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People In The News



Dvorah A. Evans, has been named an Association TRENDS Magazine 2005 Young & Aspiring Association Professional. The award recognizes business and industry leaders under 40 in the association community. The entire 2005 group will be published in the Oct. 28 issue of TRENDS Magazine, which will also appear on the Association TRENDS web site.

Dvorah Evans, is the Director of Conventions & Tourism for the oldest and largest African-American chamber of commerce in the nation. At the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Evans markets and promotes Dallas as a major meeting and leisure destination for minority conventions and tourists as well as coordinating several ongoing strategic meetings and events for the chamber. Dvorah started the Convention & Tourism Department from the ground up and has developed several annual events and projects considered major firsts for the City of Dallas.

Young & Aspiring Association Professionals will have the opportunity to attend the TRENDS Awards Program, THE association event in Washington. At the Awards Program - early next year at the Capital Hilton - Association TRENDS will honor the Association Executive of the Year, the winners of the TRENDS All-Media Contest and the Association TRENDS Young & Aspiring Association Professionals for 2005.

Having an intense love of reading from an early age, Eric Pete was unknowingly building the foundation for what was to come. He had considered writing a novel for several years, but it wasn't until recently that he gave in to the stories in his head and decided to share them with the world.



Eric's first novel, Real for Me, has been the featured selection of many book clubs across America and reached #1 Bestseller status at various bookstores. His second released novel is the Dallas Morning News bestseller Someone's In The Kitchen, which further established Eric in the literary arena. His third novel, Gets No Love, was featured in King Magazine and made the bestseller list of several stores including Karibu Books. His newest release Don't Get It Twisted has already garnered critical acclaim. Eric also has short stories featured in the anthologies After Hours from Plume Books, Twilight Moods from Flowers In Bloom Publishing.

A graduate of McNeese State University, Eric was born in Seattle, WA. Having lived there as well as Louisiana and briefly in Los Angeles, he now resides in Texas where he is working on his next book.

Eric Pete will appear at a book signing on November 12 at Black Images Book Bazaar, 230 Wynnwood Village, Dallas. The book signing will begin at 12:00 p.m. Call 214-943-0142 or visit www.blackimages.com for more info.



Mary Lois Sweatt will be honored at The Dance Council's Legacy Awards ceremonies on Saturday, November 5.

Ms. Sweatt was named "Outstanding Texan" by the Legislative Black Caucus in 1991. She founded the Mary Lois School of Dance in Dallas in 1971, now located in Lancaster. A Dallas native, with a BA in Dance and Music and an MA in

Modern Dance from Mills College, she served on faculty at Hockaday School for a decade after first forming a school and company in Denver.

Her students have earned scholarships to Interlochen Performing Arts Camp, Alvin Ailey Summer Intensive Program, and various universities nationwide. Alumni have used the dance technique and overall discipline they learned at Mary Lois School of Dance to become professional dancers, cheerleaders, models, actors, educators, and business professionals. Mary Lois and her husband, noted surgeon Dr. James L. Sweatt III, are the parents of four and proud grandparents of eleven grandchildren.

The Dance Council's Legacy Awards ceremonies will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2005

from 7:00 - 10:00 pm, at Episcopal Church of the Ascension 8787 Greenville Ave, Dallas. Admission to the evening of presentations, performance, reception, and silent auction is \$40 per person (Dance Council members) and \$50 (non members). For tickets, call 214-219-2290 or see www.thedancecouncil.org.

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Parks Remembered For Her Courage, Strength

By: Ken Thomas

Linking hands and singing "We Shall Overcome," old friends and Washington's establishment remembered Rosa Parks on Monday as a quiet, gentle woman whose courage in the face of segregation helped inspire generations.

An overflow church crowd paid tribute to the woman whose refusal to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus 50 years ago helped galvanize the modern civil rights movement. The two-day farewell and "homegoing" in Washington also attracted tens of thousands who stood for hours for a glimpse of Parks' mahogany coffin in the Capitol Rotunda.

In a three-hour memorial service at historic Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Parks was celebrated by political, religious and civil rights leaders and other luminaries who spoke of the example she set with a simple act of defiance.



"I would not be standing here today, nor standing where I stand every day, had she not chosen to sit down," said talk show host Oprah Winfrey. "I know that."

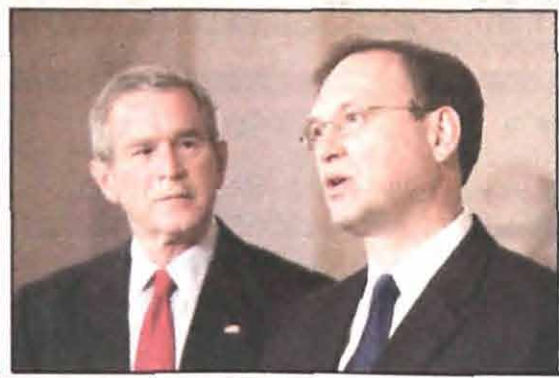
Winfrey, who was born in Mississippi during segregation, said Parks' stand "changed the

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Bush Nominates Alito For Supreme Court

By: Jim Drinkard

President Bush on Monday nominated a federal appeals court judge with unquestioned conservative credentials to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court, satisfying his supporters



on the political right but inviting a knock-down battle with Democrats.

Bush's choice, Samuel Alito, is a 15-year veteran of the Philadelphia-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, where he has participated in 3,500 cases and written about 300 opinions. He was named to that job by Bush's father. (Related audio: Analysis by USA TODAY's Joan Biskupic)

Bush moved quickly to replace a failed nomination,

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U.S. Frees 500 Prisoners From Abu Ghraib

Five hundred prisoners walked free from the U.S. military's Abu Ghraib jail in Iraq on Tuesday, released in a goodwill gesture to mark the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The detainees were presented with a Koran and \$25 on their release which marked Eid al-Fitr celebrations. Their release was in addition to 1,000 prisoners set free in October at the start of the month of fasting.

All 1,500, who also received traditional white shirts, were released after their cases went before an Iraqi-led review board and were found not to have committed serious or violent crimes, the U.S. military said in a statement.

U.S. forces are holding 13,885 detainees, including 5,074 at Abu Ghraib, behind barbed

wire at several facilities across Iraq, up from a total of about 11,800 a month ago, a spokesman for the U.S. military's prison operations said.

Iraqi critics say U.S. military detentions are too arbitrary and too long.

Abu Ghraib became notorious for the images of U.S. soldiers mocking, physically abusing and torturing Iraqi prisoners that emerged last year. U.S. military officials and Iraqi authorities have since been at pains to show Abu Ghraib now being run as a model prison.

Local Businessman Reaches Out To Help Victims

By: Curtis Ippolito

Rod Little recognizes the challenges that face evacuees of the Gulf Coast. He's also trying to do his part by offering them an opportunity.

"I would like to give as many people displaced from the hurricanes a place to come, or certainly a job," said Little, the owner of "Rod's Cajun House." "I know the hurricanes have effected a lot."

Ivan Dixon, a Hurricane Rita evacuee, took Little's offer and is trying to start a new life, training under him to be a cook.

"It's [Rod's Cajun House] given me a chance to move on and give me a boost," Dixon said.

Dixon fled his Orange, Texas residence on a bus a week before Rita hit the Gulf Coast. He heard about the job opening from a friend, who then referred him to Little.



Rod Little, owner of Rod's Cajun House has offered opportunities to displaced hurricane victims.

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"One Man, One Boy, One Cause" Mentoring Program Moves Forward



Pastor Rickie Rush and Dallas School Board Trustee Ron Price

By: Paul Hailey

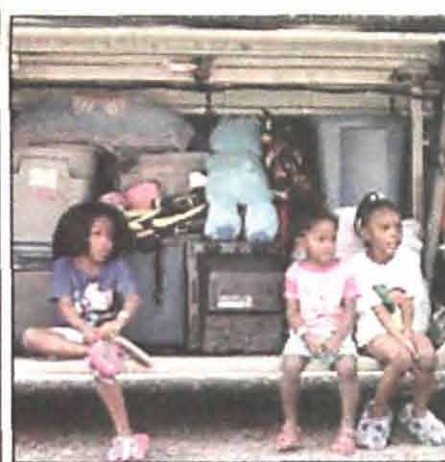
Mentoring has been described as a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction.

Last Thursday, a meeting at The Inspiring Body of Christ

Church (IBOC) served as the starting point for the "One Man, One Boy, One Cause" program to begin pushing young black men in the right direction through mentoring.

