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## People In The News



Collin County Community College District (Collin) recently added a new member to its administrative team.

Brenda Carter, McKinney, was named the dean of Academic Affairs at the college's Central Park Campus, 2200 W. University Drive, McKinney.

Ms. Carter holds a master's of science degree in educational psychology from Mississippi State University and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Louisiana Tech University. Previously, Carter was dean of Student Support Services and Human Development at Cedar Valley College.

"I wanted to come to Collin County because of its excellent academic reputation and its national reputation in regards to service learning and learning communities," Carter said. "The district is experiencing growth in its student population and there are wonderful opportunities."

Collin County Community College District (Collin) serves more than 40,000 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 force development.

With a goal to increase diversity in the legal profession, the State Bar's Office of Minority Affairs will present the Texas Minority Counsel Program Sept. 28-29 at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas in Irving.

Ron Kirk, former Dallas Mayor and Texas Secretary of State, and partner at Vinson & Elkins in Dallas, will deliver the keynote address at 11:45 a.m., Thursday.

The event, expected to attract 450 attendees, will provide interviewing opportunities, client development and networking, and continuing legal education for minority and women law firm members and corporate and government counsel.

During his tenure as mayor, Kirk earned the reputation of being a coalition-builder, managing to keep the always-tumultuous Dallas City Council and Dallas School Board together. In 2001, Kirk resigned as mayor of Dallas in order to run for the Senate seat vacated by retiring Republican Phil Gramm. Facing then-Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, Kirk lost with 43 percent of the vote to Cornyn's 55 percent.

The Texas Minority Counsel Program's mission is to expand and increase opportunities for minority and women attorneys who provide legal services to corporate and government clients.



Beginning Sept. 12, American Airlines' popular Power Lunch Series returns for the third year with an all-new, life-empowering video and audio series. Eight lucky visitors to the Web site will find out instantly that they have won two round-trip tickets to their choice of destinations after picking their origination and destination cities in a mock booking tool. The contest runs through Oct. 31, 2006.

Noted African-American author Michelle McKinney Hammond is working with American Airlines to provide weekly online video vignettes with life-empowering advice and motivational narratives. Hammond has published more than 20 self-help books and is co-host for the cable television show, *Aspiring Women* on the Total Living Network. She has appeared on countless television shows including Bill Maher's *Politically Incorrect*, E-Channel's *Soap Talk*, NBC's *The Other Half*, and BET's *Oh Drama*.

The American Airlines Power Lunch series was created in 2003 as an online promotion designed to offer career and life-empowering information in addition to travel information to the airline's business travel customers.

The first vignette, "Reflect, Renew and Realign Your Passion," is available online at [www.aa.com/powerlunch](http://www.aa.com/powerlunch).

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## Alpha Phi Alpha And African American Museum Join To Present Smith Community Service Award



Thurgood Marshall and A. Maceo Smith

**Five Community Servants Will Be Honored Saturday, October 21, 2006**

The coveted A. Maceo Smith Community Service Award will be presented Saturday, October 21, 2006 at 10:00a.m., The Hotel Adolphus, 1321 Commerce Street.

Five volunteers will be recognized for their outstanding service in the area of Arts and Culture, Civic and Human Services, Education, Business, and Youth Involvement. The 29th Community Service Award will be presented to Patricia Clark Webb (Civic and Humane Services), Caritha Smith (Arts and Culture),

Hollis Brashear (Education) Rosieleetta Reed (Youth Involvement), and Victor Elmore (Business).

Smith has been a longtime volunteer for New Arts Six and the African American Museum. Her consistent contributions to these organizations are legendary. Webb, who has volunteered for countless causes in the community, is being cited for her outstanding leadership with the Katrina Relief Center at Friendship West Baptist Church. Brashear is a recently retired member of the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees where his accomplishments are numerous. Elmore has distinguished himself as a volunteer leader of the Visiting Nurse Association. Reed, through the Lakeside Riding Club, has provided positive avenues for the energies of disadvantaged youth by teaching them horseback riding, hunting, fishing, and camping. Texas black history and the legacy of The Buffalo Soldiers are also emphasized.

The awards are named for A.

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## Plano Library Literacy Program Needs Volunteer Tutors

Plano Public Library System's Literacy for Life (LFL) program is seeking volunteer tutors to help teach adult students to read and is offering a one-day tutor training workshop on Saturday, Sept. 30. The workshop is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Harrington Library.

Literacy for Life is in need of volunteers to work with students. Currently, students must be placed on waiting lists until additional tutors are trained. Tutor training workshops introduce tutors to LFL program materials. Training focuses on instruction, patience and understanding cultural differences.



Once trained, tutors are asked to volunteer to work with students a minimum of two

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## The Women's Museum Announces First Texas Girls' State Fair



The Jaguar Cheerleading Academy

**New event to premiere in Dallas during the State Fair of Texas to honor, recognize and show achievements and interests of Texas adolescent girls**

The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future, today announced that it will premiere the Texas Girls' State Fair, the first and only event of its kind ever held in the state, at this year's State Fair of Texas. Honoring, recognizing, and highlighting the achievements and interests of adolescent Texas girls, the new event will include academic, sports, and musical exhibitions and a variety of entertainment and educational opportunities for museum visitors. It runs Sept. 29 through Oct. 22, concurrent with the State Fair of Texas.

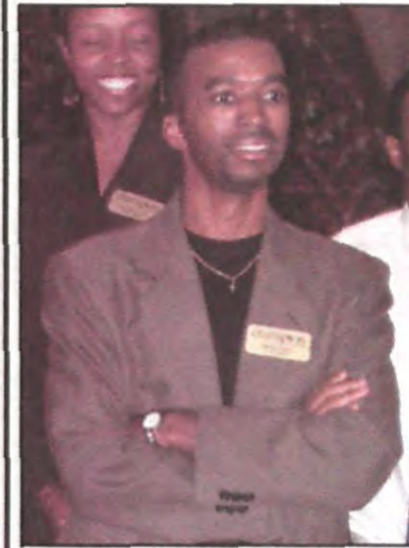
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Women's Museum, the Texas Girls' State Fair is designed to show what girls are doing, thinking about, and achieving in today's society. As such, during the new event, the museum's 70,000 square-foot building will host a lively collection of performances, competitions, and educational opportunities—celebrating art, music, sports, math, science, fashion, and more—all staged in and



Singer Brittany Johnson  
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## Collin County Black Businesses: Where Are They?



Keevin Dailey of Champion Mortgage

By: Tarsha Polk

Home of some of the fastest growing suburbs in North Texas and an average household income of \$70,835, Collin County is a great place to have a business. Since the year 2000 the black community has grown in Collin County

from 23,561 to 43,985, according to the US Census. So with such rapid growth and spending dollars in Collin County, where are the Black Businesses?

That's just what 36 year old Keevin Dailey, owner of Champion Mortgage asked when he moved his business to McKinney two years ago. He wanted to network and do business with other black businesses and professionals but was unable to find an organization he could join that catered to the needs of the African American business owner. "Being a business owner in a vast county of resources and a growing number of African Americans, I could not see why there was not an organization to recognize and support the African American business owner,"

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## Citing Health Concerns, Farrakhan Turns Over Control Of NOI To Administrative Body

By: George E. Curry-  
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

Likening his predicament to that of Cuba's Fidel Castro, Minister Louis Farrakhan says he is facing some serious health challenges, causing him to turn over administration of the Nation of Islam to its executive board and cancel all appointments and personal appearances until further notice.

Farrakhan said his illness is related to the heavy dosage of radiation he received as a result of having prostate cancer in the late 1990s. He underwent surgery in November 2000 at Howard University and on a recent visit there was found to have an infection and inflammation.

"I have been suffering from the after-effects of an extreme-



ly high dose of radiated seed implantation that indeed killed the cancer cells that had broken the prostate capsule, but over time, these seeds have done severe internal damage," he explained.

Farrakhan said his illness represents "a period of testing" for his organization.

"In this period of testing, you can prove to the world that the Nation of Islam is more than the charisma, elo-

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## President Johnson Sirleaf Honored With Freedom Award



Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was honored Thursday night in Washington with the 2006 Freedom Award, a distinction she shared with U.S. First Lady Laura Bush.

The Award, sponsored by

the International Republican Institute, a U.S. NGO, rewards the Liberian Head of State for her work for her dedication to the advancement of freedom and in encouraging women's participation in the democratic process.

U.S. Senator John McCain, Chairman of IRI, noted President Sirleaf's tenacity in standing up for the Liberian people despite the hardships of jailtime, a "tyrannical" regime, and her status as a woman.

U.S. First Lady Laura Bush described Ellen as "an amazing woman" with "every reason to be praised."

Accepting her award, Johnson Sirleaf commented that Liberia's 140-year histo-

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## Black Academy Celebrates 30th Anniversary With Red Carpet Event



Presenters, actors and siblings, Timothy and Phyllis Yvonne Stickney.



African dance and drums were a moving part of the evening's entertainment.



Music for the evening was provided by a 15 piece jazz ensemble, featuring Conductor, Ira Bassett.



Erykah Badu gives a heartfelt tribute to Curtis King.



Local gospel artist, Tommye Young-West wows the crowd in song.



