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People In The News



The University of Texas at Tyler will be host to tap king extraordinaire Savion Glover on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the UT Tyler Cowan Center. Savion Glover is a performer, choreographer and director known to most for the Tony Award-winning Broadway hit, *Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk*.

He made his Broadway debut at age 10 in *The Tap Dance Kid*.

He made his film debut in 1989's *Tap* co-starring with Gregory Hines and Sammy Davis Jr. In 1990, he joined the cast of the children's television series, *Sesame Street*. He also starred in Spike Lee's 2000 film *Bamboozled*.

"With this stunning piece, Glover is joined on stage by a string orchestra, which brings his jaw-dropping tap dancing talents to classical music by composers like Vivaldi and Bach," said Thomae-Morphew. "If you see nothing else in this year's star-studded season, don't miss this great talent. People will be talking about Savion Glover for years. His talent and energy is astounding."

For more info call 903.566.7424 or visit www.CowanCenter.org.

A select group of CEOs representing several corporations announced the hiring of Gyna M. Bivens to lead the expansion of The North Texas BOLD Initiative (NTBI), a non-profit organization that assists companies whose leaders are committed to employing a diverse group of people.

"I am pleased to become part of a team whose members have taken a major step to communicate the importance of diversity in the workplace," said Bivens. "It is highly significant to note the strategic plan guiding the future of NTBI was actually crafted by the CEOs themselves."

Bivens is delighted to learn of the CEO team's decision to broaden the scope of NTBI's job search component. In addition to continuing to identify and locate applicants with senior or executive level experience, their talent search efforts will now encompass professional job seekers with at least three years of work experience. Job-seekers should visit the resume database at www.northtexasbold.org.

Bivens is a former Area Manager and Corporate External Affairs Spokesperson for TXU Electric Delivery. She has also been a radio and television news reporter at several Texas stations.



Richardson ISD trustee David Tyson Jr. joined 35 other school board members from across Texas October 6-8 at the kickoff session of the Leadership TASB class of 2007.

Selected by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), the group is participating in a yearlong education leadership study program. These trustees represent school districts of all sizes with student populations from 325 to 58,000, and reflect a range of property wealth, from rich to poor.

Participants who complete all required elements of the study will graduate next year with master trustee status, the highest designation recognized by TASB.

Other Leadership TASB sessions are scheduled for Austin, November 10-11; Corpus Christi, February 15-17; El Paso, April 19-21; and San Antonio, June 14-16. Each session has a unique theme that builds on the previous session and features nationally recognized experts in the fields of leadership development and education. Teams can also work on extended learning assignments between meetings throughout the year.

TASB is a voluntary, nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state.

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Black Senate Candidates Seek Votes Across Party Lines



U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr., left, talks with former President Bill Clinton at a rally in Nashville in August

AP

Rep. Harold Ford was waxing nostalgic here this week for a man he said had made America admired and respected, a man who had defeated the evil of his day without firing a missile or a weapon.

"I miss the moment that he evoked and the spirit that he evoked," Ford told teenagers jammed into a high school gymnasium, cheering for him and also for that man: Ronald Reagan.

Ford, one of two black Senate candidates this year, is a Democrat trying to win in a conservative state. Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael

Steele is a Republican trying to win in a liberal state. Both are trying to draw votes across party lines, beat expectations and make history.

Steele, 47, is 15 points behind Democratic Rep. Ben Cardin in a new USA Today/Gallup Poll of likely voters. Ford 36, holds a 5-point lead over Republican Bob Corker, a former Chattanooga mayor.

A Roman Catholic who opposes abortion and stem cell research, Steele is pitching his likable personality. Thomas Schaller, a political scientist at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, says that's smart, given his situation: "He's a socially conservative Republican running in the third or fourth most Democratic state in the union in a down Republican year."

Campaigning began early

Tennessee has become increasingly Republican in federal races; even native son Al Gore couldn't win it in 2000. Ford's 10-year record in Congress includes support for business tax cuts, nuclear

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Second Annual Plano International Festival

The City of Plano and the Plano International Festival Corporation are proud to announce the Second Annual Plano International Festival is to take place in Haggard Park in Downtown Plano. The Festival will run from 10 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon of Saturday, October 21, 2006.

The 2nd annual event will feature a variety of cultures represented through ethnic food, performances, music, displays and activities for the children. The festival begins with a Parade Of Nations by Plano ISD students wearing traditional costumes and carrying flags from their native countries.

The Festival, through performances, ethnic



foods, children's activities, music, cultural displays and more, will highlight the rich tapestry of cultures represent-

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Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall To Visit Garland



It's an emotional experience and an historic symbol. The Moving Wall, the nation's first traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial, will be on display at the Garland Senior Activity Center Tuesday, November 14 through Saturday, November 18. The Garland Senior Activity Center is located at 600 W. Avenue A in downtown Garland.

"Garland has such a strong sense of the price our military veterans have paid and has taken many opportunities to honor such men and women," says Garland Mayor Bob Day. "It's appropriate that the Moving Wall should travel to our city. I look forward to experiencing it first hand."

The Moving Wall allows people to experience the memorial within their own community. Visiting the wall is a very emotional experience, even for people who don't personally know someone who died in Vietnam. Volunteers will be on the site to help people identify the location of the names they seek.

Many of those who visit the Moving Wall leave flowers, notes, medals, photographs and other loving mementos at the wall. Those items are collected on the last day of the display, marked, boxed and stored. When the Moving Wall has fulfilled its need, a museum will be constructed where those artifacts will be displayed in glass cases below the flag of the state where they were collected.

The Moving Wall visit in Garland is being made possible

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Does It Fit?

Plano Neighborhood Ready To Square Off With City At Public Zoning Hearing

By: Paul Hailey

Rapid growth always brings a new set of issues to any situation. For urban communities, rapid growth means trying to strike a proper balance between accommodating growth while also preserving the stability of the community.

