

2008, completing the term of the late Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr., who died Aug. 19 of complications following neurosurgery.

liners crashed into the twin towers and the

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2006 to June 2006.

It doesn't take the occasion-

Bishop Norris was elected to the Episcopacy in 1992 and served eight years as bishop of the New Mexico and Northwest Texas Conferences and four years as bishop of the Texas Conference (Houston Area). He is presently serving as Bishop in Residence of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia.

The global church has been one of Bishop Norris' great interests, and his travels have included Africa, Brazil, Argentina, The Philippines, South Korea, Israel, and England. For several years he chaired the Africa University Development Committee, helping to raise funds for the school located in Zimbabwe. He has served on Boards of Trustees for several institutions of higher learning, including Gammon, Southwestern Methodist University, and Wiley College.



Victoria Meek, Manager of the South Dallas Cultural Center, was invited by the Bermuda Department of Tourism and Transport, to participate in the 2006 African Diaspora Heritage Trail Conference on September 27th to October 1st in the Bermuda. Actor and Activist Danny Glover is the conference chairperson for this prestigious event

"Given the South Dallas Cultural Center's long history of

developing programming for the City of Dallas, utilizing artists from throughout the African Diaspora, we invited Vicki Meek to participate on a panel that examines the role of midsized African-centered institutions in this endeavor." stated conference coordinator Karen Spellman.

Ms Meek will participate in Enriching the Heritage Experience: The Role of Artistic and Cultural Expression in African Diaspora Programs and Destinations.

Ms. Meek expressed her excitement about the invitation.

"I am thrilled to be able to toot the South Dallas Cultural Center's horn about our programs designed to preserve African heritage," she said. " I intend to bring information about TBAAL, The African American Museum and all the organizations that do this work as well. This opportunity to share our successes with folks from around the African Diaspora is exciting"

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## Plano Public Forums To Detail **Plans For City's Future**

The City of Plano is looking ahead to a bright future, and they want public input in preparation of the anticipated growth to come. The Planning Department's Long Range Planning Division will host two public sessions to get citizen feedback relating to Plano's Comprehensive Plan which serves as a guide in forecasting and managing citywide development:

Thursday, September 14 • Forum #1 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Haggard Library, Program Room

2501 Coit Road

• Forum #2 Thursday, September 21 7:00 pm -8:30 pm

Plano Municipal Center, Training Room A

1520 K Avenue

At 252,950 pop., Plano is part of one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country with more than five million residents expected to grow to over

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## Gaddafi: Unity Can Make Africa A 'Black Giant'

Africa could be a "black giant" able to solve problems like Darfur on its own if its countries united in a federation, Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi said on Saturday.

Speaking at an African Union (AU) gathering in his hometown of Sirte, Gaddafi voiced support on Saturday for Sudan's rejection of U.N. plans to deploy 20,000 troops and police to its troubled western

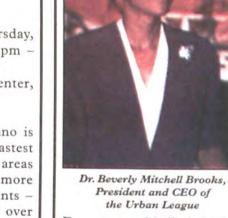
Darfur region by year-end.

He said the violence-torn region was an example of the kind of problem the world's poorest continent could solve if it was united in a federation rather than existing as separate states vulnerable to outside manipulation.

Reviving a long-cherished dream of a United States of Africa, he said: "Africa should build one federal government as soon as possible. We will have one minister of defense, one minister of finance, and so on.

"This will be the birth of the black giant." He was speaking at a AU gathering of African presidents and prime ministers marking the sev-

enth anniversary of a 1999 summit of African



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Clinic, there was a 59% increase in sexually transmitted diseases among African American females and a 64%

al television documentary or newspaper article to push the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas to address the AIDS epidemic among African Americans. The 39 year old agency has offered HIV/AIDS programs for nearly 20 years and knows the number of African Americans living with HIV and AIDS continues to climb at an alarming rate.

Contrary to a recent ABC news report, the Urban League here in Dallas has been in the forefront of the fight against HIV and AIDS since 1988. That year the agency received a Minority AIDS Education grant for the Dallas Urban League Page 5

### 16th Annual Freedom Fund **Banquet For The NAACP** Garland, Texas Branch

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On Saturday, September 16, the NAACP Garland Texas branch will host its 16th annual Freedom Fund banquet. The theme this year is: "Preparing Our Youth and Passing THE ADVANCEME the Baton."

Planned highlights of the event include: Keynote is speaker Reverend Leonard 0. Leach, senior pastor of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Garland.

· Mistress of Ceremony is Ms. Carol Blakes, vice president, National Association of Negro Business 8 Professional Women's Garland Club, Inc.

· Place: Radisson Hotel North, Campbell Road @ N.

Richardson. • Time: Silent Auction begins at 6:00 p.m., and the banquet at 7:00 p.m.

· Awards will be presented for:

· Educator of the Year Community Service Volunteer

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· 14 seniors (top African American male and female) from the seven GISD high schools will be recognized, and · One NAACP Garland Youth Council member will receive the Elaine Bradley Scholarship

Gwen Daniels, Chairperson (972.381.5044, voice box #5).

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towards Gaddafi's vision of unity by deciding to start the process of creating the AU.

The union was finally forged in 2002. The 53-member body later set up several other agencies including a parliament as part of its efforts to forge closer unity on the continent.

African leaders have long recognized the need for greater unity to confront the challenge of economic globalization. But most have always stopped well

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### **Community Spotlight**

## **Thousands Take Part In National Cowboys Of Color Museum Weekend**

sponsors tap into true multi-cultural audience

Color Museum and Hall of to have a "cattle call" to get Texas. over 10,000 people to join Weekend series of events. The fun-filled festivities began on Thursday, August 31st with a Hall of Fame induction featuring a performance by 2006 inductee Charley Pride followed by a special film screen-

Friday featuring WAR, Zapp and A.J. Jamal. Two thrilling The National Cowboys of rodeos were held on Saturday and all of the activities were Fame directors did not have held in pristine Fort Worth,

This is the first time that both them for their Labor Day of the museum's fundraising events were held at the same time and sponsors were truly able to maximize the value of this one of a kind weekend. The National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame is unique and this year's events

GMC, Verizon and other ing and benefit concert on were highly supported by local have contributed to the Western of Fame inductees were Patricia residents and sponsors like Verizon Yellow Pages, Coors, Harris Methodist Hospital, Clear Channel Outdoor, GMC, Pro-Line International, American Paint Horse Association and WFAA Channel 8 and many more.

> "The National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame does an amazing job of preserving the heritage not only of the African-American cowboy but celebrating all of the various diverse cultures that

heritage and cowboy life we know today," said Eric Peterson, GMC Regional Sales and Marketing Manager. "It was an honor to be able to align ourselves with such an esteemed group of individuals that have made a difference in the cowboy community and represented the various diverse cultures in a proud way."

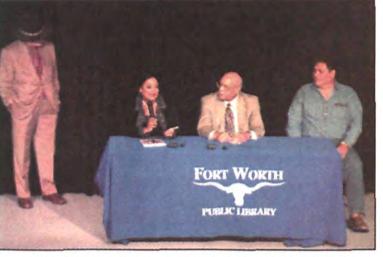
The 2006 National Cowboys of Color Hall of Fame Inductees were a notable group of nine legends. The 2006 Hall

Kelly, Ken Pollard, Charley Pride, Rosieleetta Reed. There were also posthumous inductions for George Fletcher, Jackson Sundown, Bass Reeves, Knox Simmons and Colonel Juan Seguin.

For more information on the National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame, including sponsorship opportunities and the capital campaign, please call the museum's business office at (817) 922-9999 or visit www.cowboysofcolor.org.



Comedian A.J. Jamal



At the downtown Fort Worth Library for Special Screening of "American Cowboys" and panel discussion featuring (Sitting Left to Right) Joyce Settles, author "A Mosaic Odyssey of Westward Pioneers"; Judge Paul Brady, author "The Black Badge" and "American Cowboys" documentary producer, Cedric Wildbill.

### **DFW Airport Commemorates** Fifth Anniversary Of 9-11



Jim Crites, executive vice president of DFW International Airport stands with Detra Carmichael of the DFW Interfaith Chaplaincy and Ken Capps, vice president of public affairs for DFW International Airport at the Airport's 9/11 commemorative ceremony at Founders Plaza today.



Front Row (Left to Right) Gloria Austin; Founder and Executive Director, National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame, Rosieleeta Reed; Hall of Fame Inductee, Joyce Settles, author "A Mosaic Odyssey of

Westward Pioneers", Patricia Kelly; Hall of Fame Inductee; and "American Cowboys" documentary producer Cedric Wildbill.

Second Row (Left to Right) Ken Pollard; Hall of Fame Inductee, Judge Paul Brady; author of "The Black Badge", Charley Pride; Hall of Fame Inductee and Country Western Singer, Jim Austin; Founder National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame.

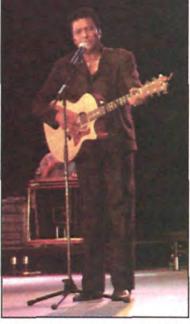
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Comedian A.J. Jamal and Country Western Singer, Charley Pride

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Featured on CNN, HBO, 60-Minutes, Associated Press, Black Essence Magazine, The History Channel, Nightline, USA Today, New York Times, Dallas Morning News, The Final Call, National Black Press (Newspapers & Magazines), Radio & Television Shows (Nationally & Internationally.)

In 1993, Authors Jay Jay Wilson and Ron Wallace met with Governor David

Walters of Oklahoma and set off the Reparations Movement now being heard in the Supreme Court, formerly Litigated by the late Johnny Cochran.

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Free Tenant Legal Workshops are at 6 p.m. Douglass Tuesdays at Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-473-9089.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.assistanceleague-gcc.org.

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Coit Road, Suite 202. Call 972-267-4452.

A free legal clinic is offered

for residents who meet low income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For locations and more information, call 214-928-9303.

The Frisco Housing Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Family Film at the Library at Haggard Library. 2501 Coit Road. Every Friday at 11:30 a.m. Bring out the family for fun and relaxation. For more information call 972-208-8000.

Kumaasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. Contact S-Ankh Rasa at 214-298-5858 for more information.

PHASE, The Potters House Singles Ministry would like to invite all singles to join us for our Soul Food events held every 1st & 3rd Friday in the Youth Sanctuary. For more information, contact the PHASE information line at 214-331-0954 x.1954.

