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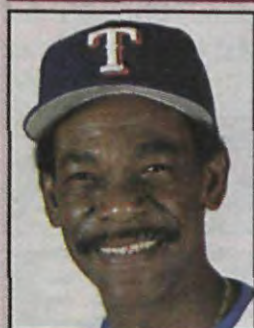
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People In The News



Ron Washington became the first black manager in Texas Rangers history Monday.

"I'm going to be a players' manager. My job is solely to make sure that every player on the Texas Rangers feels like they are part of everything going on here," Washington said Monday night, when he was introduced at a news conference. "As a manager, I'm no good if the players

don't get it done. If the players get it done, I'm great."

Washington is the second black manager currently in baseball, joining the New York Mets' Willie Randolph.

"There are a lot of minority coaches who are very knowledgeable out there," Washington said. "It's a very fortunate thing that I'm black. I'm happy to be a trailblazer if that's what I have to be. But I wasn't interviewing thinking I was black minority trying to get a job. I was just interviewing for a job."

Washington, a 54-year-old New Orleans native, has 28 years of professional baseball experience and is a former infielder who spent all or parts of 10 seasons in the Major Leagues with five different organizations.

Steve Harris joins Reach Media as VP/Radio Operations, working with the Tom Joyner Morning Show and the company's syndicated Urban programs.



This move reunites Harris with the Joyner show. Harris was key in the development of the show when it launched in 1994. He's also a veteran programmer, having helmed stations in Chicago, Houston, Detroit, Cincinnati and Cleveland. Before joining ABC Radio in 2005, Harris was the VP of music programming at XM Satellite Radio.

Reach Media President Oscar Joyner said, "As we grow our various radio programs and try to raise the bar when it comes to the quality content our shows produce, our operational integrity needs to tight. Steve's experience and knowledge of the product and the audience is an integral step in where our programming department is headed."

Harris added, "Tom Joyner has always been the standard of our industry and community, as an innovator that entertains and empowers his audience everyday. The opportunity to work with Tom, as well as with the many stations and listeners that are loyal to him is an incredible opportunity."



Everson Walls, former Dallas Cowboys All-Pro Defensive back, who also played for the New York Giants and Cleveland Browns will be honored by Richardson Berkner High School.

Berkner High is honoring alumni in their new Athletic Hall of Honor. The first induction ceremony will take place during the Berkner/Plano West football game on Nov. 10, 2006.

Other alumni being honored include:

- Laurie Flachmeier (Corbelli), two-time member of the U.S. Olympic Volleyball Team
- Michael Connell, pro golfer currently on the PGA Tour.

These Berkner graduates and outstanding athletes will be the first inductees to have their photos and list of accomplishments hung in the Athletic Hall of Honor, currently being constructed in the athletic wing of Berkner High School.

Berkner Athletic Director Jim Ledford said, "This allows us to honor former athletes and coaches who have been positive contributors to Berkner and the community."

The athletes will attend the Berkner pep rally at BHS at 9:45 a.m. on Friday. Berkner is located at 1600 Spring Valley Road, Richardson, just east of Plano Road.

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Frisco Residents Of Color Where The Brilliance Of Color Comes Together Within The Community



1st Row: Doris Williams- treasure, Karen Giggsey, Dana Jones, Tammie Perry
2nd Row: Rudy Williams- parliamentarian, Sallie Gilliard, Denise Cook, Harry Edohoukwa, Tarsha Polk, Janice Robinson
Pam Barnes- Sec. (Taking photo)

Frisco Residents of Color (FROC) is a newly formed non-profit organization in Collin County with its primary focus on education, economic development, youth development, and cultural and arts enrichment. FROC was started for the primary purpose for residents of color to connect, interact,

build stronger relationships, learn and grow in an atmosphere of community and celebration.

Founded by a long time resident of Frisco, Karen

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Garland Strategy For Vital Neighborhoods Kick-Off Meetings

The City of Garland has initiated the Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods to maintain and improve all neighborhoods in Garland. The initiative was introduced during the City's Neighborhood Summit in late October.

Four specific areas of Garland have been selected to serve as pilot areas to launch the Strategy initiative. The City is hosting kick-off meetings in each of those four neighborhoods. During these meetings, community members will have the opportunity to learn more about the Strategy and Garland's Neighborhood Philosophy, and to share insights about neighborhood priorities.

A key to the success of any neighborhood strategy is participation by all community members, including residents, business owners, schools, the

faith community and service providers. All community members are encouraged to take part in shaping the future of your neighborhood.

Meeting Schedule:
Carriage House Neighborhood Program Area
(bordered by Buckingham Road, Pleasant Valley Road, Naaman School Road, Lavon Highway)
Saturday, November 11
8:30-10:45 a.m.
Sellers Middle School
1009 Mars Drive

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Plano International Festival Showcases Cultural Diversity And Culture



When Piri Sina moved to North Texas four months ago, he never thought he'd find a taste of his homeland, Turkey, just 15 minutes from his home. Plano's October 21, 2006 International Festival brought together a veritable United Nations of countries as an estimated 30 nations enticed attendees with cultural displays, performances, workshops, food and other activities.

Raised in Mersin, Turkey, a thriving seaport, Mr. Sina has been a resident of the United States for over 20 years, applying for citizenship shortly after his arrival. "I relocated to North Texas from Bloomington, Illinois just a few

months ago," he advised. "When I told my family my job was transferring me to Plano they thought, as did I, that we'd be ending up in a land of cowboys and cactus. Living here has been a most wonderful surprise."

Most new residents to Plano share the impression of "cowboys and cactus," when first hearing they will be residing in "Texas." What they find, however, is a thriving business and residential community of nearly 256,000 persons, with an unbeatable international flair. The International Festival, Plano's second in as many years, showcased some of the rich tapestry of cultures represented in Plano. Nepal, the Philippines, China, Argentina,

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Perry Wins Re-Election



Texas Gov. Rick Perry thanks supporters after he won re-election.

Defying a national trend of governorships turning over to Democrats, Texas Republican Gov. Rick Perry won re-election Tuesday against Democrat Chris Bell and two flamboyant independents in a peculiar, historic race.

Perry didn't need a majority - there's no runoff in a Texas general election - and he pulled in enough support to win.

Nevertheless, it appeared that 60 percent of voters chose someone other than Perry.

With about 40 percent of precincts reporting, Perry had 40 percent of the vote, compared with 30 percent for Bell and 18 percent for independent Carole Keeton Strayhorn. Comedian and musician Kinky Friedman, also an inde-

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Senator Royce West Set To Participate In Governor For A Day Celebration



Earlier this year, April 17, 2006, State Senator Royce West (D-Dallas) was installed as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate; a duty that places him third at the helm of state leadership. Since that time, plans have been under-

way to honor Senator West's tenure as part of the Texas tradition of Governor For A Day. The official celebration takes place Saturday, November 18, 2006 at and near the Texas Capitol.

"There are only a few occasions that have generated the level of excitement and anticipation that I experienced when I was chosen by my colleagues to serve as President Pro Tem of the Texas Senate," said Senator West. "Already, this year when Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst have been out of Texas, state leadership has been assigned to me. It was an awesome feeling of responsibility. That said, it is an honor that I wish to share with my constituents and those from across the state who have supported my

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CCCCD Fred and Mazzie Moses Among 2006 "Living Legends"

Collin County Community College District (Collin) will honor six distinguished community members at the 2006 Living Legends Tribute from 6:30-8:30 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 11 at the college's Spring Creek Campus conference center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

Hosted by the college and the Collin College Foundation, the event is underwritten by Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano.

The Living Legends ceremony and dinner honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Collin County community. Proceeds from the event benefit the Living Legends



Endowment Fund, which supports student scholarships and academic success.

Living Legends are selected for their dedication to Collin's core values -

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The Martin Luther King Jr. Center 32nd Annual Harambee Festival

Photos By: Ronald Coleman
The Martin Luther King Jr. Center recently held its 32nd annual Harambee Festival at its facility, located at 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in South Dallas.

This year's festival was billed

as "the Ultimate Family Reunion Event."

An estimated 20,000 people attended the event, which included vendor booths, health screening, early voting polls and local entertainers.

Billie Lusk, manager of proper-

ty and administration for the MLK Center, commented on this year's one-day festival which featured a parade, music, interactive games and a \$10,000 family reunion prize.

"Harambee is one of the longest running festivities of its

kind in the state of Texas," Ms. Lusk said.

Keeping in mind the definition of Harambee, a Swahili word that means "pulling together," Ms. Lusk says the event is designed to raise funds from vendor participation and other donations to provide assistance to the city's social services division.

The money generated from the festival will be used to help economically disadvantaged individuals or families with a hardship situation, Ms. Lusk said.

"We provide this one-time screen assistance to those facing crisis when it comes to paying their rent and/or utilities," Ms. Lusk said.

The event was sponsored by Buick, Pontiac & GMC along with radio station "K104" KKDA-FM (104.5) and the city of Dallas.