With a population of just over 200,000, the City of Plano remains one of the fastest growing urban communities in the country. It is that growth that is creating a new set of concerns for member of the Los Rios neighborhood; those concerns and a proposed zoning change by the city have inspired residents Chuck and Kay Holley to action.

The proposed zoning would change eight plus acres of property at the corner of Country Club Drive and El Santo Road to Single Family Residence

Attached (SF-A). The area is currently zoned Light Office (O-2), and the Holley's are among many residents that feel such a zoning change would have negative impact on their neighborhood.

The issue comes to a head at the City of Plano Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing on October 16, at the Plano Municipal Center, 1520 Ave K. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Los Rios neighborhood of Plano is a 30 year-old community of 1200 homes surrounding the Los Rios Country Club. Chuck and Kay Holley are two longtime residents that have begun organizing their community in an effort to defeat zoning case 2006-25.

"The problem we have with

Does It Fit? Page 5

Registration Deadline For November Elections

The deadline to register to vote in the Tuesday, November 7, 2006 General and Special Elections was Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

The November 7 elections will encompass, among other things, election of the Texas Governor, United States Senator, Railroad, Agriculture and General Land Commissioners and numerous judicial positions.

You can find out complete information about early voting locations, sample ballots, voter registration, Election Day polling places and more by going to the Collin County website and clicking on the Upcoming Elections menu selection.

To be eligible to vote in Texas you must be a U. S. citizen, a resident of the county, not be a convicted felon (unless a per-

son's sentence is completed, including probation), and not be declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law. You must also be 18 years old, but you may register at 17 years and 10 months.



You must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election. Collin County makes it easy for you to register to vote by simply downloading an application, or, you can call the Collin County Elections Office at 972-547-1990 or

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The National African-American Women's Leadership Institute, Inc. (NAAWLI) Announces Relocation To Dallas, TX



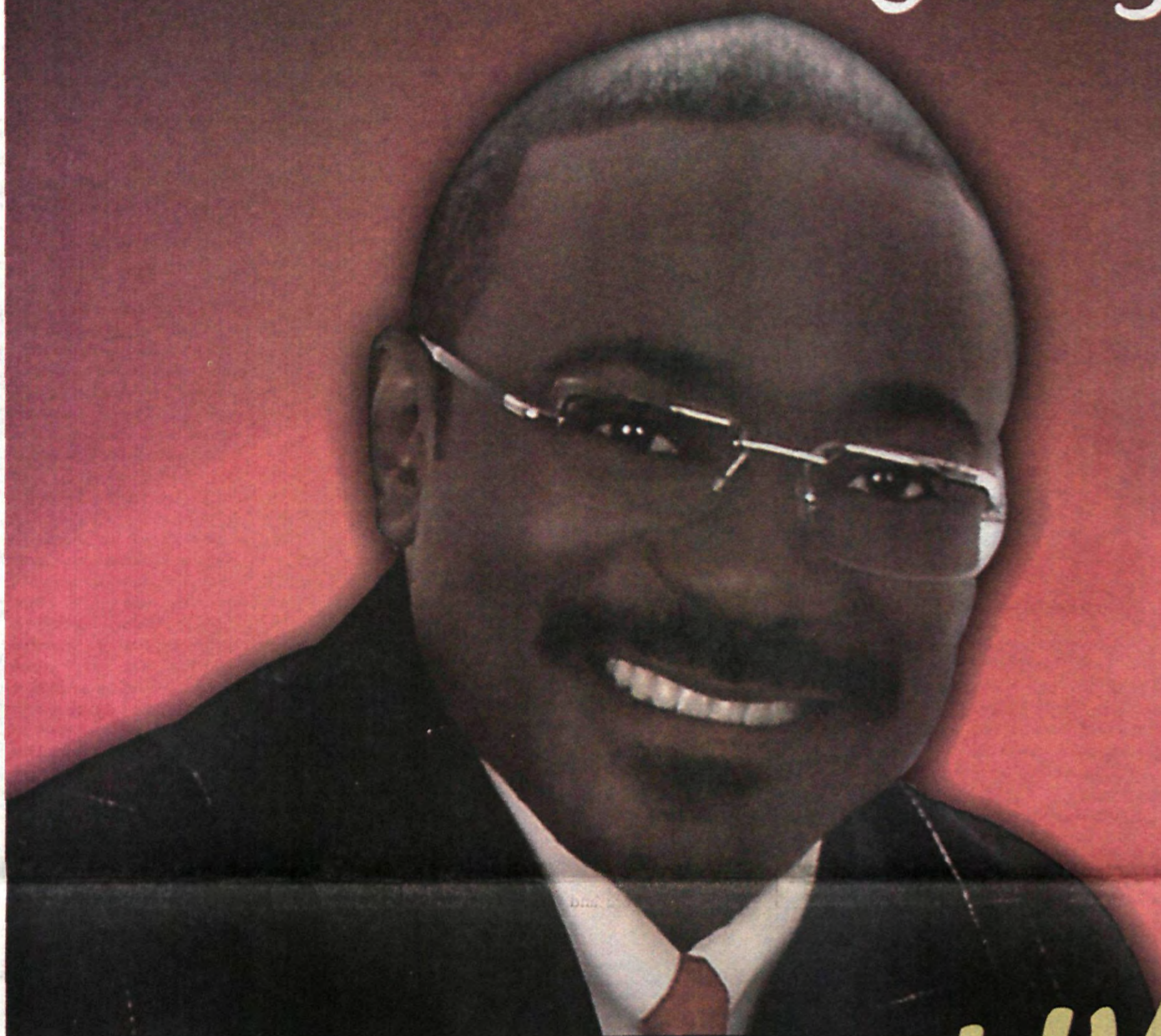
The National African-American Women's Leadership Institute, Inc. (NAAWLI) is proud to announce its relocation to Dallas, TX from Greensboro, NC, and its Executive Director, Bea Bourne. NAAWLI is an organization gaining in national visibility. The organization offers

professional development and leadership training for African American women at a time when organizations recognize the value of external training programs to increase the talent pool of women who will be ready to advance to senior-level positions.

