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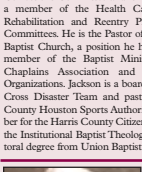
Avery Johnson, Dallas Mavericks Head Coach, was recently announced as the Honorary Co-Chair for the 2007 Start! HeartWalk Dallas. "This is an extremely worthwhile cause, and I am passionate about the work that the American Heart Association does to bring increased awareness to our community about the effects of heart disease and how it can be prevented. The Dallas Start! HeartWalk is a major effort that mobilizes the business community and gets them actively engaged in promoting the importance of physical activity," said Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was named the eighth coach of the National Basketball Association's Dallas Mavericks in March 2005. In his first full season as Head Coach, Mr. Johnson guided the Dallas Mavericks to a franchise-high tying 60 wins and its first appearance in the NBA Finals. In the 2007 NBA season, he broke the franchise record, leading the team to 67 wins. He has been named Western Conference Coach of the Month three times in the last two seasons.

Start! is sponsored nationally by SUBWAY restaurants, Healthy Choice and AstraZeneca, and locally by Tenet Healthcare Corporation and Perot Systems. The event is chaired locally by Trevor Fetter, President and CEO of Tenet Healthcare Corporation and co-chaired by Peter Altabef, President and CEO of the Perot Systems Corporation. For more information, visit: <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/dallasx> or call Barbara Landry at 214-748-7212.



Charles Lewis Jackson of Houston was one of three individuals appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the OneStar Foundation Board of Directors. The foundation serves to further volunteerism and community service in the State of Texas. Jackson was also appointed to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice in November 2005. Pastor Jackson chairs the Community Corrections Committee and is a member of the Health Care, Correctional Institutions, Rehabilitation and Reentry Programs, and Victim Services Committees. He is the Pastor of the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, a position he has served for 44 years. He is a member of the Baptist Ministers Association, Texas State Chaplains Association and Harris County Council of Organizations. Jackson is a board member of the American Red Cross Disaster Team and past board member of the Harris County Houston Sports Authority. He serves as a council member for the Harris County Citizen Corps. Jackson is a graduate of the Institutional Baptist Theological Center and received a doctoral degree from Union Baptist Theological Seminary.



Rom Hicks of Lewisville, was recently inducted into the "Pro-Wrestling Hall of Fame" in New Albany, Indiana, as the youngest promoter/owner of a Minority Wrestling Company, which hosted the first black memorial show for a pro-wrestler. Hicks is the current UWA World Junior-Heavyweight Champion and has held his title for four consecutive years. He is the former UWA Six-Man Champion, UWA Tag Team Champion, UWA SCW Junior-Heavyweight Champion of the Year (2004-2006), UWA Most Popular Wrestler (2001 and 2004), UWA Manager of the Year (1998-1999), and WWX Manager of the Year (1999-2000). During his fourteen years in wrestling, Hicks also created the finishing move, "The Bad Dream," a full-nelson slam. Some of Hicks's favorite moments include: meeting Jerry Lawler; hanging out with "Stone Cold" Steve Austin; having Philly cheese steaks with the "Rocky" sitting down and talking business with "Boozer T"; meeting "Nature Boy" Ric Flair; meeting the Road Warriors; and meeting his first professional wrestler Hector Guerrero. Hicks plans to continue wrestling, open a few more businesses with the "SimplyBudd" name, and continue his work on behalf of youth and with his church, Westside Baptist of Lewisville.

The 80 | 50 Celebration



World-renowned religious icon and humanitarian, Dr. Lobias Murray, celebrates 80 years of life and 50 years of ministry.

Dallas - The Council of Bishops, pastors, ministerial alliance and members of the Full Gospel Holy Temple Church will celebrate the life, legacy and impeccable servant leadership of Dallas pastor, pioneer, humanitarian, and world-renowned religious icon, Dr. Lobias Murray at the 80 | 50 Celebration planned for August 3, 4, and 5, 2007 in the Dallas, Texas area. This three-day event will commence with a white-tie black-tie Celebration Gala at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Dallas. Followed by nationally known gospel artist-headlined Celebration concert. The premier celebration weekend will culminate with an official Celebration service at its world headquarters

located at 39727 West LBJ Frwy in Dallas, Texas.

"We want to celebrate the accomplishments and pay tribute to those things that have been done by Apostle Murray," said Reverend Herman Murray, 80 | 50 Celebration committee chairperson. "This is a hallmark year for him, so we are planning to celebrate -the man, the ministry and his life on a grand scale."

Dr. Lobias Murray is a notable servant-leader in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He is continually recognized for his countless efforts to better humanity. Specifically, Dr. Murray is most often associated with the realization of the divine vision, known as the Full Gospel Holy Temple Church that began in Dallas

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Tom Joyner Foundation's New Scholarship Seeks To Increase Numbers Of Black Men At HBCUS

By: Sherrel Wheeler Stewart - BlackAmericaWeb.com

The number of black men attending historically black colleges and universities has increased in recent years, but still lags behind black women, national studies show.

A new scholarship is being announced by the Tom Joyner Foundation to help change that trend.

Beginning with the month of July, one \$1,500 scholarship is being offered each week to a male student at a HBCU selected as the college of the month for the "Tom Joyner Morning Show."



"We wanted to do something that directly helps Tom Joyner Foundation Page 3

Blackonomics

Divided, We Have Fallen So Far

By: James Glingman - NNPA Columnist

Divide and conquer tactics and strategies have been used to control Black people in America since the very beginning. From "freed" versus enslaved, to Black versus Mulatto, to House versus Field, to pulpit versus pew, to affluent versus poor, Black people have been played like a cheap harmonica in a successful effort to keep us apart from one another.

In many cases we have been willing subjects because of the programming that caused us to believe that we are not quite "good enough," that we don't quite "measure up." Thus, we continue to run away from our brothers and sisters rather than rally together to obtain the rightful position and status that we have earned and certainly deserve in this country.

The game of divide and conquer, as it is played on Blacks, is analogous to the game of tennis, especially when there is a shut-out in process.

I always wondered why they call zero points "love." So I

looked it up and found that it comes from the French word, "loef," which means egg or zero. It's strange to me that the person who has no points is saddled with the term "love," but it also reminds me of Black people in this country.

Collectively, in many cases, we have not scored; we have "love" and our opponents have won the game, as well as the set, and they are sending aces in our direction everyday, trying desperately to win the entire match. Our defense is not a good offense; it's a small racket with broken strings. Our end of the court is muddy and sloppy, while the other end of the court is lush, green, and freshly manicured to assure firm footing for our opponents.

How can Black people have nothing, zero, no score at all, and still be in "love" with the those who are slamming serves and returns in our faces everyday? How can we be in "love" and content just to be

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Darfur: Un Security Council Sends 26,000 Troops For Peacekeeping

By: Max Stamper

The U.N. Security Council unanimously authorized the deployment of 26,000 joint UN-African Union forces to Darfur, in western Sudan to implement the Darfur Peace Agreement and protect civilians from the conflict between pro-Government militias and rebels that has killed more than 250,000. [Resolution 1769 (2007)]

The so-called "hybrid operation" will be known as UNAMID and will be comprised by up to 19,555 military personnel, (360 military observers and liaison officers, a civilian component including up to 3,772 international police and 19 special police units with up to 2,660 officers).

Acting under Chapter VII of the U.N. Charter, the Security Council authorized UNAMID to take necessary action to support implementation of the Darfur Peace Agreement and to protect civilians and its own personnel "without prejudice to the responsibility of the Government of Sudan."

The resolution details on the force's man-

date and is found in paragraphs 54 and 55 of the report of the Secretary-General and the African Union Commission of 5 June (document S/2007/307/Rev.1).

The action calls on U.N. Member States to make troop contributions within 30 days of its adoption, and for UNAMID to establish operational capabilities by October.

UNAMID will also take command of the region from the 7,000-strong African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) by the end of the year, at the latest.

