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People In The News



Nichole E. Morrow, a student at Duncanville High School, has recently been selected for membership in The National Society of High School Scholars. The Society invites only those students who have superior academic achievement and are among the top scholars in the nation. The announcement was made by NSHSS Honorary Chair Claes Nobel, a senior member of the Nobel Prize family. Nichole will be attending The University of Texas at Dallas in the fall of 2005. She will major in chemistry.

10th Annual Black Enterprise Conference

By: Stephanie Ward

African-American entrepreneurs and corporate professionals from all over the country gathered for the 10th Annual Black Enterprise Conference, held May 18th-May 21st at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas. The conference theme was Season of Change: Taking Risks Embracing Opportunity.



The four-day event ended with an awards gala that recognized top grossing black businesses in a number of industries including auto, industrial and service, advertising and financial.

Pictured here are two local attendees Ms. Gwen Verizon and Mr. Terry Allen who were among the 2,000 conference participants.

Harvard African Studies Chairman to Quit Post



By: Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. plans to step down as chairman of the university's African and African American studies department next year but intends to remain at the university.

Gates, 54, said he will leave the chairman's position on July 1, 2006. He intends to continue teaching and directing Harvard's W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research. "Fifteen years is long enough for any chair," Gates said. "I would never leave the chairmanship if I thought the department was vulnerable in any way."

When Gates was recruited from Duke University in 1991, the Harvard program had only two professors. Gates is credited with expanding the department and raising the profile of African and African-American studies.

The program lost two high-profile scholars in 2002, when Cornel West and another celebrated professor, K. Anthony Appiah, both left for Princeton.

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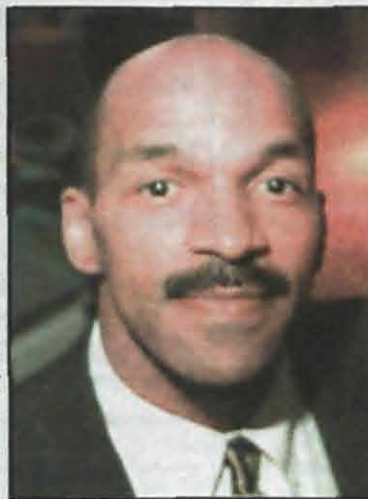
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Irving Begins Quest for Racial Reconciliation

By: Paul Halley

It has been said, people are pretty much alike, but we are defined more by our differences than our similarities. Those differences and positive methods to overcome them were the central theme of a recent community meeting in Irving.

The City-Wide Dialogue on Diversity was held May 17th as part of a series of meetings on the subject, sponsored by the United States Justice Department. The Dialogue meetings were created as response to recent Irving events with



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racial undertones which included: fights between black and Hispanic students at Irving High School; beating of a Hispanic man by an Irving police officer and the officer's subsequent dismissal for use of excessive force; and anti-Hispanic sentiments expressed in the recent city resident survey. As a result of these events, Richard Sambrano of the Community Relations Service of the

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A Right Cross and a Left Hook

By: James Clingman

Black folks need to change our conversation. For the past 40 years, most of our conversation has been about politics. Most of our efforts have been centered on politics. Reminiscent of Reconstruction, when Blacks occupied political offices for the first time, many of our politicians are just figureheads, toothless tigers, and lackeys for the establishment. Many of them are simply "employed" and are only concerned about keeping their "jobs." Many Black politicians actually work harder on behalf of others than they do for their own brothers and sisters. I am suggesting that we change our conversation; change it from politics as usual to economics unusual.

Before you political hacks get angry, let me say that we must continue to be involved in politics. We must run for office and we must vote, by all means. But we cannot afford to stop there. We saw what happened in Florida in 2000, and we saw what happened in Ohio in 2004, both times Black folks were told to "go out and vote." We were told we must vote in even greater numbers in 2004 than we did in 2000. We did it, and we still cannot even get a hearing on reparations. P.

Diddy told the young people to, "Vote or die." They voted, and when it comes to economic empowerment, they, and we, are nearly dead. Like I said in a previous article, where is the "Start a business or die" campaign, the "Pool our money or die" campaign? In my neck of the woods, there are Black politicians who do absolutely nothing for Black folks, but they come out every year or two to tell us how good they have been and what they stand for on our behalf. What a load of fertilizer. Even stranger is the fact that Democrats and Republicans, Liberals and Conservatives do the same things. We may duck the "right" cross, but we will still get hit by the "left" hook. In other words, we have nothing coming from either political party, and they have proven that to us time and time again.

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Denton Council Approves New Code Enforcement

By: Cliff Despres / Staff Writer

The city now can dissolve stagnant water and graffiti problems, officials say.

The Denton City Council approved two new code enforcement rules Tuesday, one that requires private property owners to clean up graffiti and another that prohibits pools of water that may harbor mosquitoes, stench or health hazards. Both take effect June 7.

Violations are punishable by up to a \$500 fine, and if either problem is outstanding for a certain time, the city

has the power to take care of it and bill property owners for cleanup.

"They'll be valuable tools to help make this a safer, healthier community," said Mayor Euline Brock.

The new rules are part of the city's ongoing effort to boost Denton's appearance and safety by tightening code enforcement rules. In

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Registration Open For Summer Classes At Richland College

Your future begins here with Summer classes at Richland College. Registration is open now for Summer I (June 6 through July 7) and Summer II (July 12 through Aug. 11).

Richland has credit courses in subjects from art to math to speech communication. This year, Richland is offering later start time for evening Summer credit classes. The first evening class will be from 5:40-7:40 p.m. and second class will be from 7:50-9:50 p.m.

Richland also offers an array of non-credit or continuing education courses. Subjects include health professions, computer skills, alternative teacher certification and horticulture.

For more information about Richland College, visit www.richlandcollege.edu or call 972-238-6194.

For more than 30 years, Richland College of the Dallas County Community Colleges has focused on teaching,

learning and community building. Richland helps students build their future through courses that can be applied to the first two years of a baccalaureate degree, one- or two-year certificates in a number of career fields, and training in the latest technology for students who want to advance in their current careers. The student body of more than 14,000 college credit students and about 6,000 continuing education students at Richland is internationally and ethnically diverse, speaking more than 90 first languages. Visit www.richlandcollege.edu for more information.

Fighting Ourselves



By: Paul Halley

Michael Eric Dyson wants you to know there is a war going on in the black community. This battle is not against white people, the police or drugs. This cultural war takes place between the "Aristocracy" (the black elite), the "Ghettocracy" (the black poor). A packed audience of over 250 listened to Mr. Dyson explain which side he is on during a book signing at Dallas' Black Images Book Bazaar on May 21st.

In his latest book, *Is Bill Cosby Right? Or Has the Black Middle Class Lost Its Mind*, Mr. Dyson exposes black class warfare and dissects the firestorm of

controversy raised by Bill Cosby in his now-infamous attack on the black poor in May of 2004.