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Young child trying to win a prize at the football game station.



Colorful dance group getting ready to Krump for the audience.



Festival Speaker talking about the African American culture.



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

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

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

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

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Coit Road, Suite 202. Call 972-267-4452.

A free legal clinic is offered for residents who meet low income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist Church,

601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For location and more information, call 214-928-9303.

The Frisco Housing Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Kumaasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. Contact S-Ankh Rasa at 214-298-5858 for more information.

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

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2006 Church Technology Tour
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November 11

Pampering Experience For The Mind, Body and Soul

Calling all Men and Women for a day of pampering and stress relief Saturday, November 11, 2006 from 1-5pm in the Fellowship Hall at Shiloh MBC. An array of services at the price of \$20, where the donations will benefit the Buckner Children and Family Services Organization. For more information contact Diane Hodge at jalynone@aol.com.

An Auxiliary of the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas, Inc. on October 16, 2006. Media Contact is Sheryl Roberts, 214-915-4607.

Urban League Guild's 21st Century's Most Promising Leaders Scholarship Ball on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the World Trade Center, Hall of Nations, 2050 Stemmons Freeway. The band Versatility will provide the entertainment.

Scholarships will be awarded to students from throughout Dallas County and outstanding community leaders will be recognized in the field of education and health during the event. For ticket and sponsorship information, call (972) 223-0536. Sheryl Roberts (214) 915-4607

Urban League of Greater Dallas 4315 S. Lancaster Road Dallas, TX 75216

Rudo Meta Benefit Concert

A 12 year old Zimbabwean girl battling Bone Cancer of the knee, come help her family meet their financial goal. The concert is located at Knights of Columbus: 2280 Spinglake Road, Farmers Branch, 75234. General admission is \$5, begins at 2pm. For more information please call 214-502-5972 and come meet Rudo Meta.

2006 Gospel Expo
A day of spiritual and natural empowerment, entertainment, vendors, radio personalities, fashion shows and give-aways. Located at the Desoto Civic Center Grand Ballroom at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, Desoto 75115. For more information please call 21-404-6482 or www.thegospelguide.org.

The Duke of Ellington Small Band Concert

The Ellington Small Band will perform many of Ellington's world wide tunes. The concert will feature an arranger, trumpeter, conductor and an original member of Ellington's band. The evenings concert is hosted by board member Charlie Mae Smith. The concert is located at Clarence Muse Cafe Theater at 650 S. Griffin St. Dallas. Tickets for this event is \$15 and for more information please call 214-743-2440.

Sensational Saturday

Come out an help reach our young people of today. Motivational Speaker Johnny Wimbrey will have a Sensational Saturday for African American youth at the Mount Rose Church located at 2865 Mississippi Ave where A. James Collins is pastor, in Fort Worth. Sensational Saturday begins at 6pm, for more information please call 817-456-6857 or visit the website www.yourlifecanew.com.

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The Leath Street Missionary Baptist Church youth will be competing for the title of Mr. & Ms. Leath Street where the youth will display their talents and best formal/casual attire. The church is located at 1831 Canada Drive, Dallas, 75212. Tickets are \$10 and for more information please call 214-747-4901

Larry Johnson Golf Classic
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November 17-18

Gospel Extravaganza hosted by Zeta Beta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma. Located at 921 Morse Street Denton, TX 76205

A tribute to African Revolutionary, Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael), will be at the Pan African Connection. For more information please call 214-943-8262.

Shawn Wayans, Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Road #250, 972-404-8501.

November 23

Dinner for the Homeless

On Thanksgiving Day will be a day of serving the homeless at the Martin Luther King Community Center located at 2922 MKL Blvd, Dallas. For more information please call 214-670-8414.

November 30

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December 1

The Dallas Opera's the Barber of Seville

A Night of Mystery: Masquerade Ball & Silent Auction.

The Kappa Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is pleased to present a masquerade ball and silent auction held at the Radisson Hotel-Dallas located at 6060 N. Central Expy at 8p.m. The guests are asked to wear After-5 attire and colorful masks. Door prizes will be asked awarded to the best dressed male, female and couple for the evening. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at <http://www.kappazpb.org/masquerade.html>. The event benefits the March of Dimes and the Stork's Nest Charity Fund of Dallas. For more information please send all concerns to kz75@kappazpb.pair.com.

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Paul Hailey

Here's a question for all the Republican, free-market economy, capitalism always works, labor unions are obsolete, big business is king disciples:

What do you do when the selfish actions of a large company effectively serve to destroy the economy of a small Texas town?

Such is the case in Tyler, Texas where Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company announced that it was closing its Tyler Kelly Springfield plant and laying off 1,100 employees.

Ok, so another plant closing in a national economy where we've outsourced everything from customer service calls to jeans to China and India is not really that big of a deal anymore. That it is not a big deal to us anymore is a sad commentary on how much times have changed. It is also a commentary on how the days of a large company providing employment for the residents of a small town are now a thing of the past.

Anyone that's ever been to Tyler has undoubtedly seen the Kelly Springfield tire plant out on State Highway 31. The plant opened in 1962, and produces about 25,000 passenger tires and truck tires a day. In a small town like Tyler, the loss of good paying jobs on the local economy is devastating.

Goodyear is one the 10 largest employers in Tyler, with a \$7 million dollar payroll. The overall economic loss to the region is estimated at over \$70 million dollars annually.

"The Tyler economy is going to take a hit," said Tom Mullins, president of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce. "Goodyear

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retirees could also be hurt by cuts in pensions and health care benefits."

The problem with this kind of downsizing is that laid off workers often have to move out of the region to find jobs with comparable pay.

Jim Taylor, who's worked at the plant for 26 years, said he's now thinking about taking electrician jobs in Mississippi and Florida.

"I feel very frustrated and very let down. I spent this amount of time at Goodyear and now still have to go look for another job," he said.

The nastiest part to this saga is that Goodyear decided to close the plant in the midst of a three-week-old strike by 12,000 unionized workers in the United States and Canada. The United Steelworkers union, which represents Goodyear employees, called the announcement was a slap in the face.

I tend to agree with them, considering the union took pay cuts, job losses and other concessions in 2003 to help the company get back on track financially.

"Now they seem committed to stripping away health care benefits from those who made the turnaround possible and to further close plants and abandon the business," said Tom Conway, USW vice president and chairman of the Goodyear negotiating team. "Their foolishness is outweighed only by their greed."

Of course, the company denies its actions have anything to do with the strike. Uh...yeah...right.

If that was truly the case, then why announce the closing now instead of anytime before the strike? If that was the case, then why not retool the plant instead of closing it down?

All of which brings me to my question of the week: when workers and local governments have sacrificed to help a business get back to profitability, what obligation does the corporation have to the residents of that region?

This is not a new question, and I'm not posing it from some sort of socialistic position. But like my dad used to say, times are hard and rent is high. If 1,100 relatively high paying jobs vanish from Tyler how will they be replaced? Or more importantly when will they be replaced?

I have yet to hear Democrats or Republicans address this kind of economic devastation on a local or national level. Yet this is the kind of issue you will continue to hear about over and over again as low cost imports from abroad hurt U.S. companies.

Until someone comes up with some hard answers, the Goodyear situation in Tyler will serve to be the formula on how to kill a Texas town.

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Enough Of This Selfishness: Time For Black Men To Act Like Men

By: Mary Mitchell
Sun-Times Columnist

Black man, it is time to get married. No more pathetic excuses about not being ready, or not being able to get along, or not having a good enough career.

In the old days, when a man got another man's daughter pregnant, the father would march the expectant father down the aisle at the end of a shotgun. We don't believe in forcing couples to get married these days.

And look what's happened. At the rate black men -- many of them fathers -- are not marrying, the entire race may be at risk.

Here are the simple facts, according to credible research:

African Americans are significantly less likely to marry than are whites. Only 50 percent of African Americans born between 1960 and 1969 were married by the age of 30 (compared with 78 percent of whites).

African Americans have higher rates of divorce than do other racial and ethnic groups.

And because of lower marriage rates and higher divorce rates, African-American women are about half as likely as white women to be married at any one time.

But marriage is no longer a moral issue.

It is an economic one. According to research found on the Web site for National Healthy Marriage Resource Center, "marriage is clearly linked to economic, psychological and social benefits."

African Americans who are married have more money and higher-status jobs than unmarried African Americans, and the economic benefits of marriage for blacks may be more important than they are for whites," researchers found.

Not just poor people
This is not a lot of right-wing

munbo jumbo.

In fact, the next time a politician starts downplaying this problem, notice the wedding ring on his finger. Just about every high-profile civic leader today is or was married, and made the effort to raise his children in a two-parent family.

That goes for the political rock star, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, too.

But when was the last time any black leader made a pitch for marriage? More of them have defended same-sex marriage than have pointed out that the lack of marriage is destroying the black community from the inside out.

