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People In The News



Yulonda J. Love was recently installed as Postmaster for the City of Mesquite, Texas. Ms. Love is the 23rd Postmaster and the first African-American Woman to hold this position with US Postal Service in Mesquite.

Ms. Love began her career postal career in 1989 as a city letter carrier in Van Nuys, California. In 1996, she transferred to Dallas, TX, as a promoted supervisor. In 1998, she

was awarded Manager of the Year for high performance and was appointed to participate in the Mid-Level Management Development Program. Ms. Love began to serve in management positions within the Dallas City Post Office, as the Manager of the Northaven Station, University and Prestonwood Stations.

In 2000, Ms. Love began her position as one of the Acting Customer Service Operations Manager in Dallas. Ms. Love also held the Officer-in-Charge position in Plano, TX, in 2003 for several months.

With this new position as the Mesquite Postmaster, Ms. Love will assume responsibility for a city with 134,000 people, 67,845 possible deliveries, \$989,111 in total annual operating revenue and a workforce of more than 174 employees.

One year ago comedian and actor Rickey Smiley took Dallas' airwaves by storm when he joined 97.9 The Beat as the station's anchor personality. To celebrate this milestone, 97.9 Rickey Smiley are hosting an "Old School Skate Party" on April 12th at the Southern Skates Roller Rink, 2939 Ledbetter Road, Dallas.



This past year, Smiley has candidly taken on many of the community's biggest issues including raising funds for crime victim's families and providing aid to Katrina survivors whenever possible. He has also openly challenged everyone who hears him to stand up and make a difference.

"It is our responsibility as citizens in this community to do whatever we can to make it a better place for our children to live and grow. I am so excited about this anniversary party! It is going to give us a chance to bring our community together and participate in some good, down home fun," says Smiley.

The party begins at 7 p.m. and the first 97 guests will get in free. For more information contact Radio One at 972.331.5400.



Terdema Ussery, Dallas Mavericks president and CEO was among the participants in the All-Star Miracle Home Groundbreaking Ceremony. The All-Star Miracle Home site is located at 4165 Catawba Ave. in Carrollton.

Valued at about \$500,000 and measuring approximately 4,000 square feet, the two-story home by Meritage

Homes will be fully furnished and landscaped. The home will feature four bedrooms, three baths, a wet bar, 3 fireplaces, a game room, media room, a three-car garage and deluxe swimming pool. The All-Star Miracle home will be raffled off to one lucky winner with all proceeds benefiting Cook Children's, Children's Dallas and the Dallas Mavericks Foundation.

Raffle entries are priced at \$100 each. Only 20,000 entries are available. Founded in 1996 in Phoenix, Arizona, the All-Star Miracle Home is a nationally recognized home giveaway program that has resulted in more than \$8 million raised for charity and five very lucky luxury-home winners. This is the first year they will host the program in the Metroplex, expecting to raise \$2 million for this year's benefactors. Entries can be purchased by calling 877-564-7225 or by visiting www.allstarmiraclehome.com/DFW.

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Black Leaders Rally For New Orleans Voters

AP

Hundreds of protesters led by the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton rallied Saturday, saying the city's election plans will disenfranchise voters displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

The system of mail-in voting set up for the April 22 election for mayor and other positions in the city will make it difficult for voters living elsewhere to cast a ballot, Jackson and other activists said. Black people, who made up 70 percent of New Orleans before Katrina hit, form a large majority of those still displaced.

"We want the Voting Rights Act," Jackson said at a news conference before the rally. Black leaders have argued city elections could violate the landmark 1965 law designed to ensure voter equality.



Bill Cosby, Rev. Al Sharpton, and Rev. Jesse Jackson speaking at rally for New Orleans voters

The city election could have a broad effect nationwide, Sharpton said: "What happens in New Orleans will affect voting rights all over the United States."

Jackson and other activists are demanding satellite polling places for displaced voters in

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Habitat For Humanity - South Collin County Dedicates Its 2005 Youth Build House



The Allen family: Mahogoni, Iesha, Deborah, Lorenzo and Breonna during the construction of their new home.

At 3:00pm on Sunday, April 9, 2006 the 20th house built by Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County, will be dedicated. The house is located at 1107 F Avenue in the Douglass Community of Plano as the 2005 Youth Build.

The house was built over a four-month period by youth from throughout the area. Parents, advisors, teachers and other adult leaders also participated in the build.

The four bedroom, two bathroom home was built for the

Habitat For Humanity Page 3

U.S. Attorney Reviewing McKinney Case

U.S. Capitol Police on Monday sought an arrest warrant for Rep. Cynthia McKinney after she tangled with a uniformed officer last week. A spokesman for U.S. Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein said he was reviewing the merits of the case.

"We are working with Capitol Hill police to fully understand and appreciate the incident," principal assistant U.S. Attorney Channing Phillips told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

McKinney framed the matter in terms of race. "The issue is racial profiling,"



Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., during a news conference in Atlanta.

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Garland Crime Stoppers Present Annual "Taste Of Garland"

The Garland Crime Stoppers will hold their annual "Taste of Garland" event on Saturday, April 8th. The event will be held at the Hella Shrine Temple, 2121 Rowlett Rd., Garland, and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Garland Crime Stoppers is a dedicated group of individuals who provide rewards to people who assist the Garland Police Department in their quest to solve crimes in Garland. Through this program many crimes have been solved and criminals taken off the streets, which could only have happened with the assistance of the organization and tips they have received.

This organization is an all volunteer group of citizens of Garland who donate their time

once a month to meet to discuss events in the police department and provide rewards for tips that lead to the arrest and conviction of criminals.

Their only source of revenue comes from their annual "Taste of Garland" event. This year, over 20 restaurants that have

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Plano's Red-Light Camera Program Not Without Controversy

By: Paul Hailey

By our nature, Americans don't like to be watched, especially by law enforcement officials. Like it or not, on January 30, 2006, the Plano Police Department began watching

motorists through implementation of their Automated Red Light Camera Enforcement Program. The program's objective is to reduce the number of intersection crashes by increasing red light compliance by

motorists; license plates are being photographed and a citation is mailed to the car owner's mailbox.

But as more of these programs are being implemented in cities across the country, they are stirring up as much controversy as safety.

Traffic light cameras are not new. First used in the 1960's, digital versions of the cameras came into use in the 1990's.

Today, digital cameras are being used in over 100 municipalities in 20 states, including the District of Columbia. These cameras are already being deployed in England to catch speeders, with such



From March 1-9, Plano Police Officers have reviewed 194 violations using red-light cameras, authorizing 147 Notices of Violation.

usage being considered in several US cities.

On March 1st, 2006, the City of Plano began enforcement operations at three of four monitored intersections. The fourth intersection came on line March 8th. From

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Harry Belafonte On His Dis-Invitation To Coretta Scott King's Funeral

"I saw who sat there, and as the camera moved about, I saw who was sitting in the audience, and I saw all of the power of the oppressor represented on the stage, and all those who fought for the victories that this

Belafonte and others."

Mr. Belafonte appeared last week on NPR's "Democracy Now", and made his first public comments on the funeral. What follows is an excerpted transcript of Mr. Belafonte's



comments on the funeral and his relationship with the King family.

A M Y GOODMAN: Did you try to go to Coretta Scott King's funeral?

H A R R Y BELAFONTE: When she died,

none of us knew that she was in Mexico, that she had -- I knew that she was ill. I knew about the heart attack, the defibrillation and the stroke. But - and I knew she had cancer, but I thought the cancer was contained, and when she went to Mexico, she was there

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Charles Taylor: Innocent Of War Crimes

AP

Charles Taylor beamed and blew kisses after pleading not guilty to war crimes Monday, appearing confident before an international tribunal intent on sending a message to the world's despots that no one is above the law.

The former Liberian president initially said he could not plead on the charges, which stem from his alleged role in Sierra Leone's civil war, because he did not recognize the court. Taylor faces 11 counts of help-



Former Liberian President Charles Taylor arrives in Liberia on March 29, 2006 from Nigeria.

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Collin County United Way Closes 2005-2006 Campaign At \$1,332,203

Collin County United Way Campaign Chair Randy Roland (McKinney Police Department) recently announced Collin County United Way's 2005-2006 campaign successfully raised \$1,332,203.

Roland presented the campaign total to Collin County United Way Board Chair Yvonne Booker at the Frisco Convention Center at Collin County United Way's campaign finale and recognition event sponsored by American Bank of Texas, Hibernia, Legacy Texas Bank, Embassy Suites Hotel and Emerson Process Management.

