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## People In The News



Playwright August Wilson, whose epic 10-play cycle chronicling the black experience in 20th-century America included such landmark dramas as "Fences" and "The Piano Lesson," died Sunday of liver cancer, a family spokesman said. He was 60.

Wilson received the Pulitzer Prize for "Fences," plus best-play Tony nominations for six of his other plays, the Pulitzer Prize for "The Piano Lesson," and the Nobel Peace Prize for "Fences."

Wilson's plays gave steady employment to black actors, such as Laurence Fishburne, Phylicia Rashad, Angela Bassett, Charles S. Dutton, Brian Stokes Mitchell, S. Epatha Merkerson, Ronce Lee Browne and Leslie Uggams appeared in his plays on Broadway.

The Dallas Chapter of Women in Film will present actress Ina V. Hall with its Texas Award at their annual Texas Awards Gala. This year's ceremony takes place on Saturday, October 15th at the Westin Galleria Hotel.

Hall began her acting career in film while working as a school teacher. At 36, she landed a role in the feature film "Book of Numbers." In 1976, after acting in several episodes of Dallas, her acting career gained momentum. In 1996, Ina won the Chicago Film Critics Award for "Best Supporting Actress" for her performance in A Family Thing starring James Earl Jones and Robert Duvall. In 1999 she won an NAACP Image Award for "Best Supporting Actress" for her work as Big Momma in the film Soul Food, and was again nominated for an Image Award in 2001 when she played her role in the short-lived series based on the film.

As 2003 began, Ms. Hall was nominated for an NAACP Image Award for "Best Actress" for The Ladykillers, and was inducted into the Texas Film Hall of Fame at ceremonies in Austin, Texas in March.

The Texas Award was established in 1987 to honor a distinguished Texas woman, who, through her own vision, has made outstanding contributions to the film and television industry. For actors in the 2005 Texas Awards Gala log onto www.wifilife.org or call 214.954.4468.

Alleta Stampley's position at Bank of America keeps her involved with the community, but Alleta's dedication to bettering communities doesn't end when she's off the clock. The successful executive and busy mother of five is an avid volunteer and community activist, whether in the office or away from her desk.

Ms. Stampley joined Bank of America in 1997 and has served as a marketing manager, banking center manager, and marketing program development specialist. Stampley is currently a Bank of America Vice President, focusing on Community Development banking and market management.

An active volunteer with Girls, Inc., Junior Achievement, the Samaritan Inn and Habitat for Humanity, Ms. Stampley has a passion for groups that educate young people and teach them a variety of life skills, including foreign languages and business and financial literacy.

Ms. Stampley also serves on the board of directors at the St. Philip's School and Community Center, a private school in South Dallas which now serves approximately 200 students from 3 years through the sixth grade.

One of Ms. Stampley's greatest gifts to the community was providing a 15-year-old named Charmaine with a home. Three years ago, Charmaine lived near the Stampley family. When they learned that the girl needed a place to stay during a tumultuous family crisis, Stampley and her husband Samuel welcomed Charmaine into their family as a daughter.

Stampley and her husband reside in McKinney with their five children.

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## Bush Nominates Dallas Native Harriet Miers for High Court



**By Deb Riechmann**  
President Bush nominated White House counsel Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court on Monday, turning to a lawyer who has never been a judge to replace Sandra Day O'Connor and help reshape the nation's judiciary.

"She has devoted her life to the rule of law and the cause of justice," Bush said as his first Supreme Court pick, Chief Justice John Roberts, took the bench for the first time just a few blocks from the White House.

If confirmed by the Republican-controlled Senate,

Miers, 60, would join Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as the second woman on the nation's highest court and the third to serve there. Miers was the first woman to serve as president of the Texas State Bar and the Dallas Bar Association.

Within hours of Bush's announcement in the Oval Office, Miers traveled to the Capitol to begin courtesy calls on the senators who will vote on her nomination.

Frist, R-Tenn., was first on the list. His welcome was a statement in praise. "With this selection, the president has chosen another outstanding nominee to sit on our nation's highest court," he said.

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid was complimentary, issuing a statement that said he likes Miers and adding "the Supreme Court would benefit from the addition of a justice who has real experience as a

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## Bennett's Comments Met With Condemnation, Call For Advertiser Boycott

**By Michael H. Cottman**  
Conservative radio commentator William Bennett, the former U.S. Secretary of Education, came under sharp criticism from the White House, black leaders and officials from both the Democratic and Republican parties last week for comments suggesting that abhorring black children would lessen America's crime problem.

"I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could - if that were your sole purpose, you could abhor every black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down," Bennett said last week on his radio talk show, "Morning in America," after a caller raised the issue of abortion.

"That would be an impossible, ridiculous and morally reprehensible thing to do," Bennett added, "but your crime rate would go down."

Civil rights activists immediately characterized



U.S. Rep. John Conyers

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## New Garland Development Ignores Black Press

**By Paul Halley**  
Frederick Douglass said: "Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will." Mr. Douglass, a newspaper publisher, never heard of the Firewheel Town Center in Garland or of Simon Property Group - yet his words are aptly appropriate for the situation in Garland regarding minority inclusion in community business development.

After several years of planning and over 25 years of owning the property, the Simon Property Group has announced the grand opening of the Firewheel Town Center on October 7-9 in Garland, Texas. Located at State Highway 190 (George Bush Turnpike) and State Highway 78, the Firewheel Town Center is a mixed use development featuring 750,000 square feet of retail/entertainment space and 75,000 square feet of second level office space. The open-air main street project will be anchored by Dillard's and Foley's department stores and AMC Theaters.

The only problem with the highly anticipated devel-

opment is the complete disregard by Simon Property Group for repeated attempts by the local black press to be included in the advertising plans for the development.

It appears Firewheel Town Center has taken the position to not invite African Americans to shop their business by advertising in the black press because they are certain that blacks will show up invited or not. This position raises questions about the commitment of the Simon Property Group in partnership with the black community and about their intentions to include minority vendors and advertisers as part of their business activities. It also raises questions about how

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## New Orleans' Racial Makeup Up In Air

**Some black areas may not be rebuilt, HUD chief says**  
**By Lori Rodriguez and Zake Minsay**  
It will be years before New Orleans regains the half-million population it had before Hurricane Katrina, and the population might never again be predominantly black, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson said Wednesday during a visit to Houston.

"Whether we like it or not, New Orleans is not going to be 500,000 people for a long time," he said. "New Orleans is not going to be as black as it was for a long time, if ever again."

He said he isn't sure that the Ninth Ward, a predominantly black and poor neighborhood devastated by flooding, should be rebuilt at all. If it is, the new construction should be designed to withstand disaster, he said.

In a meeting with the Houston Chronicle editorial board, the housing secretary, who is black, also criticized the Rev. Jesse Jackson and other black lead-



HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson

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## Armed Services Recruitment

**By Gwen Elder**  
The armed services have been for many a place to go to create opportunities and expand options. One had the opportunity not only to see the world, but earn money for college. Borrowing one branch's slogan, it's a place where "You can be all you can be."

With the many deaths of American soldiers in Iraq it begs the question has that had an effect on recruitment?

Kimberly Levine, media representative for the Army said, "We closed out the fiscal year 2005 meeting our recruitment goals."

