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Congresswoman Eddie Berr

"I am honored that an organiz on with such deep civic roo ould choose me for their annu ward," said Congresswom shnson. "And I am pleased to the distinguished company



ty service."

sa Oglesby Rocha will receive the distinguished individual; if, Martha Blaine, the outstanding public servant award; the Women's Issues Network (WIN) will be honored as the distinguished organization.

most distinguished organization.

"Due to her deaded of service to the Dallas community and focus on advocacy for children and women's development, we are proud to name Congresswoman Johnson out Woman of the Year," says Jan Pruitt, the CEO of the North Texas Food Bank and President or Women's Council of Dallas County.

The huncknow will be held on Friday, May 4, 2007, 11 am to Jun at The Women's Museum, 3800 Parry Avenue, Dallas.



production management. She serves as the division's point person on diversity issues, tts came to NBC. News as executive producer of "Today send Bdition," in February, 2006. Under her direction, letted Today" remained the dominant weekend morning program topping "Weekend GMA" by millions of water arch week, and delivering its highest rated February sweep arch week, and delivering its highest rated February sweep.

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Texas Southern Regents Chairwoman Resigns Under Pressure From Governor

AP
The embattled chairwoman of Texas outhern University's governing board resigned today before a scheduled vote by the state Senate to remove her from the post

Belinda Griffin submitted her resignation to Gov. Rick Perry who appointed her to the board in 2003 but asked for her and other regents to step aside last month amid financial problems at the historically black university

In a separate vote, the Senate withdrew the nominations of regents David Diaz, Earnest Gibson III and Bill King at Perry's request. The governor had appointed them after the previous legislative session in 2005, and the Senate had yet to confirm them.

As part of a turnaround plan for TSU, Perry had asked all of the regents to resign last month in favor of a single conservator. The governor and state lawmakers are now considering an alternative proposal that would allow the appointment of a smaller, reform-minded board for up to one year.

Perry initiated the impeachment process against one of his own appointees for the first



Belinda Griffin, TSU Regents Board Chai

time in six years as governor Friday by formally notifying the state Senate of his desire to remove Griffin from the post.

Perry moved to impeach Griffin after she refused to resign immediately and defiantly scheduled a meeting of regents for Monday. She later cancelled the meeting after failing to gather a quorum, but TSU Chairwoman Resigns Page

Dallas Mayor's Race: You Can't Tell The Players Without A Scorecard



Tom Leppert

By: Paul Hailey The Dallas Mayoral election in full swing, early voting has already started and the Election Day on Saturday, May 12. With 11 candidates in the field, voters have had a more than difficult time keeping up with the candi-dates and their views on the



There is time to catch up however, eleven candidates all but guarantees a subsequent runoff election

The crowded race has given new meaning to the baseball phrase: you can't tell the players without a scorecard. Listed below is a "scorecard" outlin-

97.9 The Beat's Rickey Smiley Morning Show Holds Special Mayoral Candidate Breakfast Broadcast

Radio One Inc. Dallas KRFR FM '97 9 The Beat's Rickey Smiley and his morning show cordially invite you to the Live Breakfast Broadcast at Dallas' City Hall Friday, May 4. 2007 from 6 a.m.- 10p.m. 97.9 The Beat will be inviting 2007 Mayoral Candidates to be apart of the show in hopes to encourage our apart of the sinow in hopes to encourage our millions of listeners and people in the audience to get out and vote. 97.9 will also be giving away \$10,000 during this event.

With the upcoming elections on May 12, 2007, the Mayoral Candidates will have the opportunity to utilize this platform and reach an audience that they may not have had the opportunity to reach. Mayoral Candidates are encouraged to voice the public on why they should be voted for and how they plan on making a difference in the city of Dallas.

97.9 The Beat has been running a contest for



the past six weeks called Rickey Smiley Scratch for

Garland Chamber Host Final Candidates Forum

Garland voters get last look at city, GISD candi-

Few mayoral candidates across the state will carry the kind of city government and bolts" credentials held by Garland mayoral candidate Ronald Jones. Jones who spent 15 years in the city's executive management offices, five of those as assistant city manager will become the city's first African American mayor if elected on May 12.

"I want to make Garland the city of choice for businesses to locate and succeed, for people to live and raise a family, with government that is accessible nd open and where education and the performing arts thrive." Iones said at Chamber of Commerce luncheon this week. "As far as becoming the first African-American mayor. I will also be a mayor for



Ronald Jones, Garland Mayoral Candidate everyone

The Garland Chamber o Commerce luncheon offered the city's business and civic leaders a final look at the may oral, city council, and GISD Board of Trustees electoral candidates.

Mr. Iones and his two oppo-Garland Candidates Page

Black Lawmakers Partner With Hispanic Caucus To Combat Anti-Immigrant Attitudes



By: Jonathan E. Kaplan Black Caucus (CBC) and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) plan to create a task force to study immigration issues and provide information about the impact of immigration reform on the black and Hispanic

The CBC last week invited (D-Mich.) invited Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.), chairman of the CHC's immi-

gration task force, to speak about immigration reform at the group's weekly meeting; the small task force will include three yet-to-be-named embers from each caucus

Having a more in-depth conversation is a good idea," Gutierrez said.

The task force is designed to help the two groups coordinate efforts to pass an immigration reform bill while opponents of immigration reform attempt to stir up anti-immigration sentiment among black Americans.

A recent survey by the University of Chicago's Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture found that 48 percent of black young adults agreed that "the government treats most immigrants better than it treats most black peopl

in this country."

At least one pressure group, the
Coalition for the Future of the American Worker, is trying to cap-italize on that sentiment by run-ning full-page advertisements in The Washington Post and Rol

Featuring a black man, the advertisement reads: "Amnesty for illegal workers is not just a slap in the face to black Americans. It an economic disaster.

