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People In The News



Vanessa Ta'Rea Tousant has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Texas Pageant. The pageant is held for girls ages 10-12, and will be held at the Hotel Intercontinental in Addison on July 29-30, 2006.

Miss Tousant's leisure activities include playing the violin in orchestra, volunteering with the Dallas Zoo, the book club and science club. The talented 12 year old is a 7th grade student at Wislison Middle School in Plano. She also enjoys babysitting, caring for animals, drama, dancing, hanging out with friends, reading and sports.

The winner of the Texas pageant will receive a \$1000 cash award, and an opportunity to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. Pageants will be held for girls ages 4 to 18 in five different age groups.

The National American Miss pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young women nationwide. All activities are age appropriate and family-oriented. Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining confidence, learning new skills, good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. Families interested in this program can visit www.namiss.com

City Capital Corporation recently announced the appointment of Ephren W. Taylor II as the Company's new CEO. The appointment makes CEO Ephren Taylor, at 23, one of the youngest CEOs of a publicly traded company in the U.S., as well as the youngest African American CEO of a public company.



Although only 23, Mr. Taylor has over a decade of experience building successful companies and a solid network of team members and resources for the expansion of CCCN. Starting at age 12, his first company designed 3-D computer games. He grew his second company, a job search portal for teens and college students called GoFerretGo, to \$3.2M, fourth of all teen businesses nationwide according to YoungBiz Magazine.

"We create true win-win-win developments, and even share profits from the venture and other benefits with the community itself," Taylor said. "Instead of telling a city what we want to build and what kinds of incentives we expect, we ask them to tell us their long-range goals, for revitalization and community-building."

Current projects include the Kansas City Historic Jazz District, a 214-unit condominium, a 400-home subdivision, and over 150 homes in Cleveland's historic 7th Ward.



Katherine Dunham, a pioneering dancer and choreographer, author and civil rights activist who left Broadway to teach culture in one of America's poorest cities, has died. She was 96.

Dunham died Sunday at the Manhattan assisted living facility where she lived, said Charlotte Ortle, executive liaison for the organization that preserves her artistic estate. The cause of death was not immediately known.

Dunham was perhaps best known for bringing African and Caribbean influences to the European-dominated dance world. In the late 1930s, she established the nation's first self-supporting all-black modern dance group.

"We weren't pushing 'Black is Beautiful,' we just showed it," she later wrote.

During her career, Dunham choreographed "Aida" for the Metropolitan Opera and musicals such as "Cabin in the Sky" for Broadway. She also appeared in several films, including "Stormy Weather" and "Carnival of Rhythm."

For her endeavors, Dunham received 10 honorary doctorates, the Presidential Medal of the Arts, the Albert Schweitzer Prize at the Kennedy Center Honors, and membership in the French Legion of Honor, as well as major honors from Brazil and Haiti.

War Is A Bad Option, Clinton Tells UT Grads

By: Polly Ross Hughes

Former President Bill Clinton told public affairs graduates at The University of Texas on Saturday that war is the most expensive security strategy for today's world, but not the most effective.

"We have to realize in an interdependent world we cannot kill, jail or occupy all of our adversaries," he said, prompting applause at commencement ceremonies for graduates of UT's Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs.

Clinton's comments come as national support for the war in Iraq has eroded amid mounting casualties and sectarian violence, while President George W. Bush's approval ratings have dipped to new lows.

The former president suggested that it would cost the United States no more than \$40 billion a year to end the world's most extreme poverty, its worst threats of disease and send 130 million children to school who won't otherwise get an

education.

Instead, he said, the U.S. is spending \$100 billion every year on a single war in Iraq.

"It's far less expensive to build a world of more partners and fewer enemies, and it's also more effective," Clinton said. "The most expensive thing you can do in the modern world is go to war."

After leaving the nation's highest elected office after eight years, the 42nd president established the William J. Clinton Foundation with a mission to improve global health, empower people economically and reconcile racial, ethnic and religious differences.

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Irving Republican Club Creates Controversy Over Illegal Immigration

By: Justin Jones

No matter what the Greater Irving Republican Club's stance is about its controversial actions a few weeks ago during a meeting at First Church of Nazarene, Anthony Bond isn't shying away from voicing his strong opinions.