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Paul Hailey

Bush's Blunder In North Korea

Clinton Administration's policy of not targeting non-nuclear countries with nuclear weapons, which kept them from feeling an immediate need to develop nuclear weapons. Bush and Rove thought this policy showed weakness and should be abandoned. Not a good move.

The North Koreans then decided to show Cowboy George exactly what they were made of.

First, the Korean Central News Agency issued a statement. "If the U.S. intends to mount a nuclear attack on any part of the D.P.R.K. (North Korea) just as it did on Hiroshima, it is grossly mistaken."

In October 2002, North Korea issued a press release to the United Nations. "This was a clear declaration of war against the D.P.R.K. as it totally nullified the 1994 agreement," they said. "Nobody would be so naive as to think that the D.P.R.K. would sit idle under such a situation. ... The D.P.R.K., which values sovereignty more than life, was left with no other proper answer to the U.S. behaving so arrogantly and impudently."

The President responded by denouncing North Korea's leader Kim Jon Il to a group of Republicans. He referred to the leader of another world power as

a "pygmy" and a "spoiled child at a dinner table," according to Newsweek. U.S. foreign policy diplomacy at its finest.

My point is that our President consistently and with great abandon, dropped the diplomatic ball concerning North Korea. Take all of the above, couple it with U.S. invading a country (Iraq), because the President said there were weapons of mass destruction there (despite what the U.N. inspectors said), and you can understand how the talking stopped. The North Koreans figured they were next on the list, and that they better get ready.

Like I said, I'm not surprised the North Koreans developed a nuclear weapon.

The basic problem with the Bush Administration's foreign policy is they use negotiation as a reward for the good behavior of other nations. A kind of "if you do good we'll talk to you, if not we might invade you," foreign policy. This is why we don't currently have open diplomatic negotiations with Iran, Syria, Hezbollah or North Korea. Like a kid on the elementary school playground, we only talk to our friends. Which is a practice that's not too big a mistake on the playground, but is a big blunder in world diplomacy.

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"Your Grandfather Didn't Play Golf With My Grandfather"

By: Harry C. Alford - NNPA Columnist

What a perfect response to a naive question. Recently, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin held a press conference to formally announce his 35 percent disadvantaged Business Enterprise procurement goal for all city projects and contracts. He made the announcement at Baker Ready Mix, a concrete plant owned by National Black Chamber of Commerce Board Member Arnold Baker. A Fox News reporter approached Arnold and asked the question "Why is the mayor doing this? Can't Black business owners network their own way into business development without such affirmative action?" Without raising his voice or showing his anger, Arnold simply said, "Here's the deal - your grandfather did not and would not play golf with my grandfather. In essence, this is why we are here today."

It is concise but is also so profound. It reminds me of my personal story, which isn't much different than yours, depending on which generation you fall in. My grandfather was born and lived as a sharecropper. He did not network with Whites, business wise or personal. In fact, in Louisiana it was against the law and downright unhealthy if one would attempt. He never spent a day in school. His 10 children were obligated to work with him nine months a year. In the winter months of December, January and February, (no crops to work) they were allowed to attend school. Three months a year and schooling stopped at the 8th grade. The nearest high school was 40 miles away in Shreveport

and the tuition and boarding was totally prohibitive.

Such was the plight of my grandfather. The reporter's grandfather certainly played by different rules as the sky was the limit. Schools were public and access was certain. His grandfather lived the American dream and everything his father had was passed onto him and his siblings. He had inheritance, land, networking infrastructures and other advantages that were very valuable to ensuring that the future would be bright. My grandfather's father was born a slave and, like his son, was illiterate and boxed in by a society and nation that treated him as a bona fide third-class citizen. The contrasts are very enormous and the fact that the times have changed is a testament to the courage of the generation that came after my grandfather.

That next generation, my father, decided to make a difference. He took his 8th grade (3 months a year) education and moved to California during World War II and worked the docks of Ventura County, then busting from the war effort. He later became a local truck driver while my mother was a domestic for Whites whose fathers and grandfathers made big bucks owning gigantic farms and ranches in the Golden State. He was resolved to make a good living, buy land and demand public access at all levels for his children especially when it came to education.

For this, there were multitudes of death threats. We woke up one morning at 4 A.M. and there was a 10-foot burning cross in our front yard. He would often say

"They have us up against the Pacific Ocean, all we can do now is fight." One of his proudest achievements was a lifetime membership in the NAACP. He was never really intimidated. I guess the fact that his father would have been lynched for the positions my father fiercely stood up for and remained alive was true progress.

My grandfather didn't know what golf was and my father never dreamed of playing it. If they had, it would not have been a networking event and no Whites or business brokers would be anywhere around to cut deals and make profitable plans. No, it was my generation that finally got to the golf course and that was very late in life. As we attempt to enter this capitalistic society for the first time in the history of this nation, it is obvious that we are playing a very big game of "catch up." Our college degrees are fresh and our skills are newly learned. We enter Board Rooms as a groundbreaking event. Although we have been paying taxes since the Emancipation Proclamation, access to this economy has been extremely limited.

So now we go into the great system of capitalism. We are neophytes to programs that exist through our oppression and unfair advantage benefiting those who really didn't deserve such. Don't think the field is level and nothing ever happened to make you on top. Affirmative action is here to right the present wrongs that were built through exploitation and unfair rigging. The playing field is far from level.

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power, a balanced-budget amendment and tough border control.

"His voting record and views are somewhat pragmatic. They're not readily predictable," says Bruce Oppenheimer, a political scientist at Vanderbilt University. "The Corker campaign keeps trying to stamp him with the liberal label, but it's been harder to make that stick."

If Ford wins, he'd be the first black senator from the South in 125 years. Steele would be the second black Republican in the Senate since Reconstruction.

Schaller, author of a new book called *Whistling Past Dixie: How Democrats Can Win Without the South*, says Ford's fate carries larger implications. "He is running a great campaign in a good Democratic year" in a relatively moderate Southern state, Schaller says; if he falls short, "that will be very telling about Democrats' long-term prospects in the South."