"It's an obnoxious ad," Ren Artur Davis (D-Ala.) said when asked about it._T. Willard Fair, a self-described civil rights advocate who resides in Miami, founded the group.
"We need to give [the issue]

some real attention. We're impacted, but not involved in it," he said adding that illegal immigration is harmful to black Americans "sim ply because of where we are positioned in the socioeconomi structure in America." Some black lawmakers are cor

Anti-Immigrant Attitudes Page 10

Rhodes Mediation Offers Convenient And Affordable Legal Services

By: Sean C. Wright It may be surprising in 2007, out many people of color still attempt to handle legal matters or appear in a courtroom with out competent legal assistance Blacks, more often than other ethnic groups, don't fully understand the processes of our legal system, which often Court Services provides service es for the community to improve these conditions.

"We assist people who are Pro Se (the Latin legal term describing self-representation in court) in filling out paperwork, researching, composing professional letters and claim



cessing," says CEO and President Sylvia Rhodes-Bradley. "This service is espe Rhodes Mediation Page 5

Students From L.G. Pinkston High Tour New Real Estate Structure With "Real Life" Role Models In Industry

Students With Talent In Art, Math And Science Realize A Future In Real Estate Is Possible

The future of Dallas' blossoming real estate industry – more than 25 seniors from L.G. Pinkston High School - toured what

will become the largest structure in Uptown Dallas for inspiration and career focus. In an unprecedented effort to mentor and encourage inner city students to use their talents in the industry, a group from The Real Estate Council. called "Real Life Role Models" (RLRM), welcomed these students enrolled in an elective "Career Preparation Class.

The goal of the "Real Life income or possibility for fame. One such student that is look-Role Models" program is to Our goal is to bridge their pasfind various methods to sions into a field where they can reality is Pinkston High School

inspire and enlighten the youth in Dallas about the possibilities of discovering a future in real estate. Iim Moran, a representative from TREC, said, "There are high schools filled with stu-dents who consider a career



Meredith Lee, with AZURE, stands near Stefon Hailey (left), both Pinkston H.S. seniors learning about the technical components of AZURE's mode Both students plan on applying their passion for computer technology to the world of real estate.

based on only the potential thing a reality

The group toured AZURE, the 375-foot, 202-unit luxury condominium in the heart of Harwood International Center on the corner of Wolf and

McKinnon, Additionally, the group took "Safety 101," a class designed by Harwood International and Balfour Beatty, general contractor for AZURE, to educate the

students about the necessity of safe working envi-ronments in real estate developments. Moran told the stu-

dents at the AZURE marketing center looking to define their career path. "If you can touch it see it, you can make any-

senior, Stefon Hailey. "I have always loved computers and enjoyed looking at floor plans. I had no idea I could combine the



va, vice president op ind member of "Red lels", shows seniors ton High School the model of AZURE, a 375-foot lux condominium currently being i condominium currently bein on the corner of Wolf and McI two until now" Hailey is enter

ing Westwood College in the fall to earn his degree in Computer

awarded in the spring of each year

for the fall semester. The potential

ontribute to the real

"When helping these students achieve their dreams, it's best to start at the top," said Spence Sowa, vice president of develop-

International "There were future architects, marketing moguls, engineers and real estate developers in this group. The future only looks bright for Dallas."





"Respect for People Integrity to Lead"

4th Annual Remembering Mom Luncheon Celebration

The Remembering Mom organization will hold its 4th Annual Remembering Mom Luncheon Celebration on Saturday, May 12, 2007at 12 noon. The luncheon will be held at the Treemont Retirement Community,

Retirement Community, 5550 Harvest Hill Rd., Dallas. The luncheon is for adult women who have experienced



to commemorate their mother's Saturday before Day at the Mother's Da "Remembering Celebration" Luncheon

Various activities will take place during the luncheon that allow the women an opportunity to share

> with others including a candle-lighting cerem nemory reflection and dis resolutions cussions, resolu offered, a balloon launch, etc. while still

feeling a sense of cele-bration in spite of the physical absence of This year's guest speaker,

June Hunt, author, singer, speaker, and founder of Hope for the Heart, a world-

wide, biblical counseling ministry, which features the award-winning heard daily across America.

An annual scholarship will be offered to a young adult be offered to a young adult female who has experienced motherloss. The candidate must be18-25 years old, with plans to attend college or graduate school, pursing a major and career of their

choice. The candidate selected must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, and be living in Texas. The scholarship am will range from \$500-1,000 semester. Scholarships will be



essay about their Mother, and the importance she feels to pursue an education in spite of her Mom's

Sence.
For more info call Regina Franklin-Basve at 214-755-9644. For registration contac Audrey Riser: 972-291-1116 For Luncheon inquiries contact Amy Preston, 214-403-5181 or Pat Davis, 214-460-9153 www.rememberingmom.org or mail to: regina@remembering mom.org

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Ongoing

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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 ets the third Wednesday each month. Visit

"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 guide-lines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist

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

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

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The Frisco Housing
Authority is offering tenantbased 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. For more info call S-Ankh Rasa at 214-298-5858

Late Night at the Dallas Museum of Art. Join us on the third Friday of each month at 1717 N. Harwood. \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for students with current school I.D. 214-922-1200, pub licprograms@DallasMuseu

rt.org.

Dallas Baptist University-North Leadership Empowerment Luncheon Series is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Dallas Baptist University-North, 3211 Internet Blvd., Suite 100, co. For more info, call 214-5777 or e-mail north@dbu.edu.

The Yundrae Show the live

television taping every Thursday. 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

May 3

Cinco De Mayo Celebrate the anniversary of the French-Mexican Battle of Puebla with Mexican folktales, music, and crafts. Ages 6 -12.

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Market Downtown McKinner corner Church & Louisiana. 8 – 1 a.m. Contact: 214.850.0886 Cinco de Mayo Parade.

Parade begins at Old Settler's Recreation Center going to Downtown. 11 a.m. Contact: 972 562 8310

Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Aparicio's downtown McKinney 12 noon – 1 a.m. Call 214-733-

Plano's AsiaFest 2007 Celebrating Asian American Heritage Foundation (CAAHF): Demonstrations of Asian cultura activities including calligraphy, origami, painting, traditional dances, fashion shows, musical instruments, and other cultural arts. 901 E. 15 Street, 75074 in Plano, 10 am-5pm, FREE, Call 972-740-2109; ittee@asianamericanheritage.org

May 9
African C¹ Chamber Arrican Chamber of Commerce DFW luncheon with Dallas Morning News (Belo) - J Leatherwood : Bill J Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth Room 202A in Dallas, 75215. 12

May 10

Ladies Night Out at the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts. Heard-Craig Hall. 6 – 9 p.m. Contact: 972.569.6909 www.heardcraig.org

noon; 214-421-6155

May 10
Lt. Calvin Spann, Tuskegee
Airman 7 p.m. City of Allen Public Library Auditorium This is an exciting opportunity to hear

evewitness to World War II. Tuskegee airmen were part of a special African-American unit who were determined to excel in battle. After the program, Mr. Spann will be available for questions. A reception will follow a refreshments will be provided.