This is not a ghetto problem. There are a lot of educated black women who should have been at the altar a long time ago. Instead, they settled for the challenges that come with raising children alone.

It wasn't always this way.

In 1970, African-American and white marriage rates were statistically comparable, says Edward Laumann, professor of sociology at the University of Chicago and author of "The Sexual Organization of the City," a landmark study that looked at sexual behavior in black Chicago neighborhoods.

"Over the next 10-year period, the rates just dropped like a rock," he said. The causes for that drop included "stagflation," he said.

"Inflation was going up and the economy was stagnant in areas like Chicago, and one argument is that this hit the black male population very hard. So their ability to take on the role of principal breadwinner was compromised. At the same time, there was a fairly big rise in the incarceration rate of black males and an increase of males who had felony convictions, which lessened the willingness of

another party to marry them," said Laumann.

More dropouts, violence While that explanation makes some sense, it doesn't account for the educated black men in their 30s and 40s who have children out of wedlock and are still juggling other relationships. These men aren't committing, either.

"Black men are more permissible about extra-marital relations and about two-timing women and that sort of thing. They now are in a buyer's market and they can demand a price," Laumann said.

Their price is pretty high. Black women are waiting longer and longer to walk down the aisle. By the time some get there, they have already had one or two children. If the children are by different fathers, these women's lives are further complicated.

Common sense should have told us there would be consequences for this selfish behavior.

By now, so many blacks have ignored the warnings about the harm caused by the absence of black fathers that those consequences are now overtaking communities in the form of high dropout rates and senseless violence.

Black man, this is not an attack. It is a black woman's plea.

We are tired of seeing our daughters travail in such sorrow. We are tired of watching our grandchildren cling to fragile family ties. And by now, we are clear:

Politicians can't fix this problem. Preachers can't fix it. There's only one real way to ensure that a black child has the best chance to succeed in this life.

Black man, marry your baby's mother.

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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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



The Staggering Real Cost Of Bush's War

By: James W. Breedlove

What a difference three years can make in a bank account when you have the option of spending money like there is no tomorrow, have unlimited access to a bottomless checkbook, no independent oversight over what you spend, and no one asking tough questions on why are you doing the spending.

With that background taxpayers should not be surprised to learn that the real cost estimates for the war in Iraq have escalated from the administration's 2003 promise of \$70 billion to a mind boggling \$2 trillion according to a recent analysis performed by Nobel Prize economist Joseph Stiglitz of Columbia University and budgeting expert Linda Blimes of Harvard University.

Their figure is more than ten times the \$200 billion the war was expected to cost based on even the pentagon's revised 2004 estimates.

In case you are having problems grasping the magnitude of \$2 trillion consider that if this debt were being paid off at the same \$8 billion per month rate that the US is incurring the debt it would take 20 years without including interest.

The Stiglitz study includes many elements that administration officials have not considered leading to the continuing government underestimate.

For example, based on the latest Pentagon assumptions regarding the size of troop strength over the coming years the war will cost \$1 trillion in direct outlays. The analysis also considers the war's impact on such costs as lifetime disability and healthcare for injured troops, the ballooning federal deficit and its ripple effects on overall economic growth and investment. This amounts to another trillion dollars.

Due to advances in body

armor, survival rates for soldiers have increased dramatically.

Many of these veterans will be eligible to claim disability benefits for their injuries. Extrapolating from the first Gulf War the researchers estimate it will cost \$122 billion to fulfill this obligation.

Predicting overall costs when no one knows how long the war will last, or how many US troops will remain deployed and for how long, is an imprecise task. However, the range of some future expenses can be assessed, such as the likely medical bills and disability payments for the soldiers who have been wounded.

Also, the cost of death benefits to military families, bonuses being paid to soldiers to reenlist, signing up new recruits, and the interest on the rising budget deficit as a result of war spending can be calculated. Indirect costs such as how much the economy might grow if the war funds were invested are open to speculation and interpretation.

Nevertheless, the Stiglitz study draws attention to what many have already suspected.

Many of the costs of the war in Iraq are ones we haven't even started to pay. If the war in Iraq were to end today, we would still face hundreds of billions of dollars in costs far into the future.

From the start of the Iraq action the Bush administration has tried to cover up the horrendous expenses that would be incurred. Initially, by refusing to provide any estimates, then circumventing lowball budget estimates by the use of multiple "emergency supplemental" requests.

So the question is what have we gotten in exchange for the 2,800 American lives and about \$350 billion spent so far and is there something of value worth expending more American lives and more American dollars?

Perhaps we may be able to prevent an escalation of the burgeoning civil war. Military experts are indicating that more U.S. troops would be required with commensurate increases in casualties. Neither the administration nor the American public is showing signs of supporting this strategy.

About the only objective that is worth maintaining a significant American presence in Iraq is the faint chance of preventing al-Qaida from establishing a base from which it can openly operate.

Placing the Iraq War in context the United States in three tortuous years has squandered almost \$400 billion dollars, lost over 2,800 brave soldiers, diminished its world credibility, and the best we can hope for is to prevent civil war and to preclude al-Qaida from roaming freely—the same conditions that existed prior to our premature invasion.

In terms of the \$2 trillion total cost of the war there were alternative ways of spending a fraction of that amount that would have enhanced America's security, and done a better job of winning the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people instead of alienating them.

So, in addition to the staggering costs in lives and money Americans are faced with paying off a backbreaking debt that will extend for several generations. While Iraq is Bush's folly it is the taxpayer who will pay for it.

Sixty years ago Franklin D. Roosevelt warned us about following fear mongers. Fear itself is a worse enemy than the perceived threat the fear is based on.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com

Democrats Win Battle For House, But Political War Not Over For Blacks

By: Hazel Trice Edney - NNPA

Even though Democrats wrested control of the U. S. House on Tuesday, paving the way for Congressional Black Caucus members to chair some key committees, African-Americans will still need to remain active to make sure their needs are met, say political observers.

"This is a great opening. This is the first time we will have more than one chairman. We will have significant power and we will have the majority in the House for a Party in which we have invested more than 90 percent of our vote," says Democratic activist Al Sharpton. "The question is whether or not we are betrayed or fulfilled. The question is can we hold them accountable? I think that we won a battle, but the war is not over because we have to make sure that those with whom we have remained aligned also remain aligned to the goals and principles that we believe in."

As of early Wednesday, Democrats had picked up at least 17 House seats, two more than they needed to regain control of the 435-member chamber. They had taken three Senate seats from Republicans, with the outcome of several still undetermined.

"If we went to the polls, then we might do a 10-minute celebration, but then we really need to be vigilant and really hold the Democrats to the fire. This is politics and they will go after the loudest voice. And at any given time, it seems that ours is not the loudest," says Desiree Pedescleaux, political science professor at Spelman College in Atlanta. "There are other issues that will certainly drown out the concerns of African-Americans."

It's been a long wait for veteran CBC members. Reps. John Conyers (D-Mich.) of the House Judiciary Committee,

Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.) of the Ways and Means Committee, Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) of the Homeland Security Committee, Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.) of the House Intelligence Committee and Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-Calif.) of the House Administration Committee. All are poised for chairmanships. Under the new Democratic order, Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) is set to become the first female Speaker of the House, replacing Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.). Former CBC chairman Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) is slated to replace Rep. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) as Minority Whip.

At least 15 subcommittee chairmanships could also go to members of the CBC.

CBC Chairman Mel Watt (D-S.C.) sounded a note of caution.

"We can be a lot more aggressive than we have been," says Watt. "You may not see immediate results, but I think you'll start to see some [votes] on some of those issues."

Watt says a major focus will be placed on the war in Iraq, and what he describes as a new level of "transparency and oversight" of President Bush. "We will be asking questions about the allocation of resources and the priorities of our country," he says.

He said Democrats will move swiftly to increase of the minimum wage, with a vote likely within the first 30 days. "There will be an up or down vote on the minimum wage and I think it will pass. That's a concrete thing that I think we're going to see."

But that's not enough says University of Maryland Political Scientist Ron Walters.

"The criminal justice issues have not been dealt with. Half of everyone locked up in America is Black. That really begs the

revocation of 'Three Strikes You're Out,' and mandatory minimum sentencing and doing something with drugs and drug-sentencing programs and the whole series of the complex



Lt. Governor Tim Murray looks on as newly elected Governor Deval Patrick speaks to the crowd on election night. Patrick became the first black governor of Massachusetts.

criminal justice issues that are feeding the incarceration binge even though crime has gone down," says Walters. "So, it's issues like these that I'm talking about that's critically impacting on our community that we need to raise up in a very forceful way...The war is not going to take up all their time."

Walters is worried that presidential politics might complicate things for House leaders.

"They are not going to want to deal with issues that have greater specificity to the African-American community, primarily because they are going to be positioning themselves for 2008," he explains. "So many of the agenda items that they're going to highlight are going to be the agenda items that they think will get them a Democratic president elected," he says. "Our issue is whether we are sympathetic to that and tuck our tails or whether or not we mobilize and push our issues forward so that the nominee in 2008 understands what that agenda is about."

