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## People In The News



Best-selling author E. Lynn Harris will appear in Dallas on May 24th, to read from and autograph his latest novel, *I Say A Little Prayer* at Black Images Book Bazaar at 6:00 pm.

E. Lynn Harris has been immensely successful in his writing career despite a bumpy start. He sold computers for 13 years while living in Dallas, Washington, D.C. and Atlanta. He finally quit his sales job to write his first novel, *Invisible Life*, and, failing to find a publisher, he published it himself in 1991. *Invisible Life* was followed by *Just As I Am*, *And This Too Shall Pass*, *If This World Were Mine*, and *Abide With Me*, all published by Doubleday. All of Harris's books have been bestsellers; *And This Too Shall Pass*, *If This World Were Mine*, *Abide With Me*, *Not A Day Goes By* and *A Love of My Own* were New York Times bestsellers.

What *Becomes Of The Brokenhearted* (July 2003), Harris's first non-fiction work, debuted at #6 on the New York Times bestseller list making him the first African American male to appear on both the fiction and non-fiction lists.

For more info, call 214-943-0142, or visit [www.blackimages.com](http://www.blackimages.com)

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Houston) was recently featured as the keynote speaker at the Detroit Branch of the NAACP's 51st annual Fight for Freedom Fund dinner at Cobo Center in Detroit, Michigan. The fundraiser, which raised more than \$1 million, was attended by more than 10,000. This year's theme was "We've Come Too Far To Turn Back Now - Preserve Affirmative Action."

Much of the dinner focused on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, which would ban using race and gender preferences in college admissions as well as in state hiring and contracting.

"A hand up is not a handout. ... The big gap between the rich and the poor needs to be closed," said Lee. She also urged NAACP members to fight for what she called the "key to success."

Congresswoman Jackson Lee serves in the House Committees on the Judiciary, Science, and Homeland Security. In the Committee on the Judiciary, she sits as the Ranking Democrat of its Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims - the only female Ranking Democrat in the Committee. She also sits on the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.



Regions Bank, one of the nation's top 15 banks with a 16-state footprint in the South, Midwest and Texas has hired Tim Maiden as commercial relationship manager for its Cedar Hill Branch.

A current resident of DeSoto, Maiden is a member of the Fort Worth Black Chamber of Commerce and a volunteer for United Way, the Frost Bank Community Outreach Program and the Kappa Alpha Psi Guide Right program designed to help inform young people in their professions and career options. Maiden is also an avid athlete - he was the Sun Bowl Champion in 1998, Western Athletic Conference Football Conference Champion in 1999 and 2000 and the Mobile Alabama Champion in 1999. He received both a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting and a Master of Liberal Arts in economics and communication from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

Mr. Maiden has previously worked with Frost Bank in the Fort Worth market. In his new role with Regions, Maiden will be responsible for building and maintaining relationships with commercial customers in the Cedar Hill and South Dallas area.

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## Bush's Immigration Plan Draws GOP Fire

AP President Bush drew fresh criticism from House Republicans Tuesday for endorsing eventual citizenship for millions of illegal immigrants.

Republicans expressed support for new attempts to secure America's porous borders, but they rebelled against another element of what Bush calls a comprehensive plan to alter immigration laws.

"Thinly veiled attempts to promote amnesty cannot be tolerated," said Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga. "While America is a nation of immigrants, we are also a nation of laws, and rewarding those who break our laws not only dishonors the hard work of those who came here legally but does nothing to fix our current situation."

On the morning after Bush's prime time speech, the White House sought to emphasize efforts to strengthen border security.

"This is going to be a tremendous enforcement support partnership," U.S. Border Patrol

Chief David Aguilar told reporters at the White House, anticipating the deployment of up to 6,000 National Guard troops to states along the Mexican border.



"We can certainly do what is asked by our commander in chief," added Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, National Guard Army Bureau Chief.

Blum, Aguilar and others stressed that National Guard forces would function in support roles, leaving front-line law enforcement against illegal immigrants in the hands of federal Border Patrol agents.

As Bush's Monday night speech drew reaction from

Bush Immigration Plan Page 6

## NAACP Sues To Block Omaha Redistricting

AP The NAACP sued Nebraska's governor and a state committee Tuesday over a new law that divides Omaha Public Schools into three racially identifiable districts.

The law, passed by the Legislature at the end of its recent session, splits the Omaha district starting in 2008 into three districts: one mostly black, one largely Hispanic and one predominantly white.

It was aimed at solving a dispute over school boundaries in the state's largest city after Omaha Public Schools tried to take over some suburban schools.

The NAACP's federal lawsuit says the new law violates the constitutional principles embodied in the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Brown vs.*



Tommie Wilson of The Omaha NAACP  
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## DCCCD Trustees Appoint Interim Chancellor



Dr. Wright Lassiter

Dallas County Community College District's board of trustees members have unanimously appointed Dr. Wright Lassiter, president of El Centro College, as interim chancellor, effective immediately and continuing through August 2008, or until a successor is named. Lassiter assumes those duties and responsibilities following the resignation of Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon, former DCCCD chancellor, on May 2, 2006.

"We are pleased to appoint Dr. Wright

Lassiter as interim chancellor for the Dallas County Community College District," said Jerry Prater, chair of the DCCCD's board of trustees. "Dr. Lassiter brings years of top administrative experience to this task, and we know that he is a respected member of the Dallas community. We look forward to working with Dr. Lassiter and all members of the DCCCD family as the district moves forward with its academic and business efforts, bond construction program

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## Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson Among House Members Arrested At Sudan Embassy

AP Seven members of the Congressional Black Caucus, including Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson were arrested at the Embassy of Sudan Tuesday, after protesting over atrocities in the Darfur region of the war-torn nation.

"We will not tolerate genocide," said Rep. Mel Watt, D-N.C., the caucus chairman. "... We are saying to Sudan this has got to stop."

The seven members were hauled off in Secret Service cars after receiving three warnings that they were violating the law by blocking the entrance to an embassy. They faced \$50 fines and were expected to be released after booking.



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## Pat Evans Wins Third Term As Plano Mayor

By: Paul Hailey Popular Plano Mayor Pat Evans won a decisive victory over challenger Ken Lambert in Saturday's election to win her third term. Mayor Evans garnered over 57% of the votes cast to Lambert's 42%.

A consummate coalition builder, Mayor Evans' campaign focused on the growing ethnic diversity of Plano. She received endorsements from the Voice of Asian Americans and the Collin County Association of Realtors, she is active and well-liked in the African-American community.

"I am just thrilled," she said. "I was worried the whole time and am really, really glad that it came out the way it did. It was terrific that I had so many people work and get out the vote."

The race was relatively mild, with both candidates sticking to the issues and refraining from personal attacks. The major issue in the campaign was Mr. Lambert's vow to fight decay in



Plano's older neighborhoods and retail centers; Mayor Evans contended that the city is already addressing the issue.

"What was raised gave the impression that we weren't doing that already," she said. "Maybe it was good for people to understand what the city was doing."

Lambert, endorsed by the Plano Police and Firefighter's Associations, expressed he would not run for public office again; capping off a

Third Term Plano Mayor Page 3

## 2006 Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference:

Town Hall Meeting on the Crisis Facing Young Black Men in America Highlights Three-Day Event

An influential lineup of the nation's leading business, entertainment, political, and economic experts will address the economic instability and diminished wealth-building capacity of young black men during the Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference hosted by General Motors, May 17-20, 2006, at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas. More than 1,500 of the nation's leading corporate executives and African American business leaders will be gathered at the Hilton Anatole for the nation's foremost African American business information and networking event.

This year's conference, themed *Where Deals Are Made*, will feature the following highlights:

**Thursday, May 18**  
Black Enterprise chairman and publisher Earl G. Graves



Black Enterprise chairman and publisher Earl G. Graves Sr.

Sr. will present the opening address, *How to Succeed in Business Without Being White*, based on his best-selling book, followed by remarks from William Powell, vice president of Industry and Dealer Affairs, General Motors. In addition, Mathew Knowles, president of Music World Entertainment; and Marcus Johnson, CEO of Three Keys Music lead

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## Plano Hosts Free Senior Wellness And Information Fair On May 24

The Plano Senior Center and the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County invite older adults to participate in the Senior Wellness and Information Fair on Wednesday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Fair will be held at the Plano Senior Center, 401 West 16th St. (just off U.S. 75 and 15th Street on the street behind Outback Steakhouse).

The Fair will provide a

wealth of information for those of retirement and pre-retirement age to enhance their ability to plan for future years. Features include free chair massages, door prizes, health screenings and information about a multitude of services available in the Plano area. Don't miss this fun and informative event.

For more information contact the Plano Senior Center at (972) 941-7155.



## Through The Eyes Of Our Children" Photojournalism Exhibit Reception at DMA

Photos By: Ronald Coleman  
"Through The Eyes of Our Children - Something Beautiful" is a black-and-white photography exhibit showcasing more than 90 images shot by DISD students, who range in ages from 9 to 17. The students were participants in a Preservation LINK 12-week photojournalism course called Point of View presented in partnership with the Foundation for Community Empowerment (FCE).

For the past several months, the 90 students, who attend five DISD schools in Area 2, ven-

tured into their local YMCAs and recreation centers, barber shops and small businesses, backyards and homes. With 35mm and disposable cameras in hand, they captured the "everyday beauty," the hope and strength of their community through black-and-white photography and video. They also wrote about their experiences and have created short videos, or "digital stories."