Curtis King, founder and director of the Black Academy of Arts and Letters.

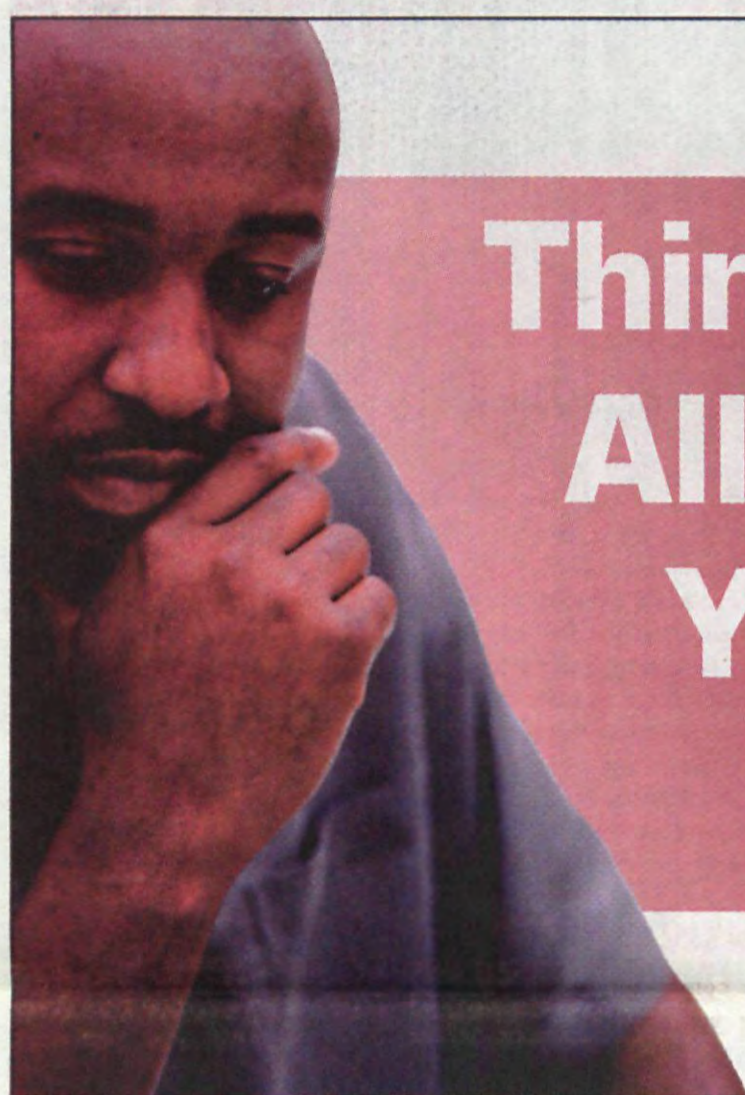


Actress Kim Fields honors the accomplishments of Curtis King and the Black Academy over the past 30 years.

Photos By: Mark Hartfield

The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters celebrated its 30th season with an opening gala and Red Carpet anniversary on Saturday night at the Dallas Convention Center.

There was no shortage of celebrities gathering to pay tribute to the Black Academy and its founder, Curtis King. Those in attendance at the gala included Louis Gossett Jr., Kirk Franklin and Regina Belle. Other big names walking the red carpet included actress Kim Fields, Soulfood's Irma P. Hall, actress Yvonne Stickney and brother Timothy Stickney (a.k.a. RJ on the soap opera One Life to Live).



# Think Your Teens Know All Your Rules? Are You Willing To Bet Their Futures On It?

As a parent, you know that your teens need your guidance to help them make the right choices in life and steer them in the right direction. It is up to you to set the rules, enforce the rules and communicate with teens regularly about choices that impact their lives. Every day, teens are faced with multiple decisions, from who to hang out with to whether or not to engage in

## drug use, drinking, smoking, or sex.

With marijuana being the most commonly used drug among teens, it is important to have an open dialogue and firm rules about marijuana usage and many of the issues that teens encounter. Don't assume that your teens know or don't need to be reminded about the risks and negative consequences associated with their actions, particularly when they are bombarded with powerful influences like peer pressure and mixed messages from movies, music, and video games.

*Today is a good day to remind your teens where you stand. The lines of communication are key, so talk to them. Make your expectations clear—drugs are NOT acceptable. Getting your teens to agree can help them earn your trust, which is something all teens want.*

And remember to keep close tabs on your teens. They have many influences in their lives and they need you to help them navigate through life and make the right decisions. Know where your teens are and who they're with. Cell phones make it easier than ever to just "check in." It's not saying that you don't respect their space or don't trust them. It's sending a clear message that you care.

Above all else, you are the number one influence in your teens' lives so lead by example because your teens are learning from you. Show the teens you love that actions speak louder than words. Set the rules, enforce the rules and talk to your teens about risky behaviors and consequences. Ensure that your teens have a future that is filled with hope and success.

Signed,

- American Legacy Foundation
- American Lung Association
- Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol-Free
- NAACP
- National African American Tobacco Prevention Network
- National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

- National Medical Association
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- Partnership for a Drug-Free America
- The National Council of Negro Women
- United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

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**Paul Hailey**

"Friends are God's way of apologizing for our relatives."

"A friend is somebody that knows everything about you, but still likes you anyway."

One of the benefits of writing a weekly column is that I can sometimes choose a topic that is only relevant to me and the other three people who actually read the words in this space every week- (that includes you mom, how you doing?)

With that luxury in mind, this week I am choosing to write about a sappy and sentimental topic, which is fitting because occasionally, I am a sappy and sentimental guy.

What is friendship?

Last night, I got a phone call from someone that has been my friend for over 24 years. Due to job changes, geographical moves, and lost address books, we had not spoken in almost four years.

I can't help but point out that this illustrates a basic difference between men and women- women only lose contact with friends because they want to, not because they lose their numbers.

My boy John called all of our mutual friends trying to reach me. He tried to call my family and anyone else that might know how to contact me. He was clever enough to eventually google my name, which pulled up a website I had written for, which gave him my email address at this newspaper. How did we even survive before the internet?

John told me that he never lost hope about finding me and in his email to me he typed something that I don't think I will ever forget:

"Yep, I've searched high and low and never gave up but I'm pretty certain that it's you dude. We've all missed you. DT, Mike.... 5 rules in life.... loyalty, loyalty, loyalty, loyalty, AND LOYALTY. I'll be waiting to hear

## The Currency of Friendship

from you...we've got a lot to catch up on..."

I thank God I have a friend like John.

Loyalty is the essence of real friendship. I have different types of friends who have different roles in my life, but the central theme with all of them is loyalty. Friendship is about being loyal when you don't have to be loyal. Because when you think about it, nobody has to be bothered with any of us if they don't want to.

As corny as they sound, the clichés about friendship are incredibly true. Friends are the people you can dare to be yourself around, without having to anything to impress them. You don't have to be on your guard with them, you can say what you really think-and still be accepted.

You don't have to be careful with your friend. You don't get crazy when they tell you things about yourself that no one else could or would say to you. A real friend wants nothing from you, and makes no demands of you-except your honesty.

Like I said, I have all types of friends. I have friends I haven't talked to in a while, friends I've neglected, friends I love, friends that have changed on me. I have friends from work, friends from church and some friends that I

can't remember how I met. I have friends I talk to everyday and friends I haven't talked to in a long time. I used to think that men and women couldn't be friends without some hidden sexual undertone getting in the way, but that was before I really understood true friendship.

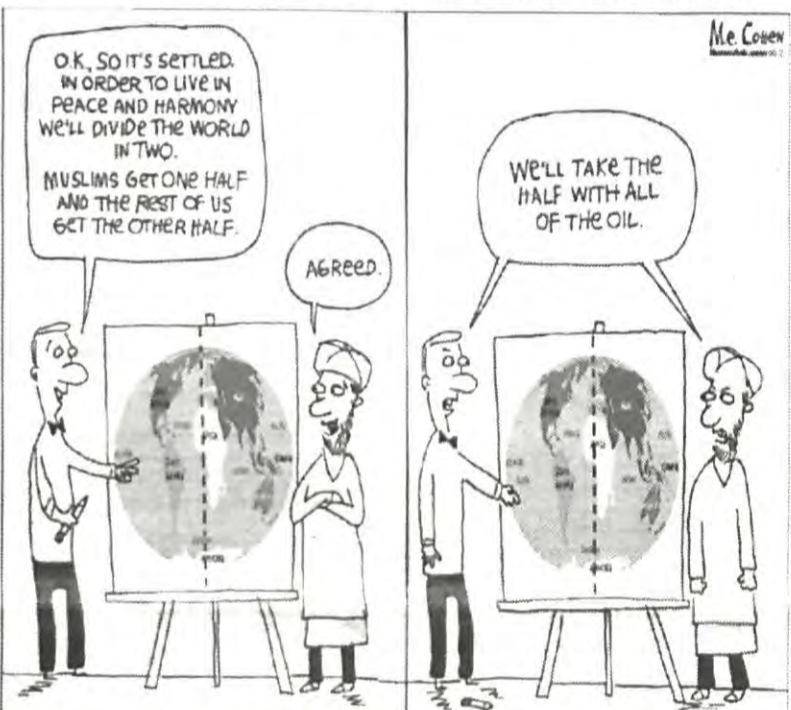
I have several friends but I can count on one hand the folks on this planet that I can pour my heart out to. And I suspect it is that way for most people. We go through our lives crossing paths with all kinds of people; and if we're fortunate, we may come across one person that remains friends with us no matter what happens or what we do.