During an event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision, Cosby offered up a biting condemnation of black inner city residents. "You young males, you can't just knock up five, six girls and then not take on the responsibility of fatherhood," he lectured young men. He then chastised unwed mothers for wild behavior: The child "hears you having sex in the room, he hears you arguing, he hears you cursing ... and then four days later, you bring another man into the house."

Mr. Cosby also denounced the black poor for their horrible education, style of dress, names they give their children, backward speech and their purchasing habits. In a cruel postscript, Mr. Cosby suggests to inner city blacks that "God is tired of you."

Mr. Dyson used humor to

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NAACP Weathers Tough Transition, Re-examines Itself While Searching For New President

By: Erin Texeira

AP National Writer
Baltimore, MD - Within two days of reports that Mexican President Vicente Fox made racially charged comments about black American workers, Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and National Urban League President Marc H. Morial had all issued public condemnations. The NAACP, meanwhile, was a step behind.

The pioneering civil rights group responded Thursday - by which point Jackson had already met with the Mexican president and won promises of greater cooperation on labor rights for minorities. The NAACP invited Fox to its annual meeting a day later. To some, the past week illustrates the problem with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today.

"There have been so many times when the organization wasn't there," said Ronald Walters, a political scientist at the University of Maryland. The NAACP needs a "far more vigorous profile."

Perennial worries about the

effectiveness of the 96-year-old NAACP have been heightened recently by the ongoing search for a president to replace Kweisi Mfume, who resigned last year and has since been accused of giving preferential office treatment to an employee he was dating, creating a toxic work atmosphere.

Add in financial worries and an IRS query into its nonprofit status after group leaders made strong pro-Democratic statements last year, and concern for the NAACP's future runs deep.

"A new person would have to come in with a strong enough vision to force the African-American agenda" into the national spotlight, Walters said.

Founded by an interracial group in 1909, the NAACP bills itself as the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, claiming 500,000 members and 1,700 branches in the United States and abroad.

Undeniably, it played a vital role in the racial struggles of the 20th century but "in the modern era, you have to define

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Students Organize Against Racial Profiling At Colleges Across Texas

New Manual Released

(Huntsville, TX) - A new manual for students, was released at a press conference on Saturday, May 21st, in the Johnny Roberts Room at the Samuel Walker Houston Cultural Center (located at 1604 10th Street in Huntsville, Texas), to provide campus groups and student leaders with a tool for organizing against racial profiling on their campuses and in their communities. "Feel the Heat: Changing the Police

Climate in Your College Community" provides racial profiling search statistics for police departments at eight major Texas universities, as well as search statistics for each university's local city police and county sheriff's departments. The manual also offers a variety of on- and off-campus recommendations for students and their administrations to proactively approach racial injustices in college communities.

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Community Spotlight

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November, the council approved changes that allow quicker enforcement and require more grass-mowing, tree-trimming and screening of junk cars.

City officials hope tightening graffiti rules could help curb a recent increase in gang-related "tagging" of buildings, especially downtown.

Also, the city now can require property owners to drain or fill lots that have harmful water standing for more than 48 hours, and require people to maintain things like birdbaths and pools. That could cut down on mosquitoes, which breed in stagnant water and can spread diseases, including West Nile virus, officials say.

The city would notify violators and give them

seven days to take care of a water problem.

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CHANGES TO CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Denton City Council on Tuesday approved proposed code enforcement rules for graffiti and standing water.

The graffiti rules will:

- * require owners to clean up graffiti on their property. If they fail to do so within 14 days of notification, the city can enter the property, clean the graffiti and bill for costs.

- * make graffiti a civil offense.

- * prohibit possession of graffiti materials in public areas, parks, buildings or within 50 feet of a bridge underpass or similar structure, unless authorized

by the city.

- * prohibit possession of graffiti materials by minors unless at their residence, a school-sponsored event, church or other entity with adult supervision, or at employment with employer supervision.

The water rules will:

- * make it a public nuisance violation for any property owner, leaser or occupant to allow standing or stagnant water that might harbor pests or stenches for more than 48 hours under normal rain conditions.

- * require owners to drain or fill lots with standing water or treat the area with material to eliminate odors and ensure public health.

- * require owners to maintain birdbaths, fountains, reflecting pools and private swimming pools.

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refute and criticize Mr. Cosby's comments by being part professor, part preacher and part brother next door. He began by pointing out that every one of us have said the same things as Mr. Cosby, however, we don't say them publicly or with such heartlessness. Mr. Dyson also asserts the words Mr. Cosby said only serves to provide ammunition and cover to grateful racists.

"We've all sat around in the backyard talking bad about big mama to each other," he said. "The thing is we don't go out in public talking bad about her. All that does is make it seem ok for others to talk bad about her, and that's not ok."

He also blasted Mr. Cosby when it came to the names the black poor give their children.

"For decades black folks have named their kids after everything from months of the year to virtues like Patience and Faith.

We have never named our children like white people." "Look at names like Oprah and Condoleezza," he continued. "Those aren't 'normal' names and don't have anything to do with the intelligence or the ability of the owner. Mr. Cosby tells us that white people see obvious African-American names on applications and just throw them in the trash. That particular white person wouldn't hire a black person if their name was Tom or George or Malik. All the name does in this instance is save a step in the discrimination process."

Mr. Dyson also expressed this class struggle among blacks is not new and has been going on since Emancipation. "At the turn of the century, the 'Aristocracy' attacked poor blacks as being inarticulate, uneducated and poorly dressed," he said. "In 150 years, the attacks haven't gotten any more sophisticated than they were then."

To his credit, Mr. Dyson refrained from taking the low road and attacking Bill Cosby's personal

life. He forgoes bringing up the recent sexual abuse allegations against Mr. Cosby, or the accusation he fathered an illegitimate child. Instead, he contended Mr. Cosby should pick on somebody his own size and stop beating up on the weakest, most traumatized and defenseless group of people among us-the black poor. While he recognized Mr. Cosby's philanthropy, Mr. Dyson wondered why Mr. Cosby (who has refused to speak out on racial issues for most of his career), is now using all of his public capital to attack those he should be helping.

The class struggle in the black race still exists and divides us. It will take considerably more than criticism to heal black poverty. Until we examine the condition of the black poor, by fully considering the root cause effects of economic and educational racism, we will continue to fight ourselves. And the best possible outcome in a fight against yourself is a draw.

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Eye care America urges seniors to call the Seniors Eye-care Hotline: 1-800-222-EYES (3937). The help-line is intended to remind the senior community about the value of sight and the eye care program is available all year round. For more information log on to: www.eyecareamerica.org.

The African Chamber of Commerce DFW chapter hosts weekly business luncheons every Wednesday from Noon - 1 pm, featuring guest speakers, networking, technical assistance, etc. Location: The Bill J Priest Institute, 1401 Corinth Dallas, TX. For more information call 214-670-5880.