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June 2

Tennessee University Scholarship Fundraiser Fashion Show and Luncheon; 4th Annual Scholarship Fashion Show and Luncheon. Dr. Melvin N. Johnson, President of Tennessee State University, will be the guest speaker. Two scholarships will be awarded, one to a newly admitted student and the other to a returning student, both from the DFW Metroplex. For more information: rsvpdfwtsu07@vahoo.com www.tennstatedfwalumni.org ; 11:30 AM, Cityplace Convention Center, 2711 N. Haskell, Suite 100, Dallas, \$35.00, 972-578-1406, Ticket information

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Academy of Arts and
Letters, Naomi Bruton
Main Stage, 650 South Griffin Street, Dallas. Ticket

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Paul Hailey

Do remember the kid in grade school that hated to lose at any of the games you playe with them? The one that would get mad if they lost and either take their ball and go home or turn over the board game you were playing? Well, it's taken ne a while, but I think I've bund them again.

That kid is now the Texas

House of Representatives.
The Texas House, (or as the inimitable Molly Ivins used to call them the "Texas House of Bubbas"), passed legislation that makes it more difficult for citizens to vote in elections.

Ok...I see the wrinkles in your forehead. You're having the same thought I did when I read this news. Why would any leg-islative body pass laws that actually make it harder for citizens to vote?

The answer is because the Republicans are sore losers.

In case you forgot, the Republicans got their hats handed to them on both the state and national level in the elections of last November Their response, (another brain child of Bush's strategist Karl Rove) is to claim voter fraud and pass more stringent requirements for voter registration.

You see, it can't be that the electorate became disenchanted with the Republicans over the war in Iraq and tax cuts for the rich; it has to be some sort of conspiracy at work. The Republicans have hypnotized mselves into believing that reason they lost rember elections November because of voter fraud, especially voting by non-citizens.

Nationwide, the GOP is

adding extra requirements to keep minority, poor and elderly voters out of the election booth.

The new laws being enacted all over the country are

Sore Losers In The Texas House Of Representatives

designed to make sure the people least likely to have citizenship papers and photo identification come the ones least likely to

Or in the words of my brother, if you can't win-cheat

Before I even get to the gory details, let me say how psychotic I think this legislation is, particularly given that Texas already has the second-lowest voter turnout in America-only 29% of eligible adults in Texas vote, according to the U.S. Election Commission

The bill that is on its way to the Senate, House Bill 218, was written by Rep. Betty Brown, R-Terrell, and would require voters to produce photo id or two other ms of non-photo id in order to vote. The proposed bill would give Texas one of the toughest oter identification laws in the

Needless to say, the Democrats are in a frenzy over the proposed legislation AARP the Les Women Voters and People for the American Way have all staged protests in Austin against the

"The right to vote in Texas in under siege." said Dallas Democrat Rep. Rafael Anchia Anchia also pointed out that voter impersonation is not a problem and that state officials don't report any complaints

Democratic Senator Rodney Ellis of Houston has been down this road before. Two years ago

he threatened to filibuster similar through with his threat if the measure makes it to debate in the state Senate. He logically points out that elected officials should be trying to encourage voting.

not discourage it.

"The harsh reality is that far too few people take the time to

vote in Texas," Ellis said.

The irony in all of this is that these same Republicans were singing a different tune in the 2000 Presidential election w hundreds of thousands Democratic voters were disenfranchised. You didn't see any of them proposing legislation mak ing it tougher to vote when they

Even in politics, losing is par of life. You can tell a great deal about individuals and political parties by how they handle defeat, specifically, what they do in direct response to losing. What the Republicans are

empting is fundamentally no different than poll taxes erected during Iim Crow to keep African Americans from voting.

Like the kid in grade school,

the Republicans need to either work on getting better at the game or learn to accept losing graciously and learn from it. That would serve them a great deal better than trying to change the rules after the game has already started.

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

While you pender that thought we would like to assounce that Minotity Opportunity News, Inc. formerly a Dallas based renainsance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plane, and changed our name to MON-The Guzette. In addition to moving our offices to Plane, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encorpass Dallas' Northern Cerifice. 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 with in the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest

and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true
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Time For Change In Garland

tion, the American electorate will answer a question that may have never been asked before with such seriousness: Is this country ready for a black presi-

On a more immediate basis citizens in Garland Texas will answer their own version of this question in the mayoral elections on May 12.

The question and the decision made by the electorate is as is much about race relations as it is about the candidates. Citizens of Garland must ask themselves Is Garland ready for a black mayor?

African American candidate Ronald Jones is in a three way race with opponents Lee Alewine and Mike Rose to suc ceed Bob Day as Garland mayor. If elected, Mr. Jones would become the city's first African American mayor.

Mon The Gazette believes the

time is now for a black mayor in Garland and Ronald Iones is the right candidate for the job.

According to the 2000 cen-

sus Garland is the tenth most pulous city in the state with estimated population of 225,000. As with the every large city in the state, demographic in Garland have changed dra matically in recent years. In 2000, the city was majority white-Anglos were 65% of the population. In 2007, whites are 53% of the population, blacks are 12% of the population and Hispanics are 26% in Garland.

The population make up of Garland is essentially half white.

political representation that reflects its racial composition. On the current city council, the lone minority among the nine councilpersons is District 3 Representative Harry Hickey who is African American. Ironically, due to term limits, Mr. Hickey will vacate his seat on the council to Preston Edwards, who is running unopposed.

Ronald Jones' qualifications in city government administration are unparalleled. Mr. Iones has been in Public Administration for nine years, including over 15 years of Public Executive Management Experience and five years as Assistant City Manager.