"This year's campaign is full of success stories," said Roland. "The average gift is on the rise, we've experienced a significant increase in leadership donors contributing \$1,000 but general participation is declining."



CCUW Campaign Chair Randy Roland presents the grand total of \$1,332,203 to CCUW Board Chair Yvonne Booker.



Agency Executive of the Year Winner Cynthia Nunn (The Center for Nonprofit Management), Above & Beyond Award Winner Lyria Howland (Howland P.R., Inc.) and J. Erik Jonsson Award for Volunteerism recipient Barbara Lord Watkins (Parkland Foundation).



Collin County United Way Campaign Chair Randy Roland (McKinney Police Department) and wife Dr. Sandy Roland pose with Bill Booker husband of CCUW Board Chair Yvonne Booker (Christian Community Action).



Leslie Hayes of CITYHouse is recognized as Agency Speaker of the Year by CCUW at the 2005-2006 campaign finale in Frisco.

Celebration At National Cowboys Of Color Museum



Brunch Attendees - Left to right MC & Moderator, Tara Reed, TCC South Campus Students Jasmine Bullock and Claudia Thomas

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Plano Children's Theatre presents INTO THE WOODS, a musical the weekends of March 31 - April 9, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:15 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 1:15 p.m. Plano Children's Theatre is located at 1301 Custer Road, Suite 832 in Plano. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. For tickets, please call (972) 422-2575.

Mesquite Community Theatre presents "Housekeeper". This play has biting humor and wit. Directed by Rick Tuma. For reservations or information 972-216-8126.

March 31-April 15
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. Through 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. Through April 30.

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.

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 Erickson 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 eligi-

ble 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.

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

Diaries of a Barfoot Diva: And Other Tales and Stories from the Ghetto a New Musical Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main Street in Fort Worth, 8 pm \$12 - \$25, 817-338-4411 Through April 23.

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, visit www.pqc.edu for more info.

April 6
Opening of International DFW Week, with announcement of new members of DFW International Hall of Fame. One of 20+ events forming International DFW Week, high-

lighting our region's international face through global cultures and the arts, health, education, business and civic programs. Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony and Opening Reception for International DFW Week, 972-661-2764 Addison Conference Center, 15650 Addison Rd, Addison.

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 7-8
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. For information call 214-395-5202.

Garland NAACP ACTSO High School and Middle School Academic Enrichment Workshop, Texas A & M University-Commerce Metroplex Center, 2600 Motley Drive, Mesquite, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Register at joyce.miller@tamuc.edu or call (972) 882-7527.

2006 Diabetes Expo, Information on healthy eating and active living. Dallas Convention Ctr., 650 South Griffin, 10 a.m.-4

p.m. Call 1-888-DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org/dallasexpo

April 9
St. Luke Community United Methodist Church 73rd Church Anniversary, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. 5710 East R.L. Thornton Freeway. Call 214-381-6193.

April 11
DFW International Community Alliance presents South African Choral Group Ladysmith Black Mambazo. 8 p.m. at McFarlin Auditorium on the campus of **Southern Methodist University,** 6425 Boaz Lane, Dallas. Call 214-528-5576.

April 14
The Dallas Association of Real Estate Brokers will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a banquet at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel, 2222 Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. The Cocktail Hour will start at 6:30 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. The theme of this event is "Taking Care of Home Through Partnership. For ticket information call Dennis Brooks at (972) 223-6900.

April 15
Eggs Over Easy Easter EGG HUNT. Hop over to the swimming pool for a one of a kind hunt with the Easter Bunny and PAR D. Duck as they lay eggs in the waster for your child to collect. Participants should be comfortable in the water. This annual event is presented by the Plano Parks and Recreation Department. Call 972-941-7250

for more details, or visit www.planoparks

April 19
Girls Inc. 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. 214-654-4530, www.girlsincdallas.org

April 20
Comedian Tommy Davidson, April 20-23. Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Rd., Addison. Call 972-404-8501

April 21
Urban Arts Festival, April 21-23 The festival is the first of its kind for the Dallas and will showcase contemporary visual and performing arts. Dallas native Erykah Badu is serving as the festival's honorary chair. Visit www.urbanarts-fest.com or call (214) 485-7012.

The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Ninth Annual Excellence in Education Scholarship Luncheon Recognizing Outstanding Performance in Education
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Paul Hailey

"The ballot is stronger than bullets." - Joseph Schumpeter

Last week in Seattle, King County Superior Court Judge Michael Spearman struck down a Washington state law that prohibits convicted felons from voting until after they have paid all their court-ordered fines and fees.

After doing some research, it didn't take long for all my internal bells and whistles to start blaring in my head. The manner in which our country treats felons that have paid their debt to society is abominable, rife with racial overtones which have their roots in the Civil War.

An estimated 5.3 million people nationwide—more than one third of them black men—are currently or permanently ineligible to vote because of a felony conviction, according to the Sentencing Group, a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group.

Think about that for a minute.

5.3 million voters, mostly black, mostly Democrats. Consider that in Ohio, (where George Bush secured re-election by 118,000 votes over John Kerry), 22,000 felons are released from prison each year. In Florida, (where George Bush beat Al Gore by 537 votes—a fact that still boggles my mind), state law prohibited some 600,000 people from voting in 2000.

It is not exactly rocket science to figure out which party is against making it easier for convicted felons to vote. "Our model suggests that the restrictive laws tend to benefit Republicans," said Christopher Uggen, a sociology professor at the University of Minnesota.

Unfortunately, this issue is as ingrained in our culture racially as it is politically. Disenfranchisement of felons is a concept that was invented in

Is Our Ballot Stronger Than Bullets?

the first five years after the Civil War, primarily in the South. Joseph Hayden, who filed suit against the state of New York over its voter laws, wrote in a San Francisco Chronicle column that in 1896: "Mississippi lawmakers ruled that only a narrow range of offenses—bribery, burglary, theft, arson, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, bigamy and 'obtaining money or goods under false pretenses'—made you lose the vote. Why not murder or rape? Because ex-slaves were far more likely to commit petty property crimes than serious offenses. One delegate to the Virginia convention of 1906, which established rules similar to Mississippi's, went on record at the time as saying: 'This plan will eliminate the darkey as a political factor in this state in less than five years.'"

At least they were honest and upfront about their motives. The parallels become unsettling to me when I analyze the current prison population: predominantly minority, increasingly non-violent, drug related offenders. The laws prohibiting voting by felons effectively disenfranchise 13% of all black males, a rate seven times the national average. Given current rates of incarceration, three in ten of the next generation of black men will be disenfranchised at some point in their lifetime. In states with the most restrictive voting laws, 40% of African American men are likely to be permanently disenfranchised. Sounds like "the darkey" is still being eliminated as a political factor.

Leaving the issue up to the states has created a nightmarish maze of state laws. Thirty-five states, (including Texas), prohibit felons from voting until they complete parole, with some requiring ex-offenders to apply for the right to vote after a waiting period. Seven states permanently ban felons from voting. If that's not varied enough, Maine and Vermont both allow felons to vote

while still incarcerated. How can the states decide who votes in federal elections?

"You can move from state to state and your rights can completely change," said Rashad Robinson of the Right to Vote Campaign. "This is more than a states' rights issue; this is about whether or not you can vote for the president."

Just as confusing as the myriad of state laws are the arguments I've heard against giving felons the right to vote after they've served their time. The most ridiculous reason is the one about voting being a privilege and not a right. Not only does this argument not make any sense, its just plain wrong. Or maybe it's the amendments to our constitution that are wrong:

Amendment XV, Section 1: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote..."

Amendment XIX: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote..."

Amendment XXIV, Section 1: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote..."

Amendment XXVI, Section 1: "The right of citizens of the United States, who are 18 years of age or older, to vote..."

The law in Washington state equates to a modern day poll tax. That's why the ACLU filed suit in 2004. Judge Spearman put it best: "The Washington re-enfranchisement scheme which excludes one group of felons from exercising the right to vote, while permitting another, where the sole distinction between them is the ability to pay money bears no rational relation to any stated or apparent governmental purpose," he wrote.

Black people have to make this an issue in local, state and federal elections. Our political capital is directly tied to it. Until we do, our ballots won't be stronger than bullets.

