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People In The News



"If I can't do, what I want to do, then my job is to not, do what I don't want to do."
These are words of Yolande Cornelia "Niki" Giovanni, Jr., writer, commentator, poet, and educator. Niki Giovanni will read some her selected works on Saturday, August 20 as part of the 2005 Tulsa South Dallas Book Fair.

Niki Giovanni has written more than two dozen books, including volumes of poetry, illustrated children's books, and three collections of essays. She has received 21 honorary doctorates and a host of other awards. Her three most recent volumes of poetry, *Love Poems*, *Blaze*, and *For All the Changes and Quilting the Black-Flyed Pox*, were winners of the NAACP Image Award, in 1998, 2000, and 2003. The Niki Giovanni Poetry Collection, a spoken-word CD, was a finalist for the 2003 Grammy Award in the category of spoken word.

Since 1997, she has taught writing and literature at Virginia Tech, where she is a University Distinguished Professor. "Breakfast with Niki" will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Old Mill Inn Restaurant, 1111 1st Ave., Dallas. The Tulsa South Dallas Book Fair will be held Friday & Saturday, August 19-20, 2005. Visit www.tulsasouthdallas.com for more information and a schedule of events.

For Carita Johnson necessity is the mother of invention. Literally. The professional model experienced years of frustration over burning steam in her shower bag, the bathroom drawer and worrying about scorching clothes in her luggage. This frustration led to the invention of her first curling iron cover.

Carita Johnson has been a professional model for over 15 years. She's appeared in catalogs, magazines, fashion shows, television commercials, as well as, television and film appearances. As a model, two of the main tools in her model bag are a flat iron and a curling iron.

A telephone conversation with her father about his patent approval for his invention was the inspiration behind *The Curling Iron Bag*.

"I got off the phone with my dad, stood in my living room, and said to God, I know you have book ideas for me to pursue, but there's money somewhere in this house. I opened the bathroom drawer to a curling iron cover I made for my curling and flat iron, and wondered if other women would be interested in this as a product. I test marketed it with the hair stylists at my fashion shows and photo shoots. Then I purchased a sewing machine, taught myself to sew, and created *The Curling Iron Bag*."

For more information on *The Curling Iron Bag* visit www.thecurlingironbag.com



The National Alumni Association of Prairie View A&M University has elected McKinney native, Mr. Daniels as its newest president. Mr. Daniels accepted the post at the annual conference in Los Angeles last month. A long time resident of Oakland, CA, Mr. Daniels will serve a two-year term heading a national alumni base of over 46,000 Prairie View graduates.

Mr. Daniels graduated from Prairie View in 1959 after a stellar academic and very distinguished athletic career. He then pursued professional football and enjoyed a successful career as a star running back for the Oakland Raiders. Mr. Daniels has operated several successful businesses in the Bay Area following his football career.

Mr. Daniels states, "Coming from the private business sector, I bring a different mode of thought to the table than members count. We must involve every alum across this nation in our activities."

He continued, "There are those who might say they have done enough. To those, I remind that for 350 years, my people were totally institutionalized in bondage and I can personally remember when I was against the law for one to walk in the front door of the library and check out a book. Historically black colleges and universities must play a pivotal role in the development and education of our youth."

The Prairie View National Alumni office can be reached at 936-857-5817.

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How Important is Having a Mentor?



David Tyson, (RISD Trustee), discusses the origin and objectives of North Dallas Responds.

For 13-year-old Alex Calvert, it means the world. "I know that majority of the people out there are saying because I'm 13, a black youth, living in a neighborhood where there's a lot of crime and gang violence, that you are not going to grow up to be anything," the Richardson ISD student said. "But I know I will prove people wrong because these mentors have always been there to push me along the way."

Mentors such as those who have helped create North Dallas Responds, an organization that is calling for men and parents to get involved with education, development and safety of children and youth in North Dallas County. In an effort to get its message out to potential mentors

and volunteers, North Dallas Responds held a public meeting August 12, at New Mount Zion Baptist Church where Calvert was one of the program's many high-lights.

"I know that I serve a one and true God, and all we have to do is believe in Him. But I know that these mentors not only work with me, but they are willing to give their money, give their time and give their place to anyone who needs it. I'm just thankful for them," Calvert, an eighth grade Westwood Junior High School student, said. "I just want to say thank you to everyone who is assembled here, because I know that since you are here it means you believe in this North Dallas Responds mentoring program. And if you believe then you can achieve."

North Dallas Responds is a program reaching out to black men, and anyone willing to mentor and volunteer their time to help students succeed.

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Charlye Heggins - A Heart for The People

By: Monica Thornton

"Knowing the community as I do, and being respected by the community, I have the cohesiveness that we need in bringing us together," said Denton City Council Member Charlye Heggins of the city.

With more than 20 years experience working in the Denton community, she said she was asked by community leaders to run for council office this year, and she won the seat for District 1 in the Spring elections.

"I will be well received by the constituents because of my honesty and my concern, not only for my neighborhood, but for the entire community," added Ms. Heggins. "I will practice inclusiveness of all, and exclusion of none."



First on her agenda is getting a street in Denton named

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Missing Blacks Get Second- Class News Coverage

By: Haad Trice Edney

NNPS Washington Correspondent
When 24-year-old Timika Huston of Spartanburg, S.C., did not return home on June 2 last year, her mother, Gabriella Simbehe, her friends and other family members began relying on every resource to find her.

Hoping to get quick, wide-spread coverage on the 4'11", 125-pound aspiring singer, they called in a missing person's report to the Spartanburg, S.C. Police Department, they reached out to the local news media, missing persons agencies, and to the national news stations. It seemed, however, the national airwaves were already crowded day after day the stories of missing White women took precedent over people of color.

"In reference to Natalie Holloway and the others, I mean, I'm going through the same thing they're going through. They've gotten the attention that they deserve

to get and I wish we could receive the same attention they've been getting," says Simbehe. "I guess they just pick a formula that the public would like to see. I'm angry behind this because every person should be treated equal."

The sagas of Holloway, the American student who vanished on the Caribbean island of Aruba; Atlanta's Jennifer Wilbanks, the "runaway bride," who returned home safely from New Mexico after faking an abduction; and Fresno, Calif's Laci Peterson, whose husband, Scott, has been

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Coretta Scott King Said to Suffer Stroke

By: Erin Haines

Coretta Scott King was hospitalized in fair condition Wednesday after what two family friends described as a stroke.

The 78-year-old widow of Martin Luther King Jr. was conscious and her vital signs were stable, but she likely will remain in the hospital for at least another day.

The King family declined to publicly discuss her condition but issued in a statement thanking supporters.

"Please continue to keep her and us in your thoughts and prayers as she moves toward a speedy and complete recovery," Martin Luther King III said in the statement.

The Rev. Joseph Lowery and poet Maya

Angelou said Wednesday that King had suffered a stroke, and Lowery said she was having difficulty speaking.



Dallas Congresswoman Opposes Wright Repeal

U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas, said Wednesday that she would not support congressional



efforts to repeal the Wright Amendment and announced plans to introduce a bill to end Dallas Love Field's commercial flights.

