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**People In  
The News**



With her very own radio show, "America's Girlfriend" set to debut on Sirius Satellite Radio later this month, Plano, TX-native actress/comedienne Karith Foster was featured on NBC-TV's "The Today Show" on Tuesday.

Karith Foster is a Plano, Texas transplant who moved to New York City 6 years ago to pursue a career in television. With her Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Journalism from Stephens College (Columbia, MO) and Oxford University's St. Peter's College, this former ABC affiliate reporter took a position on the production team for ABC and Barbara Walter's, "The View" when she was first introduced to the world of comedy.

After her first set at Gotham Comedy Club she was hooked. Not only did she become one of the New York Friars' Club, youngest members; but she has since performed in all of the major comedy clubs in New York City including, Caroline's on Broadway, The Comic Strip, New York Comedy Club and Stand-Up New York, as well as Los Angeles' clubs The Laugh Factory, The Improv and The Comedy Store. Currently she can be seen on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and giving commentary on VH1's - All Access "Awesomely Bad Celebrity Hair". For more Karith information, go to www.karith.com

Friends, family and colleagues recently mourned the passing of Ft. Worth Fire Chief Charles Gaines, the city's first black fire chief.

The 49-year-old Gaines, who was hired as Fort Worth's fire chief in 2002, was discovered dead in his bed about 4:30 p.m. on September 23rd after an acquaintance couldn't get him to answer his door.



The Oklahoma City native began his fire service career with the Air Force in 1975 as a fire protection specialist working on crash rescue teams. He became the Air Force's assistant chief before his honorable discharge in 1980.

Chief Gaines became an Oklahoma City firefighter in 1981 and rose to the rank of deputy chief in 1990. He was Oklahoma City's operations safety officer during the first 36 hours after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, in which 168 people died.

"He demanded the very best of his people, and people gave him their best. That was the way he inspired you to work," said Battalion Chief Fernando Gonzalez, who said he last spoke to Gaines on Thursday. "He was a brilliant man and he is going to be missed."



The first member of the West Point Class of 2005 to be killed in combat is being laid to rest today at the cemetery at the U-S Military Academy.

Emily Perez was the first black woman to rise to the academy's post of corps commander sergeant major.

After graduating from West Point, she was assigned to the Army's 204th Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division based at Fort Hood, Texas. Ms. Perez was serving as a medical services officer and was deployed to Iraq in December.

The 23-year-old second lieutenant from Maryland was killed in Iraq on September 12th when a roadside bomb exploded near the convoy she was leading.

She was the 64th female member of the U.S. military to be killed in Iraq or Afghanistan and the 40th West Point graduate killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

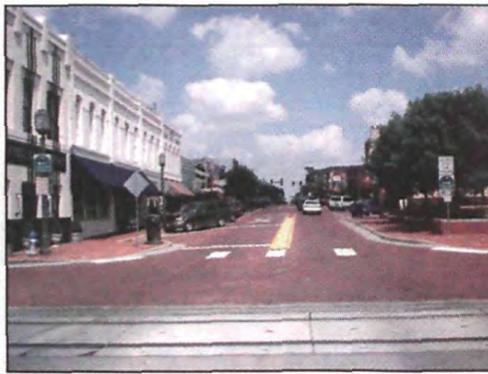
Classmates at West Point and friends in the Washington, D-C area recall Perez as someone who was always smiling and was a joy to be around.

According to the academy's Association of Graduates, Perez is the 39th West Point graduate to die either in the attacks of September Eleventh or the war on terrorism that followed.

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**What's In A Name?: Odd History  
Behind The Naming Of Plano, Texas**



The postal service serves as the impetus for naming our community.

**Version One:** In 1845 William Forman emigrated from Kentucky with his four sons and daughter and bought out the Peters Colony head right (land grant) upon which Plano is located. Other settlers moved into the area and soon mail service had begun.

Not too long ago Plano's Public Information office had a call from a resident who wondered if the city might consider changing its name to "Romona." The resident had spent a thoughtful morning considering our name and had decided "Plano" lacked both beauty and resonance. "Romona" definitely fit the bill.

Plano, Texas has grown from an intimate little farming community into an internationally-recognized community, lauded for both economic and residential/commercial excellence. But Plano was this close to not being on the international register of recognition. Rather, global nations may have been singing the praises of... "Fillmore, Texas!"

How did Plano get its name? It's a pretty interesting story and one with two endings. Only you can decide which you prefer as both have credence and their fair share of supporters, but neither can be fully verified.

According to John C. Easton, a Collin County resident back then, "Our mail facilities at the time were an old time saddle bag mail pouch carried on horseback one a week each way between Austin and Clarksville. Where Mr. Forman lived was fourteen miles south of McKinney and sixteen miles north of Dallas and there was no post office between the two places."

In spring 1851, Mr. Forman wrote to Mr. Easton to help him write a petition to establish a post office at the Forman home. This was then recom-

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**Supreme Court To Tackle Race,  
Abortion In New Term**

**AP**  
Abortion and race: The two most divisive social issues of recent decades will get high-profile hearings this fall before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The justices begin their new term Monday but will postpone hearing arguments for a day in observance of Yom Kippur.

The Supreme Court is proceeding forcefully under new Chief Justice John Roberts. In addition to abortion and affirmative action, the docket includes meaty issues such as immigration, a attempt to limit multimillion dollar jury



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**American Red Cross Stresses Preparedness  
During Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14**



African Americans Disproportionately Affected by Home Fires, Accounting for 25 Percent of All Fire Deaths

The American Red Cross urges families to prepare for a home fire during Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14, and every week of the year. According to a recent poll by the Red Cross, four out of five Americans are unaware that home fires are the most common disaster in the United States, and only 26 percent of families have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Since fires kill more Americans each year than all natural disasters combined, the Red

Cross urges families to use Red Cross resources to develop a fire escape plan and to take steps toward fire prevention and safety.

Preparedness is especially important for African American families as they are disproportionately more affected by home fires. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, African Americans make up less than 13 percent of the U.S. population, but represent 25 percent of all fire deaths, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. Children are even more affected within the African-American community, as they are more than twice as likely to die in a home fire than the rest of the African-American population

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), is "Prevent Cooking Fires - Watch What You Heat." According to the NFPA,

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**Brooke Insurance To  
Host Open House**



Meet New Agency Owner, Earnest Burke

Earnest Burke, resident of Plano and new owner of Brooke Insurance in Plano, invites the community to an open house on October 5, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the agency office, located at 3131 Custer Road, Suite 145, in

Plano. In addition to owning a Brooke agency, Earnest serves on the Board of Commissioners for the Plano Housing Authority, he is a board member for the Collin County Community College Student Housing Foundation Board and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

"We encourage everyone to stop by our office to say hello to our friendly staff and enjoy the refreshments and festivities," Burke said. "A grand prize drawing will be held for a \$50 gift certificate to Best Buy."

"We are excited about our decision to join the Brooke franchise network and our friends and clients should be as well," Burke said. "Our clients can expect to receive a professional level of customer

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**Frisco Considers  
Change in Alcohol Curfew**

By: Paul Halley

In a move destined to impact Frisco tourism, economy and entertainment landscape, the Frisco city council is considering legislation to allow alcohol sales until 2 a.m.