"I think what they did is a desecration of God's house and we will not tolerate that action in the sanctuary of the church," a founding member of the Irving NAACP branch said. "This was just horrible to me. Their intentions were wrong. There was nothing right about it."

Bond is reacting to members of the political organization dressing up in military clothing and carrying fake guns while attending a meeting club members said was about homeland security.

In addition to the clothing and fake weapons,

silhouettes of people, punctuated with bullet-like holes, were also on display, according to Bond, who noted he feels the meeting was about U.S. immigration and custom issues.

"This meeting was unethical and immoral," Bond said. "It was designed to talk about what they could and could not do to fight illegal immigration."

"I love my hispanic brothers and sisters, and I love my white brothers and sisters because I'm a man of God. But this has nothing to do with God's love."

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Nagin Looks To Mend Divides In New Orleans



AP

Newly re-elected Mayor Ray Nagin immediately began trying to mend ties with political opponents and crucial leaders on Sunday as he looked ahead to another four years to oversee reconstruction of this major American city.

"We're going to bring this city together. It's

my intention to reach out to every segment of this community," Nagin said a day after defeating Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu. "This is our shot. This is our time."

Nagin said he reiterated his desire to work together in conversations with President Bush and Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco.

The president called to congratulate Nagin and said he would rather finish rebuilding with the mayor because the two men had weathered Hurricane

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Illegals Granted Social Security

By: Charles Hurt

The Senate voted last week to allow aliens to collect Social Security benefits on past illegal employment - even if the job was obtained through forged or stolen documents.

"There was a felony they were committed and now they can't be prosecuted. That's like amnesty to me," said Sen. John Ensign, a Nevada Republican who offered the amendment yesterday to strip out those provisions from the immigration reform bill. "It just boggles the mind how people could be against this amendment."

The Ensign amendment was defeated on a 50-49 vote.

"We all know that millions of undocumented immigrants pay Social Security and Medicare



taxes for years and sometimes decades while they work to contribute to our economy," said Sen. John McCain,

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Freedman's Memorial Sculptor To Design Plano Veterans Art Project

By: Toni Calvin

Plano Memorial Park will be adorned with a sculpture by David Newton for the Veterans Public Art Project. Newton was invited to compete for the project by members of Plano's Art Committee, who knew of his work at the Freedman's Memorial in Dallas.

Newton is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He graduated with a BA in Fine Arts from the College of Creative Studies in Detroit. He was also afforded the opportunity to study sculpture in Florence, Italy for a semester after he completed undergraduate studies. In addition, he also worked as a graphic artist for Ford Motor Co. In 1993, Newton completed his Master's of Fine Arts Degree at the New York Academy of Art in New York City.

When asked of his vision for the Veteran's Memorial, Newton states, "The project is in the design phase at this time. Since the preliminary design



has not been shown to the Park Board or City Council yet, it would be premature to give a detailed description except to say that we are working closely with Veterans groups in formulating our design."

The estimated completion date for the project is for Winter 2007, however, it has been advised that it is subject to change.

Newton is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He gradu-

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Plano City Council Neighborhood Roundtable

It's amazing what you can find at a City Council Neighborhood Roundtable.

For starters, you'll find a positive platform for exchanging your ideas, suggestions and innovations directly with both Plano City Councilmembers and City Staff.

You'll find answers to your questions and concerns and you'll find information on City services and programs.

You'll also find this is a great opportunity to discuss concerns or ideas indigenous only to your specific neighborhood or area.

"Dialogue" is what you'll find at a Plano City Council Neighborhood Roundtable!

District #3 Plano City Council Neighborhood Roundtable

Thursday, May 25, 2006

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Program Room - Maribelle

Davis Library

7501 N. Independence,

Building B

District #3 is the area bordered by Coit Road on the



West, Highway 121 on the North, Alma Road on the East and Spring Creek Parkway on the South.

For purposes of facilitating the quarterly Neighborhood Roundtable, Plano has been divided into four Districts with locations rotating from District to District through the year. This enables residents and Councilmembers to zoom in on geographical concerns and suggestions accompanied by City-wide issue discussion. Residents within each District are notified via direct mail of upcoming Roundtables for their area.

