

Anointed **Authors Book** Tour In Dallas

Page 10



Black Fire **Fighters** Scholarship Banquet

Page 2



Gabrielle **Union Signs** Deal With ABC

Page 7

Minority Opportunity News, Inc.

Volume XV, Number XXXXIII

November 02 - November 08, 2006

Fifty Cents

SERVING PLANO, DALLAS, RICHARDSON, GARLAND, IRVING, MCKINNEY, MESQUITE, CARROLLTON, LEWISVILLE, FARMERS BRANCH, THE COLONY, FRISCO, DENTON, AND OTHER CITIES IN METROPLEX

~ Your Gateway to Dallas, North of Trinity River ~

www.MONTheGazette.com

People In The News



In observance of Laity Sunday, United States Representative Maxine Waters will speak at the St. Luke 'Community" Methodist Church, November 19th at the 8 and 11 am worship services. Congresswoman Maxine Waters is considered by many to be one of the most powerful women in American politics today.

Known as a fearless and outspoken advocate for women, children, people of color and the poor, for over 29 years she has represented the 35th district of California. A former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rep. Waters continues to serve on many influential committees including the House Committee on Financial services and the Committee on the Judiciary.

Rev. Tyrone D. Gordon, senior pastor of St. Luke 'Community" has stated that "Rep. Maxine Waters' dedication and commitment to justice, peace, and fairness for the "least of these" makes her eminently qualified to bring the Laity Sunday message".

This year's Latiy Sunday theme is One in Spirit, All in Ministry: In the Spirit of Worship. Services will be at 8 and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary located at 5710 East RL Thornton Freeway, Dallas. For more info call 214.821.2970.

Enolia P. McMillan, the first woman to be president of the N.A.A.C.P. and a highly regarded figure in the civil rights movement, died last week at her home in Maryland. She

She helped reactivate the Baltimore chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1935 and was active in the organization for more

than 50 years. Kweisi Mfume, former president and CEO of the

N.A.A.C.P., credited Mrs. McMillan with orchestrating the move of the organization's headquarters from New York to Baltimore in 1986. Mr. Mfume said, "It was Mrs. McMillan who went out

and sold pies and sold commemorative bricks and held raffles and cajoled the members of that board to think about finally owning a building of their own."

Enolia Pettigen was born on Oct. 20, 1904, in Willow Grove, Pa., to John Pettigen, who was born a slave in Virginia, and Elizabeth Fortune Pettigen. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Howard University in 1927 and a master's degree from Columbia in 1933.



Martin Luther King III, the second oldest child of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, will speak on Nov.9 at Mountain View College. The event, which is free and open to the public, will start at 7p.m. in MVC's Performance Hall. Martin Luther King, III has

been motivating audiences around the world with his insightful message of hope and civility for nearly 20 years. He has taken the torch lit by his father and continued the quest for equality and justice for all people. From

Mozambique to Mississippi, Israel to Indiana, his message has touched thousands. Committed to the personal, educational and skill devel-

opment of youth, he has initiated several programs to support and nurture young people. Mr. King received his Bachelor of Arts degree from

Morehouse College, in Atlanta, Georgia, where he majored in Political Science.

For more information contact the MVC Student Programs and Resources office at 214-860-8685. Mountain View College is located less than one mile east of Spur 408 (Loop 12) at 4849 West Illinois Ave. in

INSIDE

People In The News	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠					*				,
Community Spotlight						*	٠	٠	٠	٠	•	٠		
Op-Ed				٠	٠									
Community Calendar					٠		*	*						4
Business Service Directory	*		٠				٠		٠		٠			,
Education			*			٠	*							1
Arts & Entertainment											٠			
Career Opportunities		*												1
Sister Tarpley		٠	*		*	٠					٠			
Church Hannenings				٠							*	*		ľ
Church Directory										5) (å	1	1

Poll: GOP Success With Black Voters In Doubt

Iraq war, economy mean Republican outreach likely to be spurned again

So much for the Republican charm offensive toward minorities.

Black voters are far less likely to approve of the way President Bush is doing his job than voters generally and they are more likely to feel that the country is on the wrong track, disheartening news for a Republican Party that has been voters in recent years.

In what could be a particularly bad sign for Republicans in next

week's midterm elections, black voters also are more likely to say that the Iraq war was a mistake and that recent disclosures of scandal and corruption in Congress will be very important to their vote, according to an Associated Press-AOL Black Voices poll conducted Oct. 23 through Monday.

Black voters have historically voted Democratic, and their votes are critical to Democratic hopes to win tight Senate contests in Tennessee, Missouri and Virginia.

Unhappiness among black voters is reflected by L.C. Washington, a 41-year-old Democratic graduate student from Montgomery, Ala., who says



trying to curry favor with minority Democratic Rep. Harold Ford, Jr., D-Tenn., front, attends a rally for his U.S. Senate race accompanied by Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., at the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tenn.

Bush is "the worst president in history," not to mention "the dumbest president I've ever seen - he's the devil." Washington lays blame for a laundry list of ills at the Republican Party's doorstep.

"Republicans are trying to win over black voters," Washington, but "not doing a good job. Doing a poor job - the war, gas prices, job losses and the

GOP Poll Success Page 8

from January to November in this cam-

Texas Governor 2006:

The Race That Wasn't

paign, with Perry continuing to use his strong network of support to remain the frontrunner in terms of votes and fundrais-

Independents Carole

Keeton Strayhorn and

would be exciting and

Little has changed

ground breaking.

Friedman

Kinky

As of Monday, Perry reported that he had \$2.9 million in cash on hand, an amount that dwarfs the available funds of his competitors. After obtaining a \$1 million donation and a \$1 million loan guaranteed by Houston lawyer John O' Quinn, Chris Bell reported a paltry \$84,106 in available

Texas Governor 06 Page 5

Garland Summit Kicks Off Initiative For Neighborhood Change



Neighborhood leaders exchanged ideas and learned new strategies during several breakout sessions, including such topics as how to build a positive neighborhood image, and taking charge of your neighborhood's future.

More than 120 Garland "neighbors" filled the Granville Arts Center Atrium on Saturday, October 28, for the Garland Neighborhood Summit, the official unveiling and kick-off of the

City of Garland's Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods. attendees included residents, business owners, providers, civic leaders, elected officials, and city staff.

The summit featured a neighborhood. This was fol-



keynote address by Fall Creek Consultants' Marcia Nedland and Mike Schubert on "A Framework for Neighborhood Change" which addressed the impact of neighborhood change and the elements of a healthy lowed by a series of workshops in which attendees discussed a variety of neighborhood topics,

Garland Summit Page 8

Irving Voters Will Go To The Polls

Nov. 7 To Decide On 11 Capital

Improvement Propositions.



The \$335 million bond package addresses infrastructure projects, storm drainage, parks and libraries, city facilities, communications, public safety, and youth and senior services.

The program is based on recommendations by a citizens' bond task force, which spent several months studying the future needs of the city. During this time, the task force received resident input to find out which projects are considered a priority.

The last city bond election was held in 1999, and the majority of the \$250 million in approved

bond projects have completed. Additional information also is available at www.ci.irving.tx.us.

Irving Election Summary:

Proposition 1 \$117,825,000 Street and transportation improvements Proposition 2

\$32,600,000 Storm drainage and flood control improvements

• Proposition 3 \$56,475,000 Park and recreation improve-• Proposition 4 \$18,200,000

Library improvements • Proposition 5 \$15,600,000

Expansion and rehabilitation of city buildings and facilities · Proposition 6 \$6,000,000

Animal shelter facility

Irving Bond Election Page 5

Arbor Day Observance Scheduled For November 5 In Plano



By: Paul Hailey

Barring a mistake of colossal

proportions, Rick Perry will

remain Governor of Texas after

voting concludes on November

7, according to the polls and

political experts. This is seen as

a major disappointment by

many who predicted the four-

way race between Perry,

Democrat Chris Bell, and

Plano Plano Foundation, the Garden Club, and the Plano and Recreation Department invite residents to join in the celebration of Arbor Day 2005. Plano observes Arbor Day each year

in an effort to encourage citizens of the community to plant trees and to increase awareness of the importance of trees to the environment.

This year's Arbor Day Tree and plaque commemorating the day will be dedicated on Saturday, November 5. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the Oak Point Amphitheater on the grounds of Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve at Jupiter Road and Spring Creek Parkway. Families in attendance will receive one free tree seedling per family until supplies are depleted. Children's activities include preparing tree cookies, making leaf necklaces, planting seeds and creating leaf rubbings.

Plano Arbor Day Page 9

Nigeria Revokes Airline License After Third Major Crash In A Year

By: Jacques Lhuillery Nigeria revoked the license of the company whose commercial airliner crashed the day before leaving 96 dead, in the country's third major civilian air catastrophe in

Among those killed Sunday were the country's top Islamic cleric, his son, who was a senator,

little over a year.

"The federal government has decided to suspend the operating license of ADC airlines forthwith," the minister, Babalola Borishade, said.

The minister emphasized the responsibility of the pilot in the crash of the Boeing 737. The



People walk around the site of an airplane crash in Abuja, Nigeria, Monday, Oct. 30, 2006. The pilot of a Nigerian airliner that crashed a day earlier did not heed air traffic controllers' advice to wait and an ex-president's son. for stormy weather to clear before taking off, the minister of aviation said Monday. The pilot was among 96 people killed in

> the crash; nine people survived. (AP PhotolSunday Alamba)

final toll, he said, is 96 dead and nine survivors.

"The pilot refused to take advantage of weather advice and the opinion of the tower to

Nigeria Plane Crash Page 8

Community Spotlight

Dallas Black Fire Fighters Association Scholarship Awards Banquet



South Dallas BFFA members (#49) awarded for Excellent Service (saved 5 lives in a house fire)





Members of the "Champagne Room" Troupe take to the floor.



For more pictures from the event, please visit our website

President Shawn Gary addresses newly appointed Dallas Fire Chief, Eddie Burns (1st African American in Dallas)



BFFA members present scholarship award: Presenter, Melissa Thornton, presents award to Carnington Washington of Skyline HS



Commissioner John Wiley Price claps in approval of new appointments of Chief Eddie Burns

Family Cases



BFFA members present scholalrship awards: Presenter, Melissa Thornton, presents award to Shani Abbott of Skyline HS

BFFA members present scholarship awards:

Presenter, Melissa Thornton, presents award to Mara



BFFA member, Angie Wilson,

gives the occasion

BFFA members presents scholarship awards: Presenter, Melissa Thornton, presents award to Taylor Toynes of Skyline HS

Award for Member of the Year

presented to Don Williams



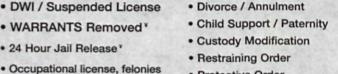




Shawn Gary presents the Presidential Award to Charles Daniels



 Protective Order Misdeamenor/Felonies*



 Protective Order · Name Change / Adoption

Domestic Violence



2730 N. Stemmons Frwy, Suite 409 • Dallas, TX 75207 Not Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization



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 14th 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, partialbirth 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.