The council voted Tuesday night to delay a final vote on the subject, after hearing cases on both sides of the argument.

Supporters of the change argue that the current curfew of 12 a.m. is negatively affecting commerce by forcing visitors to drink elsewhere.

"We have conventions that will not come back here, major conventions, as a result of the late-night ordinance," said Craig Sundell, general manager of the Westin Stonebriar Resort.

Another argument posed by supporters is that a 2 a.m. alcohol curfew would keep

drinking citizens off the roadways. The logic is that guests of Frisco hotels now have to travel to Addison or Plano to drink after midnight; a 2 a.m. alcohol curfew would keep these guests off the roadways.

Marla Roe, executive director of the Frisco Convention & Visitors Bureau agrees.

"You don't want them getting in their car and driving to another city to have a good time, and then driving back at 2 a.m.," she said.

Opponents of the alcohol extension stress the obvious concerns about crime, safety, and a potential increase in the number of drunk drivers on Frisco streets. Such was the case in Allen when they extended their alcohol curfew two years ago according to Allen Police Cpl. John Felty.

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**Millions Of Africans At Risk Due  
To Misspent Aid, Group Warns**



A leading aid group has warned that millions of Africans are at risk of starving due to misspent emergency assistance by Western governments.

CARE International UK called for a "drastic overhaul" of the international community's funding of emergencies on Tuesday, which it says saves lives but does little more, sometimes leaving people worse off than they were before.

"It is a disgrace that money is still given too late and for such

short periods, then spent on the wrong things to truly fight emergencies," said Geoffrey Dennis, chief executive of CARE International UK.

"There is no excuse, when by spending money more intelligently, we can bring an end to all but the most unpredictable food crises," he added.

A CARE report said that more than 120 million people in Africa are living "permanently on the edge of emergency" because of the current system, which often provides funding too late or inappropriately.

By 2020, some 165 million

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# Job Fair At Eastfield College Draws Crowd

Eastfield College's Career Services Office co-sponsored its Fall Job fair on Tuesday, September 26. The event was free for attendees and open to students of Eastfield and the

general public. The job fair was sponsored by Eastfield College Career Services, Eastfield College Student Programs & Resources, US Department of Education

Job Location and Development Program. Special employer sponsors include Career builder.com, Dallas Employment News, Dallas Plumbers & Pipefitters, Denton Fire Department, Equity Residential, Hilton Anatole Hotel, ICT Group Inc., IntegraColor, Medi-Dyn Inc., NYPD Pizza, Pizza Patron, Posado's Cafe, TruGreen Landcare, UPS, US

Army, Volt, Vector Marketing. The job fair attracted 66 organizations, 119 recruiters and more than 550 job seekers.

The sponsors' registration fees were used to fund several Career Development Scholarships and to help offset the expense of the job fair. To determine the winner of the scholarships, which must be used within one year, a drawing will be held at an

upcoming Career Services seminar in October.

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tional, and continuing education. Eastfield is part of the Dallas County Community College District.

Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.



Front Row (Left to Right): SFC David Bird, US Army Recruiting; Claudia Hill, TruGreen Landcare; Norberto Flores, Pizza Patron; Monica Mays, ICT; Krista Shull and Wayne Melching; Equity Residential. Back Row (Left to Right): Bill Buchanan, Posado's Cafe; Jennifer Lawrence and Michel Dobson, Vector Marketing; Justin Razavi, Careerbuilder.com; Lee Sullivan, Dallas Plumbers & Pipefitters; and Quentin Brown, Denton Fire Department. Sponsors not pictured are: Hilton Anatole Hotel, Integra Color, NYPD Pizza, UPS and Volt Services Group.



(Left to Right) Liz Hilton, George Florence, Annette Ponce and Billy Ingram of the Dallas Fire Rescue try to recruit Fabian Robles (far right) to become a trainee.



(Left to Right) Cheryl Smitherson (far left) and Shelly Farmer (middle), recruiters for Telvista, talk to job seeker Anne Biesel (right).



Barbara Jones (right) speaks with Janetra McPherson of UPS about job opportunities at Eastfield's Back to School, Back to Work job fair.

## 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
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- Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol-Free
- NAACP
- National African American Tobacco Prevention Network
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**Paul Hailey**

## The Myth About Black Men And Suicide

I absolutely, positively and completely love being a black man in America.

But I haven't always felt that way—I distinctly remember wishing I was white a few times in elementary school and more than a few times in my adolescent years.

Fortunately, I grew out of such nonsense.

Surviving, producing and chasing the dream of success as a black man in this country is an experience I would not trade for anything. This experience is wrapped in an amazing range of responses and emotions from society; emotions which range from occasional respect and acceptance to outright disdain and hostility. As a black man, you learn how to live both inside and outside the mainstream. You learn that you face a different set of challenges than other groups in society, even though you have similar wants and needs.

You don't just wake up one day a happy, confident and self-assured black man, you have to mature into being one. And some of us don't make it.

All of these thoughts came to me last week during the media circus in Dallas over whether Terrell Owens did or did not try to commit suicide by taking pain killers. After my initial wave of disgust, (there are ordinary people that go through similar situations every day, but you don't hear about them), I began to think about black males and suicide.

I thought about the fact that I've never known anyone that committed suicide, black or white. Then I rationalized that suicide is not something black people are culturally disposed to do; it must have something to do with enduring the horrors of slavery and segregation all those years. Only white

people kill themselves, black people specialize in killing each other. I theorized that the only way black men kill themselves is with drugs and alcohol, not by suicide.

Black men just don't kill themselves right? Wrong.

Black men do commit suicide, and like most things in the black community these days, black male teenagers are most at risk.

Consider these hard facts concerning black men and suicide:

- The suicide rate among black men has doubled since 1980.

- In 2003, 1,955 African Americans committed suicide. Black males were 82% of this total (1,597).

- From 1980 to 1995, the suicide rate for African American male youth (ages 15-19) increased by 146%.

- Among African American males aged 15-19 years, firearms were used in 72% of suicides, while strangulation was used in 20% of suicides.

"The staggering growth in the number of black male suicides over the last 10 years is shocking," says Susan Burks a writer for the Denver Post. "Suicide is now the third-leading cause of death for African-American males ages 15 through 24. Suicide among black youth, once uncommon, showed a rate increase of 233 percent increase for boys between the ages of 10 and 14. Black teenagers in this country are killing themselves at a rate of 5 per day. Sixty-five percent of them are using firearms to do it."

According to Dr. Alvin Poussaint, psychiatrist and author of 'Lay My Burden Down: Unraveling Suicide and the Mental Health Crisis among African Americans,' suicide is more common than people think in black communities.

"It's been a misperception that black people don't commit suicide," said Dr. Poussaint, who is also a Harvard Professor of Psychiatry.

"Suicide was a stigma in the black community. Historically, killing yourself meant that you didn't go to heaven. A black person taking their own life was taboo," he said.

