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## People In The News



Roderick Carlton Demmings of Dallas, has been invited to perform in a live television taping of "From the Top: Live from Carnegie Hall" in New York City on October 26, 2006. He will be performing a classical solo piano work by Frederic Chopin in addition to performing a jazz piece, "Harlem Express."

Roderick, currently a seventh grader at the St. Mark's School of Texas, studies piano with John Sherow-Tatum of Richardson and pipe organ with Annette Albrecht of Dallas. For the past two summers, he has also studied piano and organ at the prestigious Interlochen Center for the Arts in northern Michigan.

A first place winner in his division at the DeBose National Piano Competition held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in both 2004 and 2006, Roderick has served as the pianist for the children's division of the Gospel Music Workshop of America for the past three years.

Locally, he can be seen each Sunday leading the music at the Mt. Horeb Missionary Baptist Church in south Dallas. For more information, please visit: <http://www.fromthetop.org>.

Nayrok Udab returns to her backyard after a year and a half of touring overseas and nationally with sister Erykah Badu. Currently wrapping up her United States debut album "NAYROKULA", Nayrok will perform on October 27th, 8 p.m., at the historical Black Forest Theater.



Udab launches the Nayrok Redemption Project at the Black Forest Theater in South Dallas heading up a concert where she will perform songs from her first CD. Part of the proceeds from the event will also benefit Beautiful Love Incorporated Non-Profit Development (BLIND.), the community organization founded by Erykah and the Dallas Life Foundation.

"My redemption is based on the things I've gone through," she said. "From being a Black rock female artist, to being Erykah's sister and my own challenging business decisions, it's time to show what Nayrok is all about."

Nayrok has done three nationally distributed music videos, opened up for Prince, Nikka Costa, Common, Erykah Badu and many other multi-platinum artists with performances all over the world.

The Black Forest Theater is located at 1925 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Dallas. Artists PPT and Dow Jones will also perform.



Dr. Wright Lassiter, chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, has announced the appointment of Edward DesPlas as vice chancellor for business affairs.

Members of the DCCCD board of trustees approved the appointment during its regular monthly meeting in September. DesPlas most recently served as ECC's interim president and previously as the college's executive vice president. He succeeds

Bob Brown, who joined Texas A&M University-Commerce earlier this year as vice president for business and administration.

"I am pleased to name Ed DesPlas our new vice chancellor for business affairs. He is a welcome addition to our executive staff, and I know he will draw on his experience and expertise to meet the needs of this demanding position," said Lassiter. "I am confident that he will build on the outstanding record of his distinguished predecessors."

DesPlas, who joined El Centro in 1998, previously served as vice president of administrative services at Western Nebraska Community College. He held positions at several DCCCD locations, including Eastfield College, the district office and the LeCroy Center for Educational Telecommunications. He also has taught as an adjunct faculty member in accounting.

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## Rising Star Barack Obama Weighs White House Run

AP

Sen. Barack Obama acknowledged Sunday he was considering a run for president in 2008, backing off previous statements that he would not do so.

The Illinois Democrat said he could no longer stand by the statements he made after his 2004 election and earlier this year that he would serve a full six-year term in Congress. He said he would not make a decision until after the Nov. 7 elections.

"That was how I was thinking at that time," said Obama, when asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" about his previous statements.

"Given the responses that I've been getting over the last several months, I have thought about the possibility" although not with the seriousness or depth required, he said. "My main focus right now is in the '06. ... After November 7, I'll sit down, I'll sit down and consider, and if at some point I change my mind, I will make a public announcement and everybody will be able to go at me."

Obama was largely unknown outside Illinois when he burst onto the national scene with a widely acclaimed address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

In recent weeks, his political stock has been rising as a potentially viable centrist candidate for president in 2008 after former Virginia



Gov. Mark Warner announced earlier this month that he was bowing out of the race.

In a recent issue of Time magazine, Obama's face fills the cover next to the headline, "Why Barack Obama Could Be The Next President." He is currently on a tour promoting his latest book, "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American

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## Plano's District 2 Citizens Bring New Ideas To Roundtable Discussion

Plano City Councilmembers are encouraging citizens from District 2 to join them for a lively Neighborhood Roundtable discussion on Thursday, November 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Plano Sports Authority, 6500 Preston Meadow.

The meeting is part of an ongoing outreach program called Plano City Council Neighborhood Roundtable. Councilmembers and City department representatives will answer questions and work with the citizens to find solutions to district concerns. Though the meeting is focused on District 2, all Plano citizens are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served.

Citizens in the District 2 area will receive a special postcard invitation. District 2's north boundary is the City Limit (S.H. 121); the south boundary is the City Limit (President George Bush Turnpike); the east boundary is Coit Road

(from the north City Limit to Parker Road) and Ohio Drive (from Parker Road to the southern City Limit); and the west boundary is the City Limit (Midway/Marsh area).

A map with all the districts is available online at [www.plano.gov](http://www.plano.gov) under Departments and Community Outreach. For more information call (972) 941-7747.

Neighborhood Roundtables are held quarterly and rotated through Plano's four districts to provide an opportunity for citizens and Councilmembers in the convenience of their home neighborhood.

## Volunteers Needed For Garland Moving Wall Visit



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.

Event organizers will need volunteers to assist in many areas. On-site volunteers will act as hosts, using laptop computers to help locate names on the wall, answering questions about the display and its mission, helping visitors create rubbings and much more. Volunteers will also help with other support tasks associated with the week-long event. Volunteer shifts are available during daytime and evening hours, Tuesday through Saturday.

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## Plano Fire Rescue Specialist Exam: November Registration Deadline



diversity of work and ability to literally save lives and property makes for a rewarding and life-long career for those drawn into fire rescue-suppression.

The Plano Fire Department announces the next entrance examination

Some persons have had the avocation all their lives. They've drawn pictures of fire trucks in pre-school, grown up with an autographed picture of Sparky the fire dog in their room, and never missed a chance to visit the local fire station.

For others, a career in fire rescue-suppression has come a bit later in life, fueled by a commitment and genuine desire to impact their community and the people around them. Either way, the challenge,

for the Plano Fire Department will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2007, with approximately ten positions filled from that exam. A link at the end of this article will lead you to demonstration video and detailed information.

Thursday, November 30, 2006 is the final day registration packets will be mailed out to interested applicants.

Applicants must be at least 18 to 35 years of age at the time of testing; must have

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## Urban League To Assist Former Felons With Project 4 Victory Program



Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, Urban League President

Two months ago over 7,000 ex-offenders attended a job fair at the Martin Luther King Center. Only a small percentage of those participants got jobs. The Department of Labor's National Corrections Reporting Program says the unemployment rate among ex-offenders is between 25% and 40%.

Project 4 Victory, an Urban League program sponsored by the Department of Labor's Prisoner Re-entry Initiative assists non-violent, ex-offenders returning to their local communities with job readiness training, life skills, coaching and mentoring, mental health and substance abuse services, GED preparation, computer training, on-the-job training and placement assistance. Participants must be 18 years and older; with non-violent offenses; and must enroll within 180 days of release to be eligible for the program.

The Urban League will accept applications for the program at an orientation on Tuesday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. at the Urban League Headquarters, 4315 South Lancaster Road.

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## DCHHS Now Offering Flu Shots To The Entire Family

Shipment of Preservative Free Vaccine for infants 6 - 35 months has arrived.



Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is now offering the protection of flu vaccinations to the entire family. "Late yesterday, DCHHS received a shipment of preservative free flu vaccine for infants and toddlers ages 6 - 35 months and vaccine for children ages 3 years and up from the Vaccines for Children Program (VCF)," stated Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "We have also received an additional shipment of adult vaccine so we are able to offer the protection of

the flu shot to the entire family," Thompson continued.

Recent studies have shown that children less than 2 years old, even healthy children are more likely than older children to end up in the hospital with serious complications if they get influenza. These complications can include pneumonia, dehydration, worsen-

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# Plano Community Forum 25th Anniversary Gala



(L to R) Pamela Dunlap, Lee Dunlap - City of Plano Council Member and Cecilia Prada - League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).



Members of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre Company performs for the audience.



MALIN headline vocalist (center) and her dancers (Cory - left and Nelvula - right).



(L to R) Scott Johnson - Mayor Pro Tem City of Plano; Brenda McDonald - Plano Community Forum President; Arthur Young - Plano Community Forum Treasurer; and Cary Israel - President, Collin County Community College President.



Members of the Plano Police Department.



Fred Moses presents the Life Time Achievement Award to Dr. Myrtle Hightower.



(L to R) Barbara Simpkins - Plano Community Forum Advisory Board Secretary, Alice Simpkins (center), and Earl Simpkins - Plano Community Forum Member.

Photos By: P.J. Johnson  
The Plano Community Forum celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a gala featuring dinner, awards, entertainment and scholarships on

Saturday, October 21st at the Southfork Ranch in Parker, Texas. The Mistress of Ceremonies for the event was Rochelle Brown, Executive Producer of Fox 4 Insights. Entertainment for the evening

was provided by Malin the Vocalist and members of the Dallas Black Dance Theater. For more pictures from the event, please visit our website at [www.monthe gazette.com](http://www.monthe gazette.com).



## African American Republicans

### A Legacy of Good Fruit

#### Did You Know?

The Republican Party in Texas was formed by 150 African Americans along with 20 Anglos in response to the Democrat party vote to protect & extend slavery. When the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed, not even one Democrat in Congress voted for African-American civil rights. From 1865-1869, Texas Democrats passed "Black Codes" to prohibit African-Americans from voting, holding office and serving on juries. They drafted a new State constitution requiring that State Representatives and Senators be only of the "white race." When Democrats recaptured Texas government in 1872, Democrat Governor Richard Coke's election was described as "the restoration of white supremacy & Democratic rule." The KKK and oppressive slave holders were Southern Democrats. Republicans have always championed inalienable rights of African Americans.