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Race, Class And Rape At Duke

By: Timothy B. Tyson

My daddy taught me that God has called us to love people and to use things but that we are often tempted to love things and use people. Rape is one of the deepest and most vicious ways that human beings deny their common humanity. Racism is another. These crimes are intertwined deeply in our history, and that history came off its leash once more on Buchanan Boulevard on March 13, as a few Duke students did great harm to our community. The question of whether they also committed rape is one that we must leave to the courts and the police.

But regardless of the fog around that question, other matters remain clear. Young white men of privilege deployed their unearned affluence to hire black women to provide live pornography. This is only partly a free market, where people choose to buy and sell themselves. It is also a slave market, where an enduring racial caste system placed those women in a vulnerable position.

Most of the people involved were college students. One of the women has small children and is trying to put herself through N.C. Central University. Our society has chosen to withhold support from people who seek to improve their lot. Grants and loans have become much harder to obtain at the same time that

the gap between rich and poor yawns wider every day. The Duke students took advantage of the woman's position. In doing so, they stepped into a tragic and painful history that still resonates.

White college students a few generations back would sometimes hire a black man to let them tie his hands behind his back, and then the black man would try to fish coins and bills out of a barrel of flour. More recently, white fraternities would don blackface and hold "slave auctions" at parties. Such minstrel humor was very popular but racially degrading, damaging the community and the people involved.

This is also the case with rich white boys hiring black "exotic dancers."

The spirit of the lynch mob lived in that house on Buchanan Boulevard, regardless of the truth of the most serious charges. The ghastly spectacle takes its place in a history where African-American men were burned at the stake for "reckless eyeballing" — that is, looking at a white woman — and white men kept black concubines and mistresses and raped black women at will.

It matters, of course, what happened. But the dynamics of race, power and violence that have marred our history remain with us. When the men of one group have most of the power and privilege and see themselves as above

the law, that will always be a recipe for abusive relationships with women from other groups, sometimes physically violent, more often spiritually violent.

What baffles me is that young men who have had available to them the finest liberal arts education that money can buy have managed not to learn its highest lessons. I am disappointed in them, to be sure, but I am also disappointed in myself and my colleagues. Surely we are better teachers than that.

But all that is so much whining.

Now we can only reach out in a spirit of healing to the communities that have been hurt. Now we can turn back to our teaching, put aside pedantry and cut to the heart of what education means: understanding that we are all human beings, that we are here to provide illumination and sustenance for each other, and that God and our highest human understandings all call us to better things.

Timothy B. Tyson, author of "Radio Free Dixie: Robert F. Williams and the Roots of Black Power" and "Blood Done Sign My Name," is a senior research scholar at the Center for Documentary Studies and visiting professor of American Christianity and Southern Culture in the Divinity School of Duke University.

'Something New' An Old Story Line For Black Women



By Dawn Turner Trice

During the weekend, I finally got around to seeing "Something New," a movie that wasn't nominated for an award but piqued my curiosity nonetheless.

"Something New" is a romantic comedy about a successful African-American accountant who's been less than successful in finding Mr. Right African-American Man. So, after much ado, she decides to date a white guy.

Since the movie came out about a month ago, I'd wanted to see it because I couldn't figure out why the interracial dating thing was considered something new.

Maybe it was something new for the main character. But it definitely isn't anything new for a number of my single girlfriends who are in their 30s and 40s and have known for years they'd have to cotton to the idea of interracial dating if they were going to date at all.

Though they date outside their race, many continue to search for what the movie calls the "IBM," or ideal black man. He's the brother who is well-educated, fairly pleasing to the eyes and gainfully employed (the "BMW," if you will, or black man working).

The IBM is the guy who hasn't done (or isn't currently doing) jail

time. He's not secretly living on the "down low" or exclusively interracially dating.

And, after reading RedEye's engaging story last week that was inspired by the upcoming movie, "Failure to Launch," we also can safely say that he's not the over-30 dude still living at home in his parents' basement.

According to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, D.C., between 1950 and 2004, the percentage of black women who had never married more than doubled, increasing to 42.4 percent from 20.7 percent. (The percentage of never-married white women increased to 22.7 percent from about 20 percent over that same period.)

The movie's director, screenwriter and producer, all African-American women, have said that the idea for "Something New" came from that alarming 42.4 percent figure.

The reality is that black women, for various reasons, continue to outpace their male counterparts when it comes to education. According to the Joint Center, of African-Americans graduating from college, two-thirds are women.

In general, as the black woman's circle has been expanding, the black man's has been contracting and the chances of the two overlapping continue to wane.

Of course, the prospect of these well-educated, successful women ever marrying or having children fades as the years tick by. This means that our secretary of state, the 50-something, never-been-married Condi Rice, probably has a much better chance of becoming president than she does now of getting hitched.

Having been married for

almost 17 years, I reside somewhere outside that 42.4 percent.

Despite all the negatives about black men, I see ideal black men all the time. Many of my friends and family members are married to guys who are smart and decent human beings, devoted fathers and husbands.

One last thing and this is a bit of a tangent, but I think quite noteworthy. I've recently seen firsthand that the pool of available black men isn't just small for women in their 20s, 30s and 40s.

Making that love connection naturally gets ultra competitive for the over-70 crowd.

My 73-year-old uncle lost his wife of nearly 50 years last May. He tells me that he's been surprised to learn how helpful the women at his church suddenly have become over the last several months.

The pick-up lines: "I can help you fix dinner sometimes if you like." Or, "I'm available if you need help with your laundry." Or, "I can come over and we can just sit and talk."

My uncle relays this while batting his eyes in the flirtatious way he says the women do. Still a handsome man, he knows he's a rarity since, statistically speaking, he was supposed to precede his wife in death in the same way that many of his would-be suitors have outlived their spouses.

He says that although he's not ready, he guesses they're just looking for another husband.

The women are probably also looking at their daughters and granddaughters and thinking that older women still may have a better chance.

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Deborah Allen Family. Deborah is a single parent and mother of six children. Deborah is employed as a recording specialist at an area title insurance company. Her 3 daughters are: Iesha 13, Mahogoni 12, and Breonna 8. Deborah's sons are Lorenzo 10, Dequorius 16 (passed away July 30, 2005), and Marcus 20.

Ms Allen along with her family and friends contributed over 400 work hours on her home and other Habitat projects. She has financed this house with a 20

year no-interest mortgage.

In announcing the dedication for the Youth Build house, Charles Kramer, Chair of the Board and President of Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County said:

"We see this as just the beginning of what our youth can do for this community, and we have been completely blown away by their enthusiasm and their results. We now foresee youth participation in our housing ministry as a year round activity for students and young adults."

The 2005 Youth Build house was sponsored by a number of local companies, youth organizations, churches, and individuals.

Corporate sponsors for the Youth Build include Capital One, the Title Sponsor, Estech (ESI) and State Farm Insurance. In addition, funds for the ceiling dry wall were contributed by Jim Meyer in honor of his mother with the tribute: "Thanks to Josephine Vesaturo Meyers, A neat lady."

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

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Donations Rise For Planned King Memorial

Donations for a planned memorial to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington have jumped since the recent deaths of civil rights icons Rosa Parks and King's widow, Coretta Scott King.

To date, \$58 million has been raised for the \$100 million project, with more than \$4.5 million collected in just one recent week. By comparison, the campaign took in just over \$5 million in all of 2004.

The Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial would be the first major tribute to the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner outside his hometown of Atlanta, where he was born in 1929. The memo-

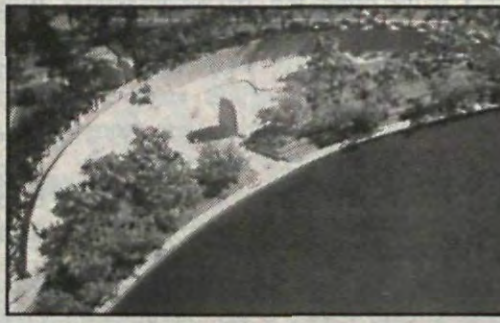
rial would be on the National Mall between the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials.

The project still is short of the amount needed to break ground by year's end, which would put it on track to be completed in 2008.

Capitalizing on the recent momentum, organizers hope to stage several fundraising dinners this year in such cities as Atlanta, Houston, St. Louis, New York and Memphis, Tenn., where King was killed on April 4, 1968. The "Dream Dinners" will especially target corporate donors.

Fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger, who has donated \$5 mil-

lion, plans to host one of the dinners this fall in New York, said Guy Vickers, president of the Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation.



Artist rendition of King Memorial, planned to open in 2008

"We believe in it because of what Dr. King stood for," he said.