The real issue is mental health. Black people in general and black me specifically ignore issues of mental health. We don't talk about it and we don't seek out help when necessary. And as if that's not enough we stigmatize anyone that does reach out for help on mental issues as "weak." It doesn't help that less than 2% of all psychologists and psychiatrists in this country are African Americans.

One of the most interesting quotes I read while researching this topic was from a brother who said: "no black man is ever completely mentally healthy".

I'm not sure I agree with his feelings, but I believe that for every T.O. we hear about there are a lot more young black men out there who are thinking about suicide because they don't feel good about themselves. That is why the real answer to this problem is inside of every black man in this country. We, (not the government, or the schools, or the mamas) have a responsibility as black men to step up and be positive role models for young black men. We have a responsibility to reach out to them where they are and embrace them. To teach them how beautiful they really are and how the possibilities for their lives are endless.

I do love being a black man. But in my opinion, the true test of being a black man is helping a young black man learn how to love himself.

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## Despite What Oprah Says, Obama Not The Right Tonic For Democrats

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Even before Oprah Winfrey cheer led Illinois Senator Barack Obama for President in 2008 on Larry King Live, Obama for President 2008 bumper stickers, mugs, and tee shirts were hot ticket sellers on websites. Internet chat rooms pulse with talk about an Obama presidency run, and Chicago papers run articles speculating about the prospects of an Obama candidacy. Though Obama hasn't said anything about his plans, the Democratic Party's newest telegenic, shining star has to be flattered by the clamor for him to toss his hat in the ring. But that's what it should stay, flattery.

Obama is not the shot in the arm the Democrats need to take back Congress and the White House in 2008. He is too new on the political scene, too untested, too politically nice, too liberal, and most of all he's an African-American.

Those factors make it virtually impossible for Obama to pry one, let alone, two states away from the Southern Republican bloc. The solid South, that is the South that is mostly white, conservative and male, pro war, anti-big government, vehemently opposes any political tilt to minorities, and is heavily influenced by ultra conservative Bible Belt fundamentalism. These political attributes are the exact antithesis of Obama's political appeal, pitch and thrust (despite his tepid plea for the Dems to court the Christian fundamentalists). The Southern strategy has proven to be a winning formula for GOP presidents Nixon, Reagan, Bush Sr. and Bush Jr.

A presidential candidate also must raise mega millions, get their party's official stamp, and appeal to conservative, white middle-class voters outside the South. Obama showed in his

walk over Senate race in Illinois in 2004 that he can corral the big bucks. During the campaign he raised a record four million dollars in a three-month span. But that was a state race. A presidential bid is far different. To prove that he's a viable candidate, and bag the money, he must preach a centrist, conservative message of family values, tax fairness, and military preparedness. He simply hasn't been on the political scene long enough to sell that message and open the money spigots. And he'd need every penny he could get. The Republican contender will have a united party behind him (or her) and have mountains of cash.

Obama won't send conservative evangelical Christians scurrying to the barricades to defeat him. That dubious distinction, if Jerry Falwell's recent Devil reference to Hillary Clinton is to be believed belongs to her. But as a liberal, and African-American they will be hyper wary of him.

Then there's the issue of race. Obama did reasonably well in neutralizing, if not totally breaking down the reservations of many whites in Illinois to vote for a black candidate. But his opponent was the lightly regarded, fill-in outsider, Alan Keyes, who also is an African-American. Many Republicans in the state sat that one out. It will be a far different story if Obama hits the national campaign trail. While polls show that more whites than ever are willing to vote for a black candidate for state and local offices, there is yet no evidence that that openness extends over to a vote for a black candidate for the presidency.

In fact, white males more than any other group have bought the Republican's anti-government, anti-liberal line. Bush bagged more than sixty percent of the white male vote in 2004. The

percentage of the white male vote that a white male Republican candidate likely will get won't change much in 2008. If Obama is the Democrat of choice, that percentage the Republican might get might jump even higher. Colin Powell found that out when he briefly toyed with a presidential run in 1996. Despite his enormous popularity, and cross over appeal, he ultimately decided not to run, and one of the reasons was his concern that race would be an issue and a liability.

The Republicans will likely pour millions into beefing up their diversity pitch among blacks and Latinos. They will tout Bush's minority business, homeownership, and education initiatives as a better deal for minorities than anything the Democrats have to offer. That claim won't convince the majority of blacks to vote Republican. But it could pare down the number that dash to the polls to vote for Obama. Even if Obama got the overwhelming majority of black votes, which is likely, that's not terribly significant. Any Democrat that runs will do just as well with black voters.

The Democrats hope to retake the White House rests on their ability to find a white male candidate populist enough to convince a significant number of swing state voters that a Democrat in the White House is a real alternative to the GOP policies on the war, the economy, health care, immigration and energy issues, and centrist enough to convince them that he is as tough on terrorism and as big an advocate of a strong military as the GOP.

That's a tall order. Obama is not the man that can fill it, at least not in 2008.

## Radical Christianity

By: Joseph C. Phillips

Last week on the daytime talk show "The View", co-host Rosie O'Donnell pronounced, "radical Christianity is just as threatening as radical Islam..."

The Christian right in America is seen as too certain of their righteousness and folks like Rosie find that offensive. Her assertion was predictable. However, the response of the audience is what troubled me.

Following Rosie's shooting from the lip, the audience broke into applause. No doubt there were some Christians in the audience. I wondered if they were simply blinded by the stage lights or if they in fact agreed with the assessment that radical Christians in America are akin to men that stone women to death for committing the act of adultery; one good sermon from blowing something up.

I also wondered if, like me, those Christians in the audience took a few moments following the program to think about what it really means to be a Radical Christian.

In my mind, radical Christianity is the outpouring of love, compassion and service motivated by a belief in the fundamental and absolute truth of scripture. Sure, Christians can be annoying with all the warning folks to get right with God. But you can tell a Christian to leave you alone and not have your throat slit. There are not gangs of Christian youth riding around town physically assaulting couples for holding hands in public, strapping dynamite onto them-

elves and detonating their human bombs on buses loaded with women and children, or bringing journalists to Christ through threat of being beheaded. A wonderful feature of the Radical Christian tradition is we are allowed to talk to God, argue with him, debate and even wrestle with him. It means we get to make up our own minds. We choose virtue; it is not imposed upon us. We choose service, we are not compelled to charity and we choose to proclaim our love of Christ because we have come to God on our own terms. We are transformed from the inside out, not the outside in.

In fairness to Rosie, I do not believe she was attempting to equate those that fly airplanes into buildings with those that, well, don't fly airplanes into buildings. For Rosie and others who have jumped on the "all fundamentalists are equal" bandwagon, Radical Christians are those in the religious community that are inflexible on issues of homosexual marriage and abortion. And oh yes, they tend to vote for Republican candidates. It is not the faith of radical Christians that they fear; it is the political activism of the religious community that earns their contempt.

Of course, the fact that they are equally as inflexible on the very same issues is not proof of their fundamentalism. On the contrary, it reinforces their claim to the moral high ground. They offer it as evidence of progressiveness and for folks like O'Donnell, progressiveness is

the measure of virtue. They can, therefore, not only claim their intellectual superiority to the religious community, but their moral superiority as well.