In June 2005, Ford ran the first ad of any candidate running for Congress in 2006 — a tribute to U.S. troops in Iraq. More recent spots have shown him in his church and in a classroom, recounting his advice to children: "Work hard, play by the rules and keep God first."

Corker won the GOP nomination in August after a brutal primary against Ed Bryant and Van Hilleary, two conservative former House members. A self-made construction company magnate, he depicts himself as a can-do mayor who cut crime, improved education and lowered taxes.

Corker calls himself "a real Tennesseean who has proven his ability to help people solve complicated problems." He calls Ford "an attractive young man whose total life experience has been about Washington, politics and perpetuating the Ford political machine."

Ford's large and controversial family is a fixture in Memphis politics. His father was a congressman who moved the family to Washington, D.C., when Ford was 9 years old. He grew up there and started his House

campaign before graduating from law school.

Along with calling Ford a career politician, Corker is painting him as liberal on immigration, security and other issues. Ford counters by noting that immigration agents arrested four illegal immigrants hired by a Corker subcontractor in 1988. Staff shake-ups have marked Corker's campaign. In another distraction, a judge ordered Corker to testify about his company's \$4.7 million sale of land to Wal-Mart. The Tennessee Environmental

Few racial issues surface

Steele also portrays himself as independent-minded. He doesn't have a voting record, however, and he doesn't offer many specifics.

Democratic candidate Cardin says he supports a minimum-wage increase, stem cell research funds and reducing troops in Iraq, and asks where Steele stands. "It is clear to me that he is just not interested in talking about issues," Cardin said in an interview. "His positions are not popular with Maryland voters."

Steele often focuses on his personal story. His mother was a sharecropper's daughter, and he started working at age 14 cleaning toilets for \$2 an hour. "I represent something different and he doesn't," Steele says of Cardin.

Steele won his first endorsement from an elected black Democrat on Tuesday. Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene Grant said he agrees with Steele on some issues and has found him responsive as a state official. He also said Maryland Democrats have "long ignored" blacks.

Grant's frustration with Maryland Democrats is one of the few racial issues to surface so far in either race. Tennessee Republicans sent a fundraising letter that calls Ford "a smooth operator" and shows him with what Democrats contend is darkened skin.

Ford said this week that Republicans are using "code words" and other means "to draw attention to my race." The GOP denied any photo alteration or racial allusions.

Political analysts say the country has moved beyond 1982, when Democratic Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley lost the California governor's race after polls showed he would win.

"Race was a far more major consideration 20, 30 or 40 years ago," says Herb Smith, a political scientist at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md. "We're not in the content-of-character society yet, but that's the direction we're moving in."

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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you 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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DFW International Airport Recognizes Top Performers At 2nd Annual Excellence In Diversity Awards

DFW International Airport's Small and Emerging Business Department recognized the Airport's top performing disadvantaged, minority and women-owned concessions businesses in its 2nd annual Excellence in Diversity Awards, presented at the Grand Hyatt DFW Hotel last week.

The CEO Award highlighting the event went to The Paradies Shops, Inc. for its outstanding commitment to the D/M/WBE program and for

demonstrating innovative programs for inclusiveness and diversity. The Paradies Shops organization earned the honor in part for partnering with a number of minority and women entrepreneurs since 1987, and for helping foster those enterprises into three highly successful businesses at DFW, including the Jethro Pugh Shops, Mercado Gifts and Two Podners Inc.

"We are here to recognize the tremendous efforts and talents of the many outstanding businesses that make our Concessions pro-

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Award winners were recog-

nized in the areas of customer service, business development, mentoring, D/M/WBE program support, diversity, outreach and supplementary support.

"We are incredibly proud of our concessionaires and their tremendous contributions to

DFW," said Don O'Bannon, vice president for small and emerging business at DFW. "These awards demonstrate that all of our D/M/WBE firms are committed not only to running great businesses at DFW for our customers, but also to fostering

future business enterprises and building on the tradition they have started".

For more pictures and a listing of award winners visit our website at www.MonTheGazette.com



Don O'Bannon, VP of Small and Emerging Business for DFW, Ken Buchanan, Executive VP for Revenue Management for DFW, Vita Girdler, Texas Hairline, Norma Roby, TGI Fridays, Dwight Hunter of DFW Airport Barber Shop, Diane Waters, Concessions Unique, Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW, Vickie Dowell, Jet Cuts & Plane Shine, and Linda Valdez Thompson, Executive VP of Administration for DFW.



Dwight and Marlyn Hunter with the DFW Barber Shop enjoy the reception before the Sept. 28 Small and Emerging Business Department Annual Awards ceremony.



Kristin Holt of Pepsi Bottling Group of North Texas receives the Excellence in Supplier Diversity Award from Don O'Bannon, vice president of small and emerging business at DFW.



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this zoning change is that the product just doesn't fit," said Chuck Holley who is spearheading the neighborhood effort. "The purpose of this change is to build townhouses and multi-unit residential units in a neighborhood that has been very stable. We feel this would hurt the character and integrity of our community."

The resident's concerns range from increased traffic flow to flood and drainage issues relating to the elimination of four acres of grass. However, their chief anxiety is related to concerns about space and the density of residents per acre. Los Rios currently has a density ratio of

about four houses per acre, the zoning change would allow up to 10 units per acre. Mr. Holley outlined the major problems with the zoning the change.

"We have three basic issues with zoning change," he said. "It would allow front entry garages (the development currently has no front entry garages); it would allow attached housing units; and it would allow a larger number of residents per acre."

David Hamilton, a 26-year resident of Los Rios agrees.

"The type of housing they are proposing to build is just not compatible with the rest of the neighborhood," he said. "I understand that this is about money and city tax dollars per square foot, but Los Rios is still

a neighborhood and we want to preserve that neighborhood."

Mr. Hamilton also expressed pride in the efforts put forth by his neighbors.

"I'm kind of saddened by all of this," he said. "At the same time, I am proud of our community standing together. We gotta fight for our neighborhood."