PIP Productions, distributors of the new multi-station show, The Valder Beebe Show, announces The Valder Beebe Show broadcast on "KXVI FM The Bridge Network" each Sunday, from 6 - 7 pm.

City of Allen Teen Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Allen Public Library, located at 301 Century Parkway. For more information, please call 972-727-0195. Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972-548-4114. You can also visit the web at www.co.collin.tx.us.

Teen Graffiti seeks good students who take school seriously. Who knows— you could be Teen Graffiti's Scholar Student of the Year! For contest rules and more information

visit www.teengraffiti.com, call 972-496-9457 or email info@teensreachingteens.org.

Jobseekers

Dallas County Community College District is looking for potential part-time instructors who can share their expertise and resumes, plus their college transcripts, to the admissions lobby in Building C. Recruiters are seeking adjunct faculty who would be interested in teaching at one of the system's colleges. Persons interested in teaching college credit course part-time must have a master's degree and have demonstrable teaching skills. For more information, call Paul Forte in the DCCCD office of human resources at 214-860-2158.

The Senior Source, Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas announces the June Meetings of Senior Connection, Dallas' first support group dedicated to older adults looking for a job, are Thursday, June 2 and June 16, 2005, 10:00 am - 11:30 am. At The Senior Source, 1215 Skiles Street, Dallas. The topic addressed at the June 2 meeting will be Is Your Network Too Small? The June 16 meeting will be Overcoming The Age Issue. The group meets twice a month. All meetings are free. RSVP is required. Please contact Renae Perry or Judy Burk at (214) 823-5700 or email SESD@TheSeniorSource.org

General Information

The new Rickey Smiley Morning Show airs on 97.9 The Beat every morning Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 10:00 am. Please, tune in to hear this great morning show.

KRNB FM, Dallas Fort - Worth's #1 Station for old School R&B will be giving away free gas from March 28th to May 31st. The gas giveaway will begin promptly at

7:20 am with the KRNB Street morning team. For more information contact Liz Leos at (972) 567-7542 or email at Liz@K104FM.Com.

The Urban League of Garland Community Service Center offers limited financial assistance for utilities, rent and mortgages, for local residents. Other services offered include housing counseling focusing on reverse mortgages, default mortgages, and financial literature for first-time home buyers is available by appointment only. For more information, please contact 214-413-1739.

PEAK Leadership Development - Information Luncheon-PEAK Leadership is an executive development program for corporate leaders and managers. Lunch is \$5 for individuals interested in an executive leadership development program. For more information contact Wm. Jan Daehnert at 214-808-0849.

The Dance Academy of Pathway of Life Church is registering applicants! Classes are held every Saturday from 10:15 am - 2 pm. Children ages 4 to adult are welcome to learn ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip-hop and musical theater. For more information contact Cylinda Chapman at 214-275-7284 ext. 117.

The National Society of Black Marathoners' Association is pleased to present the NBMA Scholarship Program. This program will provide awards to two students for the 2005/2006 academic year. To be considered for these scholarships, students must complete an application demonstrating that all eligibility requirements are met. For more information contact the NBMA at 972-307-8731 or scholarship@blackmarathoners.org.

Teens Reaching Teens, Inc. is sponsoring an amateur poetry contest, FREE to everyone. Prizes will be awarded. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is May 31, 2005. To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: "My Own Words" Poetry Contest, P.O. Box 45271, Garland, TX 75045. You may also email your entry to info@teensreachingteens.org.

Women Empowerment Meetings and IESP Life Skills Training (Supporting Others Through Mentoring) are two programs that provide life transforming, intellectual, emotional, spiritual and physical life skills training to the community. Meetings are held at 423 W. Wheatland Rd., Suite 101, Duncanville, Texas 75116. For more information call the SOTM office at 972-709-1180.

May 13-28, 2005

The African - American Museum will celebrate the 20th Texas Black Invitational Rodeo, celebration runs May 13 to May 28, 2005. The celebration begins with the Rodeo Hoe Down Friday May 13, 2005 at 6:30 pm, Skyline Ranch, 1801 E. Wheatland Road, Dallas TX. On Saturday May 21, 2005 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Rodeo Camp 101 will be held at the African American Museum. Memorial Weekend, Saturday, May 28, 2005 is Rodeo day. Ticket prices are: Hoe Down, \$15 per person, \$25 per couple; Rodeo Camp is free admission; Rodeo, \$7 reserved seats, \$15 box seats, \$25 VIP Box seats. Tickets are available at the Museum during regular hours; 12 noon - 6:00 pm Tuesday through Friday; 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sunday. Tickets are also available at Ticketmaster. Contact: Lee Taylor

at 214-565-9026 ext 313; or email www.Itaylor@aamdallas.org.

May 25, 2005

West Dallas Community Centers, Inc. will have an open house for a newly renovated center "Youth Development Center" (formerly the WDCC Elmer Scott Center) from 3:00 pm. To 6:00 pm. at 2650 Canada Dr. Dallas, Texas. The agency is a youth oriented After School Program that work with youth ages 5 - 18 yrs. Services are provided five (5) days a week from 3:00 pm. To 9:00 pm. A summer program is offered at all locations from 10:00 am. To 6:00 pm. For more information contact Lavetta Adkinson at (214) 637-6256.

May 27 - 28, 2005

The Majestic Theatre will host, "Dallas Black Dance Spring Celebration Series." The Dance Theatre presents Ice Cold Fire Dance celebration. Fiery and Fearless: This season's grand finale features breathtaking performances from DBDT's repertoire, including Alonzo King's Land Forms and Asadata Dafora's Awassa Attridge. Special guest performances by Stephanie Powell of Donald Byrd fame and dancers from Southern Methodist University will make the series a magnificent end - of - season celebration! The event will begin at 7:30 pm both nights. For more information call (214) 631 - 2787 or email www.ticketmaster.com.

May 31 - August 12, 2005

The Dallas Children's Theater classes are filling quickly, but there is still limited availability for the popular Showbiz Summer and Teen Conservatory at Dallas Children's Theater at Rosewood Center for Family Arts in one and two week sessions. For more information contact Amy Rosenthal at

(214) 978-0110, extension 143 or email amy@dct.org.

June 4, 2005

The Southern University Alumni Federation - Dallas Chapter will be hosting its 21st Bayou Bash at the Skyline Ranch, which is located at 1801 E. Wheatland Road in Dallas, Texas. The festivities begin at 6:00 pm and last until 11:00 pm. The menu for the evening will consist of an all - you - can - eat buffet including Louisiana style boiled crawfish and Natchitoches Meat Pies. This year's event features a Gumbo Cook - Off. Presale tickets are available through May 21, 2005 at a cost of \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (6 - 12 years of age). Tickets purchased after May 21 are \$35 for adults and \$15 for kids. Kids 5 and under get in free. A portion of your ticket price is tax deductible. For more information call Samara Trent at (972) 480 - 5247 or email SUAFDall@Yahoo.com.