It's a nifty trick and might explain the lack of response from Christians in the audience. They were perhaps cowed into silence at the thought of being viewed as not only stupid, but as morally illegitimate as well. Of course, there is nothing wrong with radicalism if ones views are grounded in a belief in one objective truth that is the same for all men, regardless of race, economic status or time in history; one objective truth that is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. This as opposed to the rather selective and ever expanding view of morality offered by those like O'Donnell.

The fact is that we should be proud to be evangelicals. As Christians we are not called to be moderate in our faith — summertime Christians — but radical. We are not called to worship God with half our hearts, but all our hearts. We are not called to follow Christ with a portion of our effort, but to surrender completely. Christ calls us all to be radical Christians, to be, as Martin Luther King described himself, extremists for love.

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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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home fires are more likely to start in the kitchen than any other room of the home, and the leading cause of home cooking fires is unattended cooking.

To prevent kitchen fires, the Red Cross recommends that you keep all potential fuel sources, including potholders and food

wrappers, at least three feet away from heat sources while cooking. In addition, stoves and ranges should be turned off if the responsible adult leaves the kitchen.

"It's vital for all families to plan for a potential fire, and the good news is that preparing for a home fire doesn't require a lot of expensive equipment or train-

ing," said Red Cross fire safety expert, Heidi Taylor. "In addition to functioning smoke alarms, one of the easiest ways you can prepare is to develop and practice a home fire escape plan so that every family member, including young children and the elderly, can escape quickly and safely."

# 2006 State Fair Of Texas Chevrolet Main Stage

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**Oct. 5** Maiden Texas - 4pm/5:45pm/8pm  
**Oct. 6** Cold Blue Steel - 4pm/5:45pm/8pm  
**Oct. 7** Rob Roy Parnell - 12 noon & 1:30pm  
 Django Walker - 3:30pm & 5:30pm  
 Stoney LaRue - 7:30pm  
 Cross Canadian Ragweed - 8:30pm  
**Oct. 8** Eating Contest - 12 noon  
 Angela Peterson - 1:30pm & 3pm  
 Jerry Jeff Walker - 5:30 pm  
 The Mother Truckers - 8pm  
**Oct. 9** Beatlegras - 12 noon/1:45pm/3:30pm  
 Professor D - 5:45pm & 8pm  
 Cody Jinks - 4pm/5:45pm/8pm  
**Oct. 10** The Quebe Sisters Band - 4pm/5:45 pm/8pm  
**Oct. 11** The Lucky Pierres - 4pm/5:45pm/8pm  
**Oct. 12** Seventh Addition - 4pm/5:45pm/8pm  
**Oct. 13** DrumJam - 12 noon & 1:15pm  
**Oct. 14** Billy Harvey - 2:45pm & 4pm  
 Matt Wertz - 7:30pm

**Oct. 14** Jars Of Clay - 8:40pm  
**Oct. 15** Nathan Johnson - 12 noon & 1:30pm  
 The Bar Mastersons - 3:30pm  
 Lisa Loeb "Unplugged" - 5:30pm  
 The Bat Mastersons - 8pm  
**Oct. 16** Thomas Martinez - 4pm/5:45pm/8pm  
**Oct. 17** Rob Hunt Band - 4pm/5:45pm/8pm  
**Oct. 18** Zane Lewis - 4pm/5:45pm/8pm  
**Oct. 19** Ron Lawrence & Sazerac Jazz - 4pm/5:45pm/8pm  
**Oct. 20** Ashley Ray - 4pm & 5:30pm  
 Jace Everett - 7:30pm  
 Mark Chesnutt - 8:30pm  
**Oct. 21** Brennin Hunt - 12 noon & 1:30pm  
 Derek Sholl - 3:30pm & 5:30pm  
 Lee Ann Womack - 8:30pm  
**Oct. 22** La Cima - 12 noon  
 La Conquista - 1:30pm  
 Grupo Control - 3pm

## The Name Of Plano Page 1

mended for approval by the postmasters in both Dallas and McKinney. Perhaps the most amazing part of this story is that all documentation was sent to Washington, D.C., and in a mere six weeks approval was granted! Only six weeks for a federal response - most of it carried back and forth via horseback!

The stipulation was a name had to be given for the postal station, unlike any other in Texas with a suitable person appointed postmaster. Discussion between Mr. Forman, Mr. Easton and possibly others, resulted in the name of "Fillmore" being given to the postal station, in honor of then President Millard Fillmore.

Within days, however, politics reared its head with more than one "Fillmore" resident declaring they would not frequent a post office named by and after a member of the Whig party. Their mail would continue to be sent through McKinney or Dallas.

Wanting to be fair to all, although not necessarily agreeing naming a city after a United States President was a bad thing, Mr. Forman, the designated Post Master decided peace, harmony and postal convenience should reign. It was suggested and fairly widely accepted that the name would be "Forman," honoring the settlement's first Post Master.

Forman, however, would have none of that and standing on the porch of his little

clapboard cabin and looking at the vast prairie surrounding it, he supposedly said to McKinney Post Master Colonel L. M. Martin, "We'll put a little Spanish on the word 'plain' and call it 'Plano.'"

This brings us to Version Two, the most widely accepted version of how Fillmore turned into Plano.

In an October 1888 issue of the Plano Review by publisher David Craighead, it was Dr. Henry Dye, a "most original genius and useful citizen" who provided our city its name.

"The mail between Bonham and Dallas was transported on the back of a mustang pony...superseded by a two-horse hack, which in turn, was supplemented by the famous four-horse stage....Life began to throb in the germ which was to produce a city. The settlers wanted their mail delivered to some convenient place by stage."

According to Craighead, Dr. Dye intimated a post office would be handy and selected the name "Fillmore" for the place. A petition was sent to Washington, with a rejection following stating a post office could not take a man's name. Dr. Dye was undaunted and forthwith urged the selection of the name "Plano," a Spanish word believed to mean "plains," which seemed appropriate. Supposedly, he and others pronounced the word as if it had been spelled "Planno" (Plain-kneeh), but this was later corrected.

Unfortunately, Romona will have to serve as the name of a

fledgling community elsewhere in our nation. Plano today is an international business Mecca and home to over 252,000 "Plano Proud" residents. Dr. Dye and Mr. Forman no doubt

would also be proud of their postal stop of Plano - they were, after all, among the first to call Plano "home" and the first to show that true streak of "Plano Pride!"

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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 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

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**Swing Time Magazine** presents Friday Night Swing hosted by 94.5's First Lady of Radio Lynne Haze every first Friday at the Castlevue 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.

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**October 6**  
**Lyric Stage**, Dallas County's only locally produced professional musical theater company, fulfills its mission of preserving the American musical by producing the rarely seen CABIN IN THE SKY October 6-21, 2006 in the Irving Arts Center at the Dupree Theater, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving, TX. Tickets are available online @ [www.lyricstage.org](http://www.lyricstage.org) or by calling 972-594-1904.

#### October 7

**Garland NAACP, Youth Council Meeting**, 12:00noon, Gale Fields Recreation Center, Garland

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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.