Ronald Iones is uniquely qualified for Garland mayor, he has had cumulative direct oversight for the several City of Garland departments, including Customer Service, Tax, Code Compliance, Municipal Court, Purchasing, Warehouse, Parks and Recreation, Granville Arts Center and Neighborhood Plaza Housing Services, Health, Library ental Services, and Animal Control.

Mr. Jones has also presented a comprehensive campaign platform for the mayor's office which features maximizing the utilization of city assets to mini-mize the burden placed on Garland's citizens: continuation of the Council-Manager form of government; support of ethical responsibility; maintenance to ensure suffici ent resources to Garland citizens, and to construct the continuity of city management wherein city government would continue to function in case of a natural

Mr. Jones also brings a wealth of private sector business knowledge, having owned and directed several successful entrepreneurial enterprises Mr Iones has also ten y ten years as an adjunct professor in the Dallas County Community College District teaching business management courses. He is a certified mediator and an

experienced negotiator.

Ronald Jones would also bring a love for people and a spiritual compassion to the Garland mayor's office, he has served in Christian Ministry and Pastoral Administration for over 40 years. He is a member of the National Counselors Christian Association and is in demand as a public speaker and a work-shop presenter. He is also a published author. He received his B.A. from Dallas Baptis University, and M.S. in Management and Psychology from Abilene Christian University
Political change is often a

slow process. Political change in suburban communities usu-ally lags changes in their population and change in larger cities. For the City of Garland the time for change is now and they should elect Ronald Iones as mayor on May 12th.

From Partnerships To Ownership: Promoting A Culture Of Change In The Media

By: Congresswoman Carolyn heeks Kilpatrick I was one of a small delega-

tion of leaders who met with executives at NBC and CBS. During both meetings, we dis-cussed the dire need for cussed the dire need for increased dialogue and the importance of constructing meaningful partnerships to combat divisive patterns and practices in mass media.

From the onset of this debate ive maintained the issue is far larger than an isolated verbal assault. All Americans have the right to free speech. We should not allow individuals to misuse and abuse their positions in the media to publicly castigate and denigrate others. We must pro-mote a culture of change to eradicate racially and sexually degrading and other discrimina-tory depictions in the media. We can accomplish this by pushing networks to increase opportuni ties for minorities and women supporting ethnic media, and advocating for change in government.

We must demand that networks and other media organizations implement policies and practices that promote diversity and inclusion. We need to ensure that these companies provide minorities and women with employment opportunities that increase their numbers not only in front of the camera, but also in decision-making positions behind the camera. We must work in collaboration with colleges and universities to offer training, mentoring, internship, and scholarship programs that encourage minorities and encourage minorities and women to pursue careers in the

There are more than 1,000

publications targeted at women and minorities in the United States. We must support these organizations! For 180 years, black publications have documented the African American story and continue to make sure the world is aware of the African American experience. The multicultural media serves as a vital source of information about the lifestyle, culture, achievements activities, and ongoing struggles of ethnic minorities for equal opportunities in education, employment, housing, and healthcare in order to live a quality life in America's democ racy. We must subscribe to these publications, support their ini-tiatives, and encourage businesses and organizations to advertise with them.

While we must work with net-works and other media organizations to ensure minority and female representation, we must also generate avenues through which we can create and control our images. We must fight to ove barriers to media ership. We must work to change existing rules that regulate the industry, because the govern-ment is the true gatekeeper to providing equal opportunities

for media ownership.

According to a recent study commissioned by Free Press, a national nonpartisan media research organization, women comprise 51% of the U.S. population, but own only 4.97% of all broadcast stations Additionally, minorities represent 33% of the entire population but own only 3 26% percent of all broadcast stati female and minority ownership has increased in ors of the market

place, it has declined in the broadcast industry. I have asked the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to re-evaluate the agency's current rules and their impact on minority ownership.

As a sixth term member of Congress and current Chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, an organization that represents more than 40 million Americans of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, I have supported—and will continue to support—increased opportunities for all minorities and women in mass media.

Diversity is America's strength. We must teach our children and grandchildren to celebrate and appreciate our differences. We must help them understand that all people have value and deserve respect. We must come together and use our differences to address our collective challenges if we are serious about preserving the American Dream and building stronger families, healthier communi-ties, and a united America.

Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick Chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, is serving her sixth term as the U. S. Representative for Michigan's 13th District. For more information about Congresswoman Kilpatrick, visit her website at www.house.gov/kilpatrick. To sign up to receive information and updates from the and updates from the Congressional Black Caucus, go to www.thecongressional-

an Resigns Page 1 reiterated that she would serve until the governor appointed her replacement, citing the Texas Constitution.

Griffin previously said she ould not resign because Perry's plan for a lone conservator could opardize TSU's accreditation.

Without accreditation, the federal government would stop providing financial aid to students. Nearly two-thirds of TSU's 11,200 students receive Pell Grants, which are awarded

to the poorest students, based on their income and assets.

The call for conservatorship followed a series a financial missteps and a spending scandal that led to criminal charges against former TSU President Priscilla Slade and two aides.

Slade's spending habits came to light after Griffin visited her new house recently in January 2006. When Griffin praised the decor, Slade told her the univer-sity bought many of the furnishings, which surprised the regent. Perry appointed Griffin, a DeSoto financial advisor and TSU alumna, to a six-year term in 2003, and she later became the first woman to lead

the university's board.

In February, Griffin reimbursed the university's foundation \$9,471 for scholarships her daughter received amid allegations of special treatment but questioned the fairness in the absence of a st icy regarding scholarships for

Texas State Representative Rafael Anchia To Speak At Paul Quinn College Commencement

Texas State Representative Rafael Anchia will speak at Paul Ouinn College's commencement ceremony 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5 on campus at the Richard Allen Chapel as 110 students graduate before friends and family.

Anchia's passion and proven commitment for education makes him an ideal speaker, said Interim President Michael J. Sorrell and Board of Trustee's Chairman Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram, who jointly made the selection.

'We are thrilled to have Rafael as our speaker. He is the #1 rising star on the Texas political landscape. His selection by the faculty and board is further evidence of Paul Quinn's understanding of its role in the future of our city, state and country," said interim president Michael J. Sorrell.