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Thousands Of Evacuees Face Eviction



(L to R) Brandy Morris, 5, Brien'te Morris, 2, and Dominique Weathersby, 3, wait by their belongings stored in the belly of a bus.

By: Richard Wolf

Two months after Hurricane Katrina displaced more than 1 million people, problems with federal housing aid threaten to spawn a new wave of homelessness.

In Texas, thousands of evacuees who found shelter in apartments face eviction threats because rents are going unpaid.

In Louisiana, some evacuees are beginning to show up in homeless shelters because they haven't received federal aid or don't know how to get it.

Advocates for the poor say the situation will worsen this winter.

"They are the poorest folks ... and they are the ones who are going to be left with nothing," says Sheila Crowley, president of the National Low Income Housing Coalition. "It's going to show up at homeless shelters this winter."

The housing crunch could get tighter in November, because the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) wants to move an estimated 200,000 Katrina evacuees out of hotels as soon as possible. That

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Dallas Lupus Walkathon Already A Success For Local Woman

By: Paul Hailey

Dorian Mims has always been athletic. Basketball, volleyball, running, weight lifting-Dorian enjoyed all types of physical activities in her spare time. Her love for physical activity made the arthritic symptoms she started having at age 27 that much more difficult to handle. Those symptoms were just the start of her problems.

In 1993, a close friend came to visit Dorian and found her on the bathroom floor of her apartment. She had been in a coma for nearly three days before she was found. The doctors gave no hope for her recovery; the specialist told her mother if Dorian did survive the trauma of the coma she would be a vegetable for the rest of her life. Dorian's brain had swollen three or four times its normal size.

Dorian was diagnosed with SLE, a form of Lupus.

Lupus is often misunderstood and rarely talked about in the black community. Some facts



about lupus:

-Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease in which a person's immune system mistakenly attacks the body's own tissue.

-Women are five times more likely to die from lupus than men, and African Americans are three times more likely to die from lupus than caucasians.

-Between 1979 and 1998 there was an approximate 70% increase in lupus deaths among middle-aged African American women.

Dorian Mims has fought her way back from the debilitating effects of lupus, but it has not been an easy

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National Minority Supplier Development Council Meets In Dallas

Photos By: Gwen Elder
The National Minority Supplier Development Council held its National conference in Dallas, October 21-26 at the Dallas Convention Center. Harriet Michel, President

of the NMSDC for the past 18 years is hopeful that this year's conference will be as successful as in past years. One of the conference highlights was the Business Opportunity Fair that featured over 800 hundred ven-

dors from across the nation. That fair offered those in attendance a chance to network and interface with others for future business interaction.



Attendees at the Business Opportunity Fair which featured over 800 vendors from across the country.



Calvita Frederick-Sovell, President and CEO of Magnolia Spice Teas, Inc. displays her product.



(L-R) Margo Posey, President of DFW Minority Business Council, Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, 2nd District MS, Harriet J. Michel, National Minority Supplier Development Council.



(L-R) Maria Gonzalez, Michele Majors and Lori Layl of Minority Business News, Inc.

Heads Up! Foundation Scholarships

Jabari Johnson (President and Founder) and The Heads Up! Foundation announces the availability of one hundred (100) scholarships for youth, ages 11-18, to attend the KIDS AND TEENS DOING BUSINESS SEMINAR. The seminar will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 7:30 pm-9:30 pm.

The location for this event is the Eisemann Theatre 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. Don't have a driver? There will be plenty for the adults to do at the same location. The Networking Dollars Expo will be ongoing in the same facility. For information on claiming a scholarship, please call

214.339.1400 or email your name, address and telephone number at headsupfoundation@hotmail.com. Please include the number of scholarships you desire. This seminar is an invaluable tool being offered to teach lifelong skills at an early age to tomorrow's business people.

Celebrating Harambee In South Dallas



Members from the First African Freedom church treat the crowd to tribal beats.



Singing group King's Ransom gets the audience moving their feet.



Lynette Pearl, Marketing Coordinator at the Farmer's Market, listens to Mrs. Delores Gregor from the Azalea Garden Club.



Drummers for Jesus, excite the crowd with their beats.

The sun was bright and the mood was festive as thousands came out to participate in the 31st Annual celebration of the Harambee Festival in South Dallas, October 29. Harambee is a Swahili word that means "Let's Pull or Come Together." Organized in

1974 the idea of the festival resulted because of some community leaders concern about what the youth might face in the neighborhood in participating in Halloween. Over the years the festival

has come to mean many things to the many people who attend. But most of all it offers good food, fellowship, education, free health screening, market place and entertainment.

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Around The Town

November 4

UNT in Denton hosts Women's Seminar, 5:30 p.m. in the Silver Eagle Suite of UNT Union. Call 940-565-2456.

Gladys Knight performs at the Myerson Symphony Center. Sponsored by the Central Dallas ministers.

The Dunbar Social and Charity Club, Inc. and the Dunbar Club Foundation present their 3rd Annual Masquerade With a Flair charity event, DoubleTree Hotel (Midway). Call 214-376-5531 for information.

November 5

Circle Ten Council Boy Scouts of America will host the 2nd Annual Veterans Day Parade, chaired by State Rep. Royce West. Call 214-902-6732 for information.

The Garland Adult Branch and Youth Council of the NAACP will host a meeting of the 2006 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Extravaganza Steering Committee meeting, 9:00 a.m., Sweet Home Missionary Baptist

Church, 1019 S. First ST. Area churches and community organizations are invited to help plan the event which will take place on January 15, 2006. Call 972-381-5044 for information.

The Third Eye presents their 21st Annual African Awakening Conference, 1-8 p.m., The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc., 650 S. Griffin ST. (Dallas Convention Center, corner of Akard & Canton) Dallas. For information and scholarships call 214-426-1683 or 972-495-7649.

India Arie performs at the Naomi Bruton Theater, 650 Griffin St., Dallas, 7:00 p.m. The concert also features Jazz violinist Michael Ward. Call 817-701-0575 for ticket information.

The Dallas Urban League Young Professionals presents 2nd Annual Minorities Corporate America Leaders Conference, 8 a.m.-4:00p.m., at Nortel Campus. Visit mica-conference.com.

Gala Vibes Presents "Party Mardi-Gras", 6:00-9:00 p.m., The Plaza Theatre, 521 State St. (Garland). Event includes Vendor Expo, Fashion Show and Entertainment Showcase. Call 972-675-3988 for information.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frazier

invite you to an evening of art and music, 3:00-6:00pm, 1718 Ramsey Avenue (Dallas) A portion of the proceeds will aid the Hurricane Katrina and the Tom Joyner Foundation. For information call 214-942-0817.

November 7-18

Collin County Community College and the Arts presents, "The Music of Nature and the Nature of Music, a photographic interpretation by Barry L. Schoenholz. The exhibition and reception will be held in the main Atrium at Collin's Spring Creek Campus. For information call 972-881-5873.

November 7

Universal Insurance Exchange invites you to attend a special evening honoring the men and women of the Dallas Police Department at the Friends of the Dallas Police 2005 Awards Banquet, 5:30pm, Gilley's Dallas, 1135 S. Lamar St. For information call 214-871-0783.

The Third Eye presents 21st Annual African Awakening Conference, 1:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m., the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc., 650 South Griffin Street.

November 9

SMU-Master of Liberal Arts Graduate students present "A Time for Love", 7:00

p.m. Join us as we celebrate the classic tradition of love and romance within African-American literature. SMU Hughes-Trigg Student Center. Call 214-768-2945 or 469-330-8542 for information.

Veteran 60 Minutes news correspondent Mike Wallace will speak about his memoir, Between You and Me, 7 p.m. Highland Park United Methodist Church, Wesley Hall, on the SMU campus, 3300 Mockingbird Lane. A book signing will follow event. Call 214-523-2270 or visit www.hpumc.org.

November 11-12

South Dallas Cultural Center Presents 5th Annual Dance Festival, 8:00 p.m., James Madison High School, 3000 Martin Luther King Blvd. Call 214-559-3993 for information.

November 11-20

In celebration of World's Children's Day, the Ronald McDonald House Charities ask that you purchase a "paper hand" available at all McDonalds. Money raise will support the RMHC and RMHC of North Texas which provides grants to local children's charities and scholarships to local youth. Call 214-252-1747 or 214-252-1738 for information.

November 12

The 2006 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Steering Committee will meet 8:45 a.m., Kaiser Street Missionary Baptist Church, 517 Kaiser St. (Garland) The event will take place January 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. For information call 972-381-5044.