#### October 8

**Crown Royal Bad Boys of Comedy Tour** - featuring Bruce-Bruce, Chris Thomas, Mike Bonner, Will E. Robo, Earth Quake and host ed by Doug E. Fresh with a special performance by K104's June Bug.

To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or by phone at 214.373.8000, metro 972.647.5700.

#### Richland College Adjunct Faculty Recruitment

Part-time faculty members especially are needed for Game Design, Multimedia, Nanotechnology, the Sciences and Government.

Candidates are encouraged to bring their resume and transcripts (if available) to the Richland College Adjunct Faculty Recruitment Fair from 1-4 p.m. The event will be in Thunderduck Hall on the west side of the Richland campus, 12800 Abrams Road in Dallas. A master's degree is required for most adjunct faculty positions, but not all. For more details about requirements, visit [www.dccc.edu/people/hr/hrog/fac/faculty\\_pt.htm](http://www.dccc.edu/people/hr/hrog/fac/faculty_pt.htm) or call 972-761-6868.

#### October 12

**70th Annual Convention of Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches**, October 12-14, Austin, Texas

#### October 13

**The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce** 80th Anniversary Awards Banquet  
 For more information, please contact the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce office at (214) 421-5200 or log onto [www.dbcc.org](http://www.dbcc.org).

#### October 14

**Halloween Knights Chess Tournament** from 9am to 4pm  
 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads

A chess tournament that is open to anyone from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Trophies and prizes will be given to top individual scorers as well as the top teams in each division. Admission: \$20 to play (\$25 on site), free to watch.  
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#### October 16

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#### October 17

**India Arie at Nokia Theater.** Tickets go on sale September 8th. To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://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. Held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel - DFW Airport 4440 W. Carpenter Freeway Highway 114 & Esters Irving, Texas

Theme: Voting our Values Valuing our Votes with keynote speaker The Honorable Senator Royce West and person of ceremony Lynne Haze of 94.5KSoul  
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#### October 23

**Eastfield College 2006 Scholarship Golf Classic** at Buffalo Creek in Rockwall.

All proceeds benefit Eastfield College students. The 2006 Classic features an AM Flight (tee time 7:30 am) and a PM Flight (tee time 12:30 pm) Florida Scramble format played with four person teams; cost per player is \$125 and includes cart and green fee, golf shirt, goody bag, and mulligans. For more information, contact Sharon Cook at 972-860-7629 or visit [www.eastfieldcollege.com/cc/special/golf.html](http://www.eastfieldcollege.com/cc/special/golf.html).

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**Primerica Open House Offers Complimentary Personal Financial Review**

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individuals to explore the career possibilities in financial services with Primerica. Mitch stated, "We are excited to be in such an aggressive expansion mode in the North Texas area, and we invite those who have been contemplating a career change to check-out Primerica's Ownership program and career options. Also, we are excited to offer to consumers this

innovative money management program, appropriately named the Financial Needs Analysis (FNA). The service takes only a few minutes to complete; yet it provides people with a detailed report of their household finances — where they stand today, as well as what it will take to accomplish their dreams and goals for tomorrow. It could be the first step toward a brighter

financial future for those who take advantage of this opportunity. The FNA is complementary and addresses all areas of an individual or family's financial life." The personal financial report is presented in a clear, easy-to-follow format, complete with helpful graphic illustrations. The FNA helps people organize and prioritize their objectives and enables them to intelligently

explore options for achieving these goals in a variety of vital areas, such as savings for retirement and education funding, as well as debt management and income protection.

Those interested in receiving an FNA who cannot attend an Open House can contact Becky Sands at (214) 373-3040 to schedule a personal appointment.

**Dallas Workers Show More Confidence In Job Market**

An index that measures Dallas workers' confidence in the local employment outlook rose 2.2 points in September.

The Dallas index was 112.5, up from August and up 11 points from September 2005's index of 101.5, according to the Hudson Employment Index. The index noted that in

September 2005 the area was dealing with the Hurricane Katrina and Rita aftermath.

Based upon monthly telephone surveys of more than 9,000 U.S. workers, the index tracks aggregate employment trends around career opportunities, hiring intentions, job satisfaction and retention.

According to the index, fewer workers rated their finances as favorable — 36 percent vs. 46 percent in August. But fewer workers were concerned about losing their jobs — only 13 percent, a drop of eight percentage points from the previous month.

Job satisfaction also rose this month as 75 percent of workers

said they were happy with their job — up from 71 percent in August.

Hiring expectations held steady at 38 percent in September. Layoff forecasts by workers dropped three percentage points to 10 percent, the lowest report by Dallas workers ever.

**Learn The Five Attributes Of Highly Profitable Companies**

ViewPoint Bank's Business Seminar Series continues this month with Bob Prosen, president of the Prosen Center for Business Advancement speaking on "The Five Attributes of Highly Profitable Companies." The seminar will be from 8-10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 26 at ViewPoint Bank, 1201 W. 15th St., Plano. At this presentation, Prosen will help business people learn how to use each of the five attributes to transform their ideas and plans into extraordinary bottom line results.

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Radio Credit Union, and was later named Community Credit Union. In 2005, credit union members voted to change their charter and become ViewPoint Bank. For more information about ViewPoint Bank visit [viewpointbank.com](http://viewpointbank.com).

**Last Call In Frisco Page 1**

"If you have more opportunity to have people on the road who may be impaired, it's just the law of averages that you're going to have more accidents and fatalities," Cpl. Felty said.

Mayor Pro Tem Maher Maso, who opposed extending the curfew last year, has expressed similar concerns.

"This is a family town, and I don't base all my decisions just on economics," Mr. Maso said. "I am concerned about what kind of establishments we'll attract by increasing the hours. And I'm concerned about the safety aspect."

The Frisco council voted 4-2 against extending the curfew in April 2005.

Plano extended its alcohol curfew to 2 a.m. last year, but Plano Police spokesman David Tilley asserts that numbers on drunken drivers will not tell the whole story.

"Even with the statistical information, there's not going to be real conclusive evidence on the hours making a major change," Officer Tilley said.

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**Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce**

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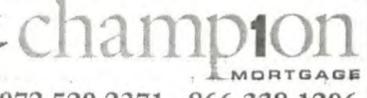
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## DCCCD, El Centro Launch Building Remodel

El Centro College launched a major facelift for the inside floors of the Paramount Building, in downtown Dallas, part of the \$450 million bond program currently under way in the Dallas County Community College District. Here's some information about the event, and a cutline for the attached photo is provided as well:

DCCCD and El Centro officials, including Dr. Wright Lassiter, the district's chancellor, "christened" this new effort in late September for the soon-to-be modernized facilities that will further enhance the learning experiences of students enrolled in 12 of 13 El Centro allied health programs, as well

as nursing. A "launch" celebration was held on Sept. 22 in the Paramount Building lobby, and festivities included comments by Ed DesPlas, ECC's interim president; Jerry Prater, chair of the DCCCD board of trustees; Lassiter and other college officials. ECC students from nursing and allied health attended the program, too, dressed in their respective uniforms to emphasize the new



Dr. Wright Lassiter (left), chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, marks a new era for El Centro College as DCCCD begins renovations of the downtown Paramount Building, which will house nursing and allied health programs and facilities. Jerry Prater, chair of DCCCD's board of trustees, joins Lassiter as they "christen" the renovation project.