The exhibit runs through May 19 at the Dallas Museum of Arts and then travels to the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center from June 2nd - 22nd. It also will be on view at the African

American Museum, Southside on Lamar Gallery and other galleries and museums in Dallas and Houston throughout the next year.

Point of View is designed to empower the students to explore and express thoughts and feelings of themselves, their community and their world. The program teaches and inspires young people to use critical thinking skills to identify, document and preserve their community's assets. The result is an honest, dignified and often poignant collection of everyday moments in the lives of these children.



Trina Terrell (Preservation Link), David Herman (Exec. Director Preservation Link, LaTasha Roberts (Foundation for Community Empowerment)



H.S. Thompson Sr. Dance Troupe, directed by Ms. Jamison provided entertainment



Asia captured a photo she titled "Everybody Needs A House"



Darney entitled his photo "A Man of Wisdom"



Student participants from Charles Rice Elementary School



Janet with her piece "A Man Full of Courage"

## Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Makes Donation to Local Library



MLK Library Director, Lynne Craddock and Tari Bradford, AKA South Central Regional Director



Children from Dallas King Center's Head Start read to each other



Children listen as stories are read at the MLK Library



Tari Bradford reads to a group of children

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch of the Dallas Public Library received a donation of over 1,000 books from members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. These books will be used as a part of the library's Summer Reading program.

MLK Library Director, Lynne Craddock, says, "We thank the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for their generosity. We will provide these books to our children as an incentive to our Summer Reading project."

Children from the Head Start program at Dallas' King Center got first glance at all of the children's books. On hand to share the books with the children was Tari Bradford, South Central Regional Director of the sorority. The South Central Region includes members from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico. Ms. Bradford read to the students and talked with them about the importance of literacy and education.

When asked, "Why is it important to know how to read," one of the students simply responded, "So that we can understand and be understood." The students then took

turns reading to each other.

Education is one of the five program targets of this international sorority. The Signature Program is the "Ivy Reading AKAdemy," which is an initiative that focuses on early learning and mastery of basic reading skills by the end of third grade. The Sorority believes that, "...the major crisis in American

Education today is the inability of our children to read. They enter school lacking the very basic skills to begin the reading process and end up being unable to adequately perform in the academic areas that they will need to successfully compete throughout school and later in the workplace."

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## Around The Town

### Ongoing

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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.assistanceleague-gcc.org](http://www.assistanceleague-gcc.org).

**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.

**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

**Experience Works** provides job assistance and training for Collin County residents that are over 55. Experience Works representatives will be available at the Texas Workforce Center in Plano (820 Jupiter Road, Suite 100, Plano, Texas) between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., on May 17th and May 1st. They will also be available at the Texas Workforce Center in McKinney (1713 W. Louisiana St., McKinney, Texas) between 1 p.m. and 2:30 on May 10th and May 24th.

### May 19

**Dallas Black Dance Theater:** Spring Celebration Series, The Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street, Dallas, 214-631-2787, May 19 and 20, 7:30 p.m.

**DASH LIKE A DINOSAUR AT THE 13TH ANNUAL DINO DASH.** The 13th annual Dino Dash and Discovery Fest includes certified 10 and 5K races, Radio Disney's "Move It" 1K fun run/walk with mascots, 30 one-day science, math and technology exhibits, Mother's Day Crafts a kid's dinosaur costume contest and more. Held at The Science Place, 1318 S. 2nd Avenue in Fair Park. For more information go to [www.dinodash.com](http://www.dinodash.com).

**Bruce Bruce.** At the Improv in Addison, 4980 Belt Line Road, May 19-20. For more information call 972-404-8501.

**Movie Under the Stars:** A New Cinema Experience. Remember the fun you had at the "drive-in movie"? Well it's back, but without the drive-in part. So grab a blanket or low-back chair and come watch a classic family movie under the stars at the Amphitheater at Oak Point Park, 2801 East Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. For more information call 972-941-7250.

**Wildflower!** is an award-winning, multi-day eclectic arts and music festival that draws over 50,000 attendees! Held annually in May, the festival celebrates its 14th anniversary in 2006. Our location is US 75 and Galatyn Parkway in Richardson- the newly designed urban center that's home to the Renaissance Richardson Hotel and the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts. For more information call 972-744-4581.

**Rhythm and Rhyme:** A Night Celebrating Cultural Arts. Christian Chapel CME Church hosts Rhythm and Rhyme located at 14119 Montfort, Dallas. A unique night celebrating poetry, spoken word, music and the cultural arts. Rhythm and Rhyme will showcase local poets, spoken word artists and musicians. Invited artists include Blackwax, Will Richey, Deep Thought, J Quinn, AJ, Mike Guinn, Stormi D and Wize Thoughtz. For more information call 972-533-3543.

### May 20

**KEM: Into You Tour,** Nokia Theater, 1001 Performance Place, Grand Prairie, (214) 373-8000 or (972) 647-5700.

**GREAT STRIDES** "Walk n' Roll" in Uptown Dallas. Join hundreds of walkers at the Hard Rock Cafe at 9 a.m. to start your 3 mile quest for the cure. For more information call 214-871-2222 or visit [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org).

**The Wheel of Fortune** will conduct contestant audition events at the Ft. Worth Convention Center on Saturday, May 20 from 3 - 8:30 p.m. and at Fair Park in Dallas at the Automobile Building on Sunday, May 21 from 3 - 8:30 p.m. Fans will have the opportunity to play a simulated version of the broadcast game onstage, win unique prizes and have a chance to qualify for an audition for Wheel of Fortune in Dallas/Fort Worth. For more information regarding contestant auditions and free tickets to tapings in Dallas/Fort

Worth, tune into CBS11 or log on to [www.cbs11tv.com](http://www.cbs11tv.com).

**Soli Drum & Dance Festival.** Coming of Age West African drum & dance music festival 1201 E Louisiana St in McKinney. Drums not Guns noon - 7 pm FREE. For more information call 214-641-0782.

**"Walk Together, Children."** Texas Voices presents a musical celebration of African-American spirituals and their connection to the Underground Railroad of the first half of the 19th century. The concert will feature several vocal solos, some of which will be unaccompanied. Located at Mesquite Arts Center 527 N. Galloway, Mesquite. For more information call Call 972-801-2532.

**The African-American Museum's** Annual Gala and Auction. Fun, food, dancing to the sounds of Cameo and more...Located at The Hilton-Anatole Hotel, Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. For more information call 214-565-9026.

**Dance Camp.** They will be teaching Jazz, Hip-Hop and Modern for girls ages 8-13. Clinic Fee is \$20.00 per youth. Students must register for camp by May 18, 2006. Located at Eastfield College, 3737 Motley Dr in Mesquite. For more information call 469-374-1425.

**For Women, For Life!** Dynamic and inspiring presentations on health and wellness by physicians and clinicians on staff at Baylor. Keynote speaker - Nancy Barry, consultant and former VP The Dallas Morning News and WFAA-TV and the 2000 Dallas Mother of the Year. Held at Plano Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. For more information call 1.800.4BAYLOR or visit [BaylorHealth.com](http://BaylorHealth.com).

### May 23

**Excellence In Business Luncheon.** Excellence in Business Luncheon at the Plano Centre; featuring Leadership Plano Class 23 Graduation and Keynote

Speaker: Jerry Hoag, Executive Director of the Leadership Center at UTD. Advance reservations required. For more information call 972-424-7547.

**The Collin County Chapter Of The American Business Women's Association** meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Drive in McKinney.

**Plano Chamber of Commerce** Excellence in Business Luncheon. Chamber luncheon features Leadership Plano Graduation Ceremony and Keynote Address by Jerry Hoag, Executive Director of The Leadership Center at UTD. Held at the Plano Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. For more information call 972-424-7547 or visit [www.planochamber.org](http://www.planochamber.org).

### May 24

**Film: Dallas at the Crossroads** Dr. Glenn Linden, author and Southern Methodist University professor, discusses desegregation of Dallas schools in the 1960s.

The Sixth Floor Museum, 411 Elm, 7th Floor, 7 pm FREE

programs@jfk.org 214-747-6660.

**"EVOLVE,"** a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Coit Road, Suite 202 in Plano. For info call 972-267-4452.

**Senior Wellness and Information Fair.** The Plano Senior Center and the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County invite older adults to participate in the Senior Wellness and Information Fair on Wednesday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Fair will be held at the Plano Senior Center, 401 West 16th St. For more information 972-941-7155.

### May 27

**21st Texas Black Rodeo Invitational.** See African American cowboys and cowgirls compete for prizes as they go up against rough stock and the clock. Enjoy an evening of Bronco Riding, Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping, Bull Riding and Barrel racing at the Fair Park Coliseum. Located at the African-American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue, Dallas. For more information call 214-565-9026.

### May 29

**Memorial Day Observance.** Join the City of Plano in honoring those who have given their lives for our country. The ceremony will include a keynote speaker as well. Plano Municipal Center, 1520 Avenue K, Plano. For more information call 972-424-4626.

### May 30

**The Heads Up! Foundation's** 4th Annual Basketball and Life Skills Enrichment Camp. Cost: \$70 Pre-Registration/\$85 On-Site Registration after May 19th. Includes daily instructional lessons, motivational speakers, camp t-shirt, lunch, admission to celebrity basketball game. Located at Trinity Christian School, 1231 E. Pleasant Run Rd, Cedar Hill. For more information call 214-339-1400.