November 14

94.5 K-Soul and Central Dallas Ministries present Gladys Knight at the Morton H. Myerson Symphony Center, 8 p.m. Tickets at Ticketweb.com

November 18

Black Tie & Boots benefit for State Representative Yvonne Davis Featuring Jerry "The Ice Man" Butler, Eddie Deen's Ranch, 944 S. Lamar St. (Dallas), 8:00 p.m. For information call 214-946-8808

November 19

Garland NAACP Youth Council meeting, 12 noon, South Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. For information call 972-381-5044.

Rev. Cecil Smith, Sr. and Ms. Janice Manous will be honored at the 4th Annual Scholarship Banquet, 1:00 p.m., Covenant Church Wedding Chapel, 2644 E. Trinity Mills Rd., Carrollton. For information

call 972-242-0933.

Author Jervey Tervalon will read and sign his books 7:30 p.m., at Paperbacks Plus, 6115 La Vista (Dallas) For information call 214-828-1715.

The Real Estate Council Honors "Dreamers, Doers and Unsung Heroes" at the 14th Annual Fall Gala, Gaylord Texas (Grapevine), 6 p.m. Call 214-692-3600 for information.

Christian Expo, 9:00a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Infomart, 1950 Stemmons Freeway. Call 972-293-9719 for information.

November 20

Richardson Community Band concludes Fourth Season of Concerts, 2:00 p.m. at the Eisemann Center.

9th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration Awards Night, 5:00 p.m., Sterling Hotel. Call 214-325-1916 for information.

December 1

Mark your calendar for the City's annual Christmas on the Square and Parade of Lights (Garland)

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THE TRUTH CLINIC Rosa Parks--The Diminutive Dynamo

By: James W. Breedlove

Dynamite comes in small innocuous packages but can make a significant impact on an area in a short time. Rosa Parks, a diminutive dynamo, appeared on the American scene on a December afternoon in 1955 with a spontaneous but simple act of defiance that dynamited America out of its segregated social status quo.

Her calm and dignified courage in the face of the legalized injustice that was routinely inflicted on black Americans was the genesis of a civil rights movement that forever changed America.

Rosa Parks died on October 24, 2005 at age 92 just a few weeks prior to the 50th anniversary of her history making act.

It is worth retelling the story of how this quiet, unassuming and modest woman became a national icon and the mother of the civil rights movement that propelled Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. into the national spotlight. There are many of the past two generations that are unaware of the singular incident that forced the greatest nation in the world to confront

the hypocritical injustice that black citizens were forced to endure.

On December 1, 1955 after a hard day at work Parks had taken her seat on a Montgomery city bus to head home. The segregated buses were partitioned so that white passengers sat in the front seats and black passengers toward the back. The division between the white section and the black section was flexible depending on the number of whites on the bus.

This day, the forward portion of the bus reserved for white passengers filled up, and the bus driver ordered the black passengers to leave their seats and give them to white passengers. Parks, tired from her day's work and fed up from 42 years of enduring this prejudice, refused to move.

She was arrested for not giving up her seat that Thursday afternoon. By Monday morning Montgomery's black community had been galvanized into action and groundwork had been laid for a remarkable 381 day demonstration of black determination. The Montgomery bus boycott was a spark that led to the fall of other racial barriers and the passing of major civil right legislation not

only for black Americans but also for women, gays, religious minorities and people with disabilities.

Rosa Parks became a national icon but never took on the persona of a public person. She remained quiet, reserved, dignified and committed to the civil rights struggle.

She and her husband moved to Detroit after losing their jobs in Montgomery because of the bus boycott. After retiring she focused her attention on helping motivate and train youth for moral leadership through the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. An estimated 5,000 children of all races and creeds have been through the Institute's programs.

This simple seamstress will join presidents and war heroes who have been honored in death with a public viewing in the Capitol Rotunda. The Rosa Parks story will always be a testament to how the most egregious injustice can be overcome when one individual summons the courage to confront it. Long live the legacy of Rosa Parks--The Diminutive Dynamo.

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GOP Wields A Poll Ax Against Voters Of Color



By: Cynthia Tucker

Last week, an ugly bit of business transpired in the GOP-dominated House of Representatives, where Republican hardliners succeeded in passing a measure that would limit the ability of nonprofit groups to conduct voter registration drives. It was one of those moments when you don't have to wonder what the jihadist faction of the GOP is up to: they want to restrict the franchise to people who think as they do.

Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), a veteran of the civil rights movement, said the measure would "take us back to 1964 or 1965. I just think they [Republicans] want to be in a position to stifle the participation of poor people and minorities in the

political process. They want to take us back to another period."

This heavy-handed step was of a piece with other Republican efforts to place obstacles in the way of voters they fear may favor Democrats. In Georgia, the GOP-dominated Legislature passed a law earlier this year requiring all voters to have a state-sponsored photo ID, such as a driver's license. Because it may be an unconstitutional impediment to voting, a federal judge halted implementation of the law.

This is not a poll tax. This is a poll ax. If this measure becomes law — the Senate has not yet acted on it — it will penalize countless organizations, including churches, that have run voter registration drives and also built high-rises for the elderly and low-cost apartment complexes that accommodate store clerks, janitors and fast-food workers.

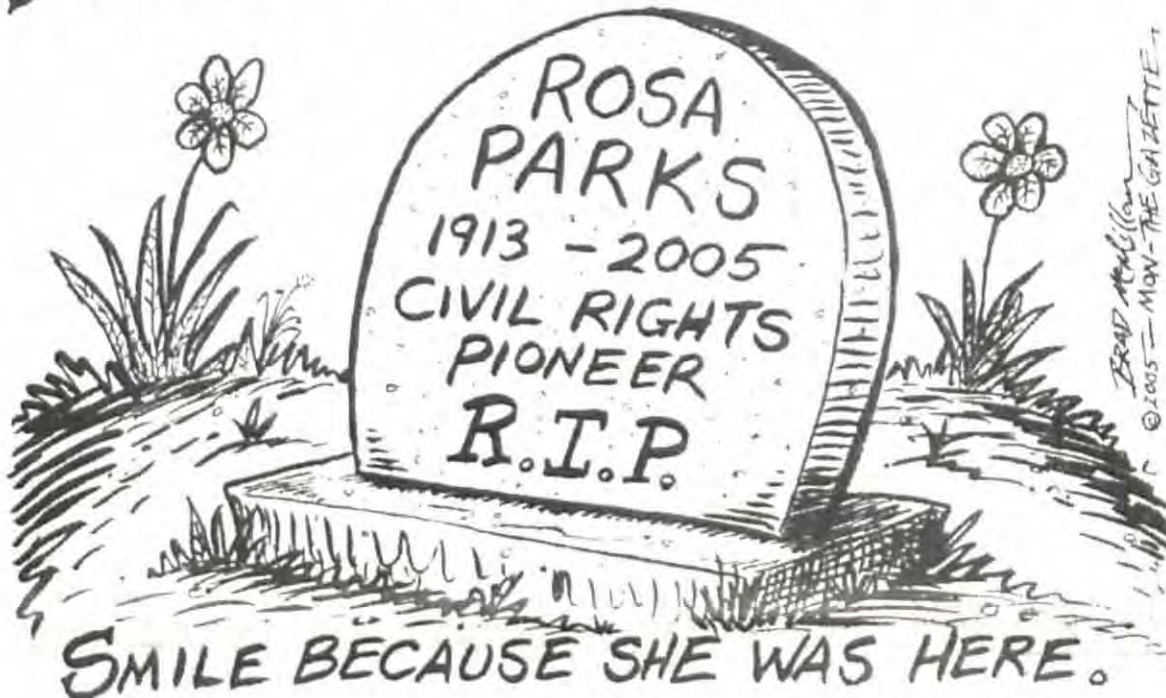
Republicans seem to think that residents of low-cost housing, especially black and brown residents, have a tendency — one they find troubling — to vote Democratic. You'd think the GOP would find a way to appeal to those voters. But that would

require the party to forsake its allegiance to Big Business and the wealthy. So, instead, it has decided to try to suppress the vote among citizens of color.

GOP backers of the amendment say all they're trying to do is make sure that federal funds are not used to support partisan political activities. There's just one problem: That's already illegal. Indeed, many nonprofits have been more careful about observing restrictions against partisanship since the Christian Coalition lost its tax-exempt status in 1999 over voter guides that it distributed in churches.

Given the apathy so many Americans show toward the franchise, you'd think our political leaders would be doing everything possible to encourage more citizens to vote. As Lewis put it, "We go around the world telling people to participate in the political process." Isn't that exactly what we should be telling people — all the people, regardless of color or class or political affiliation — here at home?