Melissa Nobles, president of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, says if Republicans retain control of the Senate, which might not be

decided for weeks, Democratic gains in the House might be neutralized.

"They're going to have a fight on their hands just to get something to come through the Senate," says Nobles, a political science professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "It's going to be compromise. If the Democrats win the Senate, the president could opt to exercise his veto power, but on key issues, he will likely work with the party in power. I think we're going to see a gentler and milder-sounding George Bush."

Democrats maintained power in the House for 40 years until 1994, when Clinton was in the White House.

In other hot campaigns around the country:

White Democratic Rep. Ben Cardin defeated Black Republican Lt. Gov. Michael Steele in Maryland's Senate race.

Republican Bob Corker beat Democratic Challenger Harold Ford in Tennessee's Senate race.

The Proposal 2, a referendum to end affirmative action in Michigan, passed.

Democrat Deval Patrick, former head of civil rights division of the U. S. Department of Justice, became the first Black governor of Massachusetts and the second in the nation, trouncing GOP Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, who had hoped to be the state's first female governor.

Center for American Progress spokeswoman Daniella Gibbs Leger says among the worst insults to African-Americans is the perception that they vote Democratic simply because that's what they know.

"Like every single other person, African-Americans vote their issues," says Leger. "If it happens to be one party or one ideology that fits with African-Americans, that doesn't make

them different than anybody else. So, obviously, the leaders in Congress, be they Democrat or Republican, they need to be held accountable. And so if the

new Congress comes in there and they've made a promise on minimum wage and other issues, they need to be held accountable."

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New Site Supports, Provides Resources For Black Entrepreneurship

The G.B.I. Group recently announced the launch of a new Website designed to



encourage and support the entrepreneurial efforts of African-Americans. The site, www.howtoeblackentrepreneur.com, is a free, bi-weekly e-zine that is designed to offer ideas, resources and real-time solutions for those considering or who are currently entrepreneurs.

"Many African-Americans want to, but don't know how to start and maintain their own business," said GBI

President Bro. Bedford. "This site will provide information and answers to everything from business development, Marketing, financing, to team building and growth strategies."

Also planned will be entrepreneur-specific seminars and guest editorials from successful entrepreneurs from around the country. Bro. Bedford sees this as an opportunity to curtail unemployment and corporate dependency at a time when

both are proving detrimental to the African-American community, as well as provide solutions to the challenges faced by and the limited information available to African-Americans.

The G.B.I. Group is a private Real Estate and Investment firm with an impressive track record since its inception in 1999.

To subscribe to the e-zine, log on to the site at www.howtoeblackentrepreneur.com

Tyson Settles Racism Case With Workers

Tyson Foods Inc. has settled a lawsuit filed by 13 black workers at the company's Ashland poultry plant, who claimed that white workers posted a "white's only" sign on a locked bathroom and only allowed whites to use it.

The employees complained in 2003 that keys to the bathroom in a maintenance shop were distributed only to white employees and that plaintiffs were subjected to suspensions and disciplinary write-ups when they complained about it.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed

a lawsuit in 2005 on behalf of the black workers.

Officials with Springdale, Ark.-based Tyson Foods have contended they did not authorize or condone the posting of such a sign and noted the company does not tolerate discrimination in the workplace.

In the settlement announced Tuesday, Tyson agreed to pay a total of \$871,000 to the 13 plaintiffs, according to a joint press release from Tyson and from the plaintiffs.

Tyson denies violating any laws, but agreed to take additional steps

to ensure the prevention of discrimination, harassment and retaliation at the Ashland plant. Those steps include designating a corporate human resources executive to ensure all Ashland workers are trained on Tyson's anti-discrimination policies and procedures.

Audrey Wiggins, an attorney for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, D.C., which helped represent the workers, said the settlement was good for all employees at the Alabama plant.

"I think this is a great step forward, and our clients are pleased

there will be actual changes made at the plant," Wiggins said.

She said the cash settlement would be distributed among all 13 plaintiffs, but said she could not say how much each person would receive.

The senior vice president of human resources for Tyson Foods, Ken Kimbro, said the company is committed to treating all workers fairly and providing "a workplace free of discrimination and harassment."

"We support diversity and inclusion in the workplace," Kimbro said.

BNSF Looking At Site At Dallas Logistics Hub

BNSF Railway Co. is considering an option to buy several hundred acres within the Dallas Logistics Hub for an intermodal facility, The Allen Group said Friday.

The option term would be for an 18-month period, during which BNSF would conduct market analysis to determine the feasibility of an intermodal facility.

The site under consideration is a minimum of 387 acres and a maximum of 530 acres, said a spokesman for The Allen Group. The land fronts 8,000

linear feet of BNSF track in Dallas.

BNSF's existing intermodal facility at Fort Worth's AllianceTexas development is 735 acres.

The Dallas Logistics Hub, which was developed by San Diego-based The Allen Group, is a 6,000 acre master-planned logistics park located in southern Dallas. The area, at build-out, will have 60 million square feet of developed space and will serve as a major inland port for distributing goods to major population centers in the

Central and Eastern United States. Union Pacific Railroad Co. has opened a new \$90 million intermodal rail facility at the hub.

BNSF Railway is a subsidiary of Fort Worth-based Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. (NYSE:BNI). BNSF Railway operates one of the largest North American rail networks with about 32,000 route miles in 28 states and two

Canadian provinces. The BNSF Railway is among the world's top transporters of intermodal traffic.



Perry Wins Re-Election Page 1

pendent, had 12 percent.

"I'm deeply humbled by the people of the state of Texas that they have chosen me to be their governor for four more years," Perry said, who is poised to be the state's longest-serving governor. "It is a blessing and an honor to be the governor of the greatest state in the union."

Perry, elected to his second full term, led in polls throughout the campaign, though Bell and Strayhorn each claimed in the last few days to be catching up. Perry also had the fundraising advantage, and Bell struggled to compete with both Perry and Strayhorn in buying television advertising.

"It has been a long, hard battle and one I will always believe was worth fighting," Bell told supporters. "I hope you think so, too."

Strayhorn, at an Austin hotel, stood on stage with all four of her sons, including President Bush's former press secretary, Scott McClellan. She held one of her young granddaughters as she spoke to the crowd.

"We made a strong showing for an independent. We just didn't have the strong showing we needed," Strayhorn said. "There appears to be a heavy straight-ticket vote that we will not be able to overcome."

Friedman refused to concede but acknowledged from his comments that he had lost. He said his race was a popular, grassroots effort that could be significant for the future.

"We were up against three very professional machines," he told blue-jean clad supporters at Scholz's Garten, an Austin beer joint and political hangout. "That made it difficult from the

beginning. We were gypsies on a pirate ship."

Friedman waged a colorful and unconventional campaign — with the help of musicians Willie Nelson and Jimmy Buffett and former Minnesota governor Jesse Ventura — but he acknowledged last week it would be almost impossible to pull off a victory.

The governor's race was the highest profile races on ballots cast in the state and in North Texas, where voters decided among local candidates vying to fill judgeships, district attorney slots and the seats of state representatives.

In Dallas, voters were deciding whether to approve a \$390 million bond package that calls for major upgrades to the city's infrastructure, including improvements to Fair Park buildings, the Dallas Zoo and the city's Farmers Market.

All of the propositions appeared to be passing.

Tuesday's vote capped a gubernatorial contest that has been one of the strangest in recent memory.

Throughout the campaign, Perry led the polls. The winner needs just a simple majority to claim the Governor's Mansion.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Attorney General Greg Abbott were among the Republicans who won re-election to their posts.

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson was also re-elected along with Susan Combs, the state comptroller. Combs currently serves as Texas agriculture commissioner.

Legislator Todd Staples has been elected Agriculture Commissioner. Kay Bailey Hutchinson won another six-year term, defeating Barbara Ann Radnofsky, a Houston lawyer who is the Democratic nominee, and Scott Jameson, the Libertarian candidate.

Frisco Residents Of Color Page 1

Griggsby, incorporated her professional experience as the former coordinator of Minority Affairs for Fina Oil and Chemical Company, and administrator of Minority/Women Business at IBM into a community-based organization. FROC was started on the premise that success of community activities and programs can only be heightened by pooling resources and supporting each another.

Griggsby holds several awards and distinctions all over the DFW area, and currently is a consultant assisting clients with creative strategy and objectives, event design, project development and management, and minority business development.

FROC meets on a monthly basis to discuss business, political and social opportunities in the city of Frisco, and strives to emphasize how working together can affect change and make

an economical impact within the community. The organization will engage in civic and social activities, fundraisers,

scholarships, entrepreneurial conferences and workshops, and networking events throughout the year.

