunche Drive
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NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS

June 11, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
North Dallas, Denton & Collin Counties (NDDC) Alumni Chapter of Prairie View A & M University will sponsor its First Annual Fish Fry that will benefit Prairie View A & M University with scholarships for area high school graduate students. There will be catfish plates, and a combination of catfish & shrimp plates. All plates will be served with potato salad, cole slaw and hush puppies.

Fish plates on June 11, can be purchased at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 9550 Shepard Road in Dallas, Shepard Road is East of Central Expressway off of Forest Lane near the Hamilton Park Community. Join us for great food, and wonderful fellowship as you help to send someone to college and/or buy books for them.

For advanced tickets and more information, please call Bill Heath @ 972-669-0261 or Walter S. Gerard @ 214-375-9700.

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Family Owned Businesses Page 1

before joining the venture as chief compositor and manager of the print shop. Frederick Jr. worked as the publication's Business Manager. In 1873, Douglass handed down New National Era to his sons who assumed the newspaper's management.

The transition to the younger generation continues today. In 1987, Ebony/Jet Magazine completed its first transition as Linda Johnson Rice succeeded her father, John Johnson, who founded the publication, to head the multi-million dollar publishing and fashion company.

And the profitable Black Enterprise Magazine is still overseen by its founder, Earl Graves, Sr., with divisions headed by his three sons Earl Jr., Michael, and John.

As business enterprises, Black-owned media have historically been family affairs.

The reasons behind a family's decision to go into business together are often as diverse as the families themselves and the businesses they create. The business is sometimes a way of life — an opportunity to work together and build for a more prosperous future. For others, it's an attempt to fulfill a family legacy created generations ago.

But the transition of leadership and power amongst family members over a period of generations can leave a business in disorder.

In the midst of a thriving career as an attorney, Jake Oliver, former president of the Black Press trade organization — NNPA, presided over the Afro-American in Baltimore, MD as publisher in the early 1980's. He described the period as "rocky" given dire circumstances surrounding his newspaper business at the time.

"The generational change of control is something most small businesses do with great difficulty. Ours has not been much different," said Oliver.

"It is not who you are, but what you bring to the business. That is probably how we survived."

Oliver is the fourth generation within his family to head the Baltimore Afro-American newspaper group. He says many black businesses, including African-American media organizations, are often inadequately prepared to conduct business.

The Atlanta Daily World, founded in 1928 by William A. Scott II, would have experienced at least three generations of ownership by traditional standards. But Scott's murder in 1934 left the publication —

and his family — in disarray during a critical period as the newspaper was experiencing exponential growth.

M. Alexis Scott, now Publisher of the Atlanta Daily World, succeeded her great uncle, Cornelius Scott, in 1997. She said his dedication to the paper for such an extended period of time was a result of her grandfather's death.

"He psychologically couldn't stop because of my grandfather's early death," she said. C.A. Scott was 89 when Alexis Scott took the helm of the paper.

By sharing the impact of a family tragedy on their newspaper, Scott sparked the NNPA initiative to explore and invest in family business succession planning.

Covering the news in the Black community also had its challenges. Unlike many others, Scott says her family was successful despite the obstacles associated with racism — an issue that for over a century stagnated black businesses, including black-owned newspapers.

Ida B. Wells was forced to abandon her own publication, The Memphis Free Speech when a white mob destroyed her offices. Wells later married journalist Ferdinand Barnett in 1893 and joined the staff of his weekly paper, the Conservator.

Lucius Bates and his wife, Daisy, also endured threats to their safety to publish the State Press in Arkansas from 1941 to 1959.

"I think Atlanta was saved a little bit from any direct hostility or intimidation because there were so many educated blacks," said Scott. "Aside from social justice, we focused on business."

In addition, Scott believes the larger, non-ethnic newspapers in the South posed no serious harm to the black press during that period. In fact, she says their disregard may have inspired social change.

"(The Atlanta World Daily) was critical of Jim Crow and segregation. My great uncle used the paper as a vehicle for voter registration ... to rally people for various causes," said Scott, citing an example of her paper's effect on community issues.

The factors contributing to a lack in

successful succession planning in family business can be a wide variety, sometimes revolving around personal issues — even issues unbeknownst to a descending generation that does not receive the reign of leadership of their family-owned newspaper.

Gail Berkley witnessed her father, Thomas Berkley, build his paper, The Oakland Post, from the ground up in 1963. According to Berkley, her father maintained strong ties with politicians and activists in the San Francisco Bay area. His goal was to fill a gap calling for blacks' presence in the media. Berkley says he quickly found a niche that has engrained their newspaper's reputation in the Bay area's history.