DON'T CRY BECAUSE SHE IS GONE.



Vote Or Die: The Lessons of Katrina

By: Dr. Maya Rockeymoore, Ph.D.

Vote or Die!" was the provocative imperative Hip Hop impresario Sean "Diddy" Combs issued to young would-be voters during the 2004 presidential election cycle. At the time, some ridiculed Combs for sensationalism but now the slogan seems more like a haunting foreshadowing of things that would come.

In Louisiana the poorly executed evacuation, the slow deployment of national guards, FEMA's uncoordinated and ineffective efforts, and the retarded deployment of additional federal resources showed that there was a clear failure of performance at every level of government. The actions and inactions of our elected officials resulted in a series of mistakes and missed opportunities that caused more lives to be lost unnecessarily.

Now pundits and commentators are looking for someone to hold accountable but no one is pointing the finger at those Americans all too willing to brush off the importance of politics, stay at home on election day, make ill-informed decisions, and/or allow themselves to be influenced by superficial matters that distract from basic issues like whether a candidate is qualified for the position.

The reality is that politics is serious business. You get who you vote for (or who others voted for if you didn't vote, or who the Supreme Court gives you when the vote is narrow enough to steal). If you vote for incompetent people, you will get incompetent leadership. In the aftermath of Katrina, it should be clear to all that politicians and politics can literally mean the difference between life and death. Therefore, we tune out or turn our backs on politics at our own peril — for the next life to be sacrificed by incompetence may be your own.

If we take the 2004 election results at face value, it appears that a majority of voters were able to brush off the horrified cries of progressives who objected to the Administration's gutting of vital safety net programs even while they gave away billions of the taxpayers money to individuals and corporations richer than Croesus. If it didn't sink in that these tax cuts were a transfer of wealth away from the poor and middle class to the wealthy, then a focus on what the Administration cut in order to cover the hole they made in the federal treasury could provide more understanding.

The United States of America is in a mess. Our basic systems have been

proven ineffective and our leaders callous and corrupt. Ironically, it is the U.S. that regularly demands that developing nations focus on adopting good governance policies. Yet, Katrina has made it clear that this critical democratic principle has been abandoned here at home.

Americans should see the Hurricane Katrina debacle as a wake up call to commit to producing better leaders and increasing civic participation in its various forms. A different kind of politics — one that is informed, compassionate, and committed to truth and justice — will be required to restore public confidence in good governance.

Americans should remember in the upcoming months that while it is necessary to donate money and time to help hurricane victims, it is also necessary to carry this spirit of activism to the political realm. Next year's congressional elections provide a prime opportunity to start replacing bad political actors with authentic leaders who possess the integrity, qualifications, and compassion needed to make competent, informed policy decisions that will benefit all Americans.

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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there 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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Parks Remembered Page 1

trajectory of my life and the lives of so many other people in the world."

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., said Parks' refusal to give up her seat "was the functional equivalent of a nonviolent shot heard round the world."

"She saw the inherent evil in segregation and she had the courage to fight it in its common place, a seat on a bus," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

At the end of the service, the audience joined hands and sang the civil rights anthem "We Shall Overcome." Mourners reached into the aisle to touch her casket as it was wheeled out of the church.

Afterward, Parks' casket was flown to Detroit, where a viewing would begin late Monday at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Former President Clinton and singer Aretha Franklin were scheduled to attend her funeral

Wednesday.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., said her legacy was so great that when former South African President Nelson Mandela visited Detroit in 1990, he led the crowd in a chant of Parks' name.

The moment "made us realize that this is an international phenomenon that we celebrate. Rosa Parks is worldwide," said Conyers, who hired Parks to work in his Detroit congressional office.

Earlier, tens of thousands of people filed silently by Parks' casket in the Capitol Rotunda in hushed reverence from Sunday night and through midmorning Monday. Parks became the first woman to lie in honor in the Rotunda, sharing the tribute given to Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and other national leaders.

Capitol Police estimated the crowd at more than 30,000 but some participants said it was far bigger.



Among those paying respects was Judge Samuel Alito and his family, the day President Bush nominated him to the Supreme Court.

Elderly men and women old enough to remember Jim Crow laws brought their children and grandchildren to say goodbye.

Bush, who presented a wreath Sunday night at a Capitol Hill ceremony, ordered the U.S. flag flown at half-staff over all public buildings Wednesday, the day of Parks' funeral in Detroit.

Cheney Adviser Indicted In CIA Leak Probe

Vice President Accepts I. Lewis 'Scooter' Libby's Resignation 'With Deep Regret'

By: Christopher Lee
Vice President Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, was indicted Friday by a federal grand jury after a nearly two-year investigation into the leak of a CIA agent's identity.
Capping a week of political turmoil in Washington, Libby promptly resigned and left the White House. He expressed confidence that eventually he would be "totally exonerated," and both Cheney and President Bush praised his talent and dedication. "Obviously, today is a sad day for me and my family," Libby said in a statement.
The grand jury did not return an indictment against another top administration official who was caught up in

the probe: Karl Rove, President Bush's top political strategist. But the special counsel in the case, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, said the investigation is "not over" and that another grand jury would be kept open in case prosecutors decide to press other charges.
Libby, 55, was indicted on charges of perjury, obstruction of justice and making false statements. The five-count indictment charges that he lied to FBI agents and to the federal grand jury about how and when he learned classified information about the employment of a CIA agent, Valerie Plame, and disclosed that information to three journalists. If convicted on all counts, Libby faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$1.25 million fine.

"While we are all saddened by today's news, we remain wholly focused on the many issues and opportunities facing this country," Bush said. "I got a job to do, and so do the people who work in the White House." He did not take any questions from reporters.
Cheney said in a statement that he accepted Libby's resignation "with deep regret." He called his aide "one of the most capable and talented individuals I have ever known." Cheney added that "it would be inappropriate for me to comment on the charges or on any facts relating to the proceeding."

The indictment was handed up today as the grand jury's term expired. Although no indictment was announced for Rove, 54, the White House deputy chief of staff, today's proceedings did not remove him from legal jeopardy, since the investigation is continuing.
An attorney for Rove, Robert Luskin, said in a statement this morning, "The Special

"We're not quite done," Fitzgerald said in an hour-long news conference this afternoon. But he refused to comment on whether anyone beside Libby would be charged in the case or whether additional charges against Libby would be sought.
"I will not end the investigation until I can look anyone in the eye and tell them we have carried out our responsibility sufficiently," Fitzgerald said.



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Celebrating 50 Years

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Co., and Terry Gipson, Freeman Hyundai, Oldsmobile, and Mazda in Irving, TX, staged an elegant "50 Years of Celebrating Gospel Radio Host, Mr. Joe Bagby at a Celebration Brunch.
The event was held at The Inspiring Body of Christ

Church (IBOC), Dr. Rickie G. Rush is the pastor. In attendance were notables: Dr. Rush, Constable Derick Evans, Mr. Roy Orr, Edna Pemberton, John Wiley Price, Robert Ashley, Warren Brooks, Singer Tommie Young West, and the immediate family of Brother Joe.



Constables that have worked with Brother Joe throughout the years (L to R): Ron Lithicum, Chief John Garrett, Precinct 1 Constable Derick Evans, Tracie Wilson, Ken Hines, Brother Joe, Himie Cortez, Hector Wilson and Frank Brunley (in foreground)



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Business Assistance Center Receives \$700,000

Business Assistance Center, Inc. a nonprofit community development entity (BAC) is pleased to announce the award from the Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS) Administration for Children and Family Office of Community Services \$700,000 to create a Special Population Microenterprise Development employment/self-employment initiative to create permanent jobs, careers and start-up companies in primarily the industries of building trades, general construction, auto repair/service and building services for low-income individuals.

Van Howard, BAC President and CEO states, "Without question we are

pleased to acknowledge DHHS contribution to our business, technology and employment training efforts. We understand our nation's mission of serving all citizens and we are stepping up to the plate to serve these special populations.

Terry Allen, Business and Development Director says, "This funding falls in line with national trends to help fallen citizens. When our national partnership expanded with the addition of Black Enterprise as our media partner and the submission of our national ad in Black Enterprise Magazine (May 2005 Issue, pg. 84). We have received over 64 requests for information on how to start a small business from across the country. A large number of them were written

inquiries from individuals transitioning from prison. We forwarded, both electronically and via mail, our free 20-page electronic business start-up kit. We were pleased to forward this same free kit as an outreach effort that offers the potential of assisting these special populations with their re-entry efforts back into society. We hope that this will be a great tool to rebuilding the lives of our targeted populations and add to the economy of the city."

