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People In The News



The Irving Black Arts Council will present Breggett Rideau as part of its "Singing Diva's of DFW" event at the Irving Arts Center, on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at 7 P.M. This event is sponsored by the Irving Black Arts Council and benefits the organization's community arts and youth programs.

Breggett Rideau is a New Orleans native that has been performing jazz ballads, R&B, to national audiences for over a decade. Raised on gospel, rhythm and blues, jazz and big band music, she began to develop her own style and performed with a variety of groups.

Says Rideau of her talent, "I am grateful and humbled every time I belt out a crowd pleaser. God is truly MAGNIFICENT. How blessed am I to do something that brings joy to me as well as others..."

Breggett has spent three years touring on the Bob Marley Festival and recently began working with Bill Tillman (Blood Sweat & Tears). Formally a member of the Potter House Choir, her appealing voice delivers something for everyone to enjoy.

For more info about "Singing Diva's of DFW", call 214-993-8444 or visit www.irvingblackartscouncil.org.

Bill Lester recently became the first black driver to compete in NASCAR's top series since Willy T. Ribbs in 1986, finishing six laps off the pace in 38th place Monday at the Golden Corral 500, won by Kasey Kahne.



Lester was proud of his accomplishment, though a little embarrassed by all the attention.

"I'm looking forward to when it's about racing instead of race," he said.

The 45-year-old Lester, a regular in NASCAR's Craftsman Truck Series since 2002, accomplished one of his stated goals, avoiding a crash and racing to the end of the 500-mile race.

"It was a very significant learning experience for me," Lester said. "It was fun to be out there with them. This is just the beginning and we have two more (Nextel Cup) races to go."

"I got a late start in my career and I'm trying to catch up as quick as I can."

Lester, scheduled to drive two more Cup races this year - at Michigan International Speedway in June and California Speedway in September - said, "I'm eager. I can't hardly wait until June."



On March 30th, Portia Miller-Simpson 30 will become Jamaica's first female prime minister.

Simpson-Miller, 60, became prime minister-designate when she narrowly defeated National Security Minister Peter Phillips in her dominant People's National Party elections last month. The reggae tunes The Strength of a Woman, and Thank You Momma opened nearly all of Simpson-Miller's rallies. The title of another song, It's Woman Time Now, became her unofficial campaign theme.

Seventy percent of university students in Jamaica are female, according to the country's Bureau of Women's Affairs. The percentage is even higher in law schools: 80% to 90%. Women have long made up close to 50% of the labor force in this Caribbean island nation, and are moving into many senior- and middle-management positions.

Ms. Miller-Simpson has been a member of Jamaica's Parliament since 1976; vice president of the People's National Party since 1978; and president, PNP Women's Movement since 1983. She served as minister of Labor, Welfare and Sport. Her platform focused on empowerment of the marginalized, especially the poor, and uniting all classes to tackle crime and economic underdevelopment.

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Thousands Around Globe Call For End Of War



War Opponents Demonstrate in U.S. and Elsewhere on Third Anniversary of Iraq Invasion

AP
Protesters marking the third anniversary of the Iraq war made their voices heard around the world, with the largest marches in London, Portland and Chicago, though in numbers that were often lower than in previous years.

About 10,000 anti-war protesters in Portland took nearly an hour to pass through downtown streets Sunday, some carrying signs that said "Impeach the Evil Doer."

"It is time now for you to take back your country," said Steven DeFord, whose son, Oregon National Guard Sgt. David Johnson, 37, was killed in Iraq by a roadside bomb in 2004.

In Louisiana, 200 war veterans, hurricane survivors and others gathered at the Chalmette National Cemetery to protest how the war had hurt the country's ability to help the Gulf Coast recover from last year's hurricanes.

"We attacked a country who never did anything to us," said Philadelphia resident Al Zappala, whose 30-year-old son was killed in Iraq in 2004.

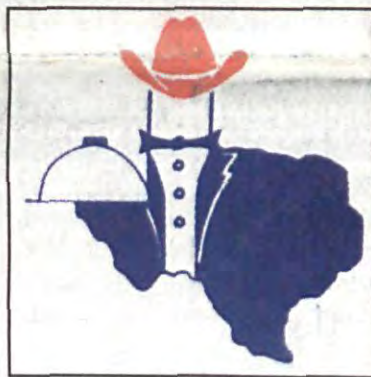
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18th Annual Taste Of Plano To Be Held On March 27th

Taste of Plano is gearing up for its 18th year with a new beneficiary, the Hendrick Academy of Honor, and a return to Plano Centre after a long run at Southfork.

Taste of Plano is a tasting fair presenting specialties from over 40 area restaurants on a 60,000 square foot buffet! From Mexican to Italian, Greek to American, the Taste of Plano provides food, live music and fun! Enjoy live and silent auctions, or tour the famous Ewing Mansion. The entire event is indoors and parking is free.

Named to honor former Plano ISD Superintendent H. Wayne Hendrick, the Hendrick Academy offers a hand to Plano graduates who've survived adversity.



The Hendrick board plans to give 30 to 35 scholarships this year and expects to have

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Friendship West Hosts Faith Summit On Poverty

Hurricane Katrina continues to spawn new issues and opportunities in the Gulf Coast region and throughout the country. The problems and predicaments of poor and underserved Americans were made prominent by one single and devastating event. This storm ripped through more than 90,000 square miles, ravaged lives, wrecked livelihoods, and forced the largest Diaspora and relocation that America has ever witnessed.

To that end, United States Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-Cal.) and Dr. Frederick Douglas Haynes III, Senior Pastor of the Friendship West Church in Dallas Texas have joined forces to host the



Maxine Waters

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Liberia Seeks Handover Of Taylor To Court



President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia speaks at a press conference after a Security Council Meeting where she was invited to address the council at UN Headquarters.

AP

Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said Friday she wants ex-president Charles Taylor handed over to a war crimes tribunal for prosecution for his role in Sierra Leone's civil war, with the agreement of African leaders.

Sirleaf told the U.N. Security Council Liberia "is determined to address issues from our painful past ... so that the country can move ahead."

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Blacks More Likely Than Whites To Be Searched By Plano Police

By: Paul Hailey
"If you are a young African-American male in Texas, three things are certain: you will die, you must pay taxes, and you will be racially profiled."

---State Rep. Senfronia Thompson

For the vast majority of African Americans, (male and female) in Collin County, that statement remains a reality. The recent release of 2005 traffic stop statistics by the Plano Police Department uncovered some disturbing data regarding profiling of African Americans which include:

- Plano Police searched blacks and Hispanics last year at greater rate during traffic stops.

Blacks were 2.2 times more likely than whites to be searched, Hispanics were 1.6 times more likely.

- The number of blacks arrested in discretionary arrests was up 49% from 2004.



- While only representing 5% of the Collin County and City of Plano population, blacks accounted for 9.8% of the total discretionary arrests in Plano

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Plight Deepens For Black Men, Studies Warn



By: Erik Eckholm

Black men in the United States face a far more dire situation than is portrayed by common employment and education statistics, a flurry of new scholarly studies warn, and it has worsened in recent years even as an economic boom and a welfare overhaul have brought gains to black women and other groups.

Focusing more closely than ever on the life patterns of young black men, the new studies, by experts at Columbia, Princeton, Harvard and other institutions, show that the huge pool of poorly educated black men are becoming ever more disconnected from the mainstream society, and to a far greater degree than comparable white or Hispanic men.

Especially in the country's

inner cities, the studies show, finishing high school is the exception, legal work is scarcer than ever and prison is almost routine, with incarceration rates climbing for blacks even as urban crime rates have declined.

Although the problems afflicting poor black men have been known for decades, the new data paint a more extensive and sobering picture of the challenges they face.

"There's something very different happening with young black men, and it's something we can no longer ignore," said Ronald B. Mincy, professor of social work at Columbia University and editor of "Black Males Left Behind."

"Over the last two decades, the economy did great," Mr. Mincy said, "and low-skilled women, helped by public policy, latched onto it. But young black men were falling farther back."

Many of the new studies go beyond the traditional approaches to looking at the plight of black men, especially

Black Men Study Page 5

Farrakhan Visits Cuba, Denounces US Katrina Aid

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is visiting communist Cuba to learn about disaster relief, a visit prompted by the failure of the U.S. government to cope with Hurricane Katrina, he said on Monday.