The Security Council also called for the Sudanese Government and the rebels to

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Girls Get A 360 View

Cary teen's magazine focuses on inside and out

By: James Powell Jr.

About a year ago, Shelby Nichole grew annoyed with typical teen magazines. The 13-year-old Cary resident thought there was a need for a magazine that would give girls an outlet for all of their interests, beyond hair products.

So she started *Girlz on the Move!* 360, a glossy, color quarterly she edits and designs, her. With contributions from other teens, Shelby's magazine features interviews with notable like three-time Olympic medalist Katrina McClain, includes black history trivia and, on a lighter note, lets teens write in and discuss wardrobe issues.

"I felt girls should focus on their insides, not their outsides. So I wanted to let girls speak out. If they liked sports or politics, travel or anything, they can write to us instead of just focusing on one thing," says Shelby, whose magazine has a current circulation of about 30. "We focus on their insides. On trying to make girls better people."

If Shelby sounds awfully deep for an eighth-grader, it's no accident. From an early age, her parents, James and Sharon Rittman, exposed her to deep thinkers and deep ideas. In a corner of their home office, Shelby keeps books by Nikki Giovanni and Barack Obama, and a photograph featuring the middle-schooler standing

with the presidential hopeful.

"Even when she was a little girl, she'd express her opinions about things in the news she didn't like," James Rittman says. "It's a natural flow of activity for her."



"I'm very proud of her," says Sharon Rittman, who helps Shelby with some of the magazine's business decisions. "She's a hard worker and she's a 360View Page 10

Fifth Annual Viva Dallas Hispanic Expo Brings The Dallas Community Textfest Outdoor Music Festival

The Viva Dallas! Hispanic Expo is back for its fifth anniversary with a new exciting addition--the TexFest Outdoor Music Festival. August 10 marks the beginning of the Viva Dallas! fun-filled weekend. This year's event will consist of a health pavilion, an out-of-this-world food court, live entertainment, live television and radio broadcasts together with the bustling energy of commerce for the good of the Dallas community. More than 30,000 attendees are expected to visit more than 300 exhibitors. Admission and parking is free for all.

GiCi Rojas, president of the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, says she is very proud of the

progress the event has made in many Latinos' lives. "Many people who attend this event leave with a better understanding of our Hispanic heritage," said Rojas. "From the previous years of our event, we have seen many great things take form, and I'm excited to celebrate our 5th anniversary year with the addition of TexFest Music Festival." The GDHCC works to diversify its membership, and this event brings a variety of people together in a spirit of community.

The Viva Dallas! Tex-Fest Music Festival takes place Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The festival she is very proud of the

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NBMBAA: Members-Only Event

By: Jacquinete D. Murphy
Photos: Prence Communications

On Saturday evening, July 21, the members of the DFW chapter of the National Black MBA Association replaced their corporate suits with jeans and casual wear as they gathered for their inaugural Members-Only event held at the Texas House at Austin Ranch in The Colony, Texas. Approximately, 200 members and friends attended this affair scheduled from 6 p.m. to midnight. The event was good contrast to the normal professional-focused functions held by the organization and styled as a night to relax, to network and to help acquainted new and old members.

The fun-filled evening provided the attendees with food, games, prizes, raffles and more. Carlton Dixon of Carlton Dixon Entertainment provided the music for the evening. The delectable Mexican buffet was sponsored by Brinker International and On the Border Mexican Grill and Cantina. Three American Airlines tickets were won by

Bernard Walker, Avia Rice and a new member, Brandon Perry. Ten Texas Ranger game suite invitations were awarded to the following: L.V. Dyer, Timothy O'Conner, Jennifer Willis,



The Presidents Corner From (l to r) Ingra Conley, Kevin Davis, Robbie Douglas, Malcolm Mayo, and Tobit Cox.

Cynthia Eloitto, Etonya Senigaur, Vanietta Gordon, Mario Price, Marc Pullam, and Donna Jenkins. Two NBMBAA memberships were given to Leonard Austin and Chaquetta Thomas.

This members' celebration event was the brainchild of

Susan Bell, the NBMBAA membership chairperson and planned by her committee members - Jada Burton, Gizelle Raynor, and Kmeal Winters. "We wanted to do something

and you are appreciated," said Bell as she addressed the crowd during one of the drawings.

"This event is fabulous and I am having a fabulous time," stated Winters. A membership committee volunteer, Etonya Senigaur, said, "It is a good place to network and meet other members." The event attendees agreed.

Ms. Melanie Crey has been a chapter member for about a year and learned of the organization from her college. "It is just cool to sit here and listen to music," stated while sitting on the open patio of the Texas House.

"It is a good event for new professionals to get linked with other professionals in the area," said Darryl Erkins, an NBMBAA member.

The sponsoring organizations represented at the event included: Texas Instruments, the University of Texas at Dallas, Marie Perry of Brinker International, and FedEx Kinkos. Other notable mentions included: Mr. Thurman Jones, publisher of MON The Gazette; Vicki Blanton of JL Turner Legal Association; Brandy Richards of the Dallas Urban League; Young Professionals, Keith Scott of NAAHR, and some of the past

that was fun, not business-oriented to show our members that they are appreciated." Bell also commented that this was different because it was for members as opposed to most of the chapters events which are open to the general public.

"Your membership is valued

maximum value of the Pell Grant scholarship would increase by \$500 over the next five years. When combined with other Pell scholarship increases passed or proposed by Congress this year, the maximum Pell Grant would reach \$4,900 in 2008 and \$5,200 in 2011, up from \$4,050 in 2006, thus restoring the Pell's purchasing power. About 6 million low- and moderate-income students would benefit from this increase.

The legislation would cut interest rates in half on need-based student loans, reducing the cost of those loans for

200,000 student borrowers in Texas each year. Like legislation passed by the House earlier this year, the College Cost Reduction Act would cut interest rates from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent in equal steps over the next five years.

The legislation would also prevent student borrowers from facing unmanageable levels of federal student debt by guaranteeing that borrowers will never have to spend more than 15 percent of their yearly discretionary income on loan repayments and by allowing borrowers in economic hardship to have their loans forgiven after 20 years.

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graduate management education programs and career opportunities in management fields and to develop the next generation. The next event is scheduled in the Annual Conference Kickoff and chapter meeting scheduled for August 16, 2007 at the Tower Club on Elm Street in Downtown Dallas. For more information on the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the National MBA Association please visit the website, www.dfwmba.org.

NBMBAA presidents - Robbie Banks-Douglas, Tobit Cox, Ingra Connelly, and Kevin Davis.

The DFW National Black MBA Association shares in its national organization's vision to lead in the creation of economic and intellectual wealth for African Americans. Our mission is to increase the number and diversity of successful Blacks in the business community by providing innovative and intellectually stimulating programs, build partnerships with key stakeholders, increase access to

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The Sims Chapel Voices of Victory will be celebrating in a musical with several guest choirs. Sylvester "Sly" Jones (our inspirational saxophonist) will be featured. You can't miss this!

• **Friday, August 10, 2007 @ 7:30 pm**
Sims Chapel's Victory Youth and Children will be jammin' along with other guests (a drill team, a mime ministry and a puppet ministry) - Come out and witness our youth in action.

• **Sunday, August 19, 2007 @ 4:00 pm**
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Congresswoman Johnson Helps Pass Single Largest Investment In College Aid Since GI Bill

Bill Would Boost Scholarships and Reduce Loan Costs at No New Taxpayer Expense

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Johnson voted today to approve legislation that would make the single largest investment in college financial aid since the 1944 GI Bill, helping millions of students and families pay for college - and doing so at no new cost to U.S. taxpayers.

The legislation, the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007 (H.R. 2669), which the House passed by a vote of 273 to 149, would boost college financial aid by about \$18 billion over

the next five years. The legislation pays for itself by reducing excessive federal subsidies paid to lenders in the college loan industry by \$19 billion. It also includes nearly \$1 billion in federal budget deficit reduction.

