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People In The News



Teresa Taylor is a businesswoman that is as interested in the education and success of others as she is in her own corporate success. This interest is evidenced in her production of events and seminars designed to assist both new and seasoned entrepreneurs. MON-The Gazette is proud to be a sponsor of Ms. Taylor's upcoming event: "Are You Regular or Supersized?—The Epitome of Business Networking" to be held on July 8, 2005.

"The Bringing out the Millionaire in You with Les Brown event provided motivation and inspiration to all who attended," she said. "This event is designed to show entrepreneurs how to network to develop opportunities, and what to do after they have identified the opportunities."

The "Are You Regular or Supersized?" event will be held on July 8th at the Double Tree Hotel, Campbell Centre, 8250 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75026 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. A wide variety of speakers will present information on topics that will include "Top Tax Breaks," "The Importance of 60 Second Networking Commercials," and "Franchise Opportunities."

Advance ticket sales for this networking event are available online at ntheknow.com, and feature a \$20.00 buy one get one free discount. For vendor and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.ntheknow.com or call 972-517-4483.

For the past 16 years, Cheryl Smith has used her position and passion as host of Reporters Roundtable, a public affairs talk show on KKDA-AM 730, to educate, develop and assist the community at large. A by-product of her passion is Cheryl Smith's Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon, which is an annual fundraising event that provides scholarships for students and support for other worthy causes. The 11th annual event will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2005 at the Don Carter All Star Lanes, 10920 Composite Drive, Dallas, Texas at 6:00 pm.

This year's fundraiser will feature a broad range of local and national celebrities, businesses and individuals supporting the cause by participating in events which include a bowling tournament, dinner, music and a silent auction of donated goods and services.

Ms. Smith has been recognized by many organizations for both her charitable and journalistic accomplishments. She was most recently selected as Woman of the Year by the Women Empowering Women Foundation of Dallas.

For more information regarding Cheryl Smith's Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon, call 214-375-HYPE or visit www.cherylsmithonline.com.



Sisters Adele Foster and Edwina Frazier are the principals of Sisters in Business, an entrepreneurial development and consulting non-profit organization. Sisters in Business facilitates seminars in self-employment, business coaching and professional development.

Their motto is, "Yes you can!" and they have been using their signature brand of enthusiasm and expertise to encourage budding entrepreneurs and small business owners to take their skills and businesses to the next level of success and prosperity.

Ms. Foster is conducting a seven part Women Empowerment series which features various topics designed to empower and develop women. The first session in the series is "Breaking the Yolk and Releasing Yourself From the Shell", and will be held on June 25th. The second session in the series is "Will the Real Me Please Stand Up", second session will be held on July 30th. The location for both sessions is 7920 Belt Line Road, Dallas, Texas from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The cost for each session is \$30. For information, call 972-248-0101 or visit www.sibusiness.org or www.ajfosterassociates.com.

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Garland's Juneteenth-Fun and Remembrance

By: Justin Jones

Remembrance.

For the city of Garland, this year's

Juneteenth celebration at Gail Fields Recreation Center on June 18 wasn't only about remembering the ending of slavery. It also was about remembering one of Garland's most recognized

African-American civic leaders in Gail Fields, who died recently.

Mr. Fields was Center Manager at the Garland Parks and Recreation Department's Lou Huff Recreation

Center from 1958-1990. He also made numerous contributions to the com-

munity, as a member of Garland civic organizations including the



Chill Factor Jazz Band.

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Tribute to Jocelyn Bridges

By: James Clingan - NNPA Columnist

June 24, 2005 would be the 56th birthday of Brother Kenneth Bridges, who along with his partner and dear friend, Al Wellington, founded the MATAH Network. Ken was assassinated by a sniper on October 11, 2002 as he fueled his car in Virginia. After closing on his largest business deal, Ken was on the road back to his home in Philadelphia, back to his six children, and back to his "Queen," as he loved to call her, Jocelyn Bridges. As providence would have it, a short while after speaking to Jocelyn by phone, Ken's life was taken.

Since that tragic day, that day of great sadness and mourning, Jocelyn Bridges has, for the most part, remained virtually nameless and faceless to many people across this country and around the world. This is my attempt to see that we never forget the "woman behind the man." Although she prefers to live as she lived when Ken was alive, out of the spotlight, not seeking the cameras or attention from anyone, I apologize in advance if, when she reads this, she is displeased with what is merely my heartfelt desire to honor her in this way and at this time.

On June 24, 2003, I spoke in tribute to Ken

Bridges at an event held in his honor in Los Angeles. I have spoken in the Ken Bridges Lecture Hall of the A. Phillip Randolph Museum, in Chicago. Virtually every time I speak, I mention Ken, or I think about him and something he said during my time with him. I also think of Jocelyn and just what she has gone through and still endures because of Ken's death.

I speak to her from time to time, and I can hear the pain and anguish as she struggles to tell me how she really feels and what her days are like. She talks about Ken and always lets me know what and how their children are doing. She is concerned about their future, especially that of her two sons. She is also resigned to go on, as Ken wanted her to, seeking knowledge

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Strayhorn to challenge Perry for governor

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Carole Keeton Strayhorn, the fast-talking state comptroller who makes sport of chastising Republican Gov. Rick Perry, said Saturday she would challenge the governor in next year's GOP primary.

"Now is time to replace a do-nothin' drugstore cowboy with one tough grandma," Strayhorn, 65, told a cheering crowd at a block party just a few streets away from the state Capitol.

Strayhorn's announcement came shortly after Perry vetoed education funding from the state budget bill, and called lawmakers back to Austin for a special session on school finance.

Lawmakers failed to approve a new school funding plan during the legislative session that ended May 30 and in a special session last year.

Strayhorn, known for her quick and sharp

tongue, has spent the past year attacking Perry's leadership and his failure to bring lawmakers to a consensus on public school funding.

As comptroller, Strayhorn is the state's chief financial officer. She became comptroller in 1999, after serving on the three-person Texas Railroad Commission, a statewide-elected post.

The former Democrat also served on the Austin school board and then ran for Austin mayor in 1977, winning over nine men. She served three mayoral terms as a Democrat before switching parties.

Brooklyn Jazz Café-A Jazzy Place

By: Paul Hailey

Passion has sometimes been described as the occupation you would do for no pay. In talking to Lorna and Robin Tate of Brooklyn Jazz Café, it is apparent this type of passion is alive and well. What began in June 2004, as a vision of simply filling a need for a live music venue showcasing quality musicians, has blossomed into successful business that is the talk of jazz lovers throughout the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex.

Located in the revitalized Bishop Arts District in Oak Cliff, Brooklyn attracts a refreshing mix of people of all colors, social standings and cultures. The common bond among the patrons is the love of quality

music. This is exactly what the Tates envisioned when they converted a furniture storefront into Brooklyn, after moving to Texas from New York.

"This has started out and continues to be about the music," said Lorna Tate who runs the club with her husband Robin, "and it will continue to be about bringing people together through good music."

And good music can defi-

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Sankofa Experience Re-enacts Aspects of Slavery

By: Paul Hailey

"They sold your fathers and raped your mothers."

These were the harsh words spoken in explanation by an overseer at the auction block

Juneteenth, The Act of Change Institute of Cultural Arts, Kumaasi African Ensemble and several other organizations sponsored the series of live re-enactments that depicted the



Participant picks cotton under watchful eye of overseer.

during the first Sankofa Experience: The Journey Begins event held on Saturday and Sunday of Juneteenth weekend. In commemoration of

experience of slavery from capture to plantation to escape.

The Sankofa Experience, (believed to be its creators to

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Janice Rogers Brown and Clarence Thomas: Two Peas

By: Ron Walters - NNPA Columnist

Judge Janice Rogers Brown has been confirmed by the Senate to a seat on the federal circuit court for the District of Columbia that deals with a number of regulatory economic matters that involve whether the classes or the masses will benefit. Judging from Judge Brown's past decisions, this court that will add additional pain to the lives of the nation's working people and the poor.

Republicans have talked a lot about Brown's past as the daughter of a sharecropper and the last time I looked, Black sharecroppers were not only poor, many were treated like slaves. So, how is it that someone from this background could be so callous and insensitive to the plight of poor people, especially Blacks? That is not the whole story, because her father spent his career in the Air Force and her mother was a

nurse. Brown graduate from Cal State Sacramento and took her law degree from UCLA. The fact is that her family had overcome sharecropping early on in her life - and at government expense - a route which made them middle class.

To say that Brown grew her conservative judicial muscles by following Republican orthodoxy is too easy an explanation. Republicans also made a lot out of the background of Clarence Thomas, also to evoke the sense of someone overcoming against tremendous odds to achieve the American dream, but also to show how he might have acquired his conservative values at such an early age.