During his first term, the
North Oak Cliff resident



focused on fighting crime, improving public safety, reformethics laws and funding Plano ISD Honors Teachers At Gala

First elected in 2004, Anchia as the re House District 103 in the Texas House of Representatives. District 103 includes portions of western Dallas — including North Oak Cliff, West Dallas, La Bajada, Los Altos, Love Field, North Park — and sections of Irving, Farmers Branch and Carrollton.

The Red River Athletic The Red River Athletic Conference includes schools in Texas and Oklahoma, such as Texas Wesleyan University, Bacone College and Houston Baptist University. The conference crowns a champion in 12 events, including baseball, golf and soccer. For more results from the Red River Championship, go www.redriverconference.com.

Plano ISD's Teacher of the Year Gala, "On the Red Carpet: Night of a Thousand



will be held at 6:30 Creek Parkway, Nearly 1,400

educators, PTA leaders, school and city dignitaries and corpo-rate sponsors will be on hand to celebrate teaching excellence.

On Thursday, May 10, at Plano Centre, Plano ISD will honor 67 Teacher of the Year nominees and 66 Beginning Teacher of the Year nominees, recently selected by their school peers. Nearly 1,400 educators. PTA leaders, school and city dignitaries and corporate sponsors will be on hand to cele-

Plans for the gala are under-Plans for the gala are under-way and led by a committee of school district staff and com-munity volunteers. Co-chairing the event are Karla Oliver, executive director for government and community relations, and Ann Boswell, community leader and Plano ISD Council of PTAs board member

"The Teacher of the Year Gala is one of Plano ISD's most exciting and rewarding events," noted Ms. Oliver, who will join a group of district and commu-nity leaders to interview experi-enced Teacher of the Year nominees in early February and make selections for Plano ISD's 2007 Teachers of the Year (elementary and secondary) and several top "Excellence in Teaching" award winners who will all be announced at the

May 10 gala.

The experienced teachers who are candidates for Plano ISD's Teacher of the Year were nominated and elected by their peers at their schools. The Beginning Teachers of the Year were also nominated by their peers; however, they are not eli-gible for the Plano ISD Teacher of the Year.

Collin County College Students Win National Awards

turned to Collin County last week as a delegation of honor society students returned to Collin College with five com-mendations. Phi Theta Kappa honor society presented the prestigious awards at their annual convention in Nashville, Tenn., April 11-15.

According to Phi Theta Kappa, this year almost 500 chapters competed for the society's most coveted awards. Exceptional members, officers, advisors, college administrators and chapters are recognized annually at the PhiTheta Kappa International Convention for their achievements. The Hallmark Awards Program is the Society's capstone awards competition annually recognizing excellence in programs that promote the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and

Fellowship.
Phi Theta Kappa named
Collin College student Frank Pallone, of Rockwall, Distinguished President for his leadership of the Collin College chapter. Student Diana Gonzales, of Plano, was named Distinguished Member, and chanter advisers

Collin College speech professor Angela Putman, of Dallas, the Phi Theta Kappa students received the Paragon Award for who have recently been nationally recognized for their



anie Hall, Frank Pallone, Danya Salinas, James Guin, faculty spor Ingela Putman, Sidney Owallah, Rachael Carranza and Chadi Elnal conference in Nashville. Te

Phi Theta Kappa also com-mended Alpha Mu Tau as a Distinguished Chapter given to the top 25 in the society. The final award was a Scholarship Hallmark. The Collin chapter planned and implemented a comprehensive program to earn its 2007 Scholarship Hallmark,

its 2007 Scholarship Hallmark, one of only 25 nationwide. "We are proud of all our honor societies at Collin College," said college president Cary Israel. "However, special recognition must be given to

are the best of the best and we applaud their service and scholarship."

Collin College serves more

than 41,000 credit and continuing education students annu-ally and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin College is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.

Stephanie Ward Gallery Offers Summer Artist Program For Talented Children

Stephanie Ward Gallery in Plano is now enrolling students for it uniquely designed program for talented and gift school-aged artists. The program will be held at the gallery at 920 18th St. in Plano and will be taught by working professional artists.

"This program is especially designed for students that show a sincere interest in the visual arts," said Stephanie Ward owner of the gallery. "We will be very selective about the children we pick for this program, because

we want to maximum its effec-

Children from ages 7-13 years old are invited to participate in this program designed by area sts and art school administra-

The program goes from 9 a. m - 3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Students will get a constantly exposure to art and artists.

The program cost \$225 per week and supplies are included. Parents that are interested in the program should call the gallery

limited to 8 students and total enrollment is 30.

"We are looking for students

that could benefit from hands on professional help," said Ms. Ward. "We want to help develop the large body of talented children in this city and hope-fully one day create the next Picasso or Rembrandt."

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Financial Focus - How To Choose A Financial Advisor



Marcia Donaldson

If you're like most people. you have a variety of financial goals: college for your children, a comfortable retirement, a vacation home and so on. You might be able to achieve all these goals on your own — but you will likely find it a lot easier if you get a little help from a financial

But how do you choose the right one? For starters, ask your friends, relatives and coworkers whom they use Then interview some of the people they recommend. What questions should you ask at such an interview?

Consider these:

• What are your qualifications? Make sure you are talking to someone who, at a minimum, has all the required licenses for selling

securities.

• What type of experience do you have? Find out how long someone has been a financial advisor, but don't rule out a person with only a

working person who doesn't have time to execute these tasks."

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quently brings a great deal of enthusiasm to his or her work. A financial advisor's longevity is less important than whether he or she has had experience working with someone like you someone in your financial situation, with your goals and your investment preferences.

• What is your investment philosophy? Try to learn if

a new financial advisor fre-

someone favors a specific style of investing or a particular class of investments. These styles or classes may be well-suited for some investors but inappropriate for others. If you believe the person you're talk-ing to has a "one size fits all" entality, you might want to look elsewhere.

