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## People In The News



Sana Rashid is not an ordinary grandmother. She is a G-mama.

Her title is reflective of an entire generation of people who are grandparents, but aren't retired or living off social security. The new grandparents are leading full lives. Even if their children made grandparents out of them, they are refusing ancient titles such as, Grandma and Grandpa. Those names are outdated and don't fit their younger, more active souls.

Ms. Rashid fully explains her philosophy on the new age of grandparenting in her book *G-Mama's House, A Fundamental Guide to Grandparenting*.

She encourages grandparents to be flexible: "It's not unusual to be called by some name with no resemblance to the word Grandmother Or Grandfather. Children are authors of creativity. So go with the flow. It really doesn't matter what they call you. Once a grandparent you are always a grandparent. It is a bond with a critical connection. The past, present and the future. What could be better than that?"

In accordance with National Grandparents Day on September 11th, events will be held Saturday, September 3, 2005 at Black Images Book Bazaar, (214) 943-0142; on Sunday, September 4, at Border's Bookstore, (972) 279-5203, and on Saturday, September 10, at Joka's Bookstore, (972) 283-0558.

Sana Rashid can be reached at 214-948-0388 or by email at gmama2004@sbcglobal.net.

Working as the project safety coordinator at one of the most high-profile construction projects currently underway in Dallas leaves Gradien Franks with little free time. Yet Franks takes time out of his busy schedule to give back to the local African American community by mentoring several "little brothers" through a local Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

A kind-hearted man with a dynamic personality, Franks works for McCarthy Building Companies, a company that is currently the general contractor for the W Dallas Victory Hotel & Residences being constructed just north-west of Downtown Dallas.

A McCarthy employee since 2001, Franks has worked on several major Dallas-area projects including the W Dallas Victory Hotel & Residences. He also served as Safety Coordinator for the new DFW Terminal D Automated People Mover project at DFW Airport, which opened on Saturday, July 23.

Serving as the project safety director for high-profile jobs such as the DFW Airport's new people mover system and the W Dallas Victory Hotel and Residences requires Franks to constantly monitor all intricate aspects of a construction jobsite to ensure complete compliance with McCarthy's highly-detailed health and safety program. Franks constantly monitors the weather, surroundings and the activities of all McCarthy and sub-contractor workers to ensure jobsite safety, and he is quick to do whatever it takes to ensure that everyone on the jobsite complies with carefully-set safety standards.



August Wilson, an award-winning playwright who focuses on the lives of African Americans, has liver cancer and may have only months to live, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette said on Friday.

Citing an interview with Wilson from his home in Seattle, the newspaper said his condition was diagnosed in June. He was recommended immediate treatment including a liver transplant, but the disease proved too far advanced to be halted.

"It's not like poker, you can't throw your hand in," the newspaper quoted Wilson, 60, as saying. "I've lived a blessed life. I'm ready."

Last winter, "Gem of the Ocean," part of his 10-part cycle about the African American experience, played to good reviews on Broadway.

Wilson, a Pittsburgh native, said in the interview he was pleased to have completed the cycle of plays set in each decade of the 20th century, depicting the tragedies and aspirations of African Americans, the Post-Gazette said.

Wilson's plays include "Fences," "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," "The Piano Lesson," and "Jitney." His honors include a Tony Award and two Pulitzer Prizes.

## Leadership Plano Provides Opportunities for Networking, Leadership

By: Paul Halley

The state of Texas is well known for its 'good ole boy' system of doing business. In this system, transacted business has little to do with what you know and everything to do with who you know. Real or imagined, this way of doing business and has been particularly frustrating to minorities trying to either gain entry into the circle of successful entrepreneurs or become part of community leadership. Networking, whether for business, social or community service reasons, is critical for Plano resident Henry Bryant and others; the Plano Chamber of Commerce Leadership Plano program is just the vehicle to gain access to mainstream business and community leaders.

Mr. Bryant, a member of the May 2005 class of Leadership Plano graduates, was impressed with the variety of benefits he gained from participating in the program.

"The program is full of extremely bright and successful people that are all leaders in their respective fields," he said. "I knew when I



Leadership Plano Graduate Henry Bryant

entered the program that at a minimum, I would benefit from their leadership, I would learn a great deal about the city and how it works, and I could

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## An Impending Economic Meltdown

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist

In case you have not been watching the economic trends, you might want to know that things are about to get nasty. No need to cite the exorbitant price of gasoline; I am sure you feel the impact of what is swiftly becoming one of the biggest heists in human history. Is Enron's Ken Lay in jail yet? Did Halliburton ever get sanctioned for stealing all that money and cheating on the price it charged for gasoline? Did "vice" President Cheney ever reveal what really took place in his secret energy meetings? But I digress.

This country is going down the tubes fast, at least for those of us who cannot keep up with sinful prescription drugs costs, out of sight medical insurance payments, usury

fuel costs for transportation and heating our homes, and decreasing real wages for ordinary workers. The warning signs are there, for all who care to look, of impending economic crisis within the so-called middle class and below.

Bankruptcy will no longer be an option after October 17, but not so for the corporations and affluent. Additionally, since we will not be able to file bankruptcy, I am sure the credit card companies will tinker with

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## The 2.5 Million Member National Progressive Baptist Convention Endorses Millions More Movement

One of the largest Baptist denominations in the country, the Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC) has passed a resolution to endorse the October 2005 Millions More Movement. PNBC pledged to mobilize its members to attend and participate fully in the movement.

"We fully support the goals, programs and ideals of this very important movement," said Rev. Dr. Major Jemison, PNBC President. "Our concerns and issues and those of the Millions More Movement are one in the same, and it is our responsibility to continue the legacy of our founding members, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. L. Vencheal Booth, Dr. Gardner C.



Dr. Major Jemison, PNBC President.

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## Collin Sounds Last Call For Living Legend Nominations

Collin County Community College District (Collin) is making a last call for nominations for its third annual Living Legends Tribute, an honor bestowed upon individuals who have gone the extra mile in the community. Nominations are due to the CCCCD Foundation, Inc. office by Tuesday, Sept. 6. Nomination forms can be obtained at <http://foundation.cccd.org/>.

Anyone can nominate a Living Legend, but the nominee must live or work in Collin County.

The Living Legends Tribute ceremony and dinner, underwritten by Baylor Regional Medical Center in Plano, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12 in the new Spring Creek Campus Conference Center in Plano. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Living Legends Endowment Fund, which supports student scholarships and academic success.

"Collin County is full of people whose legendary leadership will impact the lives of generations to come. Unfortunately, many of these humble heroes go unsung," Collin President Cary Israel said. "This program is intended to be a point of unity for the entire county, so we strongly encourage people from cities throughout Collin County to make nominations."

Selection of Living Legends will be based on the following criteria:

- Nominees must reflect the college's core values: learning, service and academic success.

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## Don't Call Me White

Referring to other people as 'black' or 'white' leads to black-and-white thinking, something that's not good for anyone. It is time we rethought the words that we use to describe ourselves and our fellow Torontonians

By: Ron Charach  
Special to The Star

I am listed in the census as being of "Caucasian" race and am also said to be "white." I am therefore not going to be stopped and searched by the Toronto police if they change their policy of avoiding racial profiling and accept city councillor Michael Thompson's recommendation that "black men" in certain locations be subjected to such searches.

What does it mean to be identified primarily as "Caucasian" or "Negroid," "white" or "black"? A little history of such scientific and folk terminology is in order.

The concept of a "Caucasian race" sprang from the Enlightenment's passion for classification and the Romantic's obsession with human morphology.

It was first proposed by the German scientist Johann Friedrich Blumenbach (1752-1840) and was based primarily on skull features, best exhibited by the Georgians, a

people living in the Southern Caucasus.

The Caucasus held a strong attraction for Blumenbach and other contemporaries because of its (imagined) proximity to Mount Ararat — where, according to Biblical legend, Noah's Ark eventually landed after the Great Flood. Sound scientific so far?

Later, anthropologists expanded Blumenbach's classification, dividing the Caucasian race into Nordic, Alpine, Mediterranean, Baltic and smaller subdivisions. Nordicism, the belief that the blond Nordic division constitutes a "master race," was influential in Northern Europe and the United States during the early 20th century, eventually becoming the official ideology of the Nazi state. It was used to justify eugenics programs and the persecution and extermination of so-called "inferior" races then living in Europe, such as Jews and Roma.

Nevertheless, "Caucasian" is still used in the United States and Canada as the scientific term for "white." It is even used by many anthropologists and geneticists to refer generically to people of European origin.

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## Broken Levees Deepen New Orleans' Crisis



Looters make their way Tuesday into and out of a grocery store in New Orleans, where floodwaters continue to rise.

Rescuers along the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast pushed aside the dead to reach the living Tuesday in a race against time and rising waters, while New Orleans sank deeper into crisis and Louisiana's governor ordered storm refugees out of this drowning city.