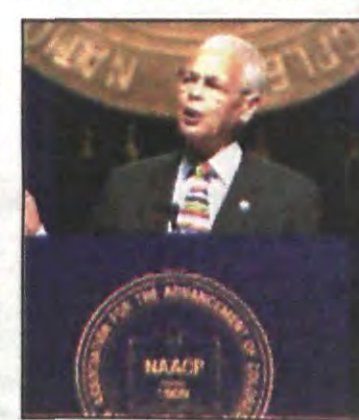
For information about the District #3 Roundtable, or to find out more about this quarterly informational exchange, contact 972-941-7747.

Republicans Sought IRS Probe Of NAACP

AP

Several Republican members of Congress sent letters to the Internal Revenue Service questioning whether the NAACP had veered into political advocacy and asked for an investigation into its tax-exempt status, according to documents released by the civil rights organization.

The IRS began looking into the Baltimore-based National Association for the Advancement of Colored



Julian Bond

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First Annual "Kids Day In May" Event



Dr. Hardman & Kids

Dr. Tiffany Hardman of Spring Valley Chiropractic and Fretz Park Recreation (co-sponsor) hosted the 1st Annual Kids Day in May. The focus of the event was to bring awareness to Child Health and Safety Issues. Kids and parents both participated in the fun event and received pertinent and informative literature, health and dental screenings.

Community participants included the Dallas Police Department and Dallas Fire Department, and activities included demonstration of Child Safety Tips, McGruff the Crime Dog & Bikebot, demonstration of Fire Safety Tips, identifications kits featuring digital pictures, thumb prints and vital info, food and refreshments and gift bags for all the kids.



Dr. Tiffany Hardman getting adjusted by Dr. Joe Clay



Rayshana Adams, Idora Caldwell, Jemcka Kelly and Tony Newson, Dallas Police



Dr. Saber



Courtney Milburn Amanda Dalton, from the Pee Wee Picasso Day Camp, with Yoselin Avila, & Jenny Avila



Dr. Joe Clay & Patient, Leandera Clay Father / Daughter.



Janelle Hopson, Schlanda Hopson, Jarian & Tsante Hopson, and Kaley Pinkston



Dr. & kids walking through the park



Bridgette Helping Kids with ID

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Sankofa Unplugged! Come experience the nation's best Open Mic Experience. Musicians, Poets, Actors, be ready to "Bring the heat" to the Sankofa stage Sankofa Arts Cafe & Bar 1906-1908 Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd Dallas. Every Saturday 9:00 p.m. 214-421-0013, www.myspace.com/sankofakre

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

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.

Free Tenant Legal Workshops are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Douglass Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

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

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

"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. Call 972-267-4452.

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.

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.

May 25

Black Writers' Guild of Irving will host a "Writers' Read-in" at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Irving Mall on Thursday, May 25th from 7pm until 9pm. Barnes and Noble Books, Irving Mall. This is a free event open to the public. Local writers will have the opportunity to read excerpts from their works (novel, short story, essay, memoir, etc...) before a live audience! Call 972-257-8320

Plano City Council Neighborhood Roundtable: District 3, Plano City Councilmembers and city department representatives will meet with citizens in the District

3 area to discuss issues important to their community.

Irving Youth ACTION Council Meeting, 6:00 pm, 915 North O'Connor Rd, Irving

May 26
Gospel Play- Lord, Why You Made Me Black at the Irving Art Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Boulevard, Irving. With a cast of characters that are sure to keep you laughing and soul stirring songs that will have you holding on to the edge of your seat, Lord, Why You Made Me Black is truly a fascinating soul treat. Carpenter Performance Hall, Fri. 8pm, Sat. 7pm. Tickets are \$25-50. For more information call 972-252-2787 or visit: www.irvingartcenter.com

Jubilee Theater presents The Imaginary Invalid- a Comedy by Moliere, 506 Main Street Fort Worth. Friday & Saturday nights at 8pm; Saturday & Sunday matinees at 3pm. There will be Thursday night performances on 6/8/06 & 6/15/06. Call 817-338-4411

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.

1st Annual NFL Memorial Day Weekend Celebrity Weekend Explosion featuring Julius Jones, Terry Glen, Skip Cheatham, Jagged Edge "LIVE" at Club X. 15240 Dallas Pkwy, Addison. Contact us at 972-239-7070 for more information or visit www.clubxvenue.com

Jackie Townsell African Dance & Drumming Clinic For youths ages 8 & Up. Students will learn the traditional art of African Dance & Drumming. Classes are each Saturday morning from April 15 to June 17, 2006 from 10AM to 12PM. Classes take place in the Irving Arts Center's Rehearsal Hall or Suite 200, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving.