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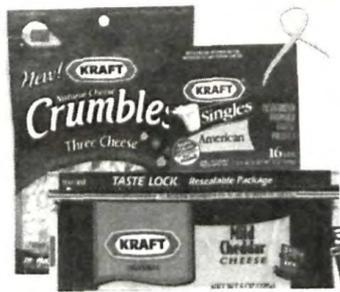


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## Will And Jada Honored

Will and Jada Pinkett Smith have been selected by the American Screenwriters Association (ASA) to receive the prestigious David Angell Humanitarian Award. The award is named in honor of David Angell, a renowned and respected Emmy winning writer/producer for such television series as *Cheers*, *Wings* and *Frasier*, who perished with his wife Lynn in the September 11 attacks. David and Lynn were devoted to their faith and spirituality, and worked tirelessly for numerous charities.

Will and Jada Pinkett Smith's extraordinary work is supported through the Will and Jada Smith Family Foundation. They have been directly involved in a variety of callings, such as assisting

AIDS victims in South Africa, donating a library and comput-



ers to a children's homeless shelter, supporting pilot proj-

ects to enable speech/language therapists to work with disabled children, and demonstrating genuine respect for others, oneself, education, responsibility, hard work, family and living a healthy way of life.

The award was presented on September 30, 2006 in San Diego, CA as part of the Actor's Ball and Screenwriting Hall of Fame Awards gala event sponsored by the San Diego Film Festival and ASA. "We would like to thank the American Screenwriters Association for this award," said Will and Jada. "The ability to make a difference is in each and every one of us. You just have to decide to embrace it. We are honored to be recognized by the American Screenwriters Association with this award in David Angell's memory."

## Terrence Howard To Play Charley Pride

Terrence Howard and his "Hustle & Flow" director Craig Brewer will join forces one more time for a new biopic about country singer Charley Pride.

Brewer's pimp-with-a-dream film earned an Oscar nomination, will star as the Sledge, Mississippi-born music legend who played baseball for the Memphis Red Socks of the Negro American League before beginning his singing career in Nashville in the 1960s.

Brewer told The Commercial Appeal of Memphis that he and Howard had been talking about doing a biopic on Pride for several months. The actor is a guitar player and country music fan, and was the first to come up with the idea of putting Pride's story on film, Brewer said.

"Everybody's been speculating as to what my and Terrence's next project would be, and I'm ecstatic that this came out of Terrence's passion," Brewer said. "Charley Pride is a character, man."



## Wu-Tang Rapper Raekwon To Drop 'Cuban Linx II' On Dr. Dre's Label



Raekwon will finally release his long-gestating follow-up to "Only Built 4 Cuban Linx" thanks to a reported new deal with Dr. Dre's Aftermath Entertainment.

Allhiphop.com is reporting that the rapper is rumored to be working on new material for the album, "Only Built for Cuban Linx II," with producers Dre, the Rza and guest appearances from his group, the Wu-Tang Clan.

"Rae isn't taking this album lightly and will be released on Aftermath Records, not on the Wu Music Group as originally scheduled," said a statement on the site. "It will be an instant classic!"

No release date has been set for the album.

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## Eve Calls On Pharrell, Timbaland For New LP

Eve is rounding up some big production guns for "Here I Am," her upcoming fourth album for both Dr. Dre's Aftermath/Interscope imprint and Swizz Beatz' Full Surface label.

Calling them "the hip-hop all-star team," Eve has enlisted Pharrell Williams, Timbaland, Cool & Dre and up-and-coming producer Neo (not to be confused with singer/songwriter Ne-Yo), reports Billboard. The Swizz Beatz-produced track "Tambourine" may end up being the first official single following her unofficial summer release "Cashflow" featuring T.I.

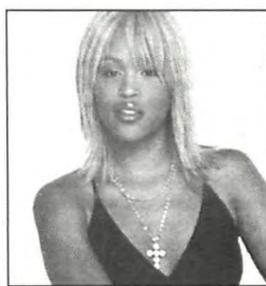
"It feels like a first album," Eve tells Billboard.com of the new set. "I haven't been out in four years and I felt like I had to roll

the dice. Why put out an album that sounds like [all the others]? I had to get out of the box -- for myself."

Eve went completely out of the box for one of the tracks, called "All Night Long."

"Pharrell made me sing a whole song. I finally got the nerve [but] I feel like I was bullied into it," she jokes. "But it's one of my favorite songs on the album. I was really stressed about it but it was fun to do. I consider myself somebody who can maybe hold a note on a good day. I sang hooks before, which is super easy, but I had to get out of my comfort zones."

The singer has much more time to focus on her music now that her UPN series is no longer in the picture. Eve admits that



balancing her two careers was difficult.

"I was really excited about it but I needed to get away from it to do music 'cause there's no way you can do both," she says. "I'm sad on one hand 'cause I really fell in love with the cast but this is something that I really want to do. I missed music."

## Nick Cannon Lands Another MTV Series: 'Short Circuitz' Will Feature Actor In Sketches, Parodies, Etc.

MTV just loves them some Nick Cannon. The actor, who already has "Nick Cannon

"Nick Cannon Presents: Short Circuitz," a half-hour series to feature topical sketches, impersonations, parodies and other comedic elements.

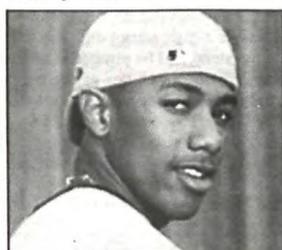
"Short Circuitz" falls under his first look deal with MTV signed last summer. Cannon is the creator/executive producer and will also appear in the series along with Affion Crockett, Eliza Coupe, Leonard Robinson, Taran Killam and Katt Williams.

"It is an honor that MTV and its executives have given me

another opportunity to express my creativity," said Cannon, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

MTV has given the half-hour project an eight-episode order, with the show set to premiere in first-quarter 2007 as part of the network's "10 Spot" lineup.

In the meantime, Cannon has been linked romantically to socialite Kim Kardashian and will next appear on the big screen in the Robert F. Kennedy biopic "Bobby."



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awards, a criminal defendant's fair trial rights and the government's ability to control smog. "In the term that's about to start, the Supreme Court has really stepped into the biggest social issues of the day," observed Thomas Goldstein, an attorney who has argued numerous cases before the high court.

Goldstein added that conservatives on the court may be looking to scale back some of the more liberal rulings of the past. "They may cut back on programs that look like affirmative action and expand the power of government to regulate abortion," he said.

Most of the attention will be focused on a federal law banning a controversial procedure that critics call "partial birth" abortion.

Abortion The politically sensitive abortion issue comes before the court again on November 8 -- the day after the midterm elections.

A pair of cases arise from a federal law banning a specific, controversial late-term abortion procedure critics call "partial birth" -- medically, "intact D and E."

The deciding vote could be cast by the high court's newest member, Justice Samuel Alito. The conservative jurist

replaced Sandra Day O'Connor, who for a quarter of a century was a key swing vote upholding the basic right to abortion.