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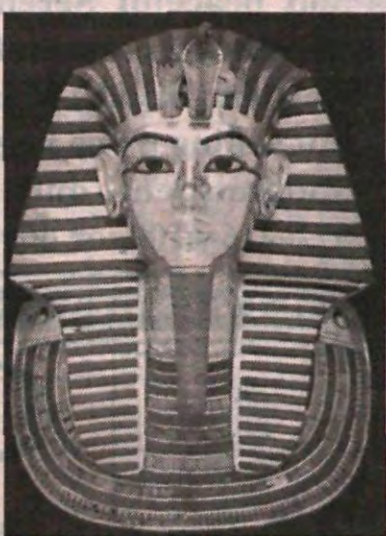
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Eastfield Library Presents Treasures Of Tutankhamun

Eastfield College Library presents a free exhibit - Treasures of Tutankhamun - now through November 21 during normal operating hours.

Based on the major exhibit that toured the United States, Treasures of Tutankhamun contains 39 images of the discovery, excavation, and layout of the tomb. A relative unknown at the time, the Pharaoh Tutankhamun immediately became famous as the handsome Pharaoh who died young. Some estimate his age was between 16 and 20 years. The tomb of Tutankhamun was the first tomb in ancient Egypt to be discovered intact. Featured in this exhibit are photographs of the golden sarcophagus, the three outer

coffins, the gold funeral mask, the ornate chest, the ceremonial chair and more. Tutankhamun's



tomb, filled with incalculable treasures of gold, silver, and precious gems, proved the immense

wealth of ancient Egypt. If an unknown Pharaoh such as Tutankhamun had such profound wealth as is evidenced in his tomb, one can only imagine what the other, better known, more elaborate tombs must have contained before the grave-robbers divested the sites.

Not to be missed, Treasures of Tutankhamun is on loan through Texas Humanities Resource Center with funding from Eastfield College Student Programs and Resources.

For more information, call 972-860-7168 or visit www.eastfieldcollege.com.

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Performance Artist Application and to find out more about Young Audiences of North Texas and Library Live! programs. Applications for performing artists must be submitted by Friday, November 10, 2006. Applicants will be contacted with their audition time that will be held in mid-December.

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and North Texas Wolf Trap programs who will to teach their art form to schoolchildren grades Pre K - 12. Visit our website at www.bighthought.org for a Residency Artist application and to find out more about Young Audiences of North Texas Make a Connection Thru Art, Creative Solutions and North Texas Wolf Trap programs. Applications for classroom teaching artists must be submitted by Friday, December 1, 2006. Applicants will be contacted with their audition time that will be held in early 2007.

Big Thought is dedicated to making the arts a vital part of every child's educational experience, and to promoting culturally diverse programs through performances, workshops, and multi-visit residencies. More information about Big Thought can be found at www.bighthought.org.

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lege. For more information or to RSVP, contact Destination College® Coordinator Jodi Collins at jcollins@cccd.edu.

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Urban League Guild Honorees

The Urban League of Greater Dallas and N.C. Texas Guild will honor outstanding individuals in the field of education and health and award a scholarship at their "21st Century's Most Promising Leaders Scholarship Ball". The event will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the World Trade Center, Hall of Nations, 2050 Stemmons Freeway. The band "Versatility" will provide the entertainment.

Christina Groom, an honors student currently enrolled at Texas Women University in Denton, will receive the Guild Scholarship. She is a 2006 honors graduate of Desoto High School. When asked about her goals, Groom says she plans to complete her nursing degree and establish a clinic for children. She is the daughter of Deanna Groom-Grant and Marcus Grant.

The Guild will also honor outstanding individuals in the field of education and health. Carla Ranger, District Director of Educational Partnerships for the Dallas County Community College District, will receive an Education Award. She is a tireless advocate for education and is the creator of the nationally

recognized African American Read-In. This program encourages students of all ages to discover the job and rewards of reading.

Vempre Terrell, Jr. will also receive the Education Award for



his outstanding academic achievements and community involvement. Terrell is a freshman, pre-med major at the University of Texas at Austin. In addition to his classes, Terrell is a tutoring consultant for "Today's Other Choices, Inc." and regularly meets with students he has previously mentored. His awards are numerous and include regional and

national winner of the Kohl Department program Kids Who Care National Scholarship.

Dr. Joyce Kyle Miller, a professor in the Department of Secondary and Higher Education at Texas A & M University at Commerce, will receive a Health Award. Dr. Miller also serves as director of the gifted and talented education program and has published numerous papers and made presentations throughout the country on gifted education and the education of the African American student.

Maxine Adegbola, a nursing instructor at El Centro College, is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in nursing at the University of Texas at Arlington and will also receive a Health Award. Her research interests

include care of individuals with chronic illnesses with emphasis on Sickle Cell Disease.

The mission of the Urban League Guild of Greater Dallas is to support the local affiliate by strengthening its presence in the community.

For ticket information about the Guild Scholarship Ball, call (972) 223-0536.

2006 Living Legends Page 1

Learning, Service and Involvement, Creativity and Innovation, Academic Excellence, Dignity and Respect and Integrity. The 2006 honorees are Raymond B. Cooper, Wylie; Helen Hall, McKinney; Fred and Mazzie Moses, Plano; and Jean and Mike Newman, Plano.

Raymond B. Cooper, founder of Universal Transformer Co. and leader of two real estate companies, has been a leader in the development of Wylie. He built its

first office building, helped organize its chamber of commerce and donated a baseball field, among many other contributions. Cooper was recently honored with the naming of Raymond B. Cooper Junior High School.

Helen Gibbard Hall has been called "The Mother of McKinney" for her community contributions and recollection of local history. She was critical in the formation of the Collin County Historical Society and the development of the Collin County History Museum. Hall

has authored and published several historical books including "Collin County: Pioneering in North Texas."

Fred and Mazzie Moses of Plano have been an integral part of supporting minority businesses in Collin County. They started Telecom Electric Supply Co. in 1985, which has won many awards and provides jobs for 20 employees. They have also been instrumental in bringing multicultural events to Plano, including the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.

Jean and Mike Newman have been showcasing Plano for 24 years in their magazine, "Plano Profile." In addition to supporting numerous nonprofit groups through sponsorships and complimentary advertising, they each serve on the boards of a variety of community and arts organizations.

The community is invited to the 2006 Living Legends

Tribute and may purchase tables of eight for \$400 or individual tickets for \$60. In addition, corporations and families can support the college through a special contribution as Humanitarian Sponsors at the \$5,000 level.

For more information about Living Legends, call the Collin College Foundation at 972-881-5611. 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.

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Alicia Keys Addresses Cynicism Over Celebs In Africa

Alicia Keys is preparing to host her annual Black Ball charity concert in New York City Thursday, where she'll perform on a bill with such acts as David Bowie, Damian Marley and Angelique Kidjo.

With co-host Iman, the event raises money for Keep a Child Alive, which provides drugs for AIDS and HIV patients. Keys is one of many American celebrities who are involved in or have launched charitable efforts in Africa.

However, some cynics question the motives behind celebrities who get involved with issues facing the continent, with Madonna's current efforts in Malawi as an example. Keys, for one, thinks such criticism does a disservice to those in

need. "I think that's horrible, and I think that really degrades and



tries to discourage people who do have a voice, who do have

power, who do have money, who do have the ability to reach out to people and get involved in situations," the 25-year-old told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "I think if you make a choice to do something positive, that shouldn't be diminished. I think that takes away from what's actually going on."

Keys, who visited Africa earlier this year, said she has been a personal witness to the ways in which charities can save lives.

"That's why when I speak and I use my voice, I like to emphasize the way that everyday people like you and me ... can really be a huge hero," she said. "If you don't do anything else in your life, if you can save one life — one life? It's amazing. Imagine saving 10 or 20 or 50 or 100."

'Trick Luvs Da Kids' Launches Christmas Gift Drive With KB Toy Store

Miami rapper Trick Daddy will bring a little Christmas cheer to underprivileged youth through a new alliance between his Trick Luvs Da Kids Foundation and KB Toy Store.

Trick Daddy's nonprofit was founded to inspire, aid and encourage youth to achieve a better quality of life through educational, social and musical development.

Through the venture, which kicked off last month, customers can purchase a gift card to donate to the foundation at any KB Toy Store in Miami-Dade, Broward or West Palm

Beach.

Those searching for another option can buy a toy and receive 10 percent off of the original price of the item.

Donated gifts will be handed out Dec. 16 and 23 at the fourth annual Trick Luvs Da Kids Christmas Toy Drive.

Trick Daddy, Pitbull, Mobile Mike and others will be on hand at the event, providing food, gifts and entertainment.

The participating KB Toy Stores are located at Aventura Mall, Westland

Mall, the Gardens Mall, Sawgrass Mills Mall, Pembroke Lakes Mall and Dolphin Mall.