Nevertheless, there is something of a pattern here. Clarence Thomas was not a conservative growing up. At one point in his college career he was a Black nation-

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U.S. Senate apologizes for shame of lynchings

By: Thomas Ferraro

The Senate on Monday formally apologized for having blocked decades of efforts to make lynching a federal crime as victims' descendants watched from the chamber gallery.

On a voice vote and without opposition, the Senate passed a resolution expressing its regrets to the nearly 5,000 Americans - mostly black males - who were documented as having been

lynched from 1880 to 1960.

These deaths occurred mostly in the South, often with the knowledge of local officials who preached white supremacy, fanned racial hatred and allowed mob lynchings to become picture-taking, public spectacles.

During this period, nearly 200 anti-lynching bills were introduced in Congress, three of which passed the

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Dallas County Community Colleges Chancellor Announces New President of Brookhaven College

Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon, chancellor of the Dallas County Community Colleges, announced the appointment of Dr. Sharon Blackman as the new president of Brookhaven College, effective Aug. 1, 2005. Members of the district's board of trustees approved the appointment today during the group's regular monthly meeting on Tues., June 7. Blackman, currently president of Oakland Community College at its Auburn Hills campus in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., will succeed Dr. Alice Villadsen, who announced her retirement earlier this year.

"I am excited to welcome Dr. Blackman back to the Dallas County Community Colleges family," said Carreon. "Dr. Blackman knows our system and our students, too. She previously served as dean of technical and continuing education from 1997 to 1998 and in several other capacities, all at Richland College, from 1983 to 1998. We look forward to her administration and her leadership at Brookhaven College."

Blackman said, "I look forward to returning the Dallas County Community Colleges system and to meeting the faculty, staff, students and administrators who work together at Brookhaven College. Together, we will build on the successes of Brookhaven and continue our relationships with the com-

munity, area businesses and friends."

Blackman, who has 30 years of experience in higher education administration, program development, counseling and teaching, began her tenure as president of OCC's Auburn Hills campus in 2002. She also has served as that institution's dean of technology and workforce development services. Prior to that time, Blackman filled a number of administrative



positions at Richland College: dean of technical and continuing education, 1997-1998; dean of technical education programs, 1995-1997; associate dean of technical education programs, 1993-1995; director of cooperative education programs, 1991-1993; and several jobs in career services and continuing education from 1983-1991. She also has held several positions at Youngstown State University, Earlham College (Ind.) and Tennessee State University.

Blackman, who has taught at

Richland College and Earlham College, earned both her bachelor's degree in health and physical education and her master's degree in education/ guidance and counseling from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; she also holds a doctorate in educational administration from Baylor University. She is a certified specialist in developmental education and has participated in the Kellogg Institute for Developmental Educators.

The new BHC president is the recipient of the 2005 International Exemplary Leadership Award, sponsored by The Chair Academy; the 2004 "Woman of Distinction" Award from the Pontiac Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc.; the 2002 Black Women Achiever Award, also from the Pontiac Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc.; and several other honors.

In 2002, Blackman was selected as one of 38 community college leaders nationally to attend the Executive Leadership Institute, sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College. That same year, she was named Black Woman Achiever of the Year by the Pontiac Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs. In 1999, she received a Woman of Achievement and Courage Award from the Michigan Women's Foundation.

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be the only event of its kind in the country), was acted out on a 50 acre plot of land purchased by freed slaves in Hutchins, Texas. The land was purchased in 1876, just 11 years after Juneteenth, by the great-grandparents of present owner Murdine Berry.

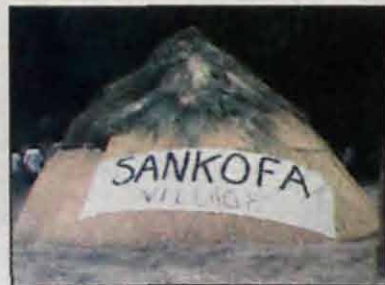
Various actors playing slaves, slave merchants and overseers facilitated the re-enactment for participants which allowed them to experience the horrors, shame, brutality and fear experienced by their ancestors.

Dr. Safisha Nzingha Hill, organizer and Act of Change Director, said the event is designed to force blacks to confront the ugliness of the treatment of enslaved Africans in America and begin the healing process, one that she said has often been stifled by society.

Participants began in the Sankofa African village, where they were taught African dances and danced with members of the Kumaasi African Ensemble. Their smiles and laughter quickly turned into looks of genuine concern as they were then shackled together by slave traders. They were marched uphill to the Point of No Return to be loaded into a mock slave ship that would transport them across the Atlantic. During the march, they could hear the faint strains of the drums of the village.

Individuals were then loaded on their backs in the cargo hold of the slave ship while being berated with racial epithets and listening to sound effects that replayed sounds of the ocean and the wailing of slaves.

Next was the slave auction where they were inspected and bid on as pieces of property. It was at this point that some adult and child participants became overwhelmed with emotion and began weeping on the auction block. The "slaves" were taken to



A hut in the Sankofa Village

the plantation where they picked cotton in the heat and placed it in a rucksack loaded down with bricks.

Finally, participants were told of escape plans and fled the plantations to return back to the Sankofa Village.

The experience was humbling for both the participants and observers.

"To me, this is what Juneteenth is really about," said observer Tianda Dansby. "The



Actors portraying slave auction.



Lisa Hemphill of Arlington is tied to a tree.

holiday is about a whole lot more than just barbecue and drinking beer. This was a very

powerful and moving experience that a lot more people should see."

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UNT Center for Play Therapy to hold its annual Summer Institute

DENTON (UNT), Texas The University of North Texas Center for Play Therapy will host hosting a series of summer institute workshops from July 11 (Monday) to July 22 (Friday). Seven workshops and a four-day intensive supervision clinic will allow pediatric mental health professionals the opportunity to receive advanced training.

The workshops, which cover topics such as Play Therapy for Traumatic and Distressing Events and

Challenging Issues in the Practice of Play Therapy, are taught by a wide range of professionals in the field of play therapy. The event will take place in the Silver Eagle Suite in the University Union, located one block west of Welch and West Prairie streets. Fees for the sessions are \$95 per day and \$70 per day for students for pre-registration. After June 21 the cost is \$120 per day. For groups of 10 or more, contact the Center for Play Therapy for group rates.

The Center for Play Therapy is part of the university's College of Education. Its mission is to encourage the unique development and emotional growth of children through the process of play therapy.

For registration information, visit www.centerforplaytherapy.com. Pre-registration is required by June 21. Late and on-site registration is available. For more information, contact Mary Morrison at (940) 565-3864.

Around The Town

June 24

The Learning Bridge is hosting a Registration Party, 5:00pm - 9:00pm at Club Django on The Parkway, 5100 Beltline Rd. Ste 410, Dallas, Texas 75254. Come join us for some cool jazz. Call 972.701.9391, or visit www.thelearningbridge.net

African Portraits-African-American Concert & Festival, at The Potter's House Event Center, 6777 W. Kiest Blvd., Dallas. Celebrate the contributions of African-Americans to classical music through music and family activities. Tickets \$35. Call 214.692.0203.

How to manage the family budget with Annie Tinsley from the Dallas County office of the Texas Cooperative Extension, at the Southwest Branch Library, Irving 3:30p.m. Free. Call 972.721.2546.

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fighting, featuring Texas own Marcus Hicks and Alonzo Martinez. At The Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, 7:30 p.m. Ticket: \$50 & \$25; \$500/table seat of four. Call 972.497.9889, or visit www.infernopromotions.net

June 25

Grant writing seminar, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Covers: How to Start a Small Business, Grant Seeking, Grant Writing Techniques and more. At Ryan's Grill Buffet Bakery, 909 Tripp Rd, Mesquite. \$110, includes lunch. Call 214.497.4260, or visit www.ghap-texas.org

June 27

Plano City Council meeting, in Council Chambers. Open to the public, 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 1520 K Ave.

June 28

JazzBreaks on the Plaza in Mesquite, with MJRE Big Band begins at 7:30p.m. Free. Call the Arts Council:

972.216.6444.

The NAACP Garland Branch monthly meeting at 7p.m., Women's Activity Center, 713 Austin St, downtown Garland, includes a special presentation by a representative from the Social Security Administration on the new Medicare prescription drug program. Call: 972.381.5044.

June 30-July 9

Plano Repertory Theatre's 10th Annual Summer Children's Series, with Peter Rabbit and Me. For showtimes and tickets call 972.422.7460, or visit www.planorep.org. At the ArtCentre Theatre, Avenue K @ 15th St.