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.

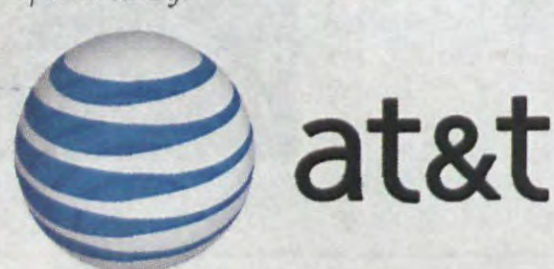
UFSC 2006 Annual Conf-

erence, themed Inspiring Greatness, will be held at Hotel Inter-Continental, 15201 Dallas Parkways, Addison. Invited speakers include TD & Serita Jakes, Oprah Winfrey, George Curry, Richard Parsons, Eddie Bernice Johnson and Yolanda King and many leaders in the financial industry. Seminars and workshops include Intimate Conversations with Senior Women Leaders Contact Adrienne P. Whitaker, VP Conference Planning at (202) 289 - 8335, ufsc@ufscnet.org or visit www.ufscnet.org for more information.

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.

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Do You Remember 1996?

In 1996, Bill Clinton was re-elected President, Independence Day starring Will Smith was the top grossing movie, and Lisa Marie Presley filed for divorce from Michael Jackson. Still don't remember? The summer Olympic Games were held in Atlanta—complete with the Olympic Park bombing, TWA Flight 800 crashed over Long Island and George W. Bush was Governor of Texas.

1996 is significant because it was the last time the minimum wage was increased, from \$4.75 to its current level of \$5.15, effective in 1997. That's ten years of fixed wages for the bottom rung of workers in this country, the poor who need the money the most. The current minimum wage falls far short of the income needed to place a family at the federal poverty level. This from the richest country on the face of the earth?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about two million workers totaling 2.7% of the overall workforce, earn the minimum wage. These folks are generally young, with half of them under 25 and 25% of them teenagers. Economists have theorized that inflation has ate at the real value of the minimum wage so much that it is worth less now than it was in 1955.

The real tragedy is that every effort by Congress to raise the minimum wage has been blocked by Republican lawmakers and business groups who have argued that a higher minimum wage would drive away jobs. In addition to being silly and completely without compassion for the working poor, that argument is simply untrue.

It has been estimated that some 9 million illegals from Mexico have entered our coun-

try since 1996, the majority of them finding some type of employment in our economy. Even if they are being paid wages at or below the legal minimum wage of \$5.15, jobs are not being driven away. The fiasco with the minimum wage has been a scam by greedy business owners who have lobbied politicians to not pay people a living wage at the same time they oversee one of the biggest tax reduction for the rich we have ever seen.

Also lost in the shuffle of the minimum wage debate is that opinion polls show most of the American people favor raising the minimum wage. The chairman of Wal-Mart favors an increase, going as far to declare that a worker earning the minimum wage cannot afford to shop at his stores.

"The public is way ahead of Washington," Mr. Samuel said. "They see this as a matter of basic fairness, the underpinning of basic labor law in this country, a floor under wages so we're not competing with Bangladesh."

Since Congress won't do anything about it, the politics of the minimum wage is increasingly shifting to the states. Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have enacted their own legislations to pay workers wages in excess of the \$5.15 federal minimum wage. 12 other states are currently debating such legislations and states that

have higher wages are adding in cost of living adjustments to keep up with inflation.

In 2004, voters in Nevada and Florida approved state initiatives to raise their state minimums to \$6.15 per hour. In California, the state minimum wage is \$6.75 per hour and a bill was approved last year to raise the wage to \$7.75 by 2007. That bill was vetoed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

We have an obligation to the less fortunate among that are working to have a better life. In this era of record company profits, record CEO bonuses and record tax reductions for the wealthy, it is hard to argue that raising the minimum wage by \$2.00 an hour is going to bankrupt the country. Big business doesn't like a minimum wage increase? Who cares?