Friends like John inspire me and cause me to take inventory of what type of friend I am. I am motivated to make new friends and be a better friend to the ones I already have.

There are many emotional transactions in life, and they all have their own brand of currency. I am blessed to understand that the currency of friendship is loyalty; and that loyalty makes me rich beyond measure.

How's that for sappy and sentimental?

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## Where Are Today's Civil Rights Leaders?

By: Juan Williams

Juan Williams is the author of "Enough: The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements, and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America - and What We Can Do About It"

Recently a friend offered me a list of top American leaders. It included former Secretary of State Colin Powell, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, entertainers Bill Cosby and Oprah Winfrey, Time Warner CEO Dick Parsons, evangelist T.D. Jakes, and golfer Tiger Woods. What is striking about the list is that all of the above are black Americans.

Equally striking is that none of the names on the list belongs to anyone whose title is "civil rights leader." A generation ago any list of top black leaders would have been dominated by civil rights leaders. A list from the 1960s would begin with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Roy Wilkins, Thurgood Marshall and Malcolm X. Today black people with that kind of leadership talent are busy breaking through doors previously closed to people of color and making their mark in politics, business, academia and more. This is the fruit of the integrationist, "mountaintop" vision that past civil rights leaders struggled to make a reality for their children.

Today, there is an absence of major voices to speak out about key economic and social issues that weigh on poor black people. Critical concerns such as the persistence of a 25 percent poverty rate among blacks nationally - about triple the poverty rate for white Americans - are left with no guiding hand. Other issues left unattended:

About half of America's black children drop out of high school. Among black students who stay

in school, there is a yawning "achievement gap" in basic reading and math skills between black and white students. Those students may get the same diploma on graduation day but it is a ticket to two very different sets of job opportunities and incomes in a world of economic competition with fewer blue-collar jobs for the poorly educated.

70 percent of black children today are born to unwed mothers. This is an almost certain recipe for family breakdown, educational failure, and poverty.

More than 40 percent of state and federal inmates are black, which is far out of proportion to the 13 percent of black people in the nation. Where is the leadership on the sad acceptance of criminal behavior and drug use that leads to this appalling high rate of incarceration?

When I wrote *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*, I had a sense of awe at the ability of black leaders of that period to put aside disparate personalities and ideas and focus on creating strategies and coalitions to defeat the laws of segregation. When reading that book or watching the accompanying PBS series, take note of the quality of black leaders on display at a time of rank segregation and pitiful financial resources compared with the level of opportunity and wealth in black America today.

Today's pale version of civil rights leadership never taps into the powerful tradition of self-help. Instead the sole focus is on grievances - charges of discrimination and calls for increased government spending for social programs that are based on appeals to white guilt.

Where is today's leadership voice calling for proud, capable

black Americans, especially poor black people, to take advantage of unprecedented opportunities in this generation?

Today's fight is to make high school graduation a priority for every black child. This century's civil rights movement requires attention to marriage as a key to family stability, good parenting and increased wealth. New leadership has to work to get poor people out of neighborhoods full of failing schools, crime and dysfunctional behavior. Such places cripple the spirit and hold people down.

When comedian Bill Cosby called for leadership on these issues at a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, he was attacked by critics. They said he did not understand the continued power of racism. The truth is that Cosby's voice was prophetic. Racism does remain a fact, but the central challenge for this era of black leadership is to rescue black people still in poverty's grip. Until this unpleasant truth is confronted, the progress of poor blacks will remain stagnant.

Cosby's words may seem harsh, but his unflinching look at the state of things is precisely the type of leadership that the black community needs today. It's the next step in that ultimate ascension to Dr. King's mountaintop.

If You Go

Juan Williams will be speaking about "Eyes on the Prize" at 6:30 tonight at the National Constitution Center. For tickets, call 215-409-6700.

Juan Williams is a senior correspondent for National Public Radio and a political analyst for Fox News.

## The 'Ghettoization' Of AIDS - A Reply

By: Phill Wilson - NNPA Columnist

When we started a think tank to focus on AIDS in Black America seven years ago, we had one goal above all else: Convince Black people that AIDS was our problem. Our slogan -- "Our People, Our Problem, Our Solution" -- is just a catchy way of saying the obvious: we can't fix something until we at least acknowledge it's broken.

Well, we've come a long way, baby. And Black America's increasing clarity of mission surrounding AIDS has never been more prominently displayed than it was last month, when tens of thousands of AIDS experts and advocates gathered in Toronto for the global AIDS conference. There, African-American leaders took center stage to, as NAACP Chair Julian Bond put it, "accept ownership and fight [HIV/AIDS] with everything we have."

An historic contingent of Black leaders, most of whom represent traditional Black institutions, convened a press conference on Monday, August 14 to launch a mass Black mobilization. Each of these groups agreed to push AIDS to the top of their agendas and incorporate it into the fabric of their work. African-Americans had finally made a statement to the world: In 2006, AIDS in America is a Black disease.

These leaders get it, and they're taking action as a result. But, sadly, there are still some out there missing the boat.

In a Sept. 4 editorial the Boston Globe warned that "ghettoization of the AIDS epidemic weakens the fight against it." Having witnessed the outpouring of Black leadership in Toronto, the Globe saw not a community finally ready to stand up and fight for itself but one walking into a trap. And it articulated a perspective that has paralyzed Black folks for too long.

By calling AIDS "a Black disease," the Globe warned, we risk turning away allies within

the community who fear heaping yet another stigma upon Black America. Certainly, that fear has kept some of our brightest minds and most influential players out of the struggle. With drugs, poverty and scores of other preventable but deadly health problems already plaguing Black neighborhoods, nobody wants to load more onto our plate.

These are all reasonable concerns. If Katrina revealed nothing else, it made plain that our government will leave Black people to die if allowed to do so. So we must not allow it. It's that simple.

The problem is the Globe describes exactly what both White and Black leaders have already spent the past 25 deadly years doing. Refusing to acknowledge the epidemic's vastly disproportionate impact on African-Americans has done nothing to change that ugly reality.

We tried putting our heads in the sand and not acknowledging the carnage unfolding in our neighborhoods. We tried convincing policy makers that this was everybody's problem, equally shared. We tried acting like it wasn't a Black disease -- and all that happened was the disease kept getting Blacker. We looked up and found that roughly half of all Americans living with AIDS and half all Americans getting HIV each year are Black. We found that three quarters of women getting it are Black, and that nearly half of Black gay and bisexual men may already be infected. We found Black people with HIV eight times more likely to die from the disease than Whites.

That's where not "labeling" AIDS a Black disease has got us.

Furthermore, the Globe missed a crucial point. Black leaders were issuing a call to action to Black America. Others will hear the call and do whatever they will do. But Black America can no longer afford to worry about that. We can't afford to trifle with the politics

of America's culture wars, whether they come from the left or the right. It is time for Black people to take ownership of the AIDS epidemic -- and responsibility for ending it. Individuals, traditional Black organizations and policymakers must all begin to hold ourselves accountable. Confronting the truth about AIDS is the only way to usher in this new era of accountability.

As of January, Washington was spending \$200 million a day on the war in Iraq, according to the Congressional Budget Office. That means each month our war spending nearly triples what we spend on HIV/AIDS care in the United States all year. This is not acceptable, and our community must not allow it to continue.

We are where we are with this epidemic because of denial and a lack of leadership. It didn't have to be this way, and I wish it weren't. But wishing it were not so is not the same as making it not so. I cringe every time I say, "AIDS in America is a Black disease" -- but not as much as I cringe every time I get a call from a Black teenager who just tested positive for HIV, or a Black woman who just found out she has AIDS, or someone letting me know that yet another of my brothers or sisters has died.

To bring all of this to an end, first and foremost African Americans must acknowledge that AIDS is in fact our problem. We can't fix what we won't admit is broken.

Phill Wilson is CEO and founder of the Black AIDS Institute in Los Angeles. He has participated in numerous international conferences on AIDS and was selected by the Ford Foundation in 2001 as one of "Twenty Leaders for a Changing World." Wilson has been living with HIV for more than 25 years and with AIDS for 15 years. He can be reached at Phillw@BlackAIDS.org.

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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-

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

MON-The Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones



# State Of Sick Cell Disease Is Focus Of National Conference In Dallas

Patient advocates, researchers, clinicians, policy makers, and minority health leaders will address the state of Sickle Cell Disease awareness and treatment in this country when the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA) holds its 34th annual meeting September 27-30 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion in Dallas, Texas.

Taking place as National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month comes to a close, SCDAA's convention -- Sickle Cell Disease: Meeting Unmet Needs -- is the largest national forum focusing on the issues affecting the estimated 80,000 people in the U.S. with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). An inherited blood disorder affecting the red blood cells, SCD is a lifelong condition that causes anemia and jaundice and can result in serious lung tissue damage, stroke, and debilitating body pain. While there is no

cure for SCD, early diagnosis can help people live longer, healthier and more productive lives.