"This bill will make almost a billion new dollars available to Texas students and families over the next five years," said Congresswoman Johnson. "If the bill becomes law, it will benefit nearly half a million Texas students, saving each one about \$4,500 over the life of a typical college loan."

Under the legislation, the

maximum value of the Pell Grant scholarship would increase by \$500 over the next five years. When combined with other Pell scholarship increases passed or proposed by Congress this year, the maximum Pell Grant would reach \$4,900 in 2008 and \$5,200 in 2011, up from \$4,050 in 2006, thus restoring the Pell's purchasing power. About 6 million low- and moderate-income students would benefit from this increase.

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Around The Town

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

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

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, a social service, cultural sorority, meets the second Monday of each month in members' homes 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.org.

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 p.m. 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 at 6:00 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at 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 is 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.

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

377-3031 for information.
South Dallas Cultural Center hosts Kumasa African Ensemble Dance classes. West African dance classes for all ages are held every Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Juanita Craft Civil Rights House (temporary location), 2618 Warren Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75215.

The Dallas Museum of Art hosts "Late Nights" on the third Friday of each month at 1717 N. Harwood. The cost for admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for students with current school I.D. For more information, call 214-922-1200 or email publicprograms@DallasMuseumofArt.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, Frisco. For more information, call 214-333-5777 or email dbunorth@dbu.edu.

The Yundrae Show conducts live television tapings every Thursday. The show opens at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 7:45 p.m. There are door prizes and giveaways each week. Tickets are \$15 at the door. For more information, log on to www.theyundraeshow.com

Glenda Cooper's African Beauties Exhibition opens at the African American Museum. The exhibit focuses on Cooper's interpretation on contemporary African spirituality and strong modern African women. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is free. Call 214-219-2049 to book a tour.

July 30-August 31
SHARE is an international exchange student program looking for volunteers (with or without children) to share their hearts and homes with teen ambassadors from abroad for the upcoming 07-

08 school year. Contact Yvette Coffman, SHARE! Southwest Director, at 800-941-3738 or by email at info@share-southwest.org

Join TBAAL for the bi-annual National Black Theater Festival, organized by Larry Leon Hamlin. This international celebration and reunion of the spirit is one of America's and the world's largest gatherings of African-American professionals in theatre. If you want to see some of the biggest names in theatre, film and television, then visit 650 South Griffin St., Dallas Convention Center Theater Complex, Dallas. For more information, contact TBAAL at 214-743-2440 or visit nbt.org.

August 2
The Signing of the Declaration of Independence celebration at Walnut Hill Branch Library, 9495 Marsh Lane. Activities, games, and music start at 2 p.m. The event is FREE. Call 214-670-6376 with any questions.

August 2-5
6th National Conference of African American Librarians at the Fort Worth Convention Center, 1201 Houston Street, Fort Worth. For more information, contact Gleniece Robinson, Director Ft. Worth Public Library, Library Administration at 817-871-7705 or visit <http://www.bcala.org/NCAAL2007presentation/index.html>

August 2
Woman to Woman Free Breast Cancer Outreach

An education and support group for women with breast cancer meets in the Radiation Oncology lobby on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, 8200 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas. Call 214-345-6789 for more information.

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August 3
African American Museum First Friday Night Music Under the Dome A local band performs jazz, rhythm, and blues. Visitors are also able to tour the galleries. The program is an innovative series that provides a fun and energized social environment for the community to enjoy local blues and jazz musicians in an intimate setting in the Museum's rotunda. For more information, contact 214-565-9026, ext. 315.

August 3
African American Museum is located at 3536 Grand Avenue, Fair Park, Dallas.
Senator Obama Goes to Africa. This documentary follows Senator Barack Obama as he travels to Africa in search of his roots. The film centers around Obama's emotional homecoming to Kisumu, Kenya, his father's former home, where thousands of locals turned out to meet him. Admission is \$7.50 at Kaitia Humphreys Theater at the Dallas Theater Center, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Email katie@dvteat.org or call 214-428-8700 with any questions.

August 3
The Dallas Police vs. World Press. This FREE presentation focuses on the relationship between the Dallas PD and the Associated Press during the November 1963 Kennedy assassination. Rare footage and photos will be examined. Discover the flip side of the Kennedy assassination at The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza on 411 Elm Street, Dallas. Call 214-747-6660 for more info or visit www.jfk.org.

August 4
Citizenship Classes. FREE

preparatory class to assist with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Service examinations. Registration is required. Come to the West Branch Library, 2732 Singleton Boulevard during class time (from 2-4p.m.) and talk to the teacher in person. Call 214-670-6445 with any questions.

Educational Session for Parents on Teen Mental Health is being offered by Monique Thompson, LPC, at 4100 McEwen, Suite 285, Farmers Branch. Caregivers of teens who have suffered depression, bipolar disorder, or ADHD/ADD are likely to find seminar especially helpful for the upcoming school year. Pre-registration is required, so contact Ebony Higgs at 972-820-9965, ext. 2 or email causerlor@northdallascountyclearing.com.

August 4-8
School Physicals. All are welcome. No eligibility requirement. No appointment needed. First come, first served from 8-11 a.m. Parent or guardian must be present. Bring completed UII form and \$10. Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic, 809 Singleton Blvd. (at Sylvan) in Dallas. For more information, email nlvarez@lbucc.org or call 214-651-8739.

August 4
Queen for a Day "Meeting In The Ladies Room" presented by 94.5 K SOUL and Friendship West Baptist Church. Located at 2020 W. Westland Rd., Dallas. This anticipated Meeting in the Ladies Room will include registration and lunch at 11 a.m. and entertainment, prizes, and speakers at 12 p.m. Admission is free. Contact Delyce Kelley at 972-331-5417 with any questions.

Building Healthy Families
A limited number of mammography screenings will be offered to women (35+) by prior appointment at time of registration (please register by phone rather than online). There is a cost associated with the mammography screenings; a portion of which may be covered by health insurance. More information

about the mammography screenings will be provided to interested participants when they register for the event and inquire. Light refreshments will be served. The event is FREE, but registration is required. Methodist Charlton Medical Center Auditorium, 3500 W. Wheatland Rd. Dallas. Contact 214-947-0000 or 1-877-637-4297.

Living With Purpose presented by Loujanne Guey Ministries featuring local singing artists Claudia Turner, Ester Davis & The Dream Team, and Mama Mimi. The FREE event is from 10 a.m. - noon at the Center for Non-Profit Management, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas. For more information, call 214-337-4882 or email hguy@hottmail.com.

August 5
The Empire of Africa. Documentary exploring some of the most humanitarian disasters of the 20th century, especially the civil war in Africa and the exploitation of Africa's riches. Presented at Kaitia Humphreys Theater at the Dallas Theater Center, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. The show starts at 1:30 p.m. and admission is \$7.50. Email katie@dvteat.org or call 214-428-8700 with any questions.

August 5
Back To School Book Party. Free fun for all ages begins at 5 p.m. and lasts until 8 p.m. Activities include health screenings, information booths, water-slide, bounce house, sports, games, prizes, food, free school supplies. Mentors in Motion event is located at 1530 Bonnie View Road, City Temple Adventist Church, Dallas County Community College District, South Fair CDC. Email atomen@joshua.net or call 214-928-9410 with any questions.

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United States At Crossroads: Changing The Conversation For Stronger Urban America

By: Marc H. Morial -
NMPA Columnist
To Be Equal

According to a Pew Center poll from March, nearly three-quarters of Americans believe the gap dividing the haves and have-nots in the United States is growing, up eight percentage points from 2002 and at its highest level since the early 1990s when 80 percent agreed with the statement.

Most surprisingly is that a rapidly increasing portion of the nation's higher earners in this survey believed the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed whose annual income exceeded \$75,000 expressed support for this assertion, compared to 51 percent in 2003 – a 14 percentage point gain in just four years. It was the largest single increase among all income groups. In addition, a higher percentage of Americans in 2007 felt that their ultimate success is dictated by outside factors – not their own drive and determination compared to 2003 – 34 percent versus 30 percent.