#### Did You Know?

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 passed under Democrat President Lyndon Johnson were based on language proposed by Republicans in 1960. Though Democrats controlled both Houses of Congress by wide margins, they were unable to get enough Democrat votes to pass civil rights for African-Americans. Without strong support of Republicans in Congress at that time, the civil rights acts of the 1960s would not have become law.

As demonstrated by its platform & voting record, the Democrat Party opposes school prayer, educational choice & charitable choice, but supports same-sex marriages, partial-birth abortion, eugenics & the removal of any mention of Judeo-Christian principles in public life - positions opposite to those held by most African-Americans.

To this day including this November 7th election, the Texas Republican Party has consistently embraced diversity in color & culture. The Vice-Chairman of the Texas Republican Party is African American & many African Americans running in this November's election are Republicans. Early vote Oct.23 -Nov.3

## African American Republicans in 2006



Dr. Robin Armstrong  
Vice-Chair Texas GOP



Justice Wainwright  
TX Supreme Court



Judge Faith Johnson



Judge Dianne Jones



Judge Keith Anderson



Judge Brenda Green



Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon



Justice Wallace Jefferson



Judge Ada Brown



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## Around The Town

### Ongoing

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 loca-

tions 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.

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.

Strait Street is the official home of "The Yundrae Show." Every Thursday evening at 7PM, it's the live television taping of "The Yundrae Show!" It's new, it's off the chain, and it's only at Strait Street. Artists, celebrities, who's who, sports icons, and many more. The doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7:45pm. There are door prizes and giveaways each week. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Check it out at: [www.theyundraeshow.com](http://www.theyundraeshow.com)

DFW African American Professionals Luncheon and Seminar; Lunch speaker Michel Hoskins. Sponsored by Tarrant County College South Campus. 9:00a-6:00p For more information call (817) 515-4598

Irvin Mayfield and the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, Cultural Ambassador for the City of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana, Mr. Mayfield and the orchestra have themed their 2006 tour, "New Orleans Now and Then". Hill Performance Hall in Richardson Eisemann Center \$25-\$55 972-744-4650

THE THIRD EYE, 10th Annual

Tribute to the African Ancestors. Freedman's Cemetery. 2700 Lemmon Ave. @ Central Expressway Dallas, TX At 7:30pm Join us in saluting our African ancestors who died in the Middle Passage and those who were worked to death in America. Call 214-426-1683

October 28 The Black Fire Fighters Association (BFFA) of Dallas, 7th Bi-annual Scholarship Awards Banquet to be held Saturday, October 28, 2006 featuring the LEGENDARY Artist, HOWARD HEWETT, formerly of the R&B group Shalamar. This year's event will be held at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre, 5410 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, 75240. During the banquet we will take the opportunity to recognize BFFA members, pillars in the community and businesses who support our efforts. 214-240-5788

Fashion Fighting Cancer and Heart Disease Fashion Show & Luncheon at 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. Vendor Fair ~ 10a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mesquite Hampton Suites - 635 & Military Pkwy

Tickets: Adult - \$35.00 Children - \$17.00

Catfishing in North Texas held at the Plano Station, located just east of the Downtown Plano DART Station. Doug "Tex" Elliott, Lake Lavon Pro Guide, will discuss every topic regarding fishing for Catfish in the North Texas Area Lakes. Admission: \$3 per person. Free parking available Haggard Park, Eastside Village Apartment Garage and Municipal Center from 1-3 pm. For more information contact call 214-354-9570 or [ed@proanglertackle.com](mailto:ed@proanglertackle.com) or visit [www.proanglertackle.com](http://www.proanglertackle.com)

Operation Oasis Inc. Jazz Extravaganza Fundraiser, at 7 pm. The fundraiser will be held at the Eisemann Center located at 2351 Performance Dr. in Richardson. The fundraiser will include some of Jazz greats Kirk Whalum and Tom Braxton. For ticket information contact the Eisemann Center at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or call (972) 744-4650.

32nd Annual Harambee Festival, from 10:00AM-7:00PM held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center located at 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Dallas, TX 75215. It's an entire day filled with rich African-American culture, entertainment, fun, games, a parade, an outdoor market, music, food and a chance to win a \$10,000 family reunion (for the Ultimate Family Reunion) courtesy of the title sponsors.

G.H.A.P. - (God Has A Plan) Small Business/Grant Writing Seminar from 9:00a-4:00p. at Ryan's Bakery & Grill in Mesquite, TX. Call 214-497-4260 or visit [www.ghap-texas.org](http://www.ghap-texas.org)

Hope's Door Gala at The Marriott Hotel at Legacy Town Center will be the site of "Evening of Hope" from 6 p.m. until 12 a.m. to benefit Hope's Door. To learn more visit [www.hopes-doorinc.org](http://www.hopes-doorinc.org) or call 972-422-2911

October 29 Plano Symphony Orchestra Spanish Speaking Concert Spooky Symphony The Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr in Richardson at 3 pm [cforte@planosymphony.org](mailto:cforte@planosymphony.org)

Dallas Comic Con Comics, Toys, Cards, Artists, Collectibles, Celebrities and more. Admission: General admission is \$10. Kids 12 and under are free. For more information call Ben Stevens

972-420-8639 or visit [dallascomiccon.com](http://dallascomiccon.com)

October 30 African Ensemble African Ensemble: Gideon Alorwoye, director. Event will be held at the Concert Hall, UNT Music Building in Denton at 8 pm \$5 at the door

November 2 A Day with Jim Fay, Discipline and Achievement seminar will put parents and teachers in control without resorting to anger, while teaching children responsibility and preparing them for the real world. Admission is \$99 per person. For more information contact Derek Dick at 800.338.4065 or visit [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com)

Plano ISD State-of-the-District Community Forum, at 7:00-8:30 p.m. Plano ISD Sockwell Center, 6301 Chapel Hill, Plano, 75093 for the "The Power of Education." School leaders will discuss: closing the achievement gap, college readiness, financial progress, bond programs, accountability ratings and 2006-07 goals.

The National Association of Women Business Owners Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter (NAWBO D/FW) invites all women business owners and guests to attend monthly luncheons, networking events and NAWBO U, a series of workshops on management and entrepreneurial topics. Thursday, November 2, 2006 - NAWBO D/FW Collin/Denton Area Council Happy Hour

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Location: Embassy Suites Bar and Lounge in the first floor lobby area, 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive, Frisco Cost: No-host bar RSVP: 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1. To RSVP please email [rsvp@nawbotx.org](mailto:rsvp@nawbotx.org).

National African American Women's Leadership Institute (NAAWLI) Open House. Meet members of our Board of Directors and learn about NAAWLI. Come network with professional women you may not already know. Several lucky guests will receive an autographed copy of Hattie Hill's (local NAAWLI board member) latest book, Smart Women, Smart Choices. Reception 5:00 - 7:00 pm Location: 5220 Spring Valley Rd. #340 Dallas, Texas, 75234. Please RSVP by 10/30/06 to [bbourne@naawli.org](mailto:bbourne@naawli.org) or 469-374-0446.

November 3 First Annual Good Samaritan Award Gala hosted by Steve Blow will provide an evening of dinner, dancing and a presentation during which we will honor and recognize those individuals, businesses and churches who have made significant contributions to our organization and the residents we serve.

Tickets: \$75 per person and it's from 7pm to midnight. Sponsorships and Table hosting are available.

For more information contact Cheryl or Molly at 972.542.5302 or visit [www.thesamaritaninn.org](http://www.thesamaritaninn.org)

November 4 True Praise will present Saturday, November 4, 2006 during the "A Worship Experience" at 6:30 pm which will feature local choirs and artists from the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex. It will be held at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 902 14th Street, Plano TX. For more information please call (972) 786-1783

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# Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community





**Paul Hailey**

I have always been both fascinated and upset by the voting history of black Americans. I started thinking about the upcoming midterm elections and started wondering why African Americans don't wield more clout politically.

The sad answer is because we don't vote.

In order to fully understand where we are voting-wise, we have to first understand how we got here politically.

Black people were brought to this country as slaves, and as property, had no more rights to citizenship as mules or cattle. The passage of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865 freed the slaves, but did little regarding their status as citizens.

It took passage of the 14th Amendment in 1868, (which conferred citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States), and the 15th Amendment in 1870 (which provided that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged on the basis of race, color or previous condition of servitude) to even start the process.

In the next 100 years, southern whites through state governments did everything in their power to keep blacks from voting. Poll taxes, literacy tests, intimidation and lynching were tactics designed to keep us from exercising our right to vote.

See, the racist white politicians in southern states understood one thing that black people seem to have forgotten today: all you have to do to keep any group from having real power in a democracy is to keep them from voting.

There are 10 million African American voters in this country, enough to swing any national and most state elections. Unfortunately, since the

## I Think, Therefore I Vote....

Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964, black voter turnout has never exceeded 44 percent in any midterm election.

So why do large numbers of black people fail to exercise their right to vote?

I talked to a number of people I know and asked them why they don't vote. Some of the answers included:

"It doesn't make any difference how I vote, my vote doesn't count anyway."

"I don't know anything about the candidates running"

"I moved, and didn't get registered in my new precinct."

"There aren't any good candidates, they're all the same."

"The system is crooked, the people with money are the ones that really run the country."

All of which are completely unacceptable reasons for not voting.