Hilfiger attended Coretta Scott King's funeral in February, and

Vickers said her passing brings a sense of urgency to the cause.

"What a tribute it would be to her to make sure we do finish this," he said.

Most of the money raised so far has come from corporate donors, including \$10 million from General Motors and \$9 million from the Ad Council. Last year, Congress approved \$10 million for the project.

Other fundraising efforts include Internet marketing — where donors can purchase a \$5 "Build the Dream" blue rubber bracelet or a \$25 T-shirt — and grassroots efforts such as reaching out to churches and a "Kids for King" drive.

McKinney Case Page 1

McKinney, who is black, told CNN.

Neither Phillips nor the police department would say what charge was being sought against the six-term Democrat or when any warrant for her arrest might be issued.

In a statement, Capitol Police said it "has referred its investigative findings to the U.S. attorney." Filing such an affidavit is the first step in obtaining an arrest warrant. Only if Weinstein approves the affidavit can Capitol Police officials ask a judge to issue the arrest warrant.

Weinstein could clear the way for a warrant. He also could turn the case over to a grand jury, even without a warrant, or he could decline to go forward with the case.

McKinney spokesman Coz Carson acknowledged the investigation.

"We're aware that the wheels are turning in Washington," Carson said. "We have no control over what they decide to do. We will make the appropriate statement and take the appropriate action once we know where they're going."

For her part, McKinney said she expects to represent her suburban Atlanta district for many years.

"Rest assured, I am doing the work they sent me to Washington to do. Nothing is going to keep me away from my responsibilities," McKinney told a crowd of supporters in Atlanta on Monday.

McKinney, 51, scuffled with a police officer on March 29 when she entered a House office building without her identifying lapel pin and did not stop when asked.

Several police sources said the officer, who was not identified, asked her three times to stop. When she kept going, he placed a hand somewhere on her and she hit him, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

McKinney issued a statement of regret for the incident but no apology. She and her lawyers have repeatedly declared that she was a victim of inappropriate touching and racism and said they were considering pursuing civil action against the officer.

She and her attorneys have refused to say whether she hit the officer as alleged. James Myart Jr., her lawyer, suggested in a

CNN interview that McKinney had acted in self-defense.

Black clergy and lawmakers came to the defense of the fire-brand congresswoman on Monday. McKinney smiled as her supporters heaped praise on her leadership and her new look — her trademark cornrows replaced earlier this year by a curly brown afro.

Her supporters tried to minimize the incident — which they called political, not criminal — but they also suggested it was an

example of racial profiling. They called publicity surrounding the episode a distraction that is being used by "her enemies" to keep the congresswoman from performing her elected duties.

The Rev. Darrell D. Elligan, president of Concerned Black Clergy, called McKinney competent, courageous and committed.

"She has our support unconditionally," Elligan said. "She is not a threat to the security of our country."

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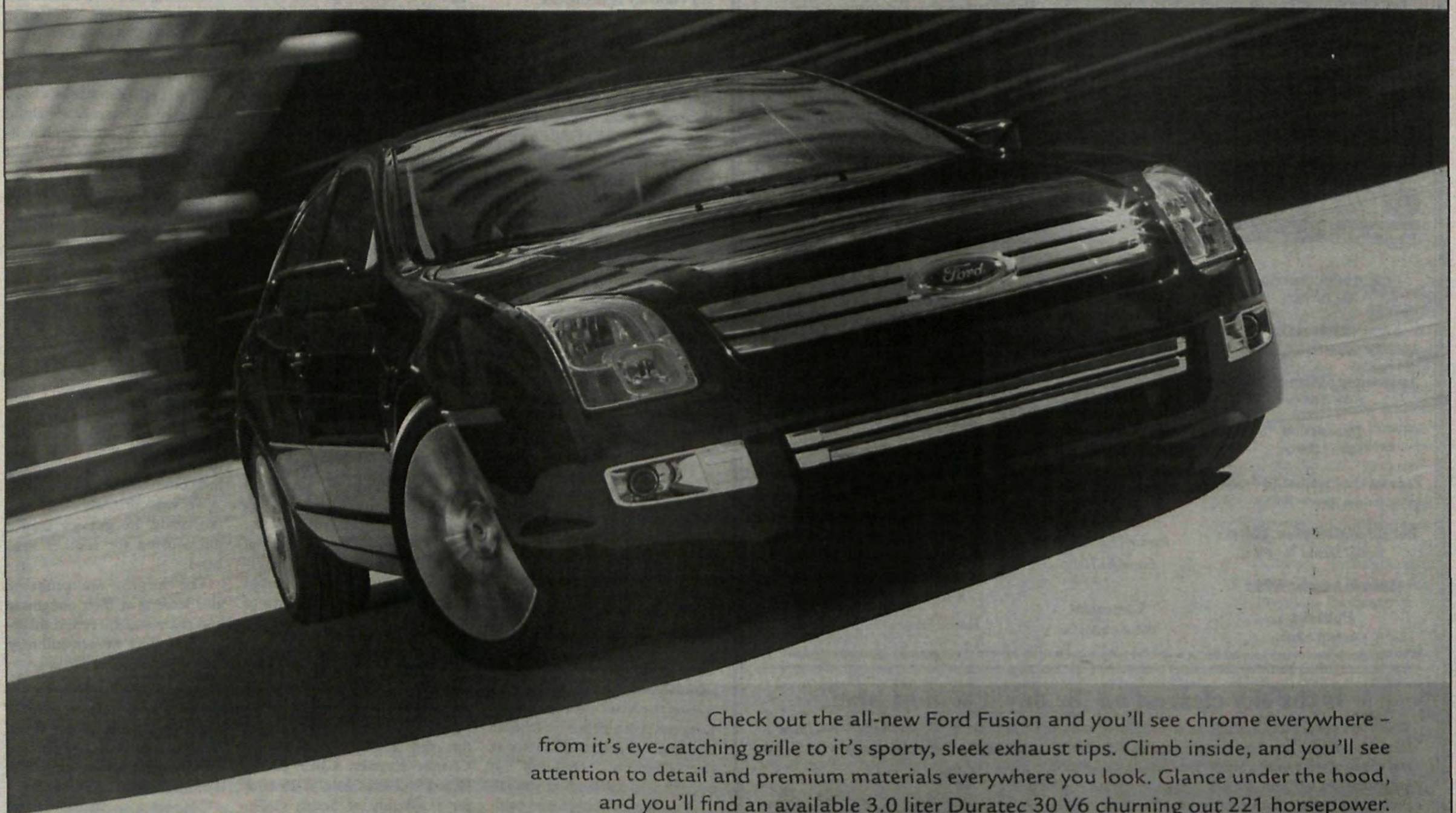
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By offering America's highest nationally advertised annual percentage yield that is not a promotional gimmick, One United is demonstrating that they are a partner in fulfilling the basic principle of the financial covenant discussed in Tavis Smiley's recent book, *The Covenant with Black America*. The first call to action for economic prosperity on page 172 of *The Covenant* states, "What every individual can do now: Open and maintain a savings account, no matter what your family's income is."

Cohee feels strongly that the products offered by OneUnited Bank to the community must be the best vehicles for saving. Cohee states "We will achieve economic parity as we take responsibility for our money."



OneUnited is encouraging savings by offering the best rates and making the account available online because the first

principle of making money is saving money. We want to encourage all African-Americans to save."

OneUnited Bank became the first Black-owned internet bank in America when it launched its UNITY Internet Savings product during Black History month. The launch fulfills a 100-year old civil rights dream by providing a way for African-Americans to garner their spending power and channel it back into the community. By simply opening an account online, Members of OneUnited Bank can obtain the best savings rates and establish automatic savings plans to build wealth. With OneUnited Bank, Members can deposit funds into an FDIC insured savings account weekly, monthly or every pay period and enjoy the best savings rates in the country.

Plano To Lose Alcatel U.S. Headquarters

Plano will lose its status as Alcatel SA's North American headquarters after the company's merger with Lucent Technologies Inc.

It's unclear how that change will affect the telecom-equipment maker's 2,350 North Texas employees.

The companies have said they plan to cut about 10 percent of their combined workforce of 88,000. But they have declined to disclose the expected impact of job cuts on specific locations.

The combined companies will base their North American operations at Lucent's headquarters in Morris Hill, N.J., they disclosed in a conference call Monday. But that doesn't mean Plano necessarily faces many layoffs, Alcatel spokesman Charlie Guyer said.