July 2 - July 10

Family Fun Festival at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates, 2 p.m. every Saturday on July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

Through July 10

5th Annual Art Connection

Member's Exhibition. Main Gallery 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd, Irving. Free. Call: 972.252.ARTS

Through August 30

Anne Lebovitz Exhibit presented by The Women's Museum., 3800 Parry Ave., Dallas. Features 37 large-scale portraits. Call 214.915.0860 or visit www.thewomensmuseum.org

On going

The North Dallas Business Professionals Networking After Business Hours - Wednesday, Django on the Parkway, Addiso, 5100 Beltline Rd, 6p.m. - 9 p.m.

The Collin County Multicultural Business Network Referral Luncheon meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at Texas Land & Cattle, 3191 Preston Rd, Frisco Log on to www.ntheknow.com.

July 4th Celebrations

Allen

June 25

City of Allen starts its Independence Day Celebrations early with Allen USA, at 12 noon. Family fun, live music and fireworks display at 9:30 p.m., at Joe Farmer Recreation Center, Call 214.509.4811 for more information.

Mesquite

July 3

Mesquite's FourthFest 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Paschall Park. Games, food, crafts and live music ending with firework display at 9:30 p.m.

Plano

July 3

Patriotic Concert - Plano Community Band
Kick off the Independence Day festivities with great tunes, at Haggard Park, 15th St., 7:30 p.m. Visit www.planoband.com.

July 4

The Plano Chamber of Commerce is producing the 25th Annual July 4th Parade. Begins 9:30 a.m., at Plano Senior High School, north on Independence Parkway to

Spring Creek Parkway, ends at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Call 972.424.7547 or visit www.planochamber.org.

Plano's firework display: Highpoint Park, 6500 Alma Rd. 9:30 p.m.

Garland

July 2 - 4

Award winning festival. Fireworks, midway fun, food court, crafter's square, kids corner, live music, and more. Starts Friday, 5 p.m. to midnight. Saturday through Monday, starts at noon. Downtown Garland.

Irving

July 4

City of Irving Independence Day parade, 9 a.m. Starts at Sowers Road, on to Irving Blvd, Millennium Park, 2nd St, Lucille St and back to Irving Blvd.

The Irving Symphony Orchestra (ISO) presents a free Patriotic Concert and Fireworks Celebration at 3 p.m. Williams Square, 5215 N. O'Connor Blvd., Las Colinas. Steak Cook-Off, performances by local musicians. Call 972.831.8818.

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U.S. Senate Apologies For Strange Fruit

By: James W. Breedlove

The U.S. Senate passed a resolution formally apologizing for failing to take action making lynching a federal crime for over 100 years. Not only did they fail to take action but their inaction aided and abetted the cultivation and harvesting of a unique and strange fruit.

Billie Holliday, the gifted black songstress, introduced the song "Strange Fruit" in 1939 and it quickly became the anthem for the anti-lynching movement. The haunting lyrics and melody touched both white and black America and caused attention to be focused on the South's fixation with strange fruit.

Southern trees bear strange fruit,

Blood on the leaves and blood at the root,

Black bodies swinging in the southern breeze,

Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees.

According to the Center for Constitutional Rights, between 1882 and 1968, mobs lynched 4,743 persons in the United States, over 75 percent of them African-Americans. From the end of the Civil War until the late 1960's lynching was the unwritten law of the land.

For years the federal government, the citadel of democracy, freedom and equality, was a willing co-conspirator to the unjustified killing of thousands of Blacks. The implementation of Lynch Laws was the deliberate demonstration that white power would reign supreme and was wantonly unleashed on thousands of black men, women and children throughout the United States.

But anthems such as "Strange Fruit", the documentation of activist Ida Wells-Barnett, the introduction of over 200 anti-lynch bills in Congress, and the petitions of

seven presidents could not change the intransigence of the United States Senate when it was obvious these heinous acts were being perpetrated against Blacks.

The lyrics go on to describe the strange fruit that lynching created:

Pastoral scene of the gallant south,

The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth,

Scent of magnolias, sweet and fresh,

Then the sudden smell of burning flesh.

Searching through America's artifacts for the past 25 years, antique collector James Allen has amassed an extraordinary visual legacy of photographs and postcards that were souvenirs from lynchings throughout America. Entire communities, including women and children, often turned out to witness a lynching as if it were a carnival. The photographs of the grisly killings have been published in the book "Without Sanctuary" and are also on display at the web site www.withoutsanctuary.com. They are simultaneously compelling and horrible. Once you begin to view the photos you are filled with disgust but hypnotized into continuing.

This strange fruit while endemic to the Southern Cotton Belt was harvested throughout the country from California to Georgia, from Minnesota to Texas. Each fruit had a unique name like Clyde Johnson, George Silsbee, Richard Dillon, Rubin Stacy, Lint Shaw and Allen Brooks.

Seventeen-year-old Jesse Washington worked as a laborer on a farm in Robinson, Texas. He was accused of participating in the murder of a white girl. After he was lynched his corpse was placed in a burlap bag and dragged through the streets of Waco back to the Robinson

farm and set on fire. His charred corpse was hung for public display in the Black neighborhood as a lesson for other Blacks. The postcard souvenir of Jesse Washington's lynching in the "Without Sanctuary" collection bears the note, "This is the barbeque we had last night."

Even women and children did not receive special consideration when the mob needed to fill its insatiable appetite for strange fruit.

Laura Nelson and her 14-year-old son were thrown over the side of a bridge in Okemah, Oklahoma with a half-inch hemp rope around their necks and one end tied to the bridge railing. Forty brave men rode into town at night and dragged Laura and her son from the jail behind the sheriff's office. She was in jail for having had the temerity to try and protect her son. They were gagged and hauled to the new steel bridge crossing the Canadian River.

Laura is shown specter-like in the photograph, seemingly suspended in a state of ascension, arms hanging at her side while 20 feet away her son hangs implausibly still as the crowd ogles.

Here is fruit for the crows to pluck,

For the rain to gather, for the wind to suck,

For the sun to rot, for the trees to drop,

Here is a strange and bitter crop.

The Senate apology while long overdue has a sense of expediency but not sincerity.

If the Senate wanted to make this apology more than an expedient political photo-op they could have easily redressed the wrongs by compensating the survivors. After all, the family names are neatly catalogued on the postcards and photographs in "Without Sanctuary."

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Alix A. Desamours

It happens to the best of investors. One day you realize it's been over a year since you last evaluated how your investments stood in relation to your goals. And you wonder if there are opportunities you might be missing. That's when it often makes sense to enlist the aid of a professional, like getting a complimentary Portfolio Review from an Edward Jones investment representative. But what can you expect from the process?

How long does it take?

The short answer is, it depends - on you and the complexity of your portfolio. A face-to-face Portfolio Review usually lasts between 30 and 45 minutes. In some cases, it can be accomplished with a 10-15 minute phone conversation. What matters is you and your investment repre-

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sentative spend enough time together to ensure your investments and your goals are moving in the same direction.

What happens first?

Your investment representative will start by assessing your total financial picture. This should encompass all your assets, including your Edward Jones investment portfolio if you have one. This is also a chance for you and your investment representative to discuss recent changes in your life or your plans and how those changes may have affected your goals.

What is the end result?

Using that information, your investment representative will enter your assets and goals into our Portfolio Analysis Tool, which will help determine whether the performance of your current investments are sufficient to help you reach your goals. It will also allow you to see where you stand versus where you want to be, and

where Edward Jones feels you should be. Only by looking at this total picture will your investment representative have enough information to suggest alternate or additional investments that could help generate the returns you need to reach your goals.

Only you and your investment representative can decide if rebalancing your portfolio makes sense for you. To find out, call your investment representative and ask for a free Portfolio Review today. If you're not currently an Edward Jones client, use our IR Locator to find an investment representative near you.

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alist, bowing to the political sentiments of his age that challenged White racism. When he emerged from college, however, he was faced with a choice to continue to follow the road most Blacks traveled in seeking professional advancement while not bowing to racism. Thomas, however, chose to go another way, accepting the tutelage of a member of the Republican establishment whose path was exceedingly different from his, valuing a very different history, class, race and ideology.

It is said about Janice Rogers Brown by someone who knew her in college that she wore the "biggest 'fro there was," again a personality that appeared to adapt easily to the prevailing orthodoxy. The fact that at one point she was even a Maoist suggests that she not only embraced the orthodoxy but sought an exalted, if extreme role in the prevailing culture of opposition to the political establishment.

However, when it came time to leave UCLA, she knew she was in Ronald Reagan's California and in the midst of a growing conservative political movement that shaped the path of upward mobility as conservative.