"We'll be able to take the temperature of the justices based on their questions, the opinions they write, whether they've moved one more vote toward overruling *Roe v. Wade*," Goldstein said, referring to the landmark 1973 abortion-rights case.

The federal law banning the procedure has never gone into effect, pending the outcome of more than three years of legal appeals.

Three federal appellate courts struck down the 2003 law as unconstitutional because it did not provide a health exception to pregnant women facing a medical emergency. The Bush administration appealed to the Supreme Court.

"The politicizing of the court didn't happen by accident," said Nancy Keenan, president of the NARAL Pro-Choice America. "President Bush and his far-right allies in Congress pushed for the passage of this ill-conceived and unconstitutional law."

"Then the president and anti-choice senators worked to put judges on the bench who will open the doors for politicians to invade our private medical decisions by letting a law like this one stand."

The Justice Department has

argued the lower courts viewed the issue wrongly. Those lower rulings overrode Congress' "carefully considered finding, following nine years of hearings and debates, that partial-birth abortion is never necessary to preserve a mother's health," Solicitor General Paul Clement wrote in a brief filed with the court.

Many conservatives said they are not so sure there will be a seismic shift on abortion.

"I don't think the court will reverse *Roe v. Wade*," said Theodore Olson, former solicitor general under President Bush and a leading appellate

attorney. "I think the two newest justices, Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Alito, have said they respect the doctrine of precedent. And that decision is firmly embedded in our constitutional law," Olson said. "They are conservatives in the sense that they will respect precedent."

Affirmative action The second potential blockbuster deals with what role affirmative action should play in selecting students for coveted spots in choice elementary and

secondary schools.

Separate cases from Seattle, Washington, and Louisville, Kentucky, could reignite decades-old disputes over race and public education. A ruling could help clarify when and to

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Nothing is "opened by mistake" more than the mouth. Exodus 4:13; Psalm 10:7; Matthew 12:34. We should live in such a way that our lives will not be a false pattern. Titus 2:7. The only time it is not a sin to be angry, is when you get angry at sin. Ephesians 4:26. A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never think he get as much as he deserves. Proverbs 13:10. The man who walks close to God

## Scriptures For October 2006

leaves no room for the devil to come between. 1 John 1:3 & 7. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. 1 John 4:18. There are no idle rumors. Rumors are always busy. 1 Thessalonica 4:11.

A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor. 1 Peter 4:12. Read the Bible to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be Holy. Proverbs 4:5 & 6. Worry about nothing, pray about everything.

When all men forsake us, we have the assurance that the Lord will not forsake us. Psalm 27:10. The thickest clouds often bring the heaviest showers of blessings. Luke 9:34 & 35; Ezekiel 34:26. One Mediator, the Lord Jesus, has paid what we owed, and what we were unable to pay. 1 John 2:2. The Bible reveals God's mind, man's state, and salvation's way. Psalm 119:9; 105.

The Bible describes the sinner's doom and the believer's happiness. Revelations 21:18; Romans 6:22. Because we are so prone to forget, the Word of God reminds us of our duties. John 14:26. You can be sure that those who will not listen to the truth will listen to that which is false. 2 Timothy 4:3.

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(Left to right): Minister Cheryl Jackson, Apostle Minnie Hawthorne Ewing, Sister Rose Fielding, Sister Shirley Tarpley, and Minister Esther Jackson.

Philippians 4:6. Taking one step at a time is the best way to make progress. Psalm 73:2. God's help is only a prayer away. Psalm 34:5; Acts 12:5. Everyday is the right day to use the best word. Proverbs 25:11. Enduring persecution is the hallmark of those who seek to live Godly lives. 2 Timothy 3:12.

A man who serves God only for money is "spiritually bankrupt." 2 Corinthians 5:14 & 15. The only proper basis for teaching and preaching is the Word of God. Romans 10:14. Happiness is one thing you will have if you give it to others. Psalm 144:15; John 3:17.

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pounds (245 million euros, 310 million dollars) will have been spent on emergencies, some of which could be prevented, the report said.

Examples of where money could have been better spent abound:

Ethiopia has reported itself to

be in food crisis 93 percent of the time from 1986-2004, but US spending on long-term aid for the country is less than one percent of emergency aid.

Acting early in the west African state of Niger in 2005 would have cost one dollar a day to prevent child malnutrition. Instead, at the peak of the crisis it

cost 80 dollars to save a malnourished child's life.

The report says that lack of food is rarely the cause of emergencies. The real culprits are underlying problems including the AIDS virus HIV, lack of local markets, climate change, and lack of cash that make people so vulnerable to emergencies.

## Church Happenings

### BETHLEHEM INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

October 15, 3 pm

You are invited to our "2006 Annual Sunday School Day" with special guest, Pastor H. L. Smith and his congregation from Bethel Baptist Church of Mineral Wells, TX. Our theme is: "Kingdom Building."

Bethlehem International Church  
Rev. Richard Jones, Senior Pastor  
3019 Rosen Avenue  
Ft. Worth, TX 76106  
817-626-7342

### CHRIST AMBASSADORS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

October 20 - 21, 7 pm and

October 22, 5:30 pm

You are invited to our "Holy Spirit Meetings." Theme: "A time of Refreshing, Healing and Restoration" with speakers: Evangelist Angela Cooper, Founder of Christ Ambassadors Int'l Ministries; Pastor Carlos Jones, Light of the World Christian Healing Center in Irving, TX; and Co-Pastor Sherry Charles, El Shaddai Ministries in Queens New York. There will be a FREE Buffet Dinner after Service and we will have Anointed Worship by our Harmony of Praise Minister Francine Washington, Minister Kelli Moore, and Bro. Xaedus @ Amerisuites Hotel, 4235 West Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062. The whole family is welcome. For more information contact us @ 972-255-5049 or 1-866-440-2246

Christ Ambassadors International Ministries  
Evangelist Angela Cooper, Founder  
4070 Beltline Road, Suite 110-329  
Irving, TX 75038  
972-255-5049

### 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 Connection (CCC)  
Willie Rainwater, Founder/Director  
2006 Southern Oaks  
Carrollton, TX 75007  
972-242-0933

### COMMUNITY WORLD OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES (CWOIM)

October 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 Furch.

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

### FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS MINISTRIES (FOBCC)

October 10 - 14, 2006

The public is welcomed to our 3rd National Holy Convocation 2006. Our theme: "Standing Guard for the Nations; Empowered, Equipped, and Positioned." Guest speakers include: Bishop D.C. Thompson, Miracle Temple Church of Deliverance in Dallas; Pastor Gwen Spratt, Blood in

the Covenant Church in Dallas; Bishop R.L. Etheridge, Shekinah Glory Community Church in Duncanville; and Bishop G.D. Crawford, International Presiding Prelate in Dallas.