Republican Party

Dianne K. Jones



Justice Dr. Robin Armstrong Dale Wainwright Vice-Chairman Texas TX Supreme Court "Keep the Faith"







Keith Anderson

Judges hold keys to life liberty and

property. Your Republican vote will

keep African Americans in office and a

host of others who are your friends and

share your most treasured values.



Brenda Green "Exery vote counts"



Supreme Court Justices Wallace Jefferson

Don Willett David Medina Nathan Hecht Phil Johnson Criminal Appeals Court Judges Sharon Keller Barbara Parker Hervey

Charles Holcomb

District Judges Jay Patterson Robert Frost Nancy A. Thomas Dawn Estes Catharina Haynes David Evans Mank Nancantow Dianne Kathryn Jones Jeff Coen Craig Fowler Keith Dean Brenda Garrett Green Karen Greene Becky Gregory



Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon

Henry Wade, Jr. Karen Willcutts Faith Johnson Criminal District Judges Janice Wander Manny Alvanez District Court Judges Francis Hamis Susan Rankin Tomi Shehan John Sholden Cheryl Lee Shannon Criminal D A Toby Shook

County Judge Manganet Kelither County Courts at Law Judges Russell H. Roden John B. Peyton John W. Stilwell Bauce Woody County Criminal Court Judges

Ada Brown Neil Pask David Lewis Many Anne Haren Jennifer Balido Keith A. Anderson Lisa Fox Donna Winfield Lynn Burson

Other Important Down Ballot Races County Probate Judge Jue Lowing District Clerk Jim Hamlim County Clerk Cynthia Figueroa Calhoun County Treasurer Lisa Hembry County Commissioner Ken Mayfield Justices of the Peace

Jennifer Beadley Mike Petry Bob Whitney



Judge Ada Brown

Vote Straight Vote for your Republican Friends in Texas November 7th 7am -7pm



Participation in this material by multiple judicial candidates does not constitute endorsement by one candidate of any other candidate in furtherance only of their can election. Each candidate acknowledges that endorsement of another candidate is a violation of the Texas Code of Judicial Candidate. So endorsement of another candidate is expressed or implied by a publical candidate's participation. Fol ad by Saran Dunning and Friends.



Paul Hailey

I know this week marks the eve of the midterm elections in this country, and that I should probably write something about the current political climate and whether the Democrats will make any gains on the Republicans but...I'm not.

Instead, I want to look to the future.

Somewhere in the back of my mom's storage shed, in the bottom of a box is a very old t-shirt of mine. It has a picture on the front of Jesse Jackson, accompanied by the phrase "Run Jesse, Run!" I got it while in college in 1984, (yes, 1984), for registering to vote right in the middle of the Jesse Jackson for president craze.

In 1984, Jesse Jackson became the second African American (after Shirley Chisholm) to mount a nationwide campaign for President of the United States.

His campaign was initially written off as a fringe effort until he finished third in the Democratic primaries behind Walter Mondale and Gary Hart. Nobody knew what to think and Jackson became very hard to ignore after he garnered 3.5 million votes and won five primaries, all in the South.

I was hyped, my friends were hyped, and the entire country began speculation about what would happen if a black man actually got elected president. We didn't wonder if he would get assassinated, we wondered how long it would take. We speculated about if he would be able to pass any meaningful legislation that would actually have an impact on the lives of minorities. Would the elite power structure, (whoever

Publisher's Office:

Phone: (972) 516-2992

Fax: (972) 509-9058

Email: publisher@monthegazette.com

Sales Department:

Phone: (972) 509-9049

Fax: (972) 509-9058

Email: opportunity@monthegazette.com

Chairman Emeritus

Jim Bochum

Published By

Minority Opportunity News, Inc.

Office Manager

Cynthia Westley

Production

Robert Booker

Assistant Vice-President Marketing

Edward Dewayne "Preacher Boy" Gibson, Fr.

Account Executive

Arielle Johnson

Religious/Marketing Editor

Shirley Demus Tarpley

MON The Gazet

Isn't It About Time?

son to be elected that would actually represent the underrepresented in this country?

That was 1984.

I knew Jesse was in trouble during his breakout speech at the Democratic National Convention that year. Check out what he said:

"This is not a perfect party. We are not a perfect people. Yet, we are called to a perfect mission. Our mission: to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to house the homeless, to teach the illiterate, to provide jobs for the jobless, and to choose the human race over the nuclear race.'

Wow...somebody please find me a Democrat brave enough to talk like that today.

Unfortunately, Jackson's words were a little too close to the same words Jesus used, and we all know what happened to him. Jesse's stated mission and some of his off the cuff comments, (remember "hymie town"?), doomed his 1988 run at the presiden-

Now, some 20 years later, I start to feel that same little twitch in the base of my brain when I read that Senator Barack Obama is considering a run at the White House in

Is this country finally ready for a black president?

Here are the knocks on Senator Obama: too young, not enough experience in the Senate, no administrative experience, limited experience in foreign policy and national security, no military experience. Oh, and he's black.

Take away the black part, and you have all the same things that were said about John F. Kennedy in 1960.

Obama is just as qualified as anyone else the Democrats can send into the election arena in 2008. He's not nearly as 'polarizing as Hilary Clinton, who would light a

Where Do You Want To Go Today?

6100 Avenue K, Suite 105 · Plano, Texas 75074

Editor

Paul Hailey

Editorial Support

Ashley Coleman

Publicist

Cheryl Jackson

Contributing Writers

Justin Jones

Ruth Ferguson

LaKeesha Joe

Columnist

Paul Hailey

Photography

Patrick "PJ" Johnson

Laquisha Hosley

Ronald Coleman MON-The Gazette assumes no responsibility for unsolicited material and reserves the right to edit and make appropriate revisions.

Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc.,

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

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

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

they are), actually allow a per- bonfire under the most conservative voters to come out in opposition to her candidacy. He possesses a great deal more personality and is more electable that John Kerry at this point.

Besides, experience has become an overrated asset in presidential elections. It didn't seem to hurt Bill Clinton or George W. Bush in their first or second run for the White

On an issue as incendiary as the Iraq war, (which he opposes), Obama has developed one of the most mature and wellthought out positions among the Democrats.

"Having waged a war that has unleashed daily carnage and uncertainty in Iraq, we have to manage our exit in a responsible way-with the hope of leaving a stable foundation for the future, but at the very least taking care not to plunge the country into an even deeper and, perhaps, irreparable crisis, " he recently said in a speech.

That's a lot more sensible and articulate than anything I've heard from Cowboy George about getting out of Iraq.

The arguments about Obama not being a viable candidate because of race simply don't apply anymore. This country has been gradually becoming less white, and polls indicate that more whites are willing to vote for a black can-

The question about whether the country is ready is irrelevant today. Our country doesn't move towards any great social change until it is pushed (civil rights anyone?), and the idea of a black president is no different. The clock has been running since 1984, and personally, I think the idea of a black president is an idea whose time has finally come.

Paul Hailey can be reached at phailey@MonTheGazette.com

Editorial Department:

Phone: (972) 516-2992

Fax: (972) 516-4197

Email: editor@monthegazette.com

Entertainment Department:

Phone: (972) 509-9049

Email: entertainment@monthegazette.com

Website: www.MonTheGazette.com

John Dudley

Myrtle Hightower

Fred Moses

Annie Dickson

Cecil Starks

Ben Thomas

Public Relations

Planning and

Implementation

Ceal Starks, Checkerkoon

Business Growth

Referral

John Dudley, CHAIRPERSON

Keith Rock

Integrity Distribution

Advisory Board:

Advisory Board Committees:

Distribution:

Willie Wattley

Cory Rodriguez-Anderson

B. J. Williams

Denise Upchurch

Barbara Simpkins,

Program Policy

Development

Annie Dickson, Chairpi roon

Quality Assurance

Myrtle Hightower, CHARPLESON

Cory Rodriguez

Ben Thomas

Jonathan Lockhart

Ward Connerly: A Weapon Of Mass Distortion

By. George E. Curry

After Proposition 209, the antiaffirmative action ballot initiative passed in California, the number of African-Americans enrolled in public universities dropped to about half of its previous levels. There was also a dramatic decline in the number of government contracts issued to people of color and women as a result of the ban on considering one's race, gender or ethnic origin along with other factors when evaluating qualified applicants.

Now, Ward Connerly, the chief architect of Prop 209, is leading another crusade in Michigan to replicate what he did in California and the state of Washington. And like those previous campaigns, he is proving again that he will go to any length to distort the definition and benefits of affirmative action.

Let's start with the definition of affirmative action. The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights defines it as a contemporary term that encompasses any measure, beyond simple termination of a discriminatory practice, which permits the consideration of race, national origin, sex and disability, along with other criteria, and which is adopted to provide opportunities to a class of qualified individuals who have either historically or actually been denied those opportunities, and to prevent the reoccurrence of discrimination in the future.

Admittedly, that's a long definition, but it is a clear one that strips the debate of inflammatory buzz words calculated to turn the public against affirmative action. That's why it was misleading for President Bush, in announcing his opposition to the two University of Michigan cases that found their way to the U.S. Supreme Court, to characterize them as "quota" programs. In fact, Executive Order 11246 should not even be part of the debate.

The point should not be lost that even though the Supreme Court struck down Michigan's numbers-oriented undergraduate admission, the Republicandominated court upheld the concept of affirmative action and approved of the University of Michigan's Law School approach to affirmative action. But you'd never know that judging by the comments of President Bush, Ward Connerly or their Rightwing allies.

Not surprisingly, Connerly has linked up with Jennifer Gratz, the lead plaintiff in the Michigan undergraduate suit, as they campaign in support of Proposal 2, which will be on Tuesday's ballot.

They consistently portray the undergraduate Michigan admissions process as being race-based. Of course, affirmative action has never been only for African-Americans. As the official definition makes clear, it seeks to benefit women, the disabled, immigrants and people of color.

Even the University of Michigan program struck down by the Supreme Court was not race based, though one might not know it from media's coverage of the issue. Nor has the cause been helped by news media's willing use of "preferences" and other loaded language that obfuscates the real issue.