So, what do you have to do if

you wanted to succeed - to become really, really successful - as a lawyer in California then? You do what Clarence Thomas did and make a choice to join that group you considered to be most powerful and that was most likely to assist you in achieving your personal version of the American dream. It also helps, in both cases that joining the conservative movement provided absolute to upwardly mobile professionals who had been radical Black nationalists and Maoists in college. This may also explain Richard Horowitz, a radical Jewish activist in the 60s and 70s who now rails against affirmative action and reparations as racism in reverse.

The decision that Brown and Thomas made to seek personal upward mobility at all cost, in the face of personal contradictions and the pain to their people that it presented, explains the tenacity that both exhibited in the face of massive rejection to their goal by Blacks.

It is the only thing that can explain why Thomas would take a "high tech lynching" and Brown would be defeated, yet hang on at all cost until she won. Indeed, both hung on fiercely when there very dignity was at stake, proving that it was not just the conservative move-

ment that attracted them, but their own sense of what it meant to attain personal status in life.

There is a lesson in this. Many choices come our way in life, but greatness - not just public adulation - comes when you sacrifice the regressive path that leads only to personal achievement at all cost and take the choice that empowers people, rather than their oppressors. I am often reminded when I hear criticism about our civil rights leaders that to a person, they could all be doing something else, in most cases, something far more lucrative and safe. But they have, instead, made the hard choice to help our people achieve progress. I know which choice leads to justice, which one that is devalued by our opposition, and therefore, which one to teach the children will lead to our freedom.

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and understanding with the assurance, confidence, and faith that she and her family will not just survive but thrive. She knows there is a higher power involved in this thing we call life, and she draws her security from that truth as well as Ken's words that ring over and over in her mind each and every day.

Those and many more reasons are why I pay tribute to this woman, this sister, this mother, this friend of mine. When Ken made his transition, he left his Queen, his metaphysician, his sounding board, his partner, his friend, Jocelyn Bridges. A serene, gentle, dedicated, and loving wife, Jocelyn has the commitment of Amy Garvey, the strength of Myrlie Evers, the steadfastness of Betty Shabazz, and the grace and countenance of Coretta Scott King. Jocelyn demonstrated the will of Jackie Kennedy and the quiet resolve of Ethel Kennedy as she, with her children by her side, inexorably took her place among the wives who tragically lost their husbands - husbands who were on their way to freedom.

Jocelyn Bridges should be honored by all, but she should be honored most by Black men and women everywhere for her willingness to sacrifice her proudest and most loved possession to our freedom struggle. We should honor her because she gave up her time with the man she cared about so deeply,

yet she was unselfish in her relationship with him and gave him her blessing as he spent many days away on the road working for us and his family. We should be proud of Jocelyn Bridges because of who she was then and the person she is now. The women I named above are all well known for having made many of those same sacrifices. For decades we have honored them. This is a call for that same esteem and recognition for Jocelyn Bridges, not in a flamboyant, raucous, high-profile manner; Jocelyn would not want that. But in our silent moments, as we pray, as we teach our children their history, as we name those of whom we are most proud, as we look back at our trials and tribulations as a people, let us remember just what it takes for us to be truly free. Please recall Jocelyn Bridges to your memory and ask God to bless her and her family. Ken did the work, but Jocelyn held him up and kept him balanced.

As I implied at the beginning of this article, although I could have done so, I did not ask Jocelyn for permission to write this and I did not send it to her before publishing it. I am confident of our friendship and our connection, through Ken initially, but now just between Jocelyn and me. I know she will not hold it against me for writing this tribute, for she knows it comes from my heart and from my abiding love for her and the children.

Let's not forget about Jocelyn Bridges, brothers and sisters. She deserves our tribute, she deserves our accolades, and she deserves our love, which is all she has ever really wanted anyway. It's the least we can do. On June 24th and any other time as well, let's remember Jocelyn Bridges by placing her on that list of women, named and unnamed, who made the sacrifices and paid the ultimate price for believing in their husbands and granting them the time and space to do the work of the people.

Thank you, Sister Jocelyn, for all you have given us and all you continue to give.

Peace and love, Jim.

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

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

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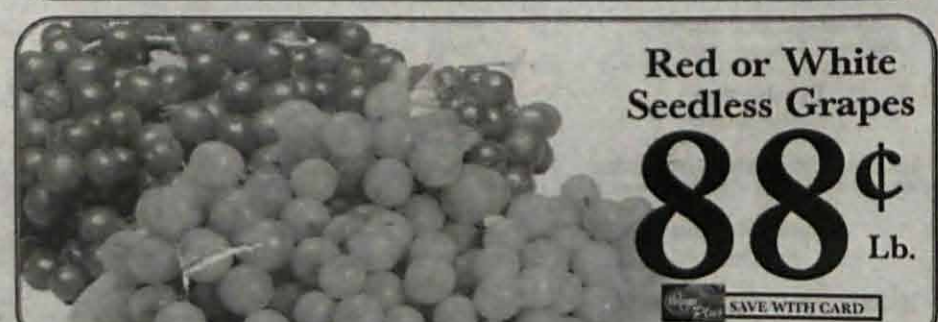
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The City of Irving Gives Hope for Women and Minority Owned Businesses

The City of Irving helped unravel the mysteries of conducting business with the city recently with its Opportunity Forum for Women and Minority Owned Businesses.

On Wednesday, June 15,



(L-R) Karen Atkins - Milton (Attendee) with Purchasing Agent Darlene Rush.

Robert Haas, the city's purchasing manager, and city purchasing agents, held a 90 minute forum providing information on city contacts for Bid information, and obtaining information regarding the procurement process.

Mr. Haas said "I thought it went very well, and I'm pleased with the response and input from vendors that were able to attend."

He added that although they have previously held similar forums, he saw the need for one targeting women and minority

owned businesses. Mr. Haas said this forum was practical with hands-on information.

"We got a lot of information out to the people," said Mr. Haas. "This was more practical for the user because they were able to see exactly what they have to do to submit a proposal to work with the City of Irving."

Purchasing Agent Darlene Rush prepared and presented the forum. She said that although the city had held a minority forum, they ran out of time to cover the purchasing and bid information.

Pamphlets with extensive information were given to the participants, including a list of purchasing agents with their contact information and the departments they cover. Specifications of the bidding process, bidder's application, information vendors must include to bid, and examples of any certificates needed were included in the handouts. Ms. Rush also walked attendees through the City of

Irving Web site to familiarize them with the on-line process of doing business with the city.

However, some attendees were disappointed that the City of Irving does not have a stated Minority Procurement Policy that includes percentages of business the city works with from women and minority owned businesses.

One lady, Carla, said she thought this showed that the city is behind in its business standards, but Mr. Haas said just because there are no percentages set down, the city has every intention of doing business with women and minorities.

African-American business consultant Mathis Perkins, said he thought the forum was very beneficial and "with continued efforts it will help us do business with the City of Irving."



City of Irving Purchasing Manager Robert Haas.

NBMBAA and ExxonMobil announce student business-case study competition

High school students from around the country are formulating their pitches and practicing their oratory skills in preparation for the National Black MBA Association's 2005 Leaders of Tomorrow Case Competition to be held at Dallas' Southern Methodist University.

The Leaders program, the NBMBAA's 12-year-old mentoring program for urban youth, is partnering with ExxonMobil in sponsoring the fourth annual event June 24th - 25th in Dallas, Texas.

High school students, involved with the Leaders program in 14 local chapters, will travel to the national competition to be held on the campus of Southern Methodist University. Some \$6,000 in college scholarships will be awarded to the top finishers. The NBMBAA's Dallas Fort-Worth Chapter, which will have competing team at the event, will serve as host.

Each year, the students are presented with a MBA - level business case from which they draft a business model solution.

This year's case involves the development of a 10-year strategic business model for cable's Black Entertainment Television (BET); which each team hypothetically presents to BET's new owners at Viacom and its Board of Directors. Students will be judged by a panel

of corporate executives who will score points for analysis, quality of presentation and feasibility of their recommendations.

"This is an exciting time of the year for these students," said Beverly Harris, NBMBAA national vice president of programs and education. "For many, this is their first opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and problem-solving skills in a formal competition."

The local NBMBAA's chapter members volunteer their time in working with the Leaders of Tomorrow students and providing coaching for this competition. Their other program activities include tutoring, leading workshops and chaperoning students on college campus tours.

ExxonMobil is sponsoring the airfare and hotel costs of the participants stay in Dallas. Local chapter leaders are also raising funds to help defray other competition costs include books, research and presentation materials.

For more information about the National Black MBA Association and the Leaders of Tomorrow Case Competition please visit <http://www.nbmbaa.org>. For more information about the Dallas event please contact Kathleen Valentine, kathleenvalentine@yahoo.com, 214.464.7315.