Because SCD lasts a lifetime, patients face many challenges, which is why the 2006 SCDAA annual meeting will include over 40 educational sessions focusing specifically on such topics as overcoming the disparities in how adults with SCD receive treatment for acute and chronic pain, an area where many patients are at risk for inadequate pain control. The forum will also provide important new findings about treatment options for one of the complications of SCD, iron overload, which occurs when patients receive repeated blood transfusions. If left unchecked, the excess iron in the blood can gather in the heart, liver, and other organs and may lead to organ damage.

SCDAA's national meeting also comes on the heels of new

concerns about discrimination against the more than 2.5 million Americans with sickle cell trait (SCT), which is not a type of SCD. Although people with SCT are healthy, when both parents have this trait, they have



Willarda V. Edwards, MD, president and COO of the SCDAA

a 25 percent chance of having a baby with sickle cell disease with each pregnancy. For this reason, a major topic on the agenda will be educating the

public about SCT and driving awareness about the benefits of routine screenings for family planning purposes.

"As a nation, we must elevate sickle cell disease as a priority concern," said Willarda V. Edwards, MD, president and COO of the association. "This meeting will shine a light on the many issues now facing people with SCD so that advocates and policy makers will have the insights to improve the services and programs designed to prevent, detect and manage this condition at its earliest stages and to support SCD patients throughout their lives."

Conference Addresses Latest Science; Provides Opportunity for People of Dallas to Meet with National Leaders The SCDAA national meeting will launch on September 27 with a series of scientific presentations followed by an open reception for the people of Dallas to learn about SCD. This free event will

take place from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion in Dallas.

There will also be a blood drive on Saturday, September 30th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Reunion Ballroom G-H as part of the SCDAA convention. Blood transfusions are a part of the treatment of Sickle cell disease. It has been shown to decrease pain crises and reduce the risk for stroke in children.

Continuing through September 30, the SCDAA convention will include sessions

on screenings of newborns, education of school children, pain management, and new therapies in sickle cell disease.

The SCDAA annual meeting is expected to attract more than 400 patient advocates, researchers, clinicians, policy makers, and minority health leaders. More information regarding Sickle Cell Disease, the work of SCDAA, and the SCDAA convention are available on the SCDAA Web site at [www.sicklecelldisease.org](http://www.sicklecelldisease.org) or by calling 800-421-8453.

## Garland NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet



Civil Court Judge Bruce Woody and Karen Dunning, wife of District 8 Garland Councilmember Randall Dunning



Former Garland City Councilmember Weldon Bradley and wife Maxine, who endowed a scholarship for high-performing black GSD students through the Garland Branch of the NAACP



Dr. Peggy Jones of Garland, wife of Dr. Ron Jones (who will be running for Mayor), checks out the offerings at the silent auction.

## Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson Holds 14th Annual Community Appreciation Day



Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, with the help of Pfizer Inc., will be holding a number of upcoming events much like the 14th Annual Community Appreciation Day, to inform Dallas constituents of the importance of health awareness.

In support of a greater focus on preventive health care and education among minorities,

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, visits the Pfizer table for health screening at her 14th Annual Community Appreciation Day held Saturday at the Baylor Tom Landry Fitness Center in Dallas.

In 1992 Eddie Bernice Johnson became the first African-American to represent the Dallas area in Congress. She is now in her seventh term.

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**The Collin County Chapter of the American Business Women's Association** meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Drive in McKinney

**Free Tenant Legal Workshops** are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Douglass 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.assistance-league-gcc.org](http://www.assistance-league-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

and 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 Tezono" 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 28 The National Association of Black Social Workers** will hold its Southwest Regional Conference Sept. 28-29, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Select Love Field in Dallas. For more information call 972-898-2628 or log onto [www.nabsw.org](http://www.nabsw.org).

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**September 29 Texas State Fair Dallas' Fair Park** will be the place to visit September 29-

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**September 30**

**The State Fair Classic** Grambling University vs. Prairie View A&M will be held at the Cotton Bowl, 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd., begins at 6 p.m. For more information call, 214-565-9931 or visit [bigtex.com](http://bigtex.com).

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**Steve Harvey** performs at the Fair Park Music Hall, 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd. For more information and show time call, 214-565-9931 or visit [bigtex.com](http://bigtex.com).

**The Texas Federation of Republican Women** The 2006 Workshop and Legislative Roundtable will be held at Southfork Hotel, 1600 North Central Expwy., registration starts at 8:30a.m. For more information, call 210-467-2526 or visit [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org).

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**Celebrating Life Sister to Sister Fitness Festival** On Saturday, October 7, 2006 over 2,000 walkers, volunteers, corporations and community supporters from throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth community will unite to walk and address the risks of breast cancer among African American women and women of color. The Celebrating Life Foundation will provide culturally relevant information to the community and raise money to continue the work of the foundation.

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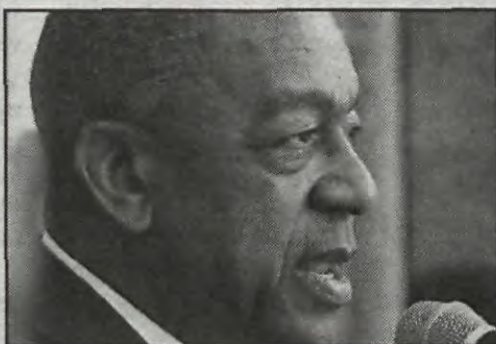
# BET Founder Opens Urban Bank In District

By: Tom Ramstack

Black Entertainment Television founder Robert L. Johnson opened his first bank in the Washington area yesterday, adopting the business plan of a community bank designed largely for minority customers. The bank will focus on home buyers, small businesses and student-loan applicants who might be denied loans by larger institutions, he said. "We're going to know our customers better," Mr. Johnson said after an opening ceremony in front of the bank at 1350 I St. NW in Washington's central business district. "We see there's a unique opportunity there." The bank's directors chose the downtown site for the branch office to reach the thousands of office workers who walk or

drive nearby each day. "We felt we should be in the core of the business community with our flagship branch," said Dwight Bush, Urban Trust Bank's chief executive officer. "We are not the black bank; we are the urban bank." Mr. Johnson acquired his first bank in March in Orlando, Fla., which gave him and his business partners the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. charter that they needed to open other branches throughout the Washington area. Urban Trust Bank plans to open three more branches next year in Prince George's County, Montgomery County and Northern Virginia. The company's corporate headquarters is in Bethesda. Mr. Johnson, a bil-

lionaire who was ranked 374th on Fortune magazine's list of the 400 richest Americans last week, said the bank will be



Robert L. Johnson speaks during a ceremony for the grand opening of Urban Trust Bank in Washington, DC.

backed by reserves from his financial services, hotel, real estate and entertainment businesses. The Urban Trust Bank venture comes as industry consolidation forces some black-

focused banks out of business. "African-American banks are having trouble," said Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District's Democratic non-voting representative in the House, who attended the bank's opening. Bankers say Urban Trust Bank will have a better chance of success if it tries to win customers from a wider community. "African-American institutions are not growing as fast as some of the other community banks around the country," said James Ballentine, community and economic development director for the trade group American Bankers Association. "They go after the African-American community. In order to grow at a rapid rate, you have to go after a

broader market."

Intense competition among the Washington area's banks leaves little room for error in trying to win customers, he said. Mr. Johnson's choice of downtown Washington to open his first bank in the region "indicates that he's going to develop a marketing strategy I have not seen before," Mr. Ballentine said. "It's important for them to say, 'We're minority-owned, but we're a bank that serves all persons.'" Mr. Bush said the bank has formed partnerships with nonprofit organi-

zations, such as the Greater Washington Urban League, to teach financial literacy to people who are underserved by banks in hopes of winning them as customers. "We want the single mother to become a first-time homeowner," Mr. Bush said, adding that the bank employs bilingual tellers to serve Spanish-speaking customers. He also said the bank could beat its bigger rivals on customer service by knowing its customers. "They've become very formulaic," he said.

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ry of peace and stability had "masked underlying tensions" in the country, a "disguise" that ultimately "was shattered by the [1980] coup" that brought Samuel Doe to

power.

Johnson Sirleaf expressed gratitude towards the American Government for "taking a principled stance" against the regime of Charles Taylor in 2003 and reminded

those present that "the U.S. has already made a major investment in Liberia," and promised a "return on that investment" as the country develops.

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says Dailey. For Kevin, and other young business owners who eagerly sought support and guidance from African American leaders, it was quite disappointing of the limited number in Collin County.

Researchers say that out of every dollar African Americans spend, 95 cents is spent outside of our own community and only 5 cents of every dollar within our own community. Other communities may spend 10 times or more before that dollar leaves their community. African Americans in Collin County have an opportunity for both social and economic success. To achieve success, a business support system is necessary; one that understands the needs of African American businesses, and an organization that will support future leaders.

In June 2006, Mr. Dailey and a small group of Collin County business professionals met to discuss their needs and share resources. Their goal was to form a Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce that would empower, promote and assist entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity to stimulate unity in the communities they serve. The Collin County Black Chamber is not limited to African Americans; the chamber wants to become a diverse organization that exchanges dollars across the Collin County area. Any person, association, or corporation who is interested in the objectives of the organization can become a member.