### June 5

**The Dallas Black Chamber Of Commerce** 17th Annual Golf Tournament. Held at Cedar Crest Golf Course, 1800 Southerland, Dallas. The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament benefits students participating in the DBCC Excellence in Education Scholarship Initiative. To register call 214) 421-5200 or log onto [www.dbcc.org](http://www.dbcc.org).

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## The Politicizing Of Global Warming

entist or climatologist to understand why. Seismic activity is on the rise, drought is devastating more and more areas, and it is getting warmer.

If you want to understand an objection to nearly any argument, follow the money—it usually sets the agenda. The Bush Administration's refusal to sign the Kyoto Treaty on the environment? Hard to sign a treaty on saving the environment when you're in bed with Exxon Mobil and other world-wide oil conglomerates. Those scientific studies with contradictory data? Almost all of them were commissioned by oil companies to publish the results they wanted published. Sort of like the tobacco companies finding doctors to publish studies that declared there were no discernable risks to cigarette smoking.

University of California professor Naomi Oreskes summed up the "scientific" contradictions in a piece in the Washington Post.

"So why does it seem as if there is major scientific disagreement? Because a few noisy skeptics - most of whom are not even scientists - have generated a lot of chatter in the mass media. MIT professor Richard Lindzen recently dismissed the consensus as 'religious belief.' To be sure, no scientific conclusion can ever be proven, absolutely, but it is no more a 'belief' to say that Earth is heating up than it is to say that continents move, that germs

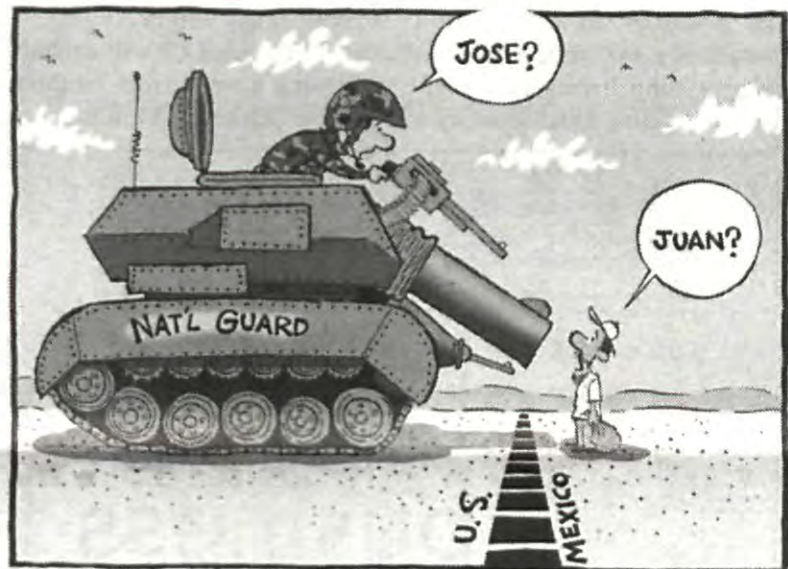
cause disease or that DNA carries hereditary information. You can always find someone, somewhere, to disagree, but these conclusions represent our best available science, and therefore our best basis for reasoned action."

Basically, if you give people enough money or enough motivation they can conjure up a scientific study that says whatever you'd like it to say.

The global warming problem has a lot to do with money. Reducing our dependence on fossil fuels is going to take billions in research and development and is also going to take billions out of the oil companies' pockets. Developing alternative forms of energy and incorporating environmentally friendly changes into the lives of Americans is also going to cost a lot. But the alternatives are unacceptable. The harsh reality is we really do only have one planet, and saving it is going to require all of us all to make an effort no matter how small.

We feel about global warming the same as we do for any complex problem with no solution: nothing I can do about it. And like all complex problems, there is always something we can do about it. In this case, the first step is simply being informed so we can distinguish from real dialogue and political chatter.

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## The Dumbing-Down Of Black America By Black People

By: James Clingman

Much of what I hear, see, and read in Black media these days is an insult to Black people. Entertaining to some, no doubt, but still insulting. Knowing that very few positive messages are coming from so-called "mainstream" media, you would think our Black media would take up the slack and do more to uplift, enlighten, and educate our people rather than acquiesce to the desires of those who control the vast majority of the media outlets in this country.

You would think that, at the very minimum, Black-owned and operated media would make a firm commitment to smarten us up rather than dumb us down with silly, meaningless, empty messages and images that only capitulate to the status quo. You would think... But, as Brother Glen Ford of Black Commentator once chided me for wrongly assuming that Black-owned media are really Black conscious media, and for suggesting we secure more of the same, Black ain't necessarily Black, is it?

Like many of our Black politicians, much of our Black media are really doing a job on us by keeping a wide range of Black folks, especially our children and young adults, uninformed, misinformed, and just plain dumb. Watch that (White-owned) outlet we call Black Entertainment Television; listen to some of the conversations on some of these so-called Black radio stations; read some of the absolute junk in some of our pseudo-Black newspapers, magazines, and Web sites. You will see that we are, as our elders used to say, "Going out of the world backwards."

Having been a guest on many radio shows, and a several television shows, across the country, I can attest to the fact that there are media hosts who do not fall into the dumbing-down category. I desperately want to name them for you, but I know

I will omit someone. If you really want to change the messages going into your brain, you can find them; it's not that difficult to do.

One of the first things you can do is use your critical thinking skills to determine the validity and usefulness of what you listen to on these shows. Don't just settle for the entertainment aspect. As a conscious person, ask yourself what the benefit is to listening or watching certain material. Remember: "Garbage in, garbage out." If we are getting a daily mega-dose of nonsense, of falsehoods, of non-educational clap-trap and slapstick, it's no wonder we are so far behind in serious aspects of economic empowerment. It's no wonder we seldom follow through with initiatives that will make us stronger, as individuals and as a collective.

In case you didn't know, as Booker T. Washington once said, "There are some Negroes who don't want the patient to get well." They want us to remain psychologically crippled to keep us dancing to their beat and buy what they are selling. They want us to keep on bobbing our heads and shuffling our feet and guffawing throughout the day, oblivious to our plight and totally without a clue as to how to fix it.

Thus, we get a barrage of jokes, self-deprecating comedy, and exploitation on television. We are on the receiving end of mindless "beats" that are pounded into our brains by 1200-watt speakers in the backseats of our cars. We are fed some of the most useless rhetoric, much of which is not even factual, by brothers and sisters on the radio who obviously have no idea what they are talking about. And, as we read some of our Black newspapers, we are ensconced in a lifelong dream of hitting the number, getting psychic readings, or checking our horoscopes before we make a move.

Even in the spiritual marketplace, we are the subjects or,

should I say, fodder, of hucksters who want to sell us God's blessings, as if they have cornered the market on His grace. It's fascinating that on Sunday mornings we can find a White "preacher" on BET selling us a quarter-ounce vial of miracle water that will cure sickle-cell disease, all for the low cost of \$206. Of course, if you send him more money, well, you know the deal.

Brothers and sisters, isn't it bad enough that we are being dumbed-down by White folks? Why do we accept the same thing from our own people? We must do better than that. Take politics. What do you think of the statement attributed to the ex-footballer, Lynn Swann? "I certainly believe that George W. Bush is the most qualified and most credible candidate to fulfill the role as president of the United States." Now, I didn't hear Swann say that, I just read that he said it. But if he did say that, in light of what we have experienced over the past five years from the Bushman, why should anyone, Blacks especially, vote for Swann to be their governor?

We had better take stock of what is going on in this country, right in our own backyards. There are Black folks who control media outlets that do not operate in the best interests of Black people. Why would you support them - in any way? They do not want us to get well, nor do they care if we ever get well. The next time you find yourself wasting your valuable time ingesting their mind-numbing potion, remember this saying: "When the ax enters the forest, the trees view the handle as one of their own." Just because it's Black on the outside, doesn't mean it's Black on the inside.

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African American Studies department.

## Where Do You Want To Go Today?

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

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## Shake The Money Tree

By: Samuel J. Vance

**Question:** What do Motown Records, Soft Sheen and Johnson Products have in common?

**Answer:** Each one of these companies were black companies that were sold after they had become very successful.

Now I did not name these companies because I wanted to hold anyone in particular up for criticism. Indeed as I did research for this article I even found some things to compliment. For instance Barry Gordy stayed on and took an active role in running Motown after he sold it.

I freely acknowledge that establishing a highly profitable company and selling it to establish another company or maybe just because you want to kick back and retire is a part of the American

Dream. This has been detailed in numerous publications like the Wall Street Journal and Black Enterprise. This has also been described well by authors like Robert T. Kiyosaki in "You Can Choose To Be Rich".

The thing that does concern me is the big picture. In the last few decades America has opened many opportunities. Overall black Americans need more examples of successful businesses. Even though we have always owned businesses black Americans have tended to look for their security in jobs.

Even though there are many areas where long term job security is still possible job security in many fields is not what it once was. If you are a nurse or a plumber your career may be looking great

but if you work in a shoe factory the fact that only 5% of America's shoes are made here is not in your long term favor. However if you decide to open up a small boutique that caters to people that appreciate custom made shoes and you find the right way to market them you might just be on to something.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau we are more than 12% of the nation's population but own only 4% of the nation's non-farm businesses.