"He (Thomas Berkley) had seen the need for a press that was supportive of candidates and also ... a need for a paper in the Bay area that wrote about not just the sensationalist crime and entertainment," she said.

Berkley began her tenure with The Post in 1972, the same year her father relocated the paper's operations to Downtown Oakland — an outstanding accomplishment during the period since there were very few African-Americans with the ability to afford the area's notoriously high property expenses.

Since 1972, Berkley worked in many different capacities with her father's newspaper, eventually becoming the Executive Editor.

In 2001, Thomas Berkley died. To the disappointment of Gail Berkley, her stepmother, Velda, inherited the newspaper before selling it to an outside party, The Good News Is, LLC, in 2004.

"Though benefits of the inheritance of a family business may skip over a generation, some still search for a reward buried beneath the disheartening reality of that generation's future without the family business."

"I learned the value of hard work and dedication. You have to be in it for the long haul. In the end, you will get your reward. It may not be monetary, but the appreciation and respect from the community can be," said Berkley.

Dr. Paulette Brown-Hinds, second-generation publisher of The Black Voice News and Corey Washington, staff writer for The Business Press, are currently editing a book on Black Press family business legacies with Dr. James Herbert of the Cox Family Enterprise Center at Kennesaw State University.



John Jake Oliver of The Baltimore Afro-American

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NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

On-Going Mentor Program
Operation Oasis sponsors a program that assists youth that are at-risk, and ex-offenders returning to society. The program's goals are to change lives of the formerly incarcerated person, to increase safety, and to spiritually fortify our communities.
For more details about this wonderful project, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant at 972-437-3801 or call Toll Free at 1-800-37Oasis (376-2747)

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Richardson
Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
1010-1020 South Sherman Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-437-3493

OASIS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

June 11, 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon
The Women's International Network (WIN) will host their second networking meeting of 2005. This event will be held at the contemporary Homewood Suites at Jupiter & George Bush Toll Way in Plano, TX. The meeting will start promptly at 9:00 am with a full breakfast buffet. Inspirational and international speaker Mary Hughes will be the guest speaker. Other special guests includes: Express Fitness, Future Leaders Travel, Chaska Designs, and Hoity Toity Bags. Free gift bags, and an opportunity to win free Cinemark movie passes will be available.

Oasis International Church
Doctors Charles & Vera Hughes
Pastor & Overseers
P. O. Box 941192
Plano, TX 75093
469-467-6797

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

June 5, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Summer Blood Drive sponsored by the African American Pastor's Coalition; for more information, please contact Bro. Reginald Simmons @ 214-823-7308

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Dr. Curtis Wallace, Pastor
1819 N. Washington Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
214-823-7308

RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Now through June 2005
We are currently collecting shoes to ship to a village in Africa, please help us in putting shoes on the feet of the village people, bring needed comfort to their feet, and bring smiles on their faces. If you have any shoes to donate, please drop them off at the church, 3801 Avenue K in Plano, TX 75074, three blocks south of Spring Creek @ Avenue K.
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Please join us and bring a friend as we study Women of The Word in our Truth on Tuesday Bible Study Night.

Rhema Life Fellowship Church
Reverend James W. Thomas, Pastor
3801 Avenue K
Plano, TX 75074
469-467-7575

SHILOH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

June 13 - 17, 7:30 pm Nightly
Shiloh COGIC will host a week of Auxiliaries in Ministry Conference; please join us for worship, fellowship and teaching.
For hotel and more information, contact the 2005 AIM's Committee @ 972-838-9377

Shiloh COGIC
Elder Paul E. Jackson, Pastor
1707 Harrison Street
Melissa, TX 75454
972-562-4135

ST. ANDREW CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

June 5, 10:50 am
"Assessing the Power of The Now" is the theme for our Annual Family and Friends Day. It is found in Isaiah 42:9 and 43:18-21 (KJV). There will be door prizes to our visitors and a grand prize for the individual who brings the most guests. You don't want to miss this FREE and exciting event. The public is welcomed to join us as we celebrate this Spirit-Filled Day.
For more information, please call the church @ 940-566-0834 or metro 940-243-3797.

St. Andrew COGIC
Supt. Kenneth Davis, Pastor
608 Lakey Street
Denton, TX 76205
940-566-0834

ST. LUKE AME CHURCH (aka - SLAME)

June 12, 10:15 am
St. Luke AME is a part of the 333 Tenth District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and our Bishop has called for a very special Sunday, it's called "POWER SUNDAY." All of the 333 AME churches will use identical Sunday Bulletins, and pastors will preach from the same passage of scripture. This is going to be an awesome day of unity. We are inviting the public to join us in celebrating this 21st Century history-making event.
For more information, please contact the Church Administrator, RaQuell Thirdgill.