The chamber will promote and develop leadership, economic opportunities, and become advocates for Black and associated businesses. The chamber will partner with other organizations and people whose goal and purposes are charitable, educational, and/or compatible with the chamber's mission. One of those organizations is Chase Bank. "Chase is committed to the communities that we serve," says Bank Center Vice President, Terri Thomas. Chase is a diverse company that is focused on offering opportunities to all communities. Ms. Thomas,

who manages the largest deposit base branch in the McKinney area, desires an effective economic and social change that will positively impact Collin County as a whole.

Anyone interested in becoming part of a revolutionary undertaking should attend the next meeting on October 12th at 6:30pm. The Chamber meets the 2nd Thursday of every

month at the McKinney Housing Authority (1200 N. Tennessee, McKinney, TX 75069). For more information please contact: Jamal D Murray at 214-514-2324.



## NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY

### PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

The North Texas Tollway Authority will receive sealed proposals at 5900 W. Plano Pkwy. Suite 100, Plano, TX 75093, (214) 461-2049, until Thursday, October 26, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. for the following projects:

**Project: 02127 - Facility Management System.** Generally consists of design and installation of a single computerized facility management system allowing control and diagnostics of HVAC and lighting at Main Lane Plaza 3, Main Lane Plaza 7, Gleneagles Phase II building (5910 W. Plano Parkway), and the ramp plazas on the President George Bush Turnpike from Preston Road east to North Garland Road. The system will be expandable to add additional facilities and utilize the existing NTTA Ethernet-based network. Bid packet cost is \$50 and will be available Tuesday, October 3rd. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON OCTOBER 11th AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE NTTA MAIN OFFICES IN PLANO. Contact Sherry at (214) 461-2049 for more information.

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**Project: 02129 - Toll Plaza and Bridge Clearance Signs.** Generally consists of the installation of new bridge and toll plazas clearance signs along the Dallas North Tollway and President George Bush Turnpike main lanes and service roads. Approx. Quantities: 1,400 LB Structural Steel, 168 SF Aluminum Sign (TY A), 350 SF Replace Existing Aluminum Sign (TY A), 16 EA Install Small Roadside Sign Support and Assembly (Prefab Plain), 122 EA Install Small Roadside Sign Support and Assembly (Prefab T), 17 EA Install Small Roadside Sign Support and Assembly (Rail Mount). Bid packet cost is \$50 and will be available Tuesday, October 3rd. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON OCTOBER 12th AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE NTTA MAIN OFFICES IN PLANO. Contact Sherry at (214) 461-2049 for more information.

**Project: 02174 - Gleneagles Backup Generator.** Generally consists of the installation and connection of a backup electric generator for the Gleneagles Phase I building at 5900 W. Plano Parkway. The generator will be purchased by NTTA and delivered to the site where the contractor will install. All other infrastructure required for installation and connection will be part of this project. Approx. Quantities: 1 EA 1000 kW Generator Installation, 12 CY Concrete Pad for Generator and Switch, 2 EA 1600 Amp Breaker, 5,136 LF Conduit 4" PVC Concrete Encased, 1 LS Utilities Relocation. Bid packet cost is \$50 and will be available Tuesday, October 3rd. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON OCTOBER 11th AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE NTTA MAIN OFFICES IN PLANO. Contact Sherry at (214) 461-2049 for more information.

**Project: 02182 - Human Resource Office Relocation.** Generally consists of interior demolition of an existing 5000sq.ft. office space and the construction of office and open office area including interior finish out, lighting, power, communication and HVAC. Bid packet cost is \$50 and will be available Friday, September 29th. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON OCTOBER 12th AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE NTTA MAIN OFFICES IN PLANO. Contact Sherry at (214) 461-2049 for more information.

Bid packets include plans (if any), specifications, and quantities. Cost of the bid packet is non-refundable. Acceptable methods of payment include cashier's check, money order, company check, or personal check. Cash will not be accepted. Bid packets may also be examined at the NTTA offices. In order to bid, you must purchase a bid packet from the NTTA. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked clearly with the project number, company's name, and bid opening date. No oral, telephoned, or faxed bids will be considered. Late bids will not be considered and will be returned unopened. To register online to do business with the NTTA, go to www.ntta.org click the "Business" link, and then on "Register". Electronic bidding information is also available online at the NTTA's Internet Home Page at www.ntta.org, under "Working With Us", "E-Bidding Opportunities", and "All Open Bidding Opportunities" links. All rights reserved.

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Experts Say Aging Campuses, Inferior Facilities Are Reasons for Decline

When Jessica Page visited Hampton University in March, she considered the trip a formality. She had already made up her mind to attend the school, considered by many a jewel among the nation's historically black institutions. Then she saw the campus.

The dorms weren't as sleek as she had pictured. Buildings seemed antiquated. Was this "The Real HU" she had heard about?

"I wasn't impressed," said Page, who later enrolled at the University of Virginia at

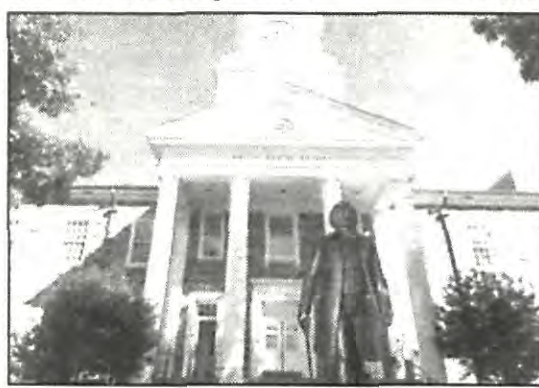
## Black Colleges Struggle To Keep Students

Charlottesville. "Hampton was my No. 1 choice -- until I visited."

Page is part of a steady trickle of talented young blacks slipping away from the nation's most prestigious black colleges.

Experts say aging campuses are one reason. But other reasons cited include increasing competition from predominantly white schools that are trying to become more diverse; changes in black students' desires; and the greater opportunities available to them

in a society more integrated than that of their parents.



The exodus has left some black schools struggling to market themselves to youngsters

who do not feel as duty-bound to attend black colleges as their parents did.

"The issue for black colleges is not, in my view, that there are not enough students to go around," said Michael Lomax, president of the United Negro College Fund. Instead, "students have a lot more choices and those students are being careful and more selective than ever before."

There are 103 historically black colleges and universities

across the nation. Clustered mostly in the South, they were largely funded during the Reconstruction by wealthy whites as an alternative to universities that had shut out blacks.

For generations, these schools were valued by blacks for their unique campus traditions, their family-like environment and their skill at grooming the nation's black intellectual elite.

But the attraction appears to be waning.

Total U.S. college enrollment of black men and women ages 18 to 24 has increased from 15 per-

cent in 1970 to roughly 25 percent in 2003. The number of black students enrolling in historically black schools has slowly increased, too, from 190,305 in 1976 to more than 230,000 in 2001.

But the percentage of black college students choosing a black school has been slipping, from 18.4 percent in 1976 to 12.9 percent in 2001, according to the U.S. Education Department's most recent figures.

Twenty-six of 87 black schools profiled by the department recorded enrollment declines between 1995 and 2004.

## Toyota TEN Scholarship Winner Chooses Eastfield

Eastfield College Automotive Technologies Director Curt Jenkins announced recently that Aaron Clay, winner of the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills National competition in Detroit, Michigan, is now an Automotive Technology student at the college. He and team member Bradley J. Bolton finished the hands-on portion of the competition in just over 29 minutes,

diagnosing and fixing the 10 bugs in a Mustang flawlessly. As a result of winning the Auto Skills Competition, Clay was offered the opportunity to be part of the Ford ASSET (Automotive Student Educational Training) program and received a \$2,500 scholarship to be applied toward tuition and texts at the college of his choice.

Clay also won the Texas

Automotive Skills Shootout competition, from which he received a \$2,000 T-TEN (Toyota Technical Education Network) scholarship. T-TEN allows technical and vocational students to get on-the-job training at a sponsoring Toyota or Lexus dealership while earning an Associates Degree in Automotive Technology at a local, participating community college.

To date, Toyota has donated

over \$1 million to Eastfield College since the partnership began in 1996. In addition to the outstanding support that T-TEN has provided, the regional Toyota distributor, Gulf States Toyota has provided over \$100,000 in cash donations for student scholarship funding, and thousands more for recruiting assistance and faculty personal development opportunities.



## Plano ISD And Webb & Webb Announce Holiday Art Contest

The school board, superintendent of schools and sponsor Webb & Webb, P.C., Attorneys and Counselors at Law, invite all district students to enter Plano ISD's Eighth Annual Holiday Greeting Card Art Contest by creating original artwork to be considered by a panel of

judges for the cover of the school district's and Webb & Webb's 2006 holiday greeting cards.

This year's theme, "Wishing You....." is designed to allow students to be creative with words and art. Student artists will select the word or words that reflect their wishes for oth-

ers during the holiday season. The student will then illustrate his/her unique holiday greeting.