Representing North Texas, the Dallas Recruiting Battalion outpaced other battalions around the nation according to Levine. Their numbers are:

- 3,073 into the regular army
- 663 into the army reserve
- Levine suggests that the army has been able to meet the recruitment goals by utilizing a number of methods. They include:
  - Hiring more recruiters
  - Increasing enrichment bonuses and incentives
  - Initiating a reservation system which guarantees the enlistees a job of their choice pending qualifications
  - Enlistees can qualify for up to \$75,000 towards college and even be eligible to receive signing bonuses up to \$20,000
  - Obtain \$65,000 repayment of qualified college loans repayment.
- Levine states she doesn't know if the war in Iraq has

Armed Services Page 7

## Civil Rights Lawyer Constance Baker Motley Dies

**By Larry Neumeister**  
When she was 15, Constance Baker Motley was turned away from a public beach because she was black. It was only then - even though her mother was active in the NAACP - that the teenager really became interested in civil rights.

She went to law school and found herself fighting racism in landmark segregation cases including Brown v. Board of Education, the Central High School case in Arkansas and the case that let James Meredith enroll at the University of Mississippi.

Motley also broke barriers herself. She was the first black woman appointed to the federal bench, as well as the first one elected to the New York state Senate.

Motley, who would have celebrated her 40th anniversary on the bench next year, died Wednesday of congestive heart failure at NYU Downtown Hospital, said her son, Joel Motley III. She was 84.

"She is a person of a kind and stature the likes of which they're not making anymore," said Chief Judge Michael Mukasey in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, where Motley served.



Constance Baker Motley with client James Meredith, 1962.

Kimba Wood said. "As she grew, she was unfailingly optimistic and positive - she never let herself be diverted from her goal of achieving civil rights, even though, as she developed as a lawyer, she faced almost constant condescension from our profession due to her being an African-American

Constance Motley Dies Page 3

## Grand Jury Re-Indicts DeLay on New Charge

**By April Castro**  
A Texas grand jury on Monday re-indicted Rep. Tom DeLay on charges of conspiring to launder money and money laundering after the former majority leader attacked last week's indictment on technical grounds.

The new indictment, handed up by a grand jury seated Monday, contains two counts: conspiring to launder money and money laundering. The latter charge carries a penalty of up to life in prison. Last week, DeLay was charged with conspiracy to violate campaign finance laws.

Defense lawyers asked a judge Monday to throw out the first indictment, arguing that the charge of conspiring to violate campaign finance laws was based on a statute that didn't take effect until 2003 - a year after the alleged acts.

The new indictment from District Attorney Ronnie Earle,



coming just hours after the new grand jurors were sworn in, outraged DeLay.

"Ronnie Earle has stooped to a new low with his brand of prosecutorial abuse," DeLay said in a statement. "He is trying to pull the legal equivalent of a 'do-over' since he knows very well that the charges he brought against me last week are totally manufactured and illegitimate. This is an abomination of justice."

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# Richardson ISD Formally Dedicates The Thurgood Marshall Elementary School

By: Owen Elder

The Richardson Independent School District held an official naming ceremony for the Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, 9666 Ferris Branch Drive, on Sunday, October 2.

On hand for the ceremony was the School Superintendent Jim Nelson, RISD Board of Trustees Chairman, Luke Davis, other

school officials, dignitaries, faculty, staff, students, parents and supporters.

The school, completed in August 2005, is located in a serene residential neighborhood. It sits on 11 acres of land and the building occupies 85,775 sq. ft. Currently the enrollment is 567 students and 46 teachers. It boasts the latest in technology with a computer room and media room.

According to officials, every aspect of the school focuses on education. The school colors are black and gold and their mascot is a Trailblazer, which symbolizes freedom in education.

Luke Davis, President of RISD Board of Trustees stated during the ceremony that the idea to name the school after U.S. Supreme Court Justice Marshall occurred during this year's 50th celebration of the Brown vs. Board of Education decision. Marshall served as one of the lead attorneys for the NAACP in 1954, in which the court ruled that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. "The decision to name the school after Thurgood Marshall was a unanimous one," Davis stated. The school is the first in RISD named after a person of color.

Superintendent of Schools, Jim Nelson outlined the accomplishments of Thurgood Marshall and concluded by stating, "He led a life of distinction." He believes that the students have an opportunity to be

successful at a very early age and they will take advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

David Tyson, the district's first African American trustee read a letter from former Mayor of Atlanta and former UN Ambassador Andrew Young. Young congratulated them on their choice of name for the school stating, "Justice Marshall supported the voiceless in America while serving on the Supreme Court."

The principal of the school Wanda Watkins, remarked that "Thurgood Marshall's legacy lets us say we are proud to be 'trailblazers.' We are moving forward to meet the challenges." She was able to obtain an official portrait of Marshall from the Supreme Court archives for \$170. The portrait will hang in the school's hallway.

Also participating in the ceremony were students who presented highlights about the life of Marshall and sang several songs including the official school song.



Dignitaries, staff and students stand with official portrait of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.



Richardson ISD Trustee David Tyson addresses students.



Thurgood Marshall Elementary School



David Tyson, Trustee, Jim Nelson, Superintendent of Schools and Wanda Watkins, Principal unveil portrait of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

## Rescheduled Public Hearing - January 2006 Service Change Proposals

November 6, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

DART Board Room, 1401 Pacific Ave., Downtown Dallas

A public hearing related to the January 2006 bus service changes has been rescheduled for November 6, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., in the DART Board Room, 1401 Pacific Ave., Downtown Dallas. There will be additional opportunities to provide input during the DART Board Meeting public comment period on October 11, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., at DART Headquarters, and during a special meeting at DART Headquarters on October 24, 2005 at 6 p.m.

The service changes proposed include: Routes 11, 31, 35, 36, 46, 59, 60, 155, 183, 184, 202, 207, 234, 247, 281, 301, 302, 304, 305, 306, 309, 310, 350, 360, 385, 404, 412, 488, 567, 503, 534, 551, 560, 564, 566, 567, 580, 581, 571, Lake Highlands On-Call.

### Pre-Public Hearing Community Meetings

Thursday, October 6, 2005 • 6:30 p.m.

Addison Conference Center

15650 Addison Road

Addison, Mapco 6-1

Monday, October 10, 2005 • 12 p.m.

DART Board Room

1401 Pacific Ave.

Dallas, Mapco 45-4

### Process for receiving comments

The DART Board of Directors encourages public comments on the right of the public hearing or in writing before the hearing. Those desiring to speak should contact DART Community Affairs at 214-749-7232 to register. Advance registration will be accepted until 1 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Those who have not pre-registered may sign up immediately before the hearing begins and will be scheduled to speak after those who have pre-registered. In addition, written comments received any time before the hearing is adjourned will become a part of the official hearing record. Written comments may be submitted the night of the hearing or mailed in advance to:

DART January 2006 Bus Service Change Proposals Public Hearing

P.O. Box 680161 • 1401 Pacific Ave., Dallas, TX 75266-7232

Those sending comments should include their name, address and telephone number.

### Notice for the hearing and visually impaired

If you wish to attend the Public Hearing and need sign language interpretation, please notify DART at least 24 hours in advance by calling the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf number: 214-749-3628. A Braille version of materials will be made available upon request.

### For additional information

Please contact DART Community Affairs at 214-749-7243.

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## Around The Town

### On Going

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

Receive a free mammogram from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 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.

A brand new traveling exhibit opens at the Dallas Museum of Natural History.

"Moneyville Exhibition" from September 24, 2005, through January 8, 2006. Chase and The State Fair of Texas sponsor the exhibition. Moneyville uses the fascinating subject of money to build math skills and promote economic literacy in a fun, immersive setting. For more information, or for

volunteer opportunities, call the Museum at (214) 421-DINO (3466), ext. 200 or visit the Museum's website at www.dallasdino.org.

Floetry Friday's, every Friday night at Tiki's Restaurant, 408 S. Harwood (Downtown Dallas near the Farmers Market) doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m.