The controversial Nation of Islam leader, who is visiting Cuba for a week, criticized Washington for refusing a Cuban offer to send doctors after Katrina devastated New Orleans last August, flooding neighborhoods mainly populated by blacks and the impoverished.

"After Hurricane Katrina and the failure of federal and state

government, we felt it was our duty to come to Cuba to learn disaster management from the Cuban people who have had many hurricanes and have not



Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan

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Earnest Cox Building Opens To Rave Reviews

The facade of the former Plano High School seemed to break into a smile as laughter and music again echoed through the historic building on Avenue H as it took center stage as Plano's newest performing arts and educational

facility. "This is a great day for everyone in Plano who has loved and cherished this building over the years," said Plano Mayor Pat Evans to an assembled crowd of well wishers. "We're here today to celebrate the transformation of

this historic treasure into a performing arts venue and are proud of the partnership between the City and the Plano Independent School District as this project came to fruition."

Gowned in graduation robes, Mayor Evans was joined on

the dais by City Manager Tom Muehlenbeck, Plano Independent School District (PISD) Superintendent Dr. Doug Otto, Cox Building Historic Classroom Committee Chairman Rutledge Haggard and PISD School Board President Duncan Webb.

Following a year of intensive restoration which began February 2, 2005, the historic high school building now joins its adjacent former gymnasium, now the Courtyard Theater, in broadening the stage for arts in Plano.

Originally the site of the oldest public structure in Plano, and the site of a Plano school since 1882, the 1926 Cox Annex Building was named after PISD janitor "Shorty" Cox in 1962 when it was converted into an administrative annex by PISD. The building at 1517 Avenue H is adjacent Plano's Courtyard Theater, which served as the school gymnasium.

"The Cox Building performing arts facility will enrich the community for generations to come," said Mayor Pat Evans. "We are proud, as a City, to have had a role in this latest community enhancement for our citizens."



Cox Building East Entry



Cox Building Schoolhouse Memories



Plano ISD Learning Center



School Board President Rutledge Haggard

Ribbon Cutting At Hibernia



The Los Rios Branch of Hibernia Bank in Plano recently celebrated its opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The ribbon cutting was presided over by Mr. Robert Sanders, Vice President, Market Manager, Los Rios Branch. Mr. Sanders, (with scissors), also accepted a membership plaque on behalf of Hibernia from the Plano Chamber of Commerce. The Los Rios branch of Hibernia Bank is located at 4024 14th Street, Plano, Texas.

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Around The Town

Ongoing Friendship - West Baptist Church hosts 3 day revival benefiting Dillard University in New Orleans, 2020 W. Wheatland Rd., 7:00 p.m. Call 972-228-5200 for information.

March 27-29 Comedian Bill Bellamy, Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Rd. #250. Call 972-404-8501 for information. March 30-April 2

Inaugural Writes of Spring Literary Festival, Book Fair and Writers' Conference, downtown Dallas, South Side on Lamar, 1409 South Lamar. Call 214-828-1715 for information. March 31-April 2

A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie, temporary exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Call 512-936-8746 for information. February 11-April 15

Teen Reaching Teens, Inc. and Teen Graffiti Magazine presents free computer training. Courses offered Wednesday and Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 972-496-9457. Begins February-April.

North Texas Jazz

Festival in Addison featuring Yellowjackets and Roy Hargrove. This Jazz Festival is a collaboration between the UNT Jazz Studies Division and the Town of Addison. Call 972-450-6281 or tlang@ci.addison.tx.us for information.

March 31-April 2 Drums Not Guns will hold drumming sessions from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month thru mid-May at Old Settlers Park Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana St. Call 214-641-0782 for information.

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-473-9089.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.assistance-league-gcc.org.

Dallas Theater Center presents Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner, "I Am My Own Wife," a true story of six decades, two wars and one man in a dress, Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Call 214-522-8499 for information. March 1-26

Allen Symphony Chorus is recruiting singers for its April 29 performance. Rehearsals are from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Thursdays, Choir Room Ereckson Middle School, 450 Tatum Dr. For information call

972-359-0656.

A free legal clinic is offered for residents who meet low income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

The Frisco Housing Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Korean War Veterans Association-Sam Johnson Chapter 270 meets the second Saturday of each month at the Richardson Senior Citizens Center, 820 Arapaho Rd. in Richardson. Call 972-279-7000 for information.

A photo exhibit by Sarah Scott and Carol Stum of Creative Focus by Two Gutsy broads will run through March 7 at George's Frame and Art Gallery, 7130 Campbell Rd, Ste. 210 in Dallas. The gallery is open from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Call 972-234-1486 for information.

Disney on Ice Presents Pixar's "The Incredibles" in a magic kingdom adventure, Dallas Reunion Arena. For information call 214-373-8000. March 22-26

Mesquite Community Theatre presents "House-keeper". This play has biting humor and wit. Directed by

Rick Tuma. For reservations or information 972-216-8126.

March 31-April 15

The Women's Museum shows "Apron Chronicles: A Patchwork of American Recollections. Features storytelling, photography and vintage fashion. Call 214-915-0871 for information. Exhibit runs thru May 14

A Ballroom Dance with a live band at the McKinney Senior Recreation Center and Indoor Pool, 1400 S. College St., Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. Call 972-547-7491 for information.

March 24

Word processing basics offered by the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr., 9:00 a.m. Registration required. For information call 972-216-6734

10th Annual Black Women's Film Festival, "Looking for Mr. Right or Mr. Right Now: Black Women and Relationships," Magnolia Lounge, Fair Park (Grand Ave. entrance). Call 214-426-1683 or 214-939-2787 for information.

March 25

10th Anniversary and Founder's Day Celebration, Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter, City Place Conference Center, 2711 North Haskell. Call 214-275-4176 for information.

"How Ya Livin?," Teen Health Summit, Urban League of Greater Dallas, 4315 Lancaster Rd., 9:00 a.m.-2:00

p.m. Call 214-915-4600 for information.

March 26

The 5th Annual Plano Book Festival at the newly remodeled Cox Building, (Westside of Haggard Park) and the Plano Station next to the DART light rail on the east side of Haggard Park. For more information call 972-839-9529.

March 27

17th Annual Taste of Plano, a tasting fair featuring over 40 restaurants, live music, live and silent auctions, Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the continuing education scholarships for PISD graduates. For information call 214-205-8005 or visit www.tasteofplano.com

March 31

The Black Writers' Guild of Irving invites you attend an Open House, Barnes & Nobles, 3634 Irving Mall, Irving, Texas. For information call 214-492-0152 for information.

April Ongoing

Forum 2006, 23rd Annual Conference, "Building Coalitions and Connecting Cultures," Fort Worth Convention Center. Presented by the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, North Texas Chapter, www.northtexasnfbpa.org. April 8-12

Paul Quinn College celebrates 134 years of scholastic excellence

April 1-8

Brother 2 Brother Literary Symposium, Dallas Academy of Arts and Letters, 650 S. Griffin St, 8:30 a.m. For the fourth year a collection of African American male fiction writers has organized what will be a significant gathering in literary history.

April 8

Alpha Legacy Celebration, Dallas World Trade Center, 2050 Stemmons Freeway, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Funds will benefit the Sankofa Foundation whose mission is to support youth through mentoring and sponsoring youth outreach initiatives through the community. Renowned jazz artist Gerald Albright will perform. Fore information call 214-395-5202.

April 19

18th Annual She Knows Where She Is Going Awards Girls Inc. to honor performer Erica Badu and philanthropist Aleta Stampley. The luncheon will take place at the Wyndam Anatole Hotel, 12 Noon.

April 29

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. invites you to the 1st Annual Alpha Merit Scholarship Beautillion, D.A. Huley Auditorium, 9339 S. Polk St. Call 214-364-6740 for information.

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It's Hard Out Here For A (Anti-) Pimp!

By: Anthony Asadullah Samad
I don't know about you, but the shock I feel for the Oscar awarded to Three 6 Mafia for best original song is not one of joy over how that could happen. It was more a shock of pain as to why this would happen. Why would, of all the movies that were created in 2005, and all the songs and soundtracks that came out in 2005, that the only one that the Academy could identify is "It's Hard Out Here For A Pimp." Certainly, hip hop is the major music genre of the day and deserves its long over due "day in the sun."