Tyra Banks To Experience Life As A Man

Tyra Banks is playing dress up again. On her talk show last season, she put on a fat suit to expe-

rience life as a 350-pound woman. For an episode to air during November sweeps, the former supermodel is using makeup to transform into a dude. "I actually had a suit thing



Banks, who underwent five hours of preparation for the transformation, told AP Radio in a recent interview. "And I was so muscular that it covered all of that breast tissue underneath it. We had to give me like, a heavier brow bone and a man's chin and bone structure."

Banks took her manliness for a test run by trying to infiltrate the entourage of guest Chingy, but her voice apparently betrayed her.

"Chingy kept saying that my

voice was way too high and I had to fix it, so I would go, like, 'You know, what's up? ... You know, you lookin' kinda good,'" said Banks, using her best bass voice.

While Chingy may have been hip to the shenanigans, Banks was able to fool a young woman, who gave her a bit of a surprise.

"She kissed me," Banks said. "I was like, 'Oh my gosh, that was really weird.' She ran up and kissed me 'cause she thought that kissing me would get her closer to Chingy."

The "Tyra as a dude" episode of "The Tyra Banks Show" is scheduled to air on Nov. 13.

'Dreamgirls' To Be Promoted In Traveling Roadshow

The film studios behind "Dreamgirls" are using a marketing tactic that was popular in the days of silent film to build buzz leading up to the musical's Christmas Day release.

According to Variety, DreamWorks and Paramount

will screen the film in a roadshow for "Dreamgirls" to be held in Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco for \$25 per reserved seat.

Due Dec. 5 from Music World Music/Sony Urban Music/Columbia/Sony Music Soundtrax,

"Dreamgirls — Music From the Motion Picture" will premiere the first single "Listen" by Beyonce (scheduled for release on Nov. 14) and "Love You I Do" by Jennifer Hudson. The second single slated for release is "One Night Only" by Beyonce.

Diddy, Ludacris, Snoop, The Game And Young Jeezy To Light Up Stage At Inaugural BET Hip-Hop Awards

BET announced today that hip-hop legend Snoop Dogg, multi-platinum rapper and Academy award-winning film Crash cast member Ludacris, platinum-selling rapper Young



Jeezy, T.I. & Young Dro, The Game, Lil Wayne & Baby are set to perform at the 2006 BET

HIP-HOP AWARDS. The all-star roster of participants also includes multi-faceted entertainment mogul Diddy, top nominees Lupe Fiasco and Rick Ross, hip-hop diva Remy Ma, Jim Jones, Rhymefest, Sway, Papoose, DJ Scratch, DJ Drama, Saigon and Styles P. Premiering Wednesday, November 15 at 9 p.m. ET/PT, the stage is set for the BET Hip-Hop Awards to be an electrifying evening of non-stop entertainment, celebrating the history and culture of hip-hop music.

Elevating the star presence at Atlanta's Fox Theatre is red-hot host, comedian/actor Katt Williams. Although hosting an awards show — particularly one with this caliber of talent — is no easy gig, Katt says he's up for the challenge.

Joining Williams in the featured spotlight will be I Am Hip-Hop Icon Award recipient Grandmaster Flash. During hip-hop's nearly 30-year history, few names have become as well known to music lovers across the globe. Flash is among those responsible for inventing hip-hop music as a genre and pioneering the usage of turntables as a musical instrument — key milestones in hip-hop history.

In addition, BET viewers can cast their votes now at www.bet.com for their favorite video to win the Alltel Wireless People's Champ Award (Viewers' Choice). Viewers can then tune in to the ceremony to see if their chosen video won, and also check out other interactive features online.

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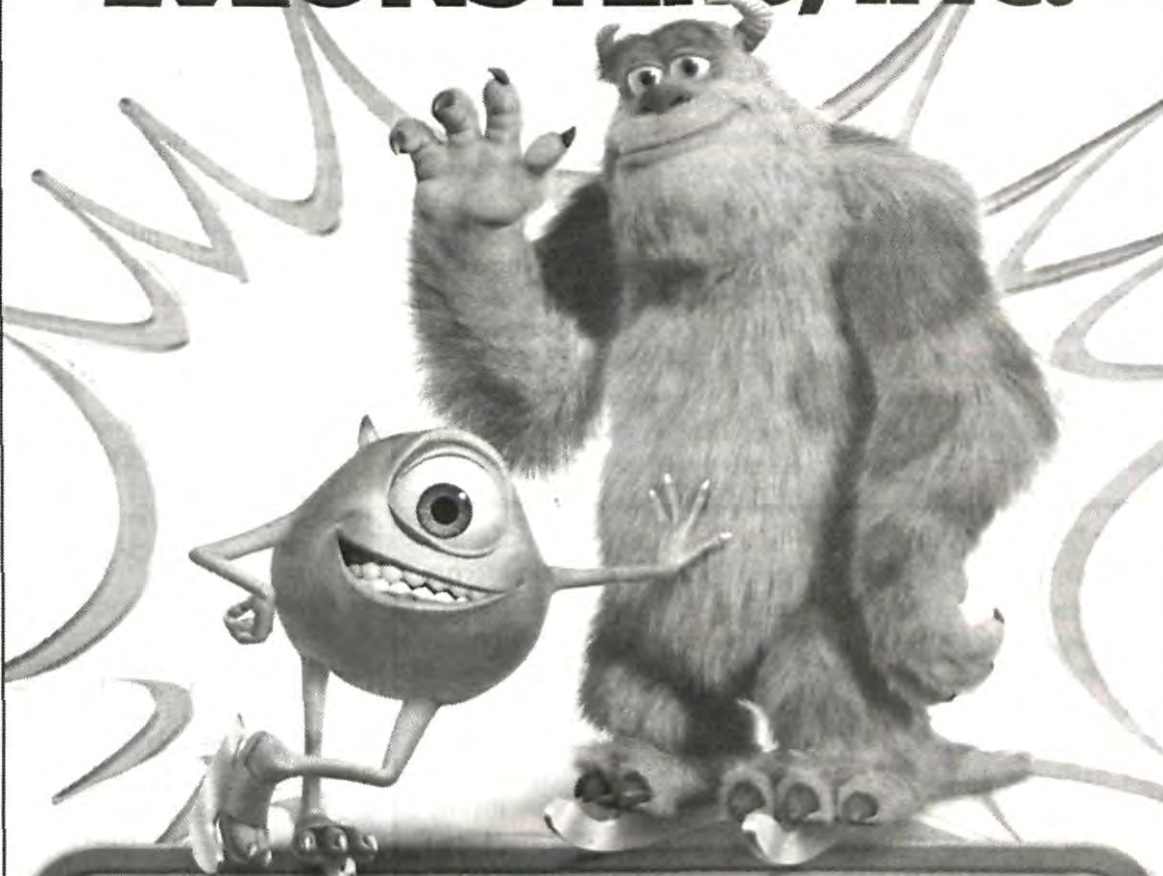


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Ford Dangling For Dollars



Syndicated News
There's been a lot of news about auto-industry job losses. Ford is one company letting people go by the thousands. While some individuals at Ford may be scratching their heads and wondering what went wrong, others see it clearly.
"Had Ford listened to engineers, designers and lawyers regarding flaws found in their

SUVs, they might not find themselves cutting losses," shares June Cain Miller, a national TV and radio show host. "Instead, Ford ignored engineers who cited a center-of-gravity problem found in one of their SUVs, stating it might be a potential people-killer. And it was!"
Miller says ignoring this information has ruined the lives of

many. She had to halt her career while her husband was hospitalized fighting for life, following a SUV accident.
"With so many reported injuries due to rolling over, many consumers now view the SUV as gas-guzzling death traps," says Miller. "Ford has ruined our lives. Had they heeded the warnings, they might not now be ruining the lives of so many of

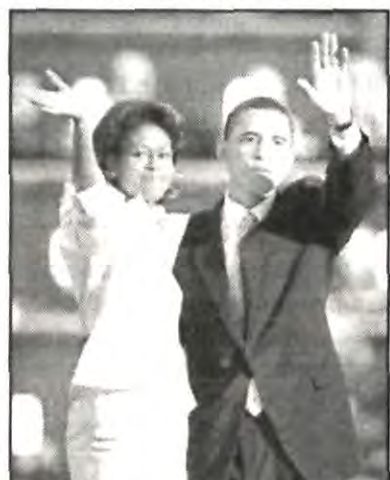
their employees."
In early 2006, Ford offered buyouts to thousands of their employees in an effort to reduce cost. Their ultimate goal is to rid 30,000 employees by 2012. According to earlier reports by the Detroit News, buyout payments could reach \$100,000 per employee, with an additional payment each year for four years to be used for college tuition.

Although this may seem like a lot of money to some, it would leave people without job security or health benefits.
"Other problems stem from how the lawsuits associated with the SUV rollovers have been handled," says Miller. "In our case, because the attorneys took the larger amount of the insulting meager settlement, the cost of daily travel to and from the hospital and the eventual prohibitive cost of home health care is not covered."