What does this tell us? That in just four years Americans of all colors have lost even more faith in the system. That we are a nation at a crossroads. We have two choices – either go down the path we're on and be resigned to the consequences of producing a society of haves and have-nots – or redirect our energies toward effecting change and delivering upon the promise made over 230 years ago that all Americans should have equal opportunity to achieve the American dream.

That is why the National Urban League is now extending its reach, past providing programs for and becoming the voice for urban America in Washington, D.C.. We want to put our expertise to broader use at the national, state and local governmental levels. We want to

play the pivotal role in putting urban America back on the path of greatness. And we expect our future president to feel the same as we do about the importance of this mission to revitalize our urban communities and close the equality gaps.

So, we have been working on our own set of public policy prescriptions to nurse urban America back to fiscal health and beyond. It is called The Opportunity Compact: Blueprint for Economic Equality. The policy recommendations offered are not a laundry list of things for the federal government to perform on behalf of a select group of citizens. Rather, they present opportunities for all interested parties to play a role in improving our nation's global competitiveness by maximizing the potential of all its citizens – not just African Americans, but also Hispanics and not just Asians but all Americans.

It revolves around four main core issues – children's wellbeing, jobs, homeownership and entrepreneurship – that the National Urban League considers to be key components of the American dream. These core areas are represented through four underlying guiding principles: the opportunity to thrive, the opportunity to earn, the opportunity to own and the opportunity to prosper.

All children deserve to live poverty-free in safe homes with adequate nutrition and affordable quality health care and deserve a quality education that will prepare them to compete in an increasingly global marketplace. To achieve this, we're calling for mandatory early childhood education coupled with access to college education.

We're also calling for the extension of health benefits to children whose parents earn too much for them to qualify for government health care coverage as well as calling for increased support benefits for struggling

working families.

All willing adults should have jobs that allow them to earn a decent wage and provide a reasonable standard of living for themselves and their families. To bring this about, among other recommendations, we've called upon leaders to index the minimum wage to inflation and proposed the creation of an Urban Infrastructure Bank, modeled after the World Bank, to help jumpstart ailing urban economies by infusing into them money to rebuild old infrastructure while at the same time putting local residents to work.

All adults should have access to the financial security that comes from owning a home. To achieve this goal, we've urged leaders to allow for the establishment of homeownership development accounts similar to 401-K accounts to help homebuyers save for their first home, among other suggestions. And finally, every individual who possesses entrepreneurial vision should have access to the resources needed to launch and grow a viable business enterprise. Greater micro-financing opportunities, among other recommendations, is one means to that end.

We are the nation that developed the Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe after World War II. We are the nation that created the International Monetary Fund to build the world. We should be the nation that can bridge its own economic disparities. If we can rally around the war in Iraq, why wouldn't we be able to rally around rebuilding our urban communities and toppling the inequalities that stand in the way of our national making good on its own true potential.

Why not use put our American ingenuity to use in our own backyard? Now, it's time to build a phoenix out of our crumbling inner cities much the way a devastated Japan resurrected itself after World War II.

Fighting Diamond Smuggling In Africa

Liberia lifts its six-year-old moratorium on the mining, sale, and export of diamonds on Monday.

By: Tristan McConnell -
Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Koidu, Sierra Leone; and London - The diamond pits of Sierra Leone haven't changed much since the war ended five years ago.

Spread across the muddy, cratered moonscapes, hundreds of hunched men still break their backs day after day sifting through wet gravel with crude shovels and sieves.

Last winter the Oscar-nominated movie 'Blood Diamond' cast Hollywood's bright lights on the brutality of a war that was funded by diamonds dug by hand out of these mud pits then exchanged for weapons and exported to Europe where they were cut, polished, packaged, and sold to consumers seeking a symbol of enduring love.

Since the diamond-fueled wars in Sierra Leone and neighboring Liberia have ended, the amount of diamonds coming from conflict zones has dropped from 15 percent during the mid-1990s to only 0.2 percent today. With the help of international organizations and donor nations, Sierra Leone has made great strides in regulating its diamond industry, and Liberia just announced that it will lift its six-year-old moratorium on the mining, sale, and export of diamonds on Monday.

But, despite the gains, shortcomings remain.

"Smuggling is still happening across West Africa and as a consumer you still can't be sure of what you're getting," says Annie Dunneback, a campaigner at the London-based advocacy group Global Witness.

In 2005, experts estimated that up to 20 percent of the country's diamond production was being smuggled.

Some dispute this figure but

none deny that smuggling persists. "Smuggling is there but it is not organized like during the war," says Jonathan Shaka, a government mines official.

Last year, official exports of rough diamonds were worth \$136 million, but as the war raged in 1999 the figure was a paltry \$12 million, leading experts to estimate that rebels in control of the mines during the war were smuggling up to \$125 million of diamonds a year.

Advances in regulating the trade

The biggest advance for regulating the diamond trade came in 2003 with the launch of the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme, which was set up to ensure that the gems are not associated with conflict through a system of self-regulation and certificate by which the origin of any rough diamond can be proved. The Kimberly Process was established specifically to prevent the trade in blood diamonds used to fund rebel groups, but Ms. Dunneback argues that smuggling any diamonds undermines that process by allowing the trading networks to persist.

Leon Boksenbojm, a diamond expert and consultant to Sierra Leone's government, acknowledges that smuggling goes on.

"The problem of smuggling is not specific to West Africa but it is more acute because the borders are porous," he says. In a recent documentary released as part of the two-disc Blood Diamond DVD, Sierra Leonean filmmaker Soriusu Samura showed just how easy it is to walk across the border with a pocketful of diamonds and trade them to dealers without any certificates to guarantee that the diamonds are conflict-free.

Sierra Leone leads the way to combat smuggling, the Sierra Leonean government last month launched the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), which calls on

companies to publish what they pay and governments to publish what they receive, bringing transparency and accountability to a notoriously secretive industry.

Mr. Boksenbojm says the answer is to harmonize legislation and tax codes in the region thereby removing the incentives to smuggle. Implementing EITI across West Africa is an important step toward this, he says, pointing out that other countries lag behind Sierra Leone.

Are your diamonds 'conflict-free'?

Among the designer clothes stores on London's Bond Street are a number of retailers, including De Beers and Graff, who sell some of the estimated \$62 billion worth of diamond jewelry bought worldwide each year.

Paying lip-service to the Kimberly Process, one Bond Street jeweler confidently asserted that all his new diamonds were conflict-free. He claimed to have certificates proving this but could not produce them. A survey by Global Witness and Amnesty International in May found that most British retailers were not doing enough to ensure that the diamonds they sell are conflict-free.

Whether or not a particular retailer's stones are conflict-free, the disparity between the consumer and producer ends in the diamond chain remains stark.

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encourage brothers to go school and also help keep them there," Thomas Joyner Jr., head of the foundation, told BlackAmericaWeb.com. He said foundation board members decided to initiate the new program because of their concerns over the disparities in the number of black men in college and also the increasing number of black men involved in negative activities.

"We know there are a lot of black brothers out there doing the right things, and we want to highlight them," Joyner said.

The new scholarship program, called Brothers on the Move, already has tapped scholarship winners at Tougaloo College in Mississippi, the July College of the Month.

Joyner said there is a definite need for the new scholarship because on average the black male student enrollment at an HBCU is about 37 percent.

According to a recent report by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, Central State University in Ohio has the best balance between black male and female student population with a rate of 50-50. Southern University at Shreveport had the greatest disparity in male/female student enrollment, with a female student population of 78 percent. That report also showed that black male enrollment at HBCUs is up overall by about eight percent for a three-year period from 2002-2005.

To be an eligible candidate for the scholarship, students must have a grade point average of at least 3.0, be a campus leader, be involved in the community and have a career goal to make a difference in the quality of life for his race, while helping others.

Cheney State University in Philadelphia, Pa. is the August College of the Month; Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tenn., is the pick for September; Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Fla. takes the prize for October and Savannah State University in Savannah, Ga. wins for November.