A complimentary dinner buffet will be served until 9:30 p.m. Open Mic 8:00-9:00 p.m. Call to sign up (214) 559-7168.

Help the City of Garland Clean Up Its Parks and Neighborhoods. The City of Garland invites you to participate in the annual Trash Bash, to clean up Duck Creek, various parks and neighborhoods. For more information call 972-205-3864.

Volunteers are needed! The City of Garland is teaming up with the community to open a full-time donations/distribution center. The Garland Cares Hurricane Relief Center is being established as a response to the devastation on the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina. The Garland Cares Hurricane Relief Center is located at 140 N. Garland Avenue (between Main & State Streets). The Center is also accepting donations of any kind. To receive a volunteer form email: gra-

landcares@ci.garland.tx.us or call 972-272-6035.

Teens at work is a nonprofit organization that prepares youth ages 16-19 for the workplace through career development and job placement assistance. Beginning Oct. 10 at 9:00 a.m. (event occurs monthly) at 1402 Corinth St., Suite 243 in Dallas. Registration is \$50 and time is running out. Sign up today. For more info call 214-565-9763, for dates and details or visit www.teensatwork.net.

### October 8

Titus Glen & United Voices a group of college students from the University of North Texas and surrounding areas present: Live Recording "After the Heart of God", at the Fair Park Friendship Center, 1321 Rowan, Dallas, 6:00pm. Call 214-697-3774

The East Plano Marching Panther Band Boosters are hosting the 24th Annual Plano East Marching Festival. The bands will perform at Clark Field with over 25 bands expected to attend. For information call 972-527-8498.

DISD will host "Key to Education" College Fair, along with the Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Several universities and colleges are expected to attend. It will be held at Southern Methodist University from 8:30am-2pm. Call 214-860-

2432 for information.

Texas Gospel Singers in the Metroplex Coming Together in Unity, New St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 10345 Webb Chapel Rd., 7:30pm. Call 214-351-6510 for information.

Les Brown Hosts 10th Annual Celebrating Life Awards Luncheon, Westin Galleria, 13340 Dallas Parkway. For information call 972-501-9983

### October 10

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### October 14

Girls Night Out at the Fair Way located at 4501 E. 14th Street Pecan Hollow Club House from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This is going to be a great and fun night for women to relax, eat, drink, laugh and shop only \$20 per person. Register on-line by Monday October 10th at planoparks.org if paying by credit card, or at any Plano Recreation Center. Course code 62315, must be 21 to attend. For more information contact Colette Hall,

Recreation Superintendent at 972-941-7274.

### October 15

Fall Masquerade: Mother & Son Campout & Lock-in: The City of Plano will host the 3rd annual Mother-Son Dance. The dance is for boy's ages 4-10 years and their mothers. Couples are also encouraged to wear their favorite costumes to the Fall Masquerade. There will be dinner and refreshments, and guests will receive a complimentary photo to remember the evening. The dance is \$15 per person. To register contact Plano Parks Recreation Center at 972-941-7250 or www.planoparks.org.

### October 20

The Mesquite Arts Council is pleased to present local talent in a Dance Spectacular, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., co-produced by Vicki Echman, at the Mesquite Campus Auditorium. Contact the Arts Council at 346-ARTS for more information.

### 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.

### October 29

City of Garland hosts the 3rd annual Neighborhood Leadership Conference, "Building Community for the Inside Out." The conference will be held at the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth Street from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person and will feature keynote speaker Tina Z. Moore Owner and Chief Consultant "I Am Pleased Development Center, in Houston. There will be breakfast, lunch and conference materials included in the fee. With 3 paid registrations, fourth person may attend free.

### November 5

India Arie in concert at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters (Naomi Bruton Theater), 650 S. Griffin Street (Corner of Akard and Canton Streets) in Dallas. For ticket information and ticket-masters call 214-743-2400.

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# THE TRUTH CLINIC Circulating Hate, Bigotry And Racism By E-Mail

By: James W. Breedlove

Recently I received one of those enticing e-mails designed to cause the reader to spontaneously forward the skillfully crafted message to others. This one was advising a boycott of a US Postal Service stamp honoring the Islamic holiday Eid. The rationale in the e-mail for the boycott was the following:

"REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993. REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of the Marine Barracks in Lebanon. REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of the military barracks in Saudi Arabia. REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of the American Embassies in Africa. REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of the U.S. Cole. REMEMBER the MUSLIM attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11/01. REMEMBER the MUSLIM attack on the Pentagon on 9/11/01. REMEMBER all the AMERICAN lives that were lost in those vicious MUSLIM attacks."

Now the United States Postal Service REMEMBERS and HONORS the MUSLIMS with a commemorative first class postage stamp.

I strongly urge you to REMEMBER to adamantly and vocally BOYCOTT this stamp when purchasing your stamps at the post office. To use this stamp would be a slap in the face to all those AMERICANS who died at the hands of those whom this stamp honors. I also strongly urge you to pass this along to every patriotic American you know, whether by e-mail or otherwise. (original e-mail dated 02/20/03)"

The most striking feature of the message was the large, 28-point bold type font in vivid red and blue colors. A real eye catcher. The nine repetitive mesmerizing "REMEMBER" lines almost

automatically move your fingers toward the computer-forwarding key to send the message to everyone on your mail list without even pausing to discern what was being passed on. Emotions, properly stirred up, entice individuals to become practitioners of the potentially dangerous herd mentality.

Let's take a closer look at the ignorance trap lurking in this hate filled "Muslim" e-mail and derive some good from this evil message.

First, no one is taking ownership of this controversial e-mail after being in circulation two years. Most boycotts are backed by an organization or aggrieved individual ready willing and able to speak out on behalf of the action. Hatred and bigotry love secrecy.

Second, a Muslim is someone who embraces the message of Islam. The horrible deeds such as the Pan Am Bombing, The 9/11 Bombing, The Cole Bombing etc. that are attributed to Muslims were done by individual people who may or may not have been Muslims.

All Muslims are not associated with or condone the terrorism philosophy. In short, one cannot and should not taint an entire people because of the transgressions of a few.

If the reasoning used in the e-mail is sound then all Christian Americans should be boycotted in response to the slave murders, the Indian massacres, the Oklahoma City bombings, the Montgomery Church bombings, and certainly for the thousands of innocents killed in the illegal Iraq War that is being perpetrated on the wrong country. Fifteen of nineteen 9/11 terrorists were from Saudi Arabia. Perhaps the "slap in the face of Americans who died" only hurts when selective people do the slapping.

There are good and bad people in any group. However, when diverse cultures co-mingle, ignorance can become particularly

dangerous, as one's inability to comprehend the customs of others can lead to conflicts from unintended misunderstandings. Ignorance is a tool for the wicked. Ignorance breeds fear and fuels the fires of hatred, prejudice, bigotry, and racism all wrapped in well contrived lies and deception.

Most people who received and forwarded this insidious e-mail probably had no knowledge of the origin or purpose of the stamp. This stamp is one of the U.S. Postal Service's multicultural Holiday Celebrations series that includes stamps for Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Cinco de Mayo.

Eid commemorates two important Islamic festivals. The December observation is very similar to the Christian Christmas. Muslims attend prayer services, have family gatherings, share festive meals, exchange gifts and praise Allah. The Postal Service first released the Eid stamp on Sept. 1, 2001 at the annual Islamic Society of North America's convention in Des Plaines, Ill. It was later reissued in Oct. 2002, a month after the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Is the Eid stamp the only postal holiday stamp worthy of a boycott?