But this is not about the genre or the makers of the song. This is about another opportunity to misrepresent the context of African American life within a small subset of negative imagery that will last lifetimes. There is nothing original about "pimping" or songs about pimping. But the "pimp mentality" only survives through the "black prism" by which the world sees this sub-culture as pervasive or a mainstream element in everyday black life.

Black children and young adults have a hard enough time finding positive images to aspire to without having the destructive ones constantly pounded into their heads. And no matter how much we try to counteract the negative imagery with positive ones—no matter how much we try to negate the pimp mentality with more constructive images of black life beyond the street life (and there is successful black life beyond the hood-athletes and entertainers manage to find once they succeed)—thuggery and pimpin' seem to be revived in the media, and now celebrated as an "original" contribution of the highest ilk, in the most recognized artistry award ceremony in the world. They must've forgot about "Superfly."

But there is a deeper piece here, one that gives you that sinking feeling that another cruel joke has been played on Black America, on national television, when a song with a subject that

most of us don't even relate to—somehow gets to be the mantra for creative artistry in a movie. It's hard out here for those of us who are trying to reverse the deconstruction of the black male image as violent, oversexed and maniacal when the only thing America is willing to show is black men as unemployed loafers, gangstas, jailbirds, hustlers, over feminine (flamingly) gays and, of course, their favorite, as pimps.

Beyond the other negative images, the pimp is worse than them all because his existence relies on the exploitation and degeneration of women. Pimps are what some young men aspire to be, and pimping is a predator mindset that allows a leech of a person (the pimp) to live off its host (the women who he transform into a prostitute). In a time when the biggest in the black male/female is trust issues over finances, the seed is always planted that any assistance to her man can easily be translating into some kind of pimping arrangement—breeding even a greater distrust and greater estrangement among segments of the black community that are co-dependent on each other in helping change the state of black community reality. The very interjection of the pimp mentality signals the desire to exploit in ways that leaves the exploiter and exploited victim, the pimp in their inability to sustain beyond devaluing another person to survive and the whore imprisoned in their own absence of self-esteem that doesn't allow them to rise beyond serving the exploiter. Meanwhile, we are never able to really discuss the ways our communities are really "pimped" (exploited) by those who rob of the means to self-sustain and flourish. We can only discuss how we step on each other to rise (banging, slanging, hoe-ing, drugging) and the pimp never looks at the trail of destruction they leave behind. Just their own glorification, as temporary as it is.

They weren't ready for John Wayne to turn over in his grave over the deconstruction of an

image of hero-macho-ism that he (and the academy) spend 50 years constructing. And they would give best original song with a theme that it ain't easy being gay, or drug-user, or a serial killer, or any other negative imagery historically associated with white men. And they make hundreds of movies to counteract that one movie or song that might portray negative imagery. But they have no problem resurrecting "the black pimp," in movie or song, over and over again, like that's the only thing a black man can be. The successful or intelligent or articulate black men in the Sidney Portier image hasn't been resurrected since Sidney left the screen. Positive black imagery is rarely portrayed, and even more rarely rewarded by the academy.

Dirty cops, slaves, wicked women, pimps, we can get plenty of recognition for those roles and now the ni**a, *itch, hoe mentality wins an Oscar. No matter how hard we try to reject these images, they find their way back in the limelight of America entertainment venues. Now, people walking past black people at work, talkin' 'bout, "It's hard out here for a pimp." Somehow, I don't think that smile (or smirk) on their face is a congratulatory one. Black America is being laughed at, again, under the guise of creative recognition. Now we can expect more "pimp" songs and more "wanna-be" pimps as reality always imitates art in our communities (versus the other way around).

More damage for us to try to reverse. More young minds for us to try to keep straight while the celebration gets louder. All I can say is, "It's hard out here for an anti-pimp."

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Paul Hailey

This week marks the third anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, which was marked by protests in this America and abroad.

One of the best protest signs I've seen puts it simply: If you're not outraged, then you're not informed. That sign is appropriate because once you take inventory of the results of the invasion, you can't help but be outraged.

America has sacrificed a tremendous amount in both lives and money since the inception of "Bush's folly". Over 2300 U.S. soldiers have lost their lives in Iraq, and another 18,000 soldiers have been seriously wounded. Estimates are that another 50,000 soldiers show signs of acute psychological distress.

The Iraqi losses have been just as startling. Over the past three years, at least 100,000 Iraqi been killed by U.S. forces. As many as 50 people are killed every day. This includes an alarming number of women and children that the U.S. media tend to not publicize.

And then there's the money—which continues to make my eyes glass over and my head hurt when I think about it. To date, we have spent \$315 billion dollars on Iraq. We are still spending \$6 billion per month to support the 130,000 troops we have there. All of this money is being printed by deficit spending.

Finally, there is the "reconstruction racket". Halliburton, Bechtel, Brown and Root and other companies are raping both the U.S. and Iraq, raking in over \$16 billion in government contracts, and forcing the Iraqis to pay elevated prices to import oil.

My father used to say that the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Three Years in Iraq: What Have We Accomplished?

President Bush made a statement this week which I think is indicative of his intentions (misguided as they are), and the lunacy that has characterized the entire occupation: "We're going to help the Iraqis build strong democracy that will be an inspiration throughout the Middle East, a democracy that'll be a partner in the global war against the terrorists."

Has nobody told the President that the Iraqis can't even agree on a form of government? What if they don't want democracy? I continue to be amazed at our insistence of shoving democracy down the throats of a people in a region that has successfully resisted democracy over the past 2000 years.

Now that we know what is currently happening in Iraq after three years, let's talk about what's not happening.

We are NOT bringing democracy to Iraq.

Iyad Allawi, the former interim prime minister of one of the Iraqi governments that we set up said this week that the sectarian conflict is so high that "if this is not civil war, then God knows what civil war is". The Iraqi constitution (which we pushed), basically ensures sectarian divisions in Iraqi politics. What we are really doing is creating civil war in a country that has been ruled by religious based governments for centuries.

We are NOT defeating terrorism by staying in Iraq.

Iraq was simply not the center of a terrorist threat to the United States. Over the past three years, we have seen more and more evidence that the Bush Administration distorted and embellished the facts in making its case for war in Iraq. We have since discovered that, much as there were no weapons of mass destruction; invading Iraq is not the end all in ending terrorism. If anything, the inva-

sion of Iraq has increased the resentment and anger that many in the region feel against the United States and its allies. This makes innocent people in these countries more vulnerable to terrorism, which was illustrated in the attacks in Madrid in 2004 and in London in 2005.

We are NOT helping the Iraqi people by occupying their country.

One of the most common objections to withdrawing from Iraq is the argument that we can't "cut and run" from our obligation to the Iraqi people. Our military presence in Iraq creates more instability and suffering for the people there than stability. Pundits tend to forget that there was a time that we supported Saddam Hussein. We enforced sanctions that cost the lives of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis. We armed both sides in the Iran-Iraq war. We helped to destroy Iraq with the bombing in the first Gulf War in 1991.

Iraq should be able to decide its own future, they are capable of rebuilding their own society; and if they want our help they can ask.

Journalist Naomi Klein sums up the situation aptly, "The United States, having broken Iraq, is not the process of fixing it. It is merely continuing to break the country and its people by other means, using not only F-16s and Bradleys, but now the less flashy weaponry of economic strangulation".

The best thing we can now do for the Iraqi people and ourselves is to immediately withdraw, both militarily and economically.

I've personally had enough of our good intentions leading that country and this one down the road to hell.

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Rice, The (Un)Candidate

By: Eugene Robinson

She jets constantly around the world, from crisis to catastrophe, and when she's soaring 42,000 feet above some ocean she can't hear all the noise back home. That's probably just as well. "Run, Condi, run" wouldn't offend her ears, but I doubt she'd appreciate Spike Lee's advice: "Condi, stop smoking that crack!"

I wouldn't bet the mortgage that Condoleezza Rice will run for president this time. She says she doesn't want to, and although she leaves the door slightly ajar — she doesn't say she absolutely, positively won't be a candidate — that's probably just a prudent way of keeping her options open.

Even if she secretly does want to run, I think she'd have to be smoking something to believe all those Republicans who've been telling pollsters how peachy it would be to have a black woman at the head of their presidential ticket. This is the party, after all, that built its solid South through coded appeals to whites who felt threatened by the nameless, dark Other.

Then again, you should have seen the rock-star reception she got from an overwhelmingly white crowd last fall when she flipped the coin at a University of Alabama football game. It was as if Bear Bryant himself had come back to Tuscaloosa.