The first recipient of a Brothers on the Move \$1,500 scholarship is Joshua Dedmond, a junior at Tougaloo.

Dedmond, who plans to become a college professor, is majoring in history with a minor in religious studies. He is an honor student who serves as chaplain of his chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, is class president, second vice state representative of the Mississippi Caucus of Omegas and member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Educators and university administrators applaud the foundation's efforts to support black men in colleges. "We're expecting record enrollment of black males in our freshmen class this fall, and part of that is due to scholarship support from organizations like the Tom Joyner Foundation," said George French, president of Miles College near Birmingham, Alabama.

In a study last year by the Education Trust, Miles, a small liberal arts college, ranked fourth only behind Stanford, Duke and Spelman in the percentage of black college graduates.

Black males account for 51 percent of the college's enrollment. "So we have the highest percentage of black male graduates," French told BlackAmericaWeb.com. Often, a combination of challenges – including finances and

lack of support – stand in the way of black men who may want to attend college or cause them to leave before completing a degree, said Michael J. Cuyjet, editor of the book, "African-American Men in College." The book includes chapters written by leading educators on issues confronting black men on college campuses, with some suggestions for addressing the challenges.

At a time when there is a need for more black men to complete college, there also is a lack of a predisposition for them to get a degree, said Cuyjet, a professor at the University of Louisville.

"There is this perception that you need to get out there and get a job," Cuyjet said. "What we have to do is make certain that the role models and support are there that show our young black men another way."

Under the leadership of the "TJMS" Tom Joyner, an alumnus of Tuskegee University, the foundation has contributed more than \$55 million to help students at historically black colleges and universities stay in school. It has assisted more than 14,000 students and worked with more than 100 HBCUs.

The Brothers on the Move scholarship is an initiative being launched in addition to a variety of other foundation efforts.

"We've got to do all we can to make sure brothers go to college and stay in college," the elder Joyner told BlackAmericaWeb.com. "This scholarship is just one way we're trying to make a difference."

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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 carrying 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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Local Sigma Gamma Rho Chapter Collects School Supplies

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated founded in 1922 promotes the well being of its community and serving others by the motto, "Greater Service, Greater Progress." The sorority is established with the value of sisterhood, scholarship, and service with its strongest value being service.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated works diligently every year promoting national programs that support our youth and communities. This year the Zeta Delta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated hopes to serve and promote our sorority national program, Operation Big Book Bag. Operation Big

Book Bag was designed to provide children with invaluable resources; such as book bags, note book paper, pencils and pens, etc. needed to function in their learning institutions.

Zeta Delta Sigma Chapter would like to bring Operation Big Book Bag locally to the Dallas-Forth Worth metroplex by serving two hundred students with clear book bags filled with school supplies.

We would like your assistance in meeting this goal. It is important for our children, our future to have the essential tools needed to function in their learning institutions. Your sponsorship of a book bag filled with school supplies or monetary assistance would be helpful to reach our goal to meet the need of our

children in the Dallas-Forth Worth area. If you are interested in donating any funds or sponsoring a book bag full of supplies, you may send the donation to the following address:

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Delta Sigma Chapter, Portia S Johnson, Operation Big Book Bag Chair, Located at 105 Wesley Drive, Desoto, Texas 75115.

In order to have students prepared for the 2007-2008 school year our deadline for collection of all donations is September 1, 2007. If you have any questions or need further information concerning Operation Big Book Bag, please feel free to contact Portia S Johnson at 469-834-7772 or by email, portiasjohnson@yahoo.com.

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- Meeting: **Thursday, August 09, 2007**
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Financial Focus

Pay Yourself First – And Build Your Savings

Are you investing as much as you should? If not, what can you do about it? Here's a suggestion: Pay yourself first.

That sounds simple, but it's not always so easy. Many people find it hard to invest because they spend all their money on the expenses of daily living. Even when they get salary increases, they find ways to spend this additional money.

Of course, as most of us know, life is pretty expensive. Yet, if you're going to achieve your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you must save and invest. And the best way to do that is to pay yourself first. Every single month, put some money away in an investment – before you

pay the mortgage, the utilities and the dentist.

How can you do this? Actually, it may not be as challenging as it sounds. In fact, you may already be paying yourself first, if you have a 401(k) plan where you work. Every time you get paid, your employer puts some of your salary into your 401(k). You never get a chance to spend this money because it's out of your hands.

You can apply this same principle to building up your savings and investment portfolio. Your employer may have a "deduct and invest" plan, under which you can have money withheld from your paycheck and placed in an investment of your choice. Even if no such plan exists, you can create one on your own. By setting up an automatic withdrawal plan, you can have

money taken from your checking account and placed directly to an investment.

You might think that you can afford to put in only small amounts, so why bother? But over time, even relatively modest contributions can add up. For example, suppose you have \$50 withheld from your paycheck twice a month and placed in a tax-deferred investment such as a traditional IRA – that earns, on average, 8 percent a year. After 30 years, you will have accumulated more than \$140,000—an amount that can make a big difference in your retirement lifestyle.

You can accelerate your savings even further by putting part of your salary increases into your monthly investments. Again, you've never really had this money in your pocket, so

you shouldn't really "miss" it.

Probably the hardest part of employing a "pay yourself first" strategy is just getting started. If you tell yourself that you'll begin paying yourself first after you get caught up on your bills, you may never get going – because there's always something you can spend money on. To make this investment strategy work, you simply have to implement your automatic withdrawal plan and move on. With a little creativity, you should be able to find areas in your budget that you can adjust to compensate for the money now going into your investments.

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on the court with them as they stand at the net hitting the ball from side to side, keeping us hopelessly but eagerly running after it?

They are serving all the time; we never get a turn at that. They even get to play doubles against us as individuals, and they hit the ball harder than Venus and Serena combined! We are too busy trying to get out of the way, trying to avoid being hit by their onslaught, to think about winning the match; we just want to survive.

Meanwhile, other Black people are standing the sidelines, watching their brothers and sisters get hammered on the court, and they are not about to pick up their rackets and get into the game. Thus, we have been divided again: the fearful versus the fearless. At least those on the court are taking the hits and making an effort, feeble as it may be, to fend off the assault.

The tennis analogy speaks to our score, our fight, our plight, and the futility of individuality over collectivity. We are in "love" with those who are beating us down. They are way ahead in the game, and we are in "love."

We get the emotional reward of feeling good, while they get the substantive economic rewards of writing all the rules and controlling the game. Did I mention they also own the court?

Ownership and control of the wealth of this country are paramount to the progress of any group that lives here.

Black people have resided here since the country started, and we own very little of the wealth and resources, much less make any of the rules that control the game. Why are we content to stay in "love?" Why do we continue to fall for the divide and conquer ploy?

Black people should revert to the economic practices of our parents and grandparents prior to integration. They aggregated their resources; they supported one another; they built their own "tennis courts," managed them, and wrote the rules for them as well.

Yes, divide and conquer soon came in the form of fear of being physically destroyed and murdered, as in the case of the Tulsa atrocities in 1921. Then the divide and conquer tactic came in the form of expressways through every Black community, under the mantra of "Urban Renewal," creating dividing lines that pushed us further apart.

Now the game has been elevated to an even more sophisticated level. Some Black people are made to feel they are better than other Black people because of their status, their material possessions, their abilities, and their education. We have acquiesced to so many strata among our people that it is hard to figure out who is where, the broad categories

being, of course, the haves and the have nots.

Divided, we have fallen to a low level of respect from others as well as among ourselves. Divided, we have gone from a people who would take things into their own hands and do for themselves, to a timid, timid, tired people who depend on "programs" and outsiders to "rescue" us "V" after they were the ones who put us in this situation in the first place. Divided, we have come to the point of now having to make a final decision on the future of our chil-

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Curtain Opens For Collin Theatre Center

Collin College is preparing to open the curtain on its 20th season of theatre, and to celebrate the college has announced a few changes to accompany the next era of theatre at the college. Quad C Theatre, a program that has achieved national acclaim, will continue its success under a new name – Collin Theatre Center.

