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## People In The News



Rona Jackson wants the world to know that a positive attitude and determination can equip anyone to achieve whatever dream they desire. She also wants them to know that there is a very thin line between genuine obstacles and excuses. The single mother of three was recently awarded a \$2000 scholarship from Concord Missionary Baptist Church to assist her in her college education. Selection criteria included GPA, volunteer work and demonstrated leadership ability. Ms. Jackson is currently enrolled at El Centro Community College where she is pursuing an Associates Degree in a Paralegal.

"I would like to send a message to single parents to do something positive so that you can be happy with yourself and your life," she said. "I encourage them to not let obstacles stop them and remember to put God first all the time. In addition to being a full-time mother, employee and student, Ms. Jackson finds time to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher at Concord Missionary Baptist Church where she has been a member for six years. Ms. Jackson is also a volunteer at State Senator Royce West's office. She enjoys spending time with her family and is currently working on a book she hopes to publish within the year."

The Men's Ministry of Keller Springs Baptist Church will host a Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, August 13, 2005 at 8:30 am with guest speaker William Blair, Jr., publisher of the *Black News*. Blair's address will provide "Wisdom From a Seasoned Man."

Mr. Blair was born on October 17, 1921, and is a native of Dallas, Texas. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and attended Prairie View A&M University. He was the youngest black first sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is a Negro League Baseball Museum Inductee. Some of his baseball highlights include: Pitching a no-hitter in the Denver Post Tournament, the lowest of playing with the late Windfield Welch, Jose "Hoss" Walker, and Buster Haywood, touring with the great Jesse Owens' and the Harlem Globetrotters.

In 1986, Mr. Blair established and launched the first Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. parade that is still going strong today.

Mr. Blair has been married to Mozelle Jordan Blair for 59 years and is the father of seven children.

Anyone interested in attending the Fellowship Breakfast and hearing "Wisdom From a Seasoned Man" can contact the church at 972-735-8077, e-mail men@kellersprings.org or visit the church website at www.kellersprings.org.



New Life Fellowship Church of Hamilton Park and Senior Pastor Bishop Miller E. Johnson presents the A.L.T.A.R. Album Release Showcase on Saturday, August 13, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

A.L.T.A.R. (At Last The Army Returns) features Kareem "Mr. Ken" Lawson (left) and Larry "K-Law" Pickens (right). The group was formed in 2003 around the concept of an army carrying the message of revival, restoration and return to today's youth. Group members perform with the objective of reaching a generation of children that are bombarded and struggle daily with messages and temptations of drugs, sex and questionable music and images in our culture. Their primary focus is providing a refuge and an alternative of godly message and music for children, teens and young adults.

The Release Showcase is open to various local gospel groups to display their talents, church officials are soliciting choir and gospel groups interested in participating to register to perform. The deadline for registration is Friday, August 5, 2005. For information on registration call Latricia Pickens at 469-544-2011.

The A.L.T.A.R. Album Release Showcase will be held at the New Life Fellowship Church of Hamilton Park, 8219 Bunche Drive, Dallas.

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## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Mentors Students on Self-Education



Brother Derek Lewis congratulates Darrien Washington, winner of the "Stock Game".

By: Paul Halley • Pictures By: LaQuisha Hensley

The objective of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives. This summer, the Brothers of the The Alpha Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity partnered with the Boys and Girls Club in preparing students of the Douglass Community to educate themselves. Their Summer Mentoring Program culminated in an awards luncheon on July 27th at Tino's Restaurant in Plano.

Karen Johnson, Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Plano, solicited the men of Omega Psi Phi to establish a summer program designed to provide guidance and mentoring to young teens who had been working at the Boys & Girls Club at the Douglass Community Center. A total of 19 students participated in the mentoring program.

Upon accepting the task, Program Chair, Derek Lewis worked to develop the program, including the recruitment of sponsors. Sponsors for the program included Charles Schwab, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the Derek Lewis Sr. Foundation. Mr. Lewis expressed his excitement and

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## Animal Farm - The Black Version

By: James Clingman

You may remember *Animal Farm*, the 1945 classic written by George Orwell. Many in my generation had to read the book in high school. Over the years, I have come to see the relevance of the message in *Animal Farm*, even more so as I look at the condition of our people.

The book is centered on the dissatisfaction of farm animals who felt they were being mistreated by Farmer Jones. Led by the pigs, the animals revolted against their human masters, and after their victory, they decide to run the farm themselves on egalitarian principles. The pigs become corrupted by power and a new tyranny is established. That famous line, "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others" still rings true, even among Black people.

Is White racism the bane of Black society? Or, is Black "classism" more debilitating to our progress? I just finished reading *The Head Negro* in Charge, by

Norman Kelley, reminiscence of E. Franklin Frazier's *Black Bourgeoisie*, and Harold Cruse's *Crisis of the Negro Intellectual*, which also reminded me of Orwell's book. I plan to write an article on Kelley's *HNIC* later, but for now let me highly recommend his book to all of you. Brother Kelley makes his case with an unapologetic, equal-opportunity, callout session of some of our Black leaders, their penchant for self-aggrandizement, and their individual prosperity rather than our collective economic progress.

But back to *Animal Farm*. As he looked back on his *Talented Tenth* concept, W.E.B. DuBois wrote

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## Voting with our Feet

By: Ron Walters - NNPA Columnist

On Saturday, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. will lead a commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act in Atlanta. It is vitally important that this date is marked, both because it has meant so much to the history of African-Americans as a validation of their struggle for citizenship and because we cannot depend upon other institutions to education our own about our successes and where we have to go next.

Most important, it is vital to remember that civil rights laws such as the Voting Rights Act represent something that Blacks and their allies who believed in justice created. It was not a grant of government, but an act of self determination by people who believed in the fulfillment of the promises of American democracy. Nor did they believe that by merely acquiring the right to vote that the status of citizenship alone would give them the power they

needed to make the necessary changes that would improve their lives. That is to say, from Frederick Douglass (and even before him) to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Stokely Carmichael and others, the quest for the right to vote was the quest to use the vote as an instrument of empowerment.

The most immediate result of the Voting Rights Act was the improvement in the voting by Blacks. In Mississippi, Black voting went from 6 percent of all Blacks in 1964 to 44 percent by 1968. Section 2 of the Act prompted the courts to examine

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## Garland Town Meeting

The City of Garland will broadcast a Town Meeting for residents on Tuesday, August 9, 2005.

The program, hosted by District 6 Council Member Barbara Chick and District 8 Council Member and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Randall Dunning, will be aired live on cable CGTV-15 at 7 p.m.

A call-in format allows residents from Districts 6 and 8 to ask their City Council representatives questions about their neighborhoods.

Each Council representative will give a "state of the district" message, then citizens

can call 972-205-9035 with their questions and comments.

Citizens without cable access may attend the meetings in person.

Questions will be taken from the audience following the live broadcast. The meetings are held in the Garland City Council chambers at Garland City Hall, First Floor, 200 North Fifth Street.

## 'Because it's fun'

Prizes draw performers, entertainment draws families to annual Denton talent show

By: Ann Thomas Benson

For the seventh consecutive summer, Apollo Nights closed the season Sunday with a night of singing, rapping and dancing by its

competition held by Harold Johnson, a Denton resident who mows lawns to make the extra cash needed to sponsor the event. Johnson works full-time for Denton County, but started the side job to generate the prize money for Apollo Nights, the amateur talent contest held in Fred Moore Park.

"It gets bigger every year," Johnson said. "We all have fun."

For this summer's final show, City Council



young performers.

"We just do it because it's fun and we like to dance," said Montrae Johnson, 15, a Denton High School student.

Montrae and two of his friends danced during the

Member Charlye Heggins showed up to help kick things off.

"At the first Apollo Nights, I performed," Heggins told the crowd at the start of the show. "I was

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## Congressional Black Caucus endorses Millions More Movement

By: Akiba Muhammad

Just as individual members have, for some time, the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), as a whole, is now preparing to play its part in the Millions More Movement.

Although their meeting was interrupted several times by votes on the House Floor, practically all 43 CBC members eagerly attended parts of all of a two-hour session at the Capitol July 20 with Minister Louis Farrakhan and several leaders of the 10th Anniversary Commemoration of the Millions Man March to be held in Washington Oct. 14-16.