You could certainly make a case that Rice is doing more than just making herself available in case the party finds itself facing a sure Democratic victory and turns to her in a desperate Hail Mary. When she invited a television crew to roll videotape as she performed her daily workout routine, the message wasn't exactly "secretary of state." What's the difference

between showing the world how you do your stomach crunches and donning a funny-looking hat at the state fair?

Her back-to-Birmingham trip last year was chock-full of campaign iconography — hordes of smiling children, acres of patriotic bunting — and even on foreign trips she rarely fails to remind audiences of her personal history. Yesterday, in Australia, she began a town hall meeting with university students by reminiscing about her youthful promise as a musician. A student's question about Iraq led to a disquisition on her early years in the segregated South.

Meanwhile, Rice has subtly tried to distance herself and the State Department from the worst excesses of the Cheney-Rumsfeld axis — even though, as national security adviser, she was an active participant in all the major decisions about Iraq, domestic spying and the administration's ambitious, unilateral expansion of executive power. "Abu Ghraib was a disgrace," she told the Australian students. "What happened there made me sick to my stomach."

Lightning would have to strike for Rice to enter the presidential race this time — something like the fantasy scenario in which Dick "Bull's-Eye" Cheney gets fed up and resigns after the midterm election. President Bush could then appoint Rice as his new vice president, which would instantly put her in play for 2008. Stranger things have happened, but not many.

Still, I think it's inevitable that Rice will eventually enter politics. The question for the Democratic Party will be how black voters react.

Black conservative Shelby Steele recently speculated with an interviewer from the

American Enterprise, a conservative journal, about how a race between Hillary Clinton and Rice might turn out. "If Hillary runs against a man, my guess is there's a certain women's vote out there that will go for her, even many Republicans," he said. "But if she's running against Condoleezza Rice, that would disappear. A large bit of the black vote that Democrats are so desperately dependent upon would also disappear. If Condoleezza Rice ran, she could win by simply taking an extra 15 percent of the black vote."

But from my own anecdotal observation, Spike Lee speaks for a lot of African Americans who have strong negative feelings about Rice. If she runs, he told the New York Observer, "African Americans will have to really, really, really, really, REALLY analyze the secretary of state's record, and get past the pigmentation of her skin. . . . I'm not going to vote for that woman. No. Way."

Steele acknowledges that he might be wrong, that Rice might turn out to be a lousy politician. Lee acknowledges that "I'm not the spokesperson for 45 million African Americans." The truth is that nobody knows how voters would respond to a black woman who loyally serves an administration so reviled in the black community.

And would those cheering, white 'Bama football fans check her name when they're in the privacy of the voting booth?

Nobody knows. But I'll bet that someday — maybe not soon, but someday — we'll find out.

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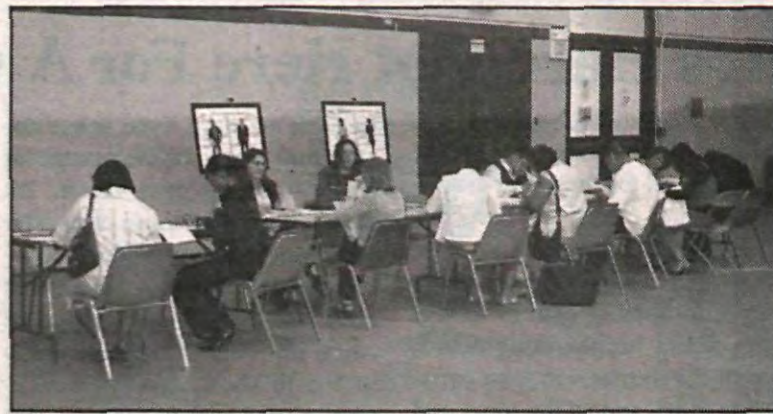
Police Department, Labor Ready, O'Reilly Auto Parts, US Army Recruiting, and Volt Services. More than 65 area companies had representatives on hand to talk to prospective employees and to do interviews. More than 275 Eastfield students and 270 community members attended the fair.

The sponsors' registration fees were used to fund three, \$150 Career Development Scholarships and to help offset the expense of the job fair. To determine the winner of the scholarships, which must be used within one year, a drawing of the job fair attendees' registration forms was held. The three winners are Lonette Frazier of Garland, Chandra Smith of Dallas, and Allison Christensen of Mabank.

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Front Row: Lisa Sandow, USA Financial Group; Chris Shipp, Geico; Charsie Williams, UPS; Sandra Kaperonis, Volt Services; Mayra Olvera, O'Reilly Auto Parts.

Second Row: Brian Carter, Vector Marketing; J. Walzel and S. McNary, Mesquite Police Dept.; Sylvia Gomez and Jennifer Gossett, Labor Ready; Danny Proulx, USA Financial Group; unidentified guest; Sue Koshar, Employment News; SFC David Bird and Sgt. Jonathan Lewis, US Army Recruiting; Lee Sullivan, Dallas JTAC; and Mark McMullin, UPS.

Call For End Of War Page 1

"He was sent to Iraq based on lies."

About 200 marched Sunday down New York's Fifth Avenue, with signs including: "Resist the War Don't enlist." Nineteen were given summonses for disorderly conduct and released, police said. Saturday's rally drew more than 1,000 people.

Also Saturday, more than 7,000 people marched through downtown Chicago.

The protests drew crowds far short of the millions who protested the Iraq invasion in March 2003 and the anniversary in 2004.

President Bush marked the anniversary Sunday by touting the efforts to build democracy in Iraq. He avoided any mention of the continuing daily violence there and didn't utter the word "war."

"We are implementing a strategy that will lead to victory in Iraq," Bush said.

Outside the United States, protests included a 1,000-strong rally in Seoul, where demonstrators urged the South Korean government to bring their troops home.

In Malaysia's largest city, Kuala Lumpur, about 600 people protested peacefully, unlike

a gathering last year when police used a water cannon to disperse demonstrators. In Tokyo, about 800 demonstrators took to the streets, after some 2,000 protested the day earlier.

In London, police said 15,000 people joined a march Saturday from Parliament and Big Ben to a rally in Trafalgar Square. The anniversary last year attracted 45,000 protesters in the city.

Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez, a strident Bush critic, offered some of his harshest criticisms of the U.S. president in months.

"The world is opposed to your war, Mr. Danger," Chavez said on his weekly television and radio program. He also called Bush a "coward," a "donkey" and a "drunkard."

Hundreds of anti-war protesters marched silently and carried symbolic caskets through the capital of Puerto Rico, led by the families of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We wanted to do something simple, something so simple and solemn as a funeral march through our towns," said Wanda Colon, a spokeswoman for the organizers.

In Reno, Nev., some 400 anti-war protesters were greeted by about two dozen counter-

demonstrators. It was a reversal from three years ago when about 200 pro-military demonstrators crashed an anti-war protest, drowning out about 150 peace

activists' hymns and speeches.

Activist Cindy Sheehan, who energized the anti-war movement last summer with her monthlong protest outside

Bush's Texas ranch, joined the Gulf Coast marchers in Mississippi on Friday, but left early Sunday for events in Washington.

"The support for this war has dwindled dramatically," she said. "The rest of America is on board with ending this war."

Student Group Sues Texas School District

A student organization sued the Plano school district Monday, alleging officials prohibited them from posting information about their Bible study group on the district's Web site.

Students Witnessing Absolute Truth claimed in the suit that other officially recognized clubs were allowed to post details on the site, but their "noncurricular" religious group was denied equal access.

"They were allowed to post


their club description on the Web site, then about a week later they were told, 'Oh, I'm sorry, it's going to have to come off,'" said Hiram Sasser, director of litigation for Plano-based Liberty Legal Institute, which filed the suit on behalf of the group.

He said school officials told the students that all noncurricular groups' information would be removed from the site, but the club descriptions for other organizations were left

untouched.

A message left with Plano Independent School District officials was not immediately returned Monday.

The federal lawsuit is the second religious discrimination suit filed against the Plano district by Liberty Legal Institute. The first was filed on behalf of a student who was prohibited from distributing religious-themed gifts. That case remains in litigation.