A guide used by the University of Michigan at the time presents a clearer view of the admissions process. Yes, African-Americans could get 20 points toward admissions. But that was only part of the story. Twenty points were also awarded to any disadvantaged student, regardless of his or her color. Thus, a disadvantaged White applicant could

specifically forbids quotas. So, it get the same number of points as the Black applicant. Scholarship athletes were automatically awarded 20 points under the plan. The provost could award a discretionary 20 points as well. Yet, the undergraduate admissions program was portrayed as being racebased when nothing could be further from the truth.

> But Ward Connerly is not interested in the truth. He doesn't even like to admit that before he became an opponent of affirmative action, he personally benefited from a California set-aside program. In fact, in the 1970s, Connerly & Associates, a housing and community development consulting firm, which he owns with his wife, who is White, received more than \$1 million in state business after he signed up as a minority contractor. Of course, he is not the only Black Republican to ride the affirmative action train, only to jump off after they've reached their desired destination. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson followed similar paths.

But affirmative action is not Ward Connerly, about Clarence Thomas or Al Jackson, though they clearly benefited from it. It's about opening up the doors of opportunity to all, not just a select group. If women and people of color were excluded simply because of their race, gender or national origin, it only stands to reason that those same factors should be considered, along with other qualifications, so that they can finally realize the American Dream.

George E. Curry editor-in-chief of the NNPA News Service and BlackPressUSA.com.

Black Organization Buys In And Sells Out

By: James Clingman

NAACP President Bruce

When I read that, I thought, "What a great statement from the national leader of the largest and oldest Black civil rights organization in this country. Wow! I have to meet this brother and explore ways to support his directives. One of the first things I did was get involved with the

NAACP chapter in Cincinnati. her back.

She had the leverage to effect real change in the business-asusual attitude of this city, which always results in Black folks getting very little when it comes to the billions of dollars spent on economic development, despite a glut of blacks in authoritative positions. She stood up, she spoke out, and she was determined, as she put it, never to back down or let up the pressure until her demands for equity

wrote a memo excoriating the outright disrespectful way she has been treated, and how Black front development project called The Banks. (Incidentally, Blacks comprise nearly 50 percent of city's population.) Historically, Blacks have been excluded from significant opportunities to reap the benefits of public and private projects, via development rights, but finally we had someone in an influential position that was not going to take it any longer.

Well, that honeymoon didn't last very long. Three weeks after writing that memo to our group, decrying the mistreatment of Black people by White folks, voicing her unhappiness at being disrespected, and saving she would be "ashamed to invite [The national NAACP convention]" to Cincinnati, something changed. She wrote, "Authoritatively, I can say the NAACP would be unwilling to come to a town and hold a multimillion dollar convention where our leadership does not respect African Americans." Just three weeks later, she actually shed tears of joy when the National NAACP Board agreed to hold its convention in Cincinnati. In that brief interim her righteous indignation changed to wild-eyed exuberance at the fact that millions of Black dollars would now be brought to the city where, in her words, "leadership does not respect African Americans or women."

My "educated" guess is that another Black organization in Cincinnati has been reeled in by the temptations of filthy lucre, the illusion of inclusion, and the shallow disingenuous rhetoric of fakers and hypocrites.

Banks Project, only to end up

with passive posturing and pretentious pontification. They became puppets that parroted the corporate Cincinnati line: "Come to our city, Black people, and bring us your dollars to help finance the oppression and mistreatment of your peo-

I knew something was up when I saw the NAACP standing with the police chief, the man who has used the n-word and presided over some of the worst treatment of Blacks by police in the history of this town. The civil rights of many Black people have been violated in this city, just over the past six years; yet we have THE Black civil rights organization being persuaded to come to Cincinnati by this same police chief. That's right. He was a member of the "welcoming" team.

Brother Bruce Gordon, in his statement to Black Enterprise, told us that economic problems call for economic solutions. I could be wrong, but in this case it seems he may be doing the moonwalk on his own words. Our local NAACP president appears to have done the same thing, as she decried the mistreatment and disrespect of Black people, but acquiesced to appeasement and pacification by the vaunted Cincinnati moneychangers.

Frustrated? Yeah, I guess I am. But I am not surprised. Disappointed? You bet, but it's not the first time, and I am not the first brother or sister to be let down by our people. I was just so ready, so prepared to do battle for us, one more time. I was hopeful that at last I would see a victory for African-Americans in the city I call Cincinn-apathy. Yet again we have proven to be our own

Black Organization Page 6 Minority Opportunity News - The Gazette · November 02 - November 08, 2006 · Page 3

people are ignored by those in charge of the billion dollar river-

Gordon, in an interview in Black Enterprise Magazine, speaking about New Orleans, said, "Most recently there's been a lot of concern about the way African Americans are treated in the French Quarter...folks there don't treat them very nicely. I would say in addition to [marchingl, we should take our dollars elsewhere...That, to me, is a more significant message than a protest because it has an eco-

nomic impact on the offenders."

We had a relatively new, feisty, unafraid, non-capitulating sister as local president, who was stirring up things and standing up for Black people in this town, especially in the economic development arena. I was hyped; I was charged; I was fired-up; I was ready to do whatever I could to help. After all, I knew the NAACP national president had

were met.

Our local NAACP president

In this latest situation, Black folks started out with proud protestations and podiumpounding press conferences, demanding equity on The

Visit Our Website At www.MONTheGazette.com

and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to mov-

ing 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

southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-



Ongoing Sankofa Unplugged! Come experience the nation's best Open Mic Experience. Musicians, Poets, Actors, be ready to "Bring the heat" to the Sankofa stage Sankofa Arts Kafe & Bar1906-1908 Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd Dallas. Every Saturday 9:00 p.m. For info call 214-421-0013.

www.myspace.com/sanko-

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

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

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

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

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

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For locations and more

information, call 214-928-

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 informa-

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

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

November 2 A Day with Jim Fay, Discipline and Achievement

This 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

Plano ISD's Board of Trustees and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto invites you to join them at 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 Owners Women Business 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: Nohost bar RSVP: 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1. To RSVP please email 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 Choices. Smart Women, 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 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. Sponships and Table hosting are available. Located at the Plano Center on Spring Creek on the west side(center should be on the right)

For more information contact Cheryl or Molly at 972.542.5302 or visit www.thesamaritaninn.org

November 4

Erykah Badu Is performing at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial "Day of Giving" starting at 7pm at Friendship-West Baptist Church located at 2020 W. Wheatland, Dallas. This even is to help fund to build a memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC to honor Dr. King. Erykah Badu is serving as the Honorary Chairperson of the local initiative. The night's event is free and open to the public. For more information please call 214-693-8996. *For media inquires only: Sandra K. Samuel, Media Coordinatior, DFW Faith-Based Campagin at 817-368-

The American Girl Fashion Show is an annual young girl fashion show presented by The Junior League of Plano. The show features apparel of young girls during several historic periods. Event will be at 10:30am and 1:00pm on November 4th and 10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm on November 5th. Event will be located at Collin County Community College, 2800 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Tickets will be \$25 which will include a light snack and beverage, party favors, door prizes and a 3-day ticket to the 'Neath the Wreath Gift Market for use November 10-12.

Tickets available online at www.jlplano.org as of October 1. For more information, please contact the Junior League of Plano at 972-769-

Primerica Dream Team Fast

Start School

A locker room workshop that develops teammates. Guest speakers Tony Stephens; along with great recognition! Admission: \$20 per person and it's from 9am to 3pm. For more information contact 877.271.9851 or visit

www.primerica.com/craigmorgan. Shereese Hair & Beauty's Lifestyle Magazine presents a night to remember. 25 handsome bachelors will be auctioned off with half of the proceeds going to The Community Alcohol Drug Aftercare program (CADAP). There will be a \$10 cover charge and a free subscription to Shereese Hair & Beauty's Lifestyle Magazine will be included. 7:00-11:00, A Private Estate, 2600 Texas

Plume Drive, Cedar Hill, TX 75104. The evening is set to start with music, refreshments and socializing with Dallas' hippest most excited women dancing and mingling with the bachelors. The 25 Bachelors are very accomplished men with occupations like: Attorneys, Promoters, Trainers, Brokers, and Photographers just to name a few. Prizes will be given away throughout the night.

How to Make \$100,000 Your First Year Brokering Commercial

Learn: How Commercial Lending Differs from Residential; Key Concepts That Help You Make Money; Finding Good Clients and Weeding Out "Dog" Deals; Avoiding the Top 5 Mistakes That Will Cost You Money; How and Where to Submit Your Loan Packages; How to Analyze, Package, and Underwrite Deals; Construction, Rehab, and Hard Money Keys to Success; How to Collect Your Commissions and GET PAID!; And Much, Much More! Refreshments will be served, Admission: \$99 and the time is from 9am to 1pm. For more information contact: Nicole Pitre, @ (832)368-

8316 or Nicole@dealsdone.net

or visit: www.dealsdone.net TRUE PRAIZE 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

November 7 2006 Church Technology

Learn about HD-16:9; Smart lighting; digital signage; video micing; video venues; camera options; professional audio. Find the best solution for your environment. Admission is free and the times are 9:30 am, 11 am, 1:30 pm and 3 pm For more information contact Fowler Productions 800-729-0163 and mention the Technology Tour. Or visit www.experiencethediffer-

Top Funder's Workshop will help you identify new funding sources, learn more about your current donors, develop more effective fundraising strategies and answer these questions: How do you fund them? How much are they giving? What kinds of programs do they fund? How do you get to them? And, are your major donors giving more to other organizations? All participants will receive our Top Funders disk that lists hundreds of major funders/donors in your area. FundraisingINFO.com's a FREE workshop and the time is from 9 am to 11 am. For more information and to register call 1-888-256-3229 or joan@fundraisinginfo.com or visit: www.fundraisinginfo.com.

Sponsored By:



Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community

New Martini Park Concept Opening First Location At The Shops At Legacy In Plano

Martini Park, the new nightlife concept coming to Plano, will feature an unprecedented combination of world-class design, warm hospitality, energetic live and DJ music. Scheduled to open in December, the upscale lounge will also offer signature cocktails and martinis as well as fun, sharable small plates of delectable food items.

Christopher Barish, chairman of the Martini Park brand, who has owned a number of successful nightclubs, most notably, Marquee in New York, Light New York, and Light Bellagio in Las Vegas, identified a niche that needed to be filled. "Martini Park is the perfect option for people looking for a fun, exciting or relaxing evening out," Barish said. He selected the Dallas/Fort

Worth metroplex because, "of its as popular hits played by a DJ.

the country and because of its vibrant environment, it's perfect for the Martini Park customer."