The residents are reading to make their case at the public hearing on Monday.

"We are prepared and have a presentation ready," Mr. Holley stated. "We don't object to development of the neighborhood, development is inevitable. We just desire a product that fits."

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UNT To Host Hip-Hop Summit Action Network's "2006 Get Your Money Right" Financial Empowerment Tour Oct. 14

UNT alumna Erykah Badu among the participants

University of North Texas alumna Erykah Badu is returning to campus as part of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network's (HSAN) "2006 Get Your Money Right" financial empowerment tour Oct. 14 (Saturday). The event takes place at the UNT Auditorium, on west Hickory Street between Avenues A and B, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Doors open beginning at 12 noon. HSAN co-chair and co-founder Russell Simmons, HSAN's CEO Dr. Benjamin

Chavis, hip-hop stars Paul Wall, Killer Mike and Musiq, Raz-B of B2K and Rocsi of BET's



"106 & Park" will also attend the event.

Free tickets for the event can

be obtained at two locations on the UNT campus in Denton; the Division of Equity and Diversity offices in the Hurley Administration Building, room 175, and at the UNT Multicultural Center, room 422 of the UNT University Union. Tickets will also be available at the front desk of the UNT Dallas Campus, 8915 South Hampton Road, as well as on the Hip-Hop Summit website, www.hsan.org.

The Hip-Hop Summit on Financial Empowerment is a grassroots effort to help engage young people in discussions

about the importance of personal finance. Topics to be covered include the basics of banking, home ownership, repairing bad credit and understanding credit scores, entrepreneurship, vehicle financing and more. HSAN's title sponsor and partner is Chrysler Financial.

UNT Associate Vice President for Equity and Diversity Cassandra Berry says, "The summit tour is a great venue for college students, as well as high school students, to receive information about the importance of budgeting and financial management."

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. To Host Public Forum On The Proposed 2006 Capital Bond Program In Dallas

Voter education an important part of fraternity's "A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People" campaign

Xi Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will host a public forum to help educate citizens about the proposed 2006 Capital Bond Program for the City of Dallas. The forum will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 6:30 pm, at the Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, located at 11881 Schroeder Road in Dallas. Program representatives and staff from the City of Dallas will share information and answer questions about the proposed \$1.3 billion bond initiative, the largest ever for Dallas. The proposed bond program will be on the ballot for the upcoming general election on November 7th.

The capital bond initiative proposes a comprehensive plan to invest in the economic health of the City of Dallas. The bond program specifically calls for improvements to pub-

lic services across a number of sectors including police and fire facilities, street and transportation projects, parks and recreation facilities, and cultural facilities.

"Educating citizens about political issues is a continuing effort by our organization to mobilize voters, and it starts with information," explained Undrea Allen, President of the Xi Tau Lambda (North Dallas) Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. "The forum entitled 'A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People' is geared toward educating citizens about the importance of this bond initiative. We

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Carole Keeton Strayhorn is a native Texan and a government honors graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She is married to Ed Strayhorn, also a former teacher and coach. Carole Keeton Strayhorn is extremely proud of her four sons and her six young granddaughters (the newest arrival just a couple of months old).

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Liberty Bell

An exact scale replica of the Liberty Bell will also be on site during the Moving Wall display. The Liberty Bell replica is one of 70 commissioned by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1976. The replicas were to be used during the bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence. Visitors can ring the bell, which has the exact tone of the original Liberty Bell.

Veterans Tribute Garden Dedication

As part of the festivities surrounding the Moving Wall display, the City of Garland will officially dedicate the Veterans Tribute Garden on November 18 at 11 a.m. Retired Marine Col. Don "Doc" Ballard will be the featured speaker for the dedication ceremony. Col. Ballard was decorated with the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions on May 16, 1968 while serving as a hospital corpsman in Vietnam. Col. Ballard is working to build public awareness and raise funds for a National Medical War Memorial. This memorial is meant to perpetuate the heroic service of our combat medical personnel through the construction of a permanent National Medical War Memorial beautified with botanical gardens. For more information about the project, go to www.medicalwarrememorial.org.

School Tours and Volunteer Opportunities

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Lyric Stage Presents Cabin In The Sky

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 County's Dupree Theater, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving, TX.

Lyric Stage Founding Producer Steven Jones has been working with Tony Root, librettist Lynn Root's son and Kay Duke Ingalls, composer Vernon Duke's widow, to recreate the original Broadway script and score. "I have really enjoyed talking with Tony and Kay about the original production of *Cabin In The Sky* and gaining insight into its creation," says Jones.

Bowing on October 25, 1940 at Broadway's Martin Beck Theatre, *Cabin In The Sky* is a musical fable about the tug of war between good and evil in the rural South. Ethel Waters stopped the original production cold with the classic song "Taking a Chance on Love." Other classics in Vernon Duke and John Latouche's glorious score include "In My Old Virginia Home" and the title song.

The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded Lyric Stage its first ever grant for this production of *Cabin In The Sky*.

Eleanor Threatt leads the cast as the God-fearing Petunia with Vince McGill as her wayward husband Little Joe. Crystal Phillips is Georgia Brown, Little Joe's temptress. Wilbur Penn plays The Headman (the Devil's son) and Marcus M. Mauldin is his nemesis, The Lord's General. Malcolm Beatty, Charlet Dupar, Ashley Duplechain, Kia Dawn Fulton, Doris Howard, Gabe Lawson, Bryan Pitts, Billy Poole

and Durant Searcy complete the cast.

Following George Balanchine's lead as the stager of Broadway's original production, Bruce Wood, critically acclaimed Artistic Director and Choreographer of the Bruce Wood Dance Company, will make his directorial debut with Lyric Stage's *Cabin*



In The Sky. Musical direction is by Gary Okeson, scenic design is by Wade Giampa, lighting is by Susan A. White and costumes are by Diane Simons.