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Traylor started his professional career in the beverage industry where he held numerous management positions in sales, marketing and advertising with Coca Cola and Dr. Pepper Bottling companies in Houston. He was also employed in the media and communications industry with All Pro Broadcasting Affiliate,

Radio Station KYOK as General Sales Manager. He has held positions as National Sales Manager with Starstream Communications, and National Sales Manager with Tune-In Publications.

Mr. Traylor concluded his career in industry management with B&W Tobacco Corporation as Senior Area Manager, Trade Marketing. The merger of Brown & Williamson and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco corporations afforded Mr. Traylor an early retirement after 13 years of service in the industry.

Carl Traylor is married to Sheila Scott Traylor who later followed him in early retirement from Wella Corporation where she served as vice-president sales after spending more than 20 years in the health and beauty aids industry.

Mrs. Traylor manages customer service and the administrative affairs of the agency. They have two children, Scott Jenea 13, and Timothy 11, who are very active in school, community and church activities. The family is very active members of Bethel Bible Fellowship in Carrollton, where they are members of the church's leadership team. Their church involvement inspired them to establish C. Traylor Insurance Agency in the same community.

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Racial Profiling Page 1

in 2005, (149 of 1,514 arrests).

• Black motorists accounted for 30% of the documented claims of racial profiling against the Plano Police Department in 2005.

In 2001, the Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 1074, which banned the use of racial or ethnic profiling during police stops, searches and arrests. Since 2002, Texas law enforcement agencies are required to annually report detailed statistics concerning the race of individuals who are stopped in their jurisdictions.

For the past three years police departments across the state have cautioned that the numbers should not be taken literally and that the data is flawed. In their report summary, the Plano Police Department cites a number of factors that should be considered when analyzing the data. They refer to the fact that the data doesn't include drivers that

were not given a citation or arrested, and the lack of statistically meaningful baseline numbers.

The fallacy with this logic is that raw numbers are what they are. Nearly 50% more blacks being arrested in discretionary arrests, and blacks and Hispanics both being more likely to be searched cannot be explained away as a statistical anomaly.

Across the region, blacks are searched at a higher rate than whites in consent searches. Consent searches occur when an officer asks for permission to search an individual or his vehicle (i.e., to look for contraband), despite having no probable cause or legal right to do so.

In Texas, reporting by local departments shows that minorities are asked for consent most often.

While blacks intuitively know why this happens, experts believe that more study is needed to understand the "why" behind the numbers.

Alex del Carmen, an associate professor of criminology and criminal justice at the University of Texas at Arlington, said there's no proven reason why departments search minorities at a higher rate than whites.

"Sadly, the jury's still out as to what that means for most police departments," Dr. del Carmen said. "My recommendation for police departments is that they actually do a follow-up study on searches. Police departments need to go back and find out why those searches are as high as they are."

The issue of racial profiling will continue to be an issue in Plano and the region as the minority population increases. Proposed measures to more effectively eradicate racial profiling in Texas include: adopting uniform reporting standards on a statewide basis, analyzing data on an officer-level basis, and call for the Texas legislature to totally ban the practice of consent searches. To date, New Jersey, Minnesota,

Rhode Island, and Hawaii have all banned consent searches statewide, and the California Highway Patrol ended the practice as part of a lawsuit settlement. None of those states have experienced a dramatic increase in crime as a result of that ban.

"To its credit, the Plano Police Department has taken steps to prevent profiling by installing a mobile video recording devices in all squad cars, requiring new officers to attend training on racial profiling, and by increased community involvement.

Unfortunately, the numbers indicate these efforts are not enough. Particularly in suburban enclaves like Plano, race remains a hot button issue, and historically it may be many years before societal attitudes catch up with legislative edicts.

Until that happens, the words of State Rep Senfronia Thompson will remain a prophetic reality.

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Black Men Study Page 1

when it comes to determining the scope of joblessness. For example, official unemployment rates can be misleading because they do not include those not seeking work or incarcerated.

"If you look at the numbers, the 1990's was a bad decade for young black men, even though it had the best labor market in 30 years," said Harry J. Holzer, an economist at Georgetown University and co-author, with Peter Edelman and Paul Offner, of "Reconnecting Disadvantaged Young Men".

In response to the worsening situation for young black men, a growing number of programs are placing as much importance on teaching life skills — like parenting, conflict resolution and character building — as they are on teaching job skills.

These were among the recent findings:

• The share of young black men without jobs has climbed relentlessly, with only a slight pause during the economic peak of the late 1990's. In 2000, 65 percent of black male high school dropouts in their 20's were jobless — that is, unable to find work, not seeking it or incarcerated. By 2004, the share had grown to 72 percent, compared with 34 percent of white and 19 percent of Hispanic dropouts. Even when high school graduates were included, half of black men in their 20's were jobless in 2004, up from 46 percent in 2000.

• Incarceration rates climbed in the 1990's and reached historic highs in the past few years. In 1995, 16 percent of black men in their 20's who did not attend college were in jail or prison; by 2004, 21 percent were incarcerated. By their mid-30's, 6 in 10 black men who had dropped out of school had spent time in prison.

• In the inner cities, more

than half of all black men do not finish high school.

According to census data, there are about five million black men ages 20 to 39 in the United States.

Terrible schools, absent parents, racism, the decline in blue collar jobs and a subculture that glorifies swagger over work have all been cited as causes of the deepening ruin of black youths. Scholars — and the young men themselves — agree that all of these issues must be addressed.

All the negative trends are associated with poor schooling, studies have shown, and progress has been slight in recent years. Federal data tend to understate dropout rates among the poor, in part because imprisoned youths are not counted.

Closer studies reveal that in inner cities across the country, more than half of all black men still do not finish high school, said Gary Orfield, an education expert at Harvard and editor of "Dropouts in America".

"We're pumping out boys with no honest alternative," Mr. Orfield said in an interview, "and of course their neighborhoods offer many other alternatives."

Dropout rates for Hispanic youths are as bad or worse but are not associated with nearly as much unemployment or crime, the data show.

With the shift from factory jobs, unskilled workers of all races have lost ground, but none more so than blacks. By 2004, 50 percent of black men in their 20's who lacked a college education were jobless, as were 72 percent of high school dropouts, according to data compiled by Bruce Western, a sociologist at Princeton and author of the forthcoming book "Punishment and Inequality in America". These are more than double the rates for white and Hispanic men.

Mr. Holzer of Georgetown

and his co-authors cite two factors that have curbed black employment in particular.

First, the high rate of incarceration and attendant flood of former offenders into neighborhoods have become major impediments. Men with criminal records tend to be shunned by employers, and young blacks with clean records suffer by association, studies have found.

Arrests of black men climbed steeply during the crack epidemic of the 1980's, but since then the political shift toward harsher punishments, more than any trends in crime, has accounted for the continued growth in the prison population, Mr. Western said.

By their mid-30's, 30 percent of black men with no more than a high school education have served time in prison, and 60 percent of dropouts have, Mr. Western said.

Among black dropouts in their late 20's, more are in prison on a given day — 34 percent — than are working — 30 percent — according to an analysis of 2000 census data by Steven

Raphael of the University of California, Berkeley.

The second special factor is related to an otherwise successful policy: the stricter enforcement of child support. Improved collection of money from absent fathers has been a pillar of welfare overhaul. But the system can leave young men feeling overwhelmed with debt and deter them from seeking legal work, since a large share of any earnings could be seized.

About half of all black men in their late 20's and early 30's who did not go to college are noncustodial fathers, according to Mr. Holzer. From the fathers' viewpoint, support obligations "amount to a tax on earnings," he said.

The recent studies identified a range of government programs and experiments, especially education and training efforts like the Job Corps, that had shown success and could be scaled up.

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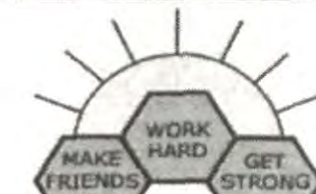
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Today, if there is one number you want to keep near your computer it's Fast-teks (800-262-1671). It's no wonder they are quickly becoming the first company people go to for all of their computer needs.

RedZee Raises The Bar For "Kid-Safe" Internet Searches

(Syndicated News) Major search engines have opened up an enormous variety of resources for kids and teens of all ages to find almost anything they search for. Unfortunately it has also created a new avenue for kids and teens to access pornography through these major engines. According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, every year one out of every five children is sexually solicited online. One of the more common incidents on the Internet involves children searching for explicit topics that send kids to pornographic Web sites.