"I wouldn't assume anything at this point," he said Tuesday. "The Plano facility is very important to us."

Lucent and Alcatel, with

world headquarters in Paris, announced their \$13.4 billion stock-swap merger on Sunday.

The deal, expected to close in six to 12 months, combines the strength of two of the telecom network-equipment industry's biggest players, creating a company with about \$25 billion in annual sales.

In North Texas, Alcatel employees have been through several layoffs. At the beginning of 2001, the company had 7,000 workers in the area.

In addition to its headquarters functions such as human resources, Alcatel's Plano base is home to several types of products.

Dallas Ranks No. 37 On Gas Price Crisis Preparedness

Dallas ranks No. 37 among the country's largest cities in a new study that calculates how it would fare in the face of exorbitant gas prices.

The study, from SustainLane.com, analyzed the country's 50 largest cities and how well they would maintain economic vitality and quality of life if gas prices spiked.

Austin ranks No. 20. Houston took the No. 25 spot and San Antonio came in at No. 32.

New York City took the top spot while Oklahoma City came

in last.

Of all the factors considered in the ranking, mobility is most important.

The top cities in SustainLane.com's ranking boast strong public transportation networks, which would allow citizens to commute to jobs and schools, as well as do their shopping, if car travel is not affordable. Farther down the list, however, rank cities whose commuters would be stranded, grinding the local economy to a halt. The ranking also takes into

account factors such as access to locally grown fresh food and robust wireless networks for telecommuting.

"Crucial to the economic survival of cities is the ability of employees to get to work and consumers to spend," said Warren Karlzeng, chief strategy officer of SustainLane.com. "A solid public transportation system will get workers to the office and shoppers to the mall, regardless of the price of oil. These systems ... provide critical insurance against the threat of sky-high oil

prices."

San Francisco, Calif.-based SustainLane.com, provides information and tools that help people live a healthy and sustainable life. Founded in 2004, it helps connect cities, citizens and entrepreneurial businesses with healthy lifestyle information, an annual sustainable city study and local living directory/shopping guide.

Its 2006 U.S. City Rankings sustainability benchmark ranking of the country's 50 largest cities is set to be released in June 2006.

AT&T Inks IP Deal With Dallas County

AT&T has landed a deal with Dallas County to provide a converged Internet protocol network.

The network, which allows calls to be sent over the Internet, will improve the efficiency and management of the county's voice and data traffic.

AT&T did not disclose financial terms of the five-year deal. According to figures from Dallas County, AT&T will be paid \$18,791.11, making the deal worth about \$1.13 million over five years.

"Due to our continued growth, we needed a flexible IP

telephony solution that could support bandwidth-intensive applications at multiple locations," said Chris Thompson, director of communications for Dallas County. "With AT&T, we'll be able to maximize our efficiency using a highly reliable and flexible network at a cost-

effective price. We look forward to a long-lasting relationship with AT&T."

San Antonio-based AT&T (NYSE:T) is one of the world's largest telecommunications companies and the largest in the United States. The company has extensive operations in Dallas.

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with her children, and I got the news completely without knowing any of the details, so for a few days we didn't know what was happening. Where is she? Who's bringing her home? When is the funeral? When is the this, when is the that?

And finally, I left a call — I left a message on the phones of the children, saying, "Please give me a call. I know this is a difficult moment, but there are things that must be done, and I would like to help if I can." I was then called a day later and told that, yes, that it was on that Tues— this was on a Friday, Friday evening, that the funeral was going to take place that Tuesday, and that it would start at noon, and that with all the people that were being invited, that it was — I was to be one of these people delivering the eulogy, and that my time would be at somewhere around 12:30 or 1:00, and I said, "Fine." And knowing this, I began to put my thoughts together.

That Saturday, Bush declared he was coming. He would be there. That Sunday, I began to change my speech, not to be rude or to be attacking, but to integrate this moment into what needed to be said. And then, that Monday morning, I got a call, and I was told that the invitation that had been extended to me had been pulled. I was uninvited. A woman by the name of Skinner and a Reverend by the name of Lawrence was the one who called me to tell me that I was uninvited, and when that call came, I called and spoke to one of the children. And then, when the final call came, it was — they were sorry, but the invitation — the withdrawing of the invitation would stand and that if I came down, they would find a place for me in the church, but I would not speak. And I did not go at all. I did not know how to deal with that.

Some ministers who were quite angry at all of this said, "Come on down here. Let's — let's — We have to talk to the press," and I said, "Talk to the press about what?" "About this. We cannot let it stand." I said, "I don't think that's appropriate. These are the children of my friend. These are the children of the movement. Where did we let them get caught? Why was Bernice giving this kind of sermon? How did you let Reverend Long become the minister of choice? Why wasn't it at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Dr. King preached? And before we go public and begin to vent our anger, let us understand what role we played in this capitulation that has led to this moment, and let us try first to repair it rather than to go into public discourse."

When do we sit in a circle of healing? When we begin to talk about getting back to where we lost stride. How do we fix this? Not how do we play the vanity game, and get off on going public and talking about how I was crucified. I don't know that there'll be another moment quite like that, because Dr. King and Malcolm X and Fannie Lou Hamer, folks like that were so rare that to be a part of the final ceremony of their departure is a rare moment in history, but I think that it goes along with what I have been saying here. What role have we played in letting all this happen? Where were we? What were we doing that had us so distracted? How can it be this way?

Everybody has a part in this. Everybody has something to look at, and I think it is a collective experience, and that's why I think rather than sitting here drifting, we've got to talk about this, not just where we failed and where you failed, and we've got to come out of this discourse and this discussion, not just talking about it but saying, "Here's where we go," and take

courage in the fact that we can turn this around, because the truth of the matter is we are the

only ones that can turn this around. Nothing and no one else can do it. Nothing.

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Students Rally For Alleged Duke Rape Victim

About 250 come out to N.C. Central to support classmate

AP
Students at North Carolina Central University rallied Monday in support of a classmate who told police last month she was raped by three men at a party hosted by members of Duke University's men's lacrosse team.

The 27-year-old student told Durham police on March 14 that she and another black woman were hired as exotic dancers to entertain a group of five men. When the women arrived at the house, they encountered more than 40 men, all of them white, and were taunted with racist epithets, the woman told police.

According to court documents released Monday, the exotic dancer said that when she and the other woman began their routine, one of the men watching held up a broomstick and threatened to sexually assault them.

After the threat, both women became frightened and left but a man who followed them outside apologized and persuaded them to return. At that point, the woman reported, three men

shoved her into a bathroom and began the assault, which she said lasted about 30 minutes.

No one has been charged in the case, which has resulted in almost daily protests and rallies at Duke's campus and in the neighborhood where the party took place. Monday's event was the first large, public gathering at N.C. Central related to the



N.C. Central University juniors, from left, Jovon Wyatt, Shana McGill and Stakesha St. Clair during a rally Monday.

allegations.

About 250 people attended the rally outside a dormitory at N.C. Central, a historically black public university about four miles from Duke. About two dozen speakers urged participants to demand justice in the case while allowing police investigators to finish their work.

"It is important that we support her. Because if we don't show that we care, then no one else will care," said Karmen Brock, an N.C. Central fresh-

man from Raleigh.

The state crime lab is expected to complete its analysis of DNA samples taken from 46 of the lacrosse team's 47 players this week. The team's lone black member did not provide a sample because the dancer, who is black, said her attackers were white.

N.C. Central Chancellor James Ammons issued a statement Monday calling the allegations "disturbing, inhumane and insensitive." "While we await the outcome of the investigation, we are taking steps to express our support for the victim and we also are appealing to the NCCU community to be patient and give the legal system an opportunity to bring this to closure," Ammons' statement said.

Duke students said the tension between students and the Durham community is real. Durham, with a population of 210,000, is the home of one of the nation's most prestigious universities but also is a working-class, former tobacco town with a large black population. "There is a disconnect between Duke and the community," said Jeff Richmond, a 21-year-old senior from Beaver, W.Va. "Duke students think of Durham as a dark, scary place."

TSTC Waco To Hold College Preview

Texas State Technical College Waco will welcome visitors and prospective students from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8 to its annual College Preview & Open House.

After registering for the event at the Student Recreation Center, visitors can step into the SRC gymnasium to ask questions of representatives staffing booths for each of TSTC's technical programs. Also in the SRC, Admissions Advisors will provide information sessions every hour on the half-hour beginning at 9:30 a.m. In addition, guests can board shuttles to visit technology loca-

tions on campus and examine housing facilities.