Bruce Wood began his career at the age of 16 when he left his native Fort Worth on a full scholarship to New York's School of American Ballet under the tutelage of the legendary George Balanchine. After a brief engagement with the New York City Ballet, Mr. Wood refined his Balanchine training by dancing four years as a soloist with the San Francisco Ballet. At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Wood joined Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal as a principal dancer, and for the next four years performed and taught all over the world. Returning to New York, he danced with the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company and the Twyla Tharp Dance Company. Mr. Wood has been a guest artist for many dance companies, including the Margie Gillis Dance Foundation in Montreal, Stephanie Ballard and Dancers and Contemporary Dance Canada in Winnipeg,

Charles Moulton Dance in New York, Banff Arts Festival in Alberta, and DV8 Physical Dance in London. He assisted in setting Lar Lubovitch pieces for the New York City Ballet and worked with Mr. Lubovitch in setting the movement of the Broadway hit *Into the Woods* for Stephen Sondheim. Appearances on PBS and BBC have been complemented with appearances in numerous commercials and music videos. During recent years, Mr. Wood has choreographed works for a variety of dance companies and has been prolific in developing more than 40 original works for The Bruce Wood Dance Company. Mr. Wood frequently serves as a Master Teacher for Colleges and Universities.

Cabin In The Sky previews October 6 @ 8 PM and runs through October 21, 2006. Performances are October 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 @ 8 PM and October 8, 15 and 21 @ 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 for the October 6 preview, \$23 for Thursdays and matinees and \$29 for Friday and Saturday evenings. Tickets are available online @ www.lyricstage.org or by calling 972-594-1904.

Halle Berry To Star In 'Class Act'

Oscar-winning actress Halle Berry has agreed to play the lead of the Dreamworks film "Class Act" with Doug Atchison as director and writer. She will play a teacher who ran for the Congress 2000 elections with the help of her sixth-grade students.

The story is based on real life Tierney Cahill, from Reno, Nev., a single mother

and teacher who lost her bid to an incumbent, but garnered 35% of the popular vote.

The choice of Berry to play the role is unique because Cahill is a white woman.

A source close to the film told Variety that they believed it was more important to find the right actress rather than the right white actress.



Chris Rock To Recieve Comic Award

Grammy and Emmy Award-winning comic Chris Rock was revealed Tuesday as winner of The Comedian award by organizers of the Comedy Festival in Las Vegas.

Rock and his career will be center stage during a ceremony Nov. 17 at Caesar's Palace, HBO and AEG Live -- sponsors of the Comedy Festival -- announced in

a news release.

"In a relatively short time, Chris Rock has catapulted from a teenage club comedian to one of the most innovative, honest and funniest comedians of our time," HBO Chief Chris Albrecht said in a statement. "Artistically, he has never been afraid to push boundaries beyond their limits, redefining and raising the bar on cutting-edge humor."

In addition to his Emmy and Grammy awards, the 77th Academy Awards host has

appeared in a number of TV shows such as NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and HBO's "The Chris Rock Show" and his autobiographical comedy, "Everybody Hates Chris," is hit for the CW network.

A New York Times best-selling author, Rock counts "Dogma," "Lethal Weapon," "Madagascar" and "Nurse Betty" among his many film credits.

The 2006 Comedy Festival runs from Nov. 18-18 at Caesars Palace.



Tamara Dobson, 59; 'Cleopatra Jones' Star



Tamara Dobson, 59, the stunning Amazonian model-turned-actress who portrayed a strong female as Cleopatra Jones in two so-called blaxploitation films, died Oct. 1 of complications from pneumonia and multiple sclerosis.

Ms. Dobson began her modeling career in fashion shows at the Maryland Institute College of Art before moving to New York. She appeared in many magazines, including Vogue and Essence, and television commercials for Faberge, Chanel and Revlon.

In 1978, when she became the face of Faberge's Tigress perfume, Ms. Dobson spoke about the influence that her mother had on her life. "My mother always told me that being tall was the most wonderful thing anybody could be," Mrs. Dobson, who hit 6 feet at 14, told The Washington Post.

With a traffic-stopping, 6-foot-2 hourglass figure, Ms. Dobson was striking as the kung-fu fighting, huge-Afro-wearing government agent Cleopatra Jones in 1973. She reprised the role in 1975's "Cleopatra Jones and the Casino of Gold."

Ms. Dobson also appeared in "Come Back, Charleston Blue," "Murder at the World Series," "Norman... Is That You?" and "Chained Heat." She had TV roles in the early 1980s in "Jason of Star Command" and "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century."

She lived most of her adult life in New York, her family said. She

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Rev. Smith found his calling in 1977 after his partner was brutally raped and murdered. This tragedy sent him into a downward spiral of drugs and alcohol that almost ended his life. Knowing that he wanted to live, he began searching for the meaning of life and for answers to his questions.

He found the answers in a book by Alexander Homics, entitled "Messages to Mankind From the Almighty and His

Spirits" (Vantage Press, 1976), and later was led to a related book by Nick Mezins, "Revelations, Extracts from The Book of Tidings of the Almighty and His Spirits to Humanity" (rev. ed. Trafford Publishers, 2000).

Rev. Smith's journey into the Messages subsequently changed his life. He became an ordained minister, and now follows the path to introduce others to Supplementology.

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"Supplementologists believe

that there is a direct correlation between religion and science," adds Rev. Smith, "and we believe they are combined forces so that people do not have to choose to believe in one as opposed to the other. We Supplementologists

work to understand the connection between the two and how they validate each other. The world has been waiting for this for a long time."

For more information: <http://supplementology.org>

Plano International Fest Page 1

ed by the citizens of Plano. Haggard Park is located at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue H, just west of the DART rail station for downtown Plano.

This year's Festival builds on the success and excitement of last year's event, which drew nearly 5,000 attendees. The festivities will again kick off with a Parade of Nations where students from Plano ISD wear traditional costumes and carry the flags of their native countries. Plano Mayor Pat Evans will then officially open the Festival from the park's beautifully restored gazebo. Live music, dance performances, two international fashion shows and other multicultural entertainment will be staged at the gazebo throughout the day.