Two levees broke and sent water coursing into the streets of the Big Easy a full day after New Orleans appeared to have escaped widespread destruction from Hurricane Katrina. An estimated 80 percent of

the below-sea-level city was under water, up to 20 feet deep in places, with miles and miles of homes swamped.

"The situation is untenable," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said. "It's just heartbreaking."

One Mississippi county alone said its death toll was at least 100, and officials are "very, very worried that this is going to go a lot higher," said Joe Spraggins, civil defense director for Harrison County, home

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## Remains of LaToya Figueroa found

Ex-boyfriend taken into custody in case of missing pregnant woman

Police discovered the remains of a missing pregnant woman and quickly arrested the father of her unborn child Saturday, ending an exhaustive, month-long search.

District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham said Stephen Poaches would be charged with two counts of murder and related offenses for the deaths of 24-year-old



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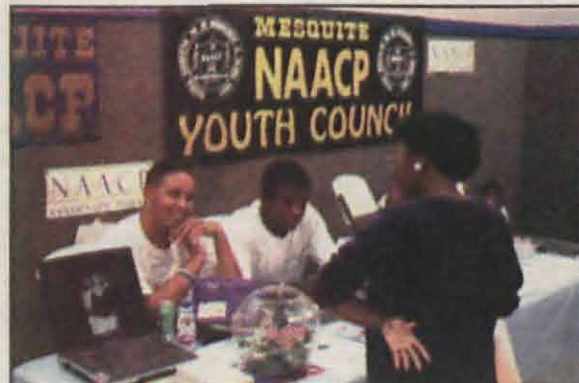


## The NAACP of Mesquite and Pathway of Life Church Health Fair

The NAACP of Mesquite and Pathway of Life Church conducted a free Health Fair on August 27th. The Health Fair was held at Pathway of Life Church 8510 Military Parkway in Dallas.



Catherine Linden, Program Director Dallas Branch of the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness performs eye tests and recommendations to patrons of the Health Fair.



Donna White and Cass Hopkins provided member information and history of NAACP for attendees.



Beverly Rice of the Baylor College of Dentistry supplied free oral exams for participants.



Senior Pastor Danny Wegman of The Pathway of Life Church being prepped for a free blood pressure check by Susan Varghese with Excel Plus Home Health Care.



Pastor Frank Schindler, Director of the Harvest Outreach program of Pathway of Life Church and Anesha Solomon Health Chairperson of the Mesquite NAACP look over a brochure from the North Texas Poison Center.

## Local Corporation Gives \$20,000 to Help Fund Science Lab At New Dallas Can! Site

One of America's largest financial service companies wants to help provide hands-on learning experiences for hundreds of local at-risk youth.

As part of its commitment to education, Capital One Financial Corporation (NYSE:COF), recently donated \$20,000 to Texans Can! to help fund the construction of a science laboratory for over 600 students who will be attending Dallas Can! Academy's new campus located at 4621 Ross Avenue.

"Capital One continues to focus on education and youth empowerment within the community," said

Greg Mangum, Community Relations Manager for Capital

One Auto Finance in Plano. "Our outreach efforts attempt to address the greatest needs within the community, while also reflecting the passions of our associates, who combine their business skills and generosity to help make a difference in people's lives."

"In order for our at-risk students to develop an interest in science, both recent research and our own successful history of educating at-risk youth mandates the importance of creating a hands-on, participatory environment with science experiments," said H.M.

Motsinger, Texans Can! president.

"When our students are given physical, touchable examples, they are able to make connections between basic science principles and experiences in their own lives."

Texans Can! is a unique network of 10 public schools for academically at-risk youth. Using our three core values: discipline in private, reward in public; rules without relationships breed rebellion and behavior is based on need, more than 6,000 students a year are getting a second chance at life with an education. Please visit our website for more information at [www.texascan.org](http://www.texascan.org).

## Around The Town

### On Going

The Dallas Park & Recreation Department Presents "Movies in the Park." Free on Friday's beginning Sept. 2 at the Samuell Grand Amphitheater- Samuell Grand Park 1500 Tension (next to the driving range). A complete listing of movies can be found at [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com)

Receive a free mammogram from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, and Thursday, Oct. 20, at Saver's Cost Plus, 504 N. O'Connor Road. Women must be ages 35 to 64, not have insurance or funds to pay, and whose last mammogram was more than a year ago. To make an appointment, call (214) 584-2323

M/WBE firms interested in the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, TX. can register their company for opportunities with the Cowboys Stadium at [www.kstrategies.com](http://www.kstrategies.com). To schedule an one-on-one meeting with the M/WBE Coordinator to discuss what services your firm would like to offer in the construction of the Cowboys Stadium, please call 214-468-8737 ext 1, to schedule an appointment.

### September 3

Comedian "Nephew Tommy" is scheduled to

perform at the largest multicultural rodeo in the country. The performance is scheduled to take place at 8:00 p.m. at the Climate Controlled Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth. Rodeo tickets are \$18 and can be purchased by calling Central Tickets at 817-335-9000 or online at: [www.cowboysofcolor.org](http://www.cowboysofcolor.org).

### September 5

11th Annual WRR Picnic in the Park at the Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road at 7 p.m. Call 214-670-8558.

### September 6

SMU's Tate Lecture Series presents Collin Powell lecture at 8 p.m. in the McFarlin Auditorium.

### September 8

A Beka Book Home School Book Sale-10:00 a.m.-12noon and 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

A home school curriculum and text book sale. Admission is Free. For more information contact Mickey Pierce at 877-223-5226

### September 10

Big Thought's Awesome Arts Festival is a FREE all day showcase featuring Young Audiences artists. Participants will see sample performances of our multi-cultural arts-in-education programming and will enjoy hands-on arts activities. Sample performances include everything from in Concert with Eddie Coker to African Drumming to Flamenco dance and much more! Admission is Free. For more information call

469-916-9802 or visit [www.bighthought.org](http://www.bighthought.org)

The Dallas Metroplex Council of Black Alumni Associations (DMCBAA) is hosting it's annual Fall College Fair at the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 8835 Stults Road, in Dallas from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Maxine Luster at 214-662-4384 or 972-416-3027.

The Dallas Public Library will be hosting the 2005 "Teen Blowout." The event will held at 1515 Young St. (downtown) and is free all day for teens. There will be hip-hop dancing, live music, crafts, photography, special guest appearances by DJ's form 97.9 The Beat and much more. Lunch will be provided. For more info call 214-670-0344, 214-670-0938 or 214-670-7646.

### September 16

Community Credit Union Plano Balloon Festival at Oak Point Park, held at 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway

Join us for the 26th annual Plano Balloon Festival; this three day event has something for everyone! Gracing the skies over Plano will be 100 hot air balloons, on the Festival site attendee's will be entertained by the concerts and community acts, the Kids Fun Zone, tantalizing food vendors. This year adding to the celebration is a street dance on Friday night featuring Emerald City and our spectacular fireworks on

Saturday night, presented by Schepps, the Dairy Best. Parking is available at Collin County Community College for \$10., Plano Centre for \$5., and The First Methodist Church for \$10 with a "Balloon Flyer" for attendees that ride the DART rail to Parker Rd. station.

Admission: \$15 Week-end pass; \$6 Day Ticket (allows readmission during the day); \$4.00 Event Ticket; Kids under 36" Free For more information contact Jo Via at (972) 867-7566 or visit [www.planoballoonfest.org](http://www.planoballoonfest.org)

### September 17

The Women's International Network will host their 3rd networking meeting of 2005 at the Homewood Suites at 2601 W. George Bush Turnpike in Plano from 9:00a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Special guest inspirational speaker Mary Hughes will be their to help uplift and empower. The cost will be \$9.00 per person and includes a full breakfast buffet (served from 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.). Call 972-881-3339.

The third annual Battle of the Bands will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place. To enter, most band members must be enrolled in an Irving middle or high school, live in Irving or have just graduated. The event is free with a school or Irving Parks and Recreation ID card.

Community Outreach, City of

Irving Public Health Services, and Our Lady of Lourdes Church will present the first Dallas Southwest Community Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 at 5605 Bernal Drive in West Dallas. Free mammograms, blood pressure, prostate and diabetes screenings will be available, as well health information and consultations. Participants can also enjoy music, dancing, and other activities celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

The City of Mesquite will hold an "Evening of Ethnic Expression" on Saturday, September 17, 2005, at the Mesquite Recreation Center Park, beginning at 6:00 pm. There is no cost. The purpose of the event is to celebrate diversity and promote cultural understanding. Groups interested in performing at the event should contact Gina Mendez at 346-5295.

### September 22

The University of North Texas in Denton Division of Equity and Diversity invites you to discover the power of diversity as it presents "Patti LaBelle: Her Life, Her Story." LaBelle will be a guest speaker on the UNT Denton campus Sept. 22 (Thursday) at the Coliseum, located on the corner of Highland Street and North Texas Boulevard. LaBelle is the first in a series of distinguished presenters that the division will host during the 2005-2006 school year.