Support Groups

"Healing Matters" Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For more information, call 972-519-1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 pm each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800.

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The Resurrection Of Emmett Till

By: James W. Breedlove

The FBI recently announced that the body of Emmett Till, the 14-year-old black Chicago youth who was brutally beaten and murdered 50 years ago, will be exhumed so the Cook County Medical Examiner's office can conduct an autopsy in an attempt to determine the cause of death.

Emmett Till had been sent to Mississippi on a summer vacation to visit his uncle. Several days after arriving at his uncle's home, along with a few of his cousins and friends, went to Money, Mississippi, to buy confections. They only store in town was owned by Roy and Carolyn Bryant. Emmett, apparently on a dare, violated one of the oldest taboos of the south when he "wolf-whistled at Mrs. Bryant".

Three days later (On August 28, 1955) Till was abducted at gunpoint from his uncle's home, savagely beaten, shot in the head and dumped in the Tallahatchie River. His decaying and mutilated body, with a 70-pound cotton gin fan fastened to his neck with barbed wire, was discovered three days later. His murder shocked the nation and became a catalyst that jump started the civil rights movement.

The truth about the lynching of Emmett Till was assumed to have died with him in 1955 especially after the confessed abductors, Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam, were exonerated. But the documentary, The Untold Story of Emmett Till, along with the significant amount of new evidence collected by producer Keith Beauchamp during his nine years of research prompted the reopening of the case.

The history of race relations

in Mississippi reveals that white Mississippians had an irrational fear of sex between blacks and whites. This paranoia, codified in anti-miscegenation laws, as well as through forced segregation at all levels, originated before the civil war and still manifests itself today.

A long line of southern officials articulated this hateful hostility toward Blacks that was ingrained in the deeply sexualized racist fantasies of many Southern whites. South Carolina Governor Ben "Pitchfork" Tillman in defending violence against black men, claimed that southern whites "will not submit to the black man gratifying his lust on our wives and daughters without lynching him."

Similarly, Mississippi Governor James K. Vardaman once told an audience, "If necessary every Negro in the state will be lynched. It will be done to maintain white supremacy." Blacks were routinely lynched by vicious mobs for shallow reasons that now defy belief.

Time may have moderated the white supremacy attitude but it certainly has not erased it. In Linden, Texas a small hamlet of 2,300 located about 40 miles south of Texarkana four young white men (ages 19-26) were indicted and tried for the 2003 assault on Billy Ray Johnson, a 44 year old mentally disabled black man. In another travesty of justice they got off with probation and suspended 30-day jail sentences.

Authorities have said that Johnson was well known around town as a friendly but "slow" character who loved to dance. He was lured to an all-white pasture party where underage drinkers fed Johnson alcohol and picked on him.

The white District Attorney,

stated that he felt like Johnson was invited to the party to be the entertainment for the night and was taunted because of his limited mental capacity, not because of his race.

The charges would probably not have been as severe if the case had not received national publicity. The local officials were prone to rationalize this incident as a simple case of "boys being boys." It is this callous attitude of white supremacists that prevents the races from coming together and realizing they have far more in common than they'll ever have against each other. They are manipulated by both current political factions and the unyielding traditional cultural mores to never address the common issues that would benefit both.

The vestiges of the venom implanted for generations by leaders like Vardaman and Tillman erupts from time to time in diverse places such as Linden and Jasper (black man dragged to death in 1998). The nation needs to be reminded that while the seeds of hatred may lay dormant for short periods they never die.

Resurrecting the Emmett Till case is important for more than simply reenergizing black consciousness about civil rights. Perhaps the image of Emmett Till's tortured, bloated, disfigured, and almost unrecognizable corpse will wake up a whole new generation of young people who don't understand the significance of the movement.

The world is not allowed to forget the Holocaust atrocities and it should not be allowed to forget the horrific impact of racism and lynching in the United States.

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If you have a college-bound senior in your house, you know that the end of this school year means the beginning of a new adventure. However, while college can be exciting, it's also expensive. If you haven't saved as much as you would have liked, don't despair — even at this late date, you can take some steps to help pay those college bills.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

• **Don't panic** — You don't have to pay the full year's tuition, room and board upfront — you will likely be billed in installments that may correspond to the school's quarter or semester system. This payment system gives you some time to find additional funding sources. For example, if you have a bond coming due in the middle of the college calendar, you can use the proceeds to help pay for school.

• **Liquidate assets in timely manner** — If you've earmarked certain investments for college, don't liquidate them until it's time to write a check. The longer you can keep your investments growing, the better off you'll be.

• **Look at Roth IRA** — If you have a Roth IRA, you can withdraw

Tips on Paying for College

contributions, tax- and penalty-free, to help pay for your child's education. (However, some rules do apply to penalty-free withdrawals, so talk to your tax adviser before making this move. Also, if you withdraw earnings, you may have to pay taxes on them unless you meet certain conditions.)

If You Have More Time

If you still have a few years before your children head off to school, you may want to take advantage of some of the more popular college-savings plans. Here are two to consider:

• **Section 529 plans** — When you set up a Section 529 savings plan, you put money in specific investments, which are managed by the plan administrator. If you participate in your own state's Section 529 plan, you may be able to deduct your contributions from your state income taxes. Your plan contribution limits are high, and your withdrawals are free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for qualified college or graduate school expenses. Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.

Keep in mind that Section 529 tax benefits are effective through 2010, unless extended by Congress. Also, a Section 529 plan could reduce your child's or grandchild's ability to qualify for financial aid. Because tax issues for 529 plans can

be complicated, please consult your tax adviser.

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civil rights as everything from the plague of HIV/AIDS all the way to the abominably high incarceration rate of African males," said Earl Ofari Hutchinson, a black commentator based in Los Angeles. "If they're not doing that, it's irrelevant to the times."

Julian Bond, chairman of the board, says the NAACP is addressing those issues and more. The organization's 140 staff members, most based in the Baltimore headquarters and seven regional offices, and thousands of volunteers nationwide guide programs on incarceration and health disparities, education and labor concerns, among others, he said.

Even critics acknowledge that, in many cities, NAACP leaders remain stalwart voices denouncing local cases of racial injustice.

But, says Bond, "we can do better promoting what we do." Critics, however, say the NAACP's problems are more profound than weak public relations.

Some say that the group's national stature is declining, and that the size and nature of its board of directors is both unwieldy and sometimes out of touch with mainstream black America. They note there are 64 board members, many of whom have held leadership positions for decades.

And the board's median age is about 62, while the median age of black Americans is 30, according to the 2000 Census. That means

most board members can remember the civil rights era of the 1950s and early '60s, but the majority of black Americans can't.

"The board is too large sometimes to move expeditiously on important policy issues that impact race," said Lorenzo Morris, who chairs the political science department at Howard University.