One of my teachers once told me that ignorance and apathy can destroy a nation more effectively than armies ever could. The bible tells me "my people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge."

It seems to me there are a growing number of black folks for whom not knowing and not caring has become the norm.

For black teenagers and young adults not knowing and not caring has become cool. Their thought process is "only a fool cares about things bigger than themselves", and "why care about things you don't understand?" That might

explain why only 15.6 percent of eligible black voters between the ages of 18 and 24 actually voted in the last midterm elections.

The same thing applies for older black Americans as well. We have been desensitized to believe that we can't make a difference, that our votes don't count, that it's not worth the effort to stay informed. Then we wonder why our children act the same way.

Politicians no longer address our concerns directly because we don't vote. We are not accountable so they don't have to be accountable. We don't think beyond what's in front of us, so they don't have to think about us. We aren't a force in certain political arenas simply because we won't come to the game.

Voting is more than a privilege or a right. Voting is a responsibility.

So I issue a challenge to everyone reading these words. Vote. If you haven't done it already, register to vote. If you have registered, then encourage someone else to register. Explain to a young adult why they should vote. Find out what political district you live in, and who are your elected officials-local, state and national. Read, then vote. And then repeat.

As George Clinton was fond of saying: "Think, it ain't illegal yet."

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## Voting For The Evil Of Two Lessers

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist

It's really a shame to say this, but because Black people - and everyone else for that matter - are faced with voting for "choices" made by the inner circle of powerbrokers, once again many voters will have to punch the card or touch the corrupted Diebold computer screens while holding our noses. I hear a great deal of talk about voting for the lesser of two evils, but in many of the races it's really a matter of voting for the evil of two lessers.

In what is billed as a precursor for the 2008 presidential election, if Bush doesn't cancel the election that year, Black people are again being touted as the group that can determine the outcome of the 2006 election, thus, having the ability to change the face of government from Republican rule to Democratic rule. We will see on November 8, but based on who we have in office now, I am not too optimistic.

First, on the national scene, we have an obstinate "resident" who has proved his incompetence to the world. He still refuses to admit even one mistake during his administration and continues to sacrifice the lives of our young men and women in a war based on lies and deceit. He claims to care about the soldiers but supports cuts in their benefits. His actions belie his words, but we continue to acquiesce to his antics and those of his minions.

Waiting in the wings is his brother, Jeb. Yep, another Bush, member of the Project for the New American Century and the one who participated in the 2000 Florida election debacle, is being touted as the future "resident." And get this; Rudy Giuliani tops the list of prospective candidates for Republicans, followed by John McCain. The outrageous thing is that George Allen, the Senator from Virginia who has a checkered past when it comes to his comments about Blacks and other ethnic groups, is also on the Republican short list.

On the other side, we have Hillary Clinton and whoever is in second place for the moment:

John Kerry; John Edwards; Al Gore; et al. I am sure there will be others moving to the forefront by 2008, but whoever is "chosen" will result in a "Hobson's Choice" for the rest of us, which is really no choice at all.

Bush, Rove, Cheney, Rumsfeld, and Rice are making every attempt to scare the electorate into submission, to keep us so on edge about their impending new war with Iran, which just might be our 2006 "October surprise," and their saber-rattling, paper tiger, emperor with no clothes posture with North Korea.

They are playing us for chumps while they pile up the dollars and euros in their coffers and those of their friends. Remember the words of Dwight Eisenhower: "Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together." We can clearly see who is prospering in this war economy, can't we?

On a local level, we have candidates running for Congress in both parties who can't wait to get in front of a microphone to say how supportive they are of Israel, which seems to be a litmus test for anyone who is running, even Black candidates. Isn't it funny that none of the candidates, Black or White, are ever questioned by anyone or ever express their support for Africa, a continent in which you could place 1,000 Israels? Why is Africa not held up as a litmus test, especially for Black candidates, but in general for all candidates?

Voters are faced with Hobson's Choices in state, county, and city races this year. Describing many of the races as a vote for the lesser of two evils, I have heard quite a few people say they're just not going to vote for either candidate.

Since several Black candidates are running for high office this year, some would have us believe their races are based on "race." It's not a race issue; it's a party issue. Politicians, Black or

White, who do nothing for Black people should not get your vote, the color of his or her skin notwithstanding. But candidates and their handlers are playing the so-called "race card" to whip Black voters into an emotional frenzy rather than deal with us intelligently by engaging in relevant dialogue.

The simple truth is that we are faced with voting for the evil of two lessers in many cases, and we should be politically sophisticated enough to see through the rhetoric and the smokescreens. After all, haven't we heard and seen it all before?

When I see a J.C. Watts defending George Bush and his regime, saying Bush is "protecting American lives," while I simultaneously see thousands of American lives being lost in Iraq and Afghanistan, I want to throw up. When I hear Dick Cheney spout off about how "well" things are going in Iraq, it just makes me sick. These actions alone show you how low politicians and ex-politicians will stoop to keep their game going. Wake up, Black folks! Don't vote for anyone connected to or supportive of the Bush regime.

And, since we are so hung-up on political parties and have to vote for the evil of two lessers, let's throw all of the Republican bums out and bring in a new crowd of bums. That way, at least we won't be bored to death for the next two years, listening to and watching the same rubber-stamp, out of touch, do-nothing Congress, trashing the Constitution and heeding Bush's call to "stay the course."

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## China Undercuts Black Economies

By: Harry C. Alford - NNPA Columnist

"Oh, the wolves are of another mind." It is very strange and downright sad how some of the best pieces of good legislation can be hijacked and used against the very people it is supposed to be benefiting. Not only that, those who think they are representing a certain group of people are the ones who actually pull the "trigger" or drop the "lever" upside their head.

Such is the case with the so-called "Africa Growth and Opportunity Act." It could have been such a beautiful event but it went the way of greed and advantage for China and those who do business with China. There was a loophole in this legislation that allow "third countries" to be used as substitutes for African countries when it came to textile production. China and sometimes India jumped right in with their processed cotton. As a result, you may buy clothes that say "Made in Kenya" or "Made in Nigeria" but the reality is the cotton was grown and processed in China. The textile industry in nations such as Nigeria and the cotton farmers from Kenya and other nations have been devastated. This nation through its so-called conscience has, in effect, laid the environment to bring economic devastation to villages and towns throughout Africa.

This third-party exemption was supposed to stop at the end of 2006. But, you know what, the same people who caused it to be, some members of the Congressional Black Caucus included, have surfaced again in an attempt to extend it. Why? As rap mogul P Diddy once pro-

claimed, "It's all about the Benjamins." Lobbyists representing China and companies that do business with China are slinging cash up on Capitol Hill, causing certain congressmen to do the craziest things. AGOA is supposed to be about Africa doing business with the United States and no third country interference or exploitation. Sadly, that hasn't happen.

In addition to doing the whammy on Africa again, the greedy have enlarged its appetite for Haiti. The Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), like AGOA was to open the doors for economic development between the United States and Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic. This time, they got it right in that no third country substitutions can be allowed. But the wolves thought hard and came up with an even sinister scheme. They are proposing to extend the exemption clause in AGOA but also make it applicable to Haiti.

Why Haiti? It's simple. They can cram China cotton into Haiti and block any textile business in the CAFTA nations. Keep in mind that millions of people of African descent live and work in CAFTA nations. The Dominican Republic, which shares an island with Haiti, is 60 percent Black. It is quickly developing textiles under CAFTA via business with the United States. It also employs many Haitians. When China gets its hooks into Haiti, there won't be anymore textile activity in the Dominican Republic or anywhere else in CAFTA. Like AGOA and Africa, they are going to devastate people of color. Meanwhile, Haiti

will get some menial jobs but no business ownership or wealth creation. The clients of the lobbyists will continue to make big time profits at the expense of Americans and workers in the Diaspora. Haiti is getting set up and doesn't see it coming.

We are going to Capitol Hill this week with the Kenya Chamber of Commerce to expose the sad history on these actions and to express our dismay. We need to let those who want to hear the truth understand just what damage is being done and how real Black folk deserve a better deal. If it weren't for the love of money, quick sinister money, we would not have to do this. Sometimes I want to scream and cry at the same time. We have to go and find White folk who will be fair minded and step up to do the right thing. Black folks, who should be in the vanguard of the opposition. Associations that claim to be focused on Africa are actually brain dead when it comes to economic empowerment and financial freedom. We will win this fight but it is going to take some serious calling out and unfortunate confrontation with people of my own color.

Ignorance is not bliss and someday we will be able to school our own to do the right thing. Please remember - there is nothing slier than for-hire Negro lobbyists selling out their own people for a few crumbs off the table (or under it).

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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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# FAMU Dean Seeks To Reverse Shortage Of Black Men In Classrooms

By: Diane Hirth

Scott Dantley has been dean of the College of Education at Florida A&M University for just three months and already is brimming with ideas for recruiting black men into teaching.

Few black men teach today in the nation's public schools. They comprise only 2.4 percent of K-12 teachers in the U.S., 3.2 per-

cent of Florida schoolteachers and 4.1 percent of Leon County teachers.

"The problem is trying to increase the level of interest in the profession," said Dantley, 39, former acting education dean at Bowie State University in Maryland, who has taught chemistry and physical science to middle-school students.

He has submitted a proposal to John Winn, state education commissioner, for a new program at FAMU addressing the shortage of black male teachers. The approach would be holistic and begin with better outreach to students - such as summer institutes - as early as in middle and high school, he said.



He's launched an initiative to carefully track FAMU education majors' progress through their courses and teacher-certification tests - and is providing them with more workshops and mentoring to get through the required testing so they can graduate as a certified, highly qualified teachers.