 How will you communicate with me? Financial advisors run their business in different ways, so there's no one "right" way of communicating with clients. However, you need to feel comfortable that someone will always be available to answer your questions, review your accounts, evaluate your situation and make appropri-ate recommendations. If you are interviewing someone who has a partner or an assistant, find out whom you are likely to be communicating with,

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Garland Candidates Page 1

nents Lee Alewine and Mike Rose are running to succeed Bob Day, who is stepping down after serving the two-term limit. Alewine is closely connected to the chamber and says he wants to improve Garland's economic development and redevelopment pro-

Rose who has run a combative attack styled campaign with plenty of mudslinging has questioned both Alewine's and Jones' abilities and accomplishments claiming that Alewine's service on the eco-nomic development partnership was more advisory than operational and that Jones impact on improving Garland's municipal court

operation was minimal.

Rose who also gives himself credit for bringing beer and wine sales to stores in Garland ran unsuccessfully for the City Council in 2002. It is unclear whether beer and wine tax revenue have had a positive impact on the city's budget yet he said in an interview with the GIN. "We need to hold the city staff accountable and responsible, and we need to communicate better with the public," Rose told the cham-

The Garland ISD Board of Trustees Place 1 race also features three candidates. Rowlett resident and retired attorney Larry "The Treeman" Glick is hoping to bring some balance Bradley also commented on the organization's des vision and mission in the community. "We primarily target middle to lower income individuals who are unaware that they can have criminal records sealed," Bradley said. "They can eliminate the rejection and negativity associated with trying to get a job with a criminal record. We are there for them at a reasonable rate, providing documents and instruction on how to file

Sylvia Rhodes-Bradley earned her Political Science and Criminal Justice degree from Clark Atlanta and her Master's degree and Mediation certificate from SMU. Rhodes Mediation & Court Services has been in actice since 2002.

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to the Garland School Board. Rowlett is a part of GISD. Glick a kind of "Johnny Appleseed" in the Rowlett community is a recipient of Highest Honor awarded by Coyle Middle School Band, served on the Board of Directors-Rowlett High School Band Boosters and the Board of Directors- Coyle Middle School Band Boosters and volunteer at Stephens Elementary.

Glick told the chamber he wants to add a global gasp of how education can work with business to ensure GISD students are prepared for a global economy. Increasing students knowledge of math and science will give them a competitive edge Glick says.

Glick will face Louis Coates

nd Jim Spence. In other GISD races, GISD Place 2, candidate Robert Harris who did not attend the chamber luncheon and Place 3 candidate Linda Griffin are running unopposed

In the Garland City Council races, District 3 candidate Preston Edwards who will replace Harry Hickey is running unopposed. District 8 candidate Darren Lathen who will occupy Randall Dunning's seat is also

inning unopposed.
The contested District 6 race pits incumbent Barbara Chick against Marcus Reed in a rematch of their 2005 contest, while Scott Lemay and Rick Williams face off in the District should you decide to become a

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MTV Announces Nominees For Movie Awards

Two "Dreamgirls" Oscar including best comedic per- Dog."The singer competes with winner Jennifer Hudson and formance, best fight with Ken Emily Blunt, Abigail Breslin, winner Bevonce Knowles will compete for a golden popcorn trophy at this year's MTV Movie Awards.

Both received nominations work in the 2006 film, MTV announced Monday.

announced Monday.

Also nominated for best performance: Will Smith for "The Pursuit of Happyness," Keira Knightley for "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" and Gerard Butler for "300 '

The blood-soaked "300" The blood-soaked "300" leads with five nominations, followed by "Dead Man's Chest" with four. Both films will compete for best movie along with "Blades of Glory," "Little Miss Sunshine" and "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit viake E Siorious Nation Kazakhstan." Glorious

Sacha Baron Cohen, aka Borat, is up for three awards, nominees for his role in "Alpha Angeles

Davitian and best kiss with Will Ferrell in "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby."

Other nominees for best kiss include Cameron Diaz and Jude Law for "The Holiday" and Mark Wahlberg and Elizabeth

Lena Headey, Columbus Short and Iaden Christopher Syre MTV, which is owned by

Viacom Inc., has also added a category for "best summer movie you haven't seen yet" and



Banks for "Invincible.

Jack Nicholson received a nomination for best villain in "The Departed."

Justin Timberlake is among the breakthrough performance

will present an mtvU Student Filmmaker Award.

Sarah Silverman will host the 2007 MTV Movie Awards, slated to air live June 3 from the Gibson Amphitheatre in Los

Idris Elba 'Reaping' The Benefits Of The Big Screen

ater, that is.

The actor, fresh from his run in "Daddy's Little Girls," can be seen on the screen again in "The Reaping," which is in the-aters nationwide.

The film stars Hilary Swank as

a former Christian missionary, and Elba, who investigate a small town that appears to be suffering from the 10 biblical plagues.

"I had a very interesting charac-ter, Ben, with a very interesting arc and I enjoyed playing it; I enjoyed exploring it as we were filming," Elba said and described his character as a religious man with an

interesting background.

"He's a religious man that debunks miracles and the reason for him doing that is to prove scientifically that God exists. So Hilary's character and Ben have a very interesting dynamic there.

dynamic, but it was definitely a spiritual being," he said.

underlying in all our scenes."

Elba, the Londoner who made his stateside mark as Russell "Stringer" Bell on HBO's "The old reporters that while his



character is religious, he considers himself simply spiritual though he can see how his character could become passionate about proving God.
"I would love to prove there is a

She's an atheist and he's a man that higher being. I would love to prove

Idris Elba just can't stay out wants to prove that God exists,"he of the theater; the movie the-explained. "We didn't overplay that on a religious man, but I am

The film is described as a thriller and categorized, at the behest of director Stephen Hopkins, as a horror. Hopkins, along with the actors didn't want the film to take on such a title, as it conjures up "B-movie" images. Furthermore, some critics were weary that the film might also be a barrage of special effects. However, Elba said that the horror title and superfluous effects were

not a part of making the film "While we were making this, Stephen wanted to make us very aware that we were not making a horror movie. So we were staying away from the horror clichés."