The Business Assistance Center will also hire additional staff and have small contract bid opportunity for training services by area small businesses. A technical assistance workshop on Saturday, November 5 and pre-bid conference on November 12,



BAC Business & Development Director Terry Allen

2005 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. is available for local area businesses and prospective employees. Individuals should email (president@bac5.org) BAC to request job postings if seeking employment or a proposal package if seeking contract opportunity.

Poll Finds Support For Wright Repeal In N. Texas

A new poll paid for by investors in a terminal at Love Field found that a majority of North Texans favor a repeal of the Wright Amendment.

According to the survey of 600 registered voters in Dallas, Tarrant and 10 other neighboring counties, 82 percent favor a repeal of the amendment, which limits long-haul flights from city-owned Love Field to a few surrounding states.

The survey, conducted by Public Opinion Strategies on Oct. 18 and 19, was paid for by Love Terminal Partners, a venture of Hampstead Group, a Dallas-based real estate company. The survey has a margin of error of 4 percent.

Last year, Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) launched a battle to repeal the amendment so that it could operate long-haul flights across the country from Love Field.

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and Fort Worth-based American Airlines (NYSE: AA), the fortress carrier at D/FW Airport, have opposed a repeal saying it would hurt the North Texas economy. They contend that Southwest could operate long-haul flights today if it moves some operations to D/FW.

"We believe it is disingenuous for Southwest Airlines, or for any study by anybody, to focus

on a piece of legislation when that is not what's holding Southwest back," said Kevin Cox, D/FW Airport's chief operating officer.

Cox added that a survey D/FW performed earlier this year of 2,700 D/FW Airport patrons found that, of those that had an opinion, 85 percent were in favor of Southwest flying out of D/FW Airport.

A U.S. Senate subcommittee plans to hold a hearing on the issue later this month.

According to the survey, the 82 percent of voters surveyed who support changing the amendment think it will be more convenient, create competition and result in lower fares.

The 13 percent who oppose changing the Wright Amendment, said that the amendment was an agreed upon deal and that if it were changed it would hurt the economy and create more traffic congestion in the Dallas area, according to the poll.

In Dallas County, 85 percent were in favor of changing the amendment and 8 percent said they wanted to keep the law in place. In Tarrant County, 70 percent favored change and 26 percent wanted the law to stay intact.

FCC Votes To Clear SBC-AT&T Merger

The Federal Communications Commission voted to approve SBC Communications Inc.'s planned merger with AT&T Corp.

The FCC's decision follows the Justice Department's ruling last week that the combination of the two communication powerhouses would not harm competition.

Officials with San Antonio-based SBC (NYSE: SBC) and Bedminster, N.J.-based AT&T (NYSE: T) are now awaiting final approvals from regulators in Arizona, California and Ohio before finalizing the merger.

The two companies already cleared regulatory hurdles in 33 states and the District of Columbia.

"The commission vote demonstrates a recognition that the merger of SBC and AT&T will enhance competition, help bring new technologies to market faster and provide real benefits to consumers and businesses," SBC Chairman and CEO Edward Whitacre Jr. said. "We commend the commission ... for recognizing the reality of today's communications marketplace and for fostering an environment where there will be greater choice in communications services and providers."

SBC and AT&T first

announced plans to merge the two companies on Jan. 31, 2005, in a transaction valued at \$16 billion. SBC plans to change its name to AT&T Inc. once the deal officially closes later this year.

SBC, which has more than 13,000 employees in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, provides voice, data, networking, e-business,

directory publishing and advertising services to homes and businesses. It is the nation's largest provider of DSL service and owns a 60 percent stake in Cingular Wireless.

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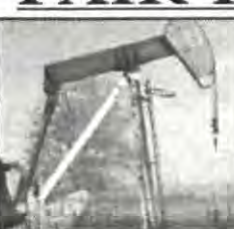
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Big Thought is pleased to announce that the Horace C. Cabe Foundation has awarded a \$15,000 grant toward the support of the Eureka! Fund. The Eureka! Fund breaks down barriers by providing free or subsidized arts programs to children at schools in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, or other places where the stu-

dents do not have access to community arts resources. Through the Eureka! Fund, children have access to a wide variety of arts programming as selected by their teachers from the Young Audiences of North Texas catalog.

The grant from the Horace C. Cabe Foundation will bring the Young Audiences of North Texas programs to as many as

fifty classrooms and over 1,000 students who will experience a performance, workshop or master class. One teacher summed up the power of the Eureka! Fund: "Every aspect of the Big Thought program has such quality that there are not enough superlatives to describe it. For many of our students, this will be their first exposure to a profes-

sional, live performance."

If you would like to learn more about how you can help support Big Thought or the Eureka! Fund, please contact Nancy Webb, Director of Individual Giving at 214.520.0023 ext. 221 or Patty Green, Director of Institutional Giving at 214.520.0023 ext. 213 or visit www.bigthought.org.

Plano Association For The Gifted And Talented Education Meeting

Can a gifted student "hit a brick wall"? How can the student develop skills that can help avoid underachievement? Carla Crutsinger, Director of Brainworks, published author and keynote speaker, will share her expertise on study skills for the gifted and talented student. Brainworks is a diagnostic and

tutoring facility in Carrollton, Texas.

The Plano Association for the Gifted and Talented (PAGT) is a parent led organization of parents, families and teachers of gifted students in the Plano area. The purpose of PAGT is to promote awareness of the unique social, emotional, and intellectual needs

of gifted and talented students and to advocate appropriate educational services to meet these needs. PAGT Website: <http://k12.pisd.edu/currinst/pagt.html>.

The Plano Council of PTAs has established the SAGE committee to provide an opportunity for families of students who learn dif-

ferently to share resources and friendship. SAGE Website: <http://www.planopta.org/sage.htm>

Avoiding Underachievement Study Skills for Gifted Students Tuesday, November 8, 2005 Plano Senior High School - Lecture Hall, Bldg B 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Richland College To Open Charter High School In Fall 2006

The State Board of Education approved today a charter for Richland College to operate a high school. It is the first such charter high school in the state.

Richland Collegiate High School (RCHS) will open in Fall 2006. Up to 400 high school students and seniors (200 in each class) will be able to complete their last two

years of high school as well as earn college credits. RCHS' curriculum will focus on mathematics, science and engineering. The school will be tuition-free, and students will be issued a laptop computer.

Students at RCHS won't miss out on many of the classic high school activities. They can participate in the Richland College choir, bands and

orchestras, theater productions, The Richland Chronicle student newspaper, intramurals, athletics, and student government.

RCHS will start by seeking applications for admission for students who will be in the 11th grade in Fall 2006. These applications will be accepted between Jan. 3, 2006, and March 31, 2006. Application

forms will be available at the RCHS offices and through the RCHS website beginning on Dec. 1, 2005. For more details about the admissions process to RCHS, visit www.richlandcollege.edu/rchs/admissions.htm.

For more information about Richland Collegiate High School, visit www.richlandcollege.edu/rchs or call David Canine at 972-238-6919.

One Man Page 1

The program was created by Dallas Independent Schools Board Trustee Ron Price in response to a challenge issued by comedian Bill Cosby during a May visit to Dallas. Mr. Cosby challenged black men to become involved with their communities and the young men that represent our future. Mr. Price contacted a wide array of community leaders and on July 13th, a meeting describing the need and objectives for mentoring youth was held at Friendship West Baptist Church.

That meeting was successful in generating interest, but exposed the need for a more specific focus. A group of teachers, business professionals, ministers and politicians was formed and huddled every Tuesday for five months to develop strategy and focus.

According to Mr. Price, the time for black men to act

is now.

"Why are we here? Because it's time," Mr. Price said in his remarks. "It is time to get in the minds of our youth-their behavior is showing us that they need our attention, and we must give it. I am not here tonight as a school board member, but as a black man in pain."

IBOC Pastor Rickie Rush was among the program strategists and issued an immediate challenge for every man in attendance.

"We need to have a change of definitions, our definitions tells us who we are. We have to change how we are perceived to change how we are received. Our young men do what we train

them to do," he said.

"I challenge each of you to immediately stop referring to each other as 'dog'. Eventually, you will start to act like what you

is key to how others see us and how we see ourselves."

Pastor Rush also talked about what will be necessary for the program to be successful.

"This is going to take training and discipline. It will involve hard work and dedication. The questions you have to answer are simple: Do I want to do this? Can I do it? Am I qualified?"