During the event, visitors can consult with counselors and testing is available at the Counseling & Testing Center in the Student Services Center. Testing will be offered at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Friday and at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Financial Aid Office personnel and area lenders will also be on hand to answer questions on how to fund a college education. Visitors can enjoy a free barbecue lunch.

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Charles Taylor Page 1

ing destabilize West Africa through killings, sexual slavery and sending children into combat.

But after Justice Richard Lussick insisted, Taylor said calmly: "Most definitely, your honor, I did not and could not have committed those acts against the sister republic of Sierra Leone."

Lussick accepted Taylor's statement as a plea of "not guilty."

As the hour-long hearing ended, Taylor, who is known for his flamboyance, stood and smiled and blew kisses to relatives in the courtroom. Taylor was once feared across the region for fomenting violence in his homeland, in Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast and elsewhere.

In a statement released later, the court's chief prosecutor,

Desmond de Silva, said Taylor's appearance was a watershed, proving that "those who commit atrocities and violate international humanitarian law will be held accountable, no matter how rich, powerful or feared people may be — no one is above the law."

At the arraignment, Taylor's defense lawyer also asked that the case remain in Sierra Leone at the international court that was established to try those responsible for atrocities during the country's 1991-2002 civil war.

Court officials have asked that the trial be moved to an international tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, because of fears the 58-year-old Taylor could still spark unrest in West Africa.

Taylor faces 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity in connection with

alleged backing of Sierra Leonean rebels. He has repeatedly declared he is innocent of charges that include mutilation, sexual slavery and sending chil-

dren into combat.

Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has expressed fear that Taylor's supporters could use a trial in the region as

an excuse to mount another insurgency in her country, one that could, like Liberia's last war, spill across the region.

Taylor won a disputed election

in Liberia in 1997. Many former allies in an insurgency he had launched in 1989 took up arms against him in 2000 and attacked Monrovia in 2003.



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New Janet Jackson Single Due In May: Album Release Will Follow In September

After several years away from the spotlight, Janet Jackson will return to the spotlight next month with the first single from her as-yet-untitled album.

According to Virgin Urban president Jermaine Dupri, also her boyfriend, the single is expected to arrive at U.S. radio in May, and the album will likely follow at the end of September.

Jackson's new CD will be the first since 2004's "Damita Jo," which dropped in the midst of the fallout surrounding her Super Bowl halftime show. Her longtime production team Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis have contributed tracks to the new set

as well.

"It's a milestone year for us and for the collaboration," Jam



previously told Billboard.com. "It'll be 20 years since the release of (Jackson's 1986

album) 'Control,' so there's definitely a little bit of a nod to that on the new album."

Dupri also contributed tracks to the project, but tells Billboard that he won't be a featured guest on any of the songs.

"But I don't know if Jermaine Dupri the artist exists anymore. I'm not into that right now. It's far on the back burner," says J.D., who will also oversee the 2006 Virgin Urban releases of albums from Beenie Man, Sleepy Brown, Johnita Austin, Young Capone and Daz Dillinger. "It's probably in the cards somewhere down the road. But it's the last thing I'm thinking about right now."

Calloway Blasts BET Music Videos

The former co-host of BET's popular "106 & Park" show blasts what he calls the destructive messages of many of the show's most popular music videos.

A.J. Calloway co-hosted the show for five years with Free, whose given name is Marie Wright. Both left the show in July.

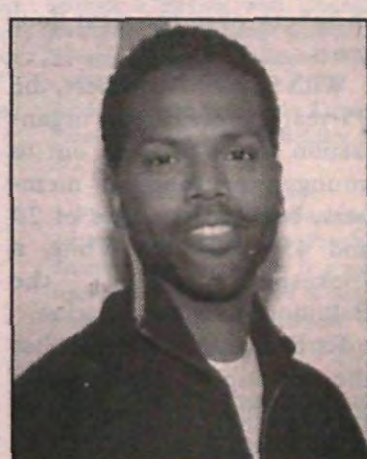
"I couldn't watch my own show with my niece on my lap," Calloway said this past week at South Carolina State University as part of the "Black Student

Today" panel. The discussion focused on the impact of hip-hop music.

"Pick your five favorite songs," Calloway said. "Write down every word that's in your favorite songs. Read it back to yourself and think about what that has put into your head."

Calloway told the university audience he had vowed that after facing racism while growing up in New Jersey he would "never do anything against my race."

"I felt like I was hurting us by



doing what I was doing," he said.

Russ Mitchell Named CBS Evening News Sunday Anchor

Russ Mitchell has been named anchor of the Sunday edition of the CBS Evening News it was announced by Sean McManus, President, CBS News and Sports, on April 3, 2006.

Mitchell will retain his current duties as co-anchor of the Saturday Early Show with Tracy Smith and as one of the rotating anchors of the Saturday edition of the CBS Evening News, with Thalia Assuras and Mika Brzezinski. He also is a correspondent for CBS News'

Sunday Morning. Mitchell substitutes as anchor of the week-



day CBS Evening News With Bob Schieffer and the weekday Early Show

"Russ is one of our most ver-

satile anchors," said McManus. "He has more than earned this position, and I'm pleased to further raise Russ' profile at CBS News."

Mitchell has been co-anchor of the Saturday Early Show since its debut in August 1997 as CBS News Saturday Morning. He has served as one of two rotating anchors of the CBS Evening News' Saturday edition since November 1999. Mitchell was named a correspondent for Sunday Morning in July 2002.

Mary J. Recreates Painful Moment In New Video With 50 Cent

For her new single "Enough Crying," Mary J. Blige has enlisted director Hype Williams to help recreate one of the lowest moments in her life.

Williams and the singer were recently in Long Beach, California filming a scene that involved her ex-boyfriend K-Ci Hailey - represented in the video by y, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson.

"The video is [about] something that happened a long time ago, and it was a very embarrassing moment when I thought I was getting married," she explained to MTV.com in between shooting. "I was engaged to [K-Ci], and I actually went on a talk show overseas and that person had just done that talk show about a week before me. I was telling

the interviewer that I was getting married, and the week before he was saying that it was a rumor. He wasn't marrying me. It was a disaster that really embarrassed me."

Blige said she decided to include the humiliating moment in the video to prove that folks can push through the pain of heartbreak and keep stepping. In the video, after she leaves the interview, she goes directly to a photo shoot.

"I'm saying, 'I'm getting on with my life. I'm gonna go ahead and do my work,'" she explained. "I leave the interview and I'm kind of upset, but I'm still kind of going through my photo shoot. It ends up being one of the most amazing photo shoots because of all of the anger and depression and the

fact that I choose to just move on with my life and be a superstar."

In the clip, 50 Cent plays C.J.



- "you know, short for Curtis Jackson," he said. "He's an R&B singer, and he's aggressive. When he's questioned by the guy interviewing.

The Flavor of Love Girls - On Tour

Flavor Flav girls capitalize on VH1's most popular show

It's ridiculous but true -- the rejected rivals from VH1's hit reality dating show 'The Flavor of Love' have combined forces in search of further stardom. Some of the ousted contestants from VH1's "The Flavor of Love" have teamed up for a tour designed to stretch their 15 minutes of fame to 16 minutes. Sweetie, Smiley, Hottie,

Pumpkin, Georgia, Goldie and Peaches have joined forces to make meet-and-greet appearances under the name "The Flavor of Love Girls Tour." Public Enemy rapper Flavor Flav feared that most of the girls appeared with him on the show just to advance their own careers and it turns out he was right on the money...literally! You can check them out at www.theflavoroflovegirls.com



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NAACP Starts Push For Younger Members

By: Juleka Dash

The NAACP has launched an advertising and marketing campaign to help it reach its goal of attracting 1 million members over the next four years.

With 300,000 members, the 95-year-old civil rights organization wants to reach out to younger prospective members, between the ages of 20 and 45, said John White, a spokesperson for the Baltimore-based association.

Earlier reports stated that the group's membership stands at half a million. But an audit of its membership that

began in August revealed that membership is about 40 percent fewer than the group had believed, White said.

The NAACP wants to "send a message it is still a relevant organization" and still doing important civil rights work, he said. For instance, the organization opened 15 voter assistance centers in nine states to aid displaced New Orleans voters who want to vote in this month's city elections. Several thousand voters were forced to relocate after Hurricane Katrina.