"The Reaping," also starring David Morrissey, opens today, in theaters through out North America. For more, go to

South Dallas Youth Continue To Capture The Pride And History Of A Changing Community In The "Through The Eyes Of Our Children - Something Beautiful" Exhibit

South Dallas continues to change.. New homes and change. New homes and apartments. Lincoln Theatre on Bexar Street stands alone...DART construction signifies change but a group of young people has found a way to memorialize pieces of their community

"Through the Eyes of Children – Something Beautiful" begins its 2007 exhibit tour on May 8, 2007 at the Dallas Museum of Art (DMA). The exhibit is comprised of black and white pho-tographic images captured by the Dallas Independent School District 's (DISD) Area 2 photojournalism students, as part of the Point of View photojournalism program. The exhibit

6pm – 8pm at the Dallas gram's 2003/04 inception. The Museum of Art (1717 N. book will be available for order-Harwood, Dallas Texas 75201) ing at the exhibit's grand opening at the exhibit's grand open-ing on May 8, 2007 . All

of the proceeds from the book will go to contin-ued funding of the program, allowing more students to have the wonderful experience of doc-umenting the community as they see it and shar ing the fruits of their experience with countless others.

neka Hill; Age 11 book will take many "Sun Dried Clothes" - Sho and is free to the public

In it's fourth year, "Through the Eyes of Children" will not only be displayed on exhibit at the DMA, but now through a naissi program. The exiniting the DMA, but now through a gimpse of the possibilities that will run beginning April 25, book, the general public will can emanate from critical 2007 through June 10, 2007 have access to a collection of thought, teamwork and commutivity and opening reception some of the most touching mity support, says Shaunqula Tuesday, May 8, 2007 from pieces created since the pro-

"I believe that this individuals on a journey through the minds of young children, through a community, and provide them a powerful glimpse of the possibilities that can emanate from critical thought, teamwork and commu-



"Old Time Ride" - Paul Williams; Age 11

chosen for display. "Years from and bonding exercises with famnow, this book will spark an ily members. During one phase interest in someone to research of the 12-week program, stuthis community. Our students are capturing pieces of South Dallas which were there in 2003, but now gone," stated

co-founder of Preservation

Preservation LINK, Inc. There will also be a reception in honor of the students whose art was programs, Herman provides a

mechanism where youth who generally may be who generally may be somewhat reserved, are able to express pride and self-worth through pho-tography and digital imaging. Dedicated to encouraging family preservation and appreciation, a key compo-nent of the program includes interviewing

dents are given a disposable camera to take home to docu-ment their everyday lives, where parents and/or guardians assist David Herman, Jr. in taking the photographs of the Herman is the instructor of the Point of View program, and to family events and showing an invaluable interest in the chil-



"Teaching The Kids" -Tailea Swoote: Age 12

please contact Andrea Clark, Andrea Michele Agency a (214) 394-7779 or to learn about additional program, visit www.preservationlink.org

Paris Bennett Addresses 'Idol' Comments: Tells Billboard She Was 'Misunderstood.'

Billboard.com to plug her new album "Princess P," "American Idol" standout Paris Bennett addressed her controversial comments to a Minneapolis radio station in which she said she and other "Idol" vets voted for Sanjaya this season as a way to prove the show has nothing to do with talen

Billboard.com. "If it wasn't for 'American Idol,' I wouldn't be here. I give them much respect and ho

nd nonor." As for her album, due May 8 on 306 Entertainment/TVT Records, the 18-year-old sings about such topics as relation-ships, family and friendships.

"I'm an old soul," she said, "I'm and a soul, size said, "but on my album, I'm speaking
"I'm not a sore loser by any for the young people and letting

In an interview with means," Bennett explained to them know it is alright to have



Eminem and Timbaland in his corner as producers on his new album, "Curtis," due June 26 via Shady, Aftermath and Interscope Records. First single "Straight to the Bank" recently debuted at No. 21 on Billboard's Hot Rap

Rapper 50 Cent has Dr. Dre.

Songs chart.
According to the label, "Curtis" also features guest turns by Eminem, Akon, Justin Timberlake, Mary J. Blige, Robin Thicke and Nicole Scherzinger from the Pussycat Dolls A track



list has yet to be announced.

The new album is the follow-up to 2005's "The Massacre," which debuted at No. 1 on The Billboard 200 and Billboard's Top R&B.

AllHipHop.com that 50 Cent has also bet \$1 million dollars that Mayweather will emerge victorious.

"It will be great to walk Floyd to the ring for the biggest fight of his career," added 50 cent, who will also perform his new single "Straight to the Bank" for the first time live. "Fans will get a taste of my new song and then Floyd is going to show the world why he is the best in the

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AAA: Texas Gas Prices Rise For 12th Straight Week

Retail gasoline price trends were mixed across Texas this week after eleven straight weeks of increases, according to a weekly survey released

Friday.

The weekly AAA Texas survey showed regular-grade gaso-line prices remained essentially unchanged this week at \$2.78 per gallon. The average increased 1 cent per gallon nationwide to \$2.88.

"Gas prices increased less than a penny in most areas of the state this week and two communities communities saw slight decreases," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau "We'll have to see if this repre sents a peak in spring gas price increases or only a pause. The market remains volatile with continued refinery mishaps and continued demand." strong

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31:10; John 19:25.

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Mayoral Broadcast Page 1

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Scriptures For May 2007

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Shepard! John 10:14; Psalm 127:2. The Heavens declare the Glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Psalm 19:1. the work of His hands, Psalm 19:1.
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hand-in-hand. John 21:3-6. The
wicked win; then God judges them.
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yourself, you're depressed, when
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12:18-20.
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PEOPLE OF FAITH WITH A MIND TO WORK

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Baptists Stage 40-Day Tent Revival In Downtown Dallas

Day of Prayer Services

In a day when tent revivals re things of the past, a group of churches has decided to resurrect the once-common vent. They're conducting a 40-day tent revival in downtown Dallas, led in part by Gaston Oaks Baptist Church. More than 20 Dallas-area

churches, seminaries and ministries are taking part in the outreach, held under a tent at Dallas Bible Church

Bruce Troy, pastor of Gaston Oaks, said he can't wait to see results. He is one of 40 revival pastors scheduled to preach at the event. In addition to leading prayer groups and compil-ing a video documentary of the

revival, members from Gaston Oaks are financing the event.