Martini Park, the first martini lounge concept of its kind, will appeal to audiences ranging in their late 20s and older who enjoy a unique

setting for socializing as well as dining on appetizing plates of palate-pleasing menu items. Guests who frequent Martini Park will enjoy a variety of local bands featured on the main stage as well

friendly atmosphere and feeling of Martini Park will be an establishcommunity. The Shops at Legacy ment with a knowledgeable, was a natural choice because it is friendly staff and dedication to one of the top lifestyle centers in providing superb service. Patrons



will appreciate its warm and approachable ambiance, where everyone receives VIP treatment.

"We want guests to be wowed when they experience our above and beyond level of quality cus-

tomer service, as well as generate a warm, hospitable impression every time they visit us," said Alfred Thimm, Jr., president and CEO of Martini Park. "I am so honored to be a part of such an exciting new concept. It is my personal goal to develop Martini Park as a nationally-branded chain," Thimm said.

Designed by world-renowned architect Jeffrey Beers, whose credits include, Ono in New York and Japonais in New York and Chicago, Martini Park will showcase an eclectic interior design, highlighting a main bar dominated by a large stage for entertainment purposes. Other features consist of an elevated and stylish round bar and casual patio bar, all combined to create an intimate, vibrant atmosphere.

Perhaps the strangest thing

Texas Governor 06 Page 1

cash. Carole Keeton Strayhorn reported having \$421,386 in cash on hand, while Kinky Friedman reported having \$535,866 available.

Texans are an apathetic lot when it comes to the governor's race; 71% of eligible voters didn't vote in the last election for governor. Each candidate has tailored their campaign to doing just enough to win; a majority is not necessary and there is will be no runoff in the state's winner take all election.

While Perry's support has been strong, it only represents a small minority of Texans. His political strategy has been to simply not make any major mistakes.

"The Perry strategy has been to govern to a small minority, juice that minority to get them to the polls and otherwise be as unobtrusive as possible so as not to energize those opposed to you. And it's worked," Democratic strategist Kelly Fero said.

Perry wanted to make sure that he kept the focus on the Democrat Bell, while avoiding fellow Republican Strayhorn and ignoring the Kinky Friedman traveling circus.

"He's avoided the tide of change by being blessed with a divided opposition," said University of Texas political science professor Bruce Buchanan.

Candidate Chris Bell has continually been taken out of the race by Strayhorn, she coopted most of his funding support from the traditional contributors-Democratic teachers, unions and trial lawyers.

Strayhorn squandered her position as frontrunner by trying to position herself as an outsider; not a particularly wise for a candidate that has

Irving Bond Election Page 1

- Proposition 7 \$15,305,000 Fire facilities and new equip-
- Proposition 8 \$25,000,000 Public safety and municipal voice and data systems
- Proposition 9 \$3,000,000 Irving Veterans Memorial Park
- Proposition 10 \$35,000,000 Infrastructure improvements for economic and business development
- Proposition 11 \$10,000,000 Senior citizens community center

been a statewide officer for the past 12 years. Many experts feel that made a crucial mistake in introducing her new husband in a match making type ad.

"The whole tough grandma, eHarmony thing, it didn't quite ignite," said GOP strategist Bill

Fringe candidate Kinky Friedman never could quite escape being a fringe candidate, or a comedian. He's managed to be consistently politically incorrect, referring to young voters as "you little boogers'. He effectively alienated himself with black voters when he blamed the crime surge in Houston on "crackheads and thugs" who moved to Texas as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

"Kinky's stirred up the race a little bit, but he's a specialty candidate who's never quite gotten beyond the one-liner," said Cal Jillson, a political science Southern professor

Methodist University.

about this governor's race is that over 38% of Texas voters desire a change from Rick Perry to someone else. The problem is that none of the other three candidates could successfully define themselves as that 'someone else"; which transformed the 2006 election for governor from something potentially groundbreaking into the great race that wasn't.

Saturday ~ November 11, 2006 Desoto Civic Center ~ Desoto, Texas 211 E. Pleasant Run Bluebonnet Ballroom 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Empowering The Community In The Areas of Health, Education, Finances & Outreach Free Community Christian Expo



Entertainment Hair & Fashion Show, Vendors, Radio Personalities, and Kid Zone

Prize Give-a-ways: Music, Gift Cards, \$50 Thanksgiving Meal Winner

- ◆ Saturday ~ November 11, 2006
- Desoto Civic Center ~ Desoto, Texas 211 E. Pleasant Run Bluebonnet Ballroom
- 1:30pm to 4:30pm

For More Information Contact: 214-404-6482

or go to www.theqospelquide.org





TRUVILLION Metroplex SouthStar

www.cngtg.com

Graphics By Car Technical Group

If You Do Only One Thing for Your Family This Month Make Sure They are Protected in case of an Emergency.



To help you take care of this important responsibility, we are offering a FREE Simplicity Planner preplanning guide. Call 972-238-7111 today!

THE SIMPLICITY PLAN°

(Don't wait until it's too late to make your final wishes known)

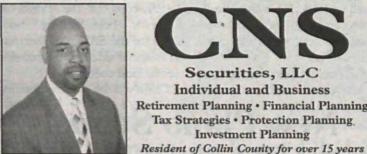
Schools are starting; students are college-bound, and people are joining the workforce. We wish you good health and prosperity. Now do "The Simplicity Plan" for family security and peace of mind.

BURIAL PLOTS

PRIME BURIAL LOTS FOR SALE

One, two or three lots for sale at Restland in North Dallas; located in the beautiful and peaceful Serenity Gardens Section (Southeast corner of Greenville Avenue & Restland Road.) Market value \$3450 each, but selling price negotiable. View plots by appointment only. Call 972-606-3878, 972-416-6109, or 469-235-5808.

FINANCIAL CONSULTING



Securities, LLC **Individual and Business** Retirement Planning • Financial Planning Tax Strategies • Protection Planning

Investment Planning

Michael A. Simmons, MBA

Registered Representative

1651 North Collins, Suite 160 • Richardson, TX 75080

972-437-5449

Call Today to Schedule Your FREE Consultation msimmons@cnssecurities.com Member NASD/SIPC

HOME RENTAL

3 Bedroom 2 Bath Washer/Dryer/Refrigerator/w/Garage 3 Dormitoro 2 Baños Arandela/Secador/Refrigerador/w/Garage \$850 972-867-9000

LIFE INSURANCE

Thinking about life insurance isn't an easy thing to do... But it must be done.

While your loved ones may have a difficult time coping, the money you leave behind may help them out with many expenses.



Renarldo Parker Licensed Agent 214-789-6501

Expenses like:

Final expenses

Please call me to discuss our variety of life insurance products. I can help you choose the policy that best fits your needs and could help relieve your loved

ones financial concerns.

Mortgage payments

Car payments

· Children's education

BANKERS

We specialize in seniors Life Insurance Solicitation

MAIDS



MORTGAGE



 100% Financing · FHA / VA

COMPLIMENTARY SAME DAY APPROVALS All Credit Types Welcome

Se Habla Español

119 W. Virginia St., Ste. 202 www.championmrtg.org

Garland NAACP Offers Free College Prep

The Garland NAACP Youth with strategies on how to beat the Council is hosting the 10th Annual National Day of College Preparation on Saturday, November 11, 2006. All area students are invited to participate in this FREE event.

This event will take place at the Harris-Hill Administration Building 501 South Jupiter, Garland from 8:00 am - 2:30 pm. Students in attendance will be provided with the following:

 An opportunity to take a full length practice SAT, administered under actual testing conditions and receive a detailed computer analysis of each student's scores;

· A unique seminar by top Princeton Review instructors SAT;

· An opportunity to participate



in a "Tips and Techniques for SAT" lecture; and

· A copy of the Princeton Review's best selling book Cracking the SAT, plus literature on financial aide and information on our local colleges.

There will be a corresponding

guardians, presented by local university officials, on how to finance your child's education and the college admissions process.

Persons wishing to participate can register by going to www.naacp.org/youth. Registration will only be conducted online.

For more info call Joyce Miller at 972-278-4621 or email jekmiller@msn.com.

include Event sponsors NAACP Youth & College Division, NAACP Garland Youth Council, NAACP Garland Adult Branch and Garland Independent School District (GISD). Participation is open to students of all school districts.

Resource Fair Opens Doors For Potential College Students

High school students or individuals seeking a career change can learn more about the college experience at the College Open House and Resource Fair.

The annual Collin County Community College District event is scheduled from 9 a.m.noon, Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Central Park Campus, 2200 W. University Drive in McKinney.

The event will provide a venue for those interested in enrolling in college. Representatives and information about admissions, financial aid, academic programs, advising, workforce development, student services and other innovative learning opportunities will be available.

Also, find information about services such as child care and transportation. Participating agencies include DART, Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County, YMCA and other community resources.

A spring open house and resource fair is scheduled from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 14, at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

For more information, contact Celeste Harden at 972-377-1750 or aharden@ccccd.edu or Jennifer Archer at 972-881-5126 or jarcher@ccccd.edu.

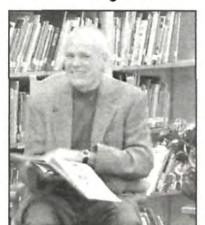
Collin County Community College District (Collin) serves more than 41,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training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

New Plano Schools Named For Superintendent, Former Mayor

Schell, respectively.

Trustee John Muns announced that Plano ISD's next middle school will be named Douglas W. Otto Middle School, dedicated to

At their October 17 meet- the current superintendent ing, the Plano ISD Board of who has served Plano ISD Trustees announced that the school children since 1995 district's next middle school and has served ALL children and a new elementary in education for more than 30 school will be named for years. Dr. Otto announced current Superintendent of that the district's newest ele-Schools Dr. Doug Otto and mentary school, under conformer Plano Mayor A. R. struction at Renner and Brand roads be named "A.R. Schell, Jr. Elementary School." The new school will open in 2007 to relieve Miller, Boggess and Stinson Elementary Schools.



Plano ISD Superintendent, Dr. Doug Otto

Black Organization Page 1 worst enemy.

Well, so much for my enthusiasm, my revived spirit, that rekindled fire inside of me. I was all dressed up and ready fight once more for the "advancement of colored peo-

ple," but I guess I was wrong. I

guess I was wrong about my

people again. I guess I was wrong about our leadership. I guess I was wrong about the NAACP, which, at least in this town, should be called the National Association for the Advancement of "Certain" People.

James E. Clingman, an professor at the adjunct

University of Cincinnati's African American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blacko-nomics," and has written several books, including.

LEGAL NOTICE

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on November 30, 2006. You have until May 29, 2007, to redeem any tickets for these games:

Game #634, \$2 Wheel of Fortune® Overall Odds are 1 in 4.22

Game #654, \$10 Texas Gold Rush Overall Odds are 1 in 3.38

Game #657, \$2 Winning Numbers Overall Odds are 1 in 4.83

Game #726, \$5 **Mystery Money** Overall Odds are 1 in 3.39



The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$800 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, providers, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education. © 2006 Texas Lottery Commission. All Rights Reserved.