Following the unpublished strategy session, CBC Chair Melvin Watt (D-N.C.) told reporters that the CBC supports the October mobilization. The CBC is determined to become involved before and, most importantly, after the Commemoration to ensure that the Millions More Movement is

an ongoing movement that addresses the concerns of our people.



CBC Chair Melvin Watt (D-N.C.)

Individual members were also enthusiastic about their collaboration. "I'm a strong supporter of this effort," Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) told The Final Call shortly after the meeting. "Minister Farrakhan made a great presentation to us, and the Caucus is going to be very supportive." A veteran

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## For black men, job market hurdles grow ever larger

By: Charles Stein

It has been a tough job market for young people over the past few years. For young black men — especially those with limited education — it has been a brutal job market.

In 2004, fewer than 39 percent of black men between the ages of 16 and 24 had a job. The comparable national numbers for Hispanics and whites were 60 percent and 59 percent. All three groups lost ground between 2000 and 2004. Blacks started from a lower point and fell further.

In a recently published paper called, "What Explains

the Continuing Decline in Labor Force Activity Among Young Black Men?" Georgetown University public policy professor Harry Holzer supplies some answers. His paper makes for depressing reading.

According to Holzer, about 5 percent of all black men are incarcerated. For black men between 16 and 34 the percentage rises to 12 percent. Prisoners don't need to find jobs. Former prisoners do. Holzer estimates that 30 percent of young black men have criminal records. You don't

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## Citizens of Plano Welcome Pastor Clarence Ford



First Family of Hill Chapel CME Church, Jared, First Lady Hope, Pastor Ford, and Jordan at their reception.



T.J. Johnson, Pastor Ford, Dr. Myrtle Hightower, First Lady Hope, and Jordan



Stewards of Hill Chapel with Rev. Clarence Ford: Anthony Lewis, Arthur Young, E.J. McGuire, Pastor Ford, Roy Gilliam, and Jay Lewis. Not pictured are Stewards David Stephens, Felix Cortez, and Maurice Prince.



Mayor welcomes First Family of Hill Chapel CME: (L to R) Jordan, Pastor Clarence Ford, First Lady Hope, and the Honorable Pat Evans, Mayor of Plano, TX.

This past weekend Hill Chapel CME Church members and the Stewards of the church held a city-wide reception to introduce their new pastor, Rev. Clarence Ford, First Lady Hope, and their two sons, Jordan and Jared to the church community, the City of Plano, and the neighborhood. The

family was welcomed to the City of Plano by Mayor Pat Evans, to the Douglas Ministers' group by Rev. Clifton Wells of New Birth Church, and to the Douglas Community neighborhood by Mr. Ben Thomas, a life long resident of Plano and Board Member of MON-The Gazette. Rev. Russell & Mrs. Sharon

Fuller were in attendance as long time friends of the Ford Family. Rev. Russell spoke kind words about Pastor Ford.

The reception was held at the Harrington Public Library on 18th Street and was attended by many community leaders, the church community, family and friends.

## Bill would give DART \$271M

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, on Thursday said a surface transportation reauthorization bill was passed that includes \$271.1 million in funding for Dallas light rail system.

Hutchison said if the bill is signed into law by the president, \$260 million will be used for an expansion of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit's existing Northwest/Southwest light rail

system. When the expansion is completed it will link Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Farmers Branch, Carrollton, Dallas Love Field and downtown Dallas with Fair Park and Pleasant Grove.

The remaining \$11.7 million of the funding will be used for improvements to DART's bus passenger facilities.

"These transportation projects

will improve safety, ease congestion and provide new public transportation options for workers, visitors and residents," said Hutchison, who is a member of the Senate commerce, science and transportation committee.

"The entire community will benefit from these improvements that will also strengthen the local economy."

## Frisco, region brace for IKEA mania

The opening ceremonies of home furnishings giant IKEA are planned for Wednesday, August 3rd as multitudes are expected to converge on the gigantic blue box on the corner of State Highway 121 and the Dallas North Tollway.

According to Frisco and IKEA officials, the retailer expects \$100 million in revenue in its first year, bringing in \$2 million in sales tax for the city's coffers.

Lured away from Plano, Allen, Dallas and other North Texas cities by a \$6.5 million tax break, the Swedish home furnishings super store settled in Frisco. Critics said a retail chain shouldn't get such a large tax incentive, but city officials—especially Frisco Economic Development Corp. President Jim Gandy—said that's a small investment in years of revenue.

According to IKEA's numbers, the company had global

sales of \$15.5 billion in 2004. In the United States, it counted sales of \$1.7 billion from its 23 stores. A Tempe, Ariz. store opened last year, and the Frisco location will bring the number to an even two dozen. It will be the 217th IKEA store overall. It will be the second store in Texas, joining IKEA Houston.

"We are very excited about opening our new Frisco store, and we're counting down the days and the hours and the minutes," said Jim Tilley, IKEA Frisco manager. "Our IKEA mission is to create a better overall life for many. Our low prices help you furnish the home of your dreams."

"We have people that have participated in many IKEA openings planning this (Frisco) event for many, many months," Krys Lee, IKEA Frisco assistant manager said. "We have been working with the city and the police department and they

have been great. There are a lot of security and crowd control measures that will be in place, and we expect everything to go smoothly."

In celebration of the grand opening, the store is holding a "Fun Factor" challenge, pitting four contestants chosen in a joint promotion with a local radio station from more than 4,500 entrants. The quartet will live inside the store from Sunday through Wednesday, engaging in a "Swedish Shopping Frenzy" scavenger hunt, a "Southern Scramble" design challenge and a "Texas table setting" competition. The winner will get a \$3,000 IKEA gift card, with \$2,000 for second place and \$1,000 for third and fourth place.

Additionally, IKEA will match the prize money (\$7,000) with a donation to the Collin County Children's

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## Around The Town

### On going

Plano City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of every month for a 5:00 p.m. workshop and at 7:00 p.m. for a regular meeting. At the Municipal Center, 1520 Avenue K.

The North Dallas Business Professionals Networking After Business Hours - Wednesdays at Django on the Parkway, Addison, 5100 Beltline Rd, 6 p.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](http://www.ntheknow.com)

The Plano and Frisco Bar Associations with Legal Aid of N.W. Texas sponsor clinics providing free legal help to residents. The clinics are at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Salvation Army in Plano, 3528 E 14th St., and the second Thursday of each month at First United

Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. in Allen. Call 1-800-906-3045.

Corcoran Gallery of Art presents the Gordon Parks Half Past Autumn Exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art, through September 4th.

Cool Thursday Concert Series-Dallas Arboretum presents performances from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Martin Rutchik Concert Stage overlooking White Rock Lake. Call 214-515-6594 or visit [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org)

**Through August 26**  
Application deadline for the The Plano Parks and Recreation Department Christmas Crafts Fair now being accepted, deadline is August 26. The application deadline is August 26. Prizes are awarded for best decorated booth with a holiday theme and Best of Show. For more information call 972-941-7250. Application available online at [www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org)

**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.womensmuseum.org](http://www.womensmuseum.org)  
Library Live! a program initiative of Big Thought at

Dallas libraries that brings literary traditions to life through music, dance, storytelling and more. Free. Visit [www.bighought.org](http://www.bighought.org) for schedule.

**August 3 - September 4**  
Art exhibit featuring works of Diana Behannese, in watercolor, gouache and Chinese paints. Granville Arts Center Gallery, 300 North Fifth Street, Garland. Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and during all performances.

**Through August - 5**  
The Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department hosts "H2O II" camp at city recreation centers for children ages 6-12. Slip and slide through a week of crazy original and old school water games. Come with a swimsuit and a towel. Call 972-285-4145 for more information.

**Through August 7**  
Dallas Video Festival - screening over 100 videos, performers, filmmakers. No hype, glitter, or celebrity worship. Visit [www.videofest.org](http://www.videofest.org) for a complete schedule.

**August 4**  
Small Business Assistance and IRS workshops - receive information on accessing valuable government services. At the Bill Priest Institute, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Call 214-860-5900 to register.