The case of the Mexican president is just the latest example. Even 14 years ago, when Clarence Thomas was being considered for the Supreme Court, board members differed so sharply over his appointment that they couldn't come to agreement, Morris said.

Bond acknowledged there has been discussion of downsizing the board. But, he said, its configuration now allows the NAACP to be "profoundly democratic — small 'D' democratic" and gives local members more say.

The NAACP's revelation in February that it has been struggling financially is another area of concern. After a string of surplus years, officials dipped into reserves last year and in 2003 to cover budget shortfalls.

Even more damaging was a confidential NAACP report, leaked to The Washington Post last month, that probed allegations Mfume gave preferential treatment to a staff member he had dated — prompting another subordinate to sue.

An outside attorney hired by the NAACP found that the allegations could be "very difficult to defend

persuasively" in court because of "the impression created that a woman must provide sexual favors to Mr. Mfume or his associates in order to receive favorable treatment in the workplace."

The report came weeks after Mfume — a former Democratic congressman — announced he is seeking to replace retiring Sen. Paul Sarbanes in Maryland. Mfume has denied the accusations against him, though he acknowledged last week he made "a mistake" by dating the former staff member.

The NAACP is scheduled to announce Mfume's successor at its annual convention in July — and now some are questioning whether the situation will make it harder for them to attract a top-notch new leader.

"Of course it's very distressing, particularly at this time," said Nancy Lane, a retired business executive and board member from Manhattan. "The question is, what's the motivation? Is it a determination to hurt the organization or is it an effort to hurt Kweisi Mfume's campaign? Then, of course, when we're looking for a new leader, it's very painful."

But Lane and other supporters insist the NAACP will quickly find sure footing again. Eric Boone, an attorney and board member from Brooklyn, pointed to the organization's history and many accomplishments. "The NAACP is bigger than any one person," he said.

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Our conversation must move away from the dead-end discussions on who is in and who is out this year; it makes no difference if we get nothing from whoever is in office. Our practice of engaging in political discourse, ad nauseam, as if we control something up there on the hill, or down in city hall, is old and tired.

Black people must realize that while our relatives fought for and died for voting rights, those folks didn't die so we could spend the majority of our time "playing" politics. They wanted us to take our participation to the next level. What ever happened to that Black political party discussion from 1972? Black folks, your relatives and mine, also lost their lives because they chose to go into business; where is the rallying cry around that?

We must also come to the realization that if our vaunted voting "power" is so fearful to the two political parties, we should be using it in ways that support the most important political principle: Quid pro quo. Leveraging our votes to get something for our people is what we should be doing, otherwise, why participate at all? Just to be participating? It really doesn't matter what color the politician is. What matters most is what Black folks are getting from the system and, believe me, Black folks are getting the shaft from many Black politicians. You know it, I know it, and they know it. It's bad enough that the leadership in the two major parties really don't care about us.

One is throwing right crosses and the other is throwing left hooks at us, always causing us to be off-balance, out of sync, and off-kilter, as we try to avoid those haymakers.

The political "leaders" who continue to tell us that all we have to do is vote to change things should be voted out of office. The Black political "leaders" who always come calling for Black votes and votes for the party, democrat or republican, should be run out of town. This voting for all democrats or all republicans by Black folks is nothing short of political suicide because both parties have shown us they couldn't care less about what we think or what we do. Just look at the last presidential election.

The old game of Black folks being all or nothing to either party has proven to be our political demise. We give our all and get nothing in return. Seventy-five years ago nearly all Blacks voted republican; now we have just the opposite. Neither scenario has worked, so why do we continue that insanity? Carter G. Woodson said, "Any people who would vote the same way for three generations without thereby obtaining results ought to be ignored and disenfranchised."

Black folks have been getting nit with right crosses and left hooks since we got into this political game, and now we need to start throwing some punches of our own. The hardest punches Black people can throw are economic punches. Yes, we can start our own political party but that will not, in and of itself, solve our problems. We must be

willing to take off the gloves and go with bare-knuckles into the marketplace and let our presence be known by withholding our dollars and redirecting our dollars. If we want to be players in the political game, we must put our money where our mouth is and give more to political campaigns. The only things that count with politicians are dollars and votes — in that order. We must leverage both to get what we need from either party, the Democrats or the Republicans.

As the right crosses and left hooks continue to come from crooked, immoral, and unethical politicians, both white and Black, let's get busy economically and start punching back, before we get knocked out.

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Irving Begins Quest Page 1

Justice Department contacted Irving community leaders, Manuel Benavides of LULAC and activist Anthony Bond to create a discussion on racial reconciliation in Irving.

Mr. Sambrano commented on the positive "spillover" effect the discussions have already had.

"We started with a city wide discussion, but since then the Police Chief has met with representatives from the Islamic Center, LULAC and the NAACP," he said. "He's started an advisory committee-real progress is beginning to happen."

The discussions are moderated by the group chairman, Rene Castilla, the Executive Dean, Educational Partnerships and the Director of the South Irving Center for Northlake College. Mr. Castilla spoke of the significance of the discussions, "not only people in Irving, but people in surrounding areas are looking at how these issues are handled," he said.

The discussion was well attended by a diverse group of citizens and community officials.

Anthony Bond was encouraged and pleased with the varied mix of citizens in attendance.

"We are fortunate to have several key officials of the city in attendance," Mr. Bond offered. "This type of discussion has never taken place in the history of Irving, in order for reconciliation to take place; all the groups of the city must be represented."

Notable attendees included Irving mayor pro tem James Dickens, city secretary Janice Carroll, police chief Larry Boyd, Irving ISD superintendent Jack Singley and Richard Huff, Executive Director of Irving Arts Center. Also attending were mayoral candidate Herb Gears, and council candidates David Cole and Lowell Cannady. Conspicuous in his absence

was embattled mayoral candidate Marvin Randle, who recently apologized on KHVN-AM (970) for using racial slurs in conversations years ago.

Several different cultural groups were represented, reflecting the changing demographic face of Irving. Kathy Dress of the DFW

Asian American Citizens Council discussed those changes. "There are 500,000 Asians living in North Texas," she said, "they really aren't that different than people of other cultures in the region."

The discussion focused on five central topics that are

essential for further progress: Expected negative reactions, type of support needed, obstacles that will be encountered, ways to overcome obstacles and ways to make the dialogue participant centered.

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Movie Review: 'Crash'

By: Michael Wilmington
Tribune Movie Critic

Writer-director Paul Haggis' "Crash" starts like a tinderbox suddenly aflame, when two deceptively collegiate-looking African-American guys (Larenz Tate and Chris "Ludacris" Bridges), ambulating through an upper-middle-class L.A.'s neighborhood and joking about racism, abruptly pull a gun and carjack a Lincoln Navigator—which turns out to belong to an ambitious white D.A. (Brendan Fraser) and his smug, prejudiced wife (Sandra Bullock).