K-104 DJ, Nate Quick discussed how the first mentoring meeting inspired him to mentor a young Hurricane Katrina victim named Ryan. The young man recounted the horrors of his evacuation experience, and how important it has been to him to have a mentor to look up to. Nate Quick also gave some practical advice for would be mentors.

"I've mentored 2 boys in



Hurricane Evacuee Ryan with Nate Quick of K104

are constantly being called. We have to stop speaking like dogs and acting like dogs. I challenge you to stop referring to each other as 'fools'. If we call each other fools, we will be perceived as fools. No one is going to hire a dog or a fool. Our vocabulary

Evacuees Face Eviction Page 1

increases the need for apartments, trailers and mobile homes.

Pressure is building on FEMA to alter its policies. Two programs provide rent money directly to evacuees or reimburse local governments. But many evacuees have not received the cash or have used it for other needs. And some cities refuse to spend their own money up front.

Representatives of apartment owners who met with federal officials in Dallas on Thursday say about 15,000 Katrina evacuees in Texas alone face eviction in November for unpaid rent or for other reasons. "You face the possibility of people who rent apartments being displaced again," says Jim Arbury of the National Multi Housing Council.

FEMA spokeswoman Nicol Andrews says the agency is not considering changes. Any city that runs its own program will be reimbursed, she says.

Evacuees who have trouble using FEMA's three-month, \$2,358 rent checks can get help from caseworkers. "If (landlords) choose to evict people," she says, "they're free to do that."

Houston spent its own money for apartments for more than 5,000 families and issued rent vouchers for 25,000 more, says Sharon Adams of the city's Hurricane Housing Task Force.

Dallas used private funding to house about 2,000 families for

two months, but the money will run out soon.

"As callous as it sounds, our commitment to them was two months," says Celso Martinez of the Dallas mayor's office.

In Louisiana, directors of homeless shelters in Baton Rouge say they have taken in some evacuees from New Orleans who have nowhere else to go. "We're trying to help them get federal help, but they've sort of slipped through the cracks," says Michael Acaldio, CEO of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which operates several shelters.

Where They've Gone

Almost 300,000 households uprooted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have filed change-of-address forms for mail delivery. Top destinations:

Destination	Households
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Houston	29,252
Western New Orleans suburbs	19,767
Eastern Louisiana	18,517
Lafayette, La.	17,678
Biloxi Gulfport-Pascagoula, Miss.	13,845
Dallas	11,703
Atlanta	10,687
Mobile, Ala.	9,643

Source: Analysis of U.S. Postal Service data by Paul Overberg

Alito Nominated Page 1

that of White House counsel Harriet Miers, who withdrew as a Supreme Court pick on Thursday after she ran into harsh opposition from conservatives. Announcing his decision at the White House with Alito by his side, the president called Alito "one of the most accomplished and respected judges in America."

If confirmed by the Senate, the 55-year-old Alito would replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who has been a centrist and the swing vote in many closely decided cases.

Conservatives welcomed the choice. "President Bush has hit a home run," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss.

But liberal interest groups and some Democrats voiced immediate concerns, particularly because the choice may prove pivotal on the high court's future decisions on issues from abortion to civil rights and civil liberties.

"I would have hoped the president would have filled Sandra Day O'Connor's seat with a person in line with her philosophy," said Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La. "This is a needlessly provocative nomination," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the senior Democrat on the Judiciary Committee.

Landrieu and 13 other senators from both parties joined in a truce earlier this year to head off a threatened filibuster over Bush's court nominations. They declared that they

would not support such roadblock tactics unless "extraordinary circumstances" required it. For those who agreed to the deal, the question now is whether the Alito nomination meets that test.

Bush seemed to acknowledge the delicacy of the situation when he introduced his nominee. He said Alito "has a deep understanding of the proper role of judges in our society. He understands that judges are to interpret the laws, not to impose their preferences or priorities."

But the president's choice of Alito was made from what appeared to be a post-Miers position of political weakness and represented an effort to restore solidarity with his most conservative supporters.

It was those conservatives who helped bring down the Miers' nomination, and whose support Bush needs as he nego-

tiates the shoals of an unpopular war in Iraq, criticism over his administration's response to hurricane disasters and a CIA

leak scandal that resulted in the indictment of Vice President Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, on Friday.

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America's Newest Hitmaker: John Coltrane

Late saxophone player has two albums in jazz chart top 3
In a surprising development, saxophone trailblazer John Coltrane accounted for two of the top three jazz albums last week, 38 years after his death.

The two-disc Impulse! set "One Down, One Up: Live at the Half Note" entered at No. 3 on Billboard's top jazz albums chart for the week ended October 16. Sitting at No. 2 was Blue Note's recently released album by the Thelonious Monk Quartet with Coltrane, "At Carnegie Hall."

The Monk/Coltrane Carnegie Hall album — one of the few documents of the brief collaboration between two jazz titans — had never been heard before. A Voice of America tape of the long-lost 1957 concert was found in the

Library of Congress' holdings by researcher Larry Appelbaum.

High-quality unreleased material by Coltrane, who died of liver

Impulse! in 2002. In July, Columbia/Legacy released a previously unheard 1956 concert by the Miles Davis quintet with Coltrane as part of a two-CD edition of Miles' Columbia debut "Round About Midnight."

Says Ken Druker, VP catalog development at Impulse! "The (press coverage) involved in finding the Carnegie Hall tape drove it a little bit. Other than that, I think it is the legend. The (Coltrane) name seems to have magic to it. ... Aside from the magic of the name, there's the magic of the playing."

However, considering that the fare at the top of the current jazz chart is conservative material — mainly by vocalists including Michael Buble, Madeleine Peyroux, Paul Anka, Diana Krall and Harry Connick Jr. — the immediate success of

Coltrane's uncompromising music is somewhat unexpected. The Half Note performance, which finds Trane wailing in full-bore, free-blowing fashion, might be especially challenging for some.

But album annotator Ashley Kahn, author of a book on "A Love Supreme" and a forthcoming history of the Impulse! label called "The House That Trane Built," maintains that listeners have caught up with Trane: "It's a very universal, accessible sound, even though he's one of those guys who was very intense and devoted to experimental, avant-garde sound."

The current spate of interest in Coltrane could go on, for the musician's family has uncovered even more unheard material. Kahn says: "There's a whole bunch of tapes that even the record label didn't know about. There is going to be a lot more stuff."



Coltrane's 1964 album "A Love Supreme" is considered one of the great albums in history.

cancer in July 1967, has trickled out over the years.

The lone live recording of his masterpiece "A Love Supreme" finally was issued officially by

Fiddy Billboards Removed

Paramount Pictures has responded to public protests and has removed some controversial billboards for the studio's forthcoming 50 Cent film, Get Rich or Die Tryin'.

"This billboard conveys to the students a disturbing message actively promoting gun violence, criminal behavior and gang affiliation," Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich wrote to Paramount studio boss Brad Grey. "Placement of the billboard in this location at this time is an insensitive and reckless affront to the parents, school administrators and students seeking to improve their community."

At a rally Tuesday, organizer Najee Ali, head of Project

Islamic Hope, said, "We're calling upon Paramount Pictures to remove these billboards out of our neighborhood and from this city."

While the studio did not officially comment, a handful of signs in certain regions of the metropolitan area were removed by Friday. (The signs were taken down in school zones in neighborhoods particularly wracked by gang violence but remain standing in other locations.)

"I give them credit for responding and being sensitive to the community's needs," Antonovich, said Friday. "It's after the fact, but nevertheless the bottom line is they are removing the billboard."

The man at the center of the



Curtis Jackson (AKA 50 Cent) and Terrence Howard in a scene from "Get Rich or Die Tryin'"

controversy said he understood the studio's capitulation.

"I think Paramount made a business decision," 50 Cent told Reuters. "I don't have a problem with it. At the end of the day, those kids are going to see the film."

Get Rich or Die Tryin', due in theaters Nov. 9, is loosely

based on the hip-hop megastar's own life. Fiddy, born Curtis Jackson, was famously shot multiple times after living the life of a drug-dealing New York hustler.

His character in the film, much like Fiddy himself, gives up his gangster ways to make it in the music business.

Who's Got The Hook Up?

know, "Texas is a whole other country"; but when her old buddy, Russ Parr called and invited her to join him on a radio show in Washington D.C., promising opportunities beyond her wildest dreams, she packed her bags.

A few years have passed since Alfredas move to Washington D.C. and she is not only the co-host of the television show, Get The Hook Up but is also the co-host of The Russ Parr Morning Show on WKYS FM.

Who inspired you the most when you were young?