Sign The Obama Petition - Goal Is 1,000,000+ Signatures Before The '08 Election

ObamaMania sweeps across America with the presence of U.S. Senator Barack Obama. The Junior Senator from Illinois, who has recently achieved a political rock star status, has become a key component in the Democratic Party's bid and a viable threat to the current field of seasoned candidates for the White House in 2008. Recently he announced that he might be considering a run for the Presidency. Thousands of Americans looking for a fresh face and alternative to the usual pack of democrats have

begun the chant, "RunBarackRun!"
Leading the charge is a new



grass-roots campaign website aimed at encouraging the Senator to run by obtaining 1,000,000+ online petition signatures, providing a blog, links to Obama related stories, videos and even Obama related souvenir merchandise and books, with portion of the proceeds going to the Obama campaign.
People for Barack Obama.com - www.peopleforobama.com - was developed to show support for the candidacy of Barack Obama for President. Its creator hopes it will be a point of reference for American voters who would like

to see Barack Obama not only run, but succeed in becoming the 44th President of the United States.
The African American community is particularly asked to support this drive by signing and circulating the online petition and website among eligible voters and alike. Let's continue to show that Black Americans can make a difference in the presidential elections. So support this cause, our site, and the candidacy of Barack Obama for President in 2008. Even if Obama decides not to run, we hope that our signatures and

support will not only flex our power among the Democratic Party, but also convince Obama to accept (if asked) a vice-presi-

dent's post on the democratic ticket.
To sign petition go to: www.peopleforobama.com.

MLK, Jr. Memorial Will Be First To African American On The Mal

On Nov. 13, a half-mile from Lincoln's iconic statue, a diverse group of celebrities, corporate leaders and ordinary Americans will help turn the first shovels of dirt for a memorial honoring the civil rights leader who was slain 38 years ago. It will be the first monument to an African American on the National Mall.

rights pioneer Rosa Parks, who died in October 2005, efforts to raise the necessary \$100 million to build and maintain the four-acre memorial accelerated.
Donations, mostly from major corporations, had totaled less than \$40 million through August 2005. But as of Nov. 1, donations topped \$65.5 million.

most famous speech during the March on Washington on Aug. 28, 1963.
The entrance to the memorial will include a central sculpture called "The Mountain of Despair." Its towering split rocks signify the divided America that inspired the nonviolent efforts of King and others to overcome racial and social barriers.

National Dream Dinner at Washington's John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on Nov. 13.

"He's an American hero, and beyond that he's a hero for all sorts of people," said poet and novelist Maya Angelou, who is scheduled to join Oprah Winfrey and others who have been working for more than a decade to help build the monument.



Among those invited to attend the ceremonial groundbreaking are the Revs. Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson - who were with King on the trip to Memphis that preceded his April 4, 1968, assassination - and former President Bill Clinton, who signed a resolution approved by Congress authorizing the memorial in 1996.

Angelou, 80, said the groundbreaking is even more special because it comes almost a year after the death of King's widow. "She never was a person to say 'Why didn't it happen sooner?' That would not be Coretta Scott King," Angelou said of her friend, who died in January at 78.
Following the deaths of Coretta Scott King and civil

Harry Johnson, president of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, said he hopes to have the site completed by the spring of 2008.
The location is flanked by the Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Franklin D. Roosevelt memorials near the eastern edge of the Potomac River Tidal Basin. From a distance, visitors can see the stairs where King delivered his

Backers of the project say corporate support was critical. General Motors provided \$10 million, and clothing manufacturer Tommy Hilfiger contributed \$5 million.
Major galas and concerts are planned in New York, Houston and other cities, including a

Plano International Fest Page 1
Puerto Rico, Viet Nam, Sri Lanka, India, Uzbekistan, Russia, Sweden, Africa and the great state of Hawaii were but a taste of the multi-cultural delights for the hundreds of Plano and local residents who flooded historic Haggard Park. Many were introduced to new customs and edible delicacies while many more, such as Mr. Sina and his family, found an unexpected taste of home.
The Plano International Festival was conceived by Plano's Multicultural Outreach

Roundtable to showcase and celebrate the many cultures represented by the citizens of Plano. It was designed to promote awareness of cultural diversity and facilitate communication between all cultural groups. It also serves to advance Plano's visibility and standing as an international city.
The Multicultural Outreach Roundtable seeks input and makes recommendations to the City Council on methods, practices, programs and other means by which the city of Plano can effectively serve the entire com-

munity and meet the objectives of local government. It partners with City Council and the citizens of Plano to encourage understanding and participation in the government process and the needs and desires of its diverse citizens.
You may sign up, via ListServ, to receive email information from the Multicultural Outreach Roundtable by clicking here.

Governor For A Day Page 1
efforts put forth on behalf of the citizens of Texas. The events planned for Governor For A Day are a way of showing my gratitude for that support."
The day's events begin with the Governor For A Day Inaugural Parade, Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m. More than 1,500 participants are scheduled to march and ride the one-mile parade route up Congress Avenue to the State Capitol. Included are high school bands and drill teams and dancers from Dallas, DeSoto, Cedar Hill, Duncanville and Lancaster. Prairie View A&M University's "Marching Storm Band" and the University of Texas at Arlington's Drum Line are part of parade festivities, in addition to area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and the Texas Buffalo Soldiers.
At noon, the official Inaugural Ceremony will take

place in the Texas Capitol Senate Chamber. Both events are free and open to the public. Shortly afterwards, celebrants will have lunch on the Capitol lawn while listening to Latino music by The Mariachis and the jazz and R&B sounds of saxophonist Don Diego. Inside, "Governor West" will greet visitors in the Governor's Reception Room while the Texas Southern University Jazz Quintet performs in the Capitol Rotunda. Tours of the Capitol and the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum are also available.
The day's events culminate with the Governor's Gala to be held at the Hilton Austin Hotel featuring R&B performers, "The Impressions." Reservations are required for this event.
Senator West's tenure as Senate President Pro Tempore extends through the start of the 2007 Session of the Texas Legislature next January.

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

With the Holidays fast approaching, I thought it's time that I print some of the wonderful things that I have received over the years to perhaps help you through some stressful situations.

Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully. Don't believe all that you hear; spend all that you have; or sleep all you want. When you say, "I love you," mean it. When you say, "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye. Believe in Love at first sight. Marry a man or woman that you love to talk to; as you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.

Talk slowly but think quickly. Never laugh at anyone's dream; people who don't have dreams don't have much. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely. In disagreements, fight fairly. Don't judge people by their relatives. When someone asks you a question that you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"

Remember that great love and great achievements involve

Great Things To Ponder

great risk. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it. Smile when you pick up a phone; the caller will hear it in your voice. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; and

small jail with no top. The ordinary bat that flies around at night, is a remarkably nimble creature in the air, however, it cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly, and no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then and only then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open glass, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top of the glass, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exist, until it

completely destroys itself. In many ways, people are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! Sorrow looks back; Worries look around, but Faith looks up!

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Picture of The Week
Anne Marie Weiss-Armush and Sister Tarpley at a recent DFW International Media Luncheon with the theme: "Understanding The New Global Face of North Texas."

Responsibility for all your actions. When you lose, don't lose the lesson of the three R's above. Spend some time alone. Spend a lot of time talking to God.

The Buzzard, the Bat, the Bumblebee, and People: If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and it is entirely open at the top, the buzzard in spite of its ability to fly will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, the buzzard will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a

Church Happenings

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

November 18, 10 am - 2 pm

Come to a 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. Reserve your spot by calling 972-359-9956.

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November 9 - 11, 7:30 pm

You are invited to our 3rd F.O.B.I.C.A TX State Women's Convocation 2006. Our theme: "Let The Children Come." Speakers include: Evangelist Evelyn Crawford, National Women's Supervisor; Minister Chrystal Davis, Duncanville First Baptist Church; and Pastor/Prophetess Thomasine Pickens, Real World Ministries, Inc. in San Antonio.

The conference will be held at Community Outreach Church, 526 Compton Road, Irving, TX 75061, Pastor L. Tarpley, Overseer. For more info call 214-476-8188.

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Our Agape Ministry presents a salute to Veterans in all branches of the Armed Services. This service is an effort to help our youth understand the sacrifices that were made for our freedom.

The City of Richardson will present a Proclamation to the church and all Veterans. A "Meet The Vets" Exhibit and Reception will follow the service and will remain in the church library for the month of November in honor of our Veterans.

For more information call Sis. Kim Allen @ 214-537-8705.

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November 11, 9 am to 2 pm

Join us for a FREE Community Health Fair. Visitors can receive Prostate Cancer screening, Diabetes testing and Blood Pressure checks; Carter Blood Center will be available to accept blood donations. ALSO, one lucky blood donor will receive a \$500 Visa Gift Card. For inspiration, ask Pastor Larry Sanders to share his personal testimony with you.