Soon afterwards, two white cops (Matt Dillon and Ryan Phillippe) investigating that crime stop a black TV director and his elegant wife (Terrence Howard and Thandie Newton) in their ritzy ride. The more bigoted-seeming cop (Dillon) humiliates the man and manhandles the wife.

These wanton, almost casual injustices, coming from both sides of the law and of the racial divide, have an ironic symmetry and, we soon see, a dreadful potential. Almost every act has a deadly consequence, misdeeds fester and explode into worse ones.

"Crash," a movie I liked, is an intricate, explosive ensemble crime drama set in a modern urban pressure-cooker of racial and class hatreds. Like Robert Altman's "Short Cuts," it is an all-star fresco, but the stars—none of whom carries the movie—get to play the kind of morally ambivalent, sometimes unlikable parts that big-name actors usually avoid.

In addition to the six mentioned above, the movie also gives us fine work by Don Cheadle as another harried cop forced into corruption, Shaun Toub as a distraught Iranian shopkeeper and Michael Pena as the Latino locksmith he wrongly blames for a break-in in his store, Keith David as a

burly, been-around police lieutenant and dozens more.

It's an intriguingly mixed cast, operating a world away from the racially harmonious zones we often see on TV and in other movies. Haggis sees Los Angeles through grit-covered glasses, an arena of prejudices spiraling out of control.

In a superb cast, the standout may be Dillon as Officer Ryan, the character with the most extreme variance of evil and good, brutality and generosity. A cynic who bullies people of color, he's also a dutiful son caring for a dying father—and we come to see that the bad side of Ryan is carapace grown over the good.

But to single out Dillon, who has the most interestingly written role, may be unfair to the others, all of whom are adept at revealing divided,

volatile personalities: Cheadle, who is also one of the film's producers and here creates a more sensitive and ambivalent cop, or Howard, who has a powerful breakdown scene, or, in fact, almost any of the others.

Haggis, who conceived the idea for "Crash" after he was himself carjacked, is the first-class TV producer-writer ("EZ Street") who found F.X. Toole's boxing stories and adapted them into "Million Dollar Baby" for Clint Eastwood (who has, since tapped him for two other scripts, including his upcoming Iwo Jima bio-drama "Faith of Our Fathers").

You can see why. "Crash" may have filched its title from David Cronenberg's 1996 film of the J.G. Ballard novel, and copied its structure from Robert Altman's "Short Cuts," but this is obviously the work of a highly original talent. Haggis does borrow from other films and filmmakers, but he does it to enhance his vision rather than disguise the fact that he has none. "Crash" is a writer's movie,

cleverly plotted and designed, full of strong scenes and juicy parts. And its flaws also are those of a writer's movie: a little too much neatness, patness and irony, a bit too obvious a pattern. But the shortcomings aren't that crucial.

One of the pleasures of "Crash," as in Altman movies, lies in observing the way the stories and characters interweave and set each other off. Here, there sometimes seems, as in "Million Dollar Baby," a weird mix of religious determinism and existential chaos; there's even a scene where one character becomes convinced he's been



touched by divine grace—and we then see the human agency of that grace. The ideas of accident, a fatal collision, everything a step or two from the edge, permeates the entire film.

But out of this chaos, "Crash" also suggests that acts of goodness, mercy and compassion matter—that anyone, at any moment, can make a crucial difference. Haggis doesn't necessarily convince us, partly because his design is somewhat too rigorous, his fiction too patterned. But "Crash" does convincingly argue that, in a world where everything can seem to be black and white, nothing really is.

"Crash" Directed by Paul Haggis; written by Haggis and Bobby Moresco, from a story by Haggis; photographed by J. Michael Muro; edited by Hughes Winborne; production designed by Laurence Bennett; music by Mark Isham; produced by Cathy Schulman, Don Cheadle, Bob Yari, Mark R. Harris, Moresco, Haggis. A Lions Gate Films release; opens Friday.

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June 5 - 8, 2005
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Car Review

2005 Mercury's Luxury Style Montego "An American Dream Car"

By: Denise Aldridge
Mercury has always been thought of as a far out, conservative and modern automobile, the Montego is fast becoming the vehicle of choice. Currently in the midst of a production increase, the Mercury Montego is a testifying prime example to mainstream interest in fine luxury cars. This is Mercury's first all - new premium sedan in nearly 20 years. According to different test drivers, its European - inspired chassis delivers a crisp and responsive handling.

Montego is larger than the Ford Taurus, which it is scheduled to replace. It takes its place at the top of the mid size - sedan segment. Montego's attractive exterior design, contemporary, roomy interior and available all - wheel drive are expected to attract new customers to Mercury.

A key feature of the Montego is the interior design's upscale, two - tone treatment. The steering wheel is wrapped in leather. The All - Wheel Drive System automatically engages when it senses difference in wheel speed and can send all the power to the rear wheels if necessary. The Montego is also captivating with the standard 18 - inch, 15 - spoke, machined aluminum wheels with Pirelli P225/55 R18 tires, universal garage door opener, passenger power seat recliner, traction control, AM/FM/CDX6 audio system, adjustable pedal with memory and fog lamps.

The Montego is designed with full power by the 3.0 - liter, 4 - valve - per - cylinder, dual overhead cam, Duratec V-6. This car generates 203

horsepower and 207 lb. ft. of torque.

Fuel mileage is good with regular unleaded fuel and a 19 - gallon tank expect about a 350 mile comfortable cruising range. The mileage is listed at 21 city/29 highways for FWD with 6 - speed automatic and

covered for 5 years with unlimited mileage.

In selection of a car you have to find a color that suits you. The Montego has quite a list of color combinations for their luxury car. The Exterior: Black, Dark Shadow Gray Metallic, Light French Silk Metallic, Light Tundra Metallic, Merlot Red Metallic, Norseia Blue Metallic, Oxford White, Silver Frost Metallic. The Interior: Pebble, Shale, Charcoal and Black. Some colors and seat materials may cost extra.



19 city/26 highways for the AWD/CVT. The acceleration is said to be stable and modern. Warrantee is at the low end of its competitors at 3 - year/36,000 mile bumper - to - bumper. Safety systems are covered for 5 years and 50,000 miles and corrosion is

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The bid packet may be examined at the NTTA's main office, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano TX 75093, prior to purchase. Bid documents may also be examined and downloaded online, at no charge, under the **BusinessView Opportunities** section of the NTTA's home page (<http://www.ntta.org>). If not previously registered with the NTTA, the bidder must register online prior to accessing the bid documents.

Electronic bids may be submitted through the NTTA's electronic bidding software. The NTTA is offering optional training on its electronic bidding process on June 9, 2005 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the NTTA's main office, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano TX 75093. Contact Forrest at 214-461-2008 to register for this training.