Johnson, the only North Texas congressional member to sit on the House Aviation

Committee, previously refrained from taking a position in the debate over Wright, a 1979 federal law that limits flights out of the city-owned airport to nearby states. Last year, Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) waged a battle to repeal Wright.

"I wanted to fully understand what was at stake if the pre-existing legislation was altered or repealed within the context of our new aviation climate," Johnson said. "Further, I wanted to hear from various segments of my constituency. After many meaningful discussions and a thorough analysis, I am convinced more than ever that the risks of amending or repealing the Wright Amendment are simply too great."

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Mid-Cities Texas Chapter, The Links, Inc. Hosts

"Round XIII: A Knock-Out Affair"

On Saturday, August 20 at the Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, the Mid-Cities Texas Chapter of The Links, Incorporated will host the organization's annual fund-raiser "A Knock-Out Affair," Black-Tie Boxing Event.

The Celebrity Master of Ceremonies for the event is Sports Director, Roger B. Brown of KKDA radio station in Dallas. The Honorary Chairperson for "Round XIII" is Alther Williams, Vice President of Human Resources, JPS Health Network.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Mid-Cities Texas Chapter's award-winning Senior Prescription Assistance Program coordinated through community partners in Irving and Grand Prairie to assist mature adults in securing their prescription medicines, the Sallye Moore Scholarship Fund, the Boys and Girls Club of Grand Prairie, The Circle Girls Leadership Program and other community service programs.

The black-tie affair, which will begin at 6 PM, will feature musical entertainment, dancing, dinner, live professional boxing and an auction raffle featuring numerous prizes including a 42" flat screen plasma television donated by Dallas Metroplex Medical Services and round trip American Airlines tickets.

In its thirteenth successful year, the Mid-Cities Texas Chapter of The Links, Inc. event continues to capture the interest of the Metroplex community and business leaders. Last year's "Round XII" event drew over 800 supporters. This year's 2005 corporate supporters will include the Miller Brewing Company, Texas Instruments, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Chase Bank, Guaranty Bank, Pretty Feet, Secure Horizons and UPS.

Also providing generous support for the 2005 event are ABLE Communications, Benchmark Data Management, Bill Bowers Foundation, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, The ITIS Team, Citizens Fidelity Mortgage, Comerica Bank, Digestive Health Associates of Texas, Diversapack, Harrington, Moran,

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Black Republican group will focus on recruitment

By: Brian DeBose

Black Republicans are forming a national organization to recruit and register black voters that will be in step with the strategy of Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman.

The National Black Republican Association (NBRA) officially will announce its arrival on the political landscape today, as well as the creation of its fundraising arm and the opening of its national headquarters at 601 Pennsylvania Ave in the District.

"The NBRA wants to empower the people to control their own destiny, hold politicians accountable and vote for candidates for the content of their policies not the label of their party," said Frances Rice, inter-

in chairman of the group and co-founder of a black Republicans club in Sarasota, Fla. "Having the black vote taken for granted by the Democratic Party is not a good thing. The Democrats have been running urban black communities for 40 years, and blacks are complaining about the same problems."

Mrs. Rice said blacks need an organization that will effectively counter the misinformation concerning Republicans being perpetuated by the Democratic Party.

The NBRA will be a resource center for the black community on Republican policy and values. And in tandem with the directives of Mr. Mehlman, the group also aims to increase the number of

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One Million Black Men To Lead The Nation Back To School

One million fathers, and other men across the nation will take children to school on the first day of the 2005-2006 school year. Last year, men from 25 cities participated in the Million Father March.

This year, scores of men from 100 cities — including Chicago, New York City and Los Angeles — across the country are expected to participate in this event which seeks to provide an escort of safety, support and encouragement to children of all ages.

"A father who actively participates in the educational and social development life of a child is invaluable and irreplaceable," says Phillip Jackson, Executive Director of The Black Star Project, which promoted this March for the first time last year.

Research shows that children whose fathers take active roles in their educational lives earn better grades, get better test scores, enjoy school more and are more likely to graduate from high school and attend college. Additionally, children have fewer behavior problems when fathers speak and listen to their children regularly and are active in their lives.

A good father is part of a good parent team and is critical

to strong family structures. Strong family structures produce children who are more centered, academically proficient and socially developed and are a valuable asset to their communities. "Better parents pro-



duce better communities, better schools and better students," says Jackson.

Fathers, grandfathers, foster fathers, step-fathers, uncles, cousins, big brothers, significant male caregivers and friends of the family will participate in the event. While this event is sponsored by Black men, men of all races and women are also encouraged to take children to school on their first day of school.

The Black Star Project's Million Father March 2005 will post up to 100 Black men at schools with sizeable Black student populations near the front

door* of the school creating an honor guard of strong, positive men supporting all children at this school. Elementary and high schools; school districts and school boards; colleges and universities; pre-schools, nursery

schools, and Headstart programs; public, private, parochial and religious schools; urban, suburban and rural schools across America will participate in this event.

Since schools across the country start on different days in August and September, this will be a rolling event that will take place on the first day of the school year in cities, villages and towns across America between August 8, 2005 and October 1, 2005. Marches will be registered and coordinated with The Black Star Project's Million Father March Central headquarters in Chicago.

American Community Liaison of the Garland Independent School District, and Javier Solis, Hispanic Community Liaison also of the Garland Independent School District. All activities which are to take place are free and open to the public. For more information, please call Mr. Chester Johnson, Legal Redress Chairperson, NAACP Garland-Branch at (972) 381-5044, Press #2.

Garland NAACP Meetings

The NAACP Garland Adult Branch, the (National Association of Colored People), will be having its monthly Executive Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, August 23rd. There will be an additional general membership meeting the same day that will be open to the public, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will feature a Legal Redress/Civil Rights clinic and a review of the 2005-2006 Student Code of

Conduct for the Garland Independent School District (GISD). The Redress will be given by Attorney and Garland resident Mr. Larry Jarrett and Ms. Mary Whitt, African-American Liaison, GISD.

Both meetings will take place at the Women's Activity Center, located at 713 Austin Street at Glenbrook in Downtown Garland. The guest presenter's include Larry Jarrett, Attorney-at-Law, Mary Whitt African-

Community Liaison of the Garland Independent School District, and Javier Solis, Hispanic Community Liaison also of the Garland Independent School District. All activities which are to take place are free and open to the public. For more information, please call Mr. Chester Johnson, Legal Redress Chairperson, NAACP Garland-Branch at (972) 381-5044, Press #2.

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This is a similar program to the one Dallas Independent School District trustee Ron Price started in July at a forum in Oak Cliff where he called for 1,000 men and parents to get involved.

"You heard the cry from Bill Cosby. You heard the cry from Dallas Independent School District trustee Ron Price. Now it's time for us to make a difference," said David Tyson, a Richardson, Independent School District trustee and one of the pioneers for North Dallas Responds. "We need everybody involved. It doesn't matter what race you are, they all need help."

Through the North Dallas Responds mentoring and volunteering program, that help come by way of tutoring, hall monitoring, working in the cafeteria, to working with extra curricular activities — to name a few things.

To mentor or volunteer (in RISD), however, a background check must be administered, with a satisfactory clearance being required before one can work with students or their families.

"As long as you are a parent or volunteer, one has the option to go wherever he or she chooses. And it doesn't matter what you look like," Tyson said. "If you believe in what we are doing — we all need to work together because our goal is to close

the achievement gap."