Major search engines allow unfiltered results and that can be a problem, especially if kids are doing the searching. This is raising concern across the nation for schools, parents and even the government. Major search engines could install filters that would stop users from typing explicit topics.

Unfortunately, pornography is one of the most searched for items and this would impact their user base and their bottom line.

The Bush administration is trying to pass an Internet child protection law to stop pornographic Web sites from showing up on computers that children are using. In the process, they recently requested records from Google to see what people search for. Although Google refused to release the information, the goal was to see how often a search resulted in a pornographic link. That protection law was struck down just two years ago leaving parents, schools and teens to find ways to get good clean search results. ISE Corporation created RedZee Search (www.RedZee.com), a possible solution to this problem. RedZee, a new search engine, filters out pornographic results while delivering accurate relevant searches. "We are filling the desperate need for a quality search engine that

offers clean, yet still accurate results," says John Stewart of ISE Corporation. RedZee offers fast search results that are targeted correctly to what people are looking for. Searches for explicit or pornographic related words do not have a result. With the peace of mind this company is offering they have quickly become popular with parents, teens and schools across the country. "We take pride in knowing that people count on us to help in the struggle to clean up Internet searching as we know it," says Stewart.

The government may never be completely successful at passing any laws to keep pornographic search results away from children. In the meantime, RedZee's quality record sets them apart and continues to push their company to success. That's why their mission is "to be the most accurate and the most reliable for adults, and at the same time, think of the children."

Farrakhan Visits Cuba Page 1
lost lives," he said.

Farrakhan, who led the Million Man March on the Washington Mall in 1995 to promote black self-reliance and responsibility, said he intended to "spread the knowledge" among impoverished black, Hispanic and Native American communities.

He met with young Americans studying medicine in Havana on Cuban scholarships and encouraged them to go back to their communities to deliver medical services needed by those who lack health insurance.

"This is a difficult road that you have chosen, but you must not give up," he told some of the 74

Americans studying at Havana's Latin American Medical School.

The United States broke off diplomatic relations with Cuba and enforced an economic embargo after Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution. The Bush administration stepped up sanctions in 2004 to undermine what it calls an "outpost of tyranny."

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L'Oreal Paris Signs Kerry Washington As New Spokesperson

L'Oreal Paris has signed actress Kerry Washington, best known for her critically acclaimed portrayal of Ray Charles' wife Della in the film Ray, to an exclusive worldwide contract as a spokesperson for the company and its brands. Washington will first represent L'Oreal Paris' HIP High Intensity Pigments(TM), a new cosmetics collection for women who love color. The new print ad featuring Washington will debut later this year.

"It's really exciting for me to be one of the faces of L'Oreal and to be working with a company that has historically represented so many different kinds of women with different kinds of skin color," says Washington. "One of the main reasons I was so attracted to working with L'Oreal is because of their slogan, 'Because I'm Worth It'. L'Oreal is so much about supporting women, helping women feel good about themselves, and it's great to feel like I can be a part of that."

Winner for "Outstanding Actress in a Motion Picture" for Ray at the NAACP Image Awards in 2005 and Nominated for an Independent Spirit Award for "Best Actress" in the film Lift in 2002, Kerry Washington is



proving to be one of the busiest actresses in Hollywood. Most recently, she was seen in this past summer's Mr. and Mrs. Smith, starring Brad Pitt and Angelina

Jolie, and Fantastic Four, directed by Tim Story and based on the beloved Marvel comics' superheroes. Washington will next be seen in the Wayans Brothers' comedy Little Man, scheduled to be released July 5th, 2006 and The Last King of Scotland opposite Forest Whitaker, scheduled to be in theaters fall 2006.

Prior to these two films, Washington starred in Ray, the inspirational life story of Ray Charles. Directed by Taylor Hackford, Washington starred opposite Jamie Foxx as Charles' wife, Della. Prior to Ray, she played the lead role opposite Anthony Mackie in Spike Lee's latest film, She Hate Me. In addition, she recently starred in Sidney Lumet's HBO film Strip Search with Ellen Barkin, Glenn Close and Maggie Gyllenhaal and the independent film Sexual Life in which Washington co-starred with Tom Everett Scott, Dule Hill, Anne Heche and Azura Skye.

Spike Lee Takes George Clooney To Task For Hattie McDaniel Reference In Oscar Speech

Spike Lee has gone on another tear, this time with a bulls eye on his boy, George Clooney.

While accepting the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor earlier this month, Clooney took issue with a dig in Jon Stewart's opening monologue that suggested Hollywood, and its rich and famous inhabitants, are grossly out of touch with the rest of the world. In an attempt to protest Stewart's remark, the "Syriana" star cited the Academy's "forward thinking" in awarding a Best Supporting Actress Oscar

to Hattie McDaniel in 1933 for "Gone With the Wind."

To use that as an example of how progressive Hollywood is is ridiculous," Lee said to femalefirst.co.uk. "Hattie McDaniel played Mammy in 'Gone With the Wind.' That film was basically saying that the wrong side won the Civil War and that black people should still be enslaved.

"C'mon! I like George a lot. I'm not hating on him. But I don't think he really thought it

out. How many years was it between Hattie McDaniel and



Halle Berry (winning an acting Oscar)? Sixty-some-odd? C'mon!"

LL Cool J And Gabrielle Union Hosts Rip The Runway

On Thursday, March 23, BET will premiere Rip The Runway hosted by hip-hop impresario, actor and new clothing designer, LL Cool J, one of Hollywood's most stunning leading ladies, Gabrielle Union, and funny man Katt Williams. From the "Fashion Capitol of the World" New York City, television's best-dressed hour features urban, high-end, plus size, sports and swimwear collections from designers: Brand Jordan, Todd Smith, G-Unit, Enyce, Stephen Burrows, Bathhouse by Bernard Moore, Roger Gary presents Aqua Couture, Qristy Designs, Monif C., Courtney Washington, Steve Harvey and even the latest dental line "grillz" from Paul Wall. Tune in to catch the latest fashion trends; R&B songstress Mya; pro football headliner Terrell Owens; supermodel Omahyra; America's Next Top Model contestant Toccara said she was excited to take part in a special new designer segment featuring clothes for the larger woman. "Last year, they didn't have any plus-size models and I

The "King of the South," T.I. kicked things off and took center stage as Brand Jordan displayed their collection, featuring celebrity models, Big Tigger, Terrell Owens and Mya as they swaggered their way down the catwalk. Mobb Deep, Christina Milian, Busta Rhymes, Ne-Yo and Oscar winners, Three 6 Mafia all put it down and had the audience and the models going wild. One of the main highlights of the evening was Anthony Hamilton serenading the plus size models with his single "Sista Big Bones," as Qristy Designs, Monif C., and Courtney Washington showcased their beautiful collection. Former America's Next Top Model contestant Toccara said she was excited to take part in a special new designer segment featuring clothes for the larger woman. "Last year, they didn't have any plus-size models and I

am so happy [BET] opened its mind and eyes and realized that beauty comes in all sizes and I think we are proving that tonight," she said. "I'm excited because the big girls are doing their thing."



Rip The Runway is co-produced by Cossette Productions, acclaimed producers of the Grammy Awards along with the BET Awards and BET Walk Of Fame.

'Grey's Anatomy' Creator Shonda Rhimes Nabs TV Land's 'Future Classic' Award.

ABC's critically-acclaimed hit drama, "Grey's Anatomy," was awarded this year's TV Land Future Classic Award at the TV Land Awards: A Celebration of Classic TV in Santa Monica, CA.

Creator and executive producer Shonda Rhimes, along with the cast of "Grey's Anatomy," accepted the honor on behalf of the show.

"We are honored that TV Land has chosen Grey's

Anatomy as their Future Classic Award recipient," stated Rhimes. "TV Land has quickly established itself as a great home for the most loved series to air on television. As we continue to build upon a great start to 'Grey's Anatomy,' we are thrilled to be honored by this institution and look forward to one day joining their elite line up of fantastic television shows."

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Car Review

2005 Volvo XC90

By: E. Dewayne Gibson Jr.

The Volvo XC90 is a crossover SUV with a V8 engine. The new V8 engine marks a new turning-point in Volvo Cars' history. It is the first V8 the company has produced since it was founded in 1927, and the Volvo XC90 is the first model to be powered by the new engine.