He also has plans to initiate a

masters/teacher-certification degree program at FAMU that would reach out to working professionals with a bachelor's degree other than education, and give them a chance to get those dual credentials to teach. He ran such a program at Bowie State.

"I'm still in education because I believe I can make a difference," Dantley said.

## Collin Dance Ensemble Announced

Collin County Community College District (Collin) Dance Ensemble recently announced its 2006-07 dancers.

The students are chosen during August auditions and are expected to make a one-year commitment to the ensemble.

The 2006-07 dancers are:

**Allen** - Deborah Rozenberg  
**Carrollton** - Jessica Lourias  
**McKinney** - Leah Longoria  
- Breane Powell  
**Plano** - Myranda Alexander  
- Julie Davis  
- Ashley Franco  
- Meredith Knight  
- Lauren Mauro  
- Krisi Monti  
- Jessie Prevette  
- Cassi Samples  
- Jonah Villegas  
**Richardson** - Kari Valentine

The ensemble will perform with the Elledanceworks Dance Company and Houston Metropolitan Dance Company at the college's Dance Fusion at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Spring Creek Campus John Anthony Theatre, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. All tickets are available at the door and cost \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

Students who have been in the company, according to Collin Dance Chair Tiffanee Arnold, have transferred to universities

such as The Ohio State University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, Texas Woman's University, the University of Oklahoma and other institutions.

The ensemble has toured the Metroplex, performing at local concerts and festivals such as The Dallas Dance Festival, The Fort Worth Dance Festival: Up and Running, Dances at a Gathering at the Eisemann Center and more.

For more information about Dance Fusion or any upcoming shows, call 972.881.5107.

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



Breane Powell

## NCLB-Blue Ribbon Schools

**Beverly and Skaggs Elementary Schools Earn National Award**

Texas Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley announced recently that Beverly and Skaggs elementary schools in Plano ISD are among 26 Texas public schools that will be honored by the U.S. Department of Education with the esteemed "2006 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Award."

The No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program (NCLB-BRS) recognizes outstanding public and private schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic and consistent gains in student achievement.

Nominated schools must meet one of two criteria:

1. Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that show dramatic improvement in student performance on state tests over the past three years in reading or English language arts and mathematics; or
2. Schools whose students, regardless of demographics, achieve in the top 10 percent on state tests in reading or English language arts and mathematics.

In addition, Blue Ribbon Schools must also meet Adequate Yearly Progress

(AYP) in reading or English language arts and mathematics, must not be identified as a "Persistently Dangerous" school within the last two years, and be in compliance with other USDE requirements.

"These Blue Ribbon Schools are shining examples that, with hard work and dedication, all students can succeed," said Commissioner Neeley. "The Blue Ribbon Schools are just a few of the many schools in our state that are doing an outstanding job at educating students and closing the gap. We are delighted that every single Texas school nominated for this award won it."

Under guidelines for the program, Texas can nominate a maximum of 26 public schools annually. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels.

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings and the Department of Education will honor the Blue Ribbon School recipients at a ceremony in Washington D.C. on Nov. 9-10. The award recipients will be recognized as national models of excellence.

## Plano Recycling Spurs National Recognition For Mendenhall

Mendenhall Elementary students collected more than 3,000 pounds of #1 PET plastic bottles this spring, receiving recognition from Keep America Beautiful as one of the top 50 collecting schools in the nation.

"The #1 PET plastic, primarily water and soda bottles collected during the contest, will become fleece jackets through the recycling process," said City of Plano Recycling Education Coordinator Glenna Brown.

"Aquafina and Sam's Club, other sponsors of the program, will provide thousands of fleece jackets to the top winning schools. Those jackets will 'Return the Warmth' to deserving children long after the contest has ended."

Ms. Brown organized the recycling drive along with Mendenhall third grade teacher Molly Pond. Special collection bins were located throughout the school to encourage students to collect the bottles for several weeks. In addition to bringing their water and soda bottles to school for recycling, several groups of children organized weekend collections.

Allied Waste collected the recyclables which were set out daily by the students. "Student, faculty and parent involvement ensured the success of this project," said Ms. Brown.

"This contest was fun for the

children," said Mendenhall Principal Karen Noble. "They really got excited about it and were thrilled to learn they have been so successful. This is a win-win situation for our school not only because we won, but also because we are encouraging good recycling habits at school and home."

Mendenhall will receive a \$1,000 grant in the form of a gift card from Sam's Club, and several fleece jackets for children who need a warm winter coat.

Barack Obama Page 1

Dream."

On Sunday, Obama dismissed notions that he might not be ready to run for president because of his limited experience in national politics. He agreed the job requires a "certain soberness and seriousness" and "can't be something you pursue on the basis of vanity and ambition."

"I'm not sure anyone is ready to be president before they're president," Obama said. "I trust the judgment of the American people."

"We have a long and rigorous process. Should I decide to run, if I ever did decide to run, I'll be confident that I'll be run through the paces pretty good," Obama said.



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## Congresswoman Johnson Receives Highest Legislative Score On Small Business Issues

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson recently received a perfect score of 100% from the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce in their annual Small Business Scorecard. The Scorecard rated Members of the 109th Congress on their voting record related to the small business.

"I know how critical small business is to the economy in the 30th District," Congresswoman Johnson said. "Small businesses are critical economic stimulants that contribute to a strong economy by creating jobs for many

Americans. It is vital that we, as a representative body, give credence to the urgency felt by many small business owners and support them not only with rhetoric but also by casting votes that approve legislation specifically aimed at closing business ownership gaps among minorities, accessing affordable capital for small business owners, and ensuring assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita," said Congresswoman Johnson.

This session, Congresswoman Johnson's voting record reflected her commitment to restore funding to support family

farms, micro-entrepreneurs, and businesses in low income areas;



assure that small business owners affected by the hurricanes,

receive quick and effective support; protect small business owners in future disasters; assist the growth of minority high tech companies and ensure small business participation in the federal marketplace; remove obstacles to small business competitiveness in federal contracting; lower the cost of SBA lending programs; and supported entrepreneurship as a viable alternative for laid off employees.

"As a former small business owner, I fully support the Small Business Administration's commitment to allow small businesses an opportunity for economic growth and development."

## Area Colleges In DFW Will Host Inaugural African American Professionals Seminar And Luncheon

The Tarrant County College-South Campus along with the Cedar Valley College will show professionals the importance of "Reaching Beyond the Limits."

The conference, "Reaching Beyond the Limits" is the first Annual African American Professionals Seminar and Luncheon where African Americans will be taught, inspired and motivated to achieve their full potential as business leaders, entrepreneurs and community activists.

As the business world continues at an increasingly rapid rate of change and global competition, the roles and responsi-



Michèle Hoskins, CEO of Michele Foods.

bilities of the leaders in the community will grow. This powerful day-long event will help African Americans reach beyond the limits.

The keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Michèle Hoskins, CEO of Michele Foods. Michele will share her story of "rags to riches" about a syrup recipe inherited from her grandmother. Michele's company was founded in 1984 and is based in Chicago, with her products in stores such as Kroger, Albertsons, Super Target and more.

Michele Foods, Inc., is a multi-million dollar company

that produces Honey Creme Syrup, Butter Pecan Syrup and Maple Creme Syrup and other food products. Michele was awarded the 2002 "Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Women's Foodservices Forum.

Reaching Beyond the Limits is \$109 per person which includes jazz networking reception and workshop sessions. The seminar will be held Friday, October 27 at the American Airlines Conference Center, 4501 HWY 360 South in Fort Worth.

For more information please contact Rosie Jones at (817) 515-4592 or email her at Rosie.Jones@TCCD.edu.

## Unemployment Rate Drops In N. Texas

North Texas' unemployment rate dropped in September.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, the September unemployment rate for the Dallas-Plano-Irving area dropped to 4.6 percent com-

pared with the unemployment rate of 5 percent in August and a rate of 5.1 percent a year ago. The unemployment rate for the Fort Worth-Arlington area dropped to 4.5 percent from 4.9 percent in both August and September 2005.

Across the state, the unemployment rate was also down. The Texas rate for September was 4.7 percent, compared with a rate of 5.1 percent in August, and 4.3 percent in September 2005.

"A declining unemployment

rate and continued job growth are both positive signs for Texas workers," said TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton. "Job gains over the month and over the year are both good trends for the Texas labor market."

## November Black Enterprise Features Luv's Brownies CEO Aundrea Lacy

Luv's Brownies' founder and CEO Aundrea Lacy had planned a party at Jay Z's New York 40/40 Club last weekend to celebrate her company's 10th anniversary. As it turned out, she had much more to celebrate -- the November 2006 cover of "Black Enterprise," the sale of the 30,000th copy of her book Luv Story: From Homemade Brownies to My Own Internet Bakery; and the impending publication of her new book Brownie Points.

On Thursday, October 12th, Aundrea Lacy celebrated her company's 10th anniversary with a celebrity-strewned blow-out bash at entertainment mogul Jay Z's famed 40/40 Club in Manhattan, New York City. Award-winning CNN Business News correspondent Valerie Morris (formerly Bay Area news anchor Valerie Coleman) hosted the affair and popular award-winning actress/vocalist Sheryl Lee Ralph assisted Lacy with a fun-filled brownie baking demonstration.

October 2006 not only marks Luv's Brownies' 10th anniversary, but also Lacy's commitment to AIDS and AIDS awareness month. After learning her father was diagnosed with AIDS, Lacy committed her life to giving back, AIDS prevention and awareness. Lacy donated a portion of the gala's proceeds to the Elton John AIDS Foundation -- one that strongly supports minority communities and agencies.