Seminar Speakers on October 14, 2006 from 10 am to 1 pm include: Attorney Nicole Taylor of White & Wiggins Attorneys at Law, her topic: "How to Set up Professionally 501(c)3's, Corporate and Incorporate Businesses;" Minister Darrell King, KPCD 990AM in Dallas, Praising Him With A Purpose, his topic: "The Effectiveness of Radio Ministry;" Elder James McCrary, Greater El-Bethel COGIC in Garland, his topic: "The Effectiveness of Good Leadership in the Church;" Pastor Deborah Jackson, her topic: "The Difference Between Your Calling and Your Talents;" and Minister Andree Paris, FOBCC Minister of Music, in Dallas, topic: "Praise & Worship Seminar." The Convocation is being held @ The La Quinta Inn Suites, D/FW Airport South, 4105 West Airport Freeway in Irving. For registration fees, performance times, seminar classes, and other additional information contact please call Bishop Crawford @ 214-938-0167. Vendors are welcomed.

Fellowship of Believers Ministries  
Bishop Gregory Crawford,  
Founder and Senior Pastor  
3911 S. Lancaster Road  
Dallas, TX 75216  
214-372-3624

### MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

October 10 - 12, 7 pm Nightly

You and all Youth Ministries of the Metroplex are invited to join us for our First Annual Youth Revival. Theme: "Don't Get Caught Up In The Game." Isaiah 40:30 & 31. Guest speakers: Rev. Everett Smith, Persevere Church, Ft. Worth, TX; Rev. Early Williams, Harmony Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, TX; and Rev. Slavoski Wright, Greater El Bethel Baptist Church, Dallas, TX. For additional information contact Sis. Casandra Dixon, Youth Program Coordinator @ 817-453-8896 or Rev. Jameon Hooper, Youth Minister.

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Bible Study 7:45 pm  
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www.westirvingchurch.org  
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.  
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Evening Praise: 6:30 pm (1st & 3rd)  
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## African American Church Community Flexes Its Economic Power

**By: Jennifer Bordelon**  
The African American church community in Austin, Texas is taking a new business approach to how they deal with financial institutions. Many church leaders say they have had trouble obtaining loans to expand or purchase property, even though they had been with a particular bank for decades. "Many of them had banking relationships with them for 20, 30, 40 years and were trying to

get loans to expand or purchase property and they were being told they couldn't get the money although the banks still had relationships with them and were carrying a lot of money in accounts," Reverend Joseph Parker, Jr. of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church said. A group of churches formed Texas Congregations United for Empowerment, a nonprofit that set out to find a bank that would meet the needs of the churches and the individuals they serve.

Everett Williams, a member of TCUE and Eastside Baptist Church, was at Monday's event to recruit members from his church to sign up for TCUE. "When I wanted to invest and do something with the money that I had, I just didn't get the support that I felt like I should have gotten," Williams said. "When I wanted to get a car loan for my daughter in college they didn't fund it," Grant AME Worship Center member Shirley Temesgen said.

After interviewing and meeting with almost 40 banks, TCUE choose to work with Wells Fargo. The group is not just influencing those in East Austin. TCUE already has more than 6,000 memberships from congregations in Travis, Williamson and Bastrop counties. The idea goes beyond better loan and interest rates, it's also about looking to the financial future of the African-American community. "Financial literacy that will

teach children, that will teach teenagers, that will teach adults how to manage their money so they can be financially stable," Parker said. TCUE said it looks to expand into other communities and plans to consider additional industries that might be a good match for a similar type of relationship with the African-American community.



Reverend Joseph Parker, Jr. of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

## Dallas' New Hot Spot For Christians Singles Is Friday Night Live

For many Dallas area singles, the prospect of single life can be discouraging. In addition to the social and emotional challenges, there are also many spiritual issues to consider. The single's ministry of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship has developed an antidote to the single person's distress with Friday Night Live.

Friday Night Live (or FNL) is held every third Friday of the Month at 7:09 p.m. in the Christian Education Building at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, located at 1808 West Camp Wisdom Rd. "The purpose of FNL is to provide a relevant, creative, inspiration and spirit-filled event so that Christian and non-Christian

singles can enjoy quality, God-honoring encounters that meet the social and spiritual needs of all singles at all ages," states Dr. Conway Edwards, Director of Single's Ministry. The desire for Christian fellowship has proven to be a great necessity for singles in the DFW metroplex and surrounding

areas. FNL provides an opportunity to escape from the regular routine, while providing an environment for spiritual and cultural expression. There are currently over 550 singles attending Friday Night live and the numbers substantially increase each month. The next FNL is an open house receptive to EVERYONE

and begins at 7:09 p.m., Friday, October 20th. FNL activities include praise and worship, a short message, entertainment, food and fellowship. The vision for FNL is to offer an environment where singles can grow spiritually, be exposed culturally and socially and become actively involved politically and econom-

ically in their quest for wholeness in singleness. Admission to Friday Night Live is FREE. FNL also provides free child care for single parents. For further information about FNL contact the church office at 972-228-1281 ext. 2350 or [www.ocbchurch.org](http://www.ocbchurch.org).

## Concord's Women Of Excellence To Host Women's Expo

Concord Church's WE Ministries will host a Women's Expo as part of their Women's Month activities on October 7, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the church campus. The Expo provides an opportunity for women of all ages to attend and enjoy exciting activities. The Expo will feature a series of seminars, screenings and showcases to promote awareness of emotional and physical health issues affecting women. There will also be an arts and crafts showcase that will offer shopping opportunities. Those attending the expo will have an opportunity to attend workshop sessions designed to address women's

issues focusing on adoption, caring for an aging adult, fitness, nutrition, divorce, and advice from wives of 30+ year marriages. Workshop sessions will begin at every hour. Various community health organizations will be onsite participating in the expo providing educational information and screenings including: AIDS/HIV, Sickle Cell, National Kidney Foundation, Parkland Hospital Mobile Mammogram screening, Southwest Transplant, National Bone Marrow Program, Baylor School of Dentistry, Alzheimer's Association, Juice Plus, Advocare, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and others. Carter

Blood Care will also conduct a community blood drive. Men are encouraged to come out for the prostate screening being conducted by Methodist Medical Center. The Women's Expo is free and open to the general public. Box lunches will also be available for \$5.00. Those vendors who would like to participate in the arts & crafts showcase can contact Lisa Frazier at (214) 557-6513 or by email at [lisafrzier@comcast.net](mailto:lisafrzier@comcast.net).

## Mrs. Kermange Johnson-Grant

Mrs. Kermange Johnson-Grant is a graduate of R. L. High School in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch I.S.D. (C-FBISD) where she received three scholarships upon graduation. She received her Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Texas Woman's University (TWU) in Denton, TX. Her future goals include getting her doctorate degree from TWU. She was born and reared first in Little Rock, AR, her family later moved to Carrollton, TX. At the age of 15, Mrs. Grant was faced with motherhood and

overcame this adversity by attending Mary Grimes Education Center in the C-FBISD during her pregnancy. Mrs. Grant has been teaching in the Dallas Independent School District for nine years; and is currently teaching at William Campbell Elementary School, where she was selected as the 2006 Campus Teacher of the Year. She decided to become an educator to inspire children to learn, just as her teachers in the C-FBISD inspired and fostered her love of knowledge.



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7:30 p.m. Bible Study

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday  
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Wednesday  
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