### August 5-6

Single Parent-Kid Weekend will be held Friday 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Friendship West Baptist Church, 616 West Kieth Boulevard. For more information call 214-371-2029 or visit [www.friendshipwest.org](http://www.friendshipwest.org).

The 10th Annual Home-school Conference and Bookfair sponsored by North Texas Home Educators' Network. Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### August 6

World Refugee Day: "A Picnic in the Park," with refreshments, activities for children, live entertainment and the chance to shop for international crafts. Begins 1 p.m. at Flag Pole Hill at White Rock Lake, 8100 Doran Circle. Call 214-461-9781, or visit online at [www.therc.org/dallas](http://www.therc.org/dallas).

### August 9

Long Term Care Planning: a free seminar hosted by Community Credit Union. With careful planning you can protect your assets and preserve your independence. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 1201 W. 15th St., Plano. RSVP: 972-578-5000, ext. 7411 or [jtorres@communitycu.org](mailto:jtorres@communitycu.org).

### August 10

Changing Your Mindset to Make Money, sponsored by the Center for Government Contracting Small Business Development Center. At the Bill Priest Institute, 10 a.m. to noon. 1402 Corinth St., Room 1534. Call 214-860-5900.

### August 11

Acclaimed author Terry McMillan reads from her latest novel, The Interruption of Everything, at 6:30 p.m. at Black Images Book Bazaar, 230 Wynnewood. Call 214-943-0142 or visit [www.blackimages.com](http://www.blackimages.com).

How to Use Your Home Equity: a free seminar hosted by Community Credit Union. CCU's second lien manager, Leslie Watson, will walk you through all you need to know about home equity and explain your options. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 1201 W. 15th St., Plano. RSVP: 972-578-5000 ext. 3111 or [communitymortgage@communitycu.org](mailto:communitymortgage@communitycu.org).

### August 12

A small business start-up workshop will be held from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Bill Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth St., Room 2200. For more information call 214-860-5900.

### August 12-13

Back to School and Fall

Children's and baby consignment sale. Clothing sizes newborn - 16, toys, children's books, baby equipment, maternity clothes. Free admission. Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 214-477-9091, or visit online at [www.triedandtrue.com](http://www.triedandtrue.com).

### August 12-15

Backyard Wildlife Festival at the Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park (Dallas Horticultural Center.) Learn which wild animals are visiting the garden at night and what to do if you find an injured or orphaned animal. For more information call 214-428-7476.

### August 13

No Limit Women's Expo, featuring exhibitors with products, services and business opportunities. Kinds finger printing, blood drive by Blood Center. Adults \$5/under 12 free. \$2 off admission when you bring a school supply item. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 972-898-5882 or email [wmas\\_unlimited@yahoo.com](mailto:wmas_unlimited@yahoo.com).

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## School Finance at a Stale Mate

By: Monica Thornton

Many Texas school districts will return to school for the 2005-2006 year before any resolution has passed on the issue of school financing. The Texas legislature remains divided, with the Senate and the House unable to reach any kind of compromise.

House leaders killed earlier legislation, and Senate leaders sent a school finance and education reform bill back on Friday to committee for revisions with the hopes of easing widespread opposition from school districts and education groups. But a new scaled back bill by committee Chairwoman Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, did not go over well on Monday. Her version excludes the controversial November School Board elections issue and the post-Labor Day school start date.

Students are able to return to school in spite of this due to a bill being passed in the first called special school-finance session giving funds to schools.

Issues at hand are teacher pay raises, a uniform school start date after Labor Day, November School Board elections and tax cuts. Although the House and Senate seem united on giving teachers a pay raise,

they cannot unite on how to fund the pay raise.

Senator Royce West, D-Dallas spoke to members of the state's African American press last week and gave his views on the state school finance crisis. He expressed that a \$500 allocation for health benefits given to school auxiliary workers in 2001 is being looked at to be taken away and given to the teachers.

"That's just not fair," said Senator West. "There at least has to be a transitional plan."

He also said that teacher pay increases are good especially for minority students as it will attract the best and brightest of them to become teachers.

The issue of tax re-structure to finance the school system is also at the center of the debate. The Recapture (also known as Robin Hood) system has been called unconstitutional and has to be replaced, and if the Texas Legislature cannot reach an agreement soon, it is feared that the Texas Supreme Court will decide its fate.

Under the tax re-structure, a tax swap is being considered, trading school property taxes for higher state taxes on consumers and some businesses. This includes, said Senator West, looking at the various loopholes in the franchise

taxes. He added that a proposed tax increase on cigarettes is being considered, which looks like it could be anywhere from 60 cents a pack to \$1. Also being considered is a tax swap, trading school property taxes.

"My main concern is ensuring equity in the system," he said. "With approximately 62 percent of Texas students being minorities, the current financing system undervalues them." The legislature wants to allocate \$4600 per year per student, and this, Senator West said, would put the system at 92 - 93 percent equity, instead of the current 81 percent.

School superintendents have played a big part in the current debate, as they say the bills put forth so far do not help them enough with the tough standards of 75 percent passing for TAKS, and having to spend about 65 percent of their budgets within the classroom. They say that even with the new scaled back version the money still isn't there for them to provide adequate education.

With a lawsuit pending in the state Supreme Court, and the normal lobbying from all sides taking place in Austin, school finance is an issue that we will all be hearing more about even after the start of the new school year.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The NAACP Garland Branch urges you to join with us in denouncing the racist stamp and caption posted on local website: [www.suzblitz.homestead.com/index.html](http://www.suzblitz.homestead.com/index.html) which depicts African-Americans in a degrading and demeaning manner. This stamp bearing the likeness of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the caption "I have a Scheme-De" is offensive not only to the local African-American community, but also to those non-minority Garland residents who believe that racism has no place in diverse fabric of our community.

Surprisingly, Garland residents of various races and ethnic backgrounds have contacted our organization and expressed their

dismay.

The NAACP Garland Branch has worked diligently to foster positive relationships with the community at-large, which transcends racial, ethnic and/or economic boundaries for the betterment of our community. As an organization, we shall continue to do so. The NAACP fights for the rights of all persons of color, and we believe that colored people come in all colors. While we recognize that certain rights of expression are guaranteed and protected under the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, we argue that Constitutional guarantees were never intended to be used as a shield for the architect of this website or others to perpetuate racism, demeaning characterization and stereotyping of an individual or classes of people.

We recognize the stark reality that the virus of racism is still embodied in certain individuals and segments of our community and country. When encountered, the NAACP shall remain vigilant in confronting and denouncing racism in the Garland-area community. Racism is counter-productive to the goals and aspirations of ensuring that Garland continues its progress in maximizing its potential of becoming a truly All-American city affording opportunities and respect for all of its citizens.

Where evil men would seek to perpetuate an unjust status quo, good men must seek to bring into being a real order of justice!

Sincerely,  
H. J. Williams  
President, NAACP  
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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 date to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north.

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## The Ridiculousness of Racial Profiling

By: Hussein Bish - Vice Chairman of the Progressive Muslim Union

The attacks on the London mass-transport system and the random searches now in place on the New York City subways have again raised the issue of racial profiling against Arab-Americans and Muslims.

The New York Police Department insists that the searches will be just that—random—and one should presume that its officers will hold to that standard.

Those who urge the government to ask officers enforcing security policies like New York's random searches to engage in profiling of Arab-Americans and Muslims based on appearance are not only advocating something degrading and pointless—they are asking for the impossible.

Leaving aside the fact that more than half of the Arabs in the United States are Christians, Arabs simply do not possess to any set of physical characteristics that either plain or bind them together or set them apart from many other American communities.

Arabs are a very diverse ethnic group who can resemble almost any group of southern Europeans, Latin Americans, Central and South Asians or Africans.

Even more preposterous would be any attempt to identify Muslims by appearance, as Muslims come from almost every part of the world, and constitute one-fifth of humanity. And, because about one-third of American Muslims are African-Americans, any futile attempt at profiling of Muslims, especially in urban areas such as New York City, will immediately degenerate into yet another way of profiling black people.

The tragic shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes by British police may well have been based in part on his dress and behavior, as United Kingdom

authorities maintain. But almost certainly Menezes would not have been shot eight times in the head if he had not been a young, brown-skinned man.

British anti-terrorism cops were capable of looking at a Brazilian electrician and seeing a Pakistani suicide-bomber, and a terrible injustice was the direct result.