### September 23

The City of Irving will crown its 2005 Ms. Mature Irving during a special pageant at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Carpenter Performance Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Participants must be 60 or older and have lived in Irving for at least two years. Advance tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets the day of the pageant are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Tickets can be purchased through the Irving Arts Center by calling (972) 252-ARTS. Box office hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call the Heritage Senior Center at (972) 721-2496.

### Through October 26

The National Minority Supplier Development Council's Annual Conference-The Nation's Benchmark Forum, on minority business development aiding minority business owners in the room where the deals are made. Beginning October 23 through the 26, here in Dallas, corporate purchasing executives, government decision-makers and minority business owners from across the country are expected to convene. Contact: Donna Long (212) 944-2430 for additional info.

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# Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community



# THE TRUTH CLINIC It's Lynching Time In Dallas

By: James W. Breedlove

A host of Black leaders in Dallas have been named as targets in the FBI's investigation into alleged corruption. A wide net has been cast that envelopes all the Dallas black city council members, a Texas state senator, a Texas state representative and a number of black appointees, consultants, and business people. At the center of the investigation are the efforts by two white developers to obtain millions of dollars in tax credit subsidies handed out for building low income apartments in the Dallas' economically challenged Southern Sector.

The media is having a feeding frenzy highlighting the Blacks as the fishing net expands each time another set of subpoenas and search warrants are issued. Photos of the Blacks and the allegations are given prime coverage even though there have been no indictments.

While this apparent conspiracy is causing much concern in the black community and the FBI has held meetings with community leaders to assure them that the investigation is fair and impartial one has only to look back into America's past to decipher the reality of this modern day political lynching.

Throughout the history of America the character of Black Americans has been attacked and defamed. At one time or another, nearly every legislature, court of law, school, social club, business organization and church has openly defamed black people with the objective of maintaining the right of whites to govern and the duty of blacks to obey.

From the earliest colonial days the assault against the black character has been directed from the highest levels of the nation's government. Notable white leaders such as Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Cassius Clay (the abolitionist), Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow

Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, Warren Harding, and Dwight Eisenhower expertly played their dual roles of expressing a desire to rescue the less fortunate black people while openly undermining the character of the Blacks.

Even the United States Supreme Court declared and maintained the subhuman character of blacks in the Dred Scott decision when it established America's legal policy that, "Negroes are beings on an inferior order, and altogether unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations; and so far inferior that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect."

By the middle of the twentieth century the overt power arrangements in politics and American society to exclude Blacks became moderated but the subtle practices of nepotism, favoritism and cronyism that kept Blacks out of the citadels of political and corporate power was just as effective.

The black political influence that emerged following the civil rights movement was met with a calculated and coordinated effort by white political and corporate leaders to impugn and subvert black leaders. Black leaders were accused through the combined efforts of the nations media of being self-serving agitators, socialists, Marxists not entitled to credence or legitimacy.

The end game of the plan was once the black leadership was defined as irresponsible and untrustworthy then it was incumbent on the governments to find and install acceptable black leaders as an illustration of white benevolence toward Blacks.

This political philosophy was refined under President Reagan and the White House began to bestow national favor, publicity and huge sums of money on responsible blacks who would extol the virtues of bootstrapping and level playing fields over affirmative action and agitation to

redress the inequities of the imbalance of political and economic power.

Blacks selected by the white power brokers to be leaders were given big titles and paraded in the public spotlight. But this did not translate into a seat at the power broker table. They were just another showpiece sitting by the door waiting to be used as an expendable pawn.

The white corporations that control capital in America are intent on remaking the urban cities according to their own blueprints and destructive designs that can only result in the dispersal of millions of dollars and the demise of Black political power.

But Blacks who have become token leaders desperate to fill in decaying cityscapes and replace long-gone payrolls are letting their valuable city resources be used as trading chips for the mere promise of future rewards. They erroneously believe that by packaging gifts of irreplaceable city assets wrapped in tax abatements and other subsidies to corporate treasure hunters will bring new life to their cities.

And it is in this context that the wannabee black leaders in Dallas are being subjected to the control system that has been used many times in the past to intimidate and dethrone uppity Blacks that think they have a real voice in money matters. Do the names J. C. Watts, Adam Clayton Powell, Senator Carol Braun, Secretary Mike Espy or Secretary Colin Powell mean anything? Each may have had noble intentions when they entered the political game but ended up with the game being played on them.

Blacks need to wake up and understand that no matter how long you have been in office you have never arrived. Learning political history is the price for success in the political arena.

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# Soldiers In The AIDS War

By: Phill Wilson  
NNPA Columnist

I grew up on the south side of Chicago. My mother never met a Jet or Ebony magazine she was willing to throw away. So, like most Black folks of my generation, copies of Jet and Ebony were living room accents as important as coffee tables and lamps.

This month's news of the death of their founding publisher, John Johnson, sent me back to those times. Ebony magazine often admonished us for not being where we, as a community, needed to be. But it always reminded us that we weren't where we used to be, either. As we think about the AIDS epidemic in Black communities today, that balance is an important one to remember.

On AIDS, we are clearly not where we need to be.

Much of the latest news about AIDS and Black people, either here or in Africa is bad. Very bad. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported that African-Americans represent about half of the more than 1 million people living with HIV in the U.S. - even though we're only 12 percent of the country's overall population. We're not where we need to be.

But, in the spirit of Johnson's magazines, there is a positive aspect to our journey on AIDS, too.

Led by today's Johnson Publishing Company, Essence Communications, the National Newspaper Publishers Association and others, the AIDS-related content published by Black magazines and newspapers

last year added up to nearly 50 million "media impressions," meaning the combined circulation of the articles they published. And that doesn't even count broadcast media.

More than 220 Black-owned newspapers and magazines in 34 states published HIV/AIDS stories last year. No, we definitely are not where we used to be.

And that's not the only place where we've made progress. Many civil rights organizations have recently put AIDS at the top of their agenda. The NAACP has officially made AIDS a top priority. This summer, the National Urban League Young Professionals and the Delta Sigma Theta sorority made AIDS work the centerpiece of their annual "day of service."

At their 30th annual convention in Atlanta this year, the National Association of Black Journalists offered three AIDS workshops, and President Bill Clinton dedicated his entire keynote speech to the subject.

Black churches are starting to come around as well. Churches such as Trinity in Chicago, First AME in Los Angeles, Metropolitan in Nashville, and Riverside in New York are being joined by mega-churches such as New Birth in Atlanta and Inspiring Body of Christ in Dallas in developing aggressive AIDS ministries.

On the heels of devastating news about HIV outbreaks among Black college students, L.I.F.E. AIDS (a student-led initiative of the Black AIDS Institute) has already expanded to 50 college campuses just one year after its launch. The students' AIDS-focused magazine, Ledge, has a circulation

of more than 200,000 and is distributed on 150 campuses.

I don't know if the glass is half empty or half full. At the Black AIDS Institute, we're still getting the calls - the frantic late night and early morning calls; the calls from young people who just found out they are infected with HIV and are more afraid of the stigma than the disease.

Even as I write, I'm haunted by a call we just got from a young man whose father had just died of AIDS. He hadn't even known his father had HIV.

Maybe it doesn't matter if the glass is half full or half empty. Maybe it doesn't even matter that we're not where we used to be. After all, we have to get where we need to be - the end of the AIDS epidemic.

It helps to know we are on the move. It helps to stop, take a deep breath and look around to see who's joined the battle.

"I don't feel no ways tired. I've come too far from where I started from..."

That's a lesson John Johnson also taught. Good night, Mr. Johnson. I hope we learn your lesson.

Phill Wilson is founder and Executive Director of the Black AIDS Institute in Los Angeles. He has participated in numerous international conferences on AIDS and was selected by the Ford Foundation in 2001 as one of "Twenty Leaders for a Changing World." Wilson has been living with HIV for 23 years. He can be reached at Phillw@BlackAIDS.org.

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

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

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### Leadership Plano Page 1

have the opportunity to network."

Leadership Plano began in 1983 as a community leadership development program of the Plano Chamber. Each year up to 30 candidates are selected to participate in the program, which is designed to identify, educate and develop future community leadership for the city of Plano. The participants are given the opportunity to explore the inner workings of Plano's government, educational systems, private and non-profit organizations, justice system, and economic development.

The program curriculum is a nine-month program designed to improve individual and community leadership skills of participants. The program begins with a two-day orientation retreat in September focusing on individual leadership styles and techniques. Class members then spend one day a month from October through May

examining specific topics and aspects of the community.

Henry Bryant moved to Plano in 1986 from Birmingham, Alabama as a result of a corporate transfer. After 30 years in the corporate world, he decided in 2001 to go into business for himself. He is a financial consultant with AXA Advisors, LLC where he assists clients in planning to meet their financial goals. Mr. Bryant holds a B.S. in accounting from Alabama A&M University, an MBA in finance from Dallas Baptist University and certificates in graduate finance and mid-management from the Cox School of Business at SMU.