Four finalists (one at each school level) will receive \$50 savings bonds from our sponsor Webb & Webb, P.C., Attorneys and Counselors at Law. The winner will be selected from among the four finalists and will

receive an additional \$100 savings bond.

Finalists will be recognized by the Plano ISD Board of Trustees in December.

Contest entries are due with the student's original artwork on October 20 to his/her school or October 24 to Plano ISD Art Coordinator Janice Truitt.

## UNT Computer Science And Engineering Department Recognized By Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

The recruiting and retention program of the Computer Science and Engineering department at the University of North Texas is one of eight finalists for the sixth annual Texas Higher Education Star Award.

Dr. Krishna Kavi, chair of the computer science and engineer-

ing department at UNT, says the recognition spotlights two innovative programs sponsored by grants from the state of Texas Technology Workforce Development program.

He says, "We have been named a finalist based on our summer Robo-Camp program

for high school aged women to encourage them to consider careers in computers and technology. Also, we have been recognized for the CSE Eagles program, where female computer science majors help at recruiting events, talk about their experiences, and serve as

mentors to other students."

The award will be presented by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at their annual conference in Austin on November 6 (Monday).

Kavi can be reached at (940) 565-2767; Garcia can be reached at (940) 565-4300.

### Women's Museum Page 1

around the museum's permanent Smithsonian collections.

The Texas Girls' State Fair will include award-winning displays of science and math fair projects; robotics demonstrations; poetry and short story readings; musical performances; performances by sports, cheerleading, and drill teams; teen fashion shows; design presentations; and

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"We're thrilled to launch the first-ever Texas Girls' State Fair here at The Women's Museum because, in doing this, we are spotlighting the accomplishments of Texas girls -- our leaders for tomorrow," said Wanda

Brice, CEO of The Women's Museum. "The girls who join us for these activities, performances, lessons, and opportunities will have the chance to see themselves becoming as successful as any of the great women that line the halls of the museum."

From Sept. 29 through Oct. 22—during the State Fair of Texas—admission to The Women's Museum and its

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### A. Maceo Smith Award Page 1

Maceo Smith, a consummate community leader whose volunteer service spanned a period of more than 50 years. Smith served as a Regional Director of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Smith was also a leading figure in the Progressive Voters League, NAACP, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Dallas Urban League, and Bishop College. He was integral in the development of Hamilton Park. He was also a Trustee of

New Hope Baptist Church, and the National President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Fisk University National Alumni Association

The Annual Brunch is sponsored by the Guild of the African American Museum, which is chaired by Sharon Steele and Anthony Honore and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Tickets may be purchased for \$50. For information, call (214) 565-9026 ext. 311.

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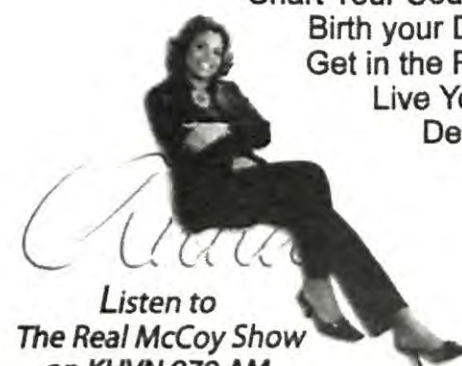
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## Janet Jackson, "20 Y.O."

By: Brett Johnson

If there's one characteristic Janet Jackson has recently perfected, it's resilience.

She didn't let that little Super Bowl wardrobe malfunction or lukewarm reviews for her last album, "Damita Jo," break her spirit. And after pictures surfaced this summer revealing Jackson as a between-album chubbster, she miraculously shed the pounds, chiseled the abs and gave a virtual I-ain't-gone-yet wink to the likes of Rihanna, Ciara, Kelis and Beyoncé vying for top diva honors.

Now, as Jackson drops her ninth disc, "20 Y.O." — or 20 Years Old, her "age" since the release of her 1986 breakthrough album, "Control," — it seems she's half-naked on the cover of every other magazine on the newsstand. Pretty darn good for a 40-year-old.

Resilience, however, doesn't mean innovation. And on "20 Y.O.," one can't help but sense that Jackson is coasting.

Since 1993's "Janet," she's used sexuality as a calling card, with suggestive or even downright graphic bedroom vocals. Jackson's new album is no different — she's stuck on revealing her freak side. "My body is in



overdrive dying to have you inside me, baby," she promises on the disc's opener, "So Excited," a track featuring Miami raunchy rapstress Khia.

Yet "20 Y.O." doesn't come off concept-heavy like 2001's "All For You" or as forced as "Damita Jo." Instead, Jackson operates within her comfort zone, however narrow it may seem. Her heaving, breathy vocals tiptoe

above slow grooves ("With U," "Love 2 Love") and danceable, electro-synth beats ("Show Me") supplied by longtime collaborators Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, plus boyfriend Jermaine Dupri, who co-produces seven of the 11 complete songs.

Dupri's hip-hop sensibility subtly contemporizes Jackson's sound, whether with an uncredited rapped verse on "This Body," the "bounce wit me" ad-libs on "Do It 2 Me" or an Afrika Bambaataa sample on the uptempo come-on "Get It Out Me."

But that's where the envelope-pushing ends. Otherwise, "20 Y.O." is a fleeting good time, but far from the career-capping album we'd expect from such an iconic figure. Over the feel-good groove and piano plinks of "Enjoy," Jackson sings, "Livin' everyday like it's my last/ I refuse to be stuck in the past." Jackson may have figured out how stay up to date, but the jury's out on whether she'll push herself to do more than the familiar.

## The Game Ready To 'Ride' On Sophomore Album

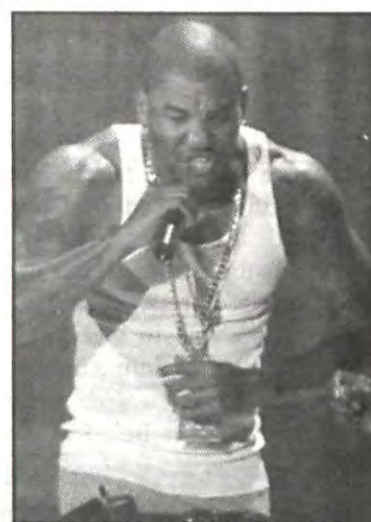
California rapper the Game will follow up his hit 2005 debut, "The Documentary" with "Doctor's Advocate," due Nov. 14 via Geffen. Album track "It's Okay (One Blood)" featuring Junior Reid is No. 16 this week on Billboard's Hot Rap Songs chart; the first official single, "Let's Ride (Strip Club)," was produced by Scott Storch and will hit radio next month.

Although additional details have yet to be announced, Game is known to have worked with producers Cool & Dre as well as the Black Eyed Peas' will.i.am. Guest appearances are also tipped from Mary J. Blige and Nas.

"He rolls with a different type of people," will.i.am told Billboard.com last week. "I was nervous; I didn't know what to expect. But I got to know him in the studio, and he had fun just like everyone else. He loves music just like I love music. That was the bond and respect that we took from that studio session."

It is unknown if Dr. Dre has contributed production to "Doctor's Advocate," as he did on "The Documentary." The Game was formerly signed to Dre's Aftermath label but split with the company in the wake of his long-running feud with 50 Cent and G-Unit.

Meanwhile, the Game guests



on rapper Xzibit's new album, "Full Circle," due Oct. 17 via his own Open Bar Entertainment/Koch.

## 'Boondocks' Return Up In The Air.

Aaron McGruder announced that he would begin a six-month break from his daily comic strip "The Boondocks" on March 27th. One look at the calendar tells us that the hiatus is due to end tomorrow, but the artist has yet to announce when, or even if he'll be returning.

McGruder's boss says he's busy doing other things and hasn't found "the right time" to make a decision on the strip's future, reports the Associated Press.

In early March, McGruder wrote a letter to the newspapers

that carry his strip, stating:



"Every well needs occasional

refreshing." Getting away from the deadline pressure of doing a daily comic will do him some good, McGruder said. Greg Melvin, his editor at Universal Press Syndicate, supported his decision. Only now, a big question mark hovers over McGruder's return.

Around the time of his hiatus, McGruder was also working on a television version of "The Boondocks," which follows two young African American brothers who move from Chicago to the suburbs to live with their grandfather.

## Martin Lawrence Behind New Stand-Up Series

Martin Lawrence will executive produce a new stand-up comedy series for Starz Entertainment channel called "1st Amendment Stand-Up," billed as "a showcase for some of the freshest young comedians."

Set to premiere in the first quarter of 2007, the show will be co-produced and hosted by stand-up Doug Williams.

"It is a dream come true for me to collaborate with Martin Lawrence, a legendary comedi-

an whose talent I've greatly admired," Williams says. "I'm honored to be able to join forces with Starz and Martin as we prepare to make history with the new generation of comedians."

"1st Amendment" is part of the first slate of original TV series introduced by the company for the first quarter of 2007, joining the provocative interview show "The Bronx Bunny," and the original comedy series "Head Case."



## Beyoncé Wins Three MOBO Awards

Black Eyed Peas win best group award; Jay-Z wins international male

The MOBO awards have been criticized for favoring U.S. artists, which didn't stop

American star Beyoncé from winning three Wednesday — for best international female, best song and best video for "Déjà Vu," featuring Jay-Z.