It seems to me that America has room for a few more Barry Gordys.

Samuel Justiss Vance is the C.E.O. of Talkinggreen.com which produces the syndicated radio segment -- A Positive Moment.

### Third Term Plano Mayor Page 1

career of nearly 40 years of public service. Mr. Lambert has been a city engineer, City Manager from 1968 to 1971, and a city councilman for six years.

"Right now, this is probably my last run for city office," Lambert said. "In three years, I will probably be having so much fun at work and with my family. It requires a tremendous commitment of time, and you must have a passion to do it. It was a thrill to run for public office," he added. "I would not have done anything differently and am proud that I ran a positive campaign."

Evans received 4,514 votes (57.43%), while Lambert received 3,336 votes (42.57%).

The 7,860 Plano registered voters participating in the elections was only 5.65 of the registered voters in the city. Mayor Evans received more votes in the more affluent north and west sections of Plano, while Lambert got more votes in the precincts closer to the new Wal-Mart in western Plano.

The election was, in many ways, a referendum on voter satisfaction with the status quo.

"I don't think the voters sought any great change, said Mike McConachie, Political Science Professor at Collin County Community College. I think they are pretty comfortable with the way things are going."

McConachie added that as the incumbent, Evans capital-

ized on name recognition. "This was expected because Plano voters were generally satisfied with their two-term mayor. There was also a significant percentage of people that were not happy, and that's probably aimed at her personality. She worked hard and didn't make any tactical errors."

When her term ends in 2009, Evans will have served seven years as mayor of Plano. Term limits prohibit her from running for another term. But for now, she is enjoying the message sent by voters.

"The message I got from people was really, they love the way the city's going," she said. "So we're just going to keep working hard at keeping it on top."



## 12 Eastfield Students Named To Who's Who List



The 2006 edition of Who's Who Among Students in America's Junior Colleges will include the names of 12 students from Eastfield College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Eastfield students named in this publication are Kelly Garvey

and Luisa Irasema Romero, Mesquite; Cristina Trevino, Balch Springs; Olubolanle Afolayan, Lynda Herndon, and Kelli M. Smith, Garland; Kathryn Brown, Sunnyvale; Cherisee Rodriguez, Sara Hayes and Kacie J. Anderson, Rockwall; A. Glen Sovian and Katherine Elaine

Walton, Dallas.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.

## Summer Institute Gives High Schoolers A Glimpse Into College

High school students will get the opportunity to explore career opportunities at Collin County Community College District (Collin) during the Summer Institute.

The Summer Institute is scheduled from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Tuesday, June 6 at the Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco, Thursday, June 8 at the Central Park Campus in McKinney and Wednesday, June 14 at the Spring Creek Campus in Plano.

The free program is designed to give students entering the

ninth-12th grades the chance to see what majors and careers are offered at Collin.

The Summer Institute is open to the public and the deadline for registration is Thursday, June 1.

The Preston Ridge Campus is located at 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco; the Central Park Campus is located at 2200 W. University Drive in McKinney; and the Spring Creek Campus is located at 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

To register, e-mail com-

pass@ccccd.edu or 972-377-1750. Include name, phone number, emergency contact and any special accommodations.

Collin County Community College District (Collin) serves more than 40,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.

## Austin College Confers Degrees

By: Sister Tarpley

Mother's Day 2006 set the stage for two degrees being awarded by Austin College in Sherman, TX. One, a B.A. Degree in Business Administration to Ms. Naarah Sheerah Allen, and the other, an Honorary Degree in Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Ronald Kirk, Class of 1976 and the 2006 Commencement Speaker.

Ms. Allen, is the first grandchild on her parental (Mr. Freddie & Mrs. Ola Allen) and her maternal (Mr. Eugene & Mrs. Euphemia Clement Tinner) side to earn a college degree. They live in Hamilton Park. She was joined by her parents, Mr. Lincoln & Mrs. Renee Tinner Allen; and other family and friends on a beautiful day in Sherman.

Ms. Allen, Class of 2006, whose hobbies are reading and

hanging out with her friends, started her freshman year with 13 African American students; 12 of the 13 graduated last week.

Ms. Allen was V.P. of the "Black Expression" Organization her Junior and Senior years. It was formed to educate and promote African



Ms. Naarah Sheerah Allen, Class of 2006 and Mr. Ronald Kirk, Class of 1976.

American's culture, history and contributions to society year round. Two to three times during the week, they were responsible for tutoring and planning cultural events to all minority children in the community, which is a

diverse group of children.

Mr. Ron Kirk, also a graduate of the University Of Texas School Of Law and was admitted to the practice of law in 1979; he was a former Texas Secretary of State, serving for then Governor Ann Richards. Kirk was also the first African American mayor of Dallas, winning election in 1995 and again in 1999. When Kirk received his B. A. Degree from Austin College in 1976, there were only two African American students in the graduating class; it was almost one because being in a predominately white liberal arts college, "I really struggled with who I was," Mr. Kirk said. "After the fall semester of 1973, unable to reconcile the two worlds in which I lived, I drove home to Austin with the intention of not returning to Sherman." However, "My father helped me understand, in a very simple and powerful way that, who I was, was OK," he said.

from Alcorn State University (Miss.); a master's degree in business administration from Indiana University; and his doctorate in education from Auburn University (Ala.).

Lassiter has long-term experience higher education administration: reporting to a nine-member board of trustees as president of Schenectady County Community College and to a 37-member board of trustees as president of Bishop College; serving as a member of the board of trustees for Dallas Baptist University and as a consultant to the board of trustees at Wayne County Community College for new member board orientation; and serving as a consultant for several community service and non-profit organizations - including the Urban League of Greater Dallas and the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce - in the areas of board fundamentals and new board member orientation.

The new DCCCD interim chancellor is actively involved in the community. He is chairman of the board of trustees for the African American Museum; immediate past board chair and senior director of the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Texas Inc.; board member for several other organizations, including the YMCA Foundation, DBU Foundation and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

at Dallas Foundation. In 2002, he was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as a member of the National Advisory Council to the National Endowment for the Humanities. He previously served as a commissioner for the United States Commission on Minority Business Development and as a member of the Texas Council for the Humanities.

Lassiter is a Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Management at DBU and holds an honorary doctor of humanities degree from that institution. In 1995, he was elected to the Indiana University Academy of Alumni Fellows by the IU Kelley School of Business, and he also served a six-year term on the board of advisors for the Hankamer School of Business at Baylor University. He currently serves on the advisory board for the Center of Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.

## Harvard Grad Writes 5,000 FAQs About College



Dr. Rozalia Williams

Students, parents and mentors who want to know the right questions to ask before, during and after making important decisions about college will find them in the College FAQ Book: Over 5,000 Not Frequently Asked Questions About College! With questions categorized into thirty subject areas that cover every possible detail of the college experience, readers can literally sit down with this pocket-size book and, when talking on the telephone or in front of a college

official, go down the list to make sure they get all the information they need.

The first and only comprehensive book of questions on the college experience, the College FAQ Book gives readers questions they would never have thought of on their own; and helps them discover which important questions they are not asking. Whether students are on a college tour, meeting with an academic advisor, trying to register for classes or putting together a dissertation committee, they will always have a set of relevant, thought-provoking questions to ask.

Writer's Digest magazine commented "A student can refer to this manual at each step of the college process from admission to graduation. It actively forces its reader to seek out (and think about) the answers to its questions, rather than sit back and have those answers provided. The author leaves no stone unturned when it comes to college facts."

Author Rozalia Williams is President of Hidden Curriculum

Education, Inc., which was featured in Black Enterprise magazine (May 2005). She earned a doctorate from Harvard University with a concentration in Higher Education Administration. Dr. Williams said "Too many students with high academic credentials are not graduating from college because they think high schools and colleges operate in the same manner; they think all colleges are alike; and they think fictional accounts of college life seen on television or in movies is the reality. Unfortunately, when they go to college they find themselves overwhelmed and eventually end up back at home wondering what happened. The College FAQ Book sheds light on this erroneous thinking. Instead of going to college feeling pressured, readers will go feeling empowered and better prepared."

Search inside the College FAQ Book at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) where this purchase qualifies for free shipping.

## Collin Promotes Information Technology To Middle School Girls

Collin County Community College District (Collin) is bringing the joy and excitement of science to area young woman through its "Girls are IT" program. "Girls are IT" is a program created to encourage a career in information technology for young women by providing hands-on activities in a fun, but intensive,

half-day event.

The event takes place from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, May 22, at Collin County Community College District, Preston Ridge Campus, Convergence Lab, Room H241 9700 Wade Blvd., Frisco, Texas 75035

"Girls are IT" will include 26 young women from Faubian Middle School in McKinney.

• Of the several hands-on activities, the young women will make their own computer cables, downloading and using Voice-Over IP accounts and much more.

• The workshop will be led by women in the information technology field in order to present the students role models in the field.

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## Leadership Plano Accepting Applications

Leadership Plano is accepting applications for Class 24. Applications are due to the chamber office by 5:00 p.m., June 15th.

Leadership Plano began in 1983 by the Plano Chamber of Commerce as a community leadership development program. Today, the Plano Chamber of Commerce is still the sponsoring organization and serves as a valuable resource to the program.