The NAACP, which employs 130 people, has hired Hunt

Valley marketing and production firm Renegade to create a



NAACP President Bruce Gordon print advertising and direct mail campaign.

The first of these ads ran in

February in Fortune magazine and featured Rosa Parks sitting in the front of a bus. The ad reads "Rosa Parks was nobody special until she took a stand by keeping her seat."

The ad ran in the NAACP's magazine, Crisis. Over the next two months, the ads will run in 20 other publications, mostly newspapers, both national and smaller newspapers, Lent said.

Since the board appointed former Verizon executive Bruce S. Gordon as president in June, the NAACP has placed a greater emphasis on marketing and pushing the brand, White said.

Red-Light Camera Page 1

March 1st through March 9th, Plano Police Officers have reviewed 194 violations, authorizing 147 Notices of Violation.

Red-light cameras are not without their problems. For starters, once an infraction is captured, the ticket is mailed to the owner of the vehicle-not the operator. This distinction becomes problematic in situations where the vehicle has been sold or stolen. In Plano, Notices of Violation may be appealed to an Administration Hearing Officer, and a person found liable may appeal that finding to the Plano Municipal Court. Simply put, you could end up spending a lot of time defending a citation when you were not even behind the wheel of the car.

Safety improvements through use of the cameras have also been called into question. Numerous studies have found that rear-end collisions have actually increased where cameras have been installed. Drivers that might have once

entered an intersection on a yellow light, now hit the brakes to keep from getting a ticket causing a rear-end collision.

A Washington Post study of red light cameras in D.C. found that although 500,000 tickets were issued, generating over \$32 million in revenue; red-light cameras did not reduce the number of collisions. Ironically, collisions actually increased at intersections where the cameras were deployed. Portland, Oregon reported that use of red-light cameras produced a 140% increase in rear-end collisions at monitored intersections. A Virginia Transportation Research Council study found that while cameras decreased accidents from motorists running red-lights, the cameras significantly increased the total number of accidents.

Some municipalities have exacerbated this problem by reducing the duration of yellow lights in order to increase revenue. In 2005, a CBS News report on a case in Maryland found that an intersection with a red-light camera has a 2.7 second yellow light,

while other intersections had 4 second yellow lights. Shorter yellow lights generate more revenue, but are also more dangerous.

For these reasons and others, the American Automobile Association and the National Motorist Association oppose the use of red-light cameras as a "tax on drivers".

Many contend that safety gains can be achieved without the use of red-light cameras. A Texas Transportation Institute Study

discovered that lengthening yellow-light times dramatically reduced the number of red-light violations. And a University of Central Florida study found that simply improving intersection markings reduced red-light running by 74% without increasing the number of rear-end collisions.

Barring legal challenges, red-light cameras are now a fixture on Plano streets. And like it or not, drivers in Plano better get used to being watched.



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cities outside New Orleans, and even outside Louisiana. Fewer than half of the city's 460,000 residents have returned since the Aug. 29 storm flooded the city.

Activists also urged the release of updated lists of displaced voter addresses, a request the Federal Emergency Management Agency has denied, saying it would breach privacy.

About 2,000 people attended the rally and march, police said.

The rally was held at the convention center, site of some of the most vivid scenes of desperation out of Hurricane Katrina. It included state and federal lawmakers and comedian Bill Cosby, who urged residents to rebuild without the murders and drug dealing that plagued New Orleans before the storm.

"It's painful, but we can't heal ourselves unless we cleanse the wounds," Cosby said.

After the rally, protesters marched across a Mississippi River bridge where residents

trying to leave the city after Katrina were turned back.

A lawsuit filed by two state legislators claims police in the city of Gretna used excessive force when refusing to let fleeing evacuees cross. State prosecutors are also investigating allegations of civil rights violations. Gretna officials have said they lacked resources to take in evacuees.

Emelia Mays, a 52-year-old from suburban Avondale, said she marched with her family to support those unable to return.

"I am home, and I can vote," said Mays, who remembers being forced to the back of a New Orleans bus with her mother as a child. "For those that can't, I have to stand up."

In an interview after the march, Jackson said mail-in ballots will be vulnerable because of delay-plagued postal deliveries in the city.

He also said it was unfair to eligible voters and candidates that the names and addresses of displaced residents have not been disclosed: "The running don't know who is eligible, and the eligible don't know who's running."

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Palm Sunday: It's better to be alone than in bad company. (Proverbs 1:10) Flowers leave part of their fragrance on the hand that gives them. (Deuteronomy 16:17) You cannot successfully walk with God while running with the devil. (Matthew 6:24) Let Christ conquer things within you, and you will conquer things without! (1 John 4:4; Romans 8:37) And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in clean linen. (Matthew 27:59) There was a great earthquake, the angel came and rolled back the stone. (Matthew 28:2) Although the tongue weighs very little, few people are able to hold it. (Proverbs 8:21; 34:13)

"Evil communications corrupt good manners." (1 Corinthians 15:33) The angel said to the women. Fear not; I know ye seek Jesus which was crucified. (Matthew 28:5) God turned on the light nearly 2,000 years ago. Can you see? (St. John 1:9-10) A man never shows his character as plainly as by the way he portrays others.

Scriptures For April 2006

(Proverbs 23:7) "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psalm 90:12) Faith sees by the ears. (Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:1) Submit everything to God and take the worry out of life. (Matthews 6:34)

Easter Sunday: He is not here: for He is risen as He said. (Matthew 28:6) Prayer is a shield to the soul, a delight to God, and a scourge to the devil. (James 5:16) Peace floods the soul when Christ rules the heart. (Philippians 4:7) All power is given unto me in Heaven and earth. (Matthews 28:18) Rivers of water is the Word of God. (St. John 7:38) Where there is life there is hope. (Psalm 6:5) When God forgives the contrite sinner, He also forgets the confessed sin. (1 John 1:9)

The winds of the spirit are always blowing. Are we opening windows or building windbreaks? (Acts 2:2) The human spirit fails unless the Holy Spirit falls. (1 Thessalonians 5:19; Ephesians 4:30) No man is truly ready to live until he is fully prepared to die. (Hebrews 9:27; Philippians 1:21; Amos 4:12) Spoken words cannot be realized. We need help to say the right thing. (Ephesians 4:25) Room for improvement is the largest room in the world. (Hebrews 6:11) Salvation is like a parachute, there isn't any substitute. (St. John 14:6) And shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, to scourge, and to crucify him; the third day He shall rise again. If your troubles are deep seated and long standing try

kneeling. (Psalm 55:16-17)

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April 23 and 30, 2006

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God is blessing us with some anointed preaching and spirit-filled worship and praise services. Our special guest pastors, Dr. Gregg Foster and Pastor Anthony Foster will be accompanied by their members of the First Baptist

Church of Hamilton Park in Richardson, TX on Sunday April 23, 2006 @ 3:30 pm.

One week later, on Sunday April 30, 2006 @ 4:00 pm our special guests will be Pastor Larry D. Pruitt from Christian Faith Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, TX; Pastor J. E. Curtis from New Jerusalem Baptist church in Tyler, TX; and Pastor E.A. Anderson from Mr. Zion Baptist Church in Fairfield, TX and their congregations. Come and enjoy the great fellowship. We will be looking for you!

For additional information, please call 972-792-0239 or 972-792-0240.

Faithway Fellowship Baptist Church Of Hamilton Park

Rev. Derrick Bowman, Sr.
Senior Pastor
8219 Bunche Drive
Dallas, TX 75243
972-792-0239

FELLOWSHIP OF
BELIEVERS MINISTRIES

April 20 - 21, 7:30 pm

The public is invited to join us for our National Women of Character Conference 2006. Our theme is, "He's My Father and I'm His Little Girl." Guest speakers include Pastor and Overseer Lisa Tarpley of Community Outreach Ministries in Irving, TX on Thursday night, and Pastor Quavelyn Owens from Turning Point Deliverance Ministries in Dallas, TX on Friday night.

April 22, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Please join us for our Saturday's seminars with guest speakers Evangelist Sondra Hailey, Mesquite, TX; Pastor D. Jackson, Fellowship of Believers Ministries, Dallas, TX; Co-Pastor Viola Rouwtt, Grace & Mercy Fellowship Church, Dallas, TX; and Evangelist V. Burris, God's Women of Revelation Deliverance. Saturday's lunch is included with the registration fee. Vendors are welcomed.