A gap that Tyson said starts at the third-grade level.

"We need to start early because the third grade is a critical stage for the life of our children," he said. "Mentoring and volunteering is important and it's extremely important for us to get the message out."

Motivational speaker and Madison High School teacher Kenneth Everett agreed.

And that strongly came across in his crowd-pleasing poem, "Messages to a Black Man," which focused on the question, what are you willing to do?

"Don't just be another brother in a suit," Everett said. "Make a difference. Make a difference in somebody else's child so God can spare your child. Just know that God is the answer, and all you have to do is pray."

A strong message that Michael Gaston Sr., a single parent, also stressed while giving his testimony about how he owed to have a closer relationship with his son, who is now 18.

In giving his testimony, Gaston talked about the importance of mentoring. However, he also talked about how to let God use you.

"I had to learn that you have to let God take the lead, and (that) you don't lead God," Gaston said. "Mentoring is about teaching them how to learn, and

for them to do it better."

And for North Dallas Responds to successfully accomplish that, Tyson, as well as everyone on the program, said the organization and those involved must spread the word.

"This was a great gathering and hopefully it motivated all men to say, 'we can do this,'" Cynthia Brown, a Garland kindergarten teacher, said. "This is something everybody can do. Just be involved and become a role model because it's not what you say it's what you do. Because Alex is a great example of what a mentor can do for somebody."



Madison High math teacher, Kenneth Everett addresses the crowd about the importance of mentoring.

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The North Dallas Business Professionals Networking After Business Hours - Wednesdays at Django on the Parkway, Addison, 5100 Beltline Rd, 6p.m. - 9p.m.

Housing Crisis Center of Collin County offers free legal education and representation to renters and landlords. Weekly workshops are at 1:30 p.m. Mondays at Frisco Family Service Center, 8780 Third St. in Frisco; 6p.m. Tuesdays at Douglass Recreation Center, 1111 H Ave. in Plano Call 972-941-7174.

Corcoran Gallery of Art presents the Gordon Parks Half Past Autumn Exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art, through September 4th.

Through August 20
Freedom, Equality, Respect: The Struggle for Civil Rights, free exhibit at the Hall of State, Fair Park. Call 214.421.4500 for more information
Comedian Tommy

Davidson Live at the Addison Improv on August 18-21. Call 214-421-1111.

The St. John Baptist Church of Carrollton Texas, Pastor R. Michael Stromile is hosting a musical at 7:00 p.m. located at the Bibleway Community Baptist Church, at 4215 N. Greenview Drive Irving Texas 972-257-3766. The fundraiser is sponsored by Pastor O'Neal and Pastor Ramos. All proceeds will be donated to the restoration project for St. John Baptist Church of Carrollton Texas.

August 18-20 at The Tulsoma South Dallas Book Fair and Arts Festival, featuring workshops, panels, book signings and readings by great authors, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Hall of State and African American Museum in Fair Park, 3536 Grand Ave. For more information, call 214-671-9282 or visit www.tulsoma.com.

Coffee and Conversation with Eric Jerome Dickey Saturday, August 20, 2005 3:00 p.m.

Crayton's Restaurant & Bar 841 Exposition Ave. Dallas, 214-670-7800
Plano Parks and Recreation Registration Fall LEISURE activities

First day to sign-up for the many LEISURE Catalog courses and activities. From kayaking trips to ballroom dancing lessons, LEISURE is

filled with courses and activities for the entire family. For Internet registration (Leisure OnLine) visit the site at www.planoparks.org. For Touch-tone Registration dial 972-424-9278. Non-residents may sign up beginning August 25. For more details call the Parks and Recreation Administration office at 972-941-7250.

Earth, Wind, and Fire w/ Chicago concert on August 20 at 7:30 p.m., Smirnoff Center. Call 972-404-8501.

August 22
First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park hosts its Annual Job Fair, noon - 4p.m. Abrams Life Center, 2110 Abrams Road. Call 469.767.3448.

August 23
Government contracting orientation: 10 a.m.-Noon; Room 1534

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August 24
Starting a Home-Based Business 9a.m.-Noon; Room 2002
Bill Priest Institute; \$10 Sponsored by the Dallas Small

Business Development Center New Client Orientation 10 a.m.-Noon; Room 1521
Bill Priest Institute; No Fee Sponsored by the Technology Assistance Small Business Development Center

August 25
SBA 7a Loan Seminar 1-3 p.m./ Room 1534 Bill Priest Institute
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August 26
Loan Seminar- 9a.m.-Noon; Room 2002/ Bill Priest Institute
Sponsored by the Dallas Small Business Development Center

Wolf-Rod Entertainment presents the 1st Annual Gospel Throwback. This is an event that will showcase talent, throwback praise to God and raise funds for two charities - one for Grand Prairie Special Olympics and one for AIDS Babies. Date, August 26, 2005

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Mix and Mingle
Event time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Contact info: 214-476-1020 Angela

Cost: \$20 presale and \$25 at the door.
August 27
The Dallas Metroplex Council of Black Alumni Associations will be hosting its 11th Annual Jimmy Walker

Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament on August 27 at the Mesquite Golf Course with an 8p.m. tee time. Call 972-412-5169.

The Mesquite NAACP will be hosting their annual Health Fair on:

Date: Saturday, August 27, 2005

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place: Pathway of Life Church

8510 Military Pkwy Dallas, Texas 75227 (214) 275-7284 (Pathway of Life Church)

This event is open to the public. All health screenings are FREE.

Through August 27
77th Annual North Texas State Fair and Rodeo on August 19-27. Visit www.northtexasstatefair.com

Home Buyer Seminar - scheduled for August 20-27 from 9a.m. to 12p.m. presented by the LULAC National Housing Commission. Call 214-750-8194

August 28
The Women's Expo, complete with everything you need to know about being a woman, a fashion show, a teen talent competition and vendors to shop till you drop, will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway. For more information, call 972-

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Good Reason for Voting Rights Act Paranoia

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson
In a speech at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales pledged that the Bush administration will back an extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act when it expires in 2007. But that won't convince thousands of blacks that Jim Crow is about to make a comeback in the voting booth.

Ever since word spread that Congress must re-approve the Act, bloggers have burned the Internet with dire warnings that the Bush administration and the GOP controlled Congress will torpedo the Act. That's the line that Jesse Jackson and thousands of other marchers shouted when they marched in Atlanta, August 6, to mark the fortieth anniversary of the signing of the Act by Lyndon Johnson.

That line is pure paranoia run amok. Voting rights for African-Americans are guaranteed in perpetuity by the Fifteenth amendment. The only mischief that Bush and Congress can make if they so choose is to knock out a couple of the Act's expiring provisions. One requires that certain states, mostly in the South, get prior authorization from the Justice Department or federal courts before making changes in redistricting, district annexation, registration requirements, holding at large elections, and methods to qualify candidates to safeguard against discrimination. The other worrisome provision has nothing whatsoever to do with blacks. It requires districts with large American Indian, Asian American and Latino populations to provide them with non-English voting materials.