Spanning nine months from September through May, Leadership Plano is designed to increase individual and community leadership skills. The beginning retreat, a two-

day orientation weekend in September, focuses on individual leadership styles and techniques. Starting in October and ending in May, the class then spends one day a month examining specific aspects of the community such as education, area government, local business and economic development, health and human services, the criminal justice system, and the arts.

The insights participants gain as they explore the inner workings of the community serves as a foundation for their long-term involvement in Plano in a variety of leadership roles.

Leadership Plano seeks a

diverse cross-section of men and women from the public, private and nonprofit sector who are committed to the well being of Plano and interested in assuming greater responsibility for future community leadership.

### Eligibility

A candidate who meets any of the following criteria is eligible to apply:

- Lives or works within the City of Plano or PISD boundaries
- Is a member of the Plano Chamber of Commerce
- Is an employee or owner of a company having a significant impact on the Plano area

### Applications

Applications for the Leadership Plano program are accepted from March 1 through June 15 each year. Applicants are notified by July 31 of acceptance into the class beginning the following September. Since class size is limited to 30 participants, applicants are encouraged to reapply if not selected.

Applicants representing a corporation or organization must have the full support of their employer or sponsoring organization. Individuals do not need to be associated with a business or organization to apply.

For more information, or to download the application form please visit [www.planochamber.org](http://www.planochamber.org).

## Groups Seek Support For Election On Beer, Wine Sales At Richardson Grocery, Convenience Stores

The Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the Richardson Residents for Quality Retail PAC have launched a petition drive to secure signatures from approximately 9,500 registered Richardson voters to hold an election on Nov. 7, 2006, to allow the sale of "beer and wine

for off-premise consumption" at Richardson's grocery and convenience stores.

Residents of Richardson who are registered voters can sign petitions at the Chamber's office, 411 Belle Grove Drive, across the street from City Hall, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Friday beginning May 1 through June 15. Texas Petition Strategies, a consulting firm that specializes in beer and wine sales initiatives, is setting up places for gathering signatures at several grocery stores in the city. Currently, both Krogers, at Belt Line and Coit roads, and at

Centennial and Audelia, as well as the Whole Foods, at 101 S. Coit have petitions.

Call the Chamber at 972-792-2800 for a list of places to sign the petition, as locations will change during the 60-day drive. For more information, contact Sue Walker at 972-792-2806.

## Gas Prices Edge Down For Second Week

Even with a second week of price drops at the gasoline pump, motorists in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are still paying near the highest prices for gas in Texas, according to AAA Texas' Weekend Gas Watch.

Last week, Dallas-Fort Worth drivers on average were shelling out \$2.941 a gallon, the highest in the state, compared to this week's \$2.903 a gallon, a drop of 3.8 cents. The Galveston-Texas City area edged past Dallas-Fort Worth this week with pump prices averaging \$2.904 a gallon, down 0.2 cents from last week. In Houston, the average price for gas fell 1.6 cents to \$2.897 per gallon. The average price for gasoline fell 9.3 cents a gallon in Corpus Christi to \$2.657, the cheapest gas in the state.

The statewide average for gas is \$2.823 a gallon, down 3.9 cents from last week and nearly 70 cents more than this time last year.

"Prices have softened these past few weeks due to crude prices staying at or near \$70 a barrel, and sufficient supplies of the ethanol additive entering the mar-

ket," said Rose Rougeau, spokeswoman for AAA Texas. "However, unless concerns about supplies are eased, motorists may not see large price drops."

### House Members Arrested Page 1

"Not on our watch," said Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., "Not on our watch will we allow another genocide to take place." She wore a green T-shirt that read, "End the Darfur Genocide."

The Sudanese government and the main Darfur rebel group signed an agreement on May 5 to end Darfur's three-year civil war, which has killed at least 180,000 and displaced some 2 million people. But there have been several attacks since the signing, U.N. officials said.

"Enough is enough," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. "We must do all we can to stop the violence."

The lawmakers, who were handcuffed in plastic "flex cuffs," held the rally on the steps of the embassy with the intention of getting arrested. Last month, five other House members were arrested after a similar protest.

Watt said the group wanted sanctions ratcheted up against Sudan, and the divestment of companies that do business with the country.

Darfur has been torn by violence since rebel groups made up of ethnic Africans rose up against the Arab-led Khartoum government in 2003. The government is accused of responding by unleashing Arab militias known as the Janjaweed who have been accused of some of the war's worst atrocities. Khartoum denies backing the Janjaweed but has said it will try to rein them in since the deal was signed.

The other lawmakers arrested Tuesday were Reps. Gwen Moore, D-Wis., Al Green, D-Texas, Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, and District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, a Democrat.

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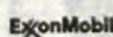
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# Housing Secretary Jackson Apologizes For 'Anecdotal Remarks'

Housing Secretary Alphonso Jackson apologized last week for telling a business forum in Dallas, Texas, he had spiked a contract bid of a critic of President Bush.

Jackson has led the Department of Housing and Urban Development since 2003.

His comments at an April 28 real estate conference have spurred calls for investigations from Democratic lawmakers, and the department's internal watchdog said it is looking into the matter.

"I deeply regret the anecdotal remarks I made at a recent Texas small business forum and would like to reassure the public that all HUD contracts are awarded solely on a stringent merit-

based process," Jackson said in a written statement Wednesday afternoon.

"During my tenure, no contract has ever been awarded, rejected or rescinded due to the personal or political beliefs of the recipient."

Jackson told the real estate conference he killed a deal with a prospective HUD contractor after the owner told him he had "a problem with your president," the Dallas Business Journal reported earlier this week.

Even though the contractor had "made a heck of a proposal," Jackson reportedly said, "he didn't get the contract."

"Why should I reward someone who doesn't like the president, so they can use funds to try to campaign against the president?"

Jackson was quoted as saying, "Logic says they don't get the contract. That's the way I believe."



Jackson: "All HUD contracts are awarded solely on a stringent merit-based process."

The remarks prompted Democratic Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey to call for Jackson's head.

In a letter to Bush, Lautenberg said imposing "political litmus tests" for government contracts violates federal law, "undermines the integrity of our government and leads to the waste of taxpayer dollars."

"If the secretary's statements are an accurate report of his actions, it would be appropriate that he be asked to promptly resign from office," Lautenberg wrote.

He added, "It is abundantly clear that public confidence in government is on the wane, and swift action against this breach of law and common sense is critical."

Bush picked Jackson to lead HUD after Mel Martinez resigned as secretary to mount a successful Senate campaign in Florida.

Jackson had joined the

agency as Martinez's deputy and HUD's chief operating officer in 2001 after running housing authorities in Dallas and St. Louis, Missouri, and an Austin, Texas-based utility.

The agency has a \$32 billion budget and has been heavily involved in reconstruction efforts following Hurricane Katrina.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, urged HUD's inspector general to investigate whether contracts were being awarded "without partiality or political bias."

Mike Zerega, a spokesman for the inspector general, said the HUD watchdog had received "a number of complaints from the public as well as from members of

Congress" about Jackson's remarks.

"We are reviewing this matter as to the facts and any applicable law," he said.

The situation Jackson described would have been "totally improper" if true, said Jennifer Gore, a spokeswoman for the Project on Government Oversight, a Washington-based watchdog group.

"There is a list of criteria that the federal acquisition regulations say should be considered when awarding federal contracts, and political affiliation, politics, is not supposed to enter into it at all," Gore said.

Procurement decisions are supposed to be handled by career civil servants, not political appointees like Jackson, she said.

## New Orleans Picks New - Or Old - Mayor On Saturday

By: Hazel Trice Edney  
NNPA Columnist

New Orleans' Black voters, from high-profile ministers to everyday citizens, will choose this Saturday between incumbent Mayor Ray Nagin, a Black man elected four years ago by receiving a majority of the White vote and a minority of Black ballots, and Louisiana Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu, a White man whose family has a longtime reputation for reaching out to African-Americans.

In the aftermath of the racially-charged Hurricane Katrina fiasco, whom will they elect?



Louisiana Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu

"Mayor Nagin should be in the office to clean up what was created during his administration," says lifelong resident Nakia Hooks, who is still working on home repairs while living with relatives in the city. "Someone who knows what happened, when it happened and how it happened. I believe Nagin is the right person for the position."

New Orleans Bishop Paul S. Morton, whose 20,000-member predominately Black congregation was spread across the nation after last August's hurricanes, disagrees.

"For the past four years, Mayor Nagin has not been for African-Americans at all," says Morton, who has resided in Atlanta since his home and one of his three church sites were severely damaged. "We've just been left out of mainstream. I'm just not a person that can be used. To come to African-Americans at the end when you have not done anything for them in four years, I can't take that chance."

The diverse views being debated inside and outside New

Orleans illustrate the dilemma in which Black voters find themselves.

Mitch Landrieu is the son of Moon Landrieu, who was New Orleans' last White mayor 30 years ago. Moon Landrieu was first elected in 1969 by forming a multi-racial coalition. He became a symbol of the New South by opening up City Hall to African-Americans. He was re-elected by a landslide in 1973 and left office in 1978 only because of term limitations. President Jimmy Carter appointed him as secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu has established a similar bi-racial coalition for his election bid.

On the other hand, Nagin may have won some points with some African-Americans when he asserted in a Martin Luther King day speech that God wants New Orleans to be "a chocolate city." He later recanted and apologized for his statement. Yet, during a series of mayoral debates sponsored by the National Coalition of Black Civic Participation, Nagin again expressed his belief that New Orleans should again be a majority Black city.