The Volvo XC90 is the largest vehicle in the Volvo lineup. It comes in two models: the XC90 and the XC90 T6 AWD. The XC90 is powered by a 2.5-liter inline five-cylinder turbocharged engine producing 208 horsepower at 5,000 rpm and 236 lb.-ft. of torque from 1,500 - 4,500 rpm. The XC90 T6 AWD gets its power from a twin turbocharged 2.9-liter inline six-

cylinder engine making 268 horsepower at 5,200 rpm and a stout 280 lb.-ft. of torque from 1,800 - 5,000 rpm. Both models will tow up to 5,000 pounds



when equipped with all-wheel drive.

Adhering to Volvo's core brand values of safety, environmental consciousness and value, the XC90 introduced five automotive world firsts: Roll Stability Control (RSC), an inflatable side curtain

for all three rows of seats, an integrated sliding center booster seat for children, seatbelts with pretensioners in all seating positions and the availability of a Dolby 5.1 Pro Logic II surround sound stereo system featuring a 305-watt Alpine amplifier and 12 premium speakers.

The mid-size premium sports-utility vehicle has space for impressive third row seats. The third row folds flat below the cargo floor, increasing luggage capacity without having to lift a heavy seat out of the vehicle.

Fuel Economy is 18/24 mpg for the 2.5-liter. MSRP starts \$34,840.

The XC90 is a three time winner at the Texas Auto Writers Association's Texas Truck Rodeo. The Texas Auto Writers Association named the Volvo XC90 as the Truck of Texas.

Join The Dallas Mavericks, Wal-Mart And The American Red Cross At A Festive Community Blood Drive This Month!

The Dallas Mavericks, the American Red Cross and Wal-Mart would like to invite the public to a community blood drive on Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a Wal-Mart Store located at 152 North Cockrell Hill Road in Dallas.

This event is the first of four community blood drives to be held at local Wal-Mart locations. Other local businesses contributing to the community drive include Southwest Airlines, Verizon SuperPages, Texan Home Mortgage, Univision Media, Mercado Bilingue and UPN 21.

During the community blood drive, the Dallas Mavericks will help make the experience enjoyable and festive with Mavs mascot Champ, the Mavs Street Team and

the ManiAACs. Everyone who comes to donate will be eligible to receive a fun gift.

"We are so excited about holding community blood drives with such great business partners. We thank everyone for making a commitment to work with the Red Cross as we try to help save precious lives," said Calvin Smith, the Executive Director of the Southwest - Texas Region of the American Red Cross Blood Services. "We also thank everyone who makes a personal commitment to donate blood. You truly make a great difference to local patients in need of blood."

To donate blood, a person must be in good health, be at least 17 years old and weigh 110

pounds or more. To get more information please call 469-341-1097. Information is also given in Spanish. Volunteer blood donors must also show identification at registration. Please bring a Red Cross donor card, a valid driver's license or other form of official picture identification.



Mavs Man and Champ at last year's Dallas Mavericks Blood Drive.

Faith Summit On Poverty Page 1

Faith Summit on Poverty, March 24th and 25th 2006 at the Friendship-West Conference Center, 2020 W. Wheatland Road; Dallas. The central theme and goal is to enlighten and equip citizens to mobilize their state, local and federal politicians toward a meaningful, updated and earnest War on Poverty!!

The Katrina devastation merely pulled the covers off the real issues of poverty in America. Therefore, the Summit is positioned as a partnership of the political agenda and benevolent provider to transform the at-risk community, at large

This multifaceted, three-fold effort will include the following events:

Workshop Sessions

Friday March 24, 2006

2pm to 4pm

These solution-driven, informational exchanges, moderated by Senator Royce West, Representative Yvonne Davis and Commissioner John Wiley Price, will be held to develop strategies that will not only eradicate poverty, but also empower the disenfranchised in the areas of Education, Economic Empowerment and Health Care and Human Services.

Town Hall Meeting

Saturday March 25, 2006

9 am - 12 p.m.

A panel discussion featuring nationally acclaimed speakers will be moderated by U.S. Representative Maxine Waters and Dr. Haynes. The panel will include

Economist/Writer - Julianne Malveaux Author / Professor Michael Eric Dyson Comedian/Radio Host - Rickey Smiley County Commissioner - John Wiley Price

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Sister Tarpley

Women History Month continues. There was a very distinguished lady from Texas, **Ms. Barbara Jordan**, she was born in the Fifth Ward of Houston, TX to Rev. Benjamin & Mrs. Arlyne Jordan; Ms. Jordan attended Roberson Elementary and Phyllis Wheatley High School.

At Wheatley, she was a member of the Honor Society and excelled in debating. She graduated in 1952 in the upper five percent of her class and wanted to study political science at the University of Texas-Austin, but was discouraged because the school was still segregated.

In 1956 Ms. Jordan graduated magna cum laude from Texas Southern with a double major in political science and history. She was a national champion debater; defeating her opponents from such schools as Yale and Brown, and tying Harvard University.

Ms. Jordan taught political science at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama for one year before returning to Houston in 1960 to take the bar examination and set up a private law practice.

In 1962 and 1964, she ran for a seat in the Texas House of Representatives, but lost both times. However, she made history when she was elected to the newly drawn Texas Senate seat in 1966, thereby becoming the first Black to serve in that body since 1883.

In a special session in March 1972, Senator Jordan was unanimously elected President Pro Tempore and in June, 1972 she was honored by being named

Ms. Barbara Jordan (1936-1996)

Governor for a Day. In November 1972, Senator Jordan was elected a Congresswoman from the Eighteenth Congressional District in Houston.

As a State Senator and as a Congresswoman, Ms. Jordan sponsored bills that championed the cause of poor, Black, and disadvantaged people. One of the most important bills as Senator was the Workman's Compensation Act, which increased the maximum benefits paid to injured workers. As a congresswoman, she sponsored legislation to broaden the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to cover Mexican Americans in Texas, and other southwestern states, and to extend its authority to those states where minorities had been denied the right to vote or had had their rights restricted by unfair registration practices, such as literacy tests.

At the 1974 impeachment hearing of U.S. President Richard Nixon, Congresswoman Jordan voted "yes" and she stated, "My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total."

Congresswoman Jordan in 1976 and again in 1992 was chosen as a keynote speaker for the Democratic National Convention; she was the first Black selected to keynote a major political convention.

President Jimmy Carter considered her for Attorney General and a U.N. Ambassador, but Ms. Jordan chose to remain in Congress. She was seriously thinking about challenging Senator John Tower for reelection in 1978, but became ill and retired from politics.

Ms. Jordan was very close to President Lyndon Baines Johnson, often visiting him at the White House as a State Senator, and became a Professor of Public Affairs at the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

In 1987, she became an eloquent

voice against Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork. She served as an unpaid adviser on ethics for Governor Ann Richards of Texas and was praised for her work on President Clinton's panel on Immigration Reform. Ms. Jordan died of complications from pneumonia on January 17, 1996.

Ruffles, fluted collars, and pleats were very popular in Victorian-era clothing. **Susan Knox's** fluting iron made pressing the embellishments easier. The trademark featured the inventor's picture and appeared on each iron.

Evelyn Ashford, winner of 4 Olympic gold medals in 1984, 1988, and 1992. Also won a silver medal in 1988 and was inducted into Track and Field and Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Ella Baker, a civil rights activist, was a driving force in the creation of the country's premier civil rights organizations. After graduating as valedictorian from North Carolina's Shaw University in 1927, Baker moved to New York City, where she encountered dire poverty, the result of the depression. She was a founding member of the Young Negroes Cooperative League, whose members pooled funds to buy products and services at reduced cost. In 1957 Baker and several Southern black ministers and activists established the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a major force in organizing the civil rights movement.

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Church Happenings

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL TEMPLE OF FAITH CME CHURCH

Tomorrow, March 24,
1:30 pm and 7:30 pm

The public is welcome to join us in our evening service at the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Spring Convocation; and Bishop Marshall Gilmore Pre-Retirement Celebration in our main Sanctuary
March 25, 10:30 am

Please join us for the conclusion of CME's Spring Convocation; and Bishop Marshall Gilmore Pre-Retirement Celebration in our main Sanctuary

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr.
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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.

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EBENEZER WORSHIP CENTER (EWC)

March, 2006

We are inviting all church's Fellowship Choirs and Musicians to participate in EWC's Praise and Worship Month of Celebration. Fellowship Musical Workshops starts on March 20, 2006 and will culminate with a Musical on March 26, 2006.