A vibrant, progressive future for our community depends on YOU and YOUR VOTE.



For the 2006 Dallas Bond Package.

This \$1.35 billion bond package is the largest in the history of Dallas. MORE THAN HALF is targeted toward construction and renovations South of the Trinity River. This is an unprecedented opportunity for our businesses to participate in the development and for our communities to receive much needed improvements.

Vote YES to:

- Fund construction
- Provide more opportunities for our businesses
- Create more jobs
- Revitalize our neighborhoods
- Upgrade our facilities
- Refurbish parks and libraries
- Improve public safety

Vote YES! It's Our Future.

For more information please go to: www.dallasbondcampaign.com

Early voting runs October 23-November 3. Election Day is November 7.

Please go to http://dalcoelections.org for locations and hours.

Political advertisement paid for by Vote Yes! It's Our Future Ronald G. Steinhart, Treasurer 3232 McKinney Ave., #855 Dallas, TX 75204



Arts & Entertainment

Email Entertainment News And Events to Entertainment@MonTheGazette.com

Radiant Whitney Out On The Town At Carousel Of Hope Ball.

In one of her first public appearances since undergoing rehab and ditching husband Bobby Brown, Whitney Houston dressed herself in a floor-length black Armani gown and an ear full of diamonds to

attend the 17th annual Carousel of Hope Ball Saturday in Beverly Hills.

43-year-old The singer arrived on the arm of record mogul Clive Davis, who discovered Houston as a teen and signed the New Jersey native to her first record contract at his former label, Arista.

"She's been through emotional more than \$70 million, Houston trauma, and everybody's rooting for her," Davis told People magazine. "We're going to make a killer album."

Houston posed for photographers at the event and told



He is currently overseeing her reporters ""I feel great.") Inside highly-anticipated comeback of the Ball, a fundraiser for juve-

sat at the main table with Halle Berry - who herself is a diabetic - and the actress's boyfriend Gabriel Aubry.

Quincy Jones, an honoree for the evening who has known

> Houston since she was 16, said the singer seems to have turned a corner, telling USA Today: "She's looking at the light, instead of darkness."

Other celebrity attendees included Naomi Brooke Campbell, Shields, Teri Hatcher, Hilary Duff, Kristin Davis, Sharon Stone,

Minnie Driver, Sidney Poitier and couple Warren Beatty and

album, due sometime next year. nile diabetes research that raised **New Beyonce Track Leads** 'Dreamgirls' Soundtrack



"Listen," leads the sound-

opens in wide U.S. theatrical release. The cut, which Beyonce cowrote, is due to arrive this week at U.S. radio outlets; its video will premiere the week of Nov. 13.

Although the full track list has yet to be announced, another song from the album, "One Night Only" has

A new Beyonce song, been making the rounds as a dance mix. The Underdogs film (Harvey Mason Jr. and Damon "Dreamgirls," due Dec. 5 via Thomas) produced all the Music World/Sony Urban, 16 songs from the film.

days before the film "Dreamgirls" will also be available in a two-disc edition with extra music from the movie.

> "Dreamgirls" is loosely based on the rise and fall of the Supremes and stars Beyonce as a member of an up-and-coming vocal trio. Jamie Foxx, Eddie Murphy and Danny Glover also appear.

> Beyonce will perform Nov. 21 at the American Music Awards, although it is unknown if she will play a track from her new album, "B-Day," or a song from "Dreamgirls." The cast of the film is expected to visit MTV's "TRL" in early December.

Prince Rolling The Dice With Vegas Club

Prince will open a nightclub site 3121.com, named after at the Rio hotel in Las Vegas, the artist's most recent studio which will host concerts by the album, includes the Rio plus artist as well as acts signed to photos of Prince and such his NPG label. Sources tell artists acts as Sheila E, Maceo Billboard.com that Concerts Parker, Floetry, Patti LaBelle, West/AEG Live, producers of Esthero and Cee-Lo, although Musicology tour in 2004, will they have to the endeavor. be working with the artist on the project, which will launch ularly Prince plans to perform next month.

million it is unclear what connection

It is also unknown how regat the venue formerly known as topless revue called



A flash graphic on the Web Club Rio, which has hosted a Eroticka since February 2005.

Tupac Lives Again With Snoop, Luda, T.I.



More prolific in death than he was during his lifetime, rapper Tupac Shakur will be heard anew on yet another posthumous album, "Pac's Life." Due Nov. 21 via Amaru/Interscope, the album sports contributions from superstars such as Snoop Dogg, Ludacris and T.I. on Shakur music that, with the exception of one verse, is all previously unreleased.

Bone-Thugs-N-Harmony guest on "Untouchable," which was produced by Swizz Beatz. T.I. is heard on the title track, a video for which has also been shot. The album also features guest turns from Keyshia Cole, Ashanti, Young Buck, Lil Scrappy, Carl Thomas, Papoose and Big Syke. Production was supplied by LT Hutton, QD3, Ivan and Carvin and Sha Money

XL. "Pac's Life" is the eighth album of Shakur music released since his 1996 murder. "I say it every time, that Tupac left us the blueprints to follow, and without the amazing contributions made by everyone of these artists, producers, musicians, everyone, I do not know how I would get this great task accomplished," says his mother, Afeni Shakur.



November 4th 6:30pm At Shiloh Missionary

Baptist Church 902 14th St. Plano, TX 75093 For more information please call (972) 786-1783 or via e-mail maximplano@yahoo.com

True Praize P.O. Box 103, Frisco, Texas 75034

IF YOU'RE NOT AT YOUR LAST JOB, YOUR 401(K) SHOULDN'T BE EITHER.



Marcia Donaldson Investment Representative

972-542-1530 www.edwardjones.com Edward Jones

call today.

To see why it

makes sense to

roll your 401(k)

to Edward Jones,

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Thomas Carter To Direct Jackie Robinson Biopic

booked to direct an as-yet- death threats, abuse from fans, Shadow." Carter played high untitled feature about the leg- a rebellion by some of his school basketball player endary baseball player Jackie teammates and the threat of a James Hayward. Robinson, who broke the sport's color barrier in 1947 by becoming the first black man to play in the Major Leagues.

The film will follow Robinson from his childhood Southern California, to his years with the Dodgers and relationship with general manager Branch Rickey, to be played by Robert Redford, reports Production Weekly.

Thomas Carter has been with the Dodgers, he endured starring in TV's "The White strike by the St. Louis

> Cardinals. "Ali" co-writers

Christopher Wilkinson and Stephen J. Rivele will write the script, which is due to the studio this week, according to Production Weekly. Shooting is scheduled to begin around March 2007. Carter, who directed

Samuel L. Jackson in 2005's "Coach Carter," got his During Robinson's tenure start in 1978 directing and



Derek Luke And Wife Expecting First Child



ing in theaters this weekend and a new baby set to make its big debut in March 2007.

The actor, who got his big break starring in 2002's "Antwone Fisher," has announced to People magazine that he and his wife, actress Sophia Luke, are expecting their first child together. According to Luke's rep, the baby is due in early March.

Adella Hernandez) married in that he didn't commit.

Derek Luke has a movie open- 1998. He brought her on stage with him when he won the Independent Spirit Award for best actor ("Antwone Fisher") and promptly handed over the statue to her.

Luke opens tomorrow in the critically-acclaimed political thriller "Catch a Fire," which is set in turbulent 1980s South Africa and stars the actor as Patrick Chamusso, who became Luke and Sophia (born Sophia a political prisoner for crimes

Gabrielle Union Inks Six-Figure TV Deal With ABC

Gabrielle Union, last seen on feeling any of those projects, the small screen in ABC's shortlived "Night Stalker," has signed a mid-six-figure casting and development deal with ABC and Touchstone to take another stab at television.

According to Variety, the deal calls for the network and studio to seek out and develop new starring vehicles for Union.

The actress is already meeting with writers to find a project, the trade reports. If Union isn't

she'll be available to star in one



of the network's pilots, reports Variety.

addition to "Night

Stalker," Union's TV credits include the HBO telepic "Something the Lord Made" and the CBS drama "City of Angels." She has also guest starred on "The West Wing," "Friends," "ER" and "7th Heaven." She most recently voiced a character on "Family Guy."

On February 14th, Union arrives in theaters as the star of Tyler Perry's new film "Daddy's Little Girls."



DNA Clears Inmate 25 Years After His Conviction For Rape

It's 10th overturned case in 5 years for Dallas County; DA denies a pat-

By: Thomas Korosec Tools

Twenty-five years after he was convicted of rape, Larry Fuller walked out of court a free man Tuesday when a judge ruled that DNA testing proved his innocence — the 10th such exoneration in Dallas County

in five years. "There's no bitterness. That's what life's about, trial and tribulation," said Fuller, who carried two worn Bibles to a brief afternoon hearing. "My faith was tested, and I won."

At the end of the hearing, Assistant District Attorney John Rolater apologized to Fuller, who responded: "Thank you. Apology accepted."

"I forgave them a long time ago; the day I was convicted," Fuller, 57, said as he accepted hugs from his attorneys, brother and other relatives he described as "my amen corner."

Barry Scheck, co-director of the New York-based Innocence Project and one of Fuller's attorneys, called for an independent commission to look into Dallas' wrongful convictions "and see what is going on." But Rolater said the num-

ber is not out of line.

Fuller was convicted of aggravated rape and sentenced to 50 years in 1981. A 37-year-old woman said he was the man who broke into her apartment and raped her, using a butcher knife to cut her thumb, neck and back as she struggled.

The victim looked at two photo lineups, both of which included Fuller. She picked him in the second one, even though Fuller was bearded in the picture and she said her attacker had no facial hair.

Judge apologizes

State District Judge Lana McDaniel, who freed Fuller, said she felt sick to her stomach thinking about the injustice that had been committed. "What do I say other than I wish you well and apologize on behalf of the state of Texas," she told him.

Texas passed a law in 2001 setting out a procedure for re-examining certain convictions with DNA testing. Nearly all of the overturned convictions from Dallas County were handed down in the 1980s, before the advent of DNA analysis.

"If you have 10 plane crashes at the same airport, you would want to find out what is going on and how we can fix it," Scheck said.

Rolater, however, said he does

not think there is a pattern to the wrongful convictions.

"I have looked at those cases and they involve four different agencies, quite a number of different prosecutors and courts. That does not indicate there was a rogue cop, a rogue court or a rogue prosecutor," he said.

Rolater said his office handles 20,000 felony cases a year. "One person wrongfully convicted is a tragedy," he said. "That person's life has been ruined, we have a crime victim who had closure whose life has been ripped back open and there's still someone out on the street."