Nagin was elected by Whites with 90 percent of the vote four years ago; only 10 percent of Blacks supported him. But a month ago, in a field of 22 candidates, Nagin won only 10 percent of predominately White precincts and about 66 percent in Black neighborhoods. Landrieu won 24 percent of the Black vote and 30 percent of the White vote.

Some residents will vote for Nagin simply because he's Black. Others could care less about the race of the candidate, only about who will help them rebuild their homes and make the city safe for future hurricanes.

"We're sitting on a powder keg waiting to see what's going to happen, especially those of us who live nearest the lake where that water came in," says the Rev. Louis W. Smith, a New Orleans native who has lived with relatives in Jackson, Miss. since the hurricane. "For those of us who are trying to get on our feet, we want the mayor and the governor to see that we are treated justly; that the insurance companies won't be allowed to just outright take people's properties that they have paid insurance

for 33 years with no consideration whatsoever. We need someone who is sympathetic towards that."

Having seen his home in the Lakeview section of the city and his once 110-member Trinity United Missionary Baptist church in the Upper Ninth Ward both destroyed, Rev. Smith is now among the thousands of former and current Black residents of New Orleans who anticipate the results of Saturday's mayoral election just to see who will lead the Hurricane-ravaged city from here.

The winner of Saturday's runoff will have less than two weeks to prepare for another hurricane season. The June 1 target date to complete the 169 miles of levee repairs draws closer.

Don Resio, a senior researcher for the Army Corps of Engineers, says that even though levee repairs are on schedule, the repaired levees still won't be high enough to prevent future flooding. Speaking to a National Academies of Science committee on Monday, Resio said: "If another Katrina were to occur tomorrow, you're going to have 6 feet of water overtopping some levees. The levees will hold but you're still going to have some amount of water inside the levees."

According to the New Orleans Times-Picayune, Resio said, "It's clear that Category 4 or Category 5 hurricane protection cannot be built within the existing (levee) footprint. And you've still got to wrestle with what the nation wants to invest in overall protection of southeast Louisiana. Whether it's a combination of levees, a frontal barrier system or just an evacuation system."

Blacks supporting Nagin remember his emotional - sometimes profane - plea for help from the Bush Administration. While Nagin often points to his experience in dealing with Katrina, many voters don't trust him to lead the city through another crisis.

Between running errands and making phone calls to maintain his property ownership, Rev. Smith says he has already cast an absentee ballot for Landrieu. He explains, "Number one, the mayor has to be a person that is going to be sympathetic to the Black community." Obviously, he doesn't feel that Nagin is that person.

Jermaine Parker, who has been living in San Antonio since he lost his home, says it will be issues - not race that will decide the election for him.

Having lost everything he owns in the Lower Ninth Ward, the hardest hit of all the neighborhoods, Parker says safety from crime and hurricanes are his basic priorities.

"I want those that will clean up the crime front, shore up the levee system," Parker says. "I want someone who will leave the city like it was, but a better city."

Early voting in the election indicate slightly increased interest over last month's primary. Just seven days before the runoff, about 11,500 people had submitted early ballots, about 500 more than at the same time before the primary, confirmed Jennifer Marusak, spokeswoman for the Louisiana Secretary of State's office. Approximately 5,000 absentee ballots had been received by Saturday, May 13. That's 2,000 more than the same time before the primary.



Mayor Ray Nagin

Much is riding on Saturday's turnout for both candidates and constituents. About 36 percent of the city's 297,000 eligible voters went to the polls last month. Overall, Nagin got 38 percent of the vote while Landrieu got 29 percent. Nagin appears to face the tougher challenge because 62 percent of his constituents voted for another candidate.

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**Bush Immigration Plan Page 1**  
Republicans and Democrats, the Senate moved toward the first of several show-down votes over the next week or so on immigration legislation that followed the president's general recommendations. The measure provides greater border security, establishes a new guest worker program and offers an eventual chance at citizenship for most of the estimated 11 million to 12 million immigrants in the country illegally.

Democrats responded with a pledge of cooperation and a barbed question for the commander in chief. Bush "has the power to call up the National Guard to patrol the border,"

said Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, the second-ranking Democrat. "But does he have the power to lead his own Republican forces in Congress in support of real immigration reform?"

Durbin's jab was aimed at anticipated year-end compromise negotiations with House Republicans. But the next move in an election-year struggle belonged to the Senate, where, hours before Bush spoke, debate opened on a bipartisan bill that generally met his specifications.

After months of political bickering, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and his Democratic counterpart, Sen. Harry Reid (news, bio, voting record) of Nevada, agreed the

Senate was on track for passage of the bill by Memorial Day.

The centerpiece of Bush's speech Monday night from the Oval office was his announcement that as many as 6,000 National Guard troops would be dispatched to states along the Mexican border to provide intelligence and surveillance support to Border Patrol agents. The Border Patrol would remain responsible for catching and detaining illegal immigrants.

"We do not yet have full control of the border, and I am determined to change that," the president said.

Still, Bush insisted, "The United States is not going to militarize the southern border."



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## EUR Interviews Tim Alexander:

*Director Defends Film Which Takes Aim at Angry Sisters*

By: Kam Williams

Rarely does a film generate a lot of controversy even before it's been made. But that's exactly what we have with *Diary of a Tired Black Man*, a movie ostensibly designed as an answer to such brother-bashing, revenge comedies as *Diary of a Mad Black Woman*, *Two Can Play That Game* and *Waiting to Exhale*.

What has spurred interest in the upcoming flick is a snippet available on the Internet at [www.tiredblackman.com](http://www.tiredblackman.com) in which Jimmy Jean-Louis shows up with his white girlfriend to take custody of his daughter for the weekend. Although his ex-wife (Paula Lema) and her girlfriends (Shavsha Isreal and Natasha Dixon) proceed to rake him over the coals, the self-proclaimed "tired black man" manages to get the better of his adversaries during the heated exchange.

With the movie already enjoying so much buzz, I figured why wait for the release to talk to Tim Alexander, the writer and director about to make his feature film debut with the upcoming picture everybody's been emailing, text messaging, chatrooming, instant messaging and clogging talk show phone lines about.

KW: So, what inspired you to make *Diary of a Tired Black Man*?

TA: I was dating a black woman who constantly wanted

to go toe-to-toe with me. She was a good bit younger than I was, and even when she didn't have any ground to stand on, she would still continue to argue with me. And then, one day, she reared back and said, "You need to get yourself a white girl. You



can't deal with a strong black woman." So, I just said to myself, "You know what? I shouldn't even deal with her anymore. I'm out of here."

KW: What's your dating history? Have you ever been married? Do you have kids?

TA: I've been engaged six times, but I've never been married, no kids. I find that when black women have issues with men, they bring their anger issues into a relationship.

KW: But don't you think that many have been victimized by brothers with a player mentality? There are an awful lot of sisters who have been abandoned without child support to raise kids alone.

TA: I agree, there are a lot of men who aren't good for them. But for some reason, when a black woman gets with a good black man, she thinks he's weak, she thinks he's a punk. If you're a single-mom, I can appreciate that you're facing certain challenges. But does that give you the right to treat a good black man with such anger and contempt? I don't think so.

KW: What do you think is the source of their problem?

TA: I equate them almost with child molesters who grew up to become child molesters. They didn't like it at the time but still grew up to do the same thing, because they understand how to fight, and the struggle, and all the drama. But what they doesn't understand is how to get along. And so when they're with a nice guy, they get frustrated, lose their comfort level, because all of a sudden they have more responsibility to actually pull their weight in the relationship. And when he doesn't bring any drama, they bring the

KW: How do you expect black women to react to this film?

TA: If you have a medical condition, first you have to go to the doctor to diagnose the problem, before you can heal it. But you cannot tell black women they have an anger issue. They won't accept it. The reason I'm putting it in a movie is that you have a great forum, a situation where people have to sit there for two hours, shut up, and listen. And that's something that you cannot do in person.

## Alicia Keys- Grammy Winner Talks About New Album, Films And Visit To Africa.

Alicia Keys has a lot on her plate these days – the promotion of her feature film debut "Smokin' Aces," the shooting of "The Nanny Diaries" opposite Scarlett Johansson and the recording of a follow up studio album to 2003's "The Diary of Alicia Keys."

For the latter, the Grammy-winning talent tells MTV about the hot collabs she has in store for the fans.

"Me and John Mayer are gonna write some stuff together," she said. "I love his writing style. He's funny, very witty. I think we'll do some writing together. Linda Perry, our styles combining would be very interesting – a soulful rock-blues thing. John Legend would be an interesting collaboration. We were on tour together but we never sat down and vibed and wrote. I want to do some interesting collaborations, things

that are different, and see where it leads."



Keys, who is in the studio now, has a different plan of attack regarding the recording sessions this time around.

"I'm taking the approach of writing everything first, kind of

old-school style," she said. "Before cats stepped in the studio, the song was written, the music was done – that kind of thing. The idea of it was already developed. I want to do that."

"I want to write a lot, sit at the piano a lot and get all these things out that I'm going through and experienced. I just got back from Africa. I've been seeing things in my life that changed my whole perspective on everything."

Specifically, Keys said, she was moved to see firsthand the effects of extreme poverty on humanity.

"The way government takes advantage of people, there's so much disconnect, segregation – the way it's set up to just destroy the human spirit," she said. "So many things I've witnessed and felt and seen, I'd never seen before."