Not that all the London bombers were of Pakistani origins—the fourth was Jamaican. As former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge explained, "There was a legitimate concern right after 9/11 that the face of international terrorism was basically from the Middle East. We know differently. We don't have the luxury of kidding ourselves that there is an ethnic or racial or country profile."

Remember the likes of Richard Reid, John Walker Lindh and Jose Padilla?

Demagogues who call for profiling, and even across-the-board discrimination, against American Muslims should acknowledge that in practice this could not be based on appearances or names.

It would probably require Americans to be categorized by, or register their faith with, the government, and carry identity documents confirming their official religious designation.

How else to distinguish Arab Muslims and Christians, Hindu and Muslim South Asians, Muslims and Christians of African origin and so forth?

Even if it were possible to profile Arabs or Muslims by sight, or if they were forced to carry something equivalent to a yellow star to be produced on demand, the effect would still be to create an impossibly wide pool of suspects and distract attention from behavioral and other contingent factors that may point to a potential threat.

Worse than useless, such approaches would drain

resources from serious intelligence and law-enforcement tactics, and alert terrorists to exactly what appearances to avoid.

Only two approaches in dealing with mass groups of people make sense: comprehensiveness as at airports, or randomness as in subways.

Anything in between serves less as a deterrent to terrorists and more as a tipping of the government's hand and a helpful hint for how not to get caught.

When airport security was based on a supposedly neutral, secret computer profiling system, from 1996 to Sept. 11, 2001, the evidence strongly suggested that it resulted in widespread discrimination against Arab and Muslim travelers, but it did not prevent the Sept. 11 attacks.

The intensified post-Sept. 11 airport security regime has been both more thorough and more equitable. There was more evidence of discrimination against Arabs and Muslims in domestic air travel before Sept. 11 than after, precisely because the government became committed to providing effective security.

The government seems to be learning that serious security threats require policies that do not boil down to crude stereotypes or rely on subjective judgments about ethnicity.

Race, ethnicity and religious affiliation, even when accurately identified, are widely recognized by law enforcement officials and counterterrorism officials as false leads, which in themselves say nothing relevant about whether an individual may be about to commit a crime.

Institutionalized racism is repugnant to our values, but more to the point, it cannot be the basis of serious, workable policies that provide real security.

## Black Caucus endorses Page 1

of the Civil Rights Movement, Rep. Lewis spoke at the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Justice.

The mobilization's national leadership team participated in the meeting, including Reverend Willie Wilson, national executive director; Leonard F. Muhammad, national deputy director; Dr. Benjamin Chavis Muhammad, mobilization director; and Reverend Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, former executive director of the CBC.

"The Millions More Movement continues the Million Man March of several years

ago, and it's critical," Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), the "Dean" of the CBC, told The Final Call. "Because from that experience, we now understand more clearly than ever the importance of follow-through and organization, particularly after the march."

"It's much easier to have a successful march than it is to have the issues that are generated being worked on across the country and in Washington. I'm glad that Minister Fatrahkan and his contingency were received with open arms by the Congressional Black Caucus," Rep. Conyers concluded.

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his "exceptional men" saw their position at the top of the Black food chain as an end rather than a means. In other words, once they reached the pinnacle of what they deemed to be success, they made no attempt to reach down and pull the other 90 percent up. DuBois lamented that he had underestimated the "power of [their] selfishness over sacrifice."

In our current state, because we have not rallied our "best and brightest" Black folks, or should I say because they have not rallied themselves around using their tremendous wealth of intellectual and financial resources to help their people, we continue to languish and our economic fate is all but sealed. No, I am not blaming the entire "state" of Black folks on the Black elite, Conby's remarks about the "lower economic" class of Blacks notwithstanding.

What I am drawing upon is my personal experience with those Blacks (oops! I should have used a small "b" - I apologize) who repeatedly stand in the way of their brothers' and sisters' collective economic progress. With all of the status reports coming out for the umpteenth time, which tell us that Black Americans are still at the bottom of every economic category, my experience with the opposing side of Conby's "lower economic" people brings me to the conclusion that class has caused major schisms among our people.

If you honestly assess our situation, you will find that many of those who benefit from the battles fought by the "lower economic" people often disappear when their resources are needed by those who fight for them everyday. You will also see Orwell's famous line relative to equality running deep within this elite class of Black folks. Many of our brothers and sisters think they are more equal than others of us.

The sobering reality is that if these upper class elites get caught in the wrong place at the wrong time, or if they get themselves into trouble with the law, or if they do or say something that White supremacists do not like, they will get their wake-up call. They will see that they cannot be promoted from being Black; they cannot move away from being Black; they cannot graduate from being Black; and they cannot get enough money to change them from being Black.

The most important thing is that we cannot, should not, and must not deny who we are, and we should understand that if anyone is going to lift us out of the muck and mire, it will be us, by the "work of our own hands." Since we comprise only 14 percent of this nation's population, it is only logical that we must work together, rich and poor, old and young, light-skinned and dark-skinned, straight-haired and curly-haired, upper and lower economic groups, to obtain and sustain our collective economic freedom.

The meeting took place one day after President George Bush nominated John Roberts to the U.S. Supreme Court and CBC members joined other concerned Black activists questioning Judge Roberts' commitment to civil rights and expressed concern that the nation's highest court would shift to the right. The Supreme Court's decisions determining U.S. policy on workers' rights, affirmative action, voting rights and education, and the CBC will carefully evaluate the record of Judge Roberts in light of that history, said Chairman Watt.

To think and act as though some of us are "more equal" than others puts us in the same category as the pigs who, after the revolt by all of the farm animals, took control and ended up treating their brother and sister animals just as badly as Farmer Jones did. The pigs failed to realize that they were farm animals as well, which was the common factor that brought them together to revolt in the first place. They soon forgot how they rose to power and status.

Our common factor is Blackness, not just on the outside, but a Blackness that is dictated and supported by our consciousness, our culture, and our commitment to future generations. We must not get hung-up on who has the most intellect, because if the intellectuals are only talking and not getting some dirt on their hands, trying to solve our problems, their words ring hollow.

We cannot make detours of our rich and famous simply because they have a lot of money. If they are not using some of their money and influence to move us forward then they are merely Black folks who have a lot of money. Also, we cannot make superstitions of slick-talking, fashion-plate pastors, because they will lead us to their own prosperity and leave ours behind. No matter what you have or what you know, you are not "more equal" than any of us.



## United Way Plan Keeps Students in School

Partners with DISD & Texas Instruments to help solve dropout rate

United Way of Metropolitan Dallas (UWMD) today announced it will partner with Dallas Independent School District in an effort to reduce the number of students leaving school prior to graduating.

The initiative, Destination: Graduation, targets high school students beginning in the ninth grade using college preparation, interactive parental involvement classes and one-on-one mentoring programs to educate students and parents on the long-term benefits of a high school diploma as well as practical lessons in subjects such as college financial aid options and methods of studying based on individual learning styles. All three programs are delivered by non-

profit organizations funded by United Way.

The Destination: Graduation pilot project will be conducted at W.W. Samuel High School this fall, and is funded by Texas Instruments. "Texas Instruments sees this as an opportunity to invest in the future of Dallas," said Phil Ritter, UWMD campaign chair and senior vice president at TI. Throughout Dallas County, 43 percent of ninth-grade students do not graduate with their class.

The problem is greater with African-American and Latino students, with a 48 percent and 58 percent attrition rate respectively.

"When businesses, communities and schools share resources, children benefit," said Lorenzo

Garcia, deputy superintendent, Instructional Services. "The high dropout rate is a challenge for school districts and any added support that encourages students to see the benefits of finishing high school and pursuing a college education is appreciated."

United Way President and CEO Gary Godsey said this special initiative will help solve a critical community issue. "We are bringing all our available resources to the table—volunteer experience, funding expertise, and a convening and collaboration acumen," Godsey said, adding "we are partnering with corporate leaders and educators to find a solution to this dropout challenge because we all have so much at stake."

## UTD Conducts Freshman Orientation

The University of Texas at Dallas will be conducting orientation for freshman students on August 10th-11th, in the University Conference Center at 800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, Texas. Classes for the Fall Semester at UTD begin on August 18th.