Gallery Exhibition Opening: "Rhythms, Reflections, Relations: The Works of Evita Tezeno" through August 26. Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the James E. Kemp Gallery at TBAAL. For more information call 214-743-2440.

Swing Time Magazine presents

Friday Night Swing hosted by 94.5's First Lady of Radio Lynne Haze every first Friday at the Castleview Ballroom at the Sterling Hotel in 1055 Regal Road and HWY 183 in Dallas. Admission \$10. Call 972-225-6487 for more information. Swing elegance attire ...

#### September 15

Village of Stone Brook Luau from 2 pm-5 pm for the Red Hat Society. The event will feature free refreshments and tropical dress. 5701 Virginia Parkway

McKinney, TX 75071 Call 972-540-6888 or visit www.villageofstonebrooke.com

Late Nights at the Dallas Museum of Art. Join us from 6 pm to 12 am on the third Friday of each month, when the Museum is open until midnight. Each Late Night offers Jazz performances, break dancing, concerts, readings, film screenings, guided Starbucks Coffee tastings, tours, family programs, complimentary Starbucks Coffee, and more! Call 214-922-1200 or visit www.dallasmuseumofart.org

Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Singles Conference, through September 16th. 1808 W Camp Wisdom Rd.Dallas, Texas75232, 972x 2350. Visit 228-1281 www.ocbfchurch.org to register

#### September 16th

Mariah Carey in Concert at the American Airlines Center will begin at 7.p.m., 2500 Victory Ave. For more information, call 214-222-3687 or visit www.americanailinescenter.com.

Mega Greek Fest 2006, 3 p,m-8pm at GPX Skate Park at 1000 Lonestar Parkwary. Greek Fest Afterparty from 9 pm-2 am at Club Che, 10333 Technology Blvd. Call 214-537-7797. Divine Consign Children's,

and Maternity Consignment Sale. Divine Consign is the Metroplex's largest twice yearly children's consignment sale specializing in the highest quality gently worn children's, juniors and maternity clothing, toys, books, games, videos, baby equipment and baby & children's furniture. Admission is free. From 8am-2pm (half-price sale)For more information contact Tina Teutsch at 214-513-2838 or email divineconsign@hotmail.com or visit www.divineconsign.net

Former Senator John Danforth will host Faith Politics: How the moral values debate divides America and how to move forward together beginning at 6p.m. at Hotel Crescent Court, 400 Crescent Crt. For more information, call 214-965-8400 or visit www.dfwworld.org/programs.

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### September 22-24 ViewPoint Bank Plano Balloon

Festival at Oak Point Park Join us for the 27th annual Plano Balloon Festival. Gracing the skies over Plano will be 75 hot air balloons, on the Festival site attendee's will be entertained by the concerts and community acts, the Kids Fun Zone, and tantalizing food vendors. This year adding to the celebration is a street dance on Friday night featuring hoopdolphin and our

spectacular fireworks on Saturday night. For more information contact Jo Via at (972) 867-7566 or visit www.planoballoonfest.org

#### September 23

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters 30th Anniversary Black Tie and Red Carpet Gala. Dallas Convention Center. Call 214-743-2400 or 214-373-8000.

1st Annual Tony B Foundation **Family Reunion** 

10am - 6pm Admission \$10 Bahama Beach Water Park 1895 Campfire Circle Dallas TX 75232 (214) 331-4900. Trip giveaways every hour to Walt Disney World, Bahamas, Las Vegas Live Entertainment Hot Old School & New School Live Mix with DJ Steve Nice. Proceeds will also benefit United Negro College Fund Women's Haven Battered Women's Shelter.

Women in Business Expo & Trade Show 2006 held at the Plano Station, located just east of the Downtown Plano DART Station.

Come enjoy a day connecting with others to grow your dreams, businesses and creative projects and to celebrate our big ideas, entrepreneurial spirits and creative talents.

Admission is Free. Free parking available Haggard Park, Eastside Village Apartment Garage and Municipal Center.

For more information contact Gail Morse at 972-535-6852 or visit www.womenaboutbix.com/north dallas.htm

#### September 27

10th Annual Celebration of Enterprise Business Expo is Collin County's largest business expo. Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

Awards luncheon attended by top executives from Collin County, Richardson and North Dallas awaiting the announcement of this year's Celebration of Enterprise winners; Business Expo where approximately 120 exhibitors will be on hand to demonstrate their products.Admission to the Expo is open to the public and Free.For more information, nomination form, exhibit space or luncheon tickets contact Inside Collin County Business at 972-612-2425 or visit www.celebrationofenterprise.com

#### September 28

The National Association of Black Social Workers will hold Southwest Regional its Conference Sept. 28-20, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Select Love Field in Dallas. For more information call 972-898-2628 or log onto www.nabsw.org.

#### October 17

India Arie at Nokia Theater. Tickets go on sale September 8th. To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 214.373.8000. metro 972.647.5700.

#### October 21 Irving NAACP 6th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet 7:00 P.M. Sheraton Grand Hotel -DFW Airport 4440 W .Carpenter Freeway Highway 114 & Esters Irving, Texas For Information Call: 214-607-7990 or 972-259-3909

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## Op-Ed

# Paul Hailey

Words and their interpretation are everything in America. The way we use our words as labels for people and things speaks volumes about our perceptions, our biases, and our prejudices. The words we use tell us how we think about others, and more importantly, how we think about ourselves.

All of these things crossed my minds recently when I had a couple of conversations with a few people I know about the topic of being "ghetto". The conversations started with what we individually defined as ghetto, but eventually turned into a discussion about the differences in how black people view what is ghetto.

Being fairly analytical, (ok, sometimes annoyingly analytical), I wanted to start with definitions. Here is the standard dictionary definition of the word ghetto; a poor, densely populated city district occupied by a minority ethnic group linked together by economic hardship and social restrictions. That's clear enough, no problem there.

Now here's how the urban dictionary, (an online dictionary of slang), defines the same word: urban; of or relating to inner-city life, (adj.) poor; of or relating to the poor life (adj.) jury-rigged, improvised, or home-made (usually with extremely cheap or sub-standard components), yet still deserving of an odd sense of respect from ghetto dwellers and non-ghetto dwellers alike. Huh?

The craziest thing about the urban dictionary (www.urbandictionary.com) is all of the terms that have come into use containing the phrase "ghetto". There are ghetto proms, ghetto blasters, ghetto deers, ghetto birds, ghetto chickens, ghetto doorbells (using a car What Is Ghetto?

outside), ghetto rich, ghetto engineering, ghetto ballers, ghetto cute and ghetto fabulous. Folks can act ghetto, be ghetto or look ghetto. Looking ghetto is one way to be featured on the infamous website hotghe ttomess.com.

All kidding aside, certain black people take pride in being ghetto, while others use the term to ridicule and look down on other black folks. And you can only guess what white people really mean when they use the term.

A generally unspoken truth is that a lot black people are racist. They are racist toward white people and Hispanics, and notoriously racist against each other. Whether its light-skinned versus dark-skinned, "good" hair versus "bad" hair, slang versus proper English, north versus south, or educated versus uneducated we find ways to segregate ourselves amongst ourselves. The practice goes as far back to house versus field slaves, and probably even further to tribal differences in Africa. We now do more to create disunity among each other than white people ever could.

In talking to the people I know we kept wondering if the term ghetto had become synonymous with gaudy, poor, ignorant or misguided.

The young black man who

horn to summon someone from has no bank account but is sporting

> gold fronts in his mouth, \$120 Air Jordan sneakers, a \$50 Sean John shirt and \$85 jeans that don't cover his \$20 Hilfiger boxer shorts may or not describe himself as ghetto or hood. If he does, he certainly is not going to mean the same thing that the middle aged black means when he says the same thing.

> The term ghetto, like the term nigger can now mean so many different things to so many different black people Ghetto has stopped being a neighborhood to get out of; it has become a state of mind.

> Forget the words, its attitudes, which keep us from progressing. Thinking it is ok to not speak properly, to not learn in school or to not be successful in mainstream society is the same thinking that believes it is cool to be ghetto. That kind of thinking is just plain ignorant.

We are a unique people, whose mannerisms and speech are copied around the globe. We don't have to try to be like someone else (read white people), in order to retain our identity. But we can and must strive to be better to do better. If not, we are destined to stay trapped in the ghettos of our own minds.

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# Where Do You Want To Go Today?

# The Eagle Flies On Friday

#### By: James Clingman -NNPA Columnist

This familiar line should be the mantra of Black people when it comes to recycling our dollars among ourselves. Why? Well, we always talk about recycling our dollars and spending our money in our neighborhoods, with our own business, to the extent they are available, and considering the fact that the eagle does indeed fly on Friday, we should employ a related economic strategy. Maybe we should use the theme Brother Ashiki Taylor, of Atlanta, Ga. uses: "Freedom Friday."

Ironically, the term, "The Eagle Flies on Friday" comes from a familiar song, "Stormy Monday," which goes on to say, "...and Saturday I go out to play...Sunday I go to church, and I kneel down on my knees and pray: Lord have mercy, have mercy on me." I say it's ironic because this is exactly what many Black people do on the weekend.

We get paid, and the eagle starts to fly; and sadly, it flies away rather than around. Our money leaves us so fast that even a real eagle couldn't keep up with it. Then on Saturday we go out to play; it seems that's the top priority for us these days - playing or watching someone else play. If it's not games, it's parties, all night long. Nothing wrong with a little entertainment every now and then, but let's not be lulled to sleep by it. After the party is over, yes we have to get our "praise on," as some call it. We "go" to church (forgetting of course that we are the church) and start praying and asking God to have mercy on us. We spent all our money and must face a stormy Monday all over gain, trying to regain the money we threw away over the weekend, and we want God to have mercy. He's probably saying, "Give me a break!"

I can imagine all the groups with which we spend our money saying, "Thank you, Lord, for Black consumers." Their eagle will fly around their communities many times before leaving, if it ever leaves at all, and they look forward to Mondays because they are far from stormy.

Have you ever considered that pockets of Black employees our Mondays are stormy because our eagle flies on Friday? If we approach our spending with that in mind, our Sundays would be filled with more "Thank you's" rather than "Have mercies." I pray we will get this through our heads some day soon and stop this economic death spiral we continue to follow by allowing our eagles to fly away rather than around, making stops at several of our own businesses instead of everyone else's.