"The Elton John AIDS

Foundation focuses on supporting community-based programs that include HIV/AIDS-related physical and mental health services, HIV testing and counseling, street outreach and education, food distribution, assisted living services and much more," said Lacy. "I was glad to use my company's anniversary celebration as a means to raise funds to support the Foundation and its efforts to educate and assist people, and combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic."

Luv's Brownies was the proud recipient of the People's Choice "Best Sweet" Dessert Award at the Annual International Hospitality Celebration in both 2004 and 2005. Lacy has been featured on several nationally-syndicated television talk shows and many national and local newspapers and magazines. As a result, she's received more than 10,000 letters from inquirers and potential customers wanting to know her story. How was she so successful at marketing her business? How did she overcome her challenges with dyslexia? Lacy answers these questions and more in her cover story article in the November 2006 issue of Black Enterprise (available on magazine stands now).

Aundrea Lacy's first book Luv Story: From Homemade Brownies to My Own Internet Bakery is a resource for anyone who desires to start, promote and sustain his or her own small business, while maintaining a balanced personal life. In Luv Story Lacy shares real life experiences, including how she kept

her company thriving through an economic downturn and her personal life crises.

Having taken Luv's Brownies from a San Francisco Bay Area catering firm to an Internet bakery that ships nationwide, she has learned a array of lessons about how to start a small business and keep it profitable regardless of the economy's



fluctuations and all the other problems life throws at you. Aundrea shares those lessons in Luv Story: From Homemade Brownies to My Own Internet Bakery. Lacy says that Luv Story is meant to deliver the message "Never let any challenge stop you from accomplishing your dreams." Luv Story has sold over 30,000 copies.

"Great reading about reality, faith and the human spirit, with tools for you to build a business, that is you! A recommended book for those thinking of starting, or have started their own business...and don't mind being inspired, by a girl with

guts!" Peter Carlino, III - Host Who's Cookin' TV Show

Lacy's second literary effort Brownie Points: Lessons for Woman Entrepreneurs from One Who Made It is the greatly expanded new version of Luv Story, one which answers the many questions Aundrea has been asked on her speaking engagements by girls and women who want to start their own businesses. Without changing her simple and straightforward style, she goes into new detail on important topics like how to launch a new business; starting out while still in school; budgeting and bookkeeping; vertical marketing; advertising and public relations; and much more. Every point is illustrated with examples from well-known successful firms and her own experience.

Lacy's inspirational personal story demonstrates how the same skills used in self-employment -- research, planning, budgeting, following through -- can be used to tackle the problems of daily life, whether it is the illness or death of a loved one, a financial emergency, or a personal disability. (Agate Publishing, Evanston, IL, Spring 2007)

Luv's Brownies, Luv Story and Brownie Points may be purchased online. For more information about Aundrea Lacy and her fabulous brownies, please visit [www.luvsbrownies.com](http://www.luvsbrownies.com). Chat with Ms. Lacy via email about Luv's Brownies, or perhaps a book signing at [aundrea@luvsbrownies.com](mailto:aundrea@luvsbrownies.com).

The Urban League was awarded a \$660,000 grant from the Department of Labor as part of 30 grants issued nationwide to faith and community based organizations to assist non-violent ex-offenders in Dallas County.

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"Since the program's inception, we have secured employment for 101 ex-offenders throughout Dallas County," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks, President and CEO of the League. "We know that if

given the resources and a caring environment, non-violent offenders can become productive citizens, thus reducing the extremely high recidivism rates and benefiting everyone."

Positions that have been filled by program participants include

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# 2006 Mickey Leland Profiles Of Courage Banquet

By: Evelyn Martin-Anderson  
Villager Reporter

The Texas Coalition of Black Democrats hosted the 2006 Mickey Leland Profiles of Courage Banquet at the Austin Hilton Airport on Saturday, October 14.

"Empowering Our Communities Through Voter Registration, Education, and Participation" was the theme for the evening.

Since its inception in 1979, the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats (TCBD) has tried to stay true to its motto: "Rising to meet the challenges of tomorrow!" Its mission is to (1) encourage African Americans to

become active in governmental affairs; (2) facilitate African American presence within the Democratic Party; (3) increase membership in the Coalition of Black Democrats; (4) make voters aware of political issues and candidates; (5) encourage the government to respond to public needs; (6) perpetuate the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party; and (7) promote and facilitate economic development and political participation in the Black American communities in Texas.

Mickey Leland, for whom the award is named, served as the U.S. Representative from the 18th District of Texas from 1979 to 1989. He died August 7, 1989 on a mission of mercy to a refugee camp in Gambela, Ethiopia.

His tenure in Congress was



marked by his devotion to issues of hunger both at home and abroad, homelessness and health. Nationally he was influential in creating the National Commission on Infant Mortality.

Internationally he generated public support for the Africa

Famine Relief and Recovery Act of 1985.

The Honorable Lora Livingston, 261st District Judge, Presiding was the mistress of ceremonies. Judge Richard Scott gave words of welcome. Music was provided by Willette Wallace and Dwayne Jackson.

The highlight of the evening however was the presentation of the 2006 Mickey Leland Profiles of Courage awards. This year's recipients were U.S. House of Representatives Al Green from the 9th Congressional District; Sheila Jackson Lee from the 18th Congressional District; and Eddie Bernice Johnson from the 30th Congressional District.

Former representatives from the 18th Congressional District, Craig Washington, Mickey Leland, and Barbara Jordan were also honored.

Mickey Leland's widow Alison Leland accepted his award. Rep. Al Green praised Alison Leland as being a friend to those who were the "least, last, and lost."

Judge Harriett Murphy

accepted Barbara Jordan's award.

In 1966 Barbara Jordan became the first Black person since 1883 to serve in the Texas Senate. She went on to be elected to the Texas Senate in 1968. In 1972 she was elected to represent Houston's 18th Congressional District in the House of Representatives.

While in the House, Jordan addressed civil rights issues and voted in 1975 to extend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 for 10 years. In July 1976 Jordan became the first Black person and first woman deliver a keynote address to the Democratic National Convention. Upon her retirement from Congress, Jordan became a professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin. President Bill Clinton awarded Jordan the Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in August 1994.

Jordan passed away on January 17, 1996. Craig Washington was present to receive his award. Washington was elected to Mickey Leland's seat upon the latter's tragic death. Washington was known

for his support of civil rights and civil liberties.

He fought for the increased participation of women and minorities within the political process. Judge Lora Livingston and Judge Richard Scott were the presenters.

U.S. Representative Emanuel Cleaver, II was unable to deliver the keynote address as he was giving the eulogy for Negro League baseball player Buck

O'Neil.

Morris L. Overstreet, the President of the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats delivered closing remarks. He spoke about it being necessary for people to be "stepping stones" rather than "stepping blocks" in life. Which one a person was would only be revealed in time. The banquet was sponsored by the Austin Area Urban League.



Past and present congressional members were presented awards last week at the 2006 Mickey Leland banquet: left to right are Judge Harriett Murphy (accepted award for the late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan), Craig Washington, Sheila Jackson Lee, Allison Leland, widow of Congressman Leland, Eddie Bernice Johnson and Al Green.  
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## African Films Find Audience In Hollywood

AP  
The title of the latest film out of Africa - "Catch a Fire" - might describe what's happening with cinema on the continent.

African moviemaking has caught a fire. International filmmakers have found stories they want to tell there. Hollywood has taken an interest in serious films set in Africa.

Homegrown productions from Africa are starting to find an audience and acclaim worldwide, including last year's "Tsotsi," a South African drama that was only the third film from the continent - and the first in nearly 30 years - to win the Academy Award for best foreign-language film.

"Tsotsi" arrived amid the critical and commercial success of such films as "Hotel Rwanda" and "The Constant Gardener," African stories made by overseas filmmakers.

"Hotel Rwanda" earned Oscar nominations for Don Cheadle and Sophie Okonedo, "The Constant Gardener" won the supporting-actress Oscar for Rachel Weisz, and other productions set in Africa have drawn



Forest Whitaker, "The Last King of Scotland"

major stars, such as Samuel L. Jackson and Juliette Binoche in John Boorman's "In My Country."

"I think the world is turning its attention to Africa, postcolonial Africa. It's a great source of conflict, and conflict is what makes drama, and drama attracts storytellers and filmmakers," said

Australian director Phillip Noyce, whose "Catch a Fire" stars Derek Luke and Tim Robbins in the real-life story of a black family man who rebels against South Africa's apartheid regime in the 1980s. "Maybe

these stories were always bubbling up under the surface. Suddenly, the success of one film allowed those with the power to greenlight films to say yes with some confidence."

"Catch a Fire," opening Friday, follows the Idi Amin drama "The Last King of Scotland," which debuted in late September to good reviews and big audiences in limited release.

"The Last King of Scotland" also has caught Oscar buzz for Forest Whitaker, who plays Amin in a fictionalized story of the Ugandan dictator's dark relationship with a Scottish doctor who becomes his personal physician.

## Jay-Z, ESPN Team For Boxing Series: Plus, Mogul Joins Anheuser-Busch As Co-Brand Director For Budweiser Select

Continuing to expand his business interests, Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter has teamed with ESPN to produce a boxing-themed television series, and will join forces with Anheuser-Busch to help set up strategic marketing programs and creative ad development for the brand Budweiser Select.

The Def Jam President has hooked up with ESPN Original Entertainment to create the scripted series "Hit Men," which will follow the fictional lives of struggling athletes who train at The Hit Men Boxing Club, a gym run by former boxer Frank Cerrones.