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Commemorating Our 2005 Graduates

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Dr. William (Bill) Cosby just left Dallas and he said that an education was one of the best ways to change your status in life. Education was so important to Emmett Smith's grandmother that he kept his promise to her and completed his college degree after her death; even though he was making good money as a Dallas Cowboy



Picture of The Week
Little Miss Tyanna Donnise Lott, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill (Sheila Tarpley) Lott; and Kindergarten graduate of American Heritage Academy in Carrollton, TX

football player.

This week I am commemorating and honoring Little Miss Tyanna Donnise Lott, a 2005 Graduate from the American Heritage Academy in Carrollton, TX. At her graduation she received a trophy for being on the Principal's "A" Honor Roll all year. She received two gold medals; one for her Math Numbers, and the other in her Reading class. Tyanna received two Outstanding Certificates, one for her Spanish, and the other for Storytelling for both oral and written. I am trusting God that this is the first of many graduations

for Tyanna, and that her brothers, David and Philip; and her cousin Deven, will follow in her footsteps; and will continue the tradition and legacy that was left for her through her great great great grandparents who were born in slavery but learned to read and write (which was against the law at the time); and they saw to it that their children could read and write. Tyanna can be sure that she is keeping the legacy alive. All of her ancestors believed that getting an education is a great accomplishment that one can make in life. She can be sure that they are proudly looking over her shoulders and cheering her on.

Because my family and friends want to congratulate some of their graduates, on pages 2 and 5 of this newspaper you will see a flyer that you can fax to me. For only \$30, and \$3.50 for a photo added, you can commemorate your 2005 graduate in a 4"x 2" display ad that will accommodate their name, the school, any awards that have been received, and your name. This is something that each graduate can save for years to come. The deadline for all materials for our Graduates Special Edition is June 10, 2005 and it will appear in our June 16th Edition.

To all the 2005 graduates: Our hat's off to you; and we leave you with these inspirational sayings. "Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it." -George Halas. "A winner never stops trying." -Tom Landry. "Let your performance do the talking." "Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best." -H. Jackson Brown.

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For registration fees and other information, please call Elder Erica Jackson, National Secretary @ 214-405-3173.

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June 12, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Summer Blood Drive sponsored by the African American Pastor's Coalition; for more information, please contact Don Yancy @ 214-808-3113.

Hamilton Park UMC Dallas
Rev. Derrick Wright, Pastor
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HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
June 6, 7:30 pm

Al Fike of the Christian Comedy Night at the Improve in Addison will host Ms. Vickie, aka Vickie Ransom; Chonda Pierce; Tim Hawkins; and many other nationally-renowned comedians. This event is the kick-off for the National Christian Comedy Association Conference that will be June 6 - 8, 2005 @ The Heights Baptist Church. For more information and ticket prices, call the church @ 972-238-7243.

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May 5 - June 4, 7:00 pm Nightly

Kaufman County Pastors, Churches, Evangelists and laypersons invite you to a "30 Days of Revival Under The Tent" at City Lakes Park, 1500 Highway 34 in Kaufman, TX 75142. Doors will open at 5:00 pm; and there will be special events for youth and kids every Saturday starting at 11:00 am and going through to the night services.

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May 30, 2005
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Kaufman County Area Churches
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Monument of Faith Church
Rev. David Turner, Pastor
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Desoto, TX 75115
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NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS
June 11, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

North Dallas, Denton & Collin Counties (NDDC) Alumni Chapter of Prairie View A & M University will sponsor its First Annual Fish Fry that will benefit Prairie View A & M University with scholarships for area high school graduate students. There will be catfish and shrimp plates. All plates will be served with potato salad, cole slaw and hush puppies.

Fish plates on June 11, can be purchased at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 9550 Shepard Road in Dallas, Shepard Road is East of Central Expressway off of Forest Lane near the Hamilton Park Community. Join us for great food, and wonderful fellowship as you help to send someone to college and/or buy books for them.

For advanced tickets and more information, please call Bill Heath @ 972-669-0261 or Walter S. Gerard @ 214-375-9700.

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The Votes Are In!

MON-The Gazette receives 1st Place for "Best Religious Section"

at the 19th Annual African American Texas Publisher's Association Conference. The contest was judged by the University of Texas at Tyler.

"Concord Baptist Church Makes Appeal for Community Support"

Here is a simple question: What is true Christianity? It is the window to our souls. The opening of our souls signifies who we really are deep within. This principle is evident in the words and deeds of the Concord Baptist Church congregation, and in the church's upcoming missionary journey to Haiti's Port Du France.

Concord is sending a team to Haiti with a twofold purpose in mind: providing medical supplies for members of Harmony Baptist Church in Port Du France, and conducting a spiritual revival at all three locations of Harmony Baptist. This mission is consistent with Concord's calling to be a purpose driven church.

Ministerial members for this mission include Reverend Damon Halliday, who serves in the Evangelism and Missions Ministry; Reverend

Harry Rick Jordon, Prayer Coordinator; and Reverend Ken Smith, Coordinator for Foreign Mission Ministry. They will be accompanied by ten other individuals from Concord. Their journey will take place from June 1, 2005 to June 8, 2005.

Reverend Halliday commented on how Concord is answering a global calling, "The Concord Church is trying our best to fulfill the great commission not only in Dallas or United States but abroad therefore, we will provide physical healing as an opportunity to provide spiritual healing in Haiti."

Harmony Baptist has had a relationship with Concord that spans over 25 years.

Reverend Luc Deratus is the presiding minister, and while a student at Christ for the Nations, was mentored by the late and illustrious Pastor E.K.

Bailey. Reverend Bailey and the Concord Church helped establish and fund Harmony Baptist Church with Reverend Deratus. The church is equipped with a worship center, school and clinic provided by funding from Concord.

Supplies for this mission will be given in order to help 1,000 plus people in Port Du France. Financial challenges exist in providing enough money to hire translators, security and in purchasing gas (which costs 4 to 5 times more in Haiti than in the United States).

Editors Note: MON-The Gazette is making a contribution to this mission and is encouraging support from its readers. Those interested in making donations should call 214-331-8522, or make contributions directly to the Concord Baptist Church at 6808 Pastor Bailey Drive, Dallas, TX 75237.

Racial Profiling Page 1

The manual, commissioned by the Texas NAACP Youth and College Division and the Thurgood Marshall Legal Society at the University of Texas School of Law (TMLS), reveals that the majority of university and local departments searched both blacks and Latinos at rates greater than or equal to those of whites. Consent search findings are similar: 3 out of 4 agencies that provided usable information searched both Blacks and Latinos with consent at rates greater than or equal to the rates at which whites were searched with consent.

"Racial profiling on college campuses has a deleterious effect on young African-Americans and Latinos," said Gary Bledsoe, President of Texas NAACP. He cited the successes experienced by students at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, where campus leaders have been working with administrators and local police to address police harassment issues. "Racial injustice is more and more of a problem, but we

need to have more students like those at Sam Houston State to make sure that this is not a problem."