Any claim that the Muslim Eid Stamp is a slap in the face to Americans who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks is a misguided perversion of what Islam stands for and what America should stand for. Islam has been perverted by a few misguided leaders to support selfish interests just as a cadre of zealot Americans have manipulated Christianity to turn noble causes into hateful diversions.

For those who thoughtlessly forwarded this e-mail tirade of hatred, bigotry and racism cloaked as a boycott against Muslims take a look in the mirror and see the face of the latest recruit in the army of hate mongers.

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# Saluting Our Own

When it was time, they went to war.

They had no choice in the matter since they were volunteers in the U.S. Military. They had no input regarding policy, if they had opinions, those opinions didn't matter. They were given orders to fight, and they simply carried out those orders.

For all the rhetoric on both sides of the debate, for all of the protests stating why the war is wrong or why we must stay in Iraq, the one enduring constant is the U.S. Troops that are representing this country abroad. MON-The Gazette would like to express our most heartfelt gratitude in saluting those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

What has been lost in the furor over the Iraq war is the fact that we have a right to voice our opinion. We have a right to freely say whatever we want

about any topic we choose. We have a right to criticize our elected leaders, and we have a right to vote those leaders out of office if we are inclined. We have a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. What has become buried in all the debate and discussions is that we have these rights because the extreme sacrifices of those in our military.

Officially, 1,943 U.S. Military personnel have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, and over 14,000 have been wounded. Statistics can never tell us anything about those soldiers. Those troops, and the ones still fighting, are our people. They are soldiers, sailors, reservists and National Guard troops. They are our brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles. They should be honored. They deserve to be honored.

In the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on American soil, our military answered the call to take the fight to Iran and Afghanistan. The horror of 9/11 demonstrated that we cannot take our past peace and prosperity for granted, something every soldier already knows. They know that freedom isn't free and that there is a price to be paid for liberty.

We must all resolve to thank and support all our troops for their outstanding and selfless service to our country. Not just on Memorial Day or Veteran's Day-but every day. We must never forget those that pay the price physically and emotionally to keep us safe and protect our rights. We must also thank the military families that have paid a price for freedom. We must thank them and support them.

As the country splits itself over the necessity of war, let's remember who is paying a price that is greater than just dollars. Let's salute the young, the valiant and the brave soldiers who do what so many of would not-serve our country.



Constance Motley Dies Page 1 woman."

Motley, who spent two decades with the NAACP's Legal Defense and Educational Fund, started out there in 1945 as a law clerk to Thurgood Marshall, then its chief counsel and later a Supreme Court justice. In 1950, she prepared the draft complaint for what would become Brown v. Board of Education.

In her autobiography, "Equal Justice Under Law," Motley said defeat never entered her mind. "We all believed that our time had come and that we had to go forward."

The Supreme Court ruled in her and her colleagues' favor in 1954 in a decision credited with toppling public school segregation in America while touching off resistance across the country and leading to some of the racial clashes of the 1960s.

In the early 1960s, she personally argued the Meredith case as well as the suit that resulted in the enrollment of two black students at the University of Georgia.

"Mrs. Motley's style could be deceptive, often allowing a witness to get away with one lie after another without challenging him," one of the students, journalist Charlyne Hunter-Gault, wrote in her 1992 book, "In My Place." But she would suddenly throw a curve ball with so much skill and power that she would knock them off their chair."

Bush Nominates Miers Page 1 practicing lawyer."

At the same time, he said he looked forward to the "process which will help the American people learn more about Harriet Miers, and help the Senate determine whether she deserves a lifetime seat on the Supreme Court."

Other Democrats sounded anything but conciliatory. "The president has selected a loyal political ally without a judicial record to sit on the highest court in the land," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

At the same time, Republican strategists who spoke on condition of anonymity said they would have to work hard to assure the support of some of the more conservative Republicans on the issue of abortion. All 55 GOP senators voted to confirm Roberts.

Little is known publicly about Miers' position on abortion, an issue of surpassing importance to outside groups on both ends of the political spectrum.

When delegates to a national American Bar Association convention adopted a position in favor of abortion rights in 1992, she worked as head of the Texas state bar to force a reconsideration of the issue by submitting it to a referendum by the 360,000-member bar.

"This issue has brought on tremendous divisiveness and loss of membership," she said in early 1993. Miers, whom Bush called a trailblazer for women in the legal pro-

cession, said she was humbled by the nod. "If confirmed, I recognize I will have a tremendous responsibility to keep our judicial system strong and to help insure the court meets their obligations to strictly apply the laws and Constitution," she said.

Whatever her credentials for the high court, Miers' loyalty to Bush - who once called her a pit bull in size 6 shoes - is above question. When he first decided to run for governor in the early 1990s, he hired Miers to coach his background for a very derogatory that opponents might try to use to defeat him.

Miers also introduced Bush to Alberto Gonzales, who served as Bush's counsel in Austin and later in Washington, before being named U.S. attorney general.

During Bush's first term as governor, Gonzales used information turned up by Miers to persuade a local judge to excuse Bush from jury duty, a civic task that would have forced him to disclose his 1976 arrest for drunken driving in Maine. The incident was not divulged until the waning days of Bush's 2000 campaign for the White House.

Federal Election Commission records show Miers contributed \$1,000 to Bush when he first ran for the White House in 2000 and \$5,000 to the Bush-Cheney Reelect Fund in the post-election struggle that finally sealed his victory over Al Gore.

Ironically, she had donated \$1,000

to Gore a dozen years earlier, when he first sought the White House.

There was little outright opposition to Miers in the first few hours after her selection was announced - and what there was came from the most unyielding conservative anti-abortion groups.

"It's not that we don't know anything, and the small pieces of information we do know are disappointing. For example, she's Southern Methodist, notoriously pro-abortion," said Troy Newman of Operation Rescue.

Formerly Bush's personal lawyer in Texas, Miers came with the president to the White House as his staff secretary, the person in charge of all the paperwork that crosses the Oval Office desk. Miers was promoted to deputy chief of staff in June 2003.

As an attorney in Dallas, Miers became president in 1996 of Locke Purnell, Rain & Harrell a firm with more than 200 lawyers where she worked starting in 1972. After it merged a few years later, she became co-manager of Locke Liddell & Sapp.

When Bush was governor of Texas, she represented him in a case involving a fishing house. In 1995, he appointed her to a six-year term on the Texas Lottery Commission. She also served as a member-at-large on the Dallas City Council and in 1992 became the first woman president of the Texas State Bar.

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## Tough Bankruptcy Law Provision Waived

The Justice Department temporarily waived a provision of a tough new bankruptcy law to aid people filing for bankruptcy in Louisiana and southern Mississippi because of Hurricane Katrina.

The department's United States Trustee Program said Tuesday that for the time being applicants in those areas would not have to undergo credit counseling before they file. Some observers had said the new law, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, would produce hardships for hurricane victims.

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., praised the waiver decision but said it highlights the need for legislation he has proposed that would provide a one-year grace period after Oct. 17 for people affected by the hurricane to file under current bankruptcy law. He said the new law does not have similar waiver flexibility for its other provisions.

"For example, neither the U.S. Trustee nor the Bankruptcy Court can waive a provision that makes it easier for landlords to evict their tenants who have filed for bankruptcy," Feingold said in a written statement. "This could compound the hardship faced by victims already made temporarily homeless by the hurricanes. The victims of (hurricanes) Katrina and Rita should not be the guinea pigs for the great bankruptcy experiment that will start in a matter of weeks."

The law requires that any debtor who files for bankruptcy after Oct. 17 must undergo credit counseling within six months before they file for bankruptcy. The law also authorizes U.S. Trustees to approve credit counseling agencies that meet the law's criteria.