Dallas prosecutors initially objected to DNA testing in Fuller's case because they thought it would be compromised by the DNA of a consensual sex partner, Rolater said.

When a judge ordered the testing, samples from a number of individuals were taken and compared to make certain the DNA sample taken from the victim could have belonged only to her attacker, he said.

"We are making a lot of progress in Dallas County," Scheck said. "They are beginning to expedite the process of getting the DNA testing we're seeking."

Rolater said DNA testing in the past five years has confirmed the guilt of nine men. Testing is under way in eight other cases.

Nationwide, 185 people have been cleared through DNA after their convictions, Scheck said. In most cases, testimony from mistaken eyewitness identification led to the wrongful conviction, he explained.

2 DNA exonerations here

According to David Dow, director of the Houston-based Texas Innocence Network, there have been two DNA exonerations in Harris County.

Jeff Blackburn, director of the Innocence Project of Texas, said Fuller will not be fully exonerated until he receives a pardon from the governor or the conviction is set aside by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

"It is real quick when it comes to conviction and real slow when it comes to exonerating,'

Under state law, Fuller is eligible for as much as \$500,000 in compensation once the appeals court or governor acts.

At the time of his conviction, Fuller was a decorated 32-yearold Vietnam veteran. He was pursing a career in art.

On the rape conviction he served 18 years before being paroled in 1999. He was returned to prison last year after he failed a drug test that was a condition of his parole.

For Adjuncts Eastfield College will host an teaching discipline or a master's

Eastfield Looking

Adjunct Recruitment Fair November 14 from

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the C-Building, Admissions Lobby area. On-site interviews will be conducted, so interested participants should bring multiple copies of their resumes and college tran-

Representatives from the teaching areas listed below will be present to discuss teaching opportunities at Eastfield College and to conduct interviews.

A critical need exists for instructors who can teach the following credit (transferable) courses:

- Mathematics
- · English
- French
- · Spanish
- · Biology · Chemistry
- Geology
- Physics
- Medical Terminology
- Child Development*
- · Teacher Preparation* · ESOL**

Requirements: Applicants must have a master's degree in the

Career Opportunities •

Contact Marketing to advertise in our

career opportunity section

972-606-7498 Fax or Email copy for

quote: Fax: 972-509-9058; Email:

opportunity a monthegazette.com

CITY OF

PLANO, TEXAS

24 HOUR CAREER INFORMATION HOTLINE

Home Page: www.plano.gov

FAX (972) 941-7239

AA / EOE /ADA

Plano

POLICE HOTLINE

(972) 941-7299

FIRE HOTLINE

(972) 941-7402

degree plus a minimum of 18 graduate hours in the teaching discipline.

*Child Development/Teacher Prep applicants must have a master's degree in education for EDUC courses or a master's in early childhood education or in child development for TECA-CDEC courses, plus a minimum of 3 years' experience working with children under age

**ESOL applicants must have a bachelor's degree in English or education (bilingual/ ESL emphasis), with graduate courses in ESOL instruction or linguistics or TESOL certification.

Pay rate: \$1,830.24 per threecredit-hour course or \$2,440.32 per four-credit-hour course.

For more information, contact the EFC office of human resources at 972-860-7630 or visit www.eastfieldcollege.com.

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

Looking for a job as a fire fighter, emt, or paramedic? The Denton Fire Department is looking for qualified, motivated individuals to join our highly trained group of professionals. We will open the application process during the month of October, online at dentonfire.com, and City of Denton Human Resources located at 601 E. Hickory. The written test will be administered on January 20, 2007. Applicants must have a valid drivers license; possess a high school diploma or equivalent; and be physically able to perform the duties of the fire fighter position. Applicants must be able to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Applicant

must not have reached your 36th

birthday on the date the exam is

administered.

GOP Poll Success Page 1

Even among black Republicans, there clearly still is work for the GOP to do.

"I don't think Republicans are doing any kind of reaching out to African-Americans," said 71year-old L.D. Harper of Springfield Gardens, N.Y., who's been a Republican since he was

Misgivings with Democrats too_While black voters say Republicans have done a poor job of representing their interests, they also have misgivings about the Democratic Party. Almost half of black voters said the Democratic Party takes their vote for granted; about a third said the party has done a poor job of representing their inter-

About a fourth of blacks said they weren't confident their votes would be counted accurately.

On the issues, black voters were most likely to rate the economy and health care as extremely or very important to them per-

The AP-AOL Black Voices telephone poll of 900 black adults, 361 of whom are likely voters, was conducted by Ipsos.

The margin of error for the full sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, 5 percentage points for the black likely voters.

The overall likely voter results are from an AP-AOL poll released

About nine of 10 black voters have gone for the Democrats in recent elections.

The Katrina factor-Republicans, particularly party chairman Ken Mehlman, have tried to reach out to minority voters in recent years. Bush's draw on the black vote inched up to a stillanemic 11 percent in 2004. But since then the party has taken a hit because of widespread dissatisfaction with how the Bush administration responded to Hurricane Katrina last year.

Only 38 percent of African Americans are confident the federal government would help them in a major disaster, according to the AP-AOL poll.

And while the Republican Party has strongly pushed the candidacies of black Republicans in the coming elections, the survey offers little hope that black GOP candidates hold special appeal for minority voters. More than eight in 10 black likely voters say the race of the candidate makes no difference to them.

"It just depends on their platsaid Kassandra Williamson-Moore, a black Democrat from Indianapolis. "You can't just vote strictly by

Prominent black candidates this year include Republican gubernatorial hopefuls Kenneth Blackwell in Ohio and Lynn Swann in Pennsylvania, GOP Senate candidate Michael Steele in Maryland, and Democratic Senate candidate Harold Ford Jr., in Tennessee. Republicans Steele, Blackwell and Swann are behind in the polls; Democrat Ford is running about even with his opponent.

Blacks are disproportionately unhappy with Bush; 89 percent of likely voters disapprove, compared with 61 percent of all likely voters.

But blacks' approval ratings for Congress - disapproval ratings, actually - are roughly similar to those for all likely voters. Some 83 percent of likely black voters disapprove of the way Congress is doing its job, compared with 75 percent of all likely voters.

'One step forward, two steps back' - David Bositis, of the Washington-based Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, said there's little variation in congressional approval numbers by race because Congress is so widely viewed as being "in the

Overall, Bositis said, the Republican courtship of black voters sometimes looks like a case of "one step forward, two steps back."

"They're never going to succeed in attracting more African-American support until the party has some level of catastrophic failure and then decides to go back to the drawing board," he said.

Curtis Gans, director of American University's Center for the Study of the American Electorate, said voter turnout among blacks tends to be lower than among adults in general, but in 2004 they, like Americans overall, turned out in higher numbers.

He said voter discontent could boost turnout similarly this time, adding that: "The group that is the most uniformly anti-Republican at this time is African-Americans,"

Two-thirds of black registered voters say they are following news about the campaign, compared with 71 percent of all registered voters doing likewise.

than 50 million Muslims in the west African country of some 130

The state-run News Agency of

Nigeria said that other top-rank-

Per Hour

Seeking An Energetic, Telephone Advertising Sales Pro For Classified and Small Business Accounts.

> Must have: Experience, Sales Skills, Good People Skills, the Ability to Close. Part-Time (aprox. 20 hrs per week). Hourly pay + Commission + Bonuses

Call: 972-606-3891 voicemail Fax or Email resume to Fax: 469-366-7473 Email: publisher@monthegazette.com



DO YOU WANT AN EXCITING AND REWARDING CAREER?

PURSUE A CAREER AS A POLICE OFFICER OR FIREFIGHTER!

- · Competitive wages
- · Array of benefits
- · Education incentive pay
- · ... and more

SIGN UP TO TAKE THE CITY OF IRVING'S NEXT CIVIL SERVICE ENTRANCE EXAM. CALL (972) 721-2532 TO REGISTER.

The City of Irving does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services. www.ci.irving.tx.us

POLICE OFFICER (TCLEOSE Certification Preferred)

Annual Salary: \$47,011 increasing to \$48,876 after completion of the field-training program increasing through a step pay plan to \$57,111. In addition, the City provides a full complement of benefits. Officers are also eligible for up to \$150 month for education certification pay after successful completion of the training program. Closing Date February 17, 2006 Minimum Qualifications: Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of the written entrance examination, Must be a US Citizen .Be a high school graduate or Have obtained a GED with 12 hours of college with a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 GPS scale or 2 years of active duty military service with an honorable discharge, Be fingerprinted and subjected to a search of records to disclose a criminal record, Driving record in compliance with City of Lewisville Driving Policy, Vision correctable to 20/20 binocular, Ability to distinguish between red, green, and yellow Special Requirements: Must pass Written Exam Successfully pass a validated physical agility test, Successfully pass a Video-based assessment (B-PAD) Successfully pass a background investigation. Successfully pass a post-offer physical, psychological, and drug test, *** An application must be submitted to Human Resources prior to testing, 2006-07 Test Dates: Nov 28, Dec 16, 2006, Jan 27, 07 & Feb 17, 07.

> APPLY: 151 W. CHURCH ST. LEWISVILLE TX 75057 972-219-3450 972-219-5005 (FAX) www.cityoflewisville.com

Nigeria Plane Crash Page 1

exercise patience and allow the weather to clear for a safe takeoff," he said as the government announced three days of mourning.

He also announced that crash investigators from the US National Transportation and Safety Board, the Federal Aviation Administration, Boeing, and engine makers Pratt and Whitney would be arriving in the next 24 hours to help with the enquiry.

One survivor described the accident and how she was able to call her father as she lay in the wreckage.

"First it shook violently and then crashed," said Esther Keyiobo, a 25-year-old student. "The force threw me out. I had

"Helping Neighbors Take

Charge of the Neighborhood's

Future". The program also

included guided discussion

about the roles of residents, local

government, the private sector,

and community groups in

neighborhood health and revi-

The event opened with an

enthusiastic welcome from

Mayor Bob Day. The Mayor

talization.

Garland Summit Page 1

my GSM and called by father immediately, but initially he did not believe me," the student added, referring to the Global System for Mobile Communications, the most popular standard for mobile phones in the world.

"When I started shouting, he believed me and rushed to the ADC office in Lagos."

Flight 053 from Abuja to Sokoto was carrying 100 passengers and five crew members when it went down Sunday in bad

Police said the two black box flight recorders, one with audio from the cockpit and another with flight data, from the crashed plane had been found and were being examined.

Nigerian President Olusegun

Obasanjo paid a visit of condolence to the family of the late Sultan of Sokoto, Muhammadu Maccido, who was the most senior of 96 victims.