When asked why minorities should consider participating in the Leadership Plano program, Mr. Bryant offers direct and pragmatic rationale.

"I can't think of any reason that any qualified minority would not want to go through the program. It really is true-knowledge is power. There is no better way for black people to

progress than to get in the know at the seat of power. There is no better way to get in the know than gaining an understanding of city structure, city services, who the key players are and how to get access to those players."

Mr. Bryant offered additional thoughts on minority participation in the program. "This program is not about tokenism; the minority members worked very hard to be able to sit at the table and are all equally qualified as other members. The makeup of the last class reflects the program's commitment to diversity-five out of the 30 class members were African American, a percentage that exceeds the minority percentage of the local population."

Leadership Plano is about promoting excellence and community involvement for all members of the city. It represents a positive step in destroying all vestiges of the "good ole boy" system.





## Exxon Mobil Foundation, Tavis Smiley Foundation Form Partnership to Promote Leadership, Math and Science among Minorities

The ExxonMobil Foundation and the Tavis Smiley Foundation, have formed a partnership to help develop greater interest and enthusiasm for leadership, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) among minority students. The Tavis Smiley Foundation is a non-profit organization focused on youth leadership development. Its founder, Tavis Smiley, is a nationally recognized TV and radio talk show host, who will promote the importance of these fields to more than 800 high school students in 10 cities across the nation during the "Talented Tenth High School Tour."

At a high school in each city, Smiley and representatives of ExxonMobil will present a motivational lecture to 50 traditional and non-traditional student leaders selected to attend the event by their teachers and principals. The goal of

the presentation is to enlighten, encourage and empower young people to develop the skills needed to become powerful leaders in their school and community. Smiley will incorporate the importance of math and science into his messages on leadership principles and ExxonMobil will provide students with a real life look on careers within the STEM areas.

"ExxonMobil is excited about our partnership with the Tavis Smiley Foundation and the opportunity to expose hundreds of students to STEM," said Gerald McElvy, president of ExxonMobil Foundation. "In order for America to maintain its competitive edge, it is imperative that we expose greater number of students to engineering and other STEM-related fields. We want to inspire minority students to pursue the wonderful opportunities provided by a sound STEM-based education with good leadership

skills."

ExxonMobil and the Tavis Smiley Foundation formed their partnership to provide student enrichment in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and to encourage minority students who are not involved in traditional school activities to become leaders, specifically in the STEM career areas.

"I've often said that the key to success for young people begins with exposure to opportunities, education, and ideas. This tour represents that exposure. We want to touch young people in a way that will help them decide what they will contribute to society," said Smiley. "It's essential that we reach out to students at an early age, otherwise, America will lose its preeminence in math, science and technology. Communities and corporations need to encourage students to become tomorrow's role models."

## University Of North Texas Education Program Addresses Decline In School Ratings

America's space shuttle setbacks could indicate a decline in technological prowess — a problem that could start with mathematics and science education in the nation's school system.

Surveys show that students in the United States compare poorly in their knowledge of math and science compared with their counterparts in other countries. Results from a survey conducted by the Texas Education Agency show that many schools throughout Texas are declining in their ratings as a result of poor test scores on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test.

The University of North Texas offers a number of programs to address the decline of mathematics and science in Texas schools.

"In about the fifth or sixth grade, children begin to lose their interest in math and science and begin to doubt their ability to understand more complex topics," said Pam Lane, UNT project coordinator for the Science and Mathematics Teacher Academy (SAM). "This is particularly true of young girls."

SAM — Science and Math Academy for teachers — is a UNT program based in Dallas that addresses the critical need for ongoing teacher training in research-based instruction for science and mathematics.

"Our ultimate goal is to impact students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math, especially for those children from populations which are currently underrepresented in higher education," she said.

Lane says major goals of the academy are to assist teachers in developing their own skills in conducting experiments and to assist them in structuring their classroom setting so students develop these same investigative abilities.

"This is particularly important in view of the prominence of inquiry-based Texas Essential Knowledge (TEKS) objectives," she said. "These objectives are approximately one-fourth of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test as mandated by the state," Lane said.

Lane says because students are tested for their ability in the processes of inquiry, SAM teachers look for students to gain skills in stating questions, isolating variables, collecting data and drawing conclusions.

"I believe in the adage, 'success breeds success,'" Lane said. "If by using SAM techniques, students become more successful in math and science then more students will pursue careers as engineers, chemists and astronauts. Giving teachers the

resources they need will allow the country to maintain its worldwide position as a leader in technology and aeronautics."

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## Collin Offers Grant For First-Time College Students

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fall applications is Sept. 30.

Alicia Huppe, director of recruitment and programs for new students, said, "This past summer we were able to offer over 60 scholarships to students through this program," said Huppe. "We are hoping to expand outreach efforts of first-generation college students and aid in their academic success."

In addition to helping students afford textbooks and other

expensive school supplies, which sometimes cost more than the classes themselves, the grant also provides money for outreach programs to local high schools in hopes of encouraging more first-time students to attend college.

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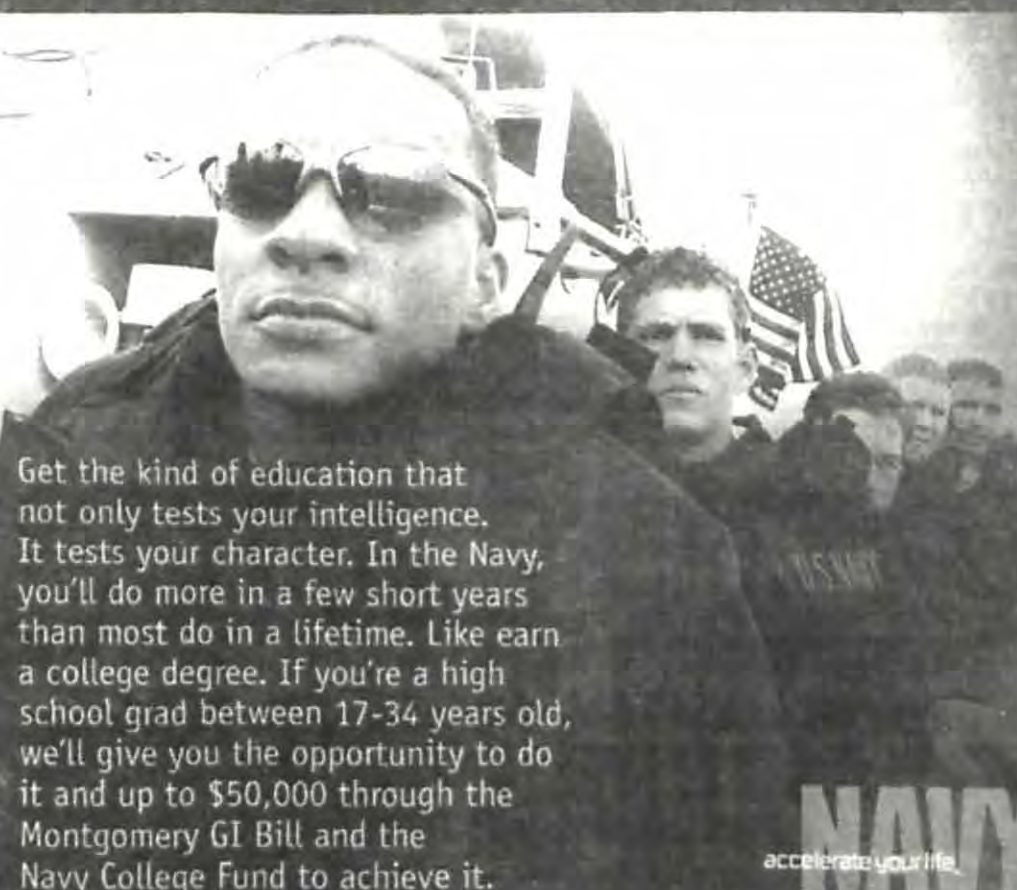
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# Don't Call Me White Page 1

Perhaps, like Groucho Marx, I am wary of joining any club that would have me as a member, but I have long been uneasy about the misnomer "white."

Unlike the term "Caucasian", the sanitary word "white" is typically withheld from slightly more olive-toned peoples, such as Hispanics. The major linguistic scam of our age, perhaps of any age, and one of great obstacles to egalitarian thinking, is that people of the pseudo-scientifically dubbed "Caucasian race" are actually white. It is as nonsensical an assumption as viewing those of the Negroid race as "black," thinking of Orientals as "yellow" or North American aboriginals as "red." Any man who fancies himself to be white need only place his hand atop a plain white sheet of paper.

Here I am not being merely concrete. As a poet, I understand the efficiency of a colour-wheel metaphor for describing our fellow human beings. Yet, in our collective unconscious, words take on the heft of real things. Some metaphorical terms reinforce our natural tendency to "black-or-white" thinking, which cognitive psychology has exposed as a barrier to viewing the world, or one's self, objectively.