## JCPenney VP To Take Stage At DBDT 29th Season Spring Celebration Series

JCPenney continues its support of Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) and has contributed \$30,000 as the Headline Sponsor for DBDT's Spring Celebration Series May 19-20, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre.

Wynn Watkins, former Sr. Vice President of JCPenney Diversity and Work life and current President of DBDT Board of Directors says, "JCPenney has been a strong supporter of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre and the theatre's commitment to bringing quality expressions of dance to audiences of all ages."

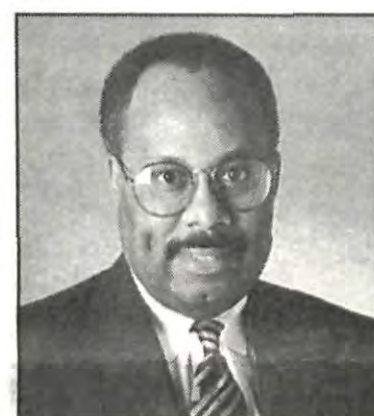
When Dallas Black Dance Theatre takes the Majestic Theatre stage for its final per-

formances this season, they will be honoring Board President Wynn Watkins for his 12 years of service to this 29-year old company. Since becoming Board President, Mr. Watkins' one big dream has been to perform with the dancers. Well, he does just that on opening night Friday, May 19, accompanied by harpist, Rizpah. Additionally, the company will feature a new work, *Lost in Memory*, and guest artist, Nejla Y. Yarkin.

Tickets are on sale now at The Majestic Theatre Box Office, any Ticketmaster location, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call DBDT at 214-871-2390. Ticket prices are \$18 and \$30.

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## Toni Morrison's 'Beloved' Wins NY Times Award- Chosen As Best American Fiction Of The Last 25 Years.



A New York Times Book Review survey of 124 prominent authors, critics and editors has selected Toni

Morrison's 1987 novel "Beloved" as the single best work of American fiction published in the last 25 years.

The story of a slave who takes drastic measures to keep her child from being enslaved won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1988.

The respondents who voted – including Nobel laureates, Pulitzer Prize winners, National Book Award winners and Booker Prize winners – were asked to submit one title representing his or her choice for the best single work of American fiction published since 1980. No

other guidance was provided, and jurors were not given a list of books to choose from.

While "Beloved" received the most votes of any single work of fiction, author Philip Roth amassed the most overall votes. Six of his novels were among the 22 books that received multiple votes.

The results of the survey, and a list of all 22 novels and short story collections that received multiple votes, will be published in the Book Review's special all-fiction issue on May 21 and listed on [www.NYTimes.com](http://www.NYTimes.com)/books.

## Tribe Called Quest To Reunite For Tour

Ali Shaheed of A Tribe Called Quest tells MTV.com that the group is planning a reunion tour to kick off sometime in the fall.

"We're looking at October, November," Shaheed told the Web site. "Q-Tip is working on his next solo record; Phife is doing the same thing. I'm working on my second solo album. I know people are like, 'Enough with the solos. Can we get a Tribe joint?' For us, that kind of love makes us feel really good."

The group severed ties in 1998 following their 1998 album, "The Love Movement." Q-Tip and Phife Dawg launched solo careers, while Muhammad founded the

R&B group Lucy Pearl with Tony, Toni, Tone! front man Rafael Saddiq and former En Vogue singer Dawn Robinson. However, diehard Tribe heads never let go of the possibility that the group would eventually reunite.

"We never knew that all these years, people would be interested," said Muhammad. "When we left, we meant it to be. When we disbanded, we never had any intentions of coming back."

According to Muhammad, it's likely that the group will avoid recording new material for fear



it would spoil their well-established place in hip-hop history. He adds, "As far as doing any albums, there's still a question mark on that. We're not that far along yet. We're going to take these shows and see how it goes."

## Chris Rock To Direct "Wife" Comedy

Chris Rock will direct and star in the comedy "I Think I Love My Wife," which begins shooting this month in New York.

He replaces Charles Stone ("Mr. 3000"), who recently dropped out of the Fox Searchlight project.

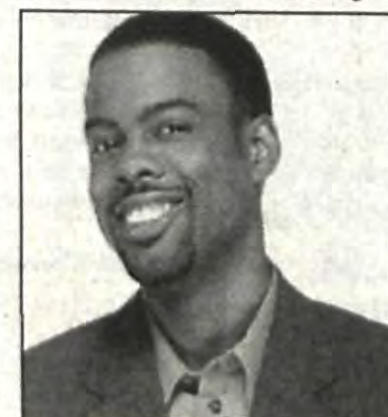
The film, a remake of Eric Rohmer's 1972 French comedy "Chloe in the Afternoon," centers on Richard Cooper (Rock), a professional who is married to Brenda (Gina Torres), with whom he has a young daughter. When his old flame (Kerry Washington) enters the picture,

Cooper soon discovers he is in way over his head. Rock wrote the script with longtime collaborator Louis C.K.

The film will mark Rock's return to the director's chair; he last shot the 2003 comedy "Head of State," in which he co-starred with Bernie Mac.

Washington, whose recent credits include "Fantastic Four," "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" and "Ray," will appear in the upcoming Wayans brothers comedy "Little Man."

Torres, who co-stars on the new Fox hostage negotiation drama "Primary," also stars opposite her



husband, Laurence Fishburne, in "Five Fingers," which recently premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

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#### Friday, May 19

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## Church News

# Things to Think About and Some Worth Doing

and lasting memories through family togetherness.

**Overhaul** the emotional air conditioning system. Avoid airing the atmosphere with tension. Keep the home ventilated with commendation and praise. **Sweep** out old

themselves, but to tie a few of his/her own knots. **What a challenge!** To restore the beauty of a home! Let's remodel. Greenville Avenue Church of Christ's Weekly Bulletin.

**More Than A Mother:** When God set the world in place; He hung the stars in space; He made the land and the sea, then He made you and me.

He knew a mother would have a special place to shine His reflection on her child's face. A mother will walk the extra mile, just to see her children smile. She'll work her fingers to the bone, to make a house into a home.

A mother is there to teach and guide, she will stay right by your side. A mother will be there through your pain and strife; she'll stay constant in your life. A mother will lend a helping hand, until you have the strength to stand. She'll pick you up when you are done, when you need a friend, she'll stick around.

She's more than a mother; a reflection of Him in your face she will see, a love that knows no boundaries. I'm glad mothers chose to be all this and more. They share a love that knows no end, they're more than a mother, they are your friend.

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**Picture of The Week**

*Guess Who Turned Two on May 9, 2006? Philip Lott! He's With Mom, Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott.*

grudges. Forgive and forget the past! Don't bring up old grievances. **Renew** the outlets, so that the family is wired for positive communication. Urge free exchange of ideas. Listen without condemnation. Keep the door open to family friends. Allow your children to have their friends over. Let the fragrance and warmth of your family radiate to others. Expect times of immaturity and imperfections. Clean them up with firm, calm and reasonable discipline. Allow each one enough development rope not to hang



**Sister Tarpley**

It's time for cleaning up, throwing out, prioritizing, and for renewing your mind and spirit. I received these long ago, I thought, they are worth sharing with you at this time.

**A Spiritual Tune-Up:** Adjust your lights so that others may see your good works. Set your timing to be about God's business; and in church on time. Adjust the brakes on your tongue so you may speak well of others, or pray for them so that you may always speak well of them. Align your direction to follow the straight and narrow path of God's will. Attune your mind to think on pure and holy things. Anti-freeze your heart; be fervent and zealous in the Lord's service. Lubricate your spirit with the oil of joy and gladness.

**Family:** Have you done any remodeling lately? It cost time and money! But, it's exciting. The old and stale can take on beauty and vibrancy. Here are some suggestions for remodeling our houses into HOMES.

**Review** the status of each family member to see that each feels that he/she is a "VIP" in the family; each must be affirmed, accepted, and loved. Check the basic structure. Be sure that Dad is the leader with Mom supporting him. Scrutinize family values. Nothing short of Jesus Christ can give it permanent cohesion. Build the fun-side of the family with laughter. Use imagination in providing family recreation; and build good

### NAACP Sues Page 1

Board of Education, which said separate but equal facilities have no place in public education.

"Segregation is morally wrong, regardless of who advocates it," said Tommie Wilson of the Omaha chapter of the NAACP.

Supporters said the plan

would give minorities control over their own school board and ensure that their children were not shortchanged.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers, the Legislature's only black senator, has long argued that the Omaha district was already segregated because it no longer bused students for integration purposes.

The NAACP wants the Legislature and Gov. Dave Heineman to come up with a workable alternative to the new law by January, said John Jackson, the national NAACP's chief policy director.

The 45,000-student Omaha school system is 46 percent white, 31 percent black, 20 percent Hispanic, and 3 percent Asian or American Indian.

## Church Happenings

### CARVER HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

May 28, 3 pm

Please join us as we honor our pastor & wife on their 2nd Anniversary Celebration with guest minister Rev. Archie Kennon, Antioch MBC from Ft. Worth, TX.