Dallas foundation partners with HUD to promote homeownership

A Dallas nonprofit will team with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to renovate and sell 120 foreclosed homes.

The Enterprise Foundation's Dallas office will be the third U.S. city to partner with HUD on the Asset Control Area program, which is designed to put foreclosed homes back on the market for low income families.

Columbia, Md.-based The Enterprise Foundation's Los Angeles office has refurbished 500 homes during the last three years, said Lorenzo Littles, director of the Dallas office. The program is also in Rochester, N.Y.

HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson came to Dallas to announce the program.

"Although the nation is experiencing a record high homeownership rate of nearly 70 percent, Dallas continues to lag behind at 44 percent," Jackson said in a statement. "The ACA program is another way that government, business and community leaders can ensure that more low-income and minority families get on the path to homeownership."

Enterprise Dallas will purchase at a discount HUD's foreclosed properties. These are homes where HUD or the Federal Housing Association insured the loan, but the homeowners weren't able to make the payments.

Little said Enterprise Dallas expects to spend between \$1.2 million and \$4.8 million refurbishing the properties. The homes are in an area that extends north to the George W. Bush Tollway, Interstate 635 to the east, Interstate 20 to the south and Loop 12 to the west.

The homes will sell for \$70,000 to \$90,000.

Littles said the target demographic for the ACA program's are families of four who make \$33,250, or half the average median income for Dallas.

Enterprise Dallas was chosen because of its work with the city of Dallas' Mortgage Assistance Program, he said. Enterprise Dallas has administered \$5.5 million in federal funds which provide down payments and closing costs for low income families.

Web site: www.enterprisefoundation.org.

Entrepreneurial Success Seminar

A series introducing current and potential African-American entrepreneurs to successful professionals experienced in marketing, banking and entrepreneurship continues with an Entrepreneurial Success Seminar. This seminar will be held on June 25th at 11:30am at Dallas City Hall. The seminar will be hosted by Dallas City Councilman Leo V. Chaney, Jr. and Rolling Out Publisher Munson Steed.

Panel guests include: Crystal Wilburn (Wellspring Mortgage), Gilbert Whavers (Chase Bank), Charlotte Thompson (Bank of America), Schnell Blanton (Imperial Beverage Group), Jeff Bowman (iBagit.com), Brandi Richard (Sacred Aroma), Leo Barron Hicks (South Dallas Fair Park Trust Fund), and Mark Duebner (City of Dallas, Business Development & Procurement Services).

This event will be held in the Dallas City Hall Auditorium (L1FN Green Door), 1500 Marilla, Dallas,

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Plano Celebrates Juneteenth



Residents enjoy hot dogs and sandwiches at Plano Juneteenth.

The City of Plano celebrated Juneteenth in the The Douglass Community, Fri-day June 17 and Saturday 18.

From children in strollers to senior citizens, The Douglass Community Center was buzzing with excitement on Friday evening with a live band, dancing and games. On Saturday, everyone got together for a cook-out.



(L-R) Eleanor Eveans, Jesse (Big Shot) Williams, Betty Henderson (seated), Ora Bond looking at their class picture from Douglass Elementary School.

Betty Henderson, who was born and raised in the Douglass Community, said she said she was enjoying having four generations of her family at the celebration, with her daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter.

Community, said she remembers the community having Juneteenth celebrations since she was a child.

"We didn't have this center here then, so we would get together at people's houses, and at the church," said Ms. Henderson.

And this year, she



Herman Johnson started cooking at 5:30 am.

Ex-KKK member convicted in 1964 killings

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. - An 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman was convicted of manslaughter Tuesday in the slayings of three civil rights workers exactly 41 years ago in a notorious case that inspired the movie "Mississippi Burning."

The jury of nine whites and three blacks reached the verdict on their second day of deliberations, rejecting murder charges against Edgar Ray Killen but also turning aside defense claims that he wasn't involved at all.

Killen showed no emotion as the verdict was read. He was comforted by his wife as he sat in his wheelchair, wearing an

oxygen tube. Heavily armed police formed a barrier outside a side door to the courthouse and jurors were loaded into two waiting vans and driven away.

Civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner were ambushed on June 21, 1964. Their bodies were found 44 days later buried in an earthen dam. They had been beaten and shot.

Cheers could be heard outside the two-story, red brick courthouse after the verdict was announced. Passers-by patted Chaney's brother, Ben, on the back and one woman slowed her vehicle and yelled, "Hey, Mr. Chaney, all right!"

Later, Ben Chaney thanked the prosecutors but said that for the community, "I really feel that there is more to be done." He said there were still no black businesses downtown.

Schwerner's widow, Rita Schwerner Bender, praised the verdict, calling it "a day of great importance to all of us." But she said others also should be held responsible for the slayings.

"Preacher Killen didn't act in a vacuum," Bender said. "The state of Mississippi was complicit in these crimes and all the crimes that occurred, and that has to be opened up."

Prosecutors had asked the jury

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Rainbow Estates Neighborhood Association and the Garland East Area



Children get their faces painted at Juneteenth.

Plan Implementation Committee.

Mr. Fields is also a member of the Garland Sports Hall of Fame - an organization he helped start.

"Mr. Gail Fields was a pioneer civil rights leader who helped change Garland," remarked B.J. Williams, Garland NAACP president. "This is a celebration of Juneteenth, but it's also a rededication of Mr. Gail Fields."



The Community of Garland at Juneteenth.

"Juneteenth is primarily important for the education for young people," he continued. "Young people first need to know from which they come, and to know what they have now."

During the Juneteenth celebration hundreds of people made their way through the Gail Fields Recreation Center, which featured food and several of events, including a 3-point basketball shootout. Winners of the 3-point contest in their respective division were Ladarrian Green (12-14), Latearius Hicks (15-17) and James Kirven (18-and-up).

The day also consisted of face painting for the kids, along with many other games for children.

Outside, many lawn chairs were lined up as the Chill Factor Jazz Band pleased with the in-tune crowd with



Children make crafts at Juneteenth in Garland.

many hits, including Al Green's "Let's Stay Together." Additional entertainment was provided by the Garland Community Gospel Choir and the GISD step team.

"This is important because I feel we have

a lost connection of our past," said Carol Montgomery, a member of the Negro Business Professional Women's Club.

"This allows us to reconnect to our history, especially for the young people."

Ms. Montgomery and the Negro Business Professional Women's Club was one of the many booths that graced the hallways of Gail Fields Recreation Center.

"This is a major event

for Americans of all races. It's just a joyous day," Garland City Councilwoman Terri Dunn said. "Our children nowadays might not know the importance of today (Juneteenth), but that's why we are here."

In homage to Mr. Fields, Ms. Dunn said, "he was a great man who passed away this week (of Juneteenth). He was a proud African American man ... a phenomenal man."

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Destiny's Child Announce Split Group will part ways after forthcoming U.S. tour.

In a surprise announcement from the stage during a show in Barcelona, Spain, on Saturday night, the members of Destiny's Child told fans they will disband at the conclusion of their current Destiny Fulfilled ... And Lovin' It Tour.

Kelly Rowland made the revelation before 16,000 fans at the Palau Sant Jordi, explaining that the concert would be the last European appearance by the group. In a statement released to MTV news on June 12, the trio thanked their loyal fans and pledged sisterly devotion to one another.

"We have been working together as Destiny's Child since we were 9, and touring together since we were 14," the statement read. "After a lot of discussion and some deep soul searching, we realized that our current tour has given us the opportunity to leave Destiny's Child on a high note, united in our friendship and filled with an overwhelming gratitude for our music, our fans, and each other. After all these wonderful years working together, we realized that now is the time to pursue our personal goals and solo efforts in earnest. ... No matter what happens, we will always love each other as friends and sisters and will always support each other as artists. We want to thank all of our fans for their incredible love and support and hope to see you all again as we continue fulfilling our destinies."

The announcement is surprising not least because the trio had downplayed rumors of a split in the wake of member

Beyoncé Knowles' multiplatinum 2003 solo LP, Dangerously in Love, although plans did call for the members to focus on solo projects at the end of this tour.

Destiny's Child — Knowles, Rowland and Michelle Williams — have become one of the top-selling female pop vocal groups in history, with worldwide sales of more than 40 million records. They will retire the name after their upcoming U.S. tour and pursue individual careers in film, music, theater

soundtrack to the blockbuster "Men in Black."

Their self-titled debut dropped the next year and spawned the Wyclef Jean-produced hit "No No No." Their second album, 1999's The Writing's on the Wall, cemented their reputation as hitmakers, with "Bills Bills Bills" and "Say My Name." But at the peak of their success, Roberson and Luckett tried to drop Mathew Knowles as their manager and were subsequently replaced in the "Say My Name" video with new members

Michelle Williams and Farrah Franklin.