Just reflect on what we normally think of as white: goodness, purity, clean sheets, snow, enlightenment, spirituality ("the white light"), and mother's milk — though anyone who has seen real mother's milk knows it to be yellowy, or at best, off-white. In stark contrast is what we think about black: evil (black heart), darkness, filth and depression (what Churchill called his "black dogs").

This Manichean way of thinking plays directly into the hands of white supremacists. It is no accident that the Ku Klux Klan chose lily-white as the colour of their fear-some, if ludicrous, cloaks and hoods.

One of the most mesmerizing poems of the modern era is "Death Fugue" by Holocaust poet Paul Celan. It begins with an image designed to disorient and disturb:

"Black milk of daybreak we drink it at sundown / we drink it at noon in the morning we drink it at night / we drink and we drink it." We are no more likely to imagine black milk than we are to imagine a filthy pure-white surface, even, though a page of paper, if contaminated with, say, anthrax powder, would be exactly that.

None of this is to deny that anthropologists have identified several clearly distinct races.

The one to which I have been assigned is properly called "Caucasoid," even though I personally have never ventured near the mountains of the Caucasus.

Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, shows the Caucasoid category to be far less exclusive than the colour white brings to mind in the popular imagination: "Caucasoid describes humans primarily from Europe, the Middle East (Western Asia), North Africa, the Indian subcontinent and parts of Central Asia, and is one of the four traditional major races recognized by physical anthropologists."

What follows is equally dry and not likely to set anyone's nose out of joint: "The Caucasoid or white race is not defined by social opinions about 'whiteness,' which are a folk taxonomy, but are based upon the shared anatomical features of Western Eurasian humans. Caucasoids present the lowest degree of projection of the alveolar bones, which contain the teeth, and a notable prominence of the nasal region."

No Hitler-like dictator could successfully advocate mass extinction based on the need to rid the world of such subtle anatomical differences.

He would require more incendiary, moralistic terms such as "lily-white race" or "dark forces of evil." Such exaggerations facilitate the kind of black-or-white thinking that attributes goodness, wisdom and progress to a dominant group of a presumed superior colour, and evil, ignorance and backwardness to savages, be they black Moors (consider the ace-of-spades colour of the enslaved men holding up lamps in Baroque-era statues), "red men" or the "yellow peril."

I am hardly the first person to think about the implication of dividing humanity into blacks (or coloureds) and whites.

In his epilogue to 2002's *When Race Becomes Real: Black and White Writers Confront Their Personal Histories*, former Harvard Law School professor Derrick Bell writes, "The good news is that there are now a host of writers and a growing number of courses and workshops designed to enlighten white people as to the real benefits

and the great cost of their property in whiteness."

Many of those engaged in this Herculean task are white, Bell notes, among them Noel Ignatiev, author of *How the Irish Became White* and a fellow at the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute.

Ignatiev writes, "In the interests of survival, Afro-Americans have always studied whiteness (my italics). There is a long tradition among them that the white race is a peculiar sort of social formation, one that depends on its members' willingness to conform to the institutions and behaviour patterns that reproduce it. By the early 1900s... it was becoming commonplace in the academy to speak of race, along with class and gender, as a social construct..."

Does the author really mean "relative whiteness," "pallor," "pinkness"? Note how even in such relatively enlightened writing by an academic, the rigidly contrasting colour descriptions of variously tinted human beings are never seriously questioned.

The Women's Movement has championed the elimination of sexist terminology that reinforces stereotypes and perpetuates social inequalities.

Thus, the people capable of running large, wealthy corporations are not "chairmen" but, rather, "chairpersons" or simply "chairs." Those capable of delivering the mail are no longer "mailmen" but "mail carriers."

Although comedians have ridiculed such "politically correct" recasting of popular terminology, it remains a valuable aid in debunking popular, stereotypical language that unconsciously reinforces social inequalities.

Islam is often vilified in the popular press by being confused with Islamic fundamentalism. Yet a scene of Muslims at prayer is the very model of people of all shades worshipping together as they surrender to a force greater than their common humanity. In many a Catholic cathedral, one also sees a commingling of various

**Like Groucho Marx, I am wary of joining any club that would have me as a member**

**'I am an invisible man. When they approach me they see only my surroundings, themselves, or figments of their imagination — indeed, everything and anything except me'**  
**Ralph Ellison - Invisible Man**

skin colours that is in contrast to the more monochromatic congregations of religions based in northern parts of the world.

As a psychiatrist, and especially as a poet, I would debunk this canard of a term "white" and replace it with a more accurate term, such as Caucasoid or Caucasian.

How downright revolutionary for white people to recast themselves as pinks, a change at which most red-blooded, certainly red-necked, men would balk. Those blessed with the good fortune of being dubbed white are actually pink to tan in colour (though less so during the dead of winter). Most Caucasians reach the apogee of pure whiteness only after death. Even those paler, more Nordic types among us are not truly white, nor even are those who are albino, unless they are also severely anaemic or at death's door.

The term "black" has perhaps undergone more revolutionary changes than the more blithely accepted term "white."

The 1960s saw the rise of the "black power" movement, which made virtue out of necessity by substituting the black word for terms like Negro, which were freighted with an ugly history. The black power movement gave rise to the "black is beautiful" aesthetic and expanded peoples' views about how inclusive a

thing beauty could be.

Eventually, the mouthful "African-American" substituted a geographical term (akin to Caucasian) for the black. In our own day, hip-hop music has resurrected the word "Nigga" for its own rebellious purposes, no doubt to the chagrin of older people of all colours. Hip-hop/gangsta rap's stereotyped portraits of young "black" males go to the heart of how they are misperceived.

As a writer, the last thing I want to advocate is linguistic censorship. But no man, woman or child should use the terms white, black, yellow or red to refer to themselves or others without recognizing the metaphorical stretch in such terminology and its detriment to achieving peace on Earth and goodwill among one's fellow human beings.

People fortunate enough to be dubbed white will not easily give up on so flattering and self-serving a description. Nor are they likely to be aware of how other races may see the relative lack of pigmentation as a telling omission on the part of the creator.

To an artist, black is the presence of all colours, while the white of canvas is akin to an absence of colour. To a physicist, a white surface reflects back all wavelengths, while a black one absorbs them and does not reflect, unless it is a shiny black surface.

Not that these intricacies of colour affect our core propensity to see any colour other than our own as unusual. The Japanese and Cantonese terms for "foreigner" — *gaijin* and *gwaielo* (which can also be used to mean "devil") — attest to this impulse of naming who is "ours" versus "not ours."

I was informed by a friend that when her son and his travelling companions stopped by an isolated village in Ghana, they were surrounded by little children who gleefully taunted them with a reverse of a typical "white" racist taunt — "White monkeys! White monkeys!"

Any sensitivity-training reading list on the hardships of being stereotyped by colour would have to include Ralph Ellison's novel *Invisible Man*, as electrifying now as it was when it first came out more than 50 years ago (see quote on this page).

One could proceed to John Howard Griffin's wrenching account of a man's experiment in changing his colour, recounted in *Black Like Me*. Dick Gregory's book *Nigger: An Autobiography* also makes for a fascinating period piece. For a recent treatment of the danger of using words with race connotations, one can read about the professor whose life falls apart after he is unfairly accused of using a racial slur in Philip Roth's *The Human Stain*.

All of these books remind us that, if we cannot abandon an absolutist colour-coding of human beings (remember South Africa's Apartheid division into whites, blacks and coloureds?), we should at least become more conscious of how this linguistic scam perpetuates unconscious assumptions about our own and other racial groups.

As for the question of who Toronto's finest should stop and search, I would nominate young males of any race in neighbourhoods where violence has occurred who wear clothing that might conceal weapons.

I would opt for a bit of sexism and ageism over racism any day of the week, especially in the 21st century, when racism is once again looming as an explosive issue.

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# Blackonomics Page 1

their "minimum payments" and come up with even more ways to steal from their customers. In case you didn't know, credit card companies were the biggest lobbyists for the new bankruptcy law, which by the way was supported by members of your Black Caucus and your beloved Democrats. We know where the Republicans stand on it.

With billions, maybe a trillion dollars in credit card debt among those who really cannot afford it, and in light of the restraints being placed on those who need to file bankruptcy, a reasonable person would ask, "Where is that compassionate conservative we elected? Where does he stand on this?" But we already know, don't we? Apparently this guy is very conservative when it comes to demonstrating his compassion for those who need it most.

As we face this economic meltdown, Black people should act upon the principle of self-preservation. We are in a country ruled by folks who don't care one iota about us; we are at the bottom of every economic category; we own very little of this country's assets and control a minuscule portion of its wealth; we are openly and blatantly mistreated, physically abused and assaulted by police officers, discriminated against by banks and real estate companies, and we are the fodder for a corrupt criminal justice system.

We live in major cities across this country but have no real economic enclaves to support and sustain our children; we purchase everything someone else makes including the biggest cars and trucks, and now have to fill them up with \$3 per gallon gasoline; we just love to be displayed on television by BET and VH1 acting the fool or just singing and dancing; our young men have fallen prey to the foolish thought that performing on the basketball court will keep them out of the criminal court, thus much of what we see them doing is showing how high they can jump on their way to some overplayed slam-dunk.