For any question please call Sis. Chanda Stegall, Communications Director @ 972-735-8077

Keller Springs Baptist Church

Rev. Larry Sanders, Senior Pastor
3227 Keller Springs
Carrollton, TX 75006
972-735-8077

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 11 - 12, 2006

"Men of Faith at Work" is the theme for the 2006 Men's Day Celebration; starting with men sharing their FAITH by WORKING in the community with Habit for Humanity. It 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. We will have some 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 Personalities and a Kid Zone.

For more information call 214-404-6482.

The Gospel Guide

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

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.

November 18, 11 am to 3 pm

The community is invited to our Open House to enjoy food, games, entertainment, and tour the Worship Center; there will be representatives of various ministries available to share the myriad of ministries we provide for the entire family.

November 19, 5 pm

Join Mayor Gene Carey of Lewisville, Councilman Rudy Durham of Lewisville, and other dignitaries as we come together for a Worship Center Celebration with keynote speaker Dr. Charles Wade, Director of the Baptist General Convention of TX. Featured also will be our 150 member Mass Choir.

For more information please call the church @ 972-221-5668.

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

Church Directory

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Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am
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templeoffaith_cme@sbcglobal.net (Email)

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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

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www.nmzb.org (Website) • newmzb@aol.com (Email)

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Of Hamilton Park

8219 Bunche Dr. Dallas, TX 75243
Church Office: (972) 792-0239
Pastor's Office: (972) 792-0240

Service Times
Sunday School: 9:45AM
Morning Worship: 11:00AM
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00PM

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

Tuesday
7:15 p.m. Bible Study

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

Thursday
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Reverend Charles E. Franklin, Pastor

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX

Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr.

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Sunday Worship Services 8AM & 11AM

Sunday 9:45AM Sunday School
Monday 7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries
Tuesday 7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir
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Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church

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Pastor Charles S. Wattlely

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

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

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The Oldest Black Church In Grapevine, Texas Moves To Southern Dallas A New Season And A New Day

Mount Horuhm Missionary Baptist Church, said to be the first black church between Fort Worth and Denton, traces its official formation to September



Archie Bank

3, 1905. During the first two decades of this century, it provided the major social and cultural, as well as spiritual, focus for African Americans, living in the entire area. Mount Horuhm Baptist Church was a viable congregation in the community two years before Grapevine incorporated. In July, 1905, Jacob Lynn Morehead sold three quarters of an acre of land to C.C. Estill, T.B. Dorris, and G.E. Bushong, trustees of the Grapevine Baptist Church for \$500.00 (J.L. Morehead et ux Warranty Deed). Shortly thereafter, he donated a parcel of land near his

cotton and grist mill on West Wall Street, (one which he owned and operated from 1886 to 1909) to a group of colored families. Numerous ditches on the land rendered it ill-suited to his business or white residential purposes. The city of Grapevine was incorporated in 1907, Mount Horuhm's official date is listed with County records as being 1905.

The name Mount Horuhm is presumed to be a variation of the biblical Mount Horeb, the "Mount of God," where the prophet Elijah, heard the "still small voice of God" (1 Kings 19:18-18), founded by Reverend Hardeman. It comes as common knowledge that many leaders during that era were not afforded formal education, therefore the name is currently honored and will remain Mount Horuhm Baptist Church. Throughout decades, the church has survived many trials and remained a beacon of light to the African American community of Grapevine, Texas. The present building is one that records show has been at the location on 417 W. Walls street since 1947. The church was home to many African Americans that came to work on the lake and dam during the era of the early 1950's. As we reflect on the history of the church, we pay

tribute to some of the former pastors: Rev. F.D. Bookman, Rev. Ingram, Rev. J.R. Randon, Rev. O.L. Clark Sr., Rev. E.W. Thomas, Rev. Lornezo Dunford, Sr., Rev. Richard L. Montgomery and Rev. E.L. Boston.

A new season and a new day, began in March of 2005. The Rev. Archie D. Banks, Jr. was called to pastor the Mount Horuhm Baptist Church of Grapevine. Pastor Banks, a fiery dynamic evangelical preacher, came into the heart of a city rich



with impressive styles of suppression, and lifted the spirits of the members that remained in the oldest black church of Grapevine, Texas. In the spring of his first year, Pastor Banks prophesized, "God was going to fill the church and there would not be enough room to capacitate the members." On the eve of the Exodus, the house was full of members rejoicing in the presence of the All

Mighty for His deliverance. Pastor Banks brought a spirit of new life to a somewhat passive and traditional church family. The Pastor's message is simple — the full gospel and a five-fold ministry. A message of empowerment was something that was needed in Grapevine for many years. A spirit of revival was the priority and the order of service. Through his teaching of faith, salvation and God's standard of holiness, the membership has continued to grow and flourish. On October

15th, family members of the original founders returned to the church and expressed their approval of the body moving to the Southern Dallas location. The church will maintain the original name, but with a twist, "Mount Horuhm Baptist Church Praise and Worship Center." Before considering a move to Dallas, the pastor made several attempts to negotiate with the Mayor of Grapevine to donate unused land that the city already owned for the rebuilding of the church. As communication broke off, the pastor reminded the congregation that, God always has a ram in the bush!

The majority of the new mem-

bers live in Dallas or the surrounding areas. In the Old Testament book of Isaiah, the question was asked, "Can these old bones live?" With a vision inspired by God, the pastor showed that by leaning not to our own understanding, but seeking guidance from the Creator, all things are possible. Rev. Banks shares his testimony of how God worked many miracles in his life, beginning in the mid 1970's, while attending Full Gospel Holy Temple Church where the pastor is Apostle Lobias Murray. As a young steward, he was healed of ulcers and the trait of sickle cell. Pastor A. D. Banks, Jr. later became the assistant pastor of the Community Baptist Church, under the leadership of his

father, Rev. A. L. Banks, Sr. The New location is 3104 Gibbs Williams Rd, in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas. Everyone is invited to come and share in the anointed service. Grapevine's loss is Dallas' gain.



Local Pastor, Cancer Survivor Host Community Health Fair

Free Prostate Cancer, Diabetes and Blood Pressure Screening. Also, one lucky blood donor will receive a \$500 Visa Gift Card.

The Keller Springs Baptist Church will hold a Free Community Health Fair on



Larry Sanders, Pastor

Saturday, November 11th from 9 am to 2 pm. Visitors can

receive free Prostate Cancer screening, Diabetes Testing, and Blood Pressure Checks. Carter Blood Center will also be available to accept Blood donations.

This event is part of the church's mission to increase community awareness about health problems affecting members of the church.

Last Sunday, Larry Sanders, Pastor of Keller Springs Baptist Church, shared the details of his medical experience this year. Earlier this year, Pastor Sanders went to his doctor for a routine physical exam.

"As men, we hate to go to the doctor," Pastor Sanders said. "This particular time, I told the doctor he could do any test he wanted on my blood, but I didn't want him to do any test with his glove!" All the men church laughed because they knew exactly what he meant.

The doctor agreed and several blood tests were performed. One test checked for Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) which can be detected in the blood of all adult men. The PSA level is increased in men with prostate cancer.

Pastor Sanders test results showed elevated PSA levels. After additional testing, it was confirmed that he did have Prostate Cancer.

After months of treatment, surgery and recovery, Pastor Sanders is 100% cancer free!

Pastor Sanders closed his testimony by saying, "I told the Lord, once he brought me through this, I would do everything I could to get other men to

have their PSA checked."

Methodist Hospital of Dallas will administer the Prostate Cancer screening for men and Diabetes Screening and Blood Pressure checks for women. Children will be entertained while their parents are being tested.

In addition to the health screenings, Carter Blood Care will conduct a drawing to give away a \$500 Visa Gift Card to someone who donates blood during Saturday's Blood Drive.

The church is located at 3227 Keller Springs Road in Carrollton, just west of the intersection of Keller Springs and Midway.

Shiloh Holds Day Of Pampering

Heart 2 Heart Ministry of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church is having their Day of Pampering Experience for the Mind, Body and Soul. The day of pampering is for men and women of Shiloh and the surrounding community. There will be several services for the public to choose from such as massage therapy, skin care, body care, nail care and makeovers for a \$20 donation. The donations will benefit the Buckner

Children and Family Services Organization with the overall objective to protect and provide services to neglected and abused children. Come and support this wonderful cause while receiving a relaxing day for your self. The event is underwritten by the Mission Group and Heart 2 Heart Ministry with the request of your participation with this endeavor. The day of pampering will be held at Shiloh MBC from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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Saturday: Intercessory Prayer @ 7:00 am
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Monday Service: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday Service: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church

7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.
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Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 pm.
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11:00 am: Morning Worship

MONDAY
7:00 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)

Hill Chapel

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

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

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Sunday Life Bible School 9:30 a.m.
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Marcus Wiley

Keep God first, and Keep Laughing!

Matthew 6:13
But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. NASB

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Dr. Joseph R. Sheppard, Pastor

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

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