The two ejected members sued Mathew Knowles and the group and eventually settled, but further turmoil ensued with Franklin, whose five-month tenure in Destiny's Child ended in July 2000. The group continued as a trio, scoring another huge hit with the song "Independent Women, Pt. 1"

and television.

Despite the announcement, the group's forthcoming U.S. tour — its first in four years — will go off as planned, kicking off on July 9 at the Savvis Center in St. Louis and wrapping up on September 10 at GM Place in Vancouver. Support acts on the tour include Amerie, Mario and Tyra.

Destiny's Child formed in Houston in 1990 when Knowles and original member LaTavia Roberson were 9 years old, with Knowles' father, Mathew, acting as their manager. Knowles' cousin, Rowland, joined two years later, in time for the trio to make their national debut on the show "Star Search." Fourth member LeToya Luckett signed on 1993, and the group made its recorded debut with the song "Killing Time" on the 1997

from the "Charlie's Angels" soundtrack, following it with 2001's Survivor, which hit with the title track and the ubiquitous "Bootylicious."

Though Beyoncé had long since become the breakout star of the group, Williams was the first to release a solo album, the gospel LP Heart to Yours, in 2002. Beyoncé, who co-starred with Mike Myers in the third Austin Powers movie, "Goldmember," released Dangerously in Love in 2003, and Rowland released an LP that year, Simply Deep.

Even after Beyoncé scored multiplatinum success off such solo hits as "Crazy in Love" and her face became a regular presence in commercials and print ads, the trio came back together last year to release Destiny Fulfilled.

progress on the case, which remains unsolved.

Initially, Los Angeles police detectives speculated that rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight may have solicited Mack to carry out the Wallace homicide as retaliation for the murder of Tupac Shakur (see "Ex-Police Officer Suspected In Notorious

B.I.G. Shooting"). Both deaths served as the climax of a rivalry between West Coast and East Coast factions, associated with Knight's Los Angeles-based Death Row Records and Biggie's label home, New York-based Bad Boy Entertainment. Mack and Knight have denied involvement.



der of the New York rapper.

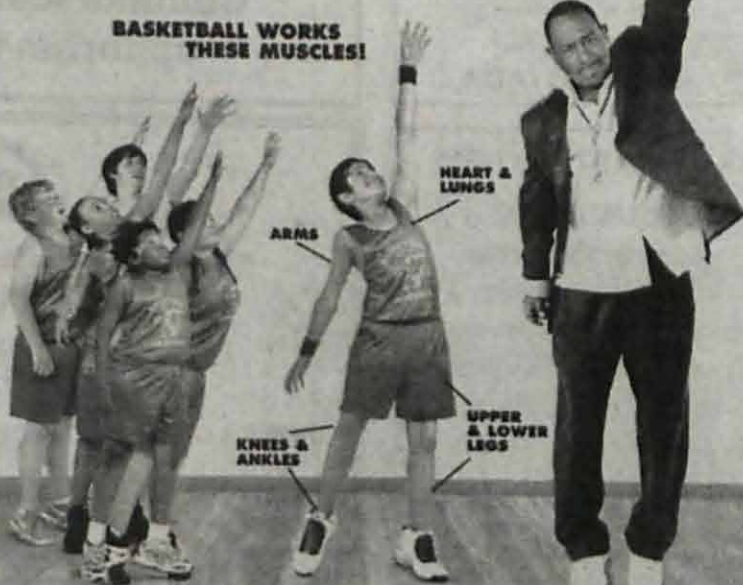
In 2002, the rapper's mother, Voletta Wallace, and his widow, singer Faith Evans — along with other heirs — filed a wrongful-death suit in federal court against the city of Los Angeles as well as former and current Los Angeles Police Department chiefs. Last year, the suit was cleared to go to trial, the city stands as the only remaining defendant.

Ultimately, the jury will decide who can be held accountable for the murder of Biggie Smalls (born Christopher Wallace). Jurors must consider whether David Mack hatched a plot to kill Biggie before they can find fault with city policy and rule on damages.

Wallace was killed on March 9, 1997, while sitting in a sport utility vehicle following a music-industry event at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles' Mid-Wilshire district. Eight years later, police have made little

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nately be found at Brooklyn. The list of headliners reads like a who's who of distinguished local musicians. The line up begins and is anchored by Dallas legend Martha Burks, who performed opening night and has played virtually every weekend since. Other artists include local fixtures Joe McBride, Marchel Ivery and Joseph Vincelli; audiences are treated to a broad range of music from straight-ahead jazz to fusion to contemporary R&B. New talent is showcased on the last Tuesday of each month when the "Out In the Open" series solicits new bands and artists to perform.

Aside from the music, crowds are amazed and inspired by the camaraderie between diverse audience members that would not otherwise come together anywhere else in Dallas. Because of the intimate coziness of Brooklyn, it's not uncommon to see a table where

thirty-something African-American couples are enjoying music and bonding with white couples in their 50's.

"We want to be part of this neighborhood because the community needs it" Ms. Tate continued. "The music transcends races and ages. We really become part of people's lives and they become part of ours."

"I love the fact that people can walk down here whether after work or after church, because we see this as more of a place to fellowship than a bar or a restaurant."

All of these positive attributes of Brooklyn Jazz Café make the much publicized complaints over noise by a nearby restaurant even more unfortunate. Prior to opening, the Tates were given a commitment by their landlord for additional space if needed. That commitment was never honored, and instead, weekly complaints about noise came from a restaurant located

two storefronts down from Brooklyn.

"Every Wednesday we get a call about the noise," explained Ms. Tate. "We've changed the volume control on speakers and



changed equipment. The funny thing is that we've had reporters from the Dallas reporters and patrons go down there and say they can't hear

the Tates have started to explore other options. At present, their landlord has requested that they spend over \$6000 to put up a wall in the space adjacent to

Brooklyn, with no guarantees that would solve the noise issue. It's not hard to discern the potential role that merchant jealousy and the culture shock of a parade of diverse clientele has on the situation.

Still, the Tates retain their passion for the music and the fellowship. They plan to start construction in July at a location closer to downtown near the Southside Lofts on Lamar, and are looking at an October opening.

It is a safe bet that the clientele and camaraderie between patrons will remain no matter what the location of Brooklyn Jazz Café. It's an even safer bet that the passion of Lorna and Robin Tate for good music will continue to make Brooklyn a jazzy place to be.

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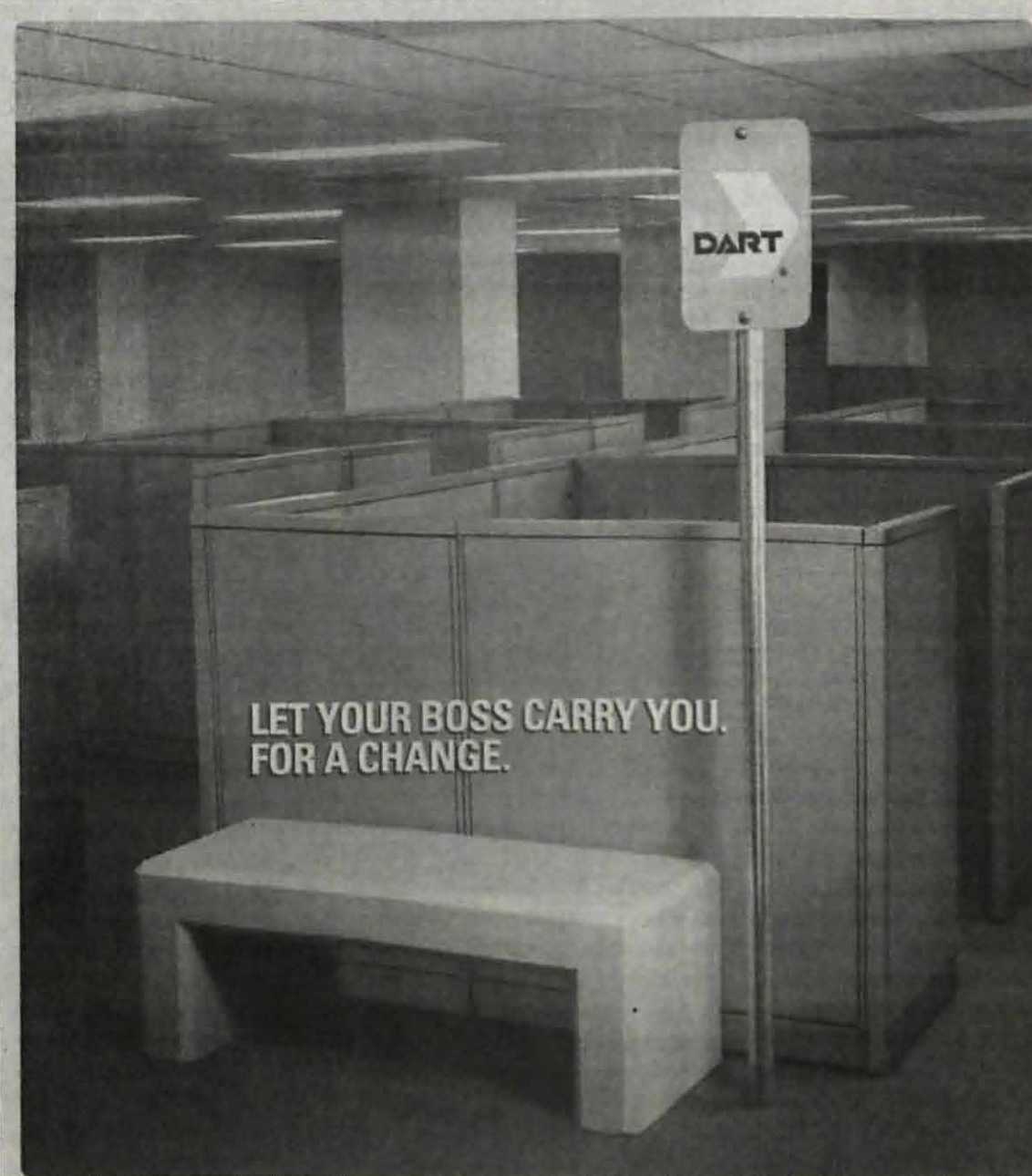
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The Jackie Townsell African Drummers entertain the audience with a drumming and dance performance.