"I have visited Sokoto on so many occasions, but today I have come with so much sadness and sorrow to condole the people and government of Sokoto and all Nigerians over this tragedy," Obasanjo said in the palace of the late sultan, who was the spiritual leader of Nigeria's Muslims.

"The sultan was a man of peace who lived and died for peace. I am personally touched by this tragedy and there is hardly a family in Nigeria that is not affected by this tragic accident by associa-

the spiritual head of the more lives.

ing government officials, senators, politicians and the son of Nigeria's former president Shehu Shagari were also on board the

million people.

ill-fated airliner. The three daughters of the governor of Kogi State in central Nigeria were among the nine survivors, according to the local Guardian daily.

While Nigeria does not have the worst air safety record in Africa, nearly 1,200 people have died in more than 40 plane crashes since 1991. Accidents in tion or other forms of interaction. December and October last year The sultan, who was 80, was each claimed more than 100

the Garland Chamber of Commerce, Garland Power & Light, the Garland Water Utilities, the Garland Housing Agency, and the Garland Housing Finance Corporation.

For more information about

Neighborhoods or to find out how you can get involved, contact Alex Koenig at (972) 205-2726 or Felisa Conner at (972) 205-3346, or visit the City of Garland's website at www.GarlandVitalNeighbor hoods.org.

Strategy

FAIR PRICE OFFER

including "Building a Positive Image for Your Neighborhood", "The Influence of Social The Strategy for Vital Capital", "Creating High-Quality Physical Conditions in Your Neighborhood", and

spoke about creating communities of value and challenged those in attendance to make a change in their neighborhoods.

Neighborhoods is a framework for addressing neighborhood stabilization and revitalization in Garland. The initiative is a set of programs and community resources to assist neighborhoods by providing planning, education, and technical assistance to achieve their goals. The Strategy also aims at enhancing a sense of community throughout all of Garland's neighbor-

The summit was sponsored by

for

Vital

For Oil and/or Gas Buying Small "NET" Revenue Interest Fax Information To: 972-881-1646 Call Voice Mail: 972-606-3891 (Leave Message)

and WORK the hardest, WATCH the best. Mark 13:37. It is better to try and fail than to fail to try. Luke 19:20, 21. Troubles are not sent to batter us but to better us. 2 Corinthians 4:17. Some make others happy WHEREVER they go, others WHENEVER they go.

They witness best who witness by their lives! 1 Thessalonica 2:1-12. No sin is small, for it is against an infinite God. James 2:10. Prayerful homes produce powerful churches. Joshua 24:15. For the Christian, old age is the forerunner of eternal youth. 2 Corinthians 4:16. Justification: Man's guilt GONE, Christ's righteousness GIVEN! Romans 4:24, 25. You take no risk when you abandon yourself to God. Matthews 10:39. Too many Christians who are strong on

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11. The Christian's life is the world's Bible. 2 Corinthians 3:2. To escape God's wrath, flee to His love. Romans 8:1. God often empties our hands in order to fill our hearts. Romans 8:28. Divine forgiveness brings both remission of penalty and restoration of fellowship. Romans 8:16, 17. You can have an upright life only as

Plano

Foundation, sponsor of many

beautification programs, is

also responsible for the beau-

tiful display of wildflowers in

the spring through the

Plano Arbor Day Page 1

The

service are weak on worship.

Scriptures For November 2006

you lean on Jesus. Psalm 37:37. We need not fear the perils AROUND us as long as the eye of the Lord is UPON us. Psalm 34:7. A saint is one who makes goodness attractive. Romans 1:6, 7.

Salvation is much more than reformation-its transformation. 1 Thessalonica 1:9. All that's necessary for evil to triumph is for They who WALK the closest Christians to do nothing. James



Picture of The Week Congratulations to My Pastor & Wife, Elder Philip & Sister Elizabeth White on their 53rd Appreciation Celebration at Love Chapel C.O.G.I.C

4:17. Christians must produce fruit-if they don't witness, they wilt. John 15:8. No trouble can come so near that God is not nearer! Psalm 40:4. If you have the smile of God, you can expect the frown of men. Luke 6:26. Christ became a curse FOR us to remove the curse FROM us. Ephesians 2:14. Living without God means dying without hope. Genesis 5:5.

The return of Jesus is sure; for what the Bible predicts and Christ promises. God will perform! Acts 1:11. Prayerful homes produce powerful churches. Joshua 24:15. Sin is a heart disease that can only be cured by the Great Physician. Jeremiah 17:9. Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him it is a hopeless end. Proverbs 4:18.

seeded for next spring's wild-

flowers. Recognition of partici-

pants in programs sponsored

by Plano Parks Foundation

will also take place during the

Citizens are encouraged to

Salvation is not a goal ACHIEVED but a gift RECEIVED! Romans

A Beautiful Alphabet: Although things are not perfect; Because of trials or pain; Continue in thanksgiving; Do not begin to blame; Even when the times are hard; Fierce winds are bound to blow; God is forever

able; Hold on to what you know; Imagine life without His love; Joy would cease to be; Keep thanking Him for all the things; Love imparts to thee: Move out of "Camp Complaining."

No weapon that is known; On earth can yield the power; Praise can do alone; Quit looking at the future; Redeem the time at hand; Start every day with worship; To "thank" is a command; Until we see Him coming; Victorious in the sky; We'll run the

race with gratitude; Xalting God most high; Yes, there'll be good times; and yes some will be bad, but. . . Zion waits in glory. . . where no one is ever sad! Just a friendly reminder 11-03-06 is the last day for early voteing and 11-07-06 is Election Day, Don't forget to

Email: religion@monthegazette.com Office: 972-516-4191 Voice Mail: 972-606-3878

Fax: 972-516-4197

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

Foundation, please contact the City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department's Administrative Office at (972) 941-7250. Membership in these programs is available to the public through participation, tax-deductible donations or many other types of sup-

Church Happenings FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST

November 5, 3 pm You are invited to our Annual Usher Day Program as we worship and praise God. Our guests will be Pastor Calvin Berkley from Forest Avenue Baptist Church and his con-

gregation.

CHURCH OF ALLEN

November 18, 10 am - 2 pm You are invited to a dynamic and inspired Christian Finance Meeting on Budgeting, Credit Repair & Restoration, First Time Home Buying, and Investments and Retirement Planning; lunch will be served. "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:19. To reserve your spot at the meeting and for more information contact the church @ 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 BAPTIST CHURCH, THE COLONY November 18, 10 am to 2 pm November 19, 8 am & 11 am

You are invited to join us for a funfilled FREE Christian Networking event. Shop with over 50 vendors and just in time for the Christmas Holidays. Let's support our own as we taste, touch and feel the various products.

For more information, call Sis. Lynda Reeves @ 214-535-6185.

Friendship Baptist Church Dr. C. Paul McBride, Senior Pastor 4396 Main Street The Colony, TX 75056 972-625-8186

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 is the Emcee; with First UMC Gospel Choir; Music Ministry of Shiloh MBC; and many other soloists, choirs, and musicians. Mr. Anthony Jackson, who has served as Minister of Music for North Park CME and the Historic New Hope MBC, as well as having 21 years as the Concert Choir & Music Director at James Madison High School in Dallas, will direct a 3-day Workshop

Everyone is invited to come and be Personalities and a Kid Zone.

abundantly blessed in this praise and worship 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

RESTORATION TRIUMPHANT CHURCH November 4, 6:30 pm and November 5, 4:00 pm

You are invited to our Pastor's 4th Appreciation. Theme: "Faith to Ride The Waves." Come and experience the wave! Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP on or 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

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH November 11 - 12, 2006

"Men of Faith at Work" is the theme for the 2006 Men's Day Celebration. It will start with men sharing their FAITH by going to WORK in the community with Habit for Humanity; and will culminate on November 12 @ 10:45 am with guest speaker Dr. Larry Earvin, President of Huston-Tillotson University and the University's choir, with Director Dr. Gloria Quinlan.

For more information call the church @ 214-922-0000.

St. Paul UMC Rev. Elzie Odom, Jr., Pastor 1816 Routh Street Dallas, TX 75201 214-922-0000

THE GOSPEL GUIDE

November 11, 1:30 - 4:40 pm Join us for our FREE 2006 Gospel Expo in the Bluebonnet Ballroom @ The DeSoto Civic Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, DeSoto, TX for Prize Give-a-ways of music, gift cards, and a \$50 Thanksgiving Meal Winner. We are "Empowering The Community In The Areas of Health, Education, Finances and Outreach." There will be entertainment, a Hair & Fashion Show, Vendors, Radio

For more information call 214-404-6482.

The Gospel Guide Sakina Jackson, Founder P.O. Box 2362 DeSoto, TX 75123 972-283-9665

THE POTTER'S **HOUSE OF DALLAS**

November 8, 7 pm Our AMEN men's ministry will present, Man Talk - "A Man & His Game Plan" with Host Chris Howell. Men are given the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from men who have been where they are, men who are willing to provide advice on how to succeed in business, relationships, marriage and parenting. Also how to overcome addictions, and other life issues. It's FREE and open to all men, from homeless men to millionaires. No registration is required.

The Potter's House of Dallas 6777 West Kiest Blvd. Dallas, TX 75236 214-331-0954

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. This is an event that you don't want to miss! We are going to have a "True Praize."

For more information, please call 972-786-1783.

True Praize Alicia Iones P.O. Box 103 Frisco, TX 75034 972-786-1783

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, LEWISVILLE

November 11, 10 am to 2 pm The Fifth Annual Entrepreneur's Faire is sponsored by WBC Job Ministries and is FREE to all. More than 35 entrepreneurs are expected to share information on starting a business. Refreshments will be served. For more info call Jackie Massey @ 972-874-7257.

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

Church Directory

Choir.

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

WildSeeders Program. On be a part of the Foundation's

October 22, "Make a programs. To become a mem-

Difference Day," volunteers ber of the Plano Parks

Parks



"Where Jesus is the Main Attraction"

ceremony.

Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am Wednesday Bible Study - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

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

"A Ministry that is on the Move for Christ"

Come experience the Worship Atmosphere at Fellowship, you will never be the same. 200 Belmont Drive · Allen, Texas · 75013 Phone 972-359-9956 • www.fbcofallen.org *If you need a ride to worship with us, please call the church.