U.S. Trustees, who oversee private trusts and promote and maintain efficiency in the bankruptcy system, are authorized by the new law to waive the counseling requirement in the existing counseling agencies are not reasonably able to provide adequate services to filers. The U.S. Trustee for Region 5 made this determination for the Eastern, Middle and Western judicial districts of Louisiana and the Southern district of Mississippi.

The Project Management Program at The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) School of Management has become one of only five such programs in the world to become accredited. The accreditation was announced September 10, during the Project Management Institute (PMI) Global Congress in Toronto.

UTD's Project Management Program and Ecole Supérieure de Commerce in Lille, France, were the only two programs accredited at the annual conference. They are the fourth and fifth schools in the world to become accredited, joining the University of Quebec, the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J., and Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C.

The Caruth Institute for Entrepreneurship has announced its 100th offering of Starting a Business, a certificate course open to the business community. In its 34th year, the course, offered three times per year in an eight-week, one night a week structure, provides students with an awareness of what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur as well as the skills required to prepare and present professional business plans.

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## Stevie Wonder Finally Releases New Album A Time To Love On Motown Records

On October 18th, Motown will release *A Time To Love*, Stevie Wonder's highly anticipated new CD featuring 15 new Wonder songs.

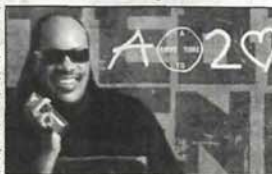
The new disc, one of the premier Motown releases in recent years and ushering in an exciting new era for the record label, is a dedicated effort by the legendary artist to remind the world about the restorative power of love. *A Time To Love* is also available as a digital download at all major online music sites.

Among the songs included on the new album are "A Time To Love," (featuring India.Arie), "Your Love Cannot Be Moved," (featuring gospel star Kim Burrell), "Positivity," (featuring Wonder's daughter Aisha Morris), and a host of other superstar collaborations, including appearances by Prince; Narada Michael Walden; Sir Paul McCartney, who plays acoustic and electric guitar on the title track; Hubert Laws; Mike Phillips; and En Vogue. Wonder's open-armed embrace of the collaborative process and his adherence to the musical philosophy that each project takes on a life of its own placed no artificial deadlines on the long awaited album's completion, with the end result proving to be well worth the wait.

"Stevie always has impeccable timing," stated Sylvia Rhone, President of Motown, Executive Vice President of Universal Motown. "The

world is hungering more than ever right now for the kind of message only he can deliver. I speak for the entire Universal Music Group when I say nobody can illuminate our greatest hopes, soothe our deepest fears, and put us on the musical high road like Stevie Wonder."

Wonder once again affirms such a notion with the uplifting "Shelter In The Rain," an inspiring and timely anthem featuring gospel legend Kirk Franklin directing the angelic chorus on a song cited as a



humanitarian ode of healing for victims and survivors of the devastating hurricanes continuing to ravage the Gulf Coast. The single will be specially serviced to Gospel and Christian radio stations, with net proceeds from the song going to Stevie's charity organization. The Wonder Foundation, which is earmarking the donations for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Wonder already has released a landmark single and video from the new album, "So What The Fuss," which contained a second, descriptive audio track on the video recorded by hip hop star Busta Rhymes, made accessible for people who are

blind or have low vision. The innovative video description process was the first time a music artist enabled visually impaired music fans to experience key elements of a music video.

Stevie Wonder has remained one of the world's most profound and influential artists for more than four decades. Winner of 21 Grammys and the prestigious Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, with more than 70 million records sold, Wonder's received hundreds of honors and awards throughout his career.

A tireless humanitarian and champion for political and social justice, Wonder was the preeminent force behind the Martin Luther King holiday and USA For Africa, as well as helping to raise awareness about the AIDS epidemic and the scourge of Apartheid in South Africa.

A leading voice in the fight against world hunger, Wonder also led a "Charge Against Hunger" in conjunction with American Express, which raised over \$150 million dollars to feed nearly six million underprivileged people yearly. Most recently, Wonder was honored by the United Negro College Fund's Evening Of Stars Tribute to the artist, for his longtime work on behalf of the UNCF. On October 18th, Stevie Wonder continues the special covenant he has with his fans with the release of the eagerly awaited *A Time To Love*.

## Alicia Keys Learning to Balance Politics

Kanye West was able to poke fun at his infamous George Bush outburst during his appearance on "Saturday Night Live" last weekend, but one of his music industry colleagues continues to take the performer's bravery as a serious sign of activism among her generation.

"We all applaud it," Alicia Keys told The Canadian Press of West's impromptu "George Bush doesn't care about black people" remark. "It's the perfect time to say things like that, to speak the truth, now more than ever before. For me it's always been pretty apparent... as to their priorities of certain people. But now, with everything that happened with the hurricane and how things were handled... it was just a blatant slap in the face."

In Toronto to promote her new MTV "Unplugged" album, Keys spoke to reporters about her foundation, Keep A Child Alive, which for several years has been opening medical clinics throughout AIDS-ravaged Africa. She's also met with leaders of Congress about boosting U.S. contribution to debt-relief efforts for Africa, mirroring the global campaign pioneered by U2 frontman, Bono.

Keys said: "I had a great conversation with Bono the other day and I said, 'Tell me, just tell me how you do it? How? He's just so successful in the way he's able to make things happen.'"

Keys is finding a way to make things happen with both her music career and humanitarian work. She'll travel to Kenya and Rwanda in late December to visit with some of the medical clinics set up by her foundation.

"It's really easy to rewrite the history of AIDS by providing these medications for kids and families who would never be able to afford it," she said.

Before the trip, she'll begin rehearsals for her first feature film

project, "Smokin' Aces," co-starring Ray Liotta.

"(Acting is) in my blood. It's a part of me," says the New York native. "I've held people at bay for years now who've wanted me to do different things... I feel like I'm in a place where I feel much more ready to express that side of myself. I'm not doing it because I can. I'm doing it because I should."

Her "Unplugged" CD, featuring duets with Common, Mos Def and Maroon 5's Adam Levine, is due out on Oct. 11. In the meantime, Keys hopes her peers will continue to get actively involved in social and political matters affecting the disadvantaged around the globe.

"We'll continue to speak out about things because it's necessary," she says. "That's always

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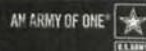
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Mrs. Eloy (Grandma) Demus Avery  
and the children, Dallas, TX 75232



# The Cost Of Being A Soldier

Earlier this year, Ms. Cindy Williams (from Laverne and Shirley TV show) wrote a piece for the Washington Times, denouncing the pay raises for service members. She stated that the 13% wage was more than they deserve.

A young airman from Hill AFB responds to her article below.

**Ma Williams:**  
Checking my latest earnings statement I see that I make \$11,117.80 before taxes. After taxes, I take home \$874.20. When I run that through the calculator, I come up with an annual salary of \$11,413.60 before taxes, and \$10,490.40, after.

I work in the Air Force Network Control Center where I am part of the team responsible for a 5,000 host computer network. A quick check under jobs for Network Technicians in the D.C. area reveals a position in my

career field. Amazingly, this job does NOT pay \$13,413.60 a year. No, this job is being offered at \$70,000 to \$80,000 per annum. I'm sure you can draw the obvious conclusions.

Given the tenor of your column, I would assume that you NEVER had the pleasure of serving your country in her armed forces. Before you take it upon yourself to once more castigate congressional and DOD leadership for attempting to get the families in the military's lowest pay brackets off of WIC and food stamps, I suggest that you join a group of deploying soldiers headed for AFGHANISTAN. I leave the choice of service branch up to you.