But it's not a case of misguided paranoia to be suspicious of GOP motives when one considers the past and present history of voting abuses. It's that history that drives many blacks crazy with fear

that they're about to be swindled out of their vote again. For the near century after Reconstruction, the South concocted a vast array of literacy tests, poll taxes, informal voting codes, and whites only primaries designed to make blacks the invisible men and women on Southern voting rolls. As late as 1948, a Gallup poll survey found that nearly 10 million blacks eligible to vote in the South were unregistered.

The Supreme Court's outlawing of the all-white Democratic primary in 1944 and the strong recommendation by President Harry Truman in 1947 that Congress increase black voter numbers only marginally increased black registration in the South. The Eisenhower administration's 1957 and 1960 civil rights bills contained weak, half-hearted provisions that permitted the Justice Department to sue districts that denied blacks their voting right. However, the White House, scared stiff of a furious Southern backlash, authorized only four lawsuits under the provisions of the act. It took a bloody rampage by Alabama state troopers at Selma in April, 1965, national shock and rage at the violence, and a clearly perturbed Johnson to get Congress to take action on the much ignored and stalled Act.

Rabidly racist Southern Democrats predictably screamed that the act was unlawful federal intrusion and violated states. But racist Democrats weren't the biggest obstacle to the Act's passage. House Republicans were. Then Republican minority leader, Gerald Ford proposed four ridiculous provisions to gut the bill. The provisions did not outlaw the poll tax and literacy tests, and authorized the attorney general to bring suit only after receiving a set number of complaints of voting violations. An even more preposterous gambit would have eliminated a provision requiring the federal courts to approve all voting rights laws passed by Southern

states. With Johnson pounding away, and the stench of tear gas still in the nation's nostrils from the Selma attack, Congress relented and dumped the Republican provisions. But that didn't end the fight to protect black voting rights. Republicans Nixon, Reagan, and Bush Sr. carefully crafted and fine-tuned the Republican's Southern strategy. The goal was to win elections by doing and saying as little as possible about black rights while openly and subtly pandering to Southern white fears of black political domination.

Civil rights leaders still rail that the Bush administration disenfranchised thousands of black votes in Florida in 2000 and hijacked the White House. They accuse Bush operatives of rigging voting machines and tampering with voter rolls to bag Ohio in 2004. Earlier this year, blacks demanded that the Justice Department examine a Georgia law that requires voters there to show a photo identification at the polls. Supposedly, this is a sneaky way to harass and intimidate minorities. Since 1965 the Justice Department has filed more than 1000 complaints of voting irregularities, almost all involve minorities.

At the recent NAACP convention, Republican National Chairman Ken Mehlman did a mea culpa for the GOP's sordid past. But one speech won't wipe away black suspicions that Republicans play fast and loose with black votes when it threatens their interests. Gonzales, however, did the right thing by publicly promising to do whatever it takes to insure that none of the Act's provisions lapse. Thousands of paranoid eyes will be watching to see that he keeps that promise.

Earl Ofari Hutchinson is a political analyst and social issues commentator, and the author of *The Crisis in Black and Black* (Middle Passage Press).

John H. Johnson in Perspective

By: George E. Curry
SNH's Columnist
When someone dies, especially if they are well known, there is a tendency to exaggerate his or her contributions. Such was the case with John H. Johnson, the late publisher of *Ebony* and *Jet* magazines.

Without a doubt, Johnson's contributions to journalism and improving the lives of African-Americans are exceptional and need no embellishment. There is no question that when Johnson launched *Ebony* in 1945, he altered the face of the magazine industry for good. Six years later, he built on that foundation by starting *Jet*. Perhaps more than anyone else, Johnson forced major corporations to advertise with Black publications and insisted that they use Black models and advertising agencies. As lawyers like to say, I'll stipulate the foregoing.

Where I part company with the revisionists is when they proclaim - incorrectly - that *Ebony* magazine was the first publication to reflect Black America in its full complexity. That's simply untrue. That honor belongs to Black newspapers. The first one, *Freedom's Journal*, was started in 1827 - more than a century before the first issue of *Ebony* was published.

Like the NAACP, Black newspapers heavily conducted anti-linching campaigns. The office of Ida B. Wells Barnett - was torched in Memphis, forcing her to leave town. The famous W.E.B. DuBois-Brook-T Washington debate had its seeds in the Black press. Contrary to popular impression, DuBois did not object to industrial education; he objected when it was advocated to the exclusion of Black economic, political and social rights. In fact, Washington offered DuBois a job at what is now Tuskegee University

in Alabama, but DuBois had already accepted a teaching position at Wilberforce University in Ohio. William Monroe Trotter, editor of the *Boston Guardian*, was far more critical of Washington than DuBois. In fact, upon learning that Booker T. would be speaking in Boston, he planted a stink bomb in the church. Trotter was roundly excoriated by Blacks, DuBois sprang to his defense.

As noted above, Black newspapers were aggressively defending the rights of African-Americans before John H. Johnson was born. Black newspapers chronicled the modern Civil Rights Movement, which began in 1955 with the slaying of 14-year-old Emmett Till for allegedly whistling at a White woman. *Jet* published that unforgettable photo of Till's mutilated body. But Blacks newspapers covered his accusers' trial and conducted their own investigative journalism into the murder.

This is no attempt to denigrate John H. Johnson. Rather, it's an attempt to set the record straight.

African-Americans have a bad habit of spending more time looking at life through the rear view mirror than the windshield of the future. Instead of only celebrating Johnson's accomplishments, let's see if there are lessons we can learn from his life.

One of the things I admired about John H. Johnson was his refusal to sell to the highest bidder and, in the process, claim he was acting as any businessperson would. That can't be said of the sellouts of today. Whether in publishing or broadcasting, we see example after example of Black entrepreneurs asking to be given certain cable systems or carried on certain cable systems or given certain ads because African-American consumers deserve to be treated with respect. However, once large sums of money are waved in front of them, they sell out the community, usually saying it's not about Black or White - it's about green.

They neglect to acknowledge that the greed they're amassing is a direct result of their having pimped out Blacks.

We've already witnessed the sale of Motown, Johnson hair care products, BET, Essence, BlackVoices.com and African.com to Whites. The New York Times plans to start a Black newspaper in Gainesville, Fla. Given the recent population shifts, you can expect this trend to continue.

My issue is not whether we should help swell the ranks of Black millionaires. My real concern is the decrease in the number of legitimate sources of news and information for and by people of color. There are more than 18,821 magazines in the U.S., according to the Magazine Publishers Association. Yet, we can name the number of editorials in national Black magazines on one hand and still have a finger or two left over.

Considering today's Right-wing assault on human rights, we need strong Black publications more than ever. We need to preserve and expand what we have. In the end, it won't matter if we create profitable Black businesses if all we do is sellout and leave our community devoid of outlets.

John H. Johnson proved that one can be a millionaire and have integrity at the same time.

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Second-Class Coverage Page 1

convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of her and their unborn son, are a few among those that Simelhe watched being aired day after day while her daughter and others



The family of missing Tamika Antoinette Hutton say national media has ignored her case while favoring Whites.

ers were not mentioned.