Kenavon Carter, President of TMLS, noted the usefulness of the manual and the potential for change in Texas college communities. "Racial profiling discriminates according to skin color. It doesn't skip African-Americans or Latinos who are in college," Carter remarked. "By using this manual - the only one of its kind in Texas - students can organize around this important issue on their campuses and in their communities."

Ana Yáñez-Correa, Legislative Liaison for Texas League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), also anticipates effective student advocacy work. "With the suggestions in this manual, students who start returning to their campuses in the fall will have so many great organizing activities to look forward to, and so many opportunities to work with their

campus and community leadership to create change. I'm excited for the direction that our Texas universities are heading."

Speakers at the press conference will include: Gary Bledsoe, State President of NAACP; Richard Watkins, President of the Huntsville NAACP Branch; Elizabeth Washington, Outreach Coordinator for the Campaign to End Racial Profiling; Brian Rowland, former President of Texas State NAACP Youth & College Division; Linda Lydia, Director of Texas State NAACP Youth & College Division; and Aubrey Hooper, member of the National NAACP Board of Directors.

The manual and additional materials will be available online tomorrow at www.criminaljusticecoalition.org. Contact Elizabeth Washington at 512-322-9547 (office) or 512-289-3100 (mobile), or by email at ewashington@criminaljusticecoalition.org.

Send your church announcements to religion@monthegazette.com or fax to 972-516-4197 c/o Church Happenings. Deadlines are Fridays before publication date. (MON-The Gazette is published each Thursday.)

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NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

On-Going Mentor Program
Operation Oasis sponsors a program that assists youth that are at-risk, and ex-offenders returning to society. The program's goals are to change lives of the formerly incarcerated person, to increase safety, and to spiritually fortify our communities.
For more details about this wonderful project, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant at 972-437-3801 or call Toll Free at 1-800-370-Oasis (376-2747)

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Richardson
Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
1010-1020 South Sherman Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-437-3493

OASIS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

June 11, 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon
The Women's International Network (WIN) will host their second networking meeting of 2005. This event will be held at the contemporary Homewood Suites at Jupiter & George Bush Toll Way in Plano, TX. The meeting will start promptly at 9:00 am with a full breakfast buffet. Inspirational and international speaker Mary Hughes will be the guest speaker. Other special guests include: Express Fitness, Future Leaders Travel, Chaska Designs, and Hoity Toity Bags. Free gift bags, and an opportunity to win free Cinemark movie passes will be available.

Oasis International Church
Doctors Charles & Vera Hughes
Pastor & Overseers
P. O. Box 941192
Plano, TX 75093
469-467-6797

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

June 5, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Summer Blood Drive sponsored by the African American Pastor's Coalition; for more information, please contact Bro. Reginald Simmons @ 214-823-7308

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Dr. Curtis Wallace, Pastor
1819 N. Washington Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
214-823-7308

RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Now through June 2005
We are currently collecting shoes to ship to a village in Africa, please help us in putting shoes on the feet of the village people, bring needed comfort to their feet, and bring smiles on their faces. If you have any shoes to donate, please drop them off at the church, 3801 Avenue K in Plano, TX 75074, three blocks south of Spring Creek @ Avenue K.

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Please join us and bring a friend as we study Women of The Word in our Truth on Tuesday Bible Study Night.

Rhema Life Fellowship Church
Reverend James W. Thomas, Pastor
3801 Avenue K
Plano, TX 75074
469-467-7575

SHILOH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

June 13 - 17, 7:30 pm Nightly
Shiloh COGIC will host a week of Auxiliaries in Ministry Conference; please join us for worship, fellowship and teaching.
For hotel and more information, contact the 2005 AIM's Committee @ 972-838-9377.

Shiloh COGIC
Elder Paul F. Jackson, Pastor
1707 Harrison Street
Melissa, TX 75454
972-562-4135

ST LUKE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 29, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Summer Blood Drive sponsored by the African American Pastor's Coalition; for more information, please contact Quida Lee @ 214-887-3901.

St. Luke Community UMC Dallas
Rev. Tyrone Gordon, Pastor
5710 East R. L. Thornton Freeway
Dallas, TX 75223
214-821-2970

THE INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST CHURCH (IBOC)

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Mondays, 7:00 pm
Monday School with Holy Spirit Bible Teachings

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church (IBOC)
Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Pastor
7710 South Westmoreland
Dallas, TX 75237
972-572-IBOC (4262)

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For more information and registration, please call 214-544-1886.

Trinity Prayer Chapel
Rev. Reynolds Wood, Senior Pastor
P. O. Box 650
Service Location is: 406 N. Tennessee
McKinney, TX 75069
Dallas, TX 75251
214-544-1886

OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH



Sunday Services
9:00 am - Prayer Ministry
9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Morning Worship & Children's Church
Tuesday Service
7:00 pm - Bible Study

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972-422-4248

RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

3801 Avenue K.
Plano, TX 75074 469-467-7575

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 am
Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm



Reverend James W. Thomas, Servant

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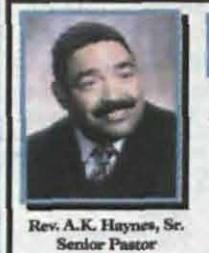
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Dallas Texas 75237
Phone: 972-572-4262 Fax: 972-709-3888
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Monday School: 7pm
Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00pm
Website: www.ibocjoy.org



Pastor Rickie G. Rush

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SUNDAY ACTIVITIES
8:30 am - Sunday School • 10:00 am - Worship Services
MONDAY
6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood
WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting
7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson
SATURDAY
10:00 am thru 1:00 pm Youth Activities



Rev. A.K. Haynes, Sr., Senior Pastor

6710 Webster Avenue • Dallas, TX 75209
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Sunday 8:45am Estudio Bíblico En Español
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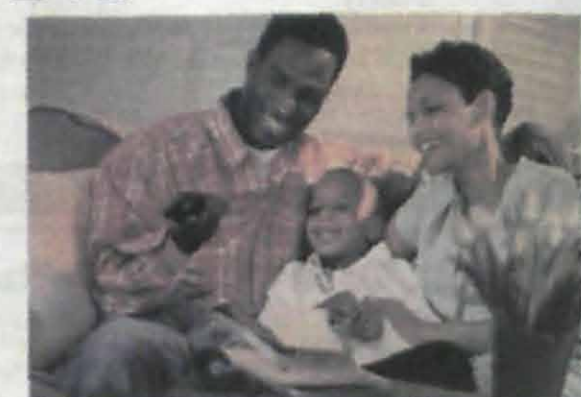
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8219 Bunche Drive • Dallas, TX 75243
972-671-1096
Bishop Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor

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

Sunday Morning Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship (Agape Hour) First Sunday 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.

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