The Sensational Wonders amaze the audience with their gospel performance.



The band Fingerprints dazzles the audience with a combination of Jazz and R&B tunes.



(L-R) James Dickens (City of Irving Mayor Pro Tem), Jackie Madden (Event Coordinator) and Herb Gears (Newly elected Mayor of Irving).



(L-R) Irving NAACP Members: Reginald Titus (1st Vice President), Tony Grimes (President), Roberta Mayes (Secretary), Fletcher Yates (Executive Vice President).



The audience enjoys the concert entertainment.

The City of Irving held its Juneteenth Celebration and Concert on Saturday, June 18th at West Park Recreation Center. The celebration was sponsored by the City of Irving Parks and Recreation Department. Irving residents were

treated to performances from the Jackie Townsell African Drummers and Dancers, gospel performers The Sensational Wonders, and jazz band Fingerprints. Various vendors showcased clothing, jewelry and art, as well as food and drinks. The

Master of Ceremonies for the celebration was Selinza Mitchell; also present was newly elected Irving Mayor, Herb Gears. The Irving NAACP was also in attendance and conducted a voter's registration drive as part of the event.

Celebrate 30 Years of Ministry with Concord Church

Join the Concord Church and Senior Pastor Reverend Bryan L. Carter as they celebrate 30 years of ministry and service to the community. The church was founded by the late Dr. E. K. Bailey in 1975 on the campus of Bishop College with only 250 members. The congregation has now grown to more than 3,000, a staff of 30, and operates a full-time daycare and learning center.

Activities will take place from Wednesday, June 22nd through Sunday, June 26th. Get your step on at the Old School Step Show on Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. Fellowship at the Anniversary Banquet at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, featuring recording artist Daryl Coley and comedian Jonathan Slocumb at the Fairmont Hotel. The Concord Fest Carnival takes place on

Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The carnival will feature free food, games and attractions. A comedy show will be held on Saturday night with Jonathan Slocumb, and will also showcase the debut album release from DeMetrius McClendon. Tickets are \$10. Concord Church is located at 6808 Boulder Drive in Dallas. For more information, please call 214-331-8522.

U.S. Senate Apologizes Page 1

House of Representatives.

But despite the support of the legislation by seven U.S. presidents, the Senate prevented all the measures from becoming law, with much of the opposition coming from southern lawmakers who raised procedural roadblocks.

Such legislation would have made lynching a federal crime and allowed the U.S. government to prosecute those responsible, including local law enforcement officers.

Dan Duster, a descendant of Ida B. Wells, a former slave who became an anti-lynching crusader, praised senators who publicly backed the resolution of apology and scorned those who did not.

No lawmaker opposed the measure, but 20 of the 100 senators had not signed a statement of support of it shortly before a vote was taken on a nearly empty Senate floor.

"I think it's politics. They're afraid of losing votes from people of prejudice," Duster said of those who did not sign the statement of support.

The resolution was first proposed last year by Sens. Mary Landrieu, a Louisiana Democrat, and George Allen, a Virginia Republican, after they read the book, "Without Sanctuary:

Lynching Photography in America," a pictorial history by James Allen.

"The more I learned about this terrorism in America, the more committed I became to doing something positive and passing this resolution," Landrieu said.

"The Senate failed these Americans," said Allen. "If we truly want to move forward, we must admit that failure and learn from it."

The resolution expresses apologies not only to the victims of lynchings, but also to their descendants, nearly 200



of whom came to the Capitol to witness passage of the measure.

Also there was James Cameron, 91, believed to be the only known lynching survivor. Cameron was arrested in August 1930 in Marion, Indiana, and taken to jail along with two of his friends for the murder of a white man and suspected rape of a white woman.

A mob broke into the jail

and pulled the three out. Cameron's two friends were hanged, and a noose was placed around the neck of Cameron, then a 16-year-old shoeshine boy.

But as the noose was tightened, a voice reportedly shouted out that Cameron was guilty of no crime. He was returned to his cell and later convicted of being an accessory to white man's death. He was pardoned in 1993, by then-Gov. Evan Bayh, now a Democratic U.S. senator from Indiana.

"The apology is a good idea,

but it still won't bring anyone back," said Cameron. "I hope that the next time it won't take so long to admit to our mistakes."

While most lynching victims were deemed criminal suspects, others had merely gotten into a spat with a white man, perhaps for looking at a white woman. Lynchings refer not only to hangings, but mob executions by beatings, bullets and fire.

Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 23, 7:00 pm

Please join us for "Family Night" there will be lots of food and fun.

June 24, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Vacation Bible School begins for children, youth, and adults. Our theme has a western flare: "Meet You at the Ranch." Classes will continue on Saturday @ 9:00 am, and will conclude on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour for the children. Our church family will have a picnic after worship service on Sunday. Come dressed casually, and ready for fun. For more information please call the church @ 972-424-8500.

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Destiny & Purpose Ministries
Minister Carolyn Robinson,
Founder
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Dallas, TX 75376
214-641-8535

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June 24 & 25, 7:30 pm

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June 26, 6:00 pm

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For more information contact @ 972-329-1358

Faith and Power Ministries
Apostle James Turknett,
Overseer
2120 North St. Augustine Road, #126
Dallas, TX 75227
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FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH ASSOCIATION

June 24, 7:30 pm

God's Prayer House @ 2152 Fordham Road, Dallas, TX 75216 where Bishop Guy Futch is the pastor will host an Appreciation Celebration for Pastor Deborah N. Jackson of the Walk of Faith Church of Deliverance. The guest speaker will be Co-Pastor Daisy Brookshire of the Heart of God Ministries in Cedar Hill, TX.

June 26, 4:00 pm

God's Prayer House @ 2152 Fordham Road, Dallas, TX 75216 where Bishop Guy Futch is the pastor will host the conclusion service of the Appreciation Celebration for Pastor Deborah N. Jackson of the Walk of Faith Church of Deliverance. The guest speaker will be Bishop D. Crawford of the Fellowship of Believers Ministries in Dallas.

For further information contact: Elder Erica Jackson @ 214-405-3173.

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

Ms. Cedella Darletha Roberson, a 3-year high school graduate, from Lobias Murray Christian Academy (LMCA), Dallas, TX, had the highest Grade Point Average (GPA) in her class, which makes the title, "Valedictorian" of her graduation class most appropriate and befitting.

The youngest of three children, and the only girl; Cedella is the name sake of her maternal great grandmother, Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus, and as far as her family knows, the name is unique to her and her great grandmother only.

Cedella has plans to attend Texas Woman's University (TWU) in Denton, TX; major in Nursing; and become a Nurse Practitioner.

Throughout her early school years, Cedella was a leader. She was first a drill team member, and then Co-Captain, and finally Captain of the Lake Highlands Pee Wee Drill Team. At Sarah Zumwalt Middle School she was the cheerleader captain, and a member of the band; at half time, she would change uniform, pick up her trumpet and then march with fellow band members; at the end of their performance she would resume her duties as cheerleader captain. As captain of the Cheerleading Squad, the squad and Cedella, personally, received several trophies of Excellence in competition.