I'd like to say it was some famous broadcaster, actor or entertainer but the truth is it was both my parents. They inspired me to always do what I really loved because they hated what they were doing. They both had jobs that paid the bills and took care of the family but neither particularly liked what they did.

My mom always said do what you want and don't worry about the money.

What do you like most about being a celebrity?

I don't consider myself a celebrity in the least bit, but I love people and love it when they come up and talk to me. I appreciate fans of our radio and television show more than they'll ever know!

Did Russ keep his promise?

Boy did he ever! Russ didn't REALLY promise opportunities beyond my wildest dreams- he said I'd make more than 24k so I packed my bags! The truth is Russ is like the big brother I never had. You know the one you borrow money from and never give it back, or the one who comes to your rescue when you've got a flat tire and then yells at you the whole way home at what an imposition it was when he knows he wouldn't have

it any other way- that's Russ. His family is like my family and vice versa.

What do you miss most about Dallas?

I miss the congeniality and friendliness of Texans, I miss the weather, I miss the food and convenience of malls, grocery stores and drive through Starbucks! More than all of that, I miss my family. I miss barbecues at my sisters', going to church with Mom, Sunday dinners, watching my nephews and nieces and I miss just knowing that they're right around the corner if I need them.

Do you think you'll ever live in big D again?

I would love to live in Dallas again. I still have a house there and if I don't move to Dallas I'd at least love to be in Texas. I've fallen in love with Austin so we'll see. I'm a gypsy- I go where the work is.



Alfredas

By: Felicia Foy

If you've been watching the popular cable show, Get The Hook Up, the new version of The Dating Game, and thinking, that beautiful co-host sounds and looks familiar, you're right. Alfredas, (known to family and friends as Georgia), was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. In fact, this is where she began a career she describes as "simply perfect."

Alfredas always dreamed of being in broadcasting and while working on her degree at UTA in Arlington, she started her intern at KJMZ FM. She met Russ Parr and when an entertainment reporting position came open, she was offered the position. It wasn't long before her quick wit and crazy personality was noticed and she became the co-host of The Russ Parr Morning Show. The chemistry between the two was so electrifying that in a short time, Alfredas was co-hosting with Russ on local television shows like 21 Texas and Flava TV.

Alfredas has played in commercials and movies including Miss Congeniality as the reigning Miss USA. She also co-hosted the show Net Talk Live. After the format at KJMZ FM changed, things changed for Alfredas.

There are very few things that could move Alfredas from home again, because as all Texans

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Isley Bro Nailed For Tax Dodge

These are taxing times indeed for R&B legend Ronald Isley.

A federal jury in Los Angeles on Monday convicted the singer of five counts of tax evasion and one count of willful failure to file a tax return. Isley faces up to 26 years in prison for the tax dodging at his sentencing Jan. 9.

During the trial, IRS officials said Isley tried to further avoid taxes by asking to be paid in only cash for performances between 1997 and 2002—amounts that added up to millions of dollars. The agency also claimed Isley bought personal cars using a business account and paid band members in cash to keep transactions off the books.

The Ohio native was indicted in October 2004. He entered a not guilty plea in January.

Isley, who suffered a minor stroke last summer, remains best known for his smooth vocals that have graced Isley Brothers hits for the better part of 40 years.

The group got its start in 1951 and struck it big with the



1959 single "Shout," followed by a hit 1962 cover of "Twist and Shout," the 1965 Motown classic "This Old Heart of Mine" and 1969's "It's Your Thing," before having even greater success in the 1970s. The band helped define the R&B/funk groove of the era with hits like "Who's That Lady" and "Fight the Power (Part 1)" before moving toward a more disco sound as the decade ended.

In 2003, the Isleys topped the charts with Body Kiss and, later that year, Ron Isley collaborated with Burt Bacharach on the album Here I Am. An Isley Brothers remix album, Taken to the Next Phase, dropped in August 2004.

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Little hired another cook, Cedric Henderson, a Katrina evacuee, who is helping his mother salvage what's left of their New Orleans home. He could not be reached.

According to Little, the restaurant, which opened in Frisco four months ago, still has many openings. He would prefer if they went to evacuees and Louisiana natives.

"If you walk through the door with a driver's license from Louisiana, I'll hire you on the spot, 'cause those are the people I want," said

Little. He said the lack of experience is outweighed by the desire to have people who know Cajun.



Rod Little with employee and hurricane victim Ivan Dixon.

"They bring the culture," Little said. "They know how it tastes and how it's supposed to

taste." The Dallas native has found it difficult in the past to convince people that his recipes are as Cajun as those served in New Orleans.

"I serve someone my gumbo, they take a taste of it and ask, 'Where are you from?'" Little said. They quickly change their minds when he tells them his gumbo recipe is from a culinary instructor at Louisiana State University.

Little's sympathy may come from the fact that his restaurant has experienced some hard times of its own. The

effects of Hurricane Katrina have raised the costs of everything Rod's depends on to deliver the taste of the Bayou to patrons.

"My costs have gone up, but I just can't raise my food prices. It hurts, it really does," Little said.

Some menu mainstays such as oysters are not even available for import because of destroyed oyster beds.

According to Little, the effects of high-priced fuel and people trying to save money have compounded the problem.

"People just aren't going out to eat as much," Little said.

"What can you do?"

It seems, however, Little is putting Rod's to more use than just feeding its patrons. Despite its own difficulties, the restaurant is reaching out to those who have experienced more tragedy than most will in a lifetime.

For people like Dixon, a simple Cajun restaurant can prove to be more than just a place to work. Dixon said he plans to stay in the Dallas area and hopes to enroll at Collin County Community College soon.

"It's a start over for me," Dixon said.

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spirit. Each day, it is good to read the Bible and thank God for speaking to us through the scriptures. Ask God to give you eyes to see, and ears to hear His message for you. Above all, ask God to give you the will to follow His leading. God's signs can make the difference.

Do What You Can: God doesn't demand the impossible, just the possible. God takes our efforts and accomplishes the amazing. We may not think we bring much to the table; but God

can make a great feast from very little when we give it willingly. Ask God to give you strength to do your best and to shoulder your part of the load. Ask Him to help you be someone that He can depend on. If you do what you can, God will do what you cannot.

Making Room for God's Love: Every so often the closets in your home may need to be cleaned out. When you try to put something away you discover you have no room. There are clothes that don't fit, old papers that need throwing away, and boxes of things long forgotten and unused.

Your spiritual life can become like your closet - so full of unnecessary and even harmful attitudes and behaviors that there is no room for the good or the new. As followers of Christ, we are called to be conscious of all we carry around that doesn't allow room for God's love in our lives and our hearts. If we are self-absorbed, we have no room to care for others. If we are full of hate and prejudice, we have no room for compassion and love.

Our faith calls us to continually let go of what takes up space in our hearts and minds and in stead to allow ourselves to be filled with the love of God. Ask God to help you empty your life of everything that keeps you from living your life as His disciple.

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to make others aware of lupus, that's part of why I'm still here. My plea is that people will join my team of walkers to raise money for a cure on November 12th. But if they can't walk with me, I'm asking them to make a donation so that a cure can be found through research."

Parties interested in participating or donating to the Dallas Walk with Us to Cure Lupus Walkathon should visit Dorian's link at <http://walk.lupusresearch.org> by clicking on the Dallas Walk and entering Dorian's name.

on steroids and my lupus is in remission. I have my bad and good days, but I am grateful for my bad days because they mean I am still alive."

Dorian is excited about her recovery. She is also excited to be participating in the first ever Dallas Walk with Us to Cure Lupus Walkathon on Saturday, November 12th, which is sponsored by the Alliance for Lupus Research. The walk will be held at Bachman Lake.

Dorian believes there is a higher purpose in her affliction.

"I think God has used my illness



Sister Tarpley

God's Words Are Pure Nourishment: There was a Christian lady that said she often skipped meals. When I don't eat breakfast in the morning I say my prayers, "Jesus is my breakfast!" I keep my focus on Jesus, who is the primary source of strength for all of us, regardless of economic condition. Jesus is the Bread of Life.

The Same Grace: One day the worst bully in school called to ask my forgiveness for all the terrible things he had done and said. I could scarcely take it in. The school bully was actually asking my forgiveness! I extended him the same grace that Christ showed to me. Extending forgiveness to somebody who's been malicious is hard. Everything in our nature demands that we get revenge, with triple-digit interest added. But though revenge may taste sweet for a time, it is poison to our hearts and spirits. Ask God for grace to forgive others as you have been forgiven. When you forgive, you are released from bondage and past hurts.