Whatever choice you make, though, opt for the SDX month rotation: it will guarantee you the longest possible time away from your family and friends, thus giving you full "deployment" experience." As your group prepares to board

the plane, make sure to note the spouses and children who are saying goodbye to their loved ones. Also take care to note that several families are still unsure of how they'll be able to make ends meet while the primary breadwinner is gone - obviously they've been squandering the "vast" piles of cash the government has been giving them.

Try to deploy over a major holiday: Christmas and Thanksgiving are perennial favorites. And when you're actually over there, sitting in a foxhole, shivering against the cold desert night, and the flight sergeant tells you that there aren't enough people on shift to relieve you for chow, remember this: trade whatever MRE (meal-ready-to-eat) you manage to get for the tuna noodle casserole or cheese tortellini, and add Tabasco to everything. This gives some flavor. Talk to your loved ones as often as you are permitted; it won't nearly be long

enough or often enough, but take what you can get and be thankful for it. You may have picked up on the fact that I disagree with most of the points you present in your opened piece.

But, tomorrow from KABUL, I will defend to the death your right to say it.

You see, I am an American fighting man, a guarantor of your First Amendment rights and every other right you cherish. On a daily basis, my brother and sister soldiers worldwide ensure that you and people like you can thumb your collective nose at us, all on a salary that is nothing short of pitiful and under conditions that would make most people cringe. We honor our best and brightest into the private sector because we can't offer the stability and pay of civilian companies.

And you, Ms. Williams, have the gall to say that we make more than we deserve? Babbidi!

AIC Michael Bragg Hill AFB AFNCC

Armed Services Page 1

affected their recruitment, "But it has changed the way we talk to potential recruits and their influences (parents, counselors, etc.)... We spend a lot more time talking to them."

The new fiscal year started October 1. Levine emphasizes, "Our challenge is to continue to put great men and women in the army."

A representative from the Air Force, Technical Sgt. Stacy Simons states their recruitment territory includes Wichita Falls, South of Waco, Angelo, Abilene and Northern Louisiana. "The Air Force recruitment efforts have not been affected by the war in Iraq. We have met our target recruitment numbers,"

she emphasized. The end of fiscal year numbers will not be available until October 11, according to Simons.

The Air Force also utilizes bonuses as a recruitment tool but they are tied to job skills Simons indicated.

According to a representative from the Department of Defense the number of enlistees needed for any branch of the service is mandated by the U. S. Congress. They establish the goals and the various recruitment centers try to reach those goals. Congress has reduced the number of recruits needed for the various branches so future recruitment efforts will reflect the new mandate.



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**To Our Troopers:**  
Stay steadfast in God's Word, that He will give you peace and comfort, if your mind stays on Him. Thank You for your sacrifices!

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We thank GOD for you and we appreciate the sacrifice and the commitment you have made for our country. GOD Bless You!  
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**To Our Military Men & Women:**  
We are not underestimating the sacrifice that you and your families are making for our country. It is because of you, we are proud to be an American in a free country.  
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We are thankful for your commitment to keep our country free and strong. We are proud of you!

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## To Our Brave Troopers:



Mrs. Price and I praise and thank God for you and your sacrifices in keeping America safe and free. We are proud of you! Applause! Applause!

In your hour of need, call on God; He will answer you.

Dr. Robert E. & Mrs. Deloris Price, Senior Pastor of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Dallas, TX 75243  
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## Stand Tall Soldiers!



The life you lead now will determine the life you'll lead later. You are doing a great job and we are proud of you. But most of all... God knows all about you. Don't forget to pray. He hears you.

A Fellow Soldier, Rosie McGee  
U.S. Navy - Retired  
CEO, New Next Generation  
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**Dear Soldiers:**  
We love each and every one of you; we are very proud, and we appreciate so much what you do for our country. Be encouraged; we all are commanded by God to be courageous. You have your lead by the Grace of God. Take refuge in Joshua 1:5-7 and 2:16.

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# DeLay Re-Indicted Page 1

DeLay and two political associates are accused of conspiring to get around a state ban on corporate campaign contributions by funneling the money through the DeLay-founded Texans for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee to the Republican National Committee in Washington. The RNC then sent back like amounts to distribute to Texas candidates in 2002, the indictment alleges.

DeLay attorney Dick DeGuire said the money spent on Texas candidates was lawfully collected from individuals who knew what they were contributing to.

The indictment alleges that DeLay knowingly aided the transfer of the corporate money to help the GOP win a majority in the Texas Legislature. Once the Republicans had secured control of the Legislature, state lawmakers adopted a DeLay-engineered congressional redistricting plan that gave the GOP a stronger grasp on Congress as well. It was unclear when DeLay would appear in court to face the new charges. No arraignment date.

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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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PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT  
The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) will receive sealed bids at 5900 W. Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano, TX 75093, (214) 461-2061, until Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 2:00 pm for the following projects:  
**Project 02039-DNT-02-CN-EN.** Roadway modifications and safety improvements, for 10.69 miles roadway and 0.088 miles bridge, to the northbound Dallas North Tollway from IH-635 to Legacy Drive, for work including grading, drainage, paving, structures, signing, pavement markings, illumination, shoulder rehabilitation and safety enhancements. The engineer's estimate of probable construction cost is approximately \$7,700,000.  
**Project 02040-DNT-02-CN-EN.** Roadway modifications and safety improvements, for 10.51 miles roadway and 0.085 miles bridge, to the southbound Dallas North Tollway from Galleria Road to Legacy Drive, for work including grading, drainage, paving, structures, signing, pavement markings, illumination, shoulder rehabilitation and safety enhancements. The engineer's estimate of probable construction cost is approximately \$9,500,000.

For each project, the bid packet will be available October 4, 2005 at a non-refundable cost of SEVENTY FIVE AND NO/100 (\$75.00). Contact Karen at 214-461-2061 for more information.

The bid packet includes the Proposal book and Plans. Acceptable methods of payment include cashier's check, money order, company check, or personal check. **Cash will not be accepted.** Paper based bids and documents supporting electronic bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked clearly with the project number, company's name, and bid opening date. **No oral, telephoned, or faxed bids** will be considered. Late bids will not be considered and will be returned unopened. All rights reserved.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 5900 W. Plano Parkway, Suite 200, Plano, TX 75093, (214) 461-2061, on Thursday, October 13, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.

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

Electronic bids may be submitted through the NTTA's electronic bidding software. The NTTA is offering optional training on its electronic bidding process on October 13, 2005 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the NTTA's main office, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Suite 100, Plano TX 75093. Contact Forrest at 214-461-2008 to register for this training.

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## Church News

# Seeing God



**Sister Tarpley**

Because of Hurricane Katrina and Rita, many people have been displaced, they have received discouraging words, and some, perhaps, have had their faith shaken. To these individuals, I ask you to see God in everything that has happened to you. A friend of mine once said that in every situation, she looks at every side of the problem to see what she can learn. To many of you, I know that it must be hard to look at your situation and see God's handiwork, but please long enough to see God at work in your life.

Remember that in spite of his intimate relationship with Jesus, "Doubting" Thomas refused to believe that Jesus, who had died on the cross, had been seen alive by the other disciples. Thomas said that only after he actually felt the nail wounds in Jesus' hand and the wound in His side would he believe that the other disciples had seen Jesus. (John 20:24-29)

On certain occasions, you may struggle to believe, just as I am sure that some of you are struggling to believe that God is still in control of everything that has happened to you at this time in your life. There are times that our faith gets trampled under the weight of concerns about our situations in life, our family, work, health, friends, and even the world. Like "Doubting" Thomas, we may find ourselves looking for proof that God is there - available, and with the ability to restore all faith.