Other American winners were the Black Eyed Peas for best group, while the best international male award went to Jay-Z. Meanwhile, Akala followed in the footsteps of his older sister, Ms. Dynamite. The 22-year-old London rapper (real name: Kingslee Daley) took the best hip-hop prize, his victory coming just four months after the release of his acclaimed rock-infused album "It's Not a Rumour."

"I didn't expect this," Akala said. "I know the album did really well, but I was the least known in my category."

Akala beat more established names such as Busta Rhymes and Kanye West at the ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

He said of his sister: "Every time she won an award, I felt like I'd won an award as well, and I think she feels the same for me. There's no rivalry or competition at all."

Ms. Dynamite won three MOBO (Music of Black Origin) awards in 2002.

Corinne Bailey Rae, 27, whose song "Put Your Records On" took home two prizes — for best U.K. female and best U.K. newcomer.

Outside the hall, jazz fans protested against the removal of that music category from the awards.

## Snoop And Dre Together Again On New Album

Dr. Dre has produced several tracks for Snoop Dogg's upcoming album, "The Blue Carpet Treatment," due Nov. 21 via Doggystyle/Geffen. The new songs, which include "Imagine," will be the duo's first collaborative effort in roughly five years.

"Imagine" finds the two longtime friends and collaborators ruminating about hypothetical situations such as life without hip-hop ("Imagine Russell [Simmons] still struggling/no Def Jam," Dre raps) and if Tupac Shakur never died.

"Blue Carpet" also boasts production from the Neptunes, Timbaland and Rick Rock, among others. Nate Dogg and Ne-Yo have joined the list of previously

announced guest artists, which includes R. Kelly, Stevie Wonder, the Game and Ice Cube.

The disc will be the follow-up to 2004's "R&G (Rhythm &

Gangsta): The Masterpiece," which bowed at No. 6 on The Billboard 200 and has sold 1.7 million copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan.



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## Whoopi To Play Grandma On 'Everybody Hates Chris'

Last summer, producers for "Everybody Hates Chris" announced that Whoopi Goldberg would be one of the guests for the upcoming season. This week, we learn more details about her season premiere appearance Sunday as the overly-protective grandmother of a cute girl who has moved into the neighborhood.

"Stay way from my granddaughter, you cock-eyed hooligan," yells Goldberg's character Louise at young Chris (Tyler James Williams), just as he had mustered enough courage to approach the girl.

The Associated Press was on hand during the filming of this scene last summer at the Paramount lot in Hollywood. Goldberg did several takes

using different insults, including calling Chris "a scrawny runt."

"She doesn't have to improvise but she can ad lib," laughs Ali LeRoi, co-creator with comedian Chris Rock of the half-hour comedy inspired by Rock's childhood.

Goldberg labels her character Louise "a snob," who thinks she's better than her new Bedford-Stuyvesant neighbors because she came from Queens. She's also trying to compensate for any mistakes she may have made raising her daughter by being ultra-strict with her granddaughter.

"We had heard last season that Whoopi was a fan of the show and was interested in



doing it," says LeRoi. So he deliberately created a role where "it wouldn't be a necessity for her to be here every week, just in case she's busy. She's got things she can do."

"That's what you all think," laughs Goldberg. "There I am praying for roles and you all think, 'Oh, yes, she's got a lot of work!'"

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quence and personality of Louis Farrakhan," he said in a letter to his supporters. "In this period of testing, you can prove that the Nation of Islam is under-girded by an Idea that represents the Kingdom of God on Earth, an Idea that can never be uprooted, never be destroyed and can only increase its power, effect and influence over the hearts and minds of the people of the Earth."

During this period of recovery and testing, Farrakhan said, "I will be available to give guidance in any major situation that may arise, but I would prefer that the Executive Board of the

Nation of Islam help solve the problems of the Nation, without asking me."

The Nation of Islam leader is recovering on his large farm in Michigan.

In his letter, Farrakhan said: "Commandante Fidel Castro had a very serious operation and he relinquished power to his brother and all those who were trained to carry on in his absence. While many rejoiced - believing and thinking that, if Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution expired, they could move Cuba and the Revolution in a new direction - his absence from the helm only proved that Cuba will not fall apart over the absence or passing of their illustrious leader.

Such a challenge is before us."

Ironically, it was on a trip to Cuba in March that Farrakhan's current illness was diagnosed. Upset by the slow response to Hurricane Katrina, Minister Farrakhan led a 23-member delegation on a 9-day fact-finding mission to learn how Cuba prepared for and reacted to natural disasters.

"On my trip to Cuba to learn disaster management preparedness, I spent most of my time there being examined and tested by some of the finest doctors in Cuba," Farrakhan said. "They discovered an ulcer in the anal area, similar to the ulcer that I

had in 1998-1999 that almost caused the loss of my life.

Upon being examined at Howard University Hospital, Farrakhan said it was discovered that he was dehydrated, anemic, low in protein, albumen and iron.

Farrakhan made it clear that he is not stepping down for good.

"I do not believe that my earthly work is done," he said. "I know that you (the Believers) will accept the challenge to move our Nation forward, being ever watchful for any smart, crooked deceiver and hypocrite who would create confusion over my present condition."

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## Church News



**Sister Tarpley**

Last week my column was titled "If I Only Knew." I stated that a friend and I discussed that words spoken and actions done are important because neither can be recalled; and they will not be forgotten. However, I do believe that with time, the pain caused by harsh words or actions can be made less unpleasant. Along the same line, the following by Don Gossett and E. W. Kenyon is worth pondering. Also, many thanks for the calls that I received about the column, especially from Mrs. Frankie Mae McFadden from Garland, TX, your words summed up all calls so beautifully.

**Never Again Will I Confess: "I Can't"** - I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13). **"Lack"** - But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19). **"Fear"** - For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7) **"Doubt and Lack of Faith"** - For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)

**Never Again Will I Confess: "Weakness"** - The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1) **"Satan's Supremacy Over My Life"** - Ye are of God, little children, and

## The Power of Your Words "My Never Again List"

have overcome them: because greater is He that is within you, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4) **"Defeat"** - For God always causeth me to triumph in Christ Jesus. (2 Corinthians 2:14)



**Picture of The Week**  
Rev. and Mrs. Gregory Voss at a recent Revival at Love Chapel COGIC, Rev. Philip White, Pastor

**"Sickness"** - For with His stripes I am healed. (Isaiah 53:5); Jesus Himself took my infirmities and bare my sickness. (Matthew 8:17) **"Worries and Frustrations"** - For I am casting all my cares upon Him who careth for me. (1 Peter 5:7)

**Never Again Will I Confess: "Bondage"** - Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Corinthians 3:17) My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost! **"Condemnation"** - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus; therefore I am free from condemnation. (Romans 8:1) **"Loneliness"** -

Jesus said, Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew 28:20; and I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (Hebrews 13:5) **"Confusion"** - God is not the author of confusion but of peace. (1 Corinthians 14:33) **"Persecution"** - If God be for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)

**Never Again Will I Confess: "The Dominion of Sin Over My Life"** - Because the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:2); And as far as the East from the West, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12) **"Failure"** - Because Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loveth us. (Romans 8:37)

The battles are not really with others, but with ourselves. We must fortify our willpower to give us the confidence to stay strong. We develop this willpower by daily affirmations of our ability to accomplish anything we put our minds to; and by daily putting our shoulders to the task of making one dreams realities. Behind each act of courage you will find an unbreakable will.

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improve reading skills and assist adults with tasks in their daily lives requiring higher levels of literacy. The LFL program is aimed primarily toward adults with reading levels fifth-grade or below and also provides educational opportunities for individuals learning to use English as a second language.

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hours per week for six months. Tutor times are flexible and can be scheduled during mornings, afternoons or evenings. The Verizon Foundation has covered the one-time \$20 charge for training materials and tutor training.

Literacy for Life's goal is to

## Church Happenings

### BEN WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

September 27 - 29, 7 pm  
Join us for a revival with Evangelist Roy Brackins, Pastor of 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 guest speakers, Rev. Roy Brackins, Pastor of 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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Senior Pastor  
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### CHRIST COMMUNITY CONNECTION (CCC)

#### October 14, 4:30 pm

Please come and help champion our 5th Annual Banquet by "Supporting Our Kids in the Community" which will provide school supplies, tutoring services, scholarships, and much more. You will enjoy fellowship, plenty of food and wonderful entertainment @ Carrollton's Senior Center Josey Ranch Lake, 1720 Keller Spring Road. This is an event that you don't want to miss! CCC is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) organization and proceeds from this banquet will benefit our children with needed services.

For more information, donations, to volunteer, or tickets, contact CCC @ 972-242-0933.

### Christ Community

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### COMMUNITY WORLD OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES (CWOIM)

#### September 29, 7:30 pm and

#### September 30, 3:00 pm

The public is invited to a Praise Dance Workshop at the church. Call 972-986-5552 for registration details.

#### October 1 & 15, 4 pm

You don't want to miss our "Women's Preach Fest" with dynamic women bringing the Word of God that is being held at the church.

NOTE: All events below will be held at Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church with Pastor D. Floyd and his congregation, 510 N. Race Street in Everman, TX 76140. For more information and registration details call 972-986-5552.