"I feel that this is the start of a new era of theatre in Plano," said Brad Baker, chair of theatre at Collin College. "There is great excitement around here. This is definitely the start of something new."

Over the past 19 years, audiences have grown accustomed to seeing first-rate plays performed by talented local students. Collin College's theatre program has earned national recognition, having been named a national finalist at the American College Theater Festival. Other accolades of the program include four student playwrighting awards, one

U.S. Professor of the Year, one Kennedy Center Design Fellow and two national Irene Ryan Scholarship finalists, among many others.

Alumni of the program have had successful careers in television, film, radio, theatre and more. Michael Urie, Golden Globe winner from the hit television show *Ugly Betty*, is an alumnus of Collin College. Other students from the program have transferred to top schools like New York University, The Boston Conservatory, the State University of New York at Purchase and The Juilliard School.

Theatre faculty hope that the new name will serve as recognition of the success and growth of the program.

"The growth has been astronomical," Baker said. "We've grown in terms of numbers of performances, students and faculty and in terms of public perception. When we started, people just saw us as a commu-

nity college putting on plays. Today we are one of the leading theatres in the DFW Metroplex that attracts the top directors, designers and performers."

Craig Erickson, director of technical theatre, has witnessed the growth first hand. He has been with the college for nearly 20 years. He looks forward to the coming years under the new name.

"I think we are going to continue to expand," he said. "I don't see anything slowing down any time soon. We are always looking for ways to stay at the top of our field and to reach out to the community."

The Collin Theatre Center's inaugural year will feature five plays. The season will open with the shoot-'em-up satire *Flaming Guns of the Purple Sage* from Oct. 11-21. Next up is *columbinus*, a haunting docu-drama exploring the high school shootings in Littleton, Colo., which will run from Oct. 16-21. Both *Flaming Guns of the Purple Sage* and *columbi-*

Annual Senior Adult Event At Eastfield College

Mesquite - The 11th Annual Senior Fest will be held at Eastfield College Saturday, August 11, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., bringing adults 50 and over from across the Metroplex together. Attendees

can choose from over 20 different workshops ranging from Flower Arranging to Digital Cameras to Adult Safety to Genealogy!

Registration is \$8 and includes breakfast, 2 workshop sessions

and lunch. Admission begins at 8 a.m. in Building C lobby area. Featured lunch-time entertainment will be Dave Tanner.

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will feature performances on Friday by the legendary funk band War; Las Tres Divas—Elida Reyna, Shelly Lares, Stefanie Montiel; and Carabali Salsa & Merengue Band. Los Guardianes del Amor, Nydia Rojas with famous Mariachi Los Caporales, and Conjunto Baraja de Oro wrap up this exciting debut Saturday night.

Saturday, August 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., brings the beginning of the Hispanic Expo with educational booths, health awareness booths, and more. The expo continues on Sunday, August 12 from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. with local college information from the Dallas County Community College District and University of Texas, Arlington. There will be activities for kids, games, raffles, and prizes. Plus, employment information will be given for English and Spanish speakers. The Texas Rangers will also stop by to show support and sign autographs for fans. There will be free mammograms, free eye screenings, children's immunizations, exercise demonstrations, information on affordable health insurance, and a Carter Bloodcare drive at the Health Pavilion. There is plenty to

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are regional premieres. Following that will be a comedy classic, *My Three Angels*, based on Albert Husson's *La Cuisine Des Anges*, from Nov. 29-Dec. 9. Then, the spring will kick off with *L'I Abner*, a musical comedy based on the comic strip by Al Capp that promises to charm audiences from Feb. 28-March 9, 2008. The season will be complete with *Blithe Spirit*, a "spirited" comedy that will run from April 24-May 4, 2008.

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B.B. King On Stage At Nokia In Grand Prairie

B.B. King Has Busy Summer Schedule

By: Kathy Hanrahan - AP
Jackson, Miss. - B.B. King returned to his hometown of Indianola for the aptly titled "B.B. King Homecoming Festival."

"It is something that I have been doing for 42 years, playing free for the kids in June," the 81-year-old blues legend said. "Watching them grow."

With his trademark guitar that he named "Lucille," King is one of the nation's most influential blues musicians. His long list of hits includes "The Thrill Is Gone," "Every Day I Have the Blues" and "You Upset Me Baby."

In December, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his musical contributions.

King, who was born on a plantation in Ita Bena near Indianola, said no one famous came to town to play music for the children when he was growing up.

"I wanted to let them know that if B.B. King can do it, they

can do it better," he said.

King's busy schedule also included a 16-city blues festival tour with Etta James and Al Green starting July 24 and Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival in the Chicago suburb of Bridgeview, Ill., on July 28. The festival will benefit Crossroads Centre, the drug-rehab facility Clapton founded in Antigua a decade ago.

"Trying to come onstage after Etta James is frightening," King joked during a recent telephone interview with The Associated Press. He said Green is equally as frightening to follow.

"I know both of them. They are really fiery onstage," he said.

He took a break from music while in Indianola for the June 9 homecoming festival to visit the site of the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center. The \$14 million museum is scheduled to open Sept. 16, 2008 - King's birthday.

"It does carry my name, and we're hoping that it will do a lot for the Delta and a lot as far as education is concerned," he said.



A statue of King is located in B.B. King Park, along a corridor that will lead visitors to the museum. King said he "highly approves" of the statue's likeness.

"Kiddies get a chance to come by and take a look at it," he said.

"I'm really proud of it." B.B. King will be at Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie on Aug. 27th with Etta James and Al Green. Tickets available through all Ticketmaster locations or online at www.Ticketmaster.com.

WMS Unlimited Presenting The 3rd Annual No Limit Women's Expo

WMS Unlimited, communication and project management specialists, will be the presenting sponsor for the 3rd annual No Limit Women's Expo. The purpose of the expo is to promote life enrichment and empowerment of women by addressing the needs of the whole woman - mind, body and soul.

The No Limit Women's Expo is a free event featuring exhibitors with products, services

and business opportunities for women. This fun, family-friendly and charitable event will be held Saturday, August 11, 2007 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano.

Attendees will experience shopping, health & fitness information, health screenings, educational seminars, entertainment, children's activities and door prize drawings. Attendees can also give

the gift of life by signing up to donate blood with Carter BloodCare, donate women's business attire and accessories benefiting Dress For Success Dallas, and donate school supplies benefiting Community Partners of Dallas.

For exhibitor and sponsorship information, visit www.nolimitexpo.com or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882. To learn more about WMS Unlimited, visit www.wmsunlimited.com.

Texas Chapter Of The Links Hosts Round XV Annual Fundraiser

The Mid Cities Texas Chapter of the Links, Incorporated will host its annual fundraiser on Saturday, August 18 at the Fairmont Hotel, 1717 North Akard Street, Dallas. This year's event, "A Knockout

Affair," will include cocktails and a silent auction from 6-7 p.m. and dinner, boxing, and dancing from 7 p.m. until midnight.

The fundraiser is in support of community projects and programs such as the Prescription

Assistance Program, the Sallye Moore Scholarship Fund, the Boys and Girls Club of Grand Prairie, and the Circles Girls Leadership Program.

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Cities Try To Disrupt Gangs By Suing Them

Tactic called innovative by some, unconstitutional by others

AP
Fort Worth - Fed up with deadly drive-by shootings, incessant drug dealing and graffiti, cities nationwide are trying a different tactic to combat gangs: They're suing them.

Fort Worth and San Francisco are among the latest to file lawsuits against gang members, asking courts for injunctions barring them from hanging out together on street corners, in cars or anywhere else in certain areas.

The injunctions are aimed at disrupting gang activity before it can escalate. They also give police legal reasons to stop and question gang members, who often are found with drugs or weapons, authorities said. In some cases, they don't allow gang members to even talk to people passing in cars to carry spray paint.