In the First Epistle of John, we are told that where there is love, there is



**Picture Of The Week**  
Herman and Esther Lucy Dogo, victims of Hurricane Rita from Port Arthur, TX, visiting Freeman's Cemetery Museum on Central Expressway. They are trusting God and thankful that their entire family is alive and well.

AS NEAR AS BREATH—  
And the Lord God... breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7(b) (KJV)

Most of the time we don't think much about breathing; day after day we

automatically breathe in and breathe out with little thought or effort. Usually we can't even see our breath. However, on cold winter days, the contrast between the cold air and our warm breath when we exhale creates little white clouds that are plainly visible.

Just as we are usually unmindful of breathing, we can pass our time oblivious to God. In Hebrews 13:5(b) - 6, God promises, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. But since we cannot physically see God, we often sail through our days barely aware of God's presence.

We may utter a prayer in passing or spend a few minutes reading the Bible. But after that we sometimes give God little thought until we get into a crisis. Then we realize we need strength beyond ourselves. This contrast between our weakness and God's power and comfort makes God visible. Our hand times have enabled us to see God, if only we will look for Him. But in reality, God is always as near as our breath. As Genesis 2:7(b) tells us, our very life began with God's breath. So every breath that we breathe can remind us of God's constant presence with us.

Remember: When you take time for silence, it allows you to hear God's guidance in times of your trials and tribulations.

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worst-hit areas were low-income black neighborhoods that may never fully be repopulated.

Prior to Katrina, the population was 67 percent black and 28 percent white.

"In telling you, as HUD secretary and having been a developer and a planner, that's how it's going to be," he said.

Jackson said he has been asked by President Bush to help New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin rebuild the city. His advice to Nagin during a meeting Friday: Build higher, sturdier and more water-resistant housing.

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"I wish that the so-called black leadership would stop running around this country, like Jesse and the rest of them, making this a racial issue," the HUD chief said.

That remark, as well as the skepticism about rebuilding the Ninth Ward, drew sharp responses from Jesse Jackson.

The news coverage of the evacuation and relief efforts made it clear that a great many of those affected were black, poor, and unable to leave on their own, he said.

"Those are the images that were burned into the consciousness of the world and became so embarrassing," he said.

The decision on whether to rebuild the Ninth Ward was left to the former residents of the ruined neighborhood, he added, saying "People have the human right to return home."

Alphonso Jackson predicted New Orleans will slowly draw back as many as 375,000 people, but that only 35 to 40 percent of the post-Katrina population would be black. Jackson said that's because the

## Church Happenings

### 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 at 972-235-6432.

Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry  
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P.O. Box 225863  
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### COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PLANO

On-going  
Hope Preschool, ages 2-5, has begun registration for the fall of 2005.  
For more information about the above event and any upcoming events please call the church at 972-424-8989

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### COMMUNITY WORLD OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

October 8, 4:00 pm  
You don't want to miss our spirit-filled "Preach Fest" featuring 10 powerful Women of God.

October 16, 4:00 pm  
Please join us for our Lay Women soul-stirring "Preach Fest" featuring 10 powerful Lay Women of God

October 25 - 28, 7:30 pm  
The public is invited to our Women Conference with a week of powerful preaching, awesome teachers, and great psalms. Our theme is "Faith Under Pressure" featuring Pastor Yvonne Bennett from Arlington, TX; Prophetess A'Bea Hodge from Fort Worth, TX; Dr. Sarah King from Memphis, TN; Apostle and Adella Spencer from West Palm Beach, FL

October 29, 2005  
Join us for our spirit-filled and soul-stirring "Faith on the Move"

Evangelist Chelyon Brown will minister young ladies up to 22 years old with a theme of "Stand." Dr. Regina Woods minister single ladies with a theme of "Don't Give Up." There will be classes for ladies that have been married 5 years and less by Pastor Mary Williams, and for those married for 6 plus years by Lady Paula Pope, both classes theme will be "One Day, One Step." Mother Varnell Tarpley will minister to senior women with the theme of "Keep On Keeping On," and at 12 Noon, Dr. Nancy Parks from Dallas, TX will be the guest Speaker with the theme "Faith on the Move."

October 30, 4:00 pm  
You don't want to miss the conclusion of our Women's Conference 2005 with Overseer Lisa Tarpley speaking on "Faith Under Pressure." See you at the conference!

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### FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS MINISTRIES

October 8, 7:00 pm  
The public is invited to a Music Workshop at the church. Our guest Clinician will be Psalmist Artist Christi Tullman of Dallas,

TX. She has shared the stage with The Pace Sisters, Dorinda Clark-Cole, Dr. Bobby Jones, Pastor John P. Kee, Kirk Franklin, and Douglas Miller. She is also a proud member of the Gospel Announcer's Guild.

October 8, 7:00 pm  
Join us for a Music Concert. For further info, contact Minister Dana Blair at 214-575-8224.

Fellowship of Believers Ministries  
Bishop Gregory Crawford  
Founder and Senior Pastor  
3911 S. Lancaster Road  
Dallas, TX 75216  
214-372-3624

### KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, Carrollton

October 10, 7:00 pm  
Our Springs Discipleship Training Institute will offer classes. For more information and complete class descriptions, please call the church at 972-735-8077

October 12, 7:00 pm  
Please join us for our Corporate Bible Study lead by Pastor Sanders. There will be special classes for the youth and children.

Keller Springs Baptist Church  
Rev. Larry Sanders, Senior Pastor  
3327 Keller Springs Road  
Carrollton, TX 75006  
972-735-8077

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14120 Noel Road • Dallas, TX 75254  
972-239-1120 (Office) • 972-239-5925 (Fax)  
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9:00 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Morning Worship

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526 Compton Avenue • Irving, TX 75061  
972-986-5552  
1-888-9-Outreach (Prayer Line)

Email: equippingchurch@sbcglobal.net

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:  
8:00 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:30 AM

972-437-3493

1010-1020 South Sherman Street • Richardson, TX 75081  
www.ndcbf.org

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Sunday Service  
Morning Worship  
7:30 am & 10:30 am  
9:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday Service  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Brotherhood 7:00 pm  
Missions 7:00 pm  
Singles Group 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:45 pm

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Dallas, TX 75243

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Supt. Kenneth D. Davis, Pastor  
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Tuesday  
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Wednesday  
7PM Mid-Week Service  
Thursday  
7PM Mass Choir

For more information call (972) 423-6695  
www.shilohbaptistchurch.org

**St. John Baptist Church**  
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## The Votes Are In!

Garland ignores black press Page 1 black people should strategically spend their dollars as consumers. Will Hobby, President of the Texas Publishers Association and publisher of the Garland Journal News, stated that the refusal of the Simon Group to reach out to black consumers by advertising with the black press should not be surprising.

"They (white retailers and developers) have taken the black consumer for granted for so long; it has become a way of doing business. They ignore us and our communities, and we just show up and hand over our dollars," he said. "The reality they are overlooking is that advertising in black print is contributing to the welfare of the black community and building alliances with that community."

Economic data bears out Mr. Hobby's comments. The city of Garland has over 215,000 residents, with over 25,000 of them African Americans. An annual minority-buying report released by the Seig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business projects disposable income controlled by minorities will continue growing at a faster rate than that of white U.S. households through 2010.

In Texas, the study projects that by 2010, every minority group will increase its buying power, with the

## 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.

non-Hispanic segment projected to have the largest increase, from \$535.3 billion in buying power for 2005 to \$709.8 billion in 2010 -- a jump of \$174.5 billion.