St. Luke AME Church (SLAME)
Rev. Charles E. Franklin, Pastor
521 West Avenue E
Garland, TX 75040
972-487-9703

THE INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST CHURCH (IBOC)

Sign Up Now
FREE Computer Training classes by Dominion Training & Support Center. For more information and registration, please call Rev. C. Greer @ 214-760-9575 or Email: Rnogr@aol.com
Mondays, 7:00 pm
Monday School with Holy Spirit Bible Teachings

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church (IBOC)
Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Pastor
7710 South Westmoreland
Dallas, TX 75237
972-572-IBOC (4262)

TRINITY PRAYER CHAPEL

Sign Up Now
Reynolds Wood Ministries is now conducting FREE GED and ESL Classes, Mentoring Program, and Dance/Ballet/Karate Classes (scholarships are available.)
For more information and registration, please call 214-544-1886.

Trinity Prayer Chapel
Rev. Reynolds Wood, Senior Pastor
P. O. Box 650
Service Location is:
406 N. Tennessee
McKinney, TX 75069
Dallas, TX 75251
214-544-1886

Send your church announcements to religion@monthegazette.com or fax to 972-516-4197 c/o Church Happenings. Deadlines are Fridays before publication date. (MON-The Gazette is published each Thursday.)

Prince Golf Tournament to Benefit American Cancer Society

Clovis L. Prince, President and CEO of Prince and Associates, is hosting their Third Annual Charity Networking Golf Tournament and Events June 9-12, 2005, at Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club, Fairview, Texas, about 30 minutes north of Dallas.

This year's Tournament is again being held in benefit of the

American Cancer Society and in memory of D'Angelo Burnett, Grant Prince, Leonard Owens Jr., and Linda Rushing.

This year's goal is to present The American Cancer Society with a check exceeding \$50,000. Please contact clovis.prince@princeandassociates.com or by phone at 972-588-3356 to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church
7710 S. Westmoreland Rd., Dallas, Texas 75237
Phone: 972-572-4262 Fax: 972-709-3888
Sunday Services 7:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm
Monday School 7pm
Men's Fellowship Friday 7:00pm
Website: www.ibocjoy.org

RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
3801 Avenue K, Plano, TX 75074 469-467-7575
SERVICE TIMES
Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 am
Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm
Reverend James W. Thomas, Servant
Raised to Walk in the Newness of Life. Romans 6:4

Hill Chapel
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
1113 I Ave. Plano, TX. 75074 (972) 423-4090
Rev. James E. Larry, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.

BETHANY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY ACTIVITIES
8:30 am - Sunday School • 10:00 am - Worship Services
MONDAY
6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood
WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting
7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson
SATURDAY
10:00 am thru 1:00 pm Youth Activities
6710 Webster Avenue • Dallas, TX 75209
214-352-3552 (Phone) • 214-352-6793 (Fax)
bethany@sbcglobal.net (Email)

OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Sunday Services
9:00 am - Prayer Ministry
9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Morning Worship & Children's Church
Tuesday Service
7:00 pm - Bible Study
Our Hearts, Our Arms and Our Doors Are Always Open to YOU!
2701 Briarwood Drive # Plano, TX 75074
972-422-4248
Rev. Don Bright, Pastor
M.A. Counseling, LPC

Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church
1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX
Pastor Charles S. Wattley
Sunday
Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Celebration... 11:00 am.
- Nursery Facilities Available -
Wednesday
Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.
Friendly Fellowship with A Family Focus
For More Information Call 972.542.6178
www.saintmarkbc.com
stmarkmissionary@aol.com

Little Flock Baptist Church
Pastor Louis E. Laurent
Internet Broadcast: www.krgm.com (Mon - Fri @ 12 Noon)
A Place Where a "Taste of the Word" is Guaranteed
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Sunday Night Service 6:30 pm
Tuesday Night Brotherhood 7:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 7:00 pm
704 E. Aimee Street • P.O. Box 903 • Forney, Texas 75126
Phone: 214-325-7021
Fax: 214-371-8922 or 214-372-2135
Email: thewordcuts@yahoo.com

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
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor

New Life Fellowship of Hamilton Park
8219 Bunche Drive • Dallas, TX 75243
972-671-1096
Bishop Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor
A Place of New Beginnings. . . II Corinthians 5:17
Sunday Morning Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship (Agape Hour) First Sunday 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.