"It is another tool," said Kevin Rousseau, a Tarrant County assistant prosecutor in Fort Worth, which recently filed its first civil injunction against a gang. "This is more of a proactive approach."

A lawsuit too far? But critics say such lawsuits go too far, limiting otherwise lawful activities and unfairly targeting minority youth.

"If you're barring people from talking in the streets, it's difficult to tell if they're gang members or if they're people discussing issues," said Peter Bibring, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. "And it's all the more troubling because it doesn't seem to be effective."

Civil injunctions were first filed against gang members in the 1980s in the Los Angeles area, a breeding ground for gangs including some of the country's most notorious,

such as the Crips and 18th Street.

The Los Angeles city attorney's suit in 1987 against the Playboy Gangster Crips covered the entire city but was scaled back after a judge deemed it too broad.

Chicago tried to target gangs by enacting an anti-loitering ordinance in 1992 but the U.S. Supreme Court struck it down in 1999, saying it gave police the authority to arrest without cause.

Since then, cities have used injunctions to target specific gangs or gang members, and so far that strategy has withstood court challenges.

Variety of restrictions
Los Angeles now has 33 permanent injunctions involving 50 gangs, and studies have shown they do reduce crime, said Jonathan Diamond, a spokesman for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

The injunctions prohibit gang members from associating with each other, carrying weapons, possessing drugs, committing crimes and displaying gang symbols in a safety zone — neighborhoods where suspected gang members live and are most active. Some injunctions set curfews for members and ban them from possessing alcohol in public areas — even if they're of legal drinking age.

Those who disobey the order face a misdemeanor charge and up to a year in jail. Prosecutors say the possibility of a jail stay — however short — is a strong deterrent, even for gang members who've already served hard time for other crimes.

"Seven months in jail is a big penalty for sitting on the front porch or riding in the car with your gang buddies," said Kinley Hegglund, senior assistant city attorney for Wichita Falls.

Last summer, Wichita Falls sued 15 members of the Varrio Carnales gang after escalating violence with a rival gang, including about 50 drive-by-

shootings in less than a year in that North Texas city of 100,000.

"Scared into compliance"
Since then, crime has dropped about 13 percent in the safety zone and real estate values are climbing, Hegglund said.

Other cities hope for similar results.

San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera sued four gangs in June after an "explosion" in gang violence, seven months after filing the city's first gang-related civil injunction.

Fort Worth sued 10 members of the Northside Four Trey Gangsta Crips in May after two gang members were killed in escalating violence, said

Assistant City Attorney Chris Mosley.

"Our hope is that these defendants will be scared into compliance just by having these injunctions against them," Mosley said.

However, some former gang members say such legal maneuvers wouldn't have stopped them.

Usamah Anderson, 30, of Fort Worth, said he began stealing cars and got involved with gangs as a homeless 11-year-old. He was arrested numerous times for theft and spent time in juvenile facilities.

Anderson says if a civil injunction had been in place then, he and his friends would

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in 1961. Once coined by scoffers as Murray's Barbecue Pit during its beginning, this world-wide, word-based and deliverance-focused ministry is presently composed of over 4000 members in its local facility and it is distinguished as one of Dallas' first mega-churches.

Its fellowship extends beyond the city limits with over 30 churches located throughout the United States. The life-changing ministry is known for its global broadcast of the classic and pure delivery of the Holy Scriptures to listeners via the radio, television and the Internet.

The vision of Dr. Murray also transformed the Dallas educational community in 1979 as he pioneered the establishment of his namesake, the Lobias Murray Christian Academy (LMCA). It is the first African American-owned and fully accredited private K-12 academy. Since its inception, the academy has graduated over 275 students some of whom are educational, healthcare, and business professionals - including medical doctors and hospital administrators, college professors, and entrepreneurs. The mission of the academy aligns with the life focus of its founder and that is to educate the whole child - academically, physically and spiritually.

Over the last 50 years, Dr. Murray has been described as a principal architect in the educational and religious communities. He has been recognized by local, and state officials for his contributions to the community over the last five decades. Recently, he was given his second key by members of the Dallas City Council. The first key was awarded in 1982 by the late Dallas City councilwoman, Ms. Elsie Faye Heggins. She

also proclaimed the third Monday in October as "Lobias Murray Day" in the City of Dallas.

Dr. Murray was also awarded the minister of the year by the International Ministerial Alliance. He was recognized as an Unsung Hero by a local television station for his humanitarian and philanthropic efforts in the Dallas area. He is the namesake of the annual humanitarian award presented by the DFW Elite Newspaper. He is recipient of the Walter Wilson Humanitarian Award; recipient of a doctorate and an honorary doctorate degree from Dr. Wright Lassiter, Jr., then president of Bishop College and Dr. Zameko Jackson of Saint Thomas Christian College respectively.

"We are looking for those who have been blessed by his life across the nation to come and celebrate his accomplishments," said Reverend Murray. Some of the expected notable attendees include: Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins; State Representative Yvonne Davis; gospel artists - Kim Burrell; Reverend Timothy Wright, Pastor Beverly Crawford, Lorraine Stencil, Elder Kervy Brown, Jermia Cannon. Special guest speaker for the closing celebration service is Apostle Richard D. Henton of Monument of Faith Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Murray is the founding pastor and general overseer of the Full Gospel Holy Temple Churches, Inc.; the husband of Dr. Shirley Murray; a father of 4 - the late Rev. Herman L. Murray Sr., Mrs. Sharon Murray Smith, Ms. Gwendol R. Murray and Ms. Brenda Rice. For more information about The 80/50 Celebration weekend and Dr. Lobias Murray is available by visiting the Full Gospel Holy Temple website at www.fght.org or by calling 972-572-3448.

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will open Heaven's door! Mark 5:28. We can always live on less, when we have more to live for. James 4:14 & John 10:10. If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain. Luke 10:33-34 & Psalm 124:8. We do our best kneeling when we are in good standing with God. Psalm 84:11 & 95:11.

John 14:6 & John 8:32. A little with the Lord is better than much with this world's goods without Him. Proverbs 10:22 & 1 Timothy 6:6-8. Trusting in God today takes the anxieties out of tomorrow! Nahum 1:17. There is an answer in God's Word for every circumstance in your life today. Psalm 121:1-2. Faith and power come by hearing and obeying the Word of God. Romans 10:17. Remember! The pleasures of sin are for a season, but the wages are for eternity! Nahum 1:7. The greatest thing we can do for a loved one is to influence them for Christ. John 14:1-42. Praising the Lord in adversity changes burdens into blessings. Acts 16:25 & Hebrews 13:5. The fragrance of faithful praise should rise from the blossom of answered prayer. Psalm 28:6. You can't put your sins behind you until you are willing to face them. Luke 13:3. What God gives by promise, we must take by faith. John 5:24.



Picture of The Week

B. Wayne Kong, Ph.D., J.D., a contributor to the book "Why Children Should Know Their Grandparents" by the Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc. and Sister Tarpley, mother of Jarrell & Cleo Tarpley; Bill & Minister Sheila Lott; and grandmother of Deven Tarpley; Tyanna, David, & Philip Lott.

From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder and Senior Pastor: Take a tip from nature: man's ears are not made to shut, his mouth is. James 1:19. You may have good grounds for praying, but you must first be on praying ground. Psalm 66:18. Returning good for good is commendable, returning good for evil is Christ-like. Matthew 5:44. The best way to kill time is to work it to death serving the Lord. Ephesians 5:15-16.

The Christian life is a battleground, not a playground. Philippians 3:13-14. Only the bread of life can satisfy man's spiritual hunger. Matthew 6:11 & Isaiah 55:2. The dreadful wages of sin are never changed but by receiving Christ you can avoid "payday." Romans 6:23 & John 1:12. God may lead you AROUND, but He will always lead you ARIGHT! Job 23:10. Be like a kettle; up to your neck in hot water, but still able to sing. Acts 16:24. Keep your light shining. God will put it where it will be seen. Matthew 5:14 & 16. Happiness depends on happenings, but joy depends on Jesus. 2 Corinthians 11:21-30.