Signposts for Living: While driving on a new highway I noticed several large electronic signs at various intervals above the road. Some of the signs were blank, while others flashed a message, usually warning motorists of traffic conditions ahead. I looked at all of the signs because one might say something that would affect my route or safety.

Thinking about the signs it dawned on me that I read the Bible each day for much the same reason. On any given day there may be a message that will change the direc-

Lupus Walkathon Page 1

fight over the past 16 years.

"There is no cure for lupus. I came out of the coma but I was unable to walk or talk for nearly eight months. I've had to endure four hip replacement surgeries due to being medicated on very high doses of prednisone (steroids)," she said.

"It is only because of my faith in God, and the support of my friends and family that I have been able to recover. I thank God I am walking on my own again. I am no longer

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November 19, 1:00 pm

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend our Fourth Annual Scholarship Banquet. This year the honorees are Rev. Cecil Smith, Sr. for his Community Leadership and Ms. Janice Manous for her work in the field of Education. The banquet will be held at Covenant Church Wedding Chapel, 2644 E. Trinity Mills Road, Carrollton, TX 75006.

There will be plenty of food, fun, fellowship, and entertainment. For more information and donations, please call 972-242-0933. This is an event that you don't want to miss.

Christ Community Connection
Rev. Willie Rainwater,
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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
Rev. Isaac Johnson, Coordinator
P. O. Box 225863
Dallas, TX 75222-5863
972-235-6432 or
214-632-6519

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, THE COLONY

November 5, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Our Health Ministry is hosting a Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by Kroger Food Stores. Anyone 14 years and older can receive vaccine. It is strongly recommended that the elderly and those with heart conditions, diabetes, cancer, and asthma receive a shot. For more information, please call Elaine Reeves, Director @ 214-724-5764

Friendship Baptist Church
Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor
4396 Main Street
The Colony, TX 75056
972-625-8186

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, CARROLLTON

November 3, 7:00 pm

Join us for our Prayer and Praise Service followed by our Corporate Bible Study night that is led by Pastor Sanders. There are special classes for the youth and children.

Keller Springs Baptist Church
Rev. Larry Sanders, Pastor
3227 Keller Springs Road
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Join Us at Our New Worship

Location:
November 6, 9:00 am
"New Service Times"
Sunday Life Bible School - Sundays @ 9:00 am
Sunday Life Worship Service - Sundays @ 10:00 am

Life In The Word Prayer & Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
For more information, please call 972-671-1096

New Life Fellowship Church
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr.
Senior Pastor
New Worship Location:
Wyndham Garden Hotel-Park Central
8051 LBJ Freeway
Dallas, TX 75251
972-671-1096
Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 940466
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NEW PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

November 16 - 18, 6:30 pm

V & B Ministries, Inc. will conduct classes for youth and adults. Special Guest Evangelist is Dr. Frank E. Ray, Sr., Pastor of New Salem MBC in Memphis, TN. The General Assembly Instructor will be Dr. Timothy Winters, Pastor of Bayview MBC in San Diego, CA.

For more information, directions, or registration, please call 214-637-1019. Childcare will be provided for children that are 3 years and younger.

New Pilgrim Rest MBC
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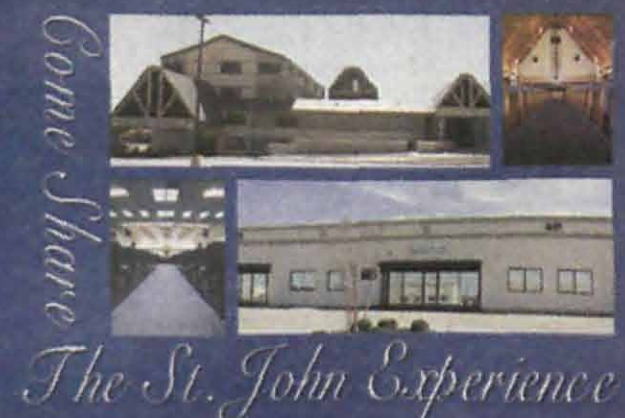
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MON-The Gazette receives 1st Place for "Best Religious Section"
at the 19th Annual African American Texas Publisher's Association Conference. The contest was judged by the University of Texas at Tyler.

Black Women Played Key Roles in the Civil Rights Movement



Ella Baker



Septima Poinsette Clark



Fannie Lou Hamer

By: Erin Texeira
Ella Baker. Septima Poinsette Clark. Fannie Lou Hamer. They and others risked their lives and worked tirelessly, demanding a social revolution - but history has often overlooked them. They were the women of the civil rights movement.

Though historians now acknowledge that women, particularly African-Americans, were pivotal in the critical battles for racial equality, Rosa Parks' death highlights the fact that she was one of the very few female civil rights figures who are widely known. Most women in the movement played background roles, either by choice or due to bias, since being a woman of color meant facing both racism and sexism.

"In some ways it reflects the realities of the 1950s: There were relatively few women in public leadership roles," said Julian Bond, a civil rights historian at the University of Virginia and chair of the

NAACP. "So that small subset that becomes prominent in civil rights would tend to be men. But that doesn't excuse the way some women have just been written out of history."

For many, the wives of the movement's prominent male leaders, including Coretta Scott King, Betty Shabazz and Myrlie Evers Williams, were among the most visible women in the struggle.

But scan historical images of the most dramatic moments of the civil rights movement - protesters blasted by fire hoses and dogs lunging at blacks - and women and girls are everywhere.

In 1963, tens of thousands of women who joined the March on Washington witnessed a tribute to prominent women, songs by several women, and brief remarks by the entertainer Josephine Baker, but no woman made a speech.

Countless women in the movement could have spoken:

-Ella Baker was a charismatic labor organizer and longtime

leader in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She believed the movement should not place too much emphasis on leaders.

-Septima Poinsette Clark, often called the "queen mother" of civil rights, was an educator and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People activist decades before the nation's attention turned to racial equality.

-Fannie Lou Hamer, a Mississippi sharecropper, was beaten and jailed in 1962 for trying to register to vote. She co-founded the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and gave a fiery speech at the 1964 Democratic National Convention.

Even today, Bond said most NAACP members and most local branch presidents are women.

"There's a Chinese saying, 'Women hold up half the world,'" Bond said. "In the case of the civil rights movement it's probably three-quarters of the world."

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NEW NEXT GENERATION

November 27, 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

We are hosting a dinner and play at the Carrollton Library located at the Josey Ranch Lake on Keller Springs Road in Carrollton, TX. Our great and dramatic play "Oh, My Child" which has now been shown in California and Mesquite, TX; is now moving across Texas. The meal and play is free for ticket holders of "Oh, My Child." For additional information and to RSVP, email: newnextgen2@msn.com.

New Next Generation
Ms. Rosie McGee Founder/CEO
18352 North Dallas Parkway
Suite 136-217
Dallas, TX 75287

NEW UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

November 6, 3:00 pm

Please join us for our Annual Men's Day Celebration. Our guest speaker will be Bishop K. D. Davis, Sr., Overseer of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in Corsicana, TX.

Unity Baptist Church
Rev. S. Roberson, Pastor
6332 Bonnie View Road
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Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
1010-1020 South Sherman Street
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November 6, 7, & 9, 7:00 pm

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November 11 - 12, 6:00 pm

The public is invited to a FREE "Raise the Praise Radio Show" that will include a Gospel Expo, featuring a Concert; a Star Search Talent Show, Job Fair, Entrepreneur Fair, Job Fair, and a Hair Style Show. There will be FREE food and a prize including cash to the winners of the Talent Search.

The Gospel Expo will be at the Radisson Hotel in the King George Ballroom, 2330 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX 75220. For more information, please call Ron @ 972-572-8284

November 27, 6:30 pm

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Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Please join us and bring a friend as we study Women of The Word in our Truth on Tuesday Bible Study Night.

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

SIXTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

November 6, 3:00 pm

Bishop K.D. Davis, Sr. will be the guest minister at New Unity Baptist Church, 6332 Bonnie View Road, Dallas, TX 75241 in celebration of

their Annual Men's Day. The public is invited.

November 10, 7:00 pm

Please join us for our Friends and Family Night. Our theme: "Then and Now."

November 13, 3:00 pm

Everyone is invited to our 101st Church Anniversary. Our theme is "Then and Now." Special guests include First Independent Baptist Church, New Cornerstone Baptist Church, and Shekinah Tabernacle Baptist Church in Dallas.

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Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.



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972-671-1096 (Church)

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

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Life In The Word Prayer and Bible Study (Wednesdays): 7:00 p.m.

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Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor



Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Early Morning Worship

8:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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