The stories that have been aired are quite diverse, but the victims all have one thing in common. They are all White, young and pretty. That mold only compounded the pain for Hutton's aunt, Rebekah Howard, a public relations expert in Florida. Howard realized the morning that the news of a Salt Lake City, Utah case of missing jogger Lori Hacking hit the airwaves July 19 last year. "Literally within hours after her not returning from her morning jog, it was all over the news," Howard says. "I was so frustrated because literally all the same programs, all the same correspondents who I had been reaching out to - to no avail - were all over that story. That's when it really hit home for me. 'What makes her story any more compelling than my niece's? What makes her any more

important than Tamika?'"

Within four months of national news coverage, Hacking's husband, Mark, confessed to having murdered his wife and her body was recovered.

Meanwhile, Spartanburg police say they have discovered blood belonging to Hutton under a carpet inside the former apartment of a man she had been dating. Police won't release his name, but say he has been incarcerated on an unrelated parole violation until the investigation yields enough evidence to charge him in Hutton's disappearance.

Investigators say major news coverage of a case always help to bring leads by putting pressure on the police and the community and by broadening the name and face recognition of the person being sought.

"There does appear there may be some difference in the national news coverage," says Lt. Steve Lamb, the lead investigator on the Hutton case. At this point more than a year later, he says, "Hope that she is still alive is very slim."

The family holds on to what little hope is left.

"Every time Tamika gets a single coverage from a national program, new leads come in," says Howard. America's Most Wanted was the first national media to pick up the story in March, nine months after she was reported missing. More than a year later, MSNBC and NBC have also aired the story.

"I understand that not every case can be covered as widely as they've been covering Natalie Holloway, for example. But why don't you cut back on that coverage? We don't have to know every single time her mother meets with the police. We don't have to know if her Mom got up this morning and had scrambled eggs," Howard says. "We don't have to

know every detail. Report when you have something to report; then you will be able to open it up to make the coverage a little bit more broad."

Meanwhile, Howard has established a Web site, www.tamika-hutton.com, that features 23 other missing persons, mostly Black, who are having difficulty getting exposure in national media. The cases include nine missing adult Black males.

Among other cases of missing persons is the case of Latoya Figueroa, a pregnant 24-year-old Black woman missing since July 18.

"The news coverage may not have saved her niece's life, Howard says, "But what I think it could have saved is a lot of heartache for our family because I certainly believe had the intense media scrutiny



Latoya Figueroa, the pregnant mother of a 7-year-old, has been missing since July 19.

been on this case initially, I think we would have found her by now. I think we would have had at least a confession or an arrest in the case. That's where I think the media could have made the difference."



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Education

College Freshmen Face Major Headache

Students could do worse than choose to concentrate on economics

By: M. Ray Perryman
Over the next few weeks, entering freshmen will take the steps necessary to continue their educational pursuits at colleges and universities across the nation. Most are looking forward to the unique challenges and opportunities they expect such an experience to provide.

Within the first month, they meet new people and make special friends, and many of them will be asked the same questions over and over: What's your name? Where are you from? and What's your major?

The first two will be easy to answer and the responses will become almost automatic. The last one might take a bit more thought and, over the course of the year, could change dramatically as students become more aware of the various professions beckoning them today.

There are very few limitations on career possibilities if students properly prepare and sufficiently apply themselves. Sex, race, ethnic and social backgrounds and even financial resources are no longer barriers to future success and satisfaction in a chosen field. While there are some professions that would prove more difficult for the physically challenged, the doors are opening wider nowadays in many of those areas to allow exceptional individuals to realize at least part of their dreams.

Decisions regarding a major may sometimes depend on the popularity of a career field at the time or the prospects of employment and financial remuneration. Unfortunately, the popularity of majors does not always translate into something of significant value when seeking employment after

graduation. Additionally, the career fields that have the greatest volume of openings do not always generate enthusiastic responses among students.

Many of those entering college for the first time have undoubtedly reviewed books, pamphlets and specialized handbooks on the potentials of particular majors. Shortly after enrolling, some will inevitably encounter classmates eager to evangelize on behalf of their own personal career choices. The possibilities regarding how to spend the rest of one's life can be overwhelming.

Some college students will remain firm in their first career choice and make every effort to fortify their decision by diligently applying themselves and fulfilling all prerequisites. Others will undoubtedly change their minds — and often lengthen their time in school — as they face daunting hurdles, discover greener academic pastures, or decide to explore avenues more closely associated with their innate abilities or aptitudes.

Many reputable sources survey undergraduates annually to determine the majors for which there is the greatest interest. Over the years, the list has varied with some fields gaining rapidly and others slowly slipping, tenaciously trying to cling to the top tier.

According to The Princeton Review, over the last few years, there are several majors that have held fairly steady in popularity. They include (in alphabetical order) accounting, biology, business administration and management, chemistry, communications, computer science, education, English, history, mathematics, nursing, political science, psychology and sociology.

The most in-demand college

majors, according to the Job Outlook 2005 survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, include accounting, computer and information sciences, economics, various engineering fields and marketing-related areas.

Some of these fields could be considered "naturals" because of the current and perceived employment openings. Others might be surprises. For at least one — economics — I could say, "about time."

As an economist and one who, for more than a quarter century, has analyzed, scrutinized and categorized myriad economic-related matters — and that includes an almost endless number since practically every aspect of life has some economic facet — I have watched the number of students majoring in economics grow, particularly over the past decade.

At Harvard University, economics is the most popular major. Last year, nearly a quarter of the entire graduating class at the University of Chicago received economics degrees. Columbia University has experienced a 67% increase in economics majors since 1995.

The attraction of economics is not just an American phenomenon. There is a growing interest in studying economics among college students around the world.

As the globalization of economies continues to expand and impact all societies, everyone will invariably be affected to some degree. Because of this situation, I would suspect that as college campuses begin to fill up and students face those time-honored questions, there will be many who give economics as the answer to the "major" question.

National Endowment for the Arts provides grant funds to the Mesquite Arts Council

The Mesquite Arts Council has been awarded a prestigious National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant under the "CHALLENGE AMERICA: REACHING EVERY COMMUNITY" program. The \$10,000 grant will support the annual Spanish Zarzuela in its 7th season at the Mesquite Arts Center.

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From Oct. 3 through Dec. 5, Olive Garden will accept essays of 50 to 250 words from writers in first through 12th grade addressing this topic. Entry forms and complete rules will be available at local Olive Garden restaurants or by logging on to www.olivegarden.com/

ourcommunity/pastatales, beginning Oct. 3.

The grand prize is a trip to New York, dinner at the Olive Garden in Times Square and a \$2,500 U.S. Savings Bond. A winner also will be chosen in each grade category and will receive a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond and dinner with their family at their local Olive Garden.

Entries must include the writer's name, full address, phone number with area code, grade, date of birth including year, and a statement that the work is their own. Entries must be submitted either online or postmarked by Dec. 5 and sent to Pasta Tales, PMB 2000, 6278 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33308-1916.