The three-day conference is being held at the Comfort Suites Hotel, 2287 W. Northwest Hwy off of I-35 (behind the Waffle House), Dallas, TX 75220, the hotel phone number is 214-350-4408.

For further information about the above events, contact Minister Dana Blair, Church Secretary @ 214-575-8224

Fellowship of Believers Ministries

Bishop Gregory Crawford

Founder and Senior Pastor

3911 S. Lancaster Road
Dallas, TX 75216
214-372-3624

GREATER MT. OLIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH IN IRVING

April 21 & 22, 7:00 pm

Co-Pastor Sherry Hanchett and our Women of Destiny Ministry will sponsor a Revival with Prophetess, Evangelist and Psalmist Sharon Seay Eiland, member of Revival Center C.O.G.I.C. in Tullahoma, TN. The Revival is being held @ the Dayspring Family Church, 618 N. Beltline Road in Irving, TX.

April 23, 3:00 pm

Please join us for the conclusion of an anointed revival with Prophetess Sharon Seay Eiland; she is a mighty vessel being used by God to help the brokenhearted, the rejected, those that are depressed, and the downtrodden.

For more information about the above events, and directions to Dayspring Family Church where the revival will be held, please call the church @ 972-790-6630.

Greater Mr. Olive B. C. in Irving

Rev. Joshua Hanchett, Pastor
1120 Luke Street
Irving, TX 75061
972-790-6630

GREENVILLE AVENUE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 6, 8:00 am - 1:30 pm

We are hosting our FREE 21st Annual 2006 Adolescent and Ladies Symposium and all preteens and ladies, ages 9 and up are invited, and encouraged to attend. The purpose of the Symposium is to help participants increase their skills in dealing effectively with the issues of today's society from a Biblical perspective.

For more information, please call the church @ 972-644-2335 or FayLisa Jones @ 214-649-0358 (day time) or 469-366-8563 (evenings).

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ

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Katrina Evacuees Wear Out Stay In Houston

Seven months after taking in about 200,000 Louisiana residents left homeless by Hurricane Katrina, Houstonians aren't feeling so hospitable anymore.

Many people in the nation's fourth-largest city complain that the influx has led to more murders and gang violence, long lines at health clinics and bus stops, and fights and greater overcrowding in the schools. Some of those claims are debatable, but the sentiment is real.

"We still feel sorry for them. We still want to help them, but it's to the point where enough is enough," said Torah Whitaker, 25, of Missouri City, a Houston suburb.

Houston received national acclaim for accepting more Katrina evacuees than any other U.S. city. It gave them apartments, houses and health care, and held job fairs for them. Celebrities visited schools and brought gifts for the youngsters.

About 150,000 refugees remain in the greater Houston area, which has more than 4 million people. While some evacuees plan to return to Louisiana, thousands have secured their own housing and jobs and plan to make Houston their home.

But a survey last month of 765 Houston-area residents by Rice University sociologist Stephen Klineberg found that three-fourths believed that helping the refugees put a "considerable strain" on the community, and two-thirds blamed evacuees for a surge in violent crime. Half thought Houston would be worse off if evacuees stayed, while one-fourth thought the city would be better off.

The murder rate between the Katrina refugees' arrival in September and last week was up nearly 32 percent from the same period a year ago, Houston Police Chief Harold Hurtt said. He said some of that is attributable to Katrina refugees, but added: "I don't

mean to send the message that all Katrina evacuees are involved in drug dealing, gangs and violent offenses."

Refugees were involved in 35 of the 212 murders in that time period, Hurtt said. In January, Houston police arrested eight members of rival New Orleans gangs in the murders of 11 fellow refugees. Earlier this month, half of the 18



people arrested in an auto theft sweep were evacuees.

Angelo Edwards, a storm victim from New Orleans and vice chairman of the Katrina Survivors Association, said most evacuees are law-abiding citizens trying to find jobs.

"The majority of evacuees are not thugs, looters and hoodlums," Edwards said. "We'd like for the people of Houston to walk in our shoes." If Hurricane Rita had taken a slightly different course, he added, the people of Houston "just as well could have been in our situation."

Some 21,000 students from Louisiana now attend southeastern Texas schools, including roughly 6,000 in Houston. Across the state, Louisiana children scored considerably worse than Texas youngsters on a state exam and thousands could be held back, imposing even higher costs on overburdened districts that are still awaiting federal reimbursement for helping the storm victims.

Tatiana Boone, a Houston 11th-grader, attends one of several schools where brawls have broken out between local teens and Katrina refugees.

"A city that sleeps and a city that don't sleep—it just does not mix. It's two different cultures," the 17-year-old said, comparing

Houston with the more boisterous New Orleans.

She complained that the Katrina refugees are getting preferential treatment, even though some of her classmates are even poorer than they are. Storm victims were taken on shopping sprees to buy clothes and were showered with other gifts after they arrived.

"I feel like they shouldn't have to use that as an excuse all the time, as like, 'Oh, I'm an evacuee from New Orleans,' so you get this and you get that," Tatiana said.

Just after the August hurricane, the Harris County Hospital District, the agency that runs the public hospitals and health clinics in Houston and surrounding Harris

County, treated 15,000 evacuees in two weeks at the Astrodome, but now sees about 800 extra patients a month, said spokesman Bryan McLeod.

The agency treats 1.2 million patients a year, so apart from the first few weeks, the number of evacuees is "not overwhelming" and is not delaying care for Houston residents, McLeod said.

Still, treating refugees has cost \$11.6 million, and the district has been reimbursed only \$1.6 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Medicaid, he said. The district has dipped into reserve funds, he said.

Bus ridership at the Metropolitan Transit Authority was up 12 percent in October through December from the same period a year ago. Spokeswoman Raequel Roberts attributed the increase to evacuees as well as high gas prices.

Mayor Bill White said that most Houston residents are still proud of the city's response and that only a small percentage of refugees are "bad apples."

"Everyone understands when you evacuate a major American city that some of those people will be those who committed a crime or have special needs," he said.

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HOPEWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

April 18 - 20, 7:00 pm

Please join us for our 2006 Spring Revival with Evangelist H. L. Smith, Pastor of St. Stephen Community Church. Our theme is, "Living a Purposeful Christian Life" found in Ephesians 1:6-12

Hopewell MBC
Rev. Michael R. Hubbard, Sr.
Senior Pastor
5144 Dolphin Road
Dallas, TX 75223
214-823-1018

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

April 9, 4:00 pm

Please join us for "The Rock," this is a FREE, powerful and thought-provoking presentation by our Drama and Music Ministry. You don't want to miss this. Come and meet us @ this magnificent presentation; we'll be looking for you!

April 12, 7:00 pm

Our Children's Ministry will present "Bunnies, Eggs and Weasels for Easter." This is not just for children! Please join us, rally round our young people to encourage them, and prepare for a wonderful evening.

April 16, 8:00 am & 11:00 am

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Keller Springs Baptist Church
Rev. Larry Sanders, Pastor
3227 Keller Springs Road
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North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Richardson
Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
1010-1020 South Sherman Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-437-3493

OASIS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

This Saturday, April 8, 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Our Men's International Network of Dallas (MINND) will host their first quarterly 2006 Breakfast Meeting @ the contemporary Homewood Suites at Jupiter & George Bush Freeway in Plano, TX. This event is for MEN ONLY. Our guest speaker will be Bill Hughes, Executive Director of World Ministry Fellowship in Plano, TX. Everyone present will have a chance to

share and introduce yourself and tell us about the great things you are doing. This is an opportunity to network with other men who want to succeed in 2006.

To register or for detail information, please call 214-924-6546.

Oasis International Church
Drs. Charles & Vera Hughes,
Founders and Pastors
P.O. Box 941192
Plano, TX 75093
469-467-6797

ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

This Saturday, April 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The public is invited to our FREE 2006 Resource Fair with emphasis on seniors and caregivers. There will be a variety of FREE health screenings, plenty of FREE food, giveaways, and a lot of good information! The activities will be held in our Family Life Center.

For more information, please call Eushunda Kennedy with Caregivers Support Network @ 214-375-3226

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
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7710 South Westmoreland
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April 14 & 15, 7:00 pm

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For more information, please contact Tonya English @ 972-227-4545; 214-375-3226; or Talitha Bolden @ 214-674-8032.

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7:30 p.m. Bible Study

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Sunday
Early Morning Worship
8:00 a.m.
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9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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Of Hamilton Park

8219 Bunche Dr. Dallas, TX 75243
Church Office: (972) 792-0239
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Service Times

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Mailing Address:

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

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