As the first step in becoming a part of the UTD community, you need to attend Freshman Orientation. Orientation is designed to enable you to have a smooth transition into university life. During Orientations you will have the opportunity to:

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- Learn about the University's services and resources.
- Get acquainted with the campus.
- Meet with campus administrators.

On the second day of Freshman Orientation, you will be advised and register for your classes. We recommend that you take a look at the UTD class schedule before you arrive at orientation. The more familiar you are with the

classes being offered, the easier and faster your advising and registration process will be!

Once you are admitted to UTD, watch your mailbox for the Orientation & Freshman Programs 2005 booklet. The booklet contains the registration forms for Freshman & Family Orientations as well as Comet Camp, UTD Success Camp, the Emerging Leader Program & Road Warriors.

Visit the New Student Programs website at [www.utdallas.edu/student/slife/newstudentprograms](http://www.utdallas.edu/student/slife/newstudentprograms) for more information about Freshman Orientation or contact Elina Ford at 972-883-6171/ [elisa@utdallas.edu](mailto:elisa@utdallas.edu).

## Texas State Technical College Fall Registration

Fall semester 2005 registration for classes at Texas State Technical College Waco begins at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1 and continues weekdays through Thursday, Aug. 25. Extended hours for registration will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Aug. 25. Fall classes begin Monday, Aug. 29.

The registration process for new students begins in Recruiting Services, located

in the TSTC Student Services Center. Because financial aid processing can take several weeks to complete, those in need of financial assistance should contact the TSTC Financial Aid Office immediately at (254) 867-4814.

The TSTC Waco Website—[www.waco.tstc.edu](http://www.waco.tstc.edu)—provides more details, dates and online application information. With more than 100

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## TWU awarded First Generation College Student Program grant

Texas Woman's University has been awarded \$50,000 from the First Generation College Student (FGCS) Grant Program, allowing TWU to continue providing assistance to first-generation college students for the 2005-2006 academic year.

"Beginning with the initial grant in spring 2004, TWU has offered scholarships to nearly 100 first-generation college students," said Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU vice president for student life. "These scholarship participants also conduct workshops in area high schools for potential first-generation college students and their parents. The program is able to support current first-generation university students, as well as assist future first-generation students in high school in their pursuit of higher education."

Established in 2003, the FGCS program is a result of funding from the U.S. Department of Labor to

the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education

Coordinating Board. The program's goal is to increase the participation and success of first-generation.

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View fall classes through the new and improved e-schedule or download a class schedule PDF,

both accessible at [www.ccccd.edu](http://www.ccccd.edu)

To register via the web, go to [www.ccccd.edu](http://www.ccccd.edu), or by phone at 469-452-2222 in Collin County or 469-757-2222 in Rockwall County. All other residents may call 1-877-Collin1.

Telephone or website registration will be available from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. from June 28 - Aug. 28. Classes begin Aug. 29.

Online or on the phone, students may pay with a credit card (VISA, MasterCard or Discover). Online registrants may also pay with a personal check through Collin's Web-check system.

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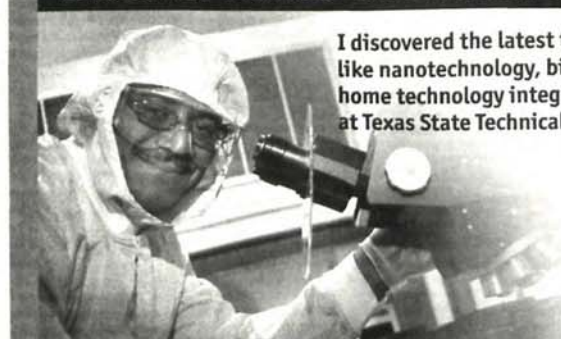
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elation with the success of the program.

"Someone once said 'The key to your success is how much time you spend BELIEVING you will be successful', this year's program was definitely a success," he said. "We had a dynamic group of kids! Next year, we'd like to increase the amount of time spent with the kids each week, and possibly schedule more outings."

The Chapter mentored the teens at lunch time for 6 weeks and had classes on money and banking, leadership, entrepreneurial and health. A facilitative guide, "Money Matters-Make it Count", was published by Charles Schwab and provided the fundamentals for the eight week program. Each week, the students participated in sessions such as "Being Your Own Boss", "Spending Wisely" and "Credit Concerns", "Career and College Options" and "Dealing with Authority, the Police".

The students also participated in recreational outings (Frisco Rough Riders baseball game), and visited local businesses which included Legacy of Texas Bank; a dental practice; and Telecom Electric Supply Company (where Brother Earl Simpkins, Jr. is CEO).

The North Dallas Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is committed to developing youth and providing teens with the tools that will serve as the foundation of success in their lives. Chapter Basileus Norris Bishop com-



L-R Back Row: Kareem Evans, Josh McCullough, Darrien Washington, Sharonda Bess, Brother Norris Bishop, Rogers Brown, Brother Horace Satisfield, Brother Derek Lewis. Front Row: Tandra Jackson, Jacoby Henderson, "Nirde" Muse and Mercedes Gade.

mented on the chapter's commitment.

"We were asked to come in and help where we could, so we developed the program. For the first year, we feel the program was a success and we look forward to

completion and a one-year subscription to Black Enterprise Magazine. Darrien Washington, (winner of the Stock Game), also received a one-year subscription to the Wall Street Journal, a \$100 savings bond (courtesy of Legacy of Texas Bank), and a \$130 Back to School Scholarship. Each student in attendance addressed the audience on what they had individually learned from the program.

Mr. Satisfield touched on the characteristics of a leader during his keynote address.

"A leader gets out there and shows the way. To be a great leader, you must have character, integrity and a thirst for learning."

The success of the Summer Mentoring Program was due to the thirst of the student participants for learning and the commitment of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to mentor and prepare those students to educate themselves.



Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Iota Iota Chapter: Earl Simpkins, Jr. (Scholarship Chair), Horace Satisfield (Member), Norris Bishop (Basileus), Derek Lewis (Past Keeper of Finance), and Rodney Williams (Member).

adding on to next year's program," he reflected.

The keynote speaker for the awards luncheon was Brother Horace Satisfield. Each student in the program received a certifi-

## Wachovia follows Slave Ownership apology with contributions to black community partnerships

Wachovia Corp., which last month apologized for slave ownership by two predecessor banks, said Thursday it will contribute more than \$10 million over five years to community partnerships aimed at benefiting black Americans.

The Charlotte-based bank said its partnerships will focus on preserving and promoting black his-

tory and culture and improving economic and educational opportunities for blacks.

Wachovia will donate money and technical assistance and encourage employee volunteerism at The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, the National Humanities Center, the United Negro College Fund, the Thurgood Marshall

Scholarship Fund, the NAACP and the National Urban League.

"Our partnerships reflect feedback and ideas we received from employees, customers and community organizations, including many leaders in the African-American community," Wachovia chairman and chief executive officer Ken Thompson said.

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## ASCAP Holds Its Rhythm And Soul Music Awards Honoring Jimmy Jam And Terry Lewis

"We have a lot to celebrate, the Supreme Court made a victory for song writers," said John LoFrumento, CEO of ASCAP. "You wrote it, you own it, who should benefit but you. We want to make sure you have work, creativity, are licensed and protected."

LoFrumento said this during the 18th Annual ASCAP Rhythm & Soul Music Awards held recently, where Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis received the ASCAP R&S Heritage Award. India Arie sang one of their songs as a tribute to legendary song writing and producing duo.

"Words went ever express I'm proud to be a song writer," said Jimmy Jam after accepting the award, an ASCAP board member since 1996. "The future is in this room. Continue to inspire us. I've been with EMI (publishers) since the beginning."

Through the years this duo has written and produced for The Time, Alexander O'Neal, the S.O.S. Band, Prince, Johnny Gill, Boyz II Men, Janet Jackson, Patti LaBelle, the soundtrack for the film How Stella Got Her Groove

On; Mary J. Yolanda Adams, and Usher.

EMI goes on to win the Publisher of the Year Award for having the most played rhythm and soul songs. Some of those songs include "Burn," "Diary," "Sorry 2004," "U Should've Known Better," "Runnin' (Dying to Live)," "Yeah!" and "If I Ain't Got You."