All of these things and many more suggest quite vividly that Black folks are in deep trouble. Of course the country is in trouble too, but we will be the first to feel the effects of its economic decline. We are the expendable ones, the obsolete workers, the unwanted residents of this country. I know this will alarm and embarrass some Black people reading this, but even you, at some point will have to come to grips with the

fact that you are not what you have been made to believe you are. You may be earning millions, but think a moment about how much money you are earning for your bosses.

So, it's time for dieting and plastic surgery. We must curtail insatiable appetite for trinkets, cut our credit cards in two, and refuse to use them again. Credit cards are driving the ravenous, greedy, evil society of moneychangers, and we must no longer play into their hands by falling for their Faustian deals. Or, you may want to file bankruptcy prior to the new law coming into effect.

Another thing we must do is stop falling for the hype of the SUV. The latest news reports say buyers are still purchasing these monstrosities despite the hike in gas prices. They also say consumers are not cutting back on gas purchases despite the skyrocketing prices. Are we in a coma or what? Have we simply succumbed to madness of economic suicide? I guess the

brothers can sit in their trucks on the streets and play their loud stereos and move their furniture into them as well when things worsen. Hummer anyone? How stupid is that?

This is real. You can turn away if you want, but sooner or later it's going to hit most of us. And those of you in the "protected class," if things get bad enough, you will be the first to go too, the first to be jettisoned from the spaceship of state, because whether you accept it or, you were only "chosen" to create more profit for someone else.

Please find ways to build economic empowerment for our collective survival in this country. Pooling our funds, buying co-ops, collective farming, manufacturing, ownership and control of more income-producing assets, and looking at opportunities where we dominate as consumers, are just a few of things we must do. Let's get busy!

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## The MTV Show Must Go On

MTV dodged two major disasters — one from nature, the other man-made — as the Video Music Awards unfolded Sunday night with flashy performances, over-the-top bling and a few blasts from the past.

The annual bash was briefly overshadowed by hurricane Katrina, which hit southern Florida on Thursday and killed several people. As the storm passed, a celebratory mood took over the city — until early Sunday morning, when rap mogul Suge Knight was targeted by gunfire at a Kanye West party.

MTV vowed that neither event would affect the ceremonies — and they didn't.

"The theme of tonight is, anything can happen," proclaimed host Diddy, whose entrance included dancers, pyrotechnics and a cascading waterfall — a spectacle that rivalled the show's actual performances.

Ludacris managed to turn his hedonistic "Pimpin' All Over the World" into a multicultural Mardi Gras-like extravaganza, complete with steel drummers, African dancers and, of course, around-the-way booty-shaking girls.

When it comes to booty shaking, Luke of 2 Live Crew fame is the king — and he brought a posse of his infamous dancers onstage for a dance with Diddy and R&B heartthrob Omarion.

But one of the biggest surprises was a performance from MC Hammer, recapturing some of his glory while shaking to his '90s hit, "U Can't Touch This."

West and Kelly Clarkson

were among the early winners. Clarkson won for best female video for "Since U Been Gone," while West won for "Jesus Walks."

"I guess they're saying, 'We're going to give him his award early so we don't have to worry about nothin'," said West, referencing his infamous American Music Awards tantrum last year.



MTV VMA Host and Performer Diddy

Green Day, who arrived in the vintage green convertible from their "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" video, won best rock video for the clip — one of the eight awards they were nominated for, making them the most nominated act of the year.

"It's great to know that rock music still has a place at MTV," said lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong, speaking of hip hop's recent takeover.

Some of the night's more decadent moments came during the pre-show arrivals, which also fea-

tured performances by Rhianna and rappers Mike Jones, Slim Thug and Paul Wall. Lil Jon came by sea, on what looked to be a three-storey, pimp-my-yacht contraption.

The prison-bound Lil Kim arrived on the white carpet in a Rolls Royce Phantom, though she looked somewhat demure in her low-cut mauve dress — no pasties or dangling appendages this year from the diminutive rapper.

"I might show some leg," teased the star, who is due to start serving a year-and-a-day sentence in September on a perjury charge.

The awards typically snowball into a weeklong party with decadent A-list bashes, but hurricane Katrina forced the cancellation of some events.

Knight, the Death Row Records founder who has been at the centre of some of hip-hop's most violent moments, was shot in the leg early Sunday morning at a star-studded party thrown by West. His injuries were not life-threatening; no arrests were made.

**BEST MALE VIDEO:** Kanye West "Jesus Walks."

**BEST FEMALE VIDEO:** Kelly Clarkson, "Since U've Been Gone"

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**BEST RAP VIDEO:** Ludacris "Number One Spot"

**BEST HIP HOP VIDEO:** Missy Elliot & Ciara and Fat Man Scoop "Lose Control"

## Quincy Jones seeks control of Vibe

Vibe magazine founder Quincy Jones is attempting to repurchase the hip hop publication, joining with hedge fund BayStar Capital to offer \$100 million to owner Freeman Spogli & Co., according to a person familiar with the matter.



Baystar managing partner Larry Goldfarb declined to comment. Calls to Vibe and Brad Freeman of Freeman Spogli were not returned.

According to a source, Jones already has a minority stake in the venture. The bid would give the bidding consortium a controlling stake in the company, allowing Jones more influence in the day-to-day operations.

Time Inc. was Jones' initial backer when he started Vibe in 1994 as a counterpart to Rolling Stone magazine. In fact then-editor Jonathan Van Meter said at the time that he envisioned "as a black musical Rolling Stone," geared toward 16- to 35-year-olds.

Vibe Ventures was formed in 1996 by Jones, Salzman and publishing executive Robert Miller to buy Vibe magazine from

Time's Ventures division.

In 1997, Freeman Spogli and Jones paid \$42 million, or about 10 times earnings for controlling interests in Spin magazine, rolling it into New York-based Vibe/Spin Ventures LLC. That entity was a partnership between Freeman Spogli, Miller, TV producer David Salzman and Jones. Since 1997, Vibe has been controlled by Miller Publishing Group LLC which was formed by Freeman Spogli to purchase the magazines.

Under reported pressure from its private equity backers, the partnership hired

Salomon Smith Barney in 1999 to explore the company's strategic options, but Vibe and Spin remained with the company.

According to the source the offer is for the entire venture.

The future seems bright for the hip hop magazine sector. Publications have remained successful despite tightening advertising budgets, and Vibe has led the way as its advertising dollars for the first six months of 2005 are up 13.9% from the same period a year ago, according to Publishers Information Bureau of Magazine Publishers of America.

## Winfrey 'Furious' At Snubbing Claims

Oprah Winfrey said she is "furious" at allegations that her absence at the recent funeral for Ebony and Jet magazines founder John H. Johnson was a snub of the pioneering black publisher.

A column published Thursday in the Chicago Defender, a historically significant black daily newspaper, questioned why Winfrey didn't attend Johnson's Aug. 15 funeral in her hometown of Chicago. Former President Bill Clinton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and many notable black media personalities attended the service.

Chicago Defender Executive Editor Roland Martin wrote that many black media figures have been lamenting Winfrey's "apparent snub of the man who single-handedly made it possible for people like Oprah to launch

their own magazines and media companies."

In another column published Friday, Martin recounted a tense phone conversation he had with Winfrey on Thursday.



"I am furious at the allegations because it's just not true," Martin quoted Winfrey as saying in his column. "It's

not true, and it's unfair."

Winfrey said she was in Hawaii when Johnson died and was unable to make it back for the services, according to Martin's column. Johnson died of heart failure Aug. 8 at the age of 87.

She said she sent notes to both Johnson's widow, Eunice, and his daughter, Linda Johnson Rice — even offering to provide Martin copies of the notes and a receipt of the flowers she sent to Johnson's downtown publishing company, according to the newspaper.

She also told Martin she plans to pay tribute to Johnson when she returns from her summer hiatus with a TV show dedicated to the man who built a media empire and became one of the nation's wealthiest black businessmen.

## Tupac Shakur Center Unveils Memorial Statue

On September 13, 2005 at 6:00 PM in Atlanta, the newly-opened Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts (TASCA) will unveil a bronze memorial statue of the late hip-hop rap icon Tupac Shakur. The statue that occupy the center of the six-acre Peace Garden at the TASCA. The unveiling will take place on the same day as the nine-year anniversary of the late rap artists tragic passing.

Designed and created by noted sculptor Tina Allen, the statue of the late rap superstar will stand seven feet tall on a three-foot base, inside a fountain in the shape of the gothic cross universally associated with Tupac. The sculpture will be surrounded with poetry and quotations written by Tupac over the course of his life.

The unveiling ceremony will feature a special performance by the Tupac Summer Performing Arts Camp kids, as well as discussions with Ms. Afeni Shakur — Tupac's mother and founder of the Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation (TASF) — and Ms. Allen.