Plano ISD is helping to coordinate the Festival's kick-off event, a Parade of Nations, where more than 50 PISD students wearing traditional dress

carry the flags of their native countries. The Plano Police Department will have a police car for kids to climb into in the Cultural area.

A special highlight at this year's Plano International Festival will be a naturalization ceremony to be held in the Haggard Park for all Festival attendees to witness.

Admission and parking are free. Visitors can take advantage

of the DART rail station next to the park for transportation. Applications for vendors and performers are still being accepted. The Festival is underwritten by the Plano City Council and is designed to showcase the many cultures that make up Plano, Collin County, and their surrounds.

For more information, contact 972.208.4643 or info@planointernationalfestival.org

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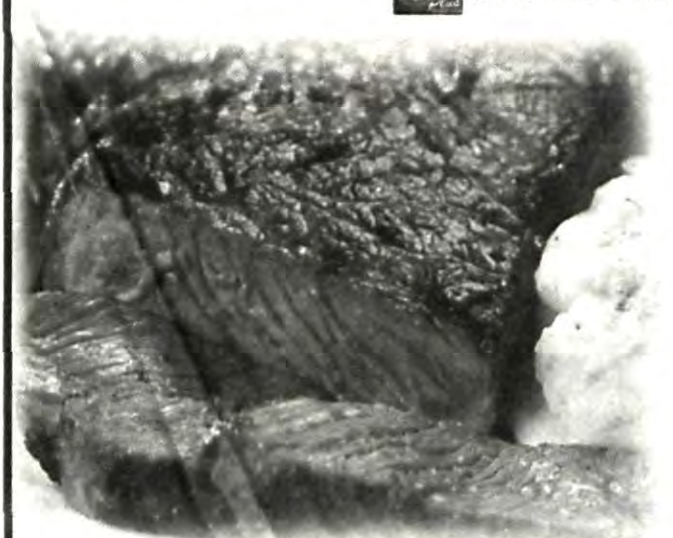
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Church News



Sister Tarpley

God, why do you tolerate us? You give us every breath we breathe; but do we thank you? Seldom. You give us bodies beyond duplication, but do we praise you? Seldom.

We complain about the weather; we argue over who gets which continent, and not a second passes when someone, somewhere, doesn't use Your name to curse a hammered thumb or a bad call by the umpire.

You fill the world with food, but we blame You for hunger. You keep the earth from tilting and the arctic from thawing, but we accuse You of being unconcerned.

You give us blue skies, and we demand rain. You give us rain, and we demand sun (as if we knew what was best anyway.) We give more applause to a brawny ball-carrier than we do to You who made us.

We are a gnat on the tail of one elephant in a galaxy of Africa's, and yet we demand that You do things when we ask. And if You don't give us what we want, we say You don't exist (as if our opinion matters.)

We pollute the world You loan us. We mistreat the bodies You gave us. We ignore the Word You sent us. And we killed the SON You became. You have every reason to abandon us. But you don't. I see the answer in the ris-

Things To Ponder: God, Why Do You Love Us?

ing of the sun. I hear the answer in the crashing of the waves. I feel the answer on the skin of a child.

Father, Your love never ceases. Though we pay no attention to You; and we disobey You. You will not change! Our evil cannot diminish Your love. Our goodness cannot increase it.

Our faith does not earn it any more than our stupidity jeopardizes

more important statement to be made than this: "GOD's sufficiency means that we can find our completeness only in HIM."

This truth appears all through the Bible; one of the most beautiful poetic passages in scripture makes this important point. David wrote the 23rd Psalms while reflecting on his old occupation as a shepherd.

The Psalms reflect his intimacy with GOD and his acknowledgement of GOD. GOD said that David was a man after HIS own heart.

David realized that what he as a shepherd was to a sheep, GOD was to him. What David did for sheep, GOD does for HIS children. HE can take a lost soul and make it found. HE can take wrong decisions and make them right. HE can take you off the wrong road of life and put you on the right road. HE

can take a bad situation and make it good.

Stop trying to get GOD to be like you, and let GOD be GOD. When you do that, HE will let you be you as you ought to be. -Greenville Avenue CoFC Bulletin.

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Let *MON-The Gazette* help your church accomplish the Prayer of Jabez, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."



Picture of The Week
(L to R): The Jalalzadeh Twins: Rohan on the violin and Bayan on the piano at a recent monthly reading at the Baha'i Faith of Carrollton

it. You don't love us less if we fail. You don't love us more if we succeed.

How do we explain it? God's love is not human. His love is not normal. His love sees our sin and loves us still. Does He approve of our errors? No! Do you need to repent? Yes! Do you repent for His sake or yours? For your sake, His ego needs no apology. His love needs no bolstering. And HE could not love you more than HE does right now! From the files of Floyd Erving, KHVN AM, Heaven 97.

Completeness: There is not a

Voting Deadline Page 1

metro 972-424-1460, ext. 1990 for an application via mail or pickup.

If you have registered but do not have a current voter registration certificate (bright yellow card), call the Elections Office at the numbers above. You are only eligible to vote in

the precinct where you live if you have registered in that precinct.

If you were registered to vote but moved from one county in Texas to Collin County you will need to register with Collin County to be eligible to vote in Collin County.

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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
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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 with Minister Francine Washington, Minister Kelli Moore, and Bro. Xsedus @ 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

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This Saturday, October 14, 4:30 pm

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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 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
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Pastor L. Tarpley, Overseer
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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), Corporate and Incorporate Businesses;" Minister Darrell King, KFCD 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 Andrae Paris, FOBCC Minister of Music, in Dallas, topic: "Praise & Worship Seminar." The Convocation is being held @ Community World Outreach International Ministries, Pastor L. Tarpley, Overseer, 526 Compton Avenue Irving, TX 75061, 972-986-5552.

For registration fees, performance times, seminar classes, and other additional information contact please call Bishop Crawford @ 214-476-8188. Vendors are welcomed.