Executive produced by Jay-Z and Def Jam, the pilot episode was written by John Eisendrath ("Beverly Hills, 90210," "Playmakers") and will begin filming the first week of December in Louisiana.

Meanwhile, Jay-Z has just been named a co-brand director for Anheuser-Busch's Budweiser Select, a position that calls for the artist to participate in planning sessions and provide his unique take on various ways to promote the product.

This deal marks the first time Anheuser-Busch has signed a celebrity to actively participate in the development of one of its beer brands.

"Collaborating with Jay-Z on marketing our Budweiser Select brand presents an opportunity to work with one of the world's great entrepreneurs and draws upon his expertise with pop culture, music and business," said

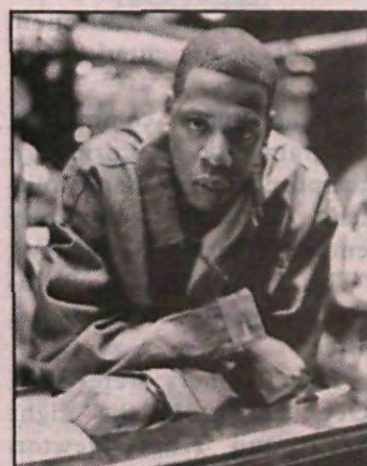
Marlene Coulis, vice president of Brand Management, Anheuser-Busch, Inc. "His approach to reaching people in creative, groundbreaking ways that transcend cultural boundaries makes this alliance particularly exciting."

Speaking of alcoholic beverages, Jay-Z is actively endorsing another high-end champagne in the wake of his boycott of Cristal. In the lyrics as well as the video for his new single "Show Me What You Got," the rapper pushes the French brand Armand De Brignac.

Allhiphop.com reports that the company's President/CEO Brett Berish says the champagne house has not entered into any contractual agreement with Jay-Z to endorse the brand, but the free exposure is

more than welcomed.

"Jay-Z has always demonstrated the highest standards and finest taste, and we're honored to see Armand make an appearance in 'Show Me What You Got,'" Berish said. "Armand's unmatched taste and package are a perfect fit for the video."



## Eva Pigford To Host Her Own Model-Related Show

America's Next Top Model winner, Eva Pigford, didn't waste any time before following in her mentor Tyra Banks' footsteps. Pigford is set to host her very own model real-

ity show that promises to take the makeover genre to a new level.

My Model Looks Better Than Your Model features three contestants who are assigned a weekly fashion theme, which they need to execute on professional models with their personal style and taste, as well as help from fashion industry best in clothes, makeup artists, and hairstylists.

They also get the opportunity to direct a fashion photo shoot with professional photographer Garfield Hall. The final product is analyzed by a

team of knowledgeable judges, who determine who's got the winning sense of style and who gets the grand prize.

Judges include noted photographer Ezequiel De La Rosa, Trace Fashion Editor Daphne Devallie, Former Vibe Fashion Editor-at-Large Beverly Smith, Stylists Alexander Allen, Phillip Bloch and Misa Hylton-Brimm, former Beauty Editor for Suede and Honey Mia Stokes, and best-selling author Lloyd Boston.

My Model premieres November 1st, at 10pm EST on BET-J.



## Local Artists Angela Blair And Bobby Sparks Together In Concert

**Corsicana Native Sparks Awarded Key To The City**

By: AJ Narasimhan  
Local musical guru Bobby Sparks tore the roof off Napoli's restaurant Saturday night, accompanied by one of the rising stars in the gospel vocal industry, Angela Blair.

Sparks, the Corsicana native, brought his small ensemble to downtown and from the first melodic improvisation until the last note, had the audience eating out of the palm of his hand.

The evening, aptly named "Couples Night Out," was put on by Single Believers Ministries and achieved tremendous success. All of the proceeds from the ticket sales went to a scholarship fund for single parents to send their children to Navarro College.

Audience members applaud-

ed loudly for the hometown boy as he created magic on the keyboard while his band mates followed his lead.

Margaret Evans and Cathy Douglas read a proclamation from Mayor C.L. "Buster" Brown announcing Sat. Oct. 14 as Bobby Sparks Day. The duo then presented Blair with a key to the city.

"Wow, I don't even have a key to my own house," the singer jokingly replied.

From the moment Blair went on stage, she commanded the respect of the audience. Mixing a little bit of comedy, a whole lot of soul and a wonderful display of

showmanship, Blair made her presence known right off the bat.

For many residents, the opportunity to see live jazz in



the city was a treat. To see two legends in the making unify so many different people was "All about love," which incidentally was Blair's title from her soundtrack.



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# Black Panthers Reunite 40 Years Later

AP  
The Black Panther Party officially existed for just 16 years, but its reach has endured far longer.

Co-founder Bobby Seale never expected to be around to see that reach 40 years later.

"A lot of times I thought I would be dead," he says.

Seale and other former members will commemorate the party's founding when they reunite in Oakland this weekend. They plan a mix of events, including workshops on topics ranging from Hurricane Katrina to ethnic studies in higher education, as well as presentations on party history.

"Grass roots, community, programmatic organizing for the purpose of evolving political, electoral, community empowerment," Seale says. "This was my kind of revolution. This was what I was after."

The Panthers were born Oct. 22, 1966, the night Seale and Huey Newton completed the party's 10-

point program and platform. At the time, Newton was a law student and Seale was working for the Oakland Department of Human Resources as a community liaison.

When they were finished, they flipped a silver dollar to see who would be chairman. Seale called heads. Heads it was.

Later, when he saw Newton looking sharp in a black leather jacket, he decided that members should wear something similar as a kind of uniform. They added berets after watching a movie about the French resistance in World War II.

The Panthers' most controversial accessories were the then-legal weapons they carried when they began monitoring police activity in predominantly black neighborhoods.

In 1967, as state legislators were considering gun restrictions that eventually passed, armed Panthers showed up at the state Capitol in protest, grabbing national attention.

The militant approach, which frightened many white Americans, set the Panthers apart from other activist groups.



Former Black Panther Party national chairman Bobby Seale holds a February 1967 photo at his home in Oakland, Calif., Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, of himself, left, wearing a Colt .45, and his Black Panther co-founder Huey Newton, right, with a bandoleer and shotgun in Oakland. The Black Panther Party officially existed for just 16 years. Seale never expected to see the 40th anniversary of the Black Panther Party. Seale and other party members are to commemorate the anniversary when they reunite in Oakland this week. (AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

"They filled a critical kind of void in the civil rights struggle," says Charles E. Jones, chairman of the Department of African-American Studies

at Georgia State University. "At a time when folks began to reassess the utility of nonviolence and turning the other cheek, the Black Panther Party offered an alternative."

The Panthers are often remembered for gun fights with police that left casualties on both sides.

Still, former members point out that they were about more than guns. They ran breakfast programs for children, set up free health clinics, and arranged security escorts for the elderly and testing for sickle cell anemia along with holding their police conduct review boards.

At its high point, the party had about 5,000 members across the country, Seale says. Looking back, he still thinks

the guns were necessary. A year before the Panthers were founded, he says, another group called Community Alert Patrol tried monitoring police activity, armed with tape recorders, walkie-talkies and law books.

"After a month of them doing this, they in effect got their law books taken and torn up, their tape recorders and their walkie-talkies smashed up, with billy clubs their heads were cracked up and drug downtown and locked up," he says.

A number of factors led to the Panthers' demise, starting with government opposition, Jones says. In 1967, the FBI launched a counterintelligence program against what it termed "black hate groups" as well as other activists.

Internal disagreement on tactics and leadership weakened the party further and, "ultimately, people just got burned out. It's hard being a full-time revolutionary in the United States," Jones says.

Several Panthers were arrested on a variety of

charges and some still remain in jail.

Seale and others were charged with conspiring to murder a party member who was believed to be a police informant, but those charges were later dropped. Seale, who turns 70 this month, moved back to Oakland in the 1990s and keeps busy with speaking engagements.

Newton was convicted of manslaughter in the 1967 death of an officer shot when police stopped a car Newton was driving. That verdict was overturned. Newton struggled with addiction and was shot to death by a drug dealer in Oakland in 1989.

Continued interest in the Panthers is "a fascinating phenomenon," says Jones, editor of an anthology, "The Black Panther Party (Reconsidered)." For him it comes down to "a certain kind of boldness. It really stems from their community organizing, their commitment to serving not only black folks but all oppressed people."

## Masons' Struggle With Racial Separation Comes To Light

AP  
The Masons, the storied fraternal order whose members have included Mozart, George Washington and John Wayne, has become entwined across the Deep South with the remnants of another tradition in these parts: Strict segregation.

Nationwide, Masonic groups operate in a separate-but-supposedly-equal system in which whites typically join one network of Masonic groups, called Grand Lodges, and blacks typically join another, called Prince Hall.

But in the South, it goes further: White-controlled Grand Lodges in 12 Southern states do not even officially recognize black Masons as their brothers - the Masonic term is "mutual recognition" - and in some cases, black lodges have taken similar stands.

Masons have quietly debated race relations for years, and the issue is increasingly coming into public view.

In Alabama, some dissident whites have split from the lodge system, and Republican Gov. Bob Riley's membership in an all-white lodge has drawn fire in his campaign for a second term. In North Carolina, white Masons recently voted down a bid to recognize members of the black group as fellow Masons.

"Only the states of the old Confederacy, minus Virginia and plus West Virginia, don't

have mutual recognition," said Paul Bessel, a Maryland Mason who wrote a book on the topic. "There are, I'm sorry to say, some Masons who are racists. But the vast majority don't feel that way."