"This statue will serve as a reminder to all those who visit the Peace Garden of the love and hope for peace my son always held in his heart. This sculpture and the Center that

surrounds it will carry Tupac's message on down to our children's children," says Ms. Shakur.

Ms. Allen, classically-trained



in Florence, Italy, has devoted her life to preserving the positive aspects of African-American culture and has previously created public bronze monuments of historic figures ranging from Nat King Cole to Dr. Martin Luther King.

"What a pleasure to create a sculpture for a beautiful charismatic young man who left us too soon. Now, his legacy is drawing our children to the arts, encouraging them to dream a bigger dream — no matter what their circumstances,

Tupac has made it cool to express themselves through the arts."

While the unveiling ceremony is free for all to attend, tickets for the reception to follow are available for \$50 — or, for a donation of \$100, one can attend the reception and also purchase a commemorative brick that can be engraved with a name or message. The bricks will be constructed into the Tupac Center, as part of TASF's "One Brick at a Time" campaign. All proceeds will go towards the \$3 Million still needed for the Center's completion.

On September 20, Tupac Shakur's poetry is celebrated again with the release of The Rose, Vol. 2, a collection of songs that were inspired by the poems Tupac wrote as a teenager. The tracks on The Rose, Vol. 2 are not spoken word readings like the ones on Vol. 1, but all new original numbers written and performed by an impressive list of guest rap, hip-hop, soul and R&B luminaries — including Bone Thugs 'N Harmony, Outlawz and Digital Underground's Shock G (AKA Humpty Hump), the man most responsible for launching 2Pac's solo career.

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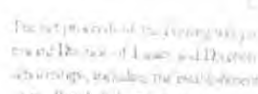
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**Thousand may still be stuck**  
Thirty of the victims in the county were from a beachfront apartment building that collapsed under a 25-foot wall of water as Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast with 145-mph winds. And Louisiana officials said many were feared dead there, too, making Katrina one of the most punishing storms to hit the United States in decades.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said hundreds, if not thousands, of people may still be stuck on roofs and in attics, and so rescue boats were bypassing the dead.

"We're not even dealing with dead bodies," Nagin said. "They're just pushing them on the side."

The flooding in New Orleans grew worse by the minute, prompting the evacuation of hotels and hospitals and an audacious plan to drop huge sandbags from helicopters to close up one of the breached levees. At the same time, looting broke out in some neighborhoods, the sweltering city of 480,000 had no drinkable water and the electricity could be out for weeks.

**'We will survive'**  
With water rising perilously inside the Superdome, Blanco said the tens of thousands of refugees now huddled there and in other shelters in New Orleans would have to be evacuated.

She asked residents to spend Wednesday in prayer.

"That would be the best thing to calm our spirits and thank our Lord that we are survivors," she said. "Slowly, gradually, we will recover; we will survive; we will rebuild."

A helicopter view of the devastation over the New Orleans area revealed people standing on black rooftops basking in the sunshine while waiting for rescue boats. A row of desperately needed ambulances were lined up on the interstate, water blocking their path. Roller coasters jutted out from the water at a Six Flags amusement park. Hundreds of inmates were seen standing on a highway because the prison had been flooded.

Sen. Mary Landrieu quietly traced the sign of the cross across her head and chest as she looked out at St. Bernard Parish, where only roofs peaked out from the water.

"The whole parish is gone," Landrieu said.

All day long, rescuers in boats and helicopters pulled out shell-shocked and bedraggled flood refugees from rooftops and attics. The Coast Guard said it had rescued 1,200 people by boat and air, some placed shivering and wet into helicopter baskets. They were brought by the truckload into shelters, some in wheelchairs and some carrying babies, with stories of survival and of those who didn't make it.

"Oh my God, it was hell," said Kioka Williams, who had to hack through the ceiling of the beauty shop where she worked as floodwaters rose in New Orleans' low-lying Ninth Ward. "We were screaming, hollering, flashing lights. It was complete chaos."

Frank Mills was in a boarding house in the same neighborhood when water started swirling up toward the ceiling and he fled to the roof. Two elderly residents never

made it out, and a third was washed away trying to climb onto the roof.

"He was kind of on the edge of the roof, catching his breath," Mills said. "Next thing I knew, he came floating past me."

#### No electricity, clean water

Across Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, more than 1 million residents remained without electricity, some without clean drinking water. An untold number who heeded evacuation orders were displaced and 40,000 were in Red Cross shelters, with officials saying it could be weeks, if not months, before most will be able to return.

Emergency medical teams from across the country were sent into the region and President Bush cut short his Texas vacation Tuesday to return to Washington to focus on the storm damage.

Federal Emergency Management Agency director Mike Brown warned that structural damage to homes, diseases from animal carcasses and chemicals in floodwaters made it unsafe for residents to come home anytime soon. And a mass return also was discouraged to keep from interfering with rescue and recovery efforts.

#### Islands of rooftops

That was made tough enough by the vast expanse of floodwaters in coastal areas that took an eight-hour pounding from Katrina's howling winds and up to 15 inches of rainfall. From the air, neighborhood after neighborhood looked like nothing but islands of rooftops surrounded by swirling, tea-colored water.

In New Orleans, the flooding actually got worse Tuesday as water spilled from Lake Pontchartrain into streets. The rising water forced hotels to evacuate, led a hospital to move boatlift patients to emergency shelters, and drove the staff of New Orleans' Times-Picayune newspaper out of its offices.

Officials planned to use helicopters to drop 3,000-pound sandbags onto the breached levee, and expressed confidence the problem could be solved. But if the water rose a couple feet higher, it could wipe out water system for whole city, said New Orleans' homeland security chief Terry Ebbert.

In devastated Biloxi, Miss., areas that were not underwater were littered with tree trunks, downed power lines and chunks of broken concrete. Some buildings were flattened.

The string of floating barge casinos crucial to the coastal economy were a shambles. At least three of them were picked up by the storm surge and carried inland, their barnacle-covered hulls sitting up to 200 yards inland.

#### 'This is our tsunami'

The deadliest spot yet appeared to be Biloxi's Quiet Water Beach apartments, where authorities said about 30 people were washed away. All that was left of the red-brick building was a concrete slab.

"We grabbed a lady and pulled her out the window and then we swam with the current," 55-year-old Joy Schovest said through tears. "It was terrifying. You should have seen the cars floating around us. We had to push them away when we were trying to swim."

"What I'm authorized to say now is we expect the death toll to be higher than anything we've ever seen before," said Jim Pollard, civil defense spokesman for Mississippi's Harrison

County, which includes Biloxi and Gulfport.

Asked if the toll could be higher than Hurricane Camille in 1969 when 131 were killed in Mississippi and 40 went missing, Pollard referred back to his statement and said, "That would be higher wouldn't it?"

Said Biloxi Mayor A. J. Holloway: "This is our tsunami."

Looting became a problem in both Biloxi and in New Orleans, in some cases in full view of police and National Guardsmen. One police officer was shot in the head by a looter in New Orleans, but was expected to recover, said Sgt. Paul Accardo, a police spokesman.

#### Looters take advantage of tragedy

On New Orleans' Canal Street, which actually resembled a canal, dozens of looters ripped open the steel gates on clothing and jewelry stores, some packing plastic garbage cans with loot to float down the street. One man, who had about 10 pairs of jeans draped over his left arm, was asked if he was salvaging things from his store.

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Looters at a Wal-Mart brazenly loaded up shopping carts with items including microwaves, coolers and

knife sets. Others walked out of a sporting goods store on Canal Street with armfuls of shoes and football jerseys."

Outside the broken shells of Biloxi's casinos, people picked through slot machines to see if they still contained coins. "People are just casually walking in and filling up garbage bags and walking off like they're Santa Claus," said Marty Desei, owner of a Super 8 motel.

Insurance experts estimated the storm will result in up to \$25 billion in insured losses. That means Katrina could prove more costly than record-setting Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which caused an inflation-adjusted \$21 billion in losses.

Oil prices jumped by more than \$3 a barrel on Tuesday, climbing above \$70 a barrel, amid uncertainty about the extent of the damage to the Gulf region's refineries and drilling platforms.

By midday Tuesday, Katrina was downgraded to a tropical depression, with winds around 35 mph. It was moving northeast through Tennessee at around 21 mph, with the potential to dump 8 inches of rain and spin off deadly tornadoes.

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Contract 6132-85-001 for CRACK SEAL in TARRANT County, etc will be received on September 26, 2005 until 9:00 am and opened on September 26, 2005 at 9:30 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$299,557.25.  
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.





**Sister Tarpley**

Someone once asked why a football never gets deflated in a game. There are huge, burly men that kick the ball, throw it, pounce on it, fumble it and yet it never gets "squashed" or loses its size. It is the law of physics; the internal pressure of the ball is much greater than all the pressure that 22 men can place upon it externally. Christians are the same; with the power of the Holy Spirit residing in their hearts and lives, they are greater than all the pressure of the external world.