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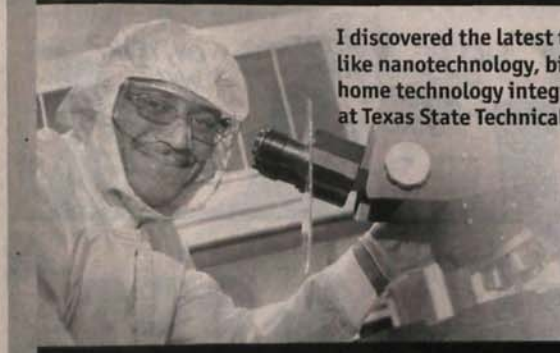
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Art of Negotiating
Show Me the Money

• 3-3:45 PM
Building Rewarding Business Relationships
Staying Alive in 2005
Art of Negotiating

• 4-4:45 PM
Show Me the Money
Emerging Opportunities
The Art of the Deal

Opposing Wright Repeal Page 1

Johnson cites increased noise pollution and congestion around Love Field, the success of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and a 1968 contractual bond ordinance that called for the phasing out of the local cities' airports to dedicate resources to D/FW Airport as reasons for her position.

In addition to opposing repeal of the amendment, Johnson said if congressional efforts to repeal Wright continue she plans to introduce legislation that would end Love Field's commercial flights, and said she hopes "Southwest Airlines reconsiders its position for the good of the region."

Southwest Airlines spokesman Ed Stewart said the airline was taken aback by Bernice Johnson's statements.

"Apparently Eddie Bernice Johnson didn't give much thought to the fact that we're one of the top taxpayers in the city of Dallas," Stewart told the Dallas Business Journal. "We're a major economic engine for this city. It's bewildering that she would want to do this to a business that is in her district, and to suggest that it would hurt D/FW, it doesn't make sense. Once you bring true competition into the marketplace everyone benefits."

Bernice Johnson's position also drew criticism from U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Plano, who earlier this year filed a bill that would immediately repeal the Wright Amendment.

"It's one thing to support the Wright Amendment. It's another thing to support shutting down your home-district airport," Sam Johnson said in a written statement Wednesday. "What about the people who work at Dallas Love? What about the people who travel from Dallas Love? What about the companies that operate out of Dallas Love? Her decision smacks of heavy-handed government at its absolute worst."

Congresswoman Johnson incorrectly alleges that the Wright Amendment takes away jobs at D/FW Airport, he said.

"Last time I checked, she represents Dallas Love Field,"

he said. "Shouldn't she be more concerned about keeping and creating jobs in her own district?"

American Airlines, the flagship carrier at D/FW Airport, said it was encouraged by Bernice Johnson's support of Wright.

"Congresswoman Johnson recognizes the economic impact that D/FW Airport has in the North Texas region and the hundreds of thousands of jobs that are associated with it," said American Airlines Chairman and CEO Gerard Arpey in a written statement Wednesday. "The employees of American Airlines and American Eagle applaud and support her actions."

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Federal Probe Includes 4 More Black Officials

A federal probe into low-income tax credit housing projects at Dallas City Hall has widened to include four more city officials and several city departments, after FBI agents served an overarching subpoena to the city attorney's office.

But some black leaders - outraged by the fact that the seven city officials named in the subpoena are black - went on the offensive yesterday, calling the investigation a conspiracy on the part of Mayor Laura Miller and Dallas' white business elite.

In addition to Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill, Council member James Fantroy, and City Plan Commissioner D'Angelo Lee - all of whom were searched by federal agents in June - the subpoena named Council members Leo Chaney and Maxine Thornton-Reese, and plan commissioners Carol Brandon and Melvin Taylor, city officials said.

"They're going to make the Los Angeles riots look like a picnic," Fantroy warned. "Why is this all just black folks? Why is it when it comes to us, we're guilty the minute there are accusations?"

The FBI declined to comment on Fantroy's comments. But Mayor Miller said that the idea she ordered an FBI investigation is ridiculous.

Citing a serious alleged ethical lapse and the prospect of criminal indictments from an ongoing FBI corruption investigation, Dallas City Mayor Laura Miller on Friday called on Dallas City Plan Commissioner D'Angelo Lee to resign or face forced removal next week in an exceptionally rare kind of council vote.

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Idol Judges Paula Okay

By: Joel Ryan

Paula Abdul's long, Corey Clark nightmare has ended. For now, anyway.

Fox and producers of American Idol announced Friday that Abdul would remain as a judge on the hit singing competition after an independent investigation found there was "insufficient evidence" that the perpetually upbeat pop star lavished extra attention on Clark, as the second-season finalist has charged.

Specifically, the probe determined that Clark's claims of a "sexual relationship" with, and "special assistance" from Abdul "had not been substantiated by any corroborating evidence or witnesses."

But as a safeguard against further scandal, Idol makers said they would build a bigger wall between judges and contestants, beefing up the show's "non-fraternization policy."

At least one Idol judge who won't have to ever appear on So You Think You Can Dance was particularly pleased with the probe's outcome.

"I'm grateful this ordeal is over, and I'm so looking forward to getting back to the job I love," Abdul said in a statement. "Once again, I thank my fans from throughout the world for their undying love and support."

A phone and an email message left with Clark's attorney seeking comment were not immediately returned.

Auditions for Idol's fifth season, with Abdul taking her seat behind

the judges' table alongside Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson, kick off next week in San Francisco.

Abdul, 43, has been hounded by allegations of misconduct since the end of last season, when Clark, 25,



first aired his boy-toy claims on a May sweeps edition of ABC's Primetime Live. According to Fox, Clark was among the 43 persons interviewed by the outside law firm hired to conduct the Idol investigation. Abdul was another.

In all, Fox boasted, the probe spanned three-and-a-half months, and ran up nearly 600 billable hours.

Seeing as how the news was ultimately good news for Abdul, the timing of the Idol release was odd, coming late on in the weekend-anticipat-

ing afternoon, typically the dumping ground for releases about divorces, separations and other unsavory topics.

Certainly, it seems unlikely Abdul's least-favorite subject will go away quietly. Clark has already written a tell-all e-book about his alleged affair with Abdul, and sung about the scandal in "Paulities," a track off his self-titled solo album.

When Abdul mocked Clark's claims on Saturday Night Live back in May, Clark announced that he had "explicit" and "incriminating" proof of their relationship. At the time, Clark's attorney said his client wasn't planning to reveal the evidence to the public at-large on account of its "explicit nature."

The Fox probe did back up one Clark claim: That he and Abdul were on a telephone-talking basis. But investigators couldn't determine the nature of the calls. In the end, the network said, it came down to he said, she denied, with no third-party verification about what the two gabbed out.

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The lineup on MBC, which debuted in 1998, includes movies, sports, talk shows and specials. That network reaches about 25 million households in 48 states, Gary said.

"What we're trying to do is cover the news 24/7 from an urban perspective. We'll be patterned after CNN, with some of the bells and whistles, including magazine and issue-oriented shows," said Gary.

A 24-Hour News Channel Aimed at Black Americans

Florida attorney Willie Gary is expanding his cable television portfolio by creating the nation's first 24-hour news channel geared specifically toward Black Americans.

The administrative offices of MBC News, The UrbanVoice, as the network will be called, will be based in Fort Pierce, Fla., Gary said this week.

Gary said MBC News is expected to debut by the end of the year in 10 million households. It is expected to cost about \$25 million to launch and initially will employ about 75 people. "This is a major breakthrough in

Channel Aimed at Black Americans

television news," Gary said.