Grand Lodges and Prince Hall groups coexist with few problems and officially recognize each other in 38 states and the District of Columbia, with members free to mingle and attend each other's meetings. Frank Chandler, a



leader of the black Masonic group in Delaware, was happy to see mutual recognition granted in his state last month.

"The importance of it to me is that this is 2006. If we as black folks and they as white folks can't live together, we've got real problems," said Chandler, a retired Delaware state trooper.

But Bessel said the separation in the Deep South is entrenched and remains in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina,

South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

It also extends to Shriners, the men who wear funny red hats and operate a network of 22 charity hospitals for children. Shriners draw all their members from Masonry, and many of their policies are based on Masonic rules, Bessel said.

The Masonic movement, also known as Freemasonry, began in Enlightenment-era England and is known for its white aprons and architectural symbols. It came to the United States more than 250 years ago. Mainstream Masonry was controlled by whites, so blacks began meeting at lodges of their own in the 1770s; the organization that resulted was later named for one of the

founders, Prince Hall.

The all-black lodges flourished alongside their white counterparts. White Masons in Washington state, briefly considered admitting Prince Hall Masons in 1890, Bessel said, but the resulting uproar kept most such proposals on hold until 1989, when the Grand Lodge of Connecticut passed a resolution formally recognizing black Masons.

Since then, 37 other state organizations have granted mutual recognition.

In Alabama, where critics say Grand Lodge members rejected a move to recognize black Masons in 1999, a few white Masons have formed a group outside the old system.

This fall, white Masons in North Carolina refused to grant recognition to Prince Hall Masons. The vote was 681 for recognition and 404 against - just short of the two-thirds majority required, according to Ric Carter, editor of the state's Masonic newspaper. Black Masons in North Carolina granted recognition of white Masons in 2004.

The whites' refusal to reciprocate "raises the ugly head of racism, segregation, all over again," said the leader of Prince Hall Masons in North Carolina, Milton G. "Toby" Fitch Jr., a state judge and former majority leader in the North Carolina House. "The best analogy I can give is Baptist churches: You have black Baptist churches, and you have white Baptist churches. But they both recognize each other as being Baptist. We are talking about accepting the fact that 'you practice Masonry and I practice Masonry.'"

The head of Prince Hall Masons in Arkansas, Cleveland Wilson, said neither black nor white groups there have discussed mutual recognition. Extending Masonic brotherhood would be nice, he said, "but we're fine without them."

### DCHHS Flu Shots Page 1

ing of long-term medical problems like heart disease or asthma, encephalopathy, and other bacterial infections, including sinus and ear infections. In some cases, these complications can lead to death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends children 6 months of age to age 5 receive the flu vaccine. Those receiving it the first time need two doses four weeks apart.

DCHHS has experienced shipping delays in receiving the 15,000 doses of adult flu vaccine ordered earlier this year. "We continue to receive reports of shipment delays not only from across the State but

from across the nation," Thompson said. DCHHS was forced to close its clinic half a day last week when the available doses of adult vaccine had run out. DCHHS has aggressively sought alternative sources, including purchasing vaccine from third-party vendors, in order to have a supply of adult flu vaccine on hand. "These continued delays are simply unacceptable in a year where we were promised ample supplies of the vaccine," Thompson continues. "We continue our vigilance in securing doses of flu vaccine in order to protect the health of the citizens of Dallas County," Thompson concluded.

"Flu shots offer the best protection against seasonal influen-

za," said Dr. John Carlo, DCHHS Medical Director. "We encourage people to come in early and get flu shots for themselves, their children and elderly family members," Carlo continued. DCHHS encourages everyone to help reduce the risk of transmission of influenza by staying home when you are sick (and keeping children home when they are sick); avoiding close contact with those who are sick; covering your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze; frequent hand washing; and avoiding touching your nose and mouth.

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## Church News



### Sister Tarpley

*This is something that you might want to ponder.*

By: Esther Davis, UPI  
Is a gap a break in continuity? Is a generation to progress or regress? Just think about it. Sixty (60) year ago was 1946. There was no television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses or Frisbees.

There was no pill, no credit cards, laser beams or ball point pens. Man had not placed on the market air conditioners, pantyhose, dishwashers or clothes dryers. Clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air. Software and identify theft did not exist. Man had not walked on the moon and people got married first then lived together. Jails existed for Saturday night drunks who sobered up on Sundays and returned to work on Monday.

Ninety-nine percent of every family had a father and a mother. Houses were built with no bars or alarm systems. Girls were escorted after dark by family members; boys wore belts and enlisted in the military. Until 25, every man older was called "Sir." There were no daycare centers, group therapy, computer dating, dual careers or gay rights. Lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good common sense and sound judgment.

The difference between right and wrong was taught. Lying to

## Generations Weaker And Wireless

someone was very uncommon and you were to stand up and take responsibility for your actions. The therapist, psychiatrist, time out and psychic were all wrapped uncere- moniously around your bottom with a non-partisan belt as often as need- ed. No child left behind.

Serving our country was a privi- lege. Living in this country was a bigger privilege. Working in this



**Picture of The Week**  
(L to R): Rachael Lewis, Honoree and Janice Manous, Presenter. Ms. Lewis was recently honored as an Outstanding Teacher in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch area for 2006 by Christ Community Connection (CCC)

country was an honor. You see, we live in the land of the free only because of the brave.

Fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your country cousins. Time sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings playing checkers, dominos and Old Maid. FM radios, tape decks, CD's, ipods, video games, electric typewriters or guys wearing earrings were unthinkable. The term making out referred to how you did on your school exam. Penmanship was a work of art.

Instant coffee, instant mashed potatoes and microwaves were

unheard of. Fat was a word reserved for the farmer's pigs. Ice cream, phone calls, rides on a bus and Red Soda was all a nickel. A nickel was a powerful piece of money. You could mail one letter and two postcards.

But, you say, sixty (60) years ago was such a long time ago. A Chevrolet was about \$600 and made in the USA. Gas was 11 cents a gallon. "Grass" was mowed. "Coke" was a cold drink. "Pot" was something your mother cooked in and "Aids" were helpers in the principal's office.

"Rock Music" was Granny's rocking chair on a polished hardwood floor. "Rap" was beaten by the mafia. The shocking true conclusion is that the last people to actually believe that its takes a woman and a man to love, have and raise a baby was born generations ago. Pretty scary? Pretty sad? Pretty Wonderful? Progress?

Regress? What is your pleasure? The optimum word here is think . . . this was all such a lifetime ago. But, tell me what you are really thinking about now?

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John, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veter- an volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984. Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the USA from April through November, spending about a week at each site.

within their own community. Visiting the wall is a very emo- tional experience, even for peo- ple who don't personally know someone who died in Vietnam.

"The Moving Wall" is the half- size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the coun- try for almost twenty years.

## Church Happenings

### COMMUNITY WORLD OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES (CWOIM)

**October 26 & 27, 7:30 pm**  
Join us and our Overseer L. Tarpley tonight and Prophetess Michelle Rice from Houston tomorrow.

**October 28, 9 am**  
Register for our "Faith On The Move" seminar. Classes 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." Speaker will be Pastor Tonya Adams from Ft. Worth.

**October 29, 4 pm**  
You are invited to worship with us; speaker, Pastor Yvonne Bennett, The Life Center in Irving.  
The above events will be @ Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church, 510 N. Rice Street, Everman, TX 76140 with Pastor D. Floyd and his congregation.

**October 31, 7 pm**  
Fellowship of Believers Youth Department presents "Hallelujah Night" @ CWOIM, featuring the Musical Play "Heaven or Hell." Churches and their youths are invited. For more info contact Bishop Crawford @ 214-498-4128

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

### FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

**November 5, 3 pm**  
Come to our Annual Usher Day. Guests will be Pastor Calvin Berkley from Forest Avenue Baptist Church and his congregation.

**November 18, 10 am - 2 pm**  
You are invited to a Christian Finance Meeting on Budgeting, Credit Repair & Restoration, First Time Home Buying, and Investments/Retirement Planning; lunch will be served. "But my God shall supply all your needs . . ." Philippians 4:19. To RSVP and more information call 972-359-9956.

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

### FRIENDSHIP-WEST BAPTIST CHURCH

**October 28, 10 am to 2 pm**  
Women of the West Ministry (WOW) is hosting a FREE "celebrating Life" Ladies' Brunch featuring Kelly Price and Rev. Dr. Claudette Copeland of the New Creation Christian Fellowship Church in San

Antonio. The \$10 meal is optional; pur- chase at registration. For more info call Rev. Regina King @ 972-228-7217

**Friendship-West Baptist Church**  
Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III  
Senior Pastor  
2020 W. Wheatland Road  
Dallas, TX 75232  
972-228-5200

### HILL CHAPEL CME CHURCH

**November 5, 4 pm**  
The Plano African American Museum will host its First Annual Gospel Fest @ First UMC of Plano, 3160 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. Bro. Victor McCray, Emcee; with First UMC Gospel Choir; Music Ministry of Shiloh MBC; and other soloists, choirs, and musicians. Anthony Jackson, former Minister of Music for North Park CME and Historic New Hope MBC. He was the Concert Choir & Music Director at James Madison High School in Dallas for 21 years, will direct a 3-day Workshop Choir.

Come and be blessed in this service; all proceeds will benefit the Plano African American Museum. For more information contact Pastor Clarence Ford @ 469-222-9351 or Sis. T.J. Johnson.