They didn't like the institution of the minimum wage in 1939 and if they had their way they would still work children for 12 hours a day in sweatshops. In the last 10 years, not much has stayed the same, especially not prices. For the uneducated and unskilled among us to try to secure housing, buy gasoline or feed a family on \$5.15 is a joke. Until everyone is trained for the new global economy we have to do something. It is time for the U.S. to do the right thing and raise our minimum wage.

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"YOU WANT TO DRIVE \$5.00 DOWN THAT ROAD, MAKE A LEFT AT THE LIGHT, GO ABOUT 85¢, THEN BEAR RIGHT AND YOU'LL BE THERE IN ANOTHER \$2.25..."

William Jefferson Should Be Held To A Higher Standard

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson

The instant the news broke that FBI agents raided the office of black Louisiana Congressman William Jefferson, and announced that they had a videotape of him allegedly stuffing bribe money into a freezer, some blacks loudly grumbled that Jefferson was the victim of a racial double standard. They noted that the FBI did not ransack the offices of Ohio Congressman Robert Ney, also under legal fire, or convicted California Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham and that federal prosecutors and FBI agents generally issue subpoenas or informally request that lawmakers being investigated turn over documents or other relevant materials.

But the Jefferson case is special. He has been on the hot legal seat for many months. He's been the target of an on-going criminal investigation and a House ethics probe. He left a bitter taste in the mouths of many New Orleans residents during the Katrina debacle when he allegedly commandeered a National Guard truck to check on his personal property and save personal belongings at the same moment nearby residents needed rescue from possible drowning.

The case is also special because Jefferson is black, but for a different reason than some blacks claim. Though he mercifully did not scream the "R word" at his abbreviated and prickly press conference, many other black politicians, do when they're indicted, jailed, accused of financial improprieties, ethics violations or as in the case of Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney who initially screamed race when she took a swing at a Capitol Police officer.

All, like Jefferson, were once hailed as the best and brightest among political newcomers. They were expected to instantly improve conditions in their

underserved communities.

When they're popped, they wail that they should not be held to a higher standard of accountability than white officials that get caught with their hand in the campaign or union cookie jar. When they are also jailed, and pay hefty fines for violating campaign finance and ethics laws, and nobody says that they have to be a cross between Mother Theresa and St. Paul.

Yet, they should be held to that higher standard. Their mostly black constituents view them not as politicians, but as leaders and advocates. They look to them to represent their interests and to confront institutional power. Any legal smear on them, which in some cases may be questionable, soils their name. This makes it much harder for blacks to have and retain confidence in them.

This diminishes their political power and influence, and creates distrust and dissension among black voters. This in turn makes it that much more difficult for blacks to generate any enthusiasm to get out to vote or get involved in community improvement actions.

It's not just scandal that hurts black officials, it's the race card that hurts too. In far too many cases, blacks accused of wrongdoing reflexively deflect, dodge, and muddy the charges, and accusations against them, and even their guilt, by screaming racism. They strongly imply that racist prosecutors unfairly target them. They then promptly wrap themselves in the martyr's cloak of persecuted civil rights fighters.

This is not a small point. In the past, when black politicians have been accused of criminal or ethics violations, or worse actually caught with their hands in the public till, they have reflexively screamed racism to deflect attention from their crimes.

During the 1990s former Illinois Congressman Mel Reynolds screamed racism when

he was indicted, tried and convicted of sexual assault charges. Washington D.C. Mayor Marion Barry screamed racism when he was indicted, tried and convicted on a drug charge. California Congressman Walter Tucker, convicted of bribery charges loudly shouted racism.

Even though their knee jerk cry of white persecution did not fly, they played the odds and reminded blacks that President Reagan's Justice Department initiated dozens of corruption probes against black elected officials during the 1980s. Given the Reagan administration's perceived indifference to civil rights and social programs, it was easy for many blacks to believe that some of these cases walked, if not outright crossed over, the thin line between legitimate concern with bagging lawbreakers and racially-motivated political harassment of black leadership.

Black officials, such as Jefferson, are and will continue to be keenly watched by state and federal prosecutors for any hint of impropriety. If they engage in any forbidden activities with money, they will swiftly be called on the legal carpet.

The burden of proof then is on them to prove to those who look to them to battle for their political interests that they can and will do any and everything to avoid even the slightest smudge of scandal. That may be unfair, but that's the price that