"MBC News will have a tremendous impact by broadcasting the positive aspects of African-American culture, which are too often ignored by other networks," he said.

"We see a lot of negative images of African-Americans on TV," he said. "Some of it is justified. News is news. If a black man is arrested or charged with murder, it should be reported. But I also want to balance the news by showing a black man graduating."

MBC News will be Gary's second national TV operation. He owns sister channel Major

Filmmaker Singleton Balances 'Popcorn,' Serious Films

By: Larry Fine

Filmmaker John Singleton, who burst to prominence with his 1991 social drama "Boyz n the Hood," says he has to balance his "message" movies with "popcorn" flicks to support his more serious work.

In a recent interview, Singleton called this balancing act the "yin and yang" of his life in Hollywood as he promoted his latest directorial effort, "Four Brothers," an inner-city action movie that mixes a little message with a lot of mayhem in a revenge tale with a violent take on family values.

"It's my personal stamp on the urbanization of the Western," said Singleton, who at 24 became the youngest Oscar nominee ever as best director for his viral depiction of life in a poor, black Los Angeles neighborhood in "Boyz n the Hood," which he also wrote.

"Four Brothers" stars Mark Wahlberg as the volatile eldest brother of a mid-range foursome that includes Terrell Gibson, Garrett Hedlund and André Benjamin, better known as André 3000 of the hip-hop hitmakers OutKast.

The ensemble and director Singleton make the most of a ragged script that fails to explain some crucial plot elements and often strains credibility.

Despite the racial bonding and a nod to the benefits of labor organizing, Singleton acknowledged this was primarily a "popcorn" movie, the type of mass-appeal product that helps support his more serious efforts.

Singleton said he had to work at breaking from the stereotype his early success brought him as a young black filmmaker. "Everyone was looking at me as a serious director," he said about reaction to "Boyz." "I wanted to be taken as a serious director. But I got it at a young age, at 22. That's why I started doing some popcorn movies."

Singleton said he used some of his "popcorn" money to make another statement by producing "Hurricane & Flow," which won acclaim at the Sundance Festival and in a short time this summer has grossed more than five times its \$2.8 million budget.

"Look what happened with 'Hurricane & Flow,'" he said of the film directed and written by Craig Brewer about a pimp who tries to lift himself from squids to make the most of a ragged script that fails to explain some crucial plot elements and often strains credibility.

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Car Review

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By: E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.

The Infiniti QX56 is a superb full-size luxury SUV. It is based upon the full-size Nissan Titan and the Nissan Armada SUV. The Infiniti QX56 All-Mode 4WD has features, amenities, and capabilities that basically what one's teeth for the keys.

QX56 seats 7 passengers comfortably. The second-row has captain's chairs and a removable second-row center console. The SUV can seat 8 passengers with second-row split bench seat.

The Infiniti is powered by a 5.6 liter V8 aluminum-alloy

engine with 315 horsepower and 390 lb-ft of torque. Impressively, Towing Capacity of Almost 9000 pounds while seating 7 passengers comfort-



ably. The five-speed automatic transmission is quiet and seamless.

In the Interior, the cab is trimmed in leather, the upholstery is trimmed in aluminum

and wood. The Leather-trim and the Navigation system are standard in the SUV. Rear Park Assist sensors and the standard RearView camera come in very handy when backing up and parking a big boy truck like the QX56. The Navigational system and rear parking features came in extremely handy while ventured uncharted territory.

For entertainment purposes, the QX56 is well equipped with 10 speakers, including subwoofer and center speaker. The factory 18-inch 7 spoke chrome aluminum-alloy wheels are nice.

Fuel Economy is 13/18 mpg.

Although, the SUV attracts a lot of attention, driving the Infiniti QX56 is a smooth and peaceful drive. QX56 4WD lists at \$51000.

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The Links, Inc. is an international organization that was founded over 50 years ago by

African-American women to make a positive impact on their communities. Through the years, The Links, Inc. has raised millions of dollars for numerous worthy causes including education, health care, the arts and support of youth and the elderly. The Mid-Cities Texas Chapter has an ongoing commitment to civic efforts within the Metroplex.

The attire for the event is black-tie. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$75 per person. For ticket information call 972-304-9007.

She said she had good relations with the city council and the city mayor, and added that she does what she has to do to get things done.

Ms. Heggins is the oldest of 7 children, has 5 sons, 6 grand children and 6 great grand children.

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after Martin Luther King, Jr., and second is getting people to register to vote and then getting them out to vote. She said she understands voter apathy and skepticism following the 2000 elections, but added it is time to get back into the community to help people understand that their vote counts.

"We aren't going to get good officials elected to office if people don't vote," said Ms. Heggins. She said before her election to city office, she spoke before the city council many times at their meetings, and added that the Denton City Council has an open approach to its constituents. She said she is not afraid to talk and has no inhibitions when it comes to interacting with people either at local level in the community or to elected officials.

She moved to Denton from Dallas 25 years ago with her late husband, who was a pastor, and said she liked the city so much she stayed there even after her husband's death. She worked for 20 years with Seniors Programs for Aging Needs as a nutrition coordinator, during which time she hired volunteers from UT Denton and TWU. This job, she said, put her in touch with the entire community.

She has also volunteered on many boards and commissions, is a volunteer announcer for PSA's on KHVN 970 AM, and is a foster grand parent at Denton State School, which Ms. Heggins said, "is the love of my life."

At the Denton State School she teaches children singing, dance and rhythm band. And her musical background spills over to performing at the Plano Senior Center.

"I have a love for people, and I don't believe in generational gaps, there's no need for people of all ages not to mingle together," said Ms. Heggins.

She is also familiar working with various counties and states, due to her time volunteering, and her time as Ms. Mature Denton and Ms. Texas Senior, as these positions took her all over the state and to other states. She believes this all adds up to her being able to function as an effective council member.

Ms. Heggins is also a mem-

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ACORNS, PUMPKINS, AND GOD

A lady was walking through a meadow one day. As she strolled along meditating on nature, she came upon a field of pumpkins, and in the corner of the field stood a majestic oak tree.

Sitting under the oak tree the lady mused about the strange twist in nature. They acorns hung on huge branches and large pumpkins sat on tiny vines. She thought, "God blundered with this creation! He should have put the small acorns on the tiny vines and the large pumpkins on the huge branches."

Before long, the late autumn sunbath lured the lady to sleep. She was awakened by a tiny acorn bouncing off her nose. Chuckling to herself, she amended her previous thinking, "Maybe God was right after all!"

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Sunday, my pastor, Elder Philip White, quoted my favorite scripture in his sermon, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think..." Ephesians 3:20-21 (KJV).

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This will be the first time that black Republicans have organized under one house in the party's recent history, said Deborah Burston-Donbray, an Ohio-based political consultant and deputy director for public affairs for the Justice Department under President Reagan.

"We're getting to that younger generation that is not as knowledgeable or as hurt by the past and are looking forward to see what is best for blacks and looking at Bush and the economy, and they like what they see," she said.