Garland City Councilman Harry Hickey, expressed concern over the situation.

"Hopefully, this is just an oversight otherwise we will be looking into it. They have an obligation to



trade with any business that is in Garland, black, white or Hispanic." The Simon Property Group, Inc., headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the largest publicly traded real estate company in North America with a total market capitalization of approximately \$40 billion. It owns and operates 295 malls across the country, including the

Allen Premium Outlets, the Golden Triangle Mall in Denton, The Galleria in Houston, North East Mall in Hurst, the Irving Mall, and the Richardson Square Mall.

Phone calls to the Simon Property Group for comment were unanswered.

MON-The Gazette, The Garland Journal News and Power Pages of McKinney are banding together in a joint effort to demand accountability to the community from the Simon Property Group. The role they are playing is reminiscent of the role of the black press in the Civil Rights struggle of the 1960's.

Mr. Hobby also offered advice for the individual African American consumer.

"Be smart. Be vocal. Don't shop at places that ignore our communities, and if you do, let them know you don't feel comfortable about what they are or are not doing in our communities," he said.

"Black people tend to have short memories. We are loving, compassionate and kind as a general rule. We forgive, and we spend."

As a people, we have spoken for years about becoming more strategic about where we spend our money. Our purchasing decisions must become part of an integrated approach to make demands through our combined buying power. Power will not be conceded any other way. It never has and it never will.

## Church Happenings

**HOLSEY CHAPEL CME CHURCH**  
October 6, 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 Oakley @ 972-412-3705 or 972-998-6634.

**Holsey Chapel CME Church**

Rev. James G. Oakley Jr.  
Senior Pastor  
709 Quinlan Street  
Irving, TX 75119  
972-878-4302

**MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO (MOCOP)**

October 26 - 28, 7:15 pm Nightly Attention! Attention! Our Women of The Word Ministries invites you to be a part of our very exciting 2005 Vision Summit Conference. Our theme is: "One Race Unto God." We are looking for you!

Mt. Olive Church of Plano (MOCOP)  
Rev. Sam Fencer, Senior Pastor  
740 Avenue F, Suite 303  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-633-5511

**NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK**

October 8 and 15, 8:00 am Usual We are having a "Hugh Church Garage Sale" at the church; you don't want to miss this. I will see you there! Come early for great buys.

New Life Fellowship Church  
OF Hamilton Park  
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr.  
Senior Pastor  
8219 Bunche Drive  
Dallas, TX 75243  
972-671-1096

**NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

On-Going Mentor Program Operation Oasis sponsors a program that assists youth that are at-risk, and offenders returning to society. The program's goals are to change lives of the formerly incarcerated person, to increase safety, and to spiritually fortify our communities. For more details about this wonderful project, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant at 972-437-3801 or call Toll Free at 1-800-373-0353 (376-2747).

**North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Richardson**

Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor  
1010-1020 South Sherman Street  
Richardson, TX 75081  
972-437-3493

**PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

October 6 - 8, 2005

Living in Faith Everyday Ministries (LIFE) presents a Singles Conference entitled, "The True Meaning - The True Need." Our featured guest speaker will be Rev. Beverly Reed, Executive Director of the Tulsa Christian Singles Ministry. Other Conference speakers will be Dr. C. W. Wallace, Pastor Marcus King, Rev. Roger Russell, and Sister Jacki Robinson.

Please join us for a blessed weekend of discovering the meaning and need for living as a single Christian. For more information and registration please call the church at 214-823-7308

**Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church**

Dr. C. W. Wallace, Senior Pastor  
1819 Washington Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75204  
214-823-7308

**RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

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

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

**ST. JAMES AME CHURCH, DENTON**

October 8, 7:00 pm

As the oldest African American church in Denton County, we will celebrate our 130th Church Anniversary with a banquet @ the University of North Texas in the Silver Eagle Suite at the Denton Campus. The public is welcome to join us for our exciting celebration. For more information, please call the church at 972-387-1223

October 9, 11:00 am

We encourage you to join us for a Special Worship Service as we celebrate our 130th Church Anniversary

**St. James AME Church**

Rev. Sherry Madlock, Pastor  
1107 East Oak Street  
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Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Pastor  
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Rev. Reynolds Wood, Senior Pastor  
P.O. Box 650  
Service Location is:  
406 N. Tennessee  
McKinney, TX 75069  
Dallas, TX 75251  
214-544-1886

## Bennett Comments Page 1

Bennett's remarks as racist. Democrats called on the White House to denounce Bennett's comments, which it did Friday. Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL) introduced legislation to condemn Bennett, and Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) demanded that the Salem Radio Network stations suspend Bennett's show, "Morning in America," which airs on over 100 affiliates across the country and has an estimated 1.25 million listeners. Some public figures, including talk radio hostess Bev Smith, are calling for organized boycotts of the advertisers that support Bennett's program.

Bennett served as secretary of education in the Reagan administration and was director of drug policy under former President George H.W. Bush. His book about traditional American values, "The Book of Virtue," was a

bestseller in 1993. In 2003, Bennett admitted he was a serious gambler and several magazines reported that he lost millions of dollars in casinos.

On Friday, Bennett released a statement defending his remarks. "A thoughtful experiment about public policy, on national radio, should not have received the condemnations it has," he said. Bennett said he was merely offering a "hypothetical" scenario.

But Democrats weren't buying his explanation.

"Bill Bennett's hateful, inflammatory remarks regarding African-Americans are simply unacceptable," Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said in a statement.

"They are particularly unacceptable from a leader in the conservative movement and former Secretary of Education, once charged with the well being of every American school child,"

Dean said. "Bennett's comments demonstrate a reprehensible racial insensitivity and ignorance. Are these the values of the Republican Party and its conservative allies?"

Last week, the White House and the Republican National Committee condemned Bennett.

Bruce S. Gordon, president & CEO of the NAACP, said Bennett should apologize for his "racist" comments.

"In 2005, there is no place for the kind of racist statement made by Bennett," Gordon said in a statement. "While the entire nation is trying to help survivors, black and white, to recover from the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina and Rita, it is unconscionable for Bennett to make such ignorant and insensitive comments."

**The Inspiring Body of Christ Church**  
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Dallas Texas 75237  
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Sunday Services: 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 pm  
Monday School: 7:00 am  
Men's Fellowship: 7:00 am  
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8:30 am - Sunday School • 10:00 am - Worship Services  
MONDAY  
6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood  
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6:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting  
7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson  
SATURDAY  
6:10 Westmore Avenue • Dallas, TX 75209  
(214-532-3162 (Phone) • 214-532-5794 (Fax)  
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8219 Bunche Drive • Dallas, TX 75243  
972-671-1096  
Bishop Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor  
A Place of New Beginnings... I Cor. 13:13  
Sunday Morning Bible School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship (Agape Hour) First Sunday ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study ..... 7:15 p.m.

**RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
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Plano, TX 75074 469-467-7575  
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Sunday School ..... 9:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:15 am  
Tuesday Night Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm  
Raised to Walk in the Newness of Life. Romans 6:4

**OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
Sunday Services  
9:00 am - Prayer Ministry  
9:30 am - Sunday School  
10:45 am - Morning Worship & Children's Church  
Tuesday Service  
7:00 pm - Bible Study  
2701 Briarwood Drive V Plano, TX 75074  
972-422-4248

**Friendship Baptist Church**  
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.  
Wednesday  
Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting and  
Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
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The Colony, Texas 75056  
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Wednesday Night: 7:30 P.M.  
Community Bible Class:

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