Jermaine Dupri and Alicia Keys



both received a Song Writer of the Year Award for having the greatest number of winning songs, both having four. Jermaine's were for "Burn" and "Confessions Part II" for Usher; "My Boo" for Alicia Keys (featuring Usher) and "U Should've Known Better" for Monica.

"I just want to say to all produc-

ers and song writers," Jermaine Dupri said while accepting his award. "Keep doing what you do, it's making me do what I do."

Alicia's songs were "Diary," "If I Ain't Got You," "My Boo" and "You Don't Know My Name."

"Song writers this is where we get recognized," Alicia Keys said to the crowd. "I really appreciate this award and I'm happy to be here."

ASCAP's Soundtrack Song of the Year Award went to "Runnin' (Dying to Live)" from the film Tupac: Resurrection by Tupac featuring The Notorious B.I.G.; the ASCAP Gospel Artist of the Year Award went to Smokie Norron for "Sorry 2004"; the ASCAP Reggae Artist of the Year Award went to Sean Paul, and ASCAP's Ringtone of the Year Award to "In Da Club" by 50 Cent.

Other ASCAP R&S Music Awards were given to Big Boi for OutKast's "Love the Way You Move," to Michael Mauldin's Air Control Music for Usher's "Yeah!" Alicia Keys for "Diary" and "You Don't Know My Name"; to Rubin Studdard for "Sorry 2004"; to Timberland for "In Da Club"; to Ciara for "Goodies," and to Sean Garrett for "Yeah!"

## Jaguar Wants Women To Get 'Wright': Singer Calls On Young Ladies In Music To Stop Demeaning Themselves

R&B singer Jaguar Wright is urging women to stop allowing themselves to be written off as sexual objects, "and in more graphic and demeaning ways than ever," she says in a commentary that appears in the Aug. 6 issue of Billboard magazine (on newsstands now).

In the piece, Wright rattles off a list of women she considered role models while growing up. Naming "Aethia Franklin, Janis Joplin, Tina Turner, Patti LaBelle, Gladys Knight, Nina Simone" and others, she says, "these were the women I was drawn to. Women who possessed power, poise, uncommon beauty and brash attitudes."

Wright continues: "I'm not saying their sexuality wasn't part of their

appeal — because it obviously was. However, it was their talent that was paramount."

But those days are over, she laments. "If they cannot see your beauty with your clothes on, what makes you think they will see it with your clothes off?" she says. "Whatever happened to leaving something to the imagination?"

"What do we do now that they only want our bodies and not our souls?" Wright asks. "Now that they would rather see us on our knees in music videos than on our feet at live music venues?"

"That's a question we will all have to answer, sooner rather than later," she says. "I just hope we care enough to make the right choices

for the next generation of women who rock so they won't have to throw rocks at windows begging for someone to let them into a game they were born to play."



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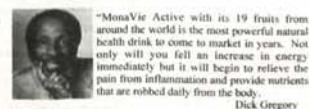
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# Car Review- 2005 Nissan Titan

By E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.  
With the Titan, Nissan jumped into the full-sized pickup truck competition. The very big pickup has a 5.6-liter V8 engine 32-valve with 306 horsepower and 379 pound-feet of torque. The transmission is a 5-speed automatic.

Nissan's interiors are roomy with lots of storage bins. There are hooks provided on the seats bottoms are useful for hanging things. Comfortably, The Titan can seat up to 6 people.

The full size pickup has clever doors. Front hinged at the front, with a rear-hinged back door.

The doors open wider than most if not currently all pickup trucks at 168 degrees. Nissan calls the feature Wide-Open, which opens the cab just 12 degrees shy of 180 degrees.

Nissan has several additional amenities that add convenience to a variety of cargo issues. Nissan

has explored and even applied almost every idea known to man when it comes to cargo space. The King Cab models come with 9 foot beds. The Crew Cabs have four full-sized doors and a 5 foot bed. The anti-slip surface can



make it harder to slide a box out. Channel tie-down system is designed to accommodate a variety of scenarios. Nissan has integrated futuristic storage compartments integrated into the rear fender. Cargo lamps on the back of the cab light up the bed. Spray-in bedliner and a track system for cargo and accessories. Towing is 9,500 which

is usually seen in more heavy duty trucks.

The GPS navigational system hosts a great feature which is extremely useful: Rear Park Assist.

Rear Park Assist is extremely helpful with parallel parking, even when you are parking in reverse. The beeping sound increases in frequency when the rear bumper gets close to an object. In a big truck, it helps the driver to measure how much room or space that he or she has when parking. It is very cool and innovative. Also, on the stereo is an auxiliary input is provided on the dash for plugging in an MP3 player.

The Titan comes in 2 models: King Cab and Crew Cab with 12 total trim lines ranging from the XE, SE, LE, 2 wheel drive to 4 wheel drive. The price ranges from \$25,850 to \$35,100. Titan 2WD gets EPA ratings of 14/19 mpg City/Highway. Titan 4WD gets 14/18 mpg.

Simply put, the Nissan Titan is a big yet useful truck.

## Minneapolis newspaper group buys community papers in McKinney

American Community Newspapers LLC on Monday said it has purchased some McKinney newspaper assets from Hartman Newspapers L.P.

The transaction includes the McKinney Courier-Gazette and the Penny Saver in McKinney. Hartman Newspapers is based in Rosenberg Texas.

Minneapolis-based American Community, which owns Star Community Newspapers in the Dallas area, said that with the acquisition of the Hartman news-

papers the Star will reach more than 150,000 homes weekly in Collin County, and more than 250,000 homes a week in Collin, Denton and Dallas counties.

According to the company's Web site, it currently reaches about 200,000 households in those markets.

Star Community Newspapers publisher Scott Wright said the purchase furthers the company's suburban strategy to buy "strong, community newspaper franchises in Top 50 U.S. markets and build value."

Wright will add the role of publisher for the new publications to his other duties.

American Community Newspapers has three daily newspapers, 66 weekly papers and three niche publications that reach about 1 million households. The company's core operations are in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Other publications are located in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis areas.

Web site: [www.americancommunitynewspapers.com](http://www.americancommunitynewspapers.com).

**Job Market Hardies Grow Page 1**  
need a doctorate in economics to figure out that criminal records are a huge handicap in the job market. But it gets worse.

"In the absence of explicit information about criminal backgrounds," writes Holzer, employers "tend to avoid young black men in general."

The legal system poses yet another problem for the same young men in the form of child support orders. Most states today track down and garnish the wages of fathers who don't support their children. Holzer says a significant fraction of young black men — perhaps 25 percent — have fathered children they don't live with. Among black men 25 to 34, the percentage may be as high as 50 percent. For these men, child support orders have the same effect as a steep tax: They create a huge disincentive to work — at least in the traditional economy.

In an interview, Holzer said that many men fall behind in their child support payments while in prison and then get hit with court orders when they come out. "All the incentives are to go underground," he said.

Young black men have another issue: intensified competition in the labor market. In a series of reports they have written, Northeastern University economists Andrew Sum and Paul Harrington have documented the success new immigrants have had in landing jobs. Since 2000, 3.7 million new immigrants — those who arrived in the past five years — have found employment. In low-wage jobs, immigrants have displaced young people of all races.

But young black men have been hit hardest, Sum said, because they compete most directly with immigrants for jobs at stores and fast-food restaurants, especially in urban areas.

Harrington saw that rivalry up close on a recent visit to Philadelphia where he conducted a focus group with employers. Philadelphia is a city with a large black population and a growing number of immigrants. The employers at

the meeting didn't say anything disparaging about black workers. In fact, some of the employers themselves were black. But to a person they were effusive in their praise for immigrants.

"All they could talk about was the work ethic of their foreign-born employees," Harrington said. Work ethic seems to be a term that covers a lot of ground — everything from showing up on time, to treating customers well, to willingness to learn new skills.

Racism may be a factor here, but probably not a big one. Harrington and Sum's research shows that black male immigrants without a high school

diploma are twice as likely to hold a job than their native-born counterparts.