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and grass-roots assistance. "One important aim of the NBRA is to empower the people, by championing opportunity scholarships for black children and helping black Americans move into our ownership society," said Donald Skoggin, interim vice chairman of the group and chairman of the Frederick Douglass Republican Forum, an outreach group based in Loudoun County, Va. It will be only a short while before the 527 begins accepting contributions and buying ads. The NBRA is expected to have its



Sister Tarpley

During a "Teacher's In-Service Day" the Special Education Department Chairmen read the following story. I believe that this story can be applied to any situation or change in your life, going away to college, going into high school, going into the workforce, or changing a job or a career path. The point of this story is to Trust God.

By: Emily Pearl Kingsley
I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability—to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip to Italy. You buy guidebooks, and make wonderful vacation plans to see the coliseum, the Michelangelo David, and the gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

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The important thing is that you are not in a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine, and disease. It's just a different place. So you must get new guidebooks; you must learn a new language. You will meet new people that you probably would not have

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black Republican voters and, for those already in the party, provide information and networking opportunities.

The organization will have an independent political fundraising arm called National Black Republicans for Freedom.

The goal of the 527 group, named for a section of the tax code under which it is organized, is to identify prospective black Republican candidates for elected office and provide them financial

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August 17 - 19, 7:30 pm Nightly Revival featuring Rev. Starla Abraham from Christian Chapel CME Temple of Faith Church. Our theme is: "Building a Relationship with Christ," found in Ephesians 2:13

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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.

Church, State and Africa

By Ambassador Andrew Young and Bishop T.D. Jakes
We are American Christians of African descent.

We have seen the fight against Apartheid. We participated in Live Aid concerts and hummed to the melody of "We are the World." We have witnessed plane after plane and ship after ship carrying manna from heaven—abundant amounts of food for the people of Africa.

Together, we share a commitment with millions of missionaries and active socially-minded organizations to "feed the hungry, heal the sick and to get at liberty those who are oppressed."

Africa is a continent of 53 nations consisting of nearly a billion people on a land mass three times the size of the United States. There is a long history of church involvement on this continent. The missionary movement of the late 19th century included many former slaves who, after being educated in the U.S., returned to Africa as teachers, pastors, preachers, agricultural specialists and health professionals.

So, why is it that there are still so many admonitions to keep caring for Africa? Didn't those outreach workers? Couldn't we satisfy the appetite of the people?

In a word, "no." Recently, we were invited, along with 20 of our esteemed colleagues, to meet with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in an effort to continue a long and established bipartisan tradition of church-state cooperation in areas of need and opportunity.

President George Bush, fortunately, has realized the potential network of faith-based leadership in addressing the needs of the people of Africa. The recent signing of the African Growth and Opportunity Act extension is but one example of his appreciation of Africa's importance to the U.S. as a trading partner and supplier of strategic minerals.

But is it enough? Can we, as a nation, do more?

UNAIDS (The United Nations Assembly for AIDS) research has published a haunting report that concludes more than 80 million people living in Africa could perish by AIDS by 2025, unless concerted actions are taken. Another catastrophe awaits. Why can't we band together again, now, before so many people die largely as a result of our apathy?

Why, after so much assistance, do so many African children daily fall victim to starvation, disease and economic despair?

Too much grief, not enough care.

In the era of communal globalization, and as a result of the work of the World Trade Organization, international trade has more than tripled; nevertheless, the continent's share of global exports has declined from nearly five percent in 1980 to fewer than two percent today.

Despite its core of resources and surplus of skilled workers, African exporters remain hindered from participating freely in mutually beneficial international trade relationships. Expanding the continent's economic potential would boost its capacity to significantly reduce the poverty experienced by its people.

The world is full of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). They are active and available. They pledged more than \$6.9 billion only six months ago. They can and should do it again.

Recently, UK Prime Minister Tony Blair met with Pres. Bush to unite on a mission to ease the debt of African countries. Together, they will bring this cause to the G8 summit in

Scotland and recommend the debt of Africa be cancelled 100 percent—more than \$16 billion.

A greater involvement and sensitivity in the past might have prevented our excessive dependence on Middle Eastern oil. Africa presently supplies close to 20 percent of our energy imports, oil and liquefied natural gas, but with an active political appreciation, it could be an even more fruitful and prosperous partnership.

We agree that this needs to happen. Why worry about what the destitute people of Africa owe and focus on what they want to give—their land, resources and lives. The time is now for them to be given a chance to contribute, an opportunity to overcome.

No great movement for change has occurred in America without the passion and prophetic voice of people of faith. They have provided the vision and commitment that produced our Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution, ended slavery and produced the non-violent movement, which led to the recent human rights efforts across the planet.

If we are to put an end to poverty and human suffering at home and abroad, Church and State will require divine inspiration and the cooperation of people of non-Christian faiths and secular idealists alike working together to find multinational, technical and institutional answers to Africa's most pressing needs.

African Americans and all Americans—it is time to care about Africa.

(Andrew Young is the former U.S. Ambassador to the UN and Chairman of Goodworks International. Bishop T.D. Jakes is the founder and senior pastor of the 30,000-member Potter's House.)



Ambassador Andrew Young



Bishop T.D. Jakes

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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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ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
August 21, 10:45 am

Our "Memorial Sunday" will be to remember deceased member who have "Gone Home to Glory" since the last anniversary.

August 28, 10:45 am

Our guest speaker during an exciting Heritage Service of "Power-Packed Prayer and Praise" will be Dr. Henry L. Masters, Sr., Senior Pastor at Holman UMC in Los Angeles. Dr. Masters is a former pastor at St. Paul UMC.

For more information about the above events, please call Muriel Johnson-Redd @ 214-922-0000

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August 27, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

We will host a FREE "The Making of a Leader Conference - 2005" @ the McKinney Fellowship Bible Church, 2801 Orchard Drive, McKinney, TX. Our Keynote Speaker will be the Honorable Bill Whitfield, Mayor of McKinney. Other guest speakers will be Mr. Richard Abbott, NTJCC; Rev. Reynolds Wood, Founder of RWM; Ms. Linda Little, McKinney Chamber of Commerce; and Sister Shirley Dennis Tarpley, Religious Editor for MON-The Gazette.

There will be performances by the RWM Dancers & Karate Team, the McKinney Fellowship Youth Band, and many, many more. Registration is FREE, but seats are limited. Please register early, by phone @ 214-544-1886, online @ www.reynoldswood.org or by mail @ P.O. Box 650, McKinney, TX 75069.

Also we proudly announce that Rev. Wood will be available to autograph a copy of his long awaited new book, "The Ability Within" about the Principles of Leadership.

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August 19, 7:00 pm

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August 20, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Men are invited to our FREE Workshop with two sessions. Session 1 conducted by Rev. Bob

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Latson, Founder of Liberation Ministries, Inc. Session 2 conducted by Bishop Darrell Watson of Destiny Fellowship of Churches International Headquarters in Houston, TX. Rev. Andrew Jackson of West Irving COGIC in Irving, TX will be the Moderator for the Open Panel Discussion.

Also, at the same time, there will be a FREE Women's Workshop, Daughters of Zion, conducted by Apostle Loretta Williams.

The sessions are opened to the public and will be held at The Super 8 Motel Meeting Room, 4245 W. Airport Freeway in Irving, TX. For further information contact Apostle Williams @ 972-570-4769.

August 21, 6:00 pm

Please join us for our close out and evening celebration

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August 28, 4:00 pm

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11:00 a.m.
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