Carver Heights Baptist Church  
Rev. Daryl Carter, Pastor  
2510 E. Ledbetter Drive  
Dallas, TX 75216  
214-371-0224

### CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME TEMPLE OF FAITH

Tomorrow, May 19, 7:30 pm

You are welcome to a FREE "Rhythm and Rhyme: A night Celebrating Cultural Arts" in the Imani Chapel @ 14119 Montfort Drive, East of the Temple of Faith (the Main Sanctuary). Rhythm and Rhyme will showcase local poets, spoken word artists and musicians. Invited artists include Blackwax, Will Richey, Deep Thought, J Quinn, AJ, Mike Guinn, Stormi D and Wize Thoughtz. Artists and art from the Fourth Annual Joseph C. Howard Youth Agape Art Exhibit will also be featured. This event is hosted by the True Image Singles Ministry at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church.

The public is invited to sign up for the open mike portion of the event. For more information, please contact Shewanda Riley @ 972-533-3543

### Christian Chapel CME Temple of Faith

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Senior Pastor  
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972-239-1120

### CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

May 26 @ 7 pm

We are hosting our 9th Benefit Banquet to support Texas College @ The Fairmont Hotel, 1717 N. Akard Street in Dallas. Everyone is invited to join us for this wonderful and worthwhile event. You will not be disappointed!

For more information and directions to the Fairmont Hotel, please call Dr. Jerry Christian, Coordinator

@ 214-372-90173.

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### CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

May 23, 7 pm

E.K. Bailey Ministries, Inc. and the women of Concord Church will present "An Evening With Sheila Bailey & Friends" at the church and hosted by Mrs. Stephanie Carter and Mrs. Denise Fox. The program will celebrate finer womanhood through music, song and dance. A \$25 donation is appreciated but not mandatory. A portion of the proceeds will benefit scholarships for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita evacuees through assistance programs.

For more information call 972-708-9979 or Winsor Barbee @ 469-222-6172.

Concord Baptist Church  
Rev. Bryan L. Carter, Pastor  
6808 Pastor Bailey Drive  
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### FULL GOSPEL HOLY TEMPLE

June 30 & July 1, 2006

The Black Academy Arts and Letters will host a Shirley Owens Production, "Don't Miss The Rapture" @ the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, downtown Dallas. The play is complete with singing and stage performances delivered with a true conviction. Tickets are on sale now. For more information call 214-743-2400.

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### NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, DALLAS

June 3, 11 am - 3 pm

New Mt. Zion will host, and the North Dallas, Denton & Collin Counties (NDDC) Prairie View University Alumni Chapter will sponsor

a Fish Fry @ the church as a fundraiser for scholarships for students desiring to attend PVU. We will have Catfish plates @ \$7 each, and a combination plate (catfish & shrimp) @ \$10 each. All plates are served with potato salad, coleslaw and hush puppies; and with your choice of spicy Cajun or regular flavored fish.

For more information, contact Bill Heath @ 972-669-0261 or Walter Gerard @ 214-375-9700. See you at the Fish Fry!

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church,  
Dallas  
Dr. Robert E. Price, Senior Pastor  
9550 Shepard Road  
Dallas, TX 75243  
214-341-6459

### OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (OBF)

June 3, 10 am to 2 pm

Please join us for a "March For Jesus" from OBF to Bob Woodruff Park @ 2601 San Gabriel in Plano. Banners and Balloons are welcome. Call 972-422-4248 for more information on Wednesdays after 6:30 pm or Sunday's after 9:30 pm.

Open Bible Fellowship Church,  
Rev. Don Bright, Pastor  
2701 Briarwood Drive  
Plano, TX 75041  
972-422-4248

### WOMEN PRAYING FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES, INC.

Tomorrow, May 19 @ 7 pm

Do you have a testimony that you have wanted to share with others? Meet us for a "Night of Testimonies" @ The Berea Church, 1220 Cedardale, Lancaster, TX 75134.

May 20 @ 7 pm

We will conclude a "Night of Testimonies" @ The Greater Prayer Tower COGIC, 1313 E. Marion, Fort Worth, TX 76104. Come, hear, and share your testimony! For additional information or directions, please call 214-450-7634.

Women Praying For Christ Ministries, Inc.  
Angela S. King, Founder/President  
P.O. Box 863766  
Plano, TX 75086-3766  
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## Bishop T.D. Jakes Signs Deal With Premiere Radio

Bishop T.D. Jakes will offer 60-second inspirational messages to more than 50 Premiere Radio Network affiliates under a newly-announced deal with the media conglomerate.

Beginning May 15, the Bishop will host "A Power Moment with T.D. Jakes," to air twice daily between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. and

feature his advice on health, wealth, spirituality and other subjects.

"Power Moments are a platform to share hope with my listening friends as they go about their day," Jakes said in a statement.

"Some of the greatest wisdom I have ever received came in small but potent doses. One small insight has the potential to change the next 10 years of your life! Every day I plan to deliver a fresh, informative, and practical nugget to challenge and change people. Just one powerful moment each day can enhance and maximize every other moment."

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## E.K. Bailey Ministries, Inc. & The Women Of Concord Church Present "An Evening With Sheila Bailey & Friends" A Personal Time with Dr. Sheila Bailey Equipping Women to Stand

E. K. Bailey Ministries, Inc. and the Women of Concord Church will host "An Evening with Sheila Bailey & Friends." The evening will be a personal time where Sheila will share with women the importance of standing as biblical role models in their families, relationships, workplace, church and the global community. The theme for the evening is "Equipping Women for the Work" on standing as an Ephesians 6 woman.

The evening will be hosted by Mrs. Stephanie Carter, wife of Concord's Senior Pastor Rev. Bryan L. Carter,

and Mrs. Denise Foxx, Concord's Director of WE (Women of Excellence) Ministries. The program will celebrate finer womanhood through music, song and dance. A reception will be held immediately following the program.

"An Evening with Sheila Bailey & Friends" will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at Concord Church, 6808 Pastor Bailey Drive, Dallas TX 75237. The program will begin at 7 p.m. A \$25.00 donation is appreciated but not mandatory. A portion of proceeds from the event will benefit scholar-

ships for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita evacuees through assistance programs established by E. K. Bailey Ministries, Inc.

Dr. Sheila Bailey, the widow of the late Dr. E. K. Bailey, currently serves as president of E. K. Bailey Ministries, Inc. insuring the legacy of her late husband lives on. She continues to teach in churches, at women's retreats, conferences, national conventions, colleges, seminaries and with global ministries across the cultural and denominational lines. A native of Stamford, Connecticut, Sheila is the mother of two adult daughters

and one adult son. She is a graduate of Bishop College-Dallas, former president of The Ministers' Wives Conference - National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., member of the Board of Directors for LeTourneau University-Longview, Texas, and co-author of the book, "Further In and Deeper Down" with her late husband and daughter Cokiesha Bailey.

E. K. Bailey Ministries, Inc. was founded by the late Dr. E. K. Bailey in 1989 with a mission to provide basic principles and practices of biblical church growth to pastors and lay lead-

ers in order to encourage, equip and empower churches to impact the world for personal and social change. Dr. Bailey went to be with the Lord in October 2003. The legacy of Dr. Bailey continues through his ministry. E. K. Bailey Ministries, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

For more information on this event or E. K. Bailey Ministries, Inc. call the office at 972-708-9979 or log on to [www.ekbailey.org](http://www.ekbailey.org).



## Youth Receive A Wealth Of Business Knowledge At The Black Enterprise Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference

The Black Enterprise Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference hosted by Wendy's International will kick off its popular two-day business education program May 18 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas.

Designed specifically for African American youth, the Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference introduces its participants to the many skills required to be a successful business owner. Created to be as fun as it is educational, the event is committed to developing the entrepreneurial potential of tomorrow's business leaders, providing a step-by-step approach to business development and management.

Running concurrent with the 2006 Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference hosted by General Motors, the Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference, now in its eleventh successful year,

offers instruction at four levels: the Presidents' Club (for established and returning business owners), the Future CEOs (ages 14 to 17), the

damentals of marketing their businesses using television, radio, and newspapers.

"The overwhelming response to the Kidpreneur/

entrepreneurship," says Black Enterprise SVP/Editor-in-Chief Alfred Edmond Jr. "With the outstanding support of Wendy's International, which has sponsored the event since its inception in 1995, the program continues to churn out one success story after another."

"Wendy's is proud to be the title sponsor of the Kidpreneurs/Teenpreneurs Conference for the 11th consecutive year. We are excited to continue our partnership with Black Enterprise in providing the youth of today with valuable insight into what it takes to run a business. We believe the possibility of owning your own business is one that every child should be aware of," says Frances Wright, Vice President, Diversity & Ethics, Wendy's International, Inc.

The event culminates with a graduation ceremony and the announcement of the Black

Enterprise Teenpreneur of the Year. Previous honorees include Atlanta resident Kenya James, publisher of Blackgirl Magazine; Najee McGreen, founder of Techmaster Computer Works in Brooklyn; and Camille

Winbush, owner of Baked Ice, a Pasadena-based ice cream shop.

For more information about the Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference, log on to [www.blackenterprise.com/bee](http://www.blackenterprise.com/bee) or call 1-800-543-6786.



Participants of the annual Black Enterprise Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference hosted by Wendy's International celebrate their graduation. The successful program kicks-off its 11th year May 18 in Dallas.

Junior Executives (ages 11 to 14), and the Futurepreneurs (ages 7 to 10). Attendees will learn how to develop a business model, further their venture through Website development, and be taught the fun-

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11:00 a.m.  
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