So what will it be, Black folks? How about a Freedom Friday? Do you think we could designate every Friday, just one day per week, as the day we make a conscious effort to buy something from a brother or sister? At the same time, do you think we could cut back on spending our dollars at the businesses owned by others? I know it will be hard; but you only have to do it on Fridays.

Freedom Fridays could prove to be the genesis of an economic revolution for Black people in this country. C'mon, y'all. A little self-discipline is all it takes; it would certainly be well worth it. We cannot have anything of substance without sacrifice. Start your personal Freedom Friday Campaign this week, and let others know what you are doing. Let them know that you are raising your consciousness by taking more control of your dollars and making sure that you spend more with your people.

If we fail to implement economic strategies of some kind, both personal and collective, we are literally doomed in this country. And as the song goes, Tuesdays will be just as bad, Wednesdays will be worse, and Thursdays will be oh so sad. I suggest Freedom Fridays, but you can call it whatever you want; it's the action that counts. We can come up with all sorts of cute sayings and slogans, but if we don't put the appropriate action behind them, we will have accomplished nothing.

who work for those businesses, and even making a few stops at Black investment funds.

I travel across this country speaking at conferences, doing workshops, and lecturing students and church members; I have been writing this column for more than 12 years now; I am on radio talk shows all over this country; and I have come in contact with thousands of brothers and sisters who say they want to do something about our economic situation. They call talk shows decrying our economic position and the lack of ownership and control of resources where they live and the fact that someone else owns all the stores, the gas stations, the restaurants, the grocery stores, and other vital retail outlets in their neighborhoods.

After all I have said, written, and, more importantly, demonstrated by personal action and commitment to the principle of economic empowerment for Black people, I truly wonder if it is a lost cause. I wonder if we really want to be free, if we are serious about our consciousness, the same kind of consciousness and nationalistic thinking employed by the very groups about which we complain.

Despite my deep frustration, I will continue to write, speak, initiate and participate in economic strategies that will move our people forward because it is part of my purpose, my mission, my work. I am very concerned about our eagles flying, but I am more concerned about our eagles dving.

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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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We can turn that song into a joyous refrain if our eagles start To book Clingman for a flying around our neighbor- speech or purchase his books, hoods, in and out of Black- go to www.blackonomics.com owned businesses, into the or call him at 513/ 489-4132.

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## Fear Of A U.S. Nuclear Attack On Iran

### By: Bill Fletcher Jr. -**NNPA** Columnist

I was a child during the October 1962 Cuban missile crisis, but I remember the fear. I remember the fear and anxiety in the faces of my parents. At the time, I did not understand what was occurring or what was at stake, but I knew that my parents were worried about something very big.

Now, it's my turn to worry about something very big. As any reader of this column knows, I adamantly opposed Bush's illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq. In fact, I have opposed most of Bush's foreign policy adventures. My feeling about the situation with Iran, and potentially North Korea, is even stronger. One has to conclude, as retired NBA star Charles Barkley recently did, that the Republicans have lost their minds. And that's from a person who flirted with the idea of running for governor of Alabama as a Republican.

There is a serious discussion underway about attacking Iran. Connected to this discussion is the idea that the use of nuclear weapons by the U.S.A. is not off the table. It is often framed in terms of 'tactical' weapons, bunker busters, etc., anything that will mislead the average person into believing that we are talking about something slightly more serious than 'a cherry bomb.

Ladies and gentleman: this is a bit more than a cherry bomb.

Nuclear weapons have been used on this planet in war only twice, both times at the close of World War II and both times by the same country - the USA.

tries have nuclear weapons and the fact that the world has come very close to experiencing nuclear exchanges, including fullblown nuclear wars, we have dodged the bullet, so to speak. Part of this, at least during the Cold War, was the idea that if the U.S.A. used nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union would as well, and the whole planet would become an ember floating in space.

If nuclear weapons are used in Iran, regardless how small, the world forever changes in that instant. At that very moment, the first-use of nuclear weapons becomes justified doctrine, which means, for example, that India can hit Pakistan, or Pakistan can hit India. But it also means that someone can decide that there are no longer any non-combatants in the United States, and that the U.S.A. can and should be hit as well.

The Bush administration is fueling a very complicated situation with Iran through the use of the same sort of demagoguery utilized in advance of the Iraq invasion. Half-truths, speculation, Islamophobia and defamation are all being brought together to justify aggression. Rather than pursuing diplomacy and engaging in the discussions that the Iranians have requested, the Bush team would rather saberrattle. This time, however, the saber is a nuclear weapon.

We have watched this administration use fear of terrorism to usher in domestic and foreign policies that have made us less immediate past president of safe rather than safer. We are now TransAfrica Forum. Contact looking at a situation that might Bill at papaq54@hotmail.com.

Despite the fact that many coun- result in some portion of the world, including but not limited to Iran, glowing in the dark. Is this not "terror?"

> So, we can sit back and get scared. We can also sit back and hope that if the lunatics let slip the dogs of war, that we will somehow be saved. We can instead choose to make our voices heard in the halls of Congress, in the media, and, indeed, in the streets of the U.S.A, to the effect that we are not interested in aggression, nuclear or otherwise, against Iran, Syria, North Korea or any other alleged axis. We are, however, interested in bringing to a close an administration that has exhibited a callous disregard for the well-being of this planet and that, in the name of its God, is prepared to dance to the song of Armageddon.

> I came across a story the other day that bears on this. Albert Einstein, one of the greatest minds of the 20th century and the central player in the splitting of the atom, was once asked what kind of weapons would be used in World War III. He replied that he did not know but he was absolutely sure that all wars that followed World War II would be fought with stone axes.

As Arsenio Hall used to say: "...hummm..."

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## Komen Race

# 2006 Komen Dallas Race For The Cure® Scheduled For Saturday, October 21 At Northpark Center

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The 24th Annual Komen Dallas Race for the Cure® is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 at NorthPark Center. This year, the Race will offer a competitivelytimed 5K Family Fun Run and a 1K Run/Walk. Organizers anticipate competitive timing will provide an added incentive for race participants to measure their personal best, as well as attract under. local running enthusiasts. This year, more than 25,000 the Komen Dallas Race for the Cure, which is Dallas' largest community event that recognizes those diagnosed with breast cancer and salutes its survivors.

Race teams can be formed in each of the following cateReligious & Spiritual, Medical and Other categories. Prizes will be awarded to the largest team in each category, as well as Friends of the Cure®.

Race Day Registration will begin at 6:30 a.m. at NorthPark Center near Foley's/Macy's. However, participants are encouraged to register in advance online at www.komen-dallas.org

Advance entry fees for the non-competitive 1K and 5K are \$30 online only; \$35 mailin registration; and \$40 onsite Race Day. The registration fee is \$20 for entrants 12 and

Fees for the competitive 5K are \$35 online only; \$40 mailare expected to participate in in registration; and \$45 onsite Race Day. And for those who would prefer to spend Race Day in bed can still register to participate just by logging onto www.komen-dallas.org. While visiting the site, donors can simply select the "Sleep In for the Cure" option to make

turn over to get some more shuteye.

The 2006 Race features an enhanced website that has been redesigned to allow for easier navigation, online donations at anytime, and the ability to register or receive emails and newsletters regarding upcoming events. Also those

to the Race (must register by 11:59 p.m. on October 16th). To register or become a Friend for the Cure® by donating online, visit www.komen-dallas.org and click on the "Friends for the Cure" tab on the menu bar.

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participants who register Race Honorary Chairperson online will have their race packets mailed to them at no

Honorary race chairperson for the 2006 Race for the

Event Marks the First gories: Corporate, School, an online contribution then need to pick them up in per- Francie Larrieu Smith. Smith more than \$1.5 million dolson at NorthPark Center prior is a five time U.S. Olympic lars were raised through Team member. Her best fundraising events and dona-Olympic Finish was fifth place tions received throughout the in the 10,000 meter event in year. Up to 75 percent of Seoul, South Korea (1988). She was the flag bearer for the County, helping the medical-U.S. Olympic Team in ly underserved through inno-Barcelona Spain (1992). vative education, screening During the course of her 30 year athletic career, Smith including mobile screening established 36 United States and prosthetic services. records and 12 world bests in distances ranging from 1,000 meters to 10,000 meters. She ed in last year's Race along was selected by Runner's with corporate sponsors and World magazine as "The Most more than 1,000 volunteers Versatile Runner of the to help bring breast cancer Quarter Century." Smith is awareness to the attention of also a member of the Road the Dallas community. Due Runners Club of America Hall to the high volume of traffic, of Fame, The Texas Women's carpooling, biking, or taking Hall of Fame and the National the DART light rail is recom-Track and Field Hall of Fame. mended on Race day. About Komen Dallas

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# Black Cinematheque Dallas Kicks Off 18th Season

will kick of it's 18th season with the award winning film "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till" on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006, 8:00 PM at the Black Forest Theater, 1920 Martin Luther King Blvd. in South Dallas, Texas. Admission is \$5. at the door. The public should call Black Cinematheque at 214-426-

Black Cinematheque Dallas 1683 or the South Dallas Cultural Center 214-939-2787 for information.

> The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till 70 min. by Keith Beauchamp

August 28, 1955, 14-year-old Emmett Till was kidnapped from his uncle's house in Money, Mississippi, beaten beyond recognition, tortured, murdered, and thrown into the

Tallahatchie River, all for sup- Marshaling testimony from eyeposedly "wolf whistling" at a white woman.

"A triumph of documentary activism nine years in the making, The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till revisits Till's death and the trial and acquittal of the two men, Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, who later confessed to the crime in a magazine interview (both have since died).

never told their stories publicly, director Keith A. Beauchamp invokes a repressive atmosphere of institutional paranoia-in archival footage, Till uncle Mose Wright, who fled Mississippi after the murder, tells an interviewer that he'll return to testify at the trial "if I live." Till's extraordinary moth-

witnesses, many of who had

that could create yet more refugees.

Tens of thousands of people have been killed and more than 2 million forced to flee to camps er, Mamie Till-Mobley (who cal lessons we should pass on died in 2003), recounts her fight to our children and how film for an open-casket funeral-an event that shocked the world with photos of her son's misshapen face and gouged-out eye Dallas, founded in 1988 by sockets, jump-starting the civil Marilyn Clark and governed rights movement.

Following the screening of Directors, is your ticket to the film, the audience will films and events of imporengage in a full discussion of tance by and about people of the legacy of Emmett Till, criti-

during 3-1/2 years of fighting. Mostly non-Arab rebels took up arms accusing the central government of marginalizing the remote region that borders Chad.

can make visible American terrorism.

Black Cinematheque by a 10 member Board of African descent.

Human rights organizations have accused government forces and their Janjaweed militia allies of widespread rights abuses.

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short of endorsing Gaddafi's call for a rapid move to a United States of Africa.

Dream of unity

But Gaddafi's dream - one shared by some of independent Africa's founding fathers -remains undimmed.

manipulate an African problem, he said would-be colonialists and capitalist opportunists were among those seeking to replace an AU peace force in Darfur with a U.N. peacekeeping force.

He echoed a call made at the gathering by Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir for the approval would threaten peace.

Sudan rejects U.N. plans to deploy 20,000 troops and police to Darfur by year-end, likening it to a Western invasion that would attract jihadi militants and create an Iraq-like quagmire.

Khartoum has deployed thousands of troops to the region to

"Africa should have one iden-

tity, one nationality, one people, one currency, one army," he said to cheers.

"Africa is destined not to fall back into the hands of the whites who used to see us as animals and slaves."

Giving an example of what he said was outsiders trying to

### Plano Fire Chief Page 1

are excited he will be joining our team."

Chief Esparza holds a B.S. degree in Emergency Administration and Planning from the University of North Texas and a Master of Liberal Arts from Texas Christian University. Additionally, he participated in the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government (Harvard University) and in the **Executive Managers Program** (Arizona State University), Fire Service Institute.

His certifications include Chief Fire Officer Designation (CFAI), Master Firefighter (Texas Certification Fire Commission on Protection), Leadership Development Program (City of Fort Worth) and Hazardous Materials Technician (Texas Fire Commission on Protection), among others.

Chief Esparza was the recipient of the Outstanding Hispanic Community Leader award from the Fort Worth and Arlington Chambers of Commerce and also received the Special Operations Award from the Friends of Fort Worth Firefighters.

Chief Esparza's compensation package will include a car allowance or city provided vehicle, reasonable moving expenses and a salary of \$128,000.

in Darfur and said the sending of forces

### AU to continue its peace mission confront rebels who refused to sign a May peace accord. The international United Nations UNHCR said this had triggered without Khartoum's fears of a major military offensive

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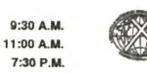
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# **Business Directory To Advertise Call 972-606-7498 NTTA Board Welcomes New Members, Elects Officers**

The North Texas Tollway Authority Board of Directors welcomed two new members at a special called board meeting last week and elected Paul N. Wageman representing Collin County as Chairman. Jack Miller, representing Denton County, was re-elected as vicechairman. Two veterans left the NTTA Board this month, making way for a Plano bank president and a Weatherford airline captain to begin new terms.

Gary Base, president of ViewPoint Bank in Plano, was appointed to the Board to represent Collin County. Mr. Base has an extensive record of interest and involvement in the transportation field. He is the business representative on the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition and is a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Advisory Council of the Greater Dallas Chamber. He is a past chairman of the Plano Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Board of Directors of the North Dallas

Chamber of Commerce. Robert Kelly Shepard of Weatherford, a Boeing 767 captain for international flights with American Airlines, was appointed to the Board by Gov. Rick Perry.

David D. Blair Jr., who is leaving the Board after more than nine years, including the last two years as chairman, is a former council member and Mayor of Farmers Branch. A registered professional engineer, Mr. Blair was appointed to the Board by Dallas County.

Marilyn Kay Walls of Cleburne leaves the Board after serving since her first appointment in 1999 by Gov. George W. Bush. She was reappointed by Gov. Rick Perry. Ms. Walls, a school teacher by profession, served 15 years on the Board of Trustees of the Cleburne Independent School District.

Other members of the sevenmember Board include: David Denison of Lewisville, a real estate broker, member of the American Institute of City

Lewisville, is serving his first Tarrant County. Vice-chairman Dallas and Denton) in which an members of the Board serve term on the Board representing Jack Miller, former council Denton County. He is in his first term on the NTTA Board of Directors. William W. Meadows of Fort Worth is senior vice president of the insurance and finan-



Alan K. Sims. Cedar Hill City Manager

cial service organization Rigg Group, Inc. and a former member of the Fort Worth City Council. He is now in his second Planners, and former Mayor of term on the Board representing

member and Mayor of Denton and a retired human relations consultant, has represented Denton County since he was appointed in 2002. He is a member of the North Central Texas Regional Transportation Council.

Alan K. Sims, Cedar Hill City Manager, was first appointed to the Board in 2003 representing Dallas County. He is also president of the North Texas City Management Association. Chairman Wageman of Plano, an attorney with the law firm Winstead Sechrest & Minick, is beginning his fourth term on the Board representing Collin County. He is a former member of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission and of the North Texas Commission. Each of the four counties within the service area of the NTTA appoints at least one representative to the Board. Two additional members are appointed on a rotating basis by those counties (Collin,

operating NTTA toll project is staggered, two-year terms, and located. The Governor of Texas no member may be an elected appoints one member from a official. From their membercounty adjacent to the NTTA's ship, the directors elect a four-county service area. The Chair and a Vice Chair.



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### **By: Monica Thornton**

You're stressed out, worn out and burned out. You don't have time to think about peace in vour personal life, let alone peace in the world. And take time for yourself? You don't have time to think clearly, so how can you possibly take time for you. But what if all you needed was one minute, just one minute to give your mind, body and spirit what they need to carry on.

One minute is exactly what is being encouraged by the Kumaris World Brahma University Spiritual (BKWSU). And its 'just-aminute' global initiative is being launched Sunday September 17, 2006. But it's not a minute to do whatever vou want. 'Justa-minute' is designed to introduce people to taking regular one-minute meditative pauses and breaks, helping them

reconnect with their core self, strengths and their values.

BKSWU is an international organization that has been teaching Raja Yoga meditation since the 1930s. According to the organization, Raja Yoga meditation is a method of relaxing, refreshing and clearing the mind and heart, working toward restoring a functional and healthy balouter worlds.

Dina Bhakta, program coordinator with the Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga Meditation Center in Irving, Texas, said the event will demonstrate how much positive change can be effected in just a minute, through the power of a silent and peaceful mind. The launch is dedicated to the United Nations International Day of Peace, which is September 21.

Ms. Bhakta said she started meditating over four years ago.

"I was searching for something to help me. I was remorseful of life, and didn't think I was of use to anyone," said Ms. Bhakta.

**One Minute To Bliss** 

She was taking classes in science to help her find meaning in life, but still there was something missing. A relative introduced her to Raja Yoga meditation, and "it connected me to my spiritual ance between your inner and side, and that brought it all together for me," Ms. Bhakta added.

> It even helped her turn a failing grade (in computer programming) to an A.

> "I tried implementing meditation in my studies, and it turned things around. School became easier," Ms. Bhakta said.

> And there's more good news about meditation. An April 2003 publication of Psychology Today (document ID: 2716), stated that neuroscientists have found that meditating shifts brain

activity to different areas of the cortex, with brain waves in the stress-prone right frontal cortex moving to the calmer left frontal cortex. They also found less activity in the amygdala, where the brain processes fear.

The American Heart Association even has on its list of 12 strategies for reducing stress 'take 15 to 20 minutes a day to sit quietly, breathe deeply and think of a peaceful scene'.

And BKWSU is inviting you to start with 'just-a-minute' by attending the global webcast of the launch at the Women's Museum, 3800 Parry Ave., Dallas, from 9 a.m. to 12p.m. The live event is at Wembley Arena in London. Robin Gibb of the Bee Gees and comedienne Ruby Wax are two of the featured performers.

For more information and to get your free tickets visit: bkwsu.org, or bkdallas.org.

#### Dallas Urban League Page 1

general population from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and a Texas Department of Health Grant which focused on women.

"We recognized early on that women would be impacted disproportionately by this disease and have been persistent in our efforts to educate women regarding the risks," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League. "Over the years we kept our focus on women through programs funded by the Center for Disease Control Prevention and the Texas Department of Health although regional priorities were previously focused on men having sex with other men."

"High unemployment, lack of education, health insurance, access to care and trust in the health system have placed our minority communities at risk for acquiring serious health problems including HIV and AIDS," said Dr. Brooks. "Our HIV/AIDS programs are serving hundreds of clients each year through street outreach activities, one-on-one counseling and small group prevention behavior sessions. Clients are also referred to primary care, drug treatment, family planning, housing and employment opportunities and other health services."

The Urban League has and continues to address this epidemic through the following programs:

· Link-to-Care, which is funded by Texas Department of State Health Services, offers HIV-positive ex-offenders, who are recently released to Dallas County, immediate access to primary care utilizing the Texas HIV Medication Program. All clients are eligible for various

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available programs and referrals including other community based organizations, and medical and/or psychosocial case management services through the Urban League and its part-

ner Parkland Health and Hospital System. The Urban League also partners with the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and Dallas County jails for referrals to the Link-To-Care program. Participation is voluntary and all services are free.

· Community Promise is a community-level HIV prevention and intervention program that targets intravenous drug users and trains them as peer advocate volunteers to help impact changes in the community. This program improves their health status by promoting healthy behaviors and changing those factors that negatively affect the health of residents in the Dallas community. This program is funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Prevention Case Management, also funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services, provides intensive, on-going support, individualized prevention counseling and service brokerage. It targets persons, whether positive, negative or status unknown, who have or are likely to have difficulty initiating or sustaining practices that reduce or prevent the acquisition, transmission or re-infection of HIV.

· Abstinence Program provides educational and parenting classes for youth and parents that address teen pregnancy, drug abuse, STDs and HIV/AIDS. Its goal is to decrease early sexual encounters and teen pregnancy among high risk youth and educate youth and parents about the risks. The Texas Department of State

Health Services has supported this program for two years.

· Urban Health Solutions targets ex-offenders and other high risk populations in five areas in Dallas County. The program offers case management, HIV/AIDS/HTC education and risk reduction outreach. The project also identifies gaps in service strategy for substance abuse and/or ex-offenders; will develop a community wide plan and vision for coordination of reentry gaps; and sustains an overall strategy for reintegrating these at-risk populations in the community service delivery network. This program is run through a five year grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services.

In Dallas County, there are marked increases in the number of cases of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) including HIV/AIDS among African Americans. In the 75216 zip code where the Urban League is headquartered, and surrounding areas, the number of HIV and AIDS cases is the highest in the county. From January 2006 to June, 2006, the Dallas Health and Human Services and private physicians reported 4,354

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African Americans were diagnosed with STDs including HIV/AIDS, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia.

"We realize the magnitude of the problems we are facing," said Dr. Brooks, "but we need more than just token handouts; we need our educational institutions, parents and our churches to participate in this fight to save lives. Denial by our community and misinformation continue to be among our biggest challenges in our fight against HIV/AIDS." The Urban League feels if they are truly going to impact

this disease's progression, there needs to be an open dialogue among clergy, educators and health officials which addresses lifestyle issues and what interventions might be successful in our community.

An Urban League Outreach Intervention Specialist, James Smith says educating the high risk population that he sees regularly has significant impact. "There are some IV drug users who are not going to stop shooting up, period, but if I can convince them to bleach their works every time they use them and not share their needles, then we have made another step toward preventing the spread of HIV and AIDS."





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# Education After 38 Years, Civil Rights In Higher Education Suit Ends

In 1968, a 23-year-old black law student and college instructor sued the state over racial segregation in Tennessee's higher education system.

Monday, 38 years later, that suit ended, after Tennessee met its requirements to increase diversity, scholarships and opportunities for minorities at state colleges and universities.

Rita Geier, a Vanderbilt Law graduate and former Tennessee State University instructor who is now in her . State University. sixties, said she did not expect the lawsuit to last this long, until she became aware of how complex the situation was.

"To me, this was about the

most important thing that one could protect in society, and that was a right to an education," Geier said.

Her Nashville attorney, George Barrett, joined Geier at Monday's announcement. Geier served as a law clerk for Barrett in 1968 when the suit was brought.

The suit was filed as a result of the state trying to expand the then University of Tennessee at Nashville, a primarily white school, as opposed to expanding the historically black Tennessee

Barrett and Geier both said the move would have "doomed TSU" to "second-class status." "Then you would have had a

competing historical white

school with a competing histor- state has fulfilled its requireical black school, and habits and traditions would dictate that TSU would have been left a sec-

said.

will be dropped because the miss the lawsuit.

ments, putting \$77 million in the last five years toward helping state colleges and universities diversify their stu-

dent bodies, faculties and staffs and remove any signs of segregation.

Of the \$77 million, more than \$15 million was given to TSU's endowment for scholarships and nearly \$20 directed toward a capital project for the University's

Gov. Phil Bredesen, who held a press conference at the state capitol celebrating the lawsuit's end, called Geier's action a "call to conscience for our entire state."

"She challenged us to make sure we had built a system that truly offered equal access to all of our citizens," Bredesen said.

The lawsuit occurred while seven governors served, one of whom, Don Sundquist, appeared at the ceremony Monday.

Bredesen credited Sundquist ship program for minorities.

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for putting in place "the real final foundation blocks" for expediting the end of the Geier suit.

Bredesen said even though the lawsuit is ended and requirements have been met, he would like to continue to make "higher education available to all of the young people of Tennessee."

Bredesen specifically said he planned to continue funding \$11 million through a scholar-

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**Collin County Community** College District (Collin) announces its choice for Living Legends 2006: Raymond B. Cooper, Wylie; Helen Hall, McKinney; Fred and Mazzie Moses, Plano; Jean and Mike Newman, Plano. Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano will underwrite this year's tribute. The college will formally recognize these individuals at the 2006 Living Legends ceremony and dinner to be held Nov. 11 in the conference center at the college's Spring Creek Campus in Plano. Proceeds from the event will go toward the Living Legends Endowment Fund, which supports student scholarships and academic success. According to Collin Trustee Cindy Bauge, who helped found the tribute, working with members of the Board of Trustees and the Foundation to select Living Legends is a privilege because these honorees exemplify the college's core

and Involvement, Creativity and Innovation, Academic Excellence, Dignity and Respect, and Integrity. "The individuals selected to receive this prestigious award are an inspiration to our students. Though their careers may differ, they are unified in their love for our community. Their concern is easily seen in their vision and the countless volunteer hours they have freely given to the community as a whole," Trustee Bauge said. According to college President Cary A. Israel, the significant contributions made by those honored as Living Legends are evidenced in the vitality of the. county. "Collin County thrives because of the talent and commitment of volunteer leaders," said Israel. "Their altruistic achievements have benefited our entire community and strengthened Collin County's reputation as a vibrant area in which to learn, work and live. We look forward to paying tribute to this

values of Learning, Service year's Living Legends." The CCCCD Foundation at 972community is invited to participate in the 2006 Living Legends Tribute ceremony and dinner and may purchase tables of 8 for \$400 or individual tickets for \$60. In addition, corporations and/or families can choose to support the college through a special contribution as Humanitarian Sponsors at the \$5,000 level. For more information about Living Legends, call the force development.

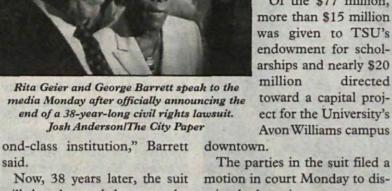
881-5611. Collin County Community College District (Collin) serves more than 41,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work

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# **Collin Announces 2006 "Living Legends"**



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# Monica Gets Personal With New Album

The three years between stores Oct. 3. Monica's last album "After the Storm" and her upcoming fourth studio LP were marked nancy.

recent time away from music and the drama she's had to overcome have made her a different person - one whose newfound strength and

determination is expressed in her new album "The Makings of Me," due in

"This album is very, very different from the other ones, because of me personally," with a fair amount of pain, Monica told MTV last week including the suicide of an ex- from the VMAs. "The first boyfriend, an emotional album, I was 13 years old. Now, breakup and rumors of a preg- at 26, the way I look at things, even relationships, I was really The 26-year-old says her able to involve more of my life experiences in the album. ... And that made for some crazy songs."

The Atlanta-born singer also spent her time away from music in a brief relationship with Young Buck, according to MTV. Whose to say if he's the subject of a leaked track on her new album entitled, "Sideline Ho," which sports the lyrics: "It don't matter if he spends the night, his home's somewhere else/ If you don't make his breakfast, you's a sideline ho!"

"That song has been shutting down a lot of Internet sites," Monica told MTV. "Because I talk about when I was with someone back in the day who cheated on me in the most malicious, deceptive ways. And when I referred to the chick, I always referred to her as the 'sideline

ho,' because she was too comfortable with her position."

Other songs on "Makings" include the Jermaine Dupri-produced ballad "Get Away," which details Monica's 10-plus years in the industry; "Thanks for Tha Misery," written by Sean Garrett and the Missy Elliott-helmed "Dozen Roses" - slated to be the follow-up to her current single, "Everytime Tha Beat Drop." She calls the track, which samples Curtis Mayfield's "The Makings of You," her personal favorite on the album.

"I think the honesty of the record is what will hopefully help people gravitate to it," she said. "I don't want to do anything contrived. I want people to know I've been through the same situations as them and that's why I share so many of my personal experiences. In the process, I've still been able to live my dreams, and I want people to see that side of it.

"I look back over the past decade of my life," she added, "and I took everything - the good and the bad - and really made a musical diary."

### **Damon Wayans Stars In Showtime Comedy**

Expletives were flying, body Underground" was shooting. parts were being poked, Mafia culture was being mocked, and Damon Wayans was in whiteface.

Wayans was playing an inappropriately affectionate mob hit-man in a skit entitled "Touchy Feely Guy" for his comedy series, "The Underground," which debuts on Showtime, Thursday, at 10 p.m. EDT.

"It's 'In Living Color' on steroids," said Wayans, referring to the 1990s Fox series created by brother Keenen Ivory Wayans. "We get a chance to complete the joke. And if you want to see something that's shockingly funny, tune in ... It's the next generation of comedy."

Wayans, 46, first became known for his portrayal of outrageous characters on "In Living Color," including the hilariously scary Homey D. Clown. Then he starred for five seasons on "My Wife and Kids." He felt stifled on that ABC prime-time sitcom, which was canceled last year.

"Creatively, I felt I was walking through those five years. This is very freeing," he said at a modest Burbank soundstage where "The society, just very hypocritical," he Damon jokes."

"It's scary, because I have to stop censoring myself, because you go, They're not going to let me do that!' but then you go, 'This is Showtime! This is breaking that



television mentality," he said, sounding like himself, though still disguised as the peculiar Mafia guy.

Clips from the cable series shown to a gathering of television critics in July clearly offended some in the audience.

Wayans defended the skits as "honest." But he says he will not be surprised if the raw humor offends everyone at least some of the time. "I think we are a very repressed

said, comparing American television unfavorably to British comedy shows like "Little Britain," the original "The Office" and "Benny Hill," all of which he looked at for inspiration.

"Television here, I think, is 30 years behind," says Wayans, highly critical of the primness and prejudice of a medium much more uptight about sex than about violence and death. He finds it absurd that expletives are bleeped and body parts scrambled. "I think that's cheating. It's like you are lying to people."

"I think this is aimed at a younger audience, probably more male than female," said Greenblatt. "We don't always attract the younger audience because we do things that are a little bit more sophisticated, and older skewed, with older characters, so this could reach out to that younger demo."

"I think there is a way of presenting anything as long as it's funny," said Wayans. "The only thing I don't do is God jokes, because I don't want God to do

# Woodard, Merkerson, Pounder To **Portray Three Sisters In Upcoming Film**

Alfre Woodard, S. Epatha Merkerson, CCH Pounder and Regina Taylor are set to begin production on the new feature film "Up the Mountain," a drama about the importance of sibling bonds.

The movie, which follows three sisters at crossroads in their lives, was written and will be directed by Kevin Arcadie, executive producer of Showtime's "Soul Food" and co-creator of "New York Undercover." His script was adapted from the award-winning play of the same name.

Also starring Harry Lennix, "Up the Mountain" is described as a "sometimes funny and bittersweet examination of three sisters who have chosen completely different paths in their lives and now, in one emotional and trying weekend, must try to reconcile the past so they can move forward in their lives."

Principal photography is slated to begin in late October in Asheville, North Carolina, with 2nd Unit photography to be shot in West Virginia. Pounder, Arkadie and Forrest Murray ("Spitfire Grill," "Bob



Alfre Woodard

Roberts") are producing the project, which is being financed through Ivory Coast Pictures and private investment. 211



Mariah Carey award hoopla had died down for her album "The Emancipation of Mimi," here comes the 2006 Billboard R&B/Hip-Hop Awards to drop five more on the Grammy-winning disc, including Top R&B/Hip-Hop Album of the vear.

Currently in the midst of a U.S. tour, Carey also picked up top R&B/hip-hop artist for both the overall and female categories, hot R&B/hip-hop songs artist and top R&B/hip-hop albums artist for her Island/IDJMG disc. (See full list of winners below.)

Kanye West earned top rap album for "Late Registration"

Just when you thought the memorate the 40th anniversary of Female: Redding's death.

Public Enemy received the 2006 Hip-Hop Founders Award in recognition of their long-standing influence throughout hip-hop. Here is the full list of winners: · Top R&B/Hip-Hop Album:

Mariah Carey, "The



Mariah Carey (Island/IDJMG)

· Top R&B/Hip-Hop Artist Duo Or Group: Destiny's Child (Columbia/Sony Music)

· Top R&B/Hip-Hop Artist -New: Young Jeezy (Corporate Thugz/Def Jam/IDJMG)

· Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs Carey Artist: Mariah (Island/IDJMG)

· Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Albums Artist: Mariah Carey (Island/IDJMG)

• Top RAP Album: Kanye West, "Late Registration" (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/IDJMG)

· Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs Sales: Pussycat Dolls feat. Busta Rhymes "Don't Cha" (A&M/Interscope)

and also won hot rap track for "Gold Digger" featuring Jamie Foxx. Foxx, meanwhile, left the building with top R&B/hip-hop artist - male, while Young Jeezv took home top R&B/hip-hop artist - New.

In addition to winning top R&B/hip-hop songwriter and top R&B/hip-hop producer, Jermaine Dupri was named the first recipient of the Otis Redding Excellence Award for his achievements both in and outside the studio. The award was launched this year to com-



Of Emancipation (Island/IDJMG)

· Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Song: Mary J. Blige, "Be Without You" (Geffen/Interscope)

· Top R&B/Hip-Hop Artist: Mariah Carey (Island/IDJMG)

· Top R&B/Hip-Hop Artist -

Male: Jamie Foxx (J/RMG)

· Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs Airplay: Mary J. Blige, "Be Without You' (Geffen/Interscope)

• Hot RAP Track: Kanye West feat. Jamie Foxx "Gold Digger" (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/IDJMG) R&B/Hip-Hop Top Songwriter: Jermaine Dupri

• Top R&B/Hip-Hop Producer: Jermaine Dupri

· Top R&B/Hip-Hop Major Label: Island Def Jam Music Group

Top R&B/Hip-Hop · Top R&B/Hip-Hop Artist - Independent Label: TVT

### LL Working With 50 Cent On New Album

came out only five months ago, LL Cool J is already working on another new project that will be produced by 50 Cent. "We did six records in three or four days," 50 said last night (Aug. 31) during the MTV Video Music Awards preshow. LL then said the as-yet-untitled album would be his last for longtime label home Def Jam.

"For me, I needed to go and work with somebody who really had my best interests at heart," he said. The artist has

Although his last album Jam; the most recent of which, "Todd Smith," debuted at No. 6 on The Billboard 200.

> LL previously acknowledged allegiance with 50 Cent's G-Unit crew by featuring Lloyd Banks on a recent single, "Bump This." The track was reportedly intended for a re-release of "Todd Smith" but failed to appear on any Billboard charts.

During the VMA telecast, LL and 50 appeared onstage together to present the best female video award. Later in the evening, they hosted a VMA which featured a performance released 12 albums for Def after-party at the hotspot Tao, by Gnarls Barkley.



### Flavor Of Love' Spinoff Gets Green Light



VH1 couldn't resist greenlighting a spinoff to its No. 1 reality series, "Flavor of Love."

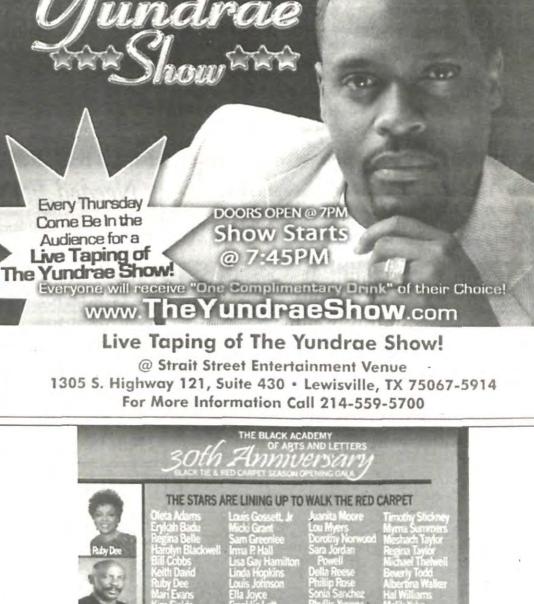
women of questionable class competing for the arm of for- Producers said they've cast a Records.

mer Public Enemy jester Flavor mix of colorful men to stir up. Flav, the series will soon be complimented by 10 episodes of a sister series that features various men attempting to win the heart of a "Flavor of Love" contestant from season one.

Although auditions were held over the summer under the name "Flavorette," the series from executive producers Cris Abrego and Mark Cronin has yet to don an official title. The acter." show, however, is due to air next A train wreck featuring year, likely in "Flavor's" current to release his first solo album via Sunday night timeslot. his own label Draytown

As far as the possibility for a third go-round with Flav, " Cronin acknowledged that trying to find the rap star love again might be overkill, and another season might be out of the question. "We are developing new show ideas with him," Abrego said. "We think it's time for him to do something new. He's funny and a likeable char-

Flav, meanwhile, is preparing



6-8 p.m. - VIP Reception and Red Carpet Walk 8 - 10 p.m. - Awards Gala Performance 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. - Post Gala Reception and Entertainment Performances by Lou Myers All Gala Festivities will take place at the home of TBAAL, Corner of Canton and Akard Streets, downtown Dallas, Texas TBAAL Box Office 214,743,2400 or TicketMaster 214.373.8000. E-mail us a thealitrairmail net, call 214 743 2440 or fax 214 743 2451

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### Plano ISD Celebrates Selection Of 115 National Merit Semifinalists-The Largest Number In District's History

Dr. Doug Otto, superintendent of the Plano Independent School District, announced today that 115 senior students, the largest number in the district's history, were named Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

These Plano ISD students join approximately 16,000 stu-

scrapers' footprints.

The mournful sound of bagpipes, so familiar from the seemingly endless funerals that followed Sept. 11, national anthem.

the same as well.

Squabbles over design and security have caused long delays in the project to rebuild at ground zero. Only this year did construction start on a Sept. 11 memorial and the 1,776-foot Freedom to be finished for five more years. At dusk, officials planned to turn on a memorial light display in lower Manhattan, sending beams of blue light skyward in a

President Bush laid a wreath at the Shanksville, Pa., field where United Flight 93 crashed, and privately greeted relatives of the 40 people killed there. Standing without umbrellas in a cold rain, he and first lady Laura Bush bowed their heads for a prayer and the singing of "Amazing Grace."

"One moment, ordinary citizens, and the next, heroes forever," retired Gen. Tommy Franks said, alluding to the Flight 93 passengers who apparently fought the hijackers and forced them to crash the plane into the ground. "We mourn their loss, to be sure, but we also

dents from across the country as entered the 2007 National Merit est scoring entrants in each state. Semifinalists in the 52nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program, As academically talented high school seniors, they now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards worth \$33 million.

More than 1.4 million juniors in nearly 21,000 high schools

with New York firefighters,

and a day earlier walked

ground zero and laid wreaths

in reflecting pools that sym-

bolized the north and south

After visiting Shanksville on

Monday, the president and

first lady placed a wreath near

a plaque on the outside of the

Pentagon, where American

Airlines Flight 77 claimed 184

lives and tore a gash in the

building. Bush appeared

teary-eved as he greeted vic-

tims' family members around

him, and he could be seen

mouthing "God bless you" as

At an observance near the

Donald

Defense

H.

Pentagon, Vice President Dick

and

Rumsfeld strode side by side

Rumsfeld appeared to strug-

gle with his emotions as he recalled the day of the attacks,

and Cheney vowed resolve:

"We have no intention of

to a speaker's platform.

he embraced them.

Cheney

Secretary

towers.

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below ground where the towers stood, tearfully laying wreaths and roses in the sky-

echoed across ground zero after a choir performed the

The ritual has changed little since the first anniversary of the attacks, and in many ways the site has remained

Tower, which is not expected glowing silhouette of the twin towers.

ignoring or appeasing history's latest gang of fanatics trying to murder their way to power." The day was marked with reminders of the sometimes tense new reality that settled on the nation, and particular-

ly its transportation systems, after the attacks five years ago. York's bustling New Pennsylvania Station was briefly evacuated because of a suspicious duffel bag that turned out to be holding only trash. And a jet bound for San Francisco was diverted to Dallas after a backpack and handheld e-mail device were found on board. Both items were pronounced harmless.

And lest anyone forget the terrorists responsible for the day, al-Qaida's second in com-

Program by taking the 2005 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the high-

Dr. Otto stated, "This program honors individual students who show exceptional

academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college programs. We are thrilled to have so many Plano ISD students achieve Semifinalist status. The district congratulates each of these scholastic champions and

At Boston's Logan Airport,

security screeners wearing

wristbands that read "We will

never forget" stopped checking

passengers for a moment to

mark the anniversary, and

travelers waiting in line \_

another legacy of the attacks \_

paused to join the tribute.

salutes them for their achievement

### of academic excellence."

Dr. Otto also said, "Today's announcement is truly a reason to celebrate in PISD. This is the largest number of Semifinalists in our district's history. This is another measure that shows that the work of our students, teachers, parents and educational programs is a successful combination that enables our students to excel at high levels.

"This significant amount of National Merit recognition will continue to create a major awareness among the colleges and universities of our students and of the high caliber of academic programs offered in PISD," he added.

ceremony paused intermittently as jets roared overhead, and an employee choir sang "God Bless America.

Ceremonies around the country inevitably included salutes to police and firefight-

ers. The families of the nearly 3,000 people killed five years ago made their way through the anniversary as best they could, the rituals now familiar but never easier.

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sion assailed the Bush adminadministration had adopted istration and Congress for a many of the commission's sugwhat they called a lack of gestions. She said Bush "wakes urgency in protecting the every day determined to country. Only about half of ensure that we are doing all we the 41 recommendations can \_ with all the lawful tools issued by the commission two possible \_ to detect and preyears ago have become law. vent terrorists attacks."

Former Indiana Rep. Lee Hamilton and former New Jersey Gov. Tom Kean cited a failure to distribute adequate homeland security money to cities most at risk for an attack, and said U.S. policy toward Arab nations has been largely ineffective.



celebrate their victory here mand warned of forthcoming in the first battle on terrorism."

In a prime-time Oval Monday. Office address later Monday, against terrorism as a "strugby a unified country.

tain the way of life enjoyed plotters of the attacks. by free nations," Bush said.

strikes in the Persian Gulf and against Israel in a new video

It was one of three al-Qaida Bush characterized the war videos released around the 9-11 anniversary. One showed gle for civilization" that images of the fuel-laden jets requires a determined effort striking the trade center, and in another Osama bin Laden "We are fighting to main- smiled and chatted with the

In Washington, the co-chair-The president ate breakfast men of the Sept. 11 commis-

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### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/ **BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**

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> State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

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### **Church News**



I received this long ago. It is something to ponder and perhaps start a tradition in your own family.

A father and daughter at an Airport were overheard talking. The daughter's plane departure was announced. Standing near the secu-

rity gate, they hugged and the father said, "I love you." "I wish you enough." The daughter said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all that I have ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Daddy." They kissed; and she boarded the plane.

The father walked toward the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted to, and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he asked me, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have, I replied. That brought back memories that I had of expressing my love and appreciation for what my Dad had done. Recognizing that his days were limited, I told him face to face how much he meant to me. So I knew what this man was experiencing. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this good-bye forever?" I

asked. "I am old and my daughter lives far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is that her next trip back home will probably be for my funeral," he said. When you said

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nine million by the year 2030. Planning for how this regional growth will affect the City of Plano, demodiminishing graphics, resources and other local issues will be discussed at these open forums - issues relating to the

good-bye I heard you say, "I wish you enough." What does that mean?"

I Wish You Enough!

The father smiled. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused for a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail. "When we say, "I wish you enough,' we are wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them," he continued and then turning toward me he



Picture of The Week The Yundrae Talk Show Host, Yundrae, on Thursdays @ Strait Street in Lewisville, TX; Pop Artist Lauren Grant; and Big "Phazz" **Producer** of the Lauren Grant Productions @ a recent taping.

> shared the following, reciting it from memory.

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright." I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive." I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear larger." I wish you enough increases to satisfy your wanting." I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess." "I wish you enough 'Hello's:' to get you through the final "Good-byes." He sobbed and walked away. - Author Unknown.

Transportation and Land Use more information about the Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for progress and maturity.

All Plano residents, property owners and anyone else interested in the growth and development of the City are welcome to attend one or both of or city departments please the scheduled meetings. For visit www.cityofplano.gov.

God's Wings: An article in the

National Geographic several years ago provided a penetrating picture of God's Wings. After a fire in Yellowstone National Park, Forest Rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the damage. One Ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. He gently struck it and three tiny

chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings.

The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her off-springs to the base of the tree and gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. The blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast.

She was willing to die; and those under the cover of her wings would live. "He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge." (Psalm 91:4) Being loved this much should make a difference in your life. Remember God loves you; be different because of it.

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### **BEN WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH** September 23, 6 pm

We invite you to join us as we celebrate our Fall Church Service with a Pre-Anniversary Musical. You don't want to miss this Holy Spirit night in Worshiping God.

September 24, 8 am and 11 am

You are in for a treat if you worship with us and hear at least one of these dynamitic preachers in the Metroplex in our "Ole Time Church Service. Featured guest speakers is Rev. Wayne Stafford, Senior Pastor, Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen in Allen, TX at 8:00 am and Rev. Albert K. Haynes, Senior Pastor, Bethany Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, TX.

September 27 - 29, 7 pm Join us for our nightly Revival with Evangelist Roy Brackins, Pastor, Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, TX

October 1, 8 am and 11 am Don't miss the culmination of our 65th Church Anniversary Services with featured guest speakers, Rev. Roy Brackins, Pastor, Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, TX in our 8:00 am Service and Rev. Robert Castle, Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, TX.

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#### NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP **CHURCH OF ROWLETT** This Saturday, September 16, 9:00 am to 11:30 am

The men of New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett will host a FREE Prayer Breakfast that is open to all men of all ages. Our theme: Remind, Reassure and Rededicate with speaker Evangelist Robert Shone of Christ For The Nations For more information about the above events, please call 972-463-4964

New Life Fellowship Church Of Rowlett Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr. Senior Pastor 7401 Miller Road Rowlett, TX 75088 972-463-4964

### THE FAMILY PLACE September 30, 2006

First Ladies Against Domestic Violence will host the First Ladies Gospel Brunch & Fashion Show with fashions provided by Liz Morgan Women's Apparel @ the Belo Mansion, 2101 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75101. All proceeds will benefit The Family Place. This years Honorees include first ladies: Neisha Strambler-Butler from Union Cathedral; Stephanie Carter from Concord Missionary Baptist Church; Tammy Copeland from Lovers Lane UMC; Tonyeka Drake from Jubilee Community Church; Marsha Gordon from St. Luke Community UMC; Tanesha Hollingshed from North Park CME; and Marian Rabb from New Light Church.

For ticket prices and more information, please contact Emily Santillan @ 214-443-7717

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#### VICTORY

#### **INTERNATIONAL CHURCH** September 15, 7 pm

Pastors and leaders from throughout the DFW area will converge at the 1st Annual DFW Church Growth & Development Workshop under the theme: "Perfecting The Storefront Church." Topics and speakers "The Need and include: Importance of Spiritual Covering" with Apostle Cedric Adams; "Getting All You Can Out of Your Building" with Pastor Dennis Webb; "Seven Common Mistakes That Can Hurt Your Ministry" with Pastor Dominic Antonino; "Unleashing Financial Increase In Your Ministry" with Pastor Errol Clay; "Maintaining Excellence in Church Records" with Mrs. Kathy Mannering; and "Using The Internet Effectively As A Small Church" with Bishop James Brown. All seats are FREE for Pastors, spouses and five members of their leadership team; however, pre-registration is REQUIRED. This workshop will be held @ Engrafted Word Empowerment Church, 1819 Everman Pkway, Everman, TX with host Pastor Ricardo Miller.

#### September 15 - 17, 7 pm

Bishop 'I Feel God' James Brown, Pastor Linda G. Brown, and Victory International Church invite you to three days of Revival Services with special guest speakers Pastors Marcus and Beverly Williams. There will be special music and prayer for the sick, bound and tormented.

#### September 22 - 24, 7 pm

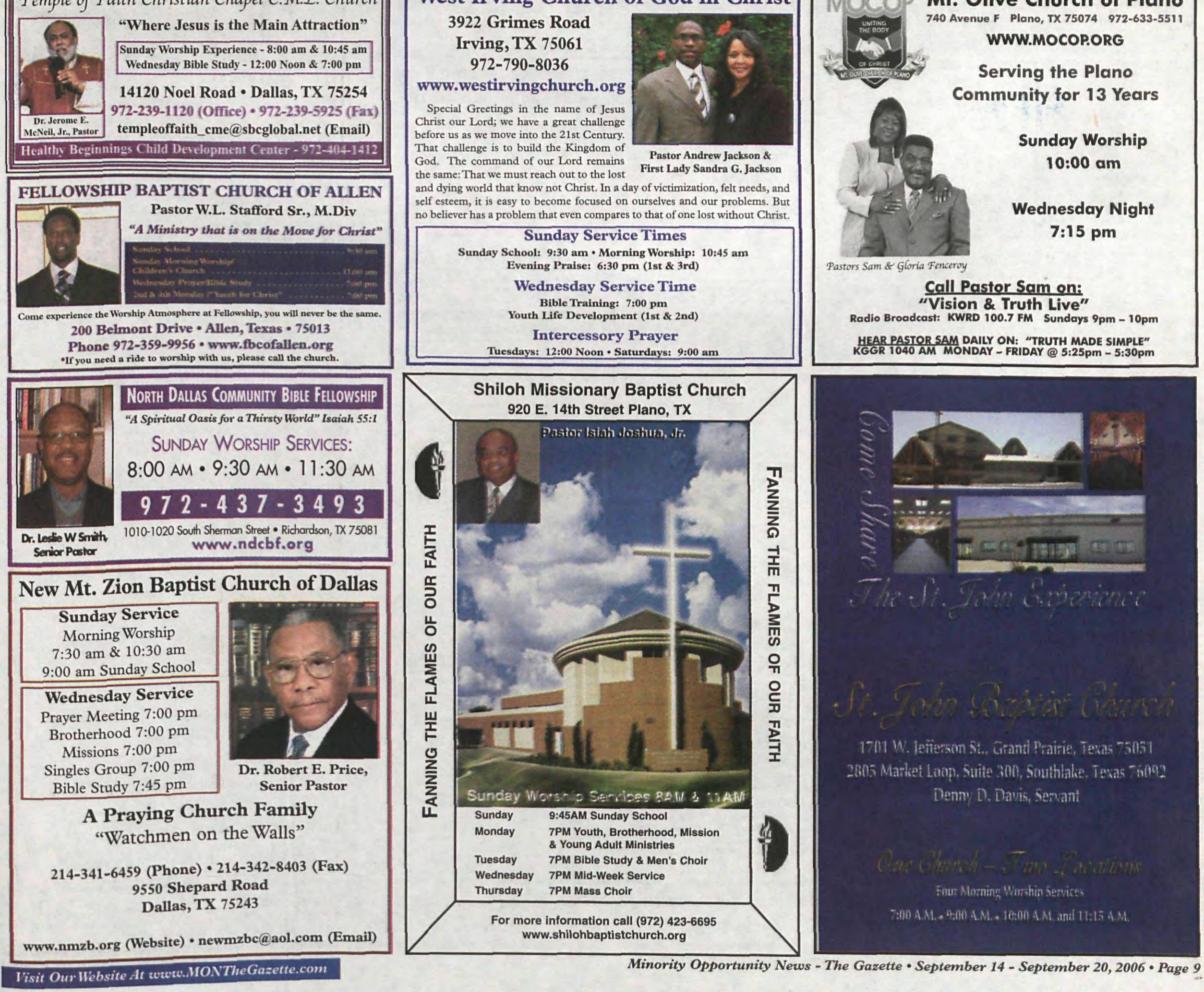
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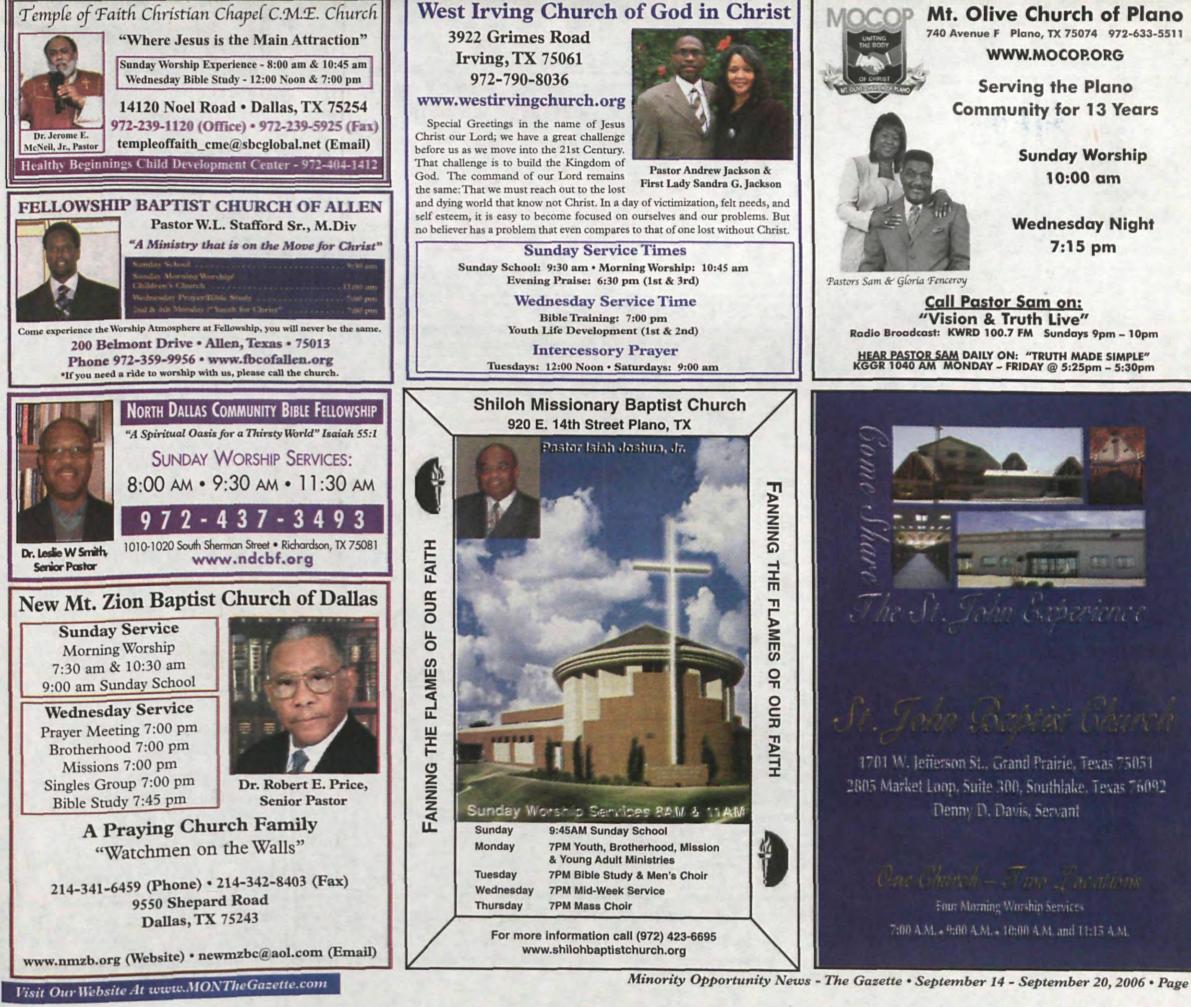
For more information about the above events please call Victory Church @ 817-535-7091 or 817-891-8096

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Greg O'Quin is an inspired songwriter, producer, keyboardist, arranger, and pastor who knows all about faith and staying focused on a vision. With his seven-voice ensemble, Joyful Noyze, Greg lays down a mesmerizing musical and lyrical montage that goes far beyond a simple collection of songs, with tracks running a gamut from hip-hop, mid-tempo R&B, to ballads, praise and worship, anthems and traditional foot-stomping Gospel.

Greg O'Quin has done it again with his CD entitled "Clichés". Greg's CD "Clichés" has skyrocketed to the Top 10 of the Gospel Billboard Charts. Greg has cleverly managed to create music that will touch your soul and bring peace to your heart and provoke you into worship. Greg O'Quin is presently working on his much-anticipated triple CD release entitled "Shake Tha' World".

Mr. O'Quin has accomplished an array of awards. For his previous album "Conversations", he was awarded the Gospel Music Workshop "Excellence Award" for Contemporary Group of the Year. Greg's anthem, "I Told the Storm" from his album "Conversations" was nominated for Contemporary Song of the Year. Greg was also nominated for two Dove Awards in the categories of Contemporary Song of the Year "I Told the Storm", and Contemporary Album of the Year "Conversations". He was also nominated for a Stellar Award in the category of Best Contemporary Male Vocalist of the Year. In addition, Greg was awarded The James Cleveland Gospel Excellence Award for Group of the year in 2000. With the incredible success of the album "Conversations," he has traveled the globe intensively, from Alaska to the West Indies and from Canada to Egypt.

# **Bishop Greg O'Quin**

In addition, Greg's mega- many music ministries for hit "I Told the Storm", has today's top churches. Pastor been in heavy rotation at the O'Quin was just recently been radio stations across the elected and consecrated as country for over 56 months

and is currently still in the Top 5 at most national radio and satellite TV networks. The single remains in the top ten of nearly every gospel play list in the country. "I Told the Storm" is the first song in gospel history to hold a position in the Top 10 most requested songs for over 36 months and remains as the most downloaded song in gospel music history. In addition, Greg O'Quin has composed such classics as "Unh, unh Peace", Paul Jone's "I Won't Complain" and the anthem "The Coronation".

Bishop of International Worship and Arts by the Come Alive International Fellowship of Pastors based in Akron, Ohio. This fellowship includes over 200 pastors from various churches from reach and teach any and the US and Europe to the everyone. Caribbean.

Bishop Greg is known as a maestro...a mega-musician...a producer...a preacher...a pastor...a visionary and relationship a trail blazer but he's most Christ...we can do all comfortable with the title things...full of promise and "servant". according to R&R Magazine WithOut Walls will observe has an international listening their opening and Inaugural audience of over 75 million Celebration people and a consumer base 24th, 2006 at 4 PM. This of 1.2 million people world- opening ceremony will be wide. Bishop Greg has an held exclusive Yamaha endorsement deal that puts him in the Recreation Center next to fraternity with colleagues such as Stevie Wonder, Alecia Lancaster, Texas. The regu-Keys, Take 6, Fred Hammond, CeCe Winans, Michael W. Smith and Kirk Franklin.

Bishop Greg O'Quin is pastor and founder of The WithOut Walls Church International located in Lancaster, Texas. The WOW Church is a unique fellowship of believers that stretches to

The WOW Church teaches that the people of God have "No limits...and no boundaries" in Christ and because of with Bishop Greg, possibilities. The Church September in The Grand Ballrooms of The Lancaster Cedar Valley College in lar services will be each Sunday 9 AM at Lancaster Recreation Center.

> Millions of people have been blessed by the ministry of Bishop O'Quin. Now this prophet of God can speak directly into your life every Sunday at The Church WithOut Walls...a new church with Mega-Ministry.

# **Bishop T.D. Jakes And The Potter's House Partner With** Habitat For Humanity To Build Houses In The Gulf Coast

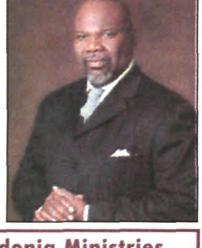
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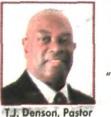
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- The Potter's House, the Dallas-based church founded by Bishop T.D. Jakes, will launch a fundraising campaign to sponsor and build up to 50 Habitat for Humanity houses in the Gulf Coast region. The initial phase of 10 houses represents a \$350,000 target by The Potter's House, in addition to numerous hours of volunteer labor by church supporters in the Gulf Coast. after

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Hurricane Katrina made landfall in 2005," said Bishop Jakes, "until this day, our church family has done all we can to assist the survivors of this country's most devastating natural disaster. The Potter's House is excited by the prospect of partnering with Habitat for Humanity as we work to build new homes in the Gulf Coast region, and as a result, empower families over- Potter's House also collaboratwhelmed by this terrible ed with Habitat during this tragedy."

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8:45 a.m. Church School 9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship

10:15 a.m. Worship Experienc

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7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Pastor Greg, as he is affec-

tionately called, has mentored

scores of music ministers all

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The Potter's House will raise \$35,000 for each house, which will be matched by an anonymous donation in the amount of \$40,000 to meet the \$75,000 per house sponsorship level.

The Potter's House has worked with Habitat in the past to build two houses in Atlanta in conjunction with the 2003 ManPower conference. The year's Global Day of Prayer in

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Tuesday

7:15 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. Church School

Dallas.\_

"It is an honor for Habitat for Humanity to partner with The Potter's House," said Rick Beech, director of Church Relations at Habitat for Humanity International. "The Potter's House has touched lives across Dallas and around the world and we wish them much success as they mobilize their powerful network to help families affected by the Gulf Coast hurricanes."

The partnership with The Potter's House is part of Habitat for Humanity's hurricane recovery effort, Operation Home Delivery. Since the hurricanes, Habitat has more than 300 houses completed or under construction in the Gulf Coast. **Operation Home Delivery** aims to construct 1,000 houses in the hurricaneaffected region by mid-summer 2007.





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