**Hill Chapel CME Church**  
Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr.  
Senior Pastor  
1113 Avenue I  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-423-4090

### LOVING FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

**October 28, 12 pm**  
Our Men's Ministry will hold its annual Bar-B-Que Cook-Off fundraiser. The bar- beque is prepared by Men of Standard members and donations from the fundraiser will be used to build a new church.

"Men of Standard" teach leadership, responsibility and acts as a role model to young men and boys. They provide fellow- ship and mentoring programs that assist in building character.

**Loving Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Dr. Michael Sneed, Senior Pastor  
602 W. Wheatland Road  
Duncanville, TX  
972-780-0150

### OPERATION OASIS

**October 29, 7 pm**  
We invite you to our Jazz Fundraiser fea- turing Kirk Whalum and Tom Braxton @ the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive. We are a faith based non-profit organization assisting at-risk youth and formerly incarcerated persons returning to society in Dallas and Collin Counties. Lynn Briggs of Smooth Jazz 107.5 FM, The Oasis, will MC  
For information and tickets please

contact the Eisemann Center @ 972-744-4650.

**Operation Oasis**  
Juanita Lee, Director  
302 Centennial Blvd.  
Richardson, TX 75081  
972-437-3801

### RESTORATION TRIUMPHANT CHURCH

**November 4, 6:30 pm and November 5, 4:00 pm**  
Join us for Pastor's 4th Appreciation. Theme: "Faith to Ride The Waves." Experience the wave! Refreshments will be served.  
Please RSVP before October 30th to Sister Marie Thompson @ 214-321-6674 or 972-202-8975.

**Restoration Triumphant Church**  
Elder Mavis Adams, Pastor  
1101 Stonewall  
Garland, TX 75043  
214-321-6674

### TRUE PRAIZE

**November 4, 6:30 pm**  
Please join us as we present: "A Worship Experience" featuring local choirs and artists from the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex @ Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 902 14th Street, Plano, TX 75093. Don't miss this event! We will have a "True Praise."  
For more information, please call 972-786-1783.

**True Praise**  
Alicia Jones  
P.O. Box 103  
Frisco, TX 75034  
972-786-1783

### WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, LEWISVILLE

**Tomorrow, October 27 @ 7 pm thru Sunday, October 29, 2006**  
Come to our Singles Conference 2006. Theme: "Dead or Alive," 1 John 5:12. Enjoy "The Set @ Westside," with music and fellowship; featuring Anthony Evans, Jr., Titus Glenn and Grace. Saturday @ 8:30 am is registration and breakfast, followed by educational and inspirational sessions to enhance the Christian walk as singles. Featured speaker is Rev. Marcus King from Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas.

**October 29th @ 9 am**  
The conclusion of Singles Conference 2006 with Services and a brunch. For more information call 972-221-5668.

**Westside Baptist Church**  
Rev. K.W. Blake, Senior Pastor  
900 Bellaire Blvd.  
Lewisville, TX 75067  
972-221-5668

## Church Directory

### Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church

**"Where Jesus is the Main Attraction"**  
Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am  
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14120 Noel Road • Dallas, TX 75254  
972-239-1120 (Office) • 972-239-5925 (Fax)  
templeoffaith\_cme@sbcglobal.net (Email)  
Healthy Beginnings Child Development Center - 972-404-1412

### FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

Pastor W.L. Stafford Sr., M.Div.  
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Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
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1010-1020 South Sherman Street • Richardson, TX 75081  
www.ndcbf.org

### New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas

**Sunday Service**  
Morning Worship  
7:30 am & 10:30 am  
9:00 am Sunday School  
**Wednesday Service**  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Brotherhood 7:00 pm  
Missions 7:00 pm  
Singles Group 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:45 pm  
**Dr. Robert E. Price,**  
Senior Pastor  
**A Praying Church Family**  
"Watchmen on the Walls"  
214-341-6459 (Phone) • 214-342-8403 (Fax)  
9550 Shepard Road  
Dallas, TX 75243  
www.nmzb.org (Website) • newmzb@aol.com (Email)

### Faithway Fellowship Baptist Church

**Of Hamilton Park**  
8219 Bunche Dr. Dallas, TX 75243  
Church Office: (972) 792-0239  
Pastor's Office: (972) 792-0240  
**Service Times**  
Sunday School ..... 9:45AM  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00AM  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00PM  
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### St. Luke A.M.E. Church (aka - SLAME)

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521 W. Avenue E Garland, TX 75040 972.487.9703  
Email: slamechurch@aol.com  
**Sunday**  
8:45 a.m. Church School  
9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship  
10:15 a.m. Worship Experience  
**Tuesday**  
7:15 p.m. Bible Study  
**Wednesday**  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m. Church School  
Reverend Charles E. Franklin, Pastor

### Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX  
Pastor Isaiah Joshua, Jr.  
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Sunday Worship Services 8AM & 11AM  
Sunday 9:45AM Sunday School  
Monday 7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries  
Tuesday 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir  
Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service  
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For more information call (972) 423-6695  
www.shilohbaptistchurch.org

### Mt. Olive Church of Plano

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## Clay Academy, An International Learning Institution In The Heart Of South Dallas, Opens Its Doors To Students As Far As California And Abroad

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Clay Academy, a 70,000 square-foot, learning institution that will attract young people from across the country and around the world, was officially dedicated by the school's founder and internationally-renowned spiritual leader, Bishop T.D. Jakes, with the help of Laura Miller, Mayor of Dallas and Anita Perry, first lady of Texas.

"My mother was an educator and strived to empower all of her children — those in her house and her classroom," said Jakes when asked of his inspiration behind the innovative campus. "Clay Academy will be unmatched in its dedication to superior curriculum and cultural framework for diversity in the classroom. We strive to attract

students of purpose who desire to become the change leaders of tomorrow."

The focus of Clay Academy is to inspire students of purpose from across the Metroplex and beyond to become tomorrow's change leaders today. Through its capability of global satellite communications, diverse faculty and student body and cultural framework of education, Clay Academy has set itself up as a



Bishop T.D. Jakes

learning facility unlike any other. Currently a K3-9th grade private school, Clay Academy will add a grade annually until it holds its

first graduating class of seniors in 2010.

"Years ago, Bishop Jakes told me about this vision he had for a school where children from around the world would come together to learn and have access to wonderful technology. And now look — What started out as two small trailer houses is today — less than 10 years later — a true state-of-the-art school," exclaimed Mayor Laura Miller of Dallas. "The church has done wonderful things for the City of Dallas and now Clay Academy is going to make South Dallas grow like we always knew it could."

The school is equipped with fiber optic infusion and advanced technology in most classrooms to avail itself for virtual instruction from educators around the world. All Clay Academy teachers are degreed and professionally-certified through Texas Teacher Certification, as well as from the Association of Christian Schools International. Its spacious classrooms rest in a facility that is comparable to a top-tier college holding a student-teacher ratio of 15:1.

"When we moved from San

Diego, we researched many schools — public and private — in Dallas, and found a diamond among all the gems in North Texas for our child at Clay Academy," said Robert and Camille Smith, parents of Solomon (2nd Grade) and Isaiah (Kindergarten) now attending the school. "Every teacher takes a personal interest to ensure that each child receives the superior academics Clay has to offer. This is more than we could have imagined

for our boys."

Attracting families from throughout North Texas and abroad, Clay Academy is the crown jewel of an advanced "New Urbanism" concept called Capella Park, 400 acres in the midst of Dallas' southern sector. Clay Academy is the discernible center of this nestled community, which offers itself to families of all ages and sizes. Included in its developments are 1200-1500 single family homes, an independent living retirement facility,

athletic fields and 50 acres of preserved wooded land.

"The facility's framework is created to expand the students' vision and horizons," said Dr. Dwight Fennell, school executive director and former president of Paul Quinn College. "If they can learn about their world at Clay Academy, they will learn to impact it. If they see their future, they will learn to obtain it."

Visit their website: at [www.clayacademy.org](http://www.clayacademy.org).

## Friendship West "Celebrating Life" Women's Brunch To Feature Kelly Price

The Friendship-West Baptist Church & Conference Center in Dallas is celebrating women this month with a number of special programs, sermons and activities designed just for ladies.

The Friendship-West Baptist Church Women of the West Ministry (WOW) is hosting a FREE "Celebrating Life" Ladies' Only Brunch from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 28, featuring Multi-Platinum Selling

Recording Artist Kelly Price and Guest Preacher the Rev. Dr. Claudette A. Copeland of the New Creation Christian Fellowship in San Antonio, Texas.

The program, which will be held at the new location of Friendship-West at 2020 W. Wheatland Road in Dallas, is FREE and open to all ladies. The meal is strictly optional and can be purchased at a cost of \$10 on site the day of the event at the registration table. A special pre-brunch "Meet and



Greet" CD and book signing with Kelly Price will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., with the program kicking off at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

For more information about this event or other upcoming WOW events at Friendship-West contact 972-228-7217 or [wow@friendshipwest.org](mailto:wow@friendshipwest.org). Visit their website at [friendshipwest.org](http://friendshipwest.org).

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Saturday: Intercessory Prayer @ 7:00 am  
Sunday Services: Sunday School @ 9:30 am • Morning Worship @ 11:00 am  
Monday Service: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Service: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

**Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church**

1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX  
Pastor Charles S. Wattley

**Sunday**  
Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.  
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Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

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**The Inspiring Body of Christ Church**

7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.  
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Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30pm.  
Monday School: 7pm  
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**Hill Chapel**

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
1113 Ave. I, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4090  
Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr., Pastor

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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6:00 p.m. Baptist Training Union

**Wednesday**  
12:00 p.m. Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Hour  
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

**Friendship Baptist Church**

Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

**Schedule of Services:**

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

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

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

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