Gossip is like soft soap—mostly ly! Leviticus 19:16. Safety does not consist in the absence of danger, but in the presence of God. Psalm 57:1. A hypocrite is a person who is not himself on Sunday. 2 Kings 17:33. The feeblest knock of faith

It's my birthday! It's my birthday! August 2nd is Sister Tarpley's birthday. I thank God for every year and His blessings. Also Happy Birthday to my friends: Phemia Turner, July 31st and Theresa Simpson, August 1st. Email: religion@monthbezagette.com Office: 972-516-4191 Voice Mail: 972-606-3878 Fax: 972-509-9058

Let MON-The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of James. "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him." bonds between the regional organization and the U.N. The representative of China stressed that the goal was not to pressure Sudan, and the U.S. representative warned about the consequences of failure. Representatives of the United Kingdom, France, Russian Federation, Qatar, Slovakia, Belgium, Italy, Indonesia, Ghana, South Africa and Panama spoke and all stressed the importance of the unanimity of the Council's action.

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negotiate for a permanent political settlement to the dispute and fulfill all international obligations.

Ban Ki-moon called on U.N. members to provide full support of the resolution with additional troops, support systems and command structures, and he called for the unequivocal support of the Government of Sudan and the rebel forces.

He said that their support was crucial for successful

negotiations and an eventual peace agreement. "We will build peace through negotiations for a political settlement and sustain peace on the ground with our peacekeepers," said Ki-moon.

Other Security Council members hailed the resolution but cautioned that it was only a first step to a lasting peace and called on the Government of Sudan for their full cooperation.

The African Union Observer welcomed the resolution and said it would strengthen the

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August 4, 6 pm
Our choir will host Dallas Chapter Gospel Music Workshop of America, 2007 Summer Musical featuring: Soloist Marcha Johnson from Pilgrim Rest BC; Griggs Chapter BC Sanctuary Choir; Minister Charles D. Webb and Attonement; Soloist David Wyatt; The Voices of Rheema Life Fellowship Church; Gaye Arbuckle & Concord BC Praise Team; and Shiloh MBC Choir

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SIMS CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
August 2007

Sims Chapel will be 92 years old this year. Come celebrate four different events with us: August 4, 6 pm - 8 pm. Our Celebratory Banquet, we will fellowship and eat in our Fellowship Hall.

August 5, 6 pm. Voices of Victory will present a musical with several guest choirs. Featured will be Sylvester "Shy" Jones, Saxophonist.

August 10, 7:30 pm. Our Victory Youth and Children will be jamming along with other guests (4 drill team, a mime ministry and a puppet ministry).

August 19, 4 pm. The Grand Finale—The Anniversary Hour, our guest church is New St. Philip Baptist Church, Acrola, TX and others.

For more information, call Helen Shaw @ 972-226-4127

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August 4, 10 am-1 pm

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Baptists Seeking To Reunite Black, White Denominations

By: Yonah Shimron - McClatchy-Tribune
Sixteen years before the start of the American Civil War, Baptists split over the issue of slavery: Southern Baptists supported it, Northern Baptists opposed it.
Now, more than 160 years later, there's an effort afoot to reunite some black and white Baptist denominations. The effort would forge a loose coalition to address social issues such as poverty, the environment and AIDS.
But the reunion won't include the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, which in 1995 apologized

to African-Americans for supporting slavery. Nor will the new coalition function as a denomination. In an age of declining denominational loyalty, organizers are not proposing what some believe to be an outdated model for church structure.
The new effort, recently announced by former presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, is being called a "New Baptist Covenant." It is intended to serve as a counterweight to the Southern Baptist Convention, which has dominated the national scene for 30 years.
The coalition's first gathering is scheduled for January 2008. "I was impressed with how much energy there was on this,"

said Bill Leonard, dean of the Wake Forest University Divinity School and a participant in last month's summit in Atlanta. "It was not 'Oh Carter called this. Let's be polite.'"
If successful, the coalition will unite four historic black Baptist denominations with numerous moderate and liberal white Baptist denominations in the United States and abroad.
The coalition is the brainchild of Carter, a lifelong Baptist who broke with the Southern Baptist Convention several years ago. Former President Clinton, who is also a Baptist but worshiped in a Methodist church while in the

White House, described himself as a "cheerleader" for the effort.
The Southern Baptist Convention, with 16 million members, has cast a skeptical eye on the enterprise.
"I will be very surprised if this gets any traction and goes anywhere," said Daniel Akin, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., one of six Southern Baptist seminaries.
But many other more moderate and liberal voices at North Carolina churches said they welcomed an opportunity to offer a social justice message to counter what many perceive as a harsh

and judgmental Southern Baptist tone. Since the 1980s, Southern Baptists have taken increasingly conservative theological and political views, insisting the Bible must be read literally, declaring that only men can serve as pastors and establishing close ties to the Republican Party.
"You might say it's about time," said the Rev. Dumas Harshaw of the Carter initiative. Harshaw is pastor of First Baptist Church on Wilmington Street in Raleigh, N.C., a mostly black congregation. "It will be a profound statement of unity and strengthen Christian witness in

the land."
It is not entirely clear what the new coalition will do. There is talk of raising social issues, developing educational resources, even engaging in evangelism. But organizers are clear they will not form a denomination.
That model is increasingly popular. Over the past 50 years, denominational loyalty has declined as Christians shop for the church with the best day care program or the most contemporary music. Many are less concerned by theological agendas and instead seek a sense of community.

Calling All Actors

Teatro de la Rosa is now seeking 13-15 actors, dancers, and puppeteers for their fifth season's opener "Conference of the Birds." Auditions begin Monday, August 6 at 7 p.m. and

will be held at the Rose Marine Theatre, 1440 N. Main, Fort Worth. For more information, call Yvonne Duque at 817-624-8333 or email Yvonne@rose-marinetheater.com.

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have simply moved outside the safety zone.
"That's the life you live, so you're going to find a way to maneuver around it," said Anderson, a truck driver who abandoned the gang life about seven years ago and has started a church to help young gang members.
The ACLU and other critics of gang injunctions favor community programs. The Rev. Jack Crane, pastor of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth, is helping Anderson's group provide gang members with counseling, shoes and other resources

needed to help them escape that life.
"We don't want to lose another generation," Crane said.
Some residents in the Fort Worth safety zone say they feel better with the injunction in place.
Phoebe Picazo, who recently moved to the city to care for her elderly parents, said she hears gunfire almost every night.
"This has always been a quiet community with a lot of seniors, but now we're having to keep our doors locked," Picazo said. "With the injunction, I feel better for my folks."

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ing her work a bigger potential audience.
The need for Girlz on the Move! 360 became even more apparent in April, she says, after radio shock jock Don Imus used a slur to refer to a mostly African-American women's basketball team. The remark hurt and offended her, and she wanted to let girls know they could do whatever they wanted.
"They don't have to hide to any of the things Don Imus said they can be themselves, they can put it in the magazine," she says. She says she's producing a

world magazine – not just one for black girls – and it aims to change that world. In one issue, for instance, she interviewed an author whose book details how little girls in Kenya can't afford to go to school. Shelby was so moved by the story she placed an order form for the book in the magazine. Now, for every three books sold via Girlz on the Move!, the author will put one Kenyan girl through school.
Those issues-based ideas impress James Parker of Colorful Print & Design, who prints Shelby's magazine.
"The content is really helpful

for kids. She's touching issues for girls all around the world," Parker says. "I was shocked that she was only in eighth grade. We conducted business as normal; of course, I gave her a break on the price. She was involved in something so positive."
Shelby says she wants Girlz on the Move! 360 to keep growing until it dominates magazine stands. But still, even when that happens, being a magazine publisher will be her side job.
"I'd like to be a Supreme Court justice when I grow up," Shelby says. "After I go to Harvard Law School."

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