March 21-24, 7:00 pm

On Monday there will be a rehearsal for EWC Praise Team and Praise Dancers. On Tuesday there will be a rehearsal for all musicians. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, there will be a Choir workshop; and on Friday there will be a workshop for Youth and Teens.

March 26, 6:00 pm

You are invited to join us for the culmination of our March Praise and Worship with a "Praise Celebration." For more information on being a part of these workshops, please contact the church @ 972-980-0977 or NaTasha Smith @ 214-566-4733. You don't want to miss this spirit-filled workshop celebration, so come and join us!

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March 25, 7:00 pm

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Faith & Power Ministries
Apostle James Turknett, Pastor
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Dallas, TX 75227
972-329-1358

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March 27-29, 7:00 pm

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For more information, please call the church @ 214-371-2029

Friendship West Baptist Church

Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III
Senior Pastor
2020 W. Wheatland Road
Dallas, TX 75232
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GREATER ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

March 22 - 24, 7:30 pm Nightly

Don't miss, "The Latter Rain Revival," Deuteronomy 11:14. There will be anointed guest lecturers each night and will feature Apostle Cornell Hamilton of, "From Bondage to Freedom Interdenominational Church in Shreveport, LA. We are hosting this spirit-filled event in our sanctuary. For more information, please call New Life Fellowship Church @ 972-671-1096.

Greater Zion MBC
Rev. Mark A. Johnson, Sr.
Senior Pastor
4751 Hopkins Avenue
Dallas, TX 75209
214-358-2992

NEW JERUSALEM AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 25, 9:00 am

All women are cordially invited to join us for "Women's Day 2006" at our Women's Prayer Breakfast and Worship Service. Our theme is, "Women of Power—Don't Worry, Pray!" (Philippians 4:6 & 7) @ the Holiday

Inn Select -Love Field, 3300 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75235, doors will open @ 8:30 am. Our energetic speakers will be Minister Paula Rogers, Evangelist Pearllette Franklin, and Rev. Lavonia Hall. For donations, fees, and more information, please call the church 214-366-3301.

March 26, 11:00 am

Please join us for this Holy Spirit Women's Day Worship Service; our featured speaker will be the dynamic Rev. Challis Bradford, Forest Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, TX.

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Entire Month of March, 2006

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Taste Of Plano Page 1

requests for many more - 41 from one school alone.

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or better this year.

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New Orleans Mayor OKs Rebuilding Plan

Mayor Ray Nagin finished work Monday on a plan to rebuild New Orleans, endorsing a proposal that would allow all residents to reconstruct their homes in neighborhoods shattered by Hurricane Katrina.

The mayor's advisory commission, formed after Katrina struck Aug. 29, recommended in January that some flooded neighborhoods be replaced with parks and that the city take a go-slow attitude in rebuilding low-lying areas. But that suggestion was greeted with jeers and outrage at public meetings.

Nagin, who is running for re-election April 22, distanced himself from that plan, which included a proposed moratorium on building permits in some areas.

On Monday, he offered to let residents rebuild anywhere, but warned that homeowners in flood-prone neighborhoods would do so at their own risk.

"I'm confident that the citizens can decide intelligently for themselves," the mayor said.

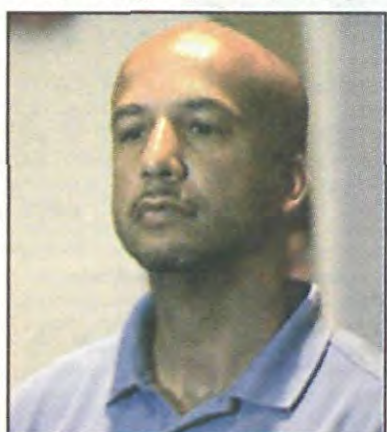
The report also recommended a host of other ideas, from revamping schools to consolidating some city offices. The wish-list of projects included new light-rail systems, new riverfront development and better flood protection.

"We have worked tirelessly," Nagin told hundreds of residents who attended a meeting to hear about the plan. "It has been controversial in some respects, but I am pleased by the results."

Residents lined up to speak against the proposal during a public-comment period. One of them, an activist named Chui Clark, called the commission "a rotten, racist committee," echoing criticism by many black residents who say they are being dis-

couraged from returning.

Babatunji Ahmed, a craftsman, charged that construction contracts were going to major corpo-



rations like the Halliburton Co. instead of to local workers.

"Somebody is trying to keep us away from this economic pie!" said Ahmed, who also spoke out against suggestions that the city reduce its size, or "footprint."

"The smaller footprint means you don't want my mamma back! You don't want my grandchildren back!" he said.

But the plan has been warmly received in many circles. Ron Forman, a strong mayoral candidate and prominent businessman, applauded the commission's work and the breadth of the report. But he said it is still short on specifics.

"The only problem I see with the plan is that I don't see an implementation plan, an action plan, based on dates on when we can expect to be done," Forman said.

Nagin turned the plan immediately into fodder for his re-election campaign, poking fun at a prominent opponent and using the spotlight to make light of missteps he's made.

"I'm going to do something I hate to do: I'm going to read from the script ... so that I don't get caught up in the moment," said

Nagin, whose off-the-cuff remarks have drawn criticism, such as his infamous "chocolate city" speech in which he said God intended New Orleans to be a black-majority city.

The release of the report came hours after civil rights groups took aim at the state's plan for rebuilding, which includes spending billions of federal dollars to buy flood-damaged homes.

Groups including the NAACP, the Advancement Project and the New Orleans-based People's Hurricane Relief Fund complained that the plan gives short shrift to poor and low-income victims by focusing too much on bailing out homeowners and encouraging high-end development at the expense of low-income renters.

In a letter to Gov. Kathleen Blanco's administration, the groups cited government estimates showing that about 126,570 rental units without insurance were flooded last year. By contrast, they said, only about 25,180 uninsured homes were damaged, which is about 20 percent of all the flooded homes.

"This is really like the opening salvo, if you will, of attempts to get a fair share of that money for low- and moderate-income people," said Bill Quigley, a lawyer and civil rights activist.

The state plan still needs approval by the Legislature, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

State officials said they welcomed the groups' opinions.

"We want to make sure that we get as much input from citizens as we can," said Suzie Elkins, director of the Office of Community Development, which will also review the rebuilding plan.

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NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

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April 2, 3:30 pm
Please join us at St. Luke's Baptist Church, 6702 Victoria Avenue, Dallas, TX 75209, and Pastor Lloyd B. Hall as they sponsor a "Mad Hatters Tea & Hat Fashion Show Fundraiser" for our Restoration Project. Put on your Sunday finest wear and strut your stuff down the runway. Help us to lift up the name of the LORD in praise and fashion as our brothers and sisters help us.

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St. John Baptist Church
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WOMAN 2 WOMAN MINISTRIES

March 31-April 1, 7:30 pm
Please join us for our 2006 Conference @ the AmeriSuites Dallas/DFW Airport South, 4235 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Tweedy Thomas, God Is Ministries, Desoto, TX. Saturday's Morning Sessions begins at 8:00 am with Morning Glory, a Continental Breakfast and various topics of discussions. Saturday night @ 7:30 pm; our guest speaker will be Pastor Yvonne Bennett of Love Lifted Me Life Center, Arlington, TX.

April 2, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
You don't want to miss our conclusion with Apostle Loretta Williams, President, and Apostle Anita McLaughlin of The Foundation for Victims of Substance Abuse, Inc. and the AM Ministries will be speaking. Registration is required by March 29, 2006. For more information, registration fees, a list of session topics, and directions to the hotel, please contact Administrator Gloria Lewis @ 469-441-3889.

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Handover Of Taylor Court Page 1

Taylor was given asylum in Nigeria to help end Liberia's civil war and Sirleaf said she and Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo agreed at a recent meeting to seek African leaders' views before any handover.

"I have consulted with Nigerian president Obasanjo

and asked him that we and the leaders of Africa, particularly those that were involved in the arrangements that took Mr. Taylor to exile, now bring this matter to closure — and by closure I mean that that decision should be taken that would allow Mr. Taylor to have his day in court," Sirleaf told a news conference after addressing the

Security Council.

Both Nigeria and Liberia have been under heavy international pressure to hand over Taylor to the court.

Obasanjo had said he would consider any request by a democratically elected Liberian leader. Sirleaf became African's first woman president after winning election in January.

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