"All of my ministry life, I have been involved in doing things to reach the city," Troy "The church is in the city."



radius of downtown Dallas to participate. The Christian leaders are holding daily morn-

during worship times. Wayne Shuffield. director of missions, evangelism and ministry teams for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said he is participating

because he has seen "the effects of fervent and urgent prayers of God's people and

the blaze of spiritual awaken ings" that come from such revivals.

"[T]he time is now for all

"[1]he time is now for all Christ followers to pray anew, 'Lord, do it again!'" he said. Kyle Martin, the event coor-dinator, says the post-Easter timeframe is significant because the primary scripture related to the event, Hosea 6:3, explains how "the Lord will come down on his people like the spring rain" refreshing the

"It's an attempt to reach the 30-something group that night not attend normally,"

Veteran local TV weatherman Troy Dungan, who played a part in "The Dallas Revival" promotional video, concurs. He predicted that a "spiritual rain" will impact the city during the revival.

On May 3, a National Day of Prayer event normally held at Dallas City Hall will be under the revival tent.

Dallas Mayor's Race Page 1 ing who these candidates are and the odds on each of them to be the next mayor of Dallas,

For the record, these picks are highly subjective and completely unscientific

Tom Leppert (5-4 odds): Age: 52. Mr. Leppert is the former chief executive officer and chairman of Turner Corp Construction Company and the favored candidate of the city's business interests. Supported by the Dallas Citizen's Council, Leppert is the best funded candidate and is using those funds to aggressively advertise Leppert has made inroads to the black community, picking up key endorsements from busi-

nessmen and ministers. A verita-

ble lock for the runoff election.

Don Hill (5-3 odds): Age: 55 Don Hill is an attorney and District 5 City Council member. He is the longest serving council member and is the choice of most of black Dallas; his support in the southern sector of the city is unquestioned. Hill's campaign is not very well funded, and he must overcome his highly publicized tax problems and FBI investigation. Another lock for the runoff, his ability to win will depend on how well he does out-side of southern sector base.

Ed Oakley (7-4 odds): Age: 54. Ed Oakley is a Property manager and current District 3 City Council member. Oakley serves chairman of the council's

Trinity River Committee, and has strong and active support from both Hispanics and gay voters in Oak Cliff. Dallas' first openly gay candidate for mayor, Oakley's sexual orientation could actually work for him, garnering him support in the northern sector of the city. Probable runoff participant, Oakley could be this election's

Max Wells (6-2 odds) Age: 73. Max Wells is vice chairman, Sterling Bank and a former Dallas City Council member. The oldest candidate in the race, he has been active in Dallas politics for decades, and is particular strong in north Dallas and Lake Highlands. Wells is well- funded, but will have problems in the southern sector, despite his endorsement bv

Commissioner John Wiley Price.
Darrell Jordan (6-1 odds) Age: 68. Darrell Jordan is an attorn who placed second to Ron Kirk in the 1995 mayor's race. Recognized as smart and respected for his legal mind. Jordan has-n't been able to outspend Leppert and Wells, has no real political constituency and will suffer from the fragmenting of the conservative white voters in north Dallas.

Sam Coats (10-1 odds) Age 66. Sam Coats is an accomplished businessman who has is a former airline and restaurant executive. Coat's challenges include poor name recognition, and concerns by environmentalists about his board membership

at major polluter TXI.

Gary Griffith (20-1 odds) Age: 58. Gary Griffith is a District 9 City Council member and businan who has been elected to two terms. Griffith simply doesn't stand out in any significant way in this large field.

John Cappello (30-1 odds) Age: 50 John Cappello is the West Dallas Chamber Commerce president and busi-nessman. No money and virtually no name recognition outside of West Dallas seal Cappello's fate in this race.

Edward Opka (40-1 odds)

Age: 47. Edward Opka is a Nigerian born real estate appraiser and developer. A trade expert, Opka suffers from lack of money and recognition

Roger Herrera (50-1odds) Age: 40. Roger Herrera attorney and the lone Hispanic candidate in this race. known outside of Oak Cliff.

Jennifer Gale (100-1) Age: 47. Jennifer Gale is a temp worker who is transient and a transgendered female. Gale has run in more than 10 previous elections in Dallas and Austin.

This election will all come down to whether a white candidate from North Dallas (Leppert), can defeat a long time councilmember in his own backyard in the southern sector (Don Hill). Prediction: Always go with the money-after a heat-ed runoff election; Tom Leppert will be the next mayor

Anti-Immigrant Attitudes Page 1

cerned about the prevalence of anti-immigration attitudes within the black community and the potential impact on immigration

reform legislation.
"I do worry. I encounter [antiimmigration sentiment] from progressives, anti-discrimination advocates," Davis said. "A point I make is that every 20 or 30 years there is a fight over immigration The pro-immigration faction ends up winning.

He added that the "mean-spir ited faction is not helpful" because "one day it is immigrants [being attacked], the next week it could be black Americans.

Black lawmakers said the anti-immigration sentiment stems from a lack of economic opportunity and a history of

iscrimination. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) agreed that an anti-immigration perception did exist, but said it was a "false perception [that] there's still discrimination and less discrimination against other peo-

ple of color."

The CBC chairwoman, Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-Mich.) said, "It is a problem. We're los-ing jobs ... there's a lack of opportunity and access, the schools are not as good ... they live it every day."

Anti-immigration percept are by no means widespread with-

in the black community.

Polling conducted by the GOPleaning Tarrance Group and Democratic-leaning Lake Democratic-leaning Lake Research Partners for the National Immigration Forum found that more than 70 percent of white, black and Hispanic voters equally favor immigration reform.

The National Immigration Forum's poll also showed that if immigration reform does not pass, 16 percent of voters would ongressional Democrats percent would fault President Bush.

House and Senate Democrats have said they want to pass an immigration reform bill this year. But underscoring the tension surrounding the issue, Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.), chairman of the conservative Senate Steering Committee, asked Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) to allow for a one-week review period before a bill is considered on the

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Reid has said he wants t bring an immigration bill to the Senate floor by May 14. To meet DeMint's request, he would have to introduce the bill on Monday, May 7.



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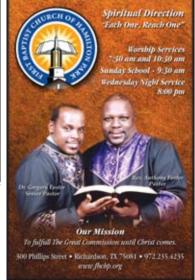
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