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October 10 - 12, 7 pm Nightly

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For additional information contact Sis. Cassandra Dixon, Youth Program Coordinator @ 817-453-8896 or Rev. Jameon Hooper, Youth Minister.

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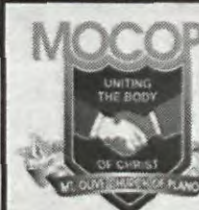


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DFW Area Churches Launch Faith-Based Initiative To Raise Funds For National Memorial Honoring Dr. King

Congregations throughout Dallas/Fort Worth are taking part in a national history-making project that will pay homage to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. DFW area churches this week are launching a month-long, grassroots faith-based campaign aimed at raising funds for a national Memorial being built in Washington, D.C. to honor the life and legacy of the slain civil rights leader. The King Memorial will be the first of its kind on the National Mall honoring an African-American as well as honoring the first non-President.

"The United States is closer to fulfilling her promise because of the revolutionary life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who dared to follow a dream of liberation and equality to defeat a nightmare of legalized oppression and division," says Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III - Senior Pastor of Friendship-

West Baptist Church & Conference Center, and Chairman of the DFW Faith-Based fundraiser initiative. "This man, who had a monumental mission, is deserving of a monument on the Mall in our nation's capital so that our and future generations will never forget the lessons of this drum major for justice who changed the course of history."

During October, Haynes and his nearly 8,000 member Friendship-West Baptist Church family are being joined by a number of DFW area pastors and churches to support the nationwide "Build the Dream" efforts to raise the \$100 million needed to build and maintain the MLK Memorial. Churches are encouraged to participate independently via special pledges, offerings or other activities over the course of the month. The DFW Faith-Based Campaign will culminate with a special "Day of Giving" Celebration at Friendship-West,

2020 Wheatland Road, Dallas, on November 4 at 7:00 p.m., during which time all monies will be collected and counted. The local campaign goal is \$75,000.

Haynes says all local churches



Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III

and faith-based organizations are encouraged to join in on this effort so that DFW can contribute its fair share to this historic develop-

ment. "We in Dallas, who like all Americans, are beneficiaries of his legacy of fighting for freedom, peace and justice are honored to do our part in the erection of this magnificent Memorial," says Haynes.

The King Memorial will be built on the Tidal Basin of the National Mall in Washington D.C. adjacent to the FDR Memorial and on direct line between the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. The four-acre Memorial will convey the three reoccurring themes of Dr. King's life: democracy, justice and hope. The centerpiece will be the "Stone of Hope," featuring a 30-foot likeness of Dr. King.

Groundbreaking ceremonies are slated for November 13, with a goal of dedicating and opening the Memorial in 2008. The project was initiated in 1984 by members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Dr. King was inducted into the fraternity in

1952 while attending graduate school at Boston University.), and received final approval in 1998 when President Bill Clinton signed a Joint Congressional Resolution authorizing the building of a memorial. The Washington D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, Inc. oversees the project's development. Notable celebrities including Morgan Freeman, Harrison Ford, Muhammad Ali, Whoopi Goldberg and Deborah and Carlos Santana are donating their time and resources to promote and support the project. Major corporations such as General Motors, FedEx, Tommy Hilfinger Corporate Foundation, State Farm Insurance, PepsiCo Foundation and ExxonMobil have made significant financial contributions to the campaign. For complete details and to see a virtual tour of the Memorial, go to www.buildthedream.org.

Area pastors co-chairing the local initiative along with Haynes are: Pastor Karry D. Wesley (Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church); Pastor Bryan L. Carter (Concord Missionary Baptist Church); Pastor Rickie G. Rush (Inspiring Body of Christ - IBOC); Pastor Tyrone D. Gordon (St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church); and Pastor Denny Davis (St. John Baptist Church.) Also participating in the DFW fundraising efforts are the African-American Pastor's Coalition, led by Dr. Jerry Christian, as well as the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliances, headed by Dr. S.C. Nash.

For more information on the MLK Memorial DFW Faith-Based Campaign or to get your church or organization involved, call (214) 693-8996. Individual and corporate contributions are also welcomed.

North Dallas Church Hosts Quarterly Rhythm And Rhyme: Night Celebrating Poetry, Spoken Word And The Cultural Arts

Christian Chapel CME Church hosts Rhythm and Rhyme, a unique night celebrating poetry, spoken word, music and the cultural arts. The event will be held on October 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Rhythm and Rhyme will showcase local poets, spoken word artists and musicians. This event is hosted by the True Image Singles Ministry at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church. The church is located at 14120 NOE Rd, Dallas.

The public is invited to sign up for the open mic portion of the event. For more information, please call 972-533-3543

or rhythmandrhymer@juno.com.

Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal/White Rock Chapel Methodist Church was the first African American Church established in far north Dallas and is believed to be the first such establishment for African Americans in the North Texas Area.

A church where Jesus is the main attraction, CCTOF moved to its sanctuary, the Temple of Faith, in January of 1999. It has a membership of over 3,500. Under the leadership of Dr. Jerome McNeil, Jr., CCTOF continues to serve the community through over 90 ministries.

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Angela S. King, Founder/CEO Women Praying for Christ Ministries

City Of Mesquite And Mesquite Ministerial Alliance To Host Annual Addressing Mesquite Day

The city of Mesquite and the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance will host the second annual "Addressing Mesquite Day" neighborhood revitalization program. The event will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. The kick-off will take place at Poteet High School, 3300 Poteet Drive, Mesquite, Texas.

The brief kick-off will feature Mayor Mike Anderson and Dan Aleman, pastor of the Creek Crossing Harvest Church who is

speaking on behalf of the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance. Volunteers will be dispatched to their assigned locations to help Mesquite residents who are over the age of 65 or physically disabled. Volunteers will assist with repairs, painting, gathering garbage and other helpful tasks. This project was created to reach out to Mesquite's disabled and elderly making minor improvements to their homes and landscape.



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Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.

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Sunday Life Bible School 9:30 a.m.
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7:00 p.m. Prayer Hour
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

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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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