In the conclusion of his paper, Holzer asks the age-old question: What is to be done? He proposes a variety of remedies: better skills training for young black men, more job opportunities, programs to help former offenders, and reform of child support policies. All good ideas. But you have to wonder: If the economy keeps growing, and employers can find plenty of able-bodied workers to fill jobs, how much time and energy is going to be expended on the plight of the young black men who are falling behind?

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## Church News

### A Salute To Heroes



**Sister Tarpley**

Dear Readers: On Sunday Mornings, a TV program ends with "The Memorial." It starts with deaths of individuals that have passed the previous week, and it ends with military deaths, published by our Department of Defense each week. The list includes the name, rank, age and branch of service of the individual. After watching this, I started thinking, it really doesn't matter if you think this is an unjust war or not, the fact is that we have a lot of soldiers that have died, that are injured, that are left disabled (both physically and mentally) and they are suffering. These soldiers need to be assured that someone in the United States, and around the world, appreciates them, and that they are valued for the sacrifices that they are making, or have made.

I was surprised to learn that we have soldiers on active duty that commit suicide at a staggering number; you can view this by logging on any website that lists military casualties on the internet. These soldiers obviously thought that no one cares, so what's the use.

Now is the time for us to let them know that we, as individuals, and a country, cherish and thank them for being there for our freedom. We have an opportunity to tell our soldiers via the internet, that we support them unconditionally.

**MON-The Gazette** will print a Special Military Edition with display ads that can be words of encouragement, inspirational words, or a Bible verse can be used. I am told that nothing is more important to a soldier than mail from home. This will be important to our soldiers, the pictures and words that will be listed in our "Special Military Edition" can be viewed world-wide by anyone. All that will be necessary is to log onto [www.monthebuzz.com](http://www.monthebuzz.com) and click on "Salute to Heroes."

The soldier can look at the ad for days on end, be encouraged, and know that he/she is appreciated over and over again, thereby reducing the U.S. soldier's suicide rate.

Ads can be by, or for, a spouse, a parent, a child, a sibling, cousins, uncles, aunts, friends, former classmates, church members, etc. Even if you don't have a relative or someone you know personally in the military, it will be good to do a general ad that will encourage any soldier.

There will be a contest and for every church, organization, club, or family that has the most ads; one soldier from the top four winners will be featured in my column.

Family members and individual friends can purchase a 4" x 2" display ad for only \$35; if a picture is used, \$4 will be added for a total of \$39.00. The 4" x 2" ad can accommodate a maximum of 25 words. Two or three individuals can split the cost. The "Special Military Edition" is scheduled for publication in our October 6th Edition; it will be on the internet for October and November 2005. The deadline for the ad copy and money for "Salute to Heroes" is due in our office no later than September 23, 2005 at 5:00 pm.

For our Christmas and New Year's Edition, for \$20 more the display ad, plus a greeting with a maximum of 150 words will be published in our December 1st Edition; it can then be viewed on the internet through January 2006.

This is a great way to give a Holiday Greeting and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to our soldiers. The deadline for the ad copy and money for our "Holiday Greeting and Happy New Year" Edition is due in our office no later than October 21, 2005 at 5:00 pm.

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## Church Happenings

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#### CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH (CBC)

Last Day: August 4, 2005  
CBC, and Heritage & Hope Ministries, Inc. will host "Family Fest '05." Our Building Dedication and Opening Service will be July 31st at 6:00 pm. This FREE conference will be the largest conference in the DFW Metroplex designed for the entire family. We will have six conferences in one location. Special guests will include Fred Hammond; Byron Cage; Kelly Price; Joann Bonner; Dr. Tony Evans; Dr. Sheila Bailey; Rev. Maurice Watson; Dr. Cliff Ashe; Rev. Bryan Carter; Rev. John Jenkins; Rev. Herb Lusk; Dr. Thomas Farnsworth, Jr., President of The Promise Keepers in Denver, Colorado and more. There will be power-packed day sessions, luncheons, and exciting evening concerts and services.

Our theme is "Building Faith, Family, Fellowship, and A Future!" Topics of discussion will include Political Platforms and Biblical Morality—A Black Perspective; Black Economic Empowerment; and Restoring The Black Family By Restoring The Black Male.

Remember this is a FREE conference, but registration is required; it will be held at the church. The conference will close, Thursday, August 4, 2005 with an interactive panel discussion on the State of the Black family with featured guests: Clarence Page of the Chicago Tribune; Rev. Herb Lusk; Bob Ray Sanders of the Fort Worth Star Telegram; Star Parker, Texas Representative Marc Vessey; Tara Wall of the National Republican Committee; Art Brander, Chairman of the Texas County Democratic Party; Gerald Alley, CEO of Co-Real Construction; Dr. Michael Bell, and others. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend "Family Fest '05." There will be individual conferences for men, women, singles, young adults, youth, and children. For more information please contact Veronica Griffith at 817-467-4665 (Metro), Ext. 203

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For more information about the above events, contact the church at 972-359-9956.

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August 8 - 13, 7:00 pm Nightly  
Please join us for the "Dedication of Our New Building!" We will have guest speakers each night. We will participate in a prophetic word and a divine healing at our new church location.

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You are welcome and encouraged to worship with us at our new location for a special "Sunday Service," our theme is, "How Sweet It Is."

For more information about the above events, contact Evangelist Crawford at 214-372-3624

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Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen  
Rev. W.L. Stafford Sr., M.Div.  
Senior Pastor  
2400 Belmont Drive  
Allen, TX 75013  
972-359-9956

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For more information about the above events, contact Evangelist Crawford at 214-372-3624

Fellowship of Believers Ministries  
Bishop Gregory D. Crawford, Oversee  
3911 South Lancaster Road, Suite 106  
Dallas, TX 75216  
214-372-3624

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Greenville Avenue C of C  
Brother S.T.W. Gibbs, III  
1013 S. Greenville Avenue  
Richardson, TX 75081  
972-448-2315

Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Rev. Wm. Dwight McKissic, Sr., Senior Pastor  
5415 Matlock Road  
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## First Baptist Church Of Hamilton Park To Host Annual Job Fair

The Employment Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park will host its annual job fair on Monday, August 22, 2005, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The job fair will be held at the church's Family Life Center, located at 210 Abrams Road (corner of Abrams Road and Phillips Street) in Richardson. Dr. Gregory Foster is Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park.

"This is an opportunity for us to bring together employers and job candidates in a forum that is free to both," said Kim Gilyard, president of the

Employment Ministry. "We encourage companies to add our job fair to their list of recruiting activities and to take advantage of the pool of talented individuals who are either unemployed or underemployed. We also want job seekers to come to the job fair fully prepared with plenty of resumes."

Included will be recruiters from Neiman Marcus, Venturi Staffing Partners, Dallas Central Appraisal District, and other local employers from a number of sectors. Space will also be available for recruiters desiring to conduct on-site interviews. For additional information, please

contact Shirley Johnson at 469-767-3448 or via email at employmentministry@fbchp.org.

The Employment Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park is an outreach ministry whose mission is to assist job seekers by providing training, education, and employment opportunities. In addition to its annual job fair, the ministry sponsors seminars, workshops, networking sessions, and job postings to help job seekers obtain and maintain employment. For a list of current job postings, visit <http://www.fbchp.org/NewJobList.asp>.

### Voting with our Feet Page 1

the districts that Blacks were voting in, to determine if the vote actually empowered them. The creation of single-member districts by the courts and the outpouring of voters launched the movement that resulted in electing Blacks to office at all levels of government. So, whereas there were only 400 Black elected officials around the country in 1964, today there are more than 9,500.

The Voting Rights Act has also been important in allowing Blacks to cast their votes in national elections, registering an impact that has made the difference between candidates for national office. Blacks were the difference in the narrow election of John F. Kennedy over Richard Nixon in 1960; Kennedy won by less than 1 percent. African-Americans propelled a peanut farmer from Georgia, Jimmy Carter, to the White House in 1976. Then, while Bill Clinton was successful in attracting some Reagan Democrats back to the fold in 1992, he also could not have won without the Black vote.

The Black vote in presidential

elections has all but caught up with the White vote. In 2000, the difference was 5.7 percent in registration and 6.3 percent in voting; in 2004, it was 9.1 percent in registration and 9.4 percent in voting, as conservative voters surged to the polls.