As a high school freshman, Cedella transferred to LMCA from Dallas Independent School District, and she accepted Christ into her life; and she was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. As a sophomore she was inducted into the National Honor Roll Society, and she was a member of the high-status "Young Sophisticates," a group of very high achievers. Furthermore, while maintaining her three-year 3.9 plus GPA, Cedella was registered in the Directory of Who's Who Among American High School Students; and she was a member of

Congrats To A High School Graduate

LMCA Competition Choir.

Cedella was a member of the prestigious United States Achievement Academy. She was a member of the Drama Club for 2 years; won First Place in Art Contests as well as Reading and Storytelling competitions during her senior year. In addition, during her senior



Picture of The Week
Ms. Cedella Darletha Roberson on graduation night.

year, the LMCA Competition Choir won First Place among Dallas High School Choirs.

Because of her excellent GPA, her extracurricular activities, and her positive attitude, during her last two years at LMCA, Cedella was invited to participate in the esteemed National Youth Congress, and as a 3-year graduate, she served on the Student Council at LMCA for 2 years.

Cedella's goal is to excel in her academic endeavors at TWU, and to keep her family's legacy of obtaining the highest education. Her motto is: "Optimizing is

the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done without hope and confidence." - Hellen Keller

INFORMATION EVERYONE CAN USE

Worry, the most destructive habit you can have. Loss of self-respect is the greatest loss. Selfishness is the ugliest personality trait. Fear is the greatest problem to overcome. Excuses are the most crippling failure. Self-pity is the most worthless emotion. The Tongue is the deadliest weapon. On the other hand: Peace of Mind is the most effective sleeping pill. Love is the most powerful force. The Brain is the world's most incredible computer. Faith is the greatest asset. Encouragement, the greatest "shot in the arm." A Smile is the most beautiful attire. Integrity is the most prized possession. Prayer is the most powerful form of communication.

Graduates, if you believe and trust in God, He has a well-planned future for your life that no one can thwart. Sin at best offers quick thrills, usually followed by long-standing regrets. Its eternal plan is an eternity separated from God and filled with suffering. Now compare that to the blessings of a life that serves God, and an eternity of joy in His presence. Step forward with confidence and hope as you reach this next stage on your life's journey; God has a plan for you!

Applause! Applause! To my great grand nephews' 2005 graduation: Mr. Dominic Lee Avery from W.T. White High School, and Mr. Jason Demond Brown from Duncanville High School.

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Please join us for our "City-Wide Revival" with our theme: "I'm Not Leaving The Same Way I Came." Zion Evangelistic Outreach Ministries will host the revival @ 102 West Palestine Road, Hutchins, TX 75141. Guest speakers will be Evangelist Elizabeth Johnson & Pastor Deborah Jackson, Walk of Faith Ministries in Waxahachie, TX; Minister Davis, St. Mark Baptist Church in Dallas; Minister & Evangelist Terris Moore, Heart of God Ministries, in Cedar Hill, TX; and Evangelist Evelyn Crawford & Bishop Gregory Crawford, Fellowship of Believers Ministries in Dallas.

For more information, contact Evangelist Crawford @ 214-372-3624

Fellowship of Believers Ministries
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to send a message to the rest of the world that Mississippi has changed and is committed to bringing to justice those who killed to preserve segregation in the 1960s. They said the evidence was clear that Killen organized the attack on the three victims.

Killen's lawyers conceded he was in the Klan but said that did not make him guilty. They pointed out that prosecutors offered no witnesses or evidence that put Killen at the scene of the crime. Killen did not take the stand, but has long claimed that he was at a wake at a funeral home when the victims were killed.

While Killen was indicted on murder charges, which could carry a life sentence, prosecutors asked the judge to allow the jury to consider the lesser charge of manslaughter, which has a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

Attorney General Jim Hood said earlier that with a murder charge, prosecutors had to prove intent to kill. With a manslaughter charge, he said, prosecutors had to prove only that a victim died while another crime was being committed.

Killen was only person ever brought up on murder charges in the case by the state of Mississippi.

Killen, a part-time preacher and sawmill operator, was tried in 1967 on federal charges of violating the victims' civil rights. But the all-white jury deadlocked, with one juror saying she could not convict a preacher. Seven others were convicted, but none served more than six years.

The trial moved along swiftly, with testimony over only four days. Many of the witnesses from the 1967 trial now dead; this time, their testimony was read aloud to the jury from the transcripts.

Chaney, a black Mississippian, and Goodman and Schwerner, white New Yorkers, were in Neshoba County to look into the torching of a black church and help register black voters during

what was called Freedom Summer.

The three were stopped for speeding on the night of the attack, jailed briefly, and then released, after which they were followed out of town by a gang of Klansmen and intercepted.

Witnesses - primarily Klansmen - testified that Killen



was a local Klan organizer who led meetings where members discussed the "elimination" of Schwerner, whom they called "Goatee" because of his beard.

Witnesses said on the day of the slayings, Killen drove about 35 miles to Meridian and rounded up carloads of Klansmen to intercept the three men in their station wagon. According to testimony, Killen told some Klansmen to get plastic gloves and helped arrange for a bulldozer to bury the bodies.

Killen's case marked the latest attempt in the Deep South to deal with unfinished business from the civil rights era.

In 1994, Mississippi won the conviction of Byron de la Beckwith for the 1963 sniper killing of state NAACP leader Medgar Evers.

In Alabama, Bobby Frank Cherry was convicted in 2002 of killing four black girls in the bombing of a Birmingham church in 1963 - the deadliest attack of the civil rights era. In 2001, Thomas Blanton was convicted in the bombing.

State prosecutors also have reopened an investigation into the 1955 slaying of Chicago teenager Emmett Till in the Mississippi Delta. Till was kidnapped from his uncle's home after being accused of whistling at a white woman. Three days later, the 14-year-old's mutilated body was found in a river. Earlier this month, his remains were exhumed and autopsied.

In the case against Killen, prosecutors told jurors that a conviction was crucial in showing the world that times have changed in Mississippi.

"Because the guilt of Edgar Ray Killen is so clear, there is only one question left," prosecutor Mark Duncan said. "Is a Neshoba County jury going to tell the rest of the world that we are not going to let Edgar Ray Killen get away with murder any more? Not one day more."

Defense attorney James McIntyre urged the jury to "vote your conscience" and acquit Killen. "There is a reasonable doubt,"

the lawyer said. The bald, gray-haired Killen was brought into court each day in a wheelchair - the result of a logging accident in which he broke his legs. Killen had to be taken from the courthouse in a stretcher last week to be treated for high blood pressure - the same day that Schwerner's widow took the stand.

Bender took a riveted courtroom back in time to 1964, when she and her husband stayed in Mississippi with black families but had to constantly move around because of threats against their lives.

She also recalled the day when she was told that authorities had found the burned-out shell of her husband's blue station wagon.

"I think it really hit me for the first time that they were dead, that there was really no realistic possibility that they were alive," Bender said, occasionally looking as though she was fighting back tears. A few in the courtroom wiped away tears during the testimony.

Church Happenings

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Ending tomorrow, June 24, 7:15 pm
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June 25, 10:00 am

We are presenting "The Birth Clinic" with Evangelist Sherry Bronson of Discover the Power Within Ministries, and Evangelist Evelyn Crawford of Fellowship of Believers Ministries will give the ladies instructions; and she will assist Apostle Loretta Williams in the "Birthing Process." The event will be held at Super 8 Motel in the Meeting Room, 4245 W. Airport Freeway, off 183 Esters Road in Irving, TX 75062
For more information about workshops, please call 972-570-4769

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WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEWISVILLE
July 10, 7:00 pm

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WOMEN PRAYING FOR CHRIST MINISTRY
July 30, 6:00 pm

We are hosting our First Annual "Stepping Out with Prayer & Praise (P & P) Banquet at the Crowne Plaza - Market Center, 7050 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247. Our theme is "Instructions for Holy Living" found in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22. Our speakers will be: Pastor Lucretia Cooks, Jubilee UMC; Ms. Dianne Gibson, Miss. Community; and Prophetess Joyce Robinson, First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park. Mistress of Ceremony will be Ms. Erykah James, Radio Personality on 105.7 FM.

We will have prize drawings, Praise Team entertainment, Praise in Motion Dance Ministry, several soloists, including Sandra Finney, Minister Diane Frazier, Rick James, and Valerie Williams.

Proceeds from this event will benefit "Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County." For more information and ticket prices, please call Angela King @ 214-450-7634

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