Think about the different opponents who come to impede or block your progress. Satan's strategy is to deflate you and render you inoperative, but the Holy Spirit gives you buoyancy (confidence.) You can roll with the punches. It may seem that at times that you are being tossed around by circumstances, but with God's power within, you will always bounce back; 1 John 4:4 is a great comfort to many people who are not having it very easy in life. It is a constant reminder of God's sustaining grace, Christ's resident peace, and the Holy Spirit's indwelling power. Greater is the power within us than the pressure upon us. Hang in there Christians; in spite of all, we are winning! "... Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4

## God's Internal Pressure

### TAKE TIME

Take time to THINK; the Bible says that if a man lack wisdom, let him ask God, it is the source of wisdom. Take time to DREAM; it is the fountain of the future. Take time to PLAY; it is the way to stay young at heart. Take time to REFLECT; it is the way to know God. Take time to SMILE; it is the road to happiness; you will use less mus-

your physical body? It's true. You can see that in the life of Sarah. Most people don't understand the full extent of what God did in her life. All they know is that He enabled her to have a child in her old age.

But if you'll look closer, you will see that there was more to it than that. When Sarah laid hold of the promise of God by faith, it restored her physically to such an extent that when King Abimelech saw her, he wanted her for his wife. At 90 years old, she was so beautiful that a king wanted her in his harem. After she gave birth to Isaac, the Bible says, she nursed him till he was weaned. Then she kept right on living until that boy was raised!

I'm not telling you that you can have a baby at 90 years old like Sarah did. She had a specific promise from God about that. But I am telling you that if you'll believe God for renewed strength and health He will provide it for you. In fact, Psalm 103 says that is one of His benefits. It says that God will fill your mouth with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

God's desire for you is that you are a powerful, experienced champion of the Word with your strength renewed by faith.

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**Picture of The Week**  
Flo Gardner Davis is standing and Sister Tarpley is sitting in Texas Governor Rick Perry's chair in his office in a visit to the State Capitol.

cles. Take time to LAUGH; it is the music of the soul. Take time to LOVE; it is God's greatest gift. Take time to PRAY; it is the greatest power on earth.

Think about this: Mahatma Gandhi once wrote that there were seven sins in the world: 1) Wealth without work. 2) Pleasure without conscience. 3) Knowledge without character. 4) Commerce without morality. 5) Science without humanity. 6) Worship without sacrifice. 7) Politics without principle.

### AN EXPERIENCED CHAMPION

By: Frank Ortiz  
Did you know that the "Force of Faith" has the power to rejuvenate

## Mood Disorders Often Misdiagnosed in Blacks

Researchers are planning to find out why black Americans seeking help for depression and other mood disorders are often misdiagnosed with schizophrenia.

A team of University of Cincinnati investigators will lead a four-year national study to determine why these misdiagnoses occur and whether they lead to the excessive use of antipsychotic drugs among blacks.

"Research has already shown that African-American patients are being improperly diagnosed, but we need to find out why," said Dr. Stephen Strakowski, the study's lead investigator.

Previous studies have suggested that misdiagnosis occurs when doctors overemphasize certain symptoms often associated with schizophrenia, while overlooking the symptoms of mood disorders. The researchers will also look

into whether Hispanics also experience an excess number of these types of misdiagnoses as well.

The study is funded by a \$10 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health and will include researchers from five other universities across the country.

More information  
The National Institute of Mental Health has more about depression.

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### COALITION OF CHURCHES IN PRISON MINISTRY

#### On-Going Mentor Program

Our host church, True Lee Baptist Church, 3907 Bertrand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210, 214-421-9435 where Rev. Donald Parish is the Pastor, is working with a mentor program for children of parents that are incarcerated. Come or call to find out how to get involved. For more information, please call Carolyn Johnson @ 972-235-6432.

Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry  
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Dallas, TX 75222-5863  
972-235-6432 or  
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### COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PLANO

#### Ongoing

Hope Preschool, ages 2-5, has begun registration for the fall of 2005.

#### September 4, 2005

Please join us for a "Special Labor Day Service" in Memory of Samuel Gompers, the Founder and President of the American Federation of Labor.

#### September 7, 2005

CommUnity Wednesdays will resume. This is an educational program and it is opened to the public.

For more information about the two above events and any upcoming events please call the church @ 972-424-8989

Community UU Church of Plano  
Rev. Priscilla Richter, Pastor  
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## FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS MINISTRIES

September 3, 2005

We are hosting a Back-2-School Community rally. There will be FREE food, school supplies, games, etc.

For more information and to donate supplies, contact Evangelist Crawford @ 214-372-3624

Fellowship of Believers Ministries  
Bishop Gregory D. Crawford, Overseer  
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Dallas, TX 75216  
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### GREATER DAVIS CHAPEL COGIC

September 10, 2005

Huge Church Sale presented by Operation Youth Objective, Unity Thru Harmony (Y.O.U.T.H.) @ 10061 LaPrada Drive in Garland. There will be a FREE giant gift basket giveaway! Come by and see it on display.

For more information, contact Esther Avila @ 972-682-0111

Greater Davis Chapel COGIC  
Elder Tommy L. Chalk, Pastor  
821 East Miller Road  
Garland, TX 75040  
972-864-1047

### HOLSEY CHAPEL CME CHURCH

October 8, 8:00 am

Our Christian Youth Fellowship will host a "Golfing For Christ" tournament to be held at the Waterview Golf course in Rowlett, TX

Sign up deadline is October 1, 2005. Proceeds from the tournament will be used in purchasing a van for the Youth Fellowship group. For more information, please contact Reverend James Oakry @ 972-412-3705 or 972-998-6634.

Holsey Chapel CME Church  
Rev. James G. Oakry Jr., Senior Pastor  
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## Church Directory

### Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church



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11:00 am - Morning Worship

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## Civil Rights Walk of Fame Inducts 11

By: Charles Odum  
Ted Turner, Henry Aaron and the later former Mayor Maynard Jackson Jr. were among 11 people inducted to the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame on Friday.

Members of the diverse group stood at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site with a plaque containing their footprints and had their shoes preserved in display cases.

"This is the celebration of a few brave and courageous souls, men and women, whose personal sacrifice and commitment to justice was free of malice, greed and self-promotion," Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin said.

Xernona Clayton, who created the Walk of Fame, announced Friday that the gallery will have a more international flavor in the future with the addition of Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu and former South African President Nelson Mandela.

This year's other inductees were comedian Dick Gregory, late newspaper editor and columnist Ralph McGill, U.S. Rep. John Conyers (news, bio, voting record), D-Mich., singer Nancy Wilson, singer Harry Belafonte, activist Addie L. Wyatt of Chicago, late chief judge of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

Elbert Tuttle Sr., and the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth of Cincinnati. Shuttlesworth, who endured beatings, imprisonment and the bombing of his home, and



Xernona Clayton, the project organizer, joins Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin at one of the granite place makers on the Walk of Fame.

Belafonte, who befriended King in the early 1950s, did not attend the ceremony.

The Walk of Fame was founded two years ago with the help of Turner to establish a permanent tribute to those in the civil rights struggle. The walkway leads visitors on a path to the museum honoring King at the historic site near King's Atlanta home and

across the street from King's Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Wilson, a major figure in civil rights marches of the 1960s, said the ceremony gave her "one of the best feelings I've ever had in my life."

Conyers is one of the 13 founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Aaron, one of the first blacks to integrate professional baseball in the Deep South, broke Babe Ruth's career home-run record with the Atlanta Braves in 1974 despite receiving threats and racial slurs.

Tuttle's rulings helped ensure the desegregation of the South. Wyatt worked with King on rights marches in Alabama, Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

McGill was The Atlanta Constitution's Pulitzer Prize-winning voice for racial tolerance in what he called the New South in the 1940s through the 1960s. Turner, who bought the Braves in 1973, is best known for launching CNN and the Turner Broadcasting empire.

"I consider this movement part of the human rights movement," Turner said. "Everybody is entitled to an equal chance in life. ... I'm going to keep pressing so everyone has an equal chance in the world. There's still a lot of work to do, and we'll keep doing it."

**Living Legends Last Call Page 1**  
and involvement, creativity and innovation, academic excellence, dignity and respect, and integrity.

Nominees must have profoundly shaped the progress of their communities and have a record of service and philanthropy in Collin County.

While families, groups or organizations cannot be selected for this event, individuals associated with a group are eligible.

Past honorees include: Gladys Harrington, credited for starting

Plano's first library; John and Myrtle Hightower, longtime Plano residents and educators; Gerry Ruschhaupt, McKinney business owner; and Dr. Erwin and Elisabeth Pink of Frisco, community activists.

The community is invited to participate and may purchase tables of eight for \$400 or individual tickets for \$60. In addition, corporations and/or families can choose to support the college through a special contribution as Humanitarian Sponsors at the \$5,000 level.

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**KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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You are invited to our Annual Women's Day Celebration. For more information, please call Janet Cooper @ 972-306-0178

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