Nevertheless, the last two elections have also exposed problems in the continuing search to achieve Black empowerment through the exercise of the Black vote. First, we discovered that millions of Black voters are either not counted or thrown out, on purpose by racist running voting systems. Millions more do not get to vote because of their felony status, by the continuing intimidation of Black voters by police and vote monitors at polling stations, by not having enough voting machines in Black neighborhoods and by the dirty tricks played to confuse the process. Second, with the new electronic voting machine technology, Black votes are also voided by the accident of malfunctioning machines and Blacks unfamiliar with the technology. Put another way, we discovered that the attempt of Blacks to cast their vote in America is still under

siege and as such, the citizenship is far from complete.

My most recent book, *Freedom is Not Enough*, (Rowman and Littlefield) was released last month to tell yet another story about why we have not achieved empowerment from the Black vote. We have not used the vote effectively as leverage to secure what Black communities need in public policy and material resources.

Blacks have not had their own political organization since the Jackson campaigns and as a result they are weaker and more dependent on the Democratic Party and organized labor for their political resources. The message is obvious and clear, if someone else controls your vote, they get to use your power one way or another. Thus, I suggest that the way forward to greater empowerment is that Blacks truly own our own political resources, and challenge our politicians to find the courage to leverage them more effectively at all levels of government. See you in Atlanta.

## Church Happenings

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**MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH**  
August 21, 8:00 pm  
We invite you to our Youth Department's Back-to-School Rally. The theme is, "Hanging Out With Jesus," there will be games, prizes, and special guest appearances. Please join us in giving our youth a "Spiritual Boost" for Back-to-School. For more information contact Kathy Butler @ 972-647-1445 or 817-490-0754

**Morning Star Baptist Church**  
Rev. C. L. Taylor, Pastor  
2351 El Paso Street  
Grand Prairie, TX 75051  
972-647-1445

### NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

August 13, 5:30 pm  
We proudly present A.I.T.A.R. Album Release Showcases. This event will be open to various Gospel Groups; to register for the showcase or for more information, please call Laticia Pickens @ 469-544-2031. Deadline for registration is Friday, August 5, 2005. Don't wait, call today!

**New Life Fellowship Church**  
Of Hamilton Park  
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr., Senior Pastor  
8219 Bunche Drive  
Dallas, TX 75243  
972-671-1096

### NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Dr. 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, to increase safety, and to spiritually feed our communities.

For more details about this wonderful project, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant at 972-437-3801 or call Toll Free at 1-800-370-0555 (376-2747).

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

### RESTORATION TRIUMPHANT CHURCH

August 20, 6:00 pm  
Please join us in our "Super Sunday Program," our special guest speaker will be Rev. Elaine Martin, Co-Pastor of the Union Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, TX. For more information, please call 972-202-4975.

**Restoration Triumphant Church**  
Elder Marie Adams,  
Senior Pastor/Founder  
1101 Stonerwall  
Garland, TX 75043  
972-302-8975

### RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Tuesday, 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  
7710 South Westmoreland  
Dallas, TX 75274  
469-467-7575

### ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 5, 7:00 pm

Please join us for our Family Fun & Fellowship Night. This is the kick-off of our month long celebration of 132 continuous years of service to the community. The theme for the Anniversary Celebration is, "Embracing Change. Redefining Our Role in the Community." A light meal will be served and the public is welcome. The evening will conclude with the showing of a historical movie, "Blood of Jesus" that was filmed at St. Paul in the 1930's.

August 7, 10:45 am  
This is designated as "Membership Sunday" as church members will wear colored ribbons in recognition of their membership years. Our 50 year inductions and golden members will be honored and wear a special colored ribbon.

August 8, 7:00 pm  
We will have a "Tuesday Night Arts" featuring the "Total Praise Youth Gospel Choir."

August 16, 10:45 am  
We will have our "Youth and Children Sunday." Our youth and children will lead the service.

August 21, 10:45 am  
Our "Memorial Sunday" will be to remember deceased member who have "Gone Home to Glory" since the last anniversary.

August 28, 10:45 am  
Our guest speaker during an exciting Heritage Service of "Power-Packed Prayer and Praise" will be Dr. Henry L. Masters, Sr., Senior Pastor at Holman UMC in Los Angeles. Dr. Masters is a former pastor at St. Paul UMC.

For more information about the above events, please call Maribel Johnson-Redd @ 214-922-0000

**St. Paul UMC**  
Rev. L. Charles Stewart,  
Senior Pastor  
1816 North Routh Street  
Dallas, TX 75201  
214-922-0000

### THE INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST CHURCH (IBCC)

Sign Up Now  
FREE Computer Training classes by Christian Business Services. For more information and registration, please call Rev. C. Greer @ 214-796-1294, or [cgreer@ibccglobal.net](mailto:cgreer@ibccglobal.net)

Monday School with Holy Spirit Bible Teaching

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church (IBCC)  
Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Pastor  
7710 South Westmoreland  
Dallas, TX 75274  
972-572-1800 (x4262)

### 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.

August 27, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

We will have a FREE "The Making of a Leader Conference - 2005" at the McKinney Fellowship Bible Church, 2001 Orchard Drive, McKinney, TX. Our Keynote Speaker will be the Honorable Bill Whitfield, Mayor of McKinney. Other guest speakers will be Mr. Richard Abbott, NTJCC; Rev. Reynolds Wood, Founder of RWM; Mr. Linda Little, McKinney Chamber of Commerce; and Sister Shirley Dennis Tappier, Religious Editor for MON-The Gazette.

There will be performances by the RWM Dancers & Karate Team, the McKinney Fellowship Youth Band, and many, many more. Registration is FREE, but seats are limited. Please register early, by phone @ 214-544-1886, online @ [www.reynoldswood.org](http://www.reynoldswood.org) or by mail @ P.O. Box 650, McKinney, TX 75069.

Also we proudly announce that Rev. Wood will be available to autograph a copy of his long awaited new book, "The Ability Within" about the Principles of Leadership.

Trinity Prayer Chapel  
Rev. Reynolds Wood,  
Senior Pastor  
P.O. Box 650  
Service Location is:  
404 N. Tennessee  
McKinney, TX 75069  
Dallas, TX 75201  
214-544-1886

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**Gilead On The Mount** - Pastor Mancil and First Lady Carroll  
1016 Pioneer Road • Mesquite, TX 75149 972-288-9632  
Sunday School 9:30 am • Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 pm  
[www.gileadonthemount.org](http://www.gileadonthemount.org)  
"Apply the BALM of Gilead to the hearts of men."

**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: 7:30 P.M.  
Community Bible Class:

**Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church**  
1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX  
Pastor Charles S. Wattlely

Sunday  
Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Celebration... 11:00 a.m.  
- Nursery Facilities Available -

Wednesday  
Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

Friendly Fellowship with A Family Focus  
For More Information Call  
972-542-6178  
[www.saintmarkmc.com](http://www.saintmarkmc.com)  
[stmarkmissionary@aol.com](mailto:stmarkmissionary@aol.com)

**The Inspiring Body of Christ Church**  
7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.  
Dallas Texas 75237  
Phone: 972-572-4262 Fax: 972-709-3888  
Sunday Services 7:00 am 10:45 am 12:00 pm  
Monday School 7:00 am  
Men's Fellowship 10:45 am  
Website: [www.ibccjoy.org](http://www.ibccjoy.org)

**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 & Malcom Lesson  
SATURDAY  
8:10 Webster Avenue • Dallas, TX 75209  
114-52-1852 (Phone) • 214-52-2678 (Fax)  
[abthany@earthlink.net](mailto:abthany@earthlink.net)  
10:00 am thru 1:00 pm Youth Activities

**Little Flock Baptist Church**  
Pastor Louis E. Laurent  
Internet Broadcast: [www.krgm.com](http://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. Almeida Street • P.O. Box 901 • Forney, Texas 75126  
Phone: 214-325-7021  
Fax: 214-371-8922 or 214-372-2135  
Email: [thewordcuts@yahoo.com](mailto:thewordcuts@yahoo.com)

**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 ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study ..... 7:15 p.m.

**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

Raised to Walk in the Newness of Life. Romans 6:4

**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

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**Friendship Baptist Church**  
[Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor]

**Schedule of Services:**  
Sunday  
Early Morning Worship  
8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes  
9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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

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