Senior Postor

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

"A Spiritual Oasis for a Thirsty World" Isaiah 55:1

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:30 AM

972-437-3493

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) • newmzbc@aol.com (Email) Visit Our Website At www.MONTheGazette.com

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: Morning Worship

Wednesday Bible Study7:00PM PEOPLE OF FAITH WITH A MIND TO WORK

St. Luke A.M.E. Church (aka – SLAME)

"Where we slam dunk the devil and serve up Jesus" 972.487.9703 521 W. Avenue E Garland, TX 75040 Email: slamechurch@aol.com

Sunday 8:45 a.m. Church School 9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship Experien

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehears:

OF OUR FAITH

FLAMES

FANNING THE



Tuesday 7:15 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. Church School

FANNING

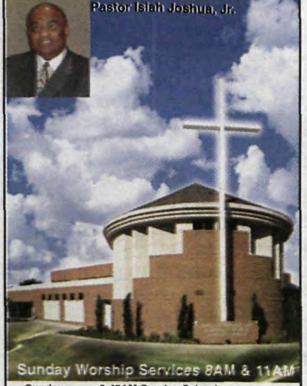
THE

FLAMES

OF OUR

FAITH

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church 920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX



9:45AM Sunday School Sunday

Monday 7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir Tuesday Wednesday 7PM Mid-Week Service Thursday **7PM Mass Choir**

For more information call (972) 423-6695 www.shilohbaptistchurch.org

Mt. Olive Church of Plano 740 Avenue F Plano, TX 75074 972-633-5511 WWW.MOCOP.ORG

Serving the Plano **Community for 13 Years**



Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Wednesday Night 7:15 pm

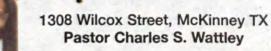
Pastors Sam & Gloria Fenceroy

Call Pastor Sam on: "Vision & Truth Live"

Radio Broadcast: KWRD 100.7 FM Sundays 9pm - 10pm

HEAR PASTOR SAM DAILY ON: "TRUTH MADE SIMPLE" KGGR 1040 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY @ 5:25pm - 5:30pm

Saint Mark Missionary **Baptist Church**





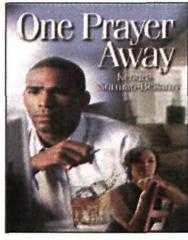
Sunday Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration... 11:00 am. Nursery Facilities Available -

Wednesday Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

Friendly Fellowship with A Family Focus For More Information Call 972.542.6178 www.saintmarkbc.com • stmarkmissionary@aol.com

Anointed Authors Bring National Book Tour To Dallas This Weekend

Anointed Authors On Tour features seven National best-selling and award-winning Christian awesome women of God who are



writers of Christian fiction and non-fiction books. The Anointed Authors On Tour will take place Saturday, November 4, and Sunday, November 5 at various metroplex locations.

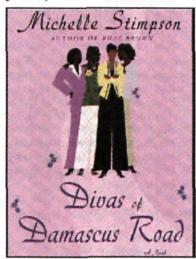
Vivi Monroe Congress (Grand Prairie, Texas), Norma Jarrett (Houston, Texas), Tia McCollors (Atlanta, Georgia), Vanessa Miller (Dayton, Ohio), Kendra Norman-Bellamy (Atlanta, Georgia), Shewanda Riley (Dallas, Texas) and Michelle Stimpson (Dallas, Texas) have come together to showcase some of the best Christian books on the market today.

In response to the growing popularity of African American Christian writers, seven have organized Anointed Authors, a nation-wide tour that promotes reading and writing. Stimpson and Dayton-Ohio based Vanessa Miller came up with the idea and other well-known asked Christian writers to participate.

Stimpson shares on how she and Miller came up with the idea for the tour after corresponding by email. "She had just finished reading Boaz Brown and emailed me to let me know that she enjoyed it. We talked and some things together. Within seller lists and won numerous weeks, there were 7 of us ready to roll." Miller, a playwright and writer of the highly popular "Rain Series" adds that the tour is designed to touch the hearts of readers. "I want to show that writing Christian fiction should be about building the kingdom of God."

So far, the tour has visited Atlanta, Georgia, Houston, Texas, and Baltimore, Maryland. The tour, which features both fiction and non-fiction, comes to Dallas in November and will finish in Memphis, Tennessee December 2006. Plans are already underway for 2007.

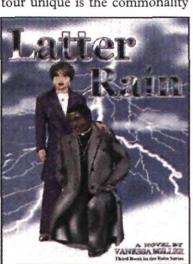
More than selling books, the authors also hope the tour will emphasize the importance of God-inspired literature. Norma Jarrett, the Houston-based



author of the Essence book club selection Sweet Magnolia strives to grow from her participation in the tour. "I know this was God's way of joining me with like minded sisters, for support and encouragement." She sees a broader purpose in the tour. "In addition, more people will be made aware of Christian fiction writers as audiences nationwide are exposed to each of our works," adds Jarrett.

Each author, accomplished in decided that we'd like to do her own right, has topped best-

awards. Some have been featured in national publications such as Essence, Jet, Gospel Truth and Booking Matters Magazines. What makes this tour unique is the commonality



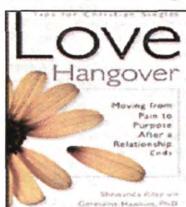
to minister the gospel through the power of the pen.

For more information, visit www.anointedauthorsontour.com or call 972-533-3543.

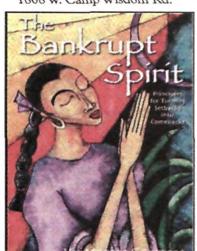
Saturday, November 4 Presentation Panel Discussion*

Writer's On the Cusp Conference

9:30 am - 10:40 a.m. Cedar Valley College 3030 N. Dallas Avenue Lancaster, Texas 75134 *Must register to attend www.writersblockinc.org Faith & Literature Fellowship 1:00 pm - 3:00 p.m. Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship -



Youth Fellowship Center 1808 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.



Dallas, TX 75232 "Celebrating Sisters" Faith & Literature Tea

5:00 pm - 7:00 p.m. Christian Chapel CME Church 14120 Noel Rd. Dallas, TX 75240

Sunday, November 5 Concord Missionary Baptist Church

Signing After 8:00 am and 11:00 am Services 6808 Pastor Bailey Dr. Dallas, TX 75237 Faith & Literature Fellowship Ben Washington Baptist Church 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Irving, TX 75061



Re-Elect JUDGE BRUCE WOODY

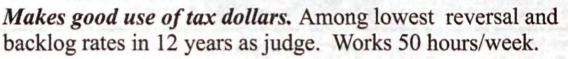
to our County Court at Law 4

Dianne and Bernie Francis (CEO, former Carrollton Councilman) are long-time community volunteers with Bruce

EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL

"I strongly urge everyone to vote for JUDGE BRUCE WOODY.

He is a great judge and a good person who treats everyone the same in his courtroom. He is dedicated to strong neighborhoods and stable communities." Rev. Berniece Stanford



Veteran. Decorated USAF veteran. 160 combat missions. Proudest of the fact that all his crew came home safe.

Community Volunteer. He and his wife of 29 years Jan are members of Garland NAACP, volunteer with Dallas Can!, live with their rescue dog Katie, sponsor a park, and are active in church and community. Republican. Many bipartisan endorsements listed on www.JudgeWoody.com The most important VOTE is YOURS! I ask for your vote.

Pol. Ad. Paid for by Judge Bruce Woody campaign, Denise Flores, Treasurer

V & B Ministries Inc. Church Wide Institute Will Take Place On November 15th - 17th, 2006 Classes start at 6:30 p.m. for Bayview Missionary Baptist more information.

youths and adults @ New Church in San Diego, CA Pilgrim Rest Missionary Church, 1930 Baptist Gallagher Street, Dallas, TX in West Dallas. The special guest Evangelist is Dr. Frank E. Ray, Sr. Pastor of the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, TN. General assembly Instructor will be Dr. Timothy Winters, Pastor of the

This weekend, True Praize,

Jason Erby, and Alicia Jones pres-

ents . . . "A Worship Experience"

featuring local choirs, soloists,

musicians and artists from the

Starting Saturday at 6:30 pm

this Holy Spirit, Praise and

Worship extravagant event is

being held in the magnificent

and beautiful auditorium of the

Shiloh Missionary Baptist

Church, 902 14th Street, Plano,

Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

The host church is New Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 1930 Gallagher St., Dallas, TX. Dr. Billy L. Bell, Sr. Pastor. Dr. V.K. Jones President of V & B Ministries Inc. For more information on directions and registrations call 214-637-1019 www.VandBministries.org for

TX 75093, the Reverend Isiah

Come and be abundantly

blessed this Saturday with electri-

fying songs and hymns by this

Spirit-lead Music Ministry. This

concert will impart strength and

For more information contact

us at 972-786-1783 or e-mail us at

maximplano@yahoo.com. True

Praize, P.O. Box 103, Frisco, TX

joy to all attendees.

Joshua, Jr. is the Senior Pastor.

Child care will be provided for 3yrs and younger.

Body of Christ Church



Dallas Texas 75237 Phone: 972-572-4262 Fax: 972-709-3888 Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30pm.

Monday School: 7:pm Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00pm

Website: www.ibocjoy.org

The quapiring 7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.



EBENEZER WORSHIP CENTER



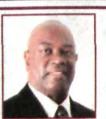
"We are Living Stones in God's Temple" SUNDAY 10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Morning Worship

MONDAY :00 pm - 8:30 pm: Men of Power and Women of Power TUESDAY 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm: Bible Study & Worship Service

14000 Preston Road • Dallas, TX 75254 • 972-980-0977 (Church Phone)

Рн 972,991.0200 MORNING WORSHIP - 10AM WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 7PM

True Praize Concert Weekend



Macedonia Ministries 702 S. Mill Street . Lewisville, TX 75057

972-436-2011

'We Choose Love to Nourish and Cherish One Another" John 13:34 & Ephesians 5:28-29

www.macedoniaministries.com T.J. Denson, Pastor

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



Hill Chapel

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

Sunday School: Sunday Worship Service: Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class:

9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.





New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Senior Pastor **New Worship Home** 7401 Miller Road • Rowlett, TX 75088 972-463-4964

A Place of New Beginnings. . . II Corinthians 5:17

Wednesdays: Life In The Word Prayer



Ben Washington Baptist Church, Inc. 3901 Frisco Avenue Irving, TX 75061 Church 972-790-8421 Fax 972-986-6590

Email: church@bwbcirving.org Web: bwbcirving.org

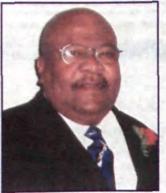
"THE CHURCH WITH AN OPEN BIBLE"

Sunday Worship Services 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 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 Prayer Meeting and

9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study

4396 Main Street The Colony, Texas 75056 (972) 625-8186 website: www.fbc-online.net

"The Church with a Vision"

Minority Opportunity News - The Gazette 6100 Ave K, Suite 105 (@Spring Creek Parkway) Plano, Texas 75074 Email: Religion@monthegazette.com Phone: 972.516.2992 Fax: 972.509.9058