October 7, 9 am  
You are invited for our Mother & Daughter Prayer Breakfast with guest speaker Prophetess Rosetta Furtch.

October 26 & 27, 7:30 pm  
Join us for some Holy Spirit ministering with Overseer L. Tarpley from Irving, TX on Thursday, October 26th and Prophetess Michelle Rice from Houston, TX on Friday, October 27th.

October 28, 9 am  
You are invited to register @ 9 am for our "Faith On The Move" seminar. Classes will be held for: Young Ladies (8-22), "Overcoming Conformity;" Single Ladies, "Strength to Hold On;" Single Again, "Strength to Overcome Myself;" Married, Strength to Endure in the 21st Century." Our vibrant speaker in the afternoon will be Pastor Tonya Adams from Ft. Worth, TX.

October 29, 4 pm  
You are invited to worship with us with guest speaker Pastor Yvonne Bennett from The Life Center in Irving, TX.

Community World Outreach  
International Ministries  
Pastor L. Tarpley, Overseer  
526 Compton Avenue  
Irving, TX 75061  
972-986-5552

### CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

#### September 28, 9 am to 12 Noon

The public is invited to a "Lessons Learned Roundtable Meeting" from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, with invited guest panelist: The Federal; the State of Texas and the City of Dallas Emergency Management Agencies; Friendship West Baptist Church; Dallas County Health & Human Resources Services; Apartment Associations; Dallas Housing Authority; Metro Care; Housing Urban Development; Southwestern Bell; Social Security; Department of Public Safety; Media; and Texas Work Source. Ms. Martha Blaine, Executive Director of Community Council of Greater Dallas will be the facilitator.

For more information contact Ms. Edna Pemberton @ 214-573-6620.

Concord Baptist Church  
Rev. Bryan Carter, Senior Pastor  
6808 Pastor Bailey Drive (Boulder)  
Dallas, TX 75237  
214-331-8522

### 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

The Family Place  
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### THE OASIS WORSHIP CENTER

September 30, 11 am to 4 pm  
You are invited to a "Strengthening the Families Workshop for Men and Women - Families. Session 1 will be Silence of the Lambs: Domestic Violence from 11 am to 1 pm. Session 2 will be How to Cope: Families and Victims of Substance Abuse from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Sessions will be A The Super 8 Motel Meeting Room, Suite 325, 4225 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, TX.

There is no registration; however, RSVE is required by tomorrow, September 29th. An offering will be received at each session. There will also be an Open Forum with questions and answers before the close of the sessions. A brunch will be provided for those attending both sessions. No children under 18 will be admitted.

For detailed information, contact Apostle Loretta Williams @ 773-944-0620.

The Oasis Worship Center  
Apostle Loretta Williams, Founder  
773-944-0620

### TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 30, 8 am to 12 pm  
We will host a "Sweet Repeats" Kid's Consignment Sale from 8 am to 12 Noon; and from 12:30 to 2 pm, there will be a price sale. This is CASH ONLY. Proceeds from the sale will benefit TeenMOPS, Hope's Door of Plano, and other MOPS Group. We are looking for volunteers @ the pre-sale from 7 am to 8 am. Please come and help.

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Special Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord; we have a great challenge before us as we move into the 21st Century. That challenge is to build the Kingdom of God. The command of our Lord remains the same: That we must reach out to the lost and dying world that know not Christ. In a day of victimization, felt needs, and self esteem, it is easy to become focused on ourselves and our problems. But no believer has a problem that even compares to that of one lost without Christ.  
Sunday Service Times  
Sunday School: 9:30 am • Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening Praise: 6:30 pm (1st & 3rd)  
Wednesday Service Time  
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## Uplifting "Soulmate" Documentary Captures The Hearts Of African-American Women Across The Nation

Veteran Hollywood television producer and screenwriter takes a candid journey through the lives of Christian women coping with the successful, saved...single life.

Clean Heart Productions releases a gripping cinematic journey into the realities facing today's successful, saved, single African-American women nationwide this fall in documentary, *Soulmate*. According to the 2004 U.S. Census, 42.3% of all African-American women have never been married. This staggering statistic is one of many reflected throughout this deeply personal portrait which reveals the trials and triumphs of unforgettable women while offering hope and practical advice on issues such as loneliness, the desire for sexual intimacy and the ticking biological clock. Having already received rave reviews from private screenings across the coun-

try, acclaimed veteran television writer/producer and founder of Clean Heart Productions, Andrea Wiley, has produced a revolutionary film which she hopes will not only impact the body of Christ, but popular culture as well.

*Soulmate* brings you face to face with the stark realities facing today's single, professional African American women such as:

- Black women are five times more likely to remain single at 40 than white women.
- Unlike any other race, Black women have higher educational attainment than black men.
- The more money and education a black woman has, the less likely she is to ever get married or have children.
- Almost 70% of all new cases of HIV/AIDS are black women.
- AIDS is the number one killer of black women between the ages of 25 and 44.

When asked why she embarked upon a film project on singleness when Wiley herself is a married mother of two, Wiley replies, "While working as



Founder of Clean Heart Productions, Andrea Wiley

Executive Producer on 'The Parkers' during its final year, I began to sense God calling me into a new season and into His

purpose for my life." Shortly after the show wrapped, Wiley's sense was confirmed after two successful, single girlfriends, in separate conversations, bared their souls about single life behind the masks. "My heart went out to them and it was as though God said, 'This is it. Tell this story.'"

Beyond the friends and associates that gathered to share their journeys, *Soulmate* offers insight and wisdom on coping with singleness in a God-centered way from some of the nation's most dynamic Christian leaders: Bishop Kenneth C. Ulmer, senior pastor of Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood, CA—of which 66% of his 11,000 plus membership are singles; speaker, singer, former advertising agent and New York Times best selling author of *Sassy, Single and Satisfied*, Michelle McKinney Hammond; Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale, senior pastor of

Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, GA; actress/comedienne Sherri Shepherd; and senior pastor Donald Bell of Covenant Blessing Fellowship Church, Gardena, CA, among others.

"*Soulmate* gives voice to the thoughts of successful, single women who love God, but desire a mate. Each opinion shared by the interviewees speaks to the heart and soul of every single woman. The advice given is insightful and necessary, and the reflections are heart wrenching and real. I recommend that *Soulmate* be viewed not only by singles, but by churches across the country so that spiritual leadership can get a clearer picture of the challenges single Christian women face on a daily basis," comments Kimberley Brooks, author of *He's Fine...But is He Saved?*

"African-American women have faced what seems like insur-

mountable obstacles, trials and tribulations. But in the midst of these storms that have raged for centuries, there is a special blessing and strength that God has bestowed to our women. In looking at the number of African-American women who find themselves without their 'soul mate', I must first urge our women and anyone seeking a mate to address the "soul" and establish an intimate relationship with God....," adds Bishop Eddie L. Long, senior pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, GA.

For those still waiting to exhale, *Soulmate* penetrates the myriad of emotions felt by women at pivotal moments and stages in their lives. This inspiring film also offers some surprising revelations about the quest for one's true...*Soulmate*.

View trailer of *Soulmate* at [www.soulmatefilm.com](http://www.soulmatefilm.com).

### Strait Street Presents A Mini Concert Series Weekend Sept 29-Oct 1

You don't want to miss this concert event featuring artists such as Yundrae, Tony Key and the Faith Band, Shaundollyn King, Sharon Jones, and Day by Day. Also appearing this weekend will be comedians Ken Cox, John Lewis and his posse. This is a great weekend showcase with appearances by other artist as well.

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Saturday's lineup will start at 8:30pm with Comedian Ken Cox, with appearances by Shaundollyn King, The Faith Band, Day by Day and Yundrae.

Finally, on Sunday evening starting at 6:30pm we will have Comedians Ken Cox,

John Lewis and his posse and the close out performance by Yundrae.

Show times are Friday and Saturday 8:30pm and on Sunday 6:30pm. Cost of admission is \$15.00.

Come have a great time, bring a friend. Help us pack out Strait Street to capacity!!

Strait Street: 1305 S. St. Hwy 121, Ste 430, Lewisville, Texas. 75067. 972-219-8700.

### Moore's Chapel Holds Convocation

Moore's Memorial District, celebrates its 1st Holy Convocation on October 1st, 2006, with a musical and the meeting will begin October 4-6,

2006. This district was founded on much prayer, fasting and supplication unto God.

It is a legacy to the late Eld. Hubert Moore, Sr., and the late

Eld. Clarence Moore Sr. You're invited to come and magnify the Lord with us at Moore's Chapel, C.O.G.I.C., 306 N. Cedar Dr., Allen, TX.

### Christ Community Connection Announces Fifth Annual Banquet

Christ Community Connection is announcing its fifth annual fundraising banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2006 at the Senior Center at Josey Ranch Lake,

1720 Keller Springs, Carrollton.

The theme for this year's banquet is "Supporting Our Kids in the Community". Proceeds will be used to provide school supplies, tutoring services, and

scholarships for deserving youth in the Carrollton area. The event will feature a banquet and entertainment.

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**Schedule of Services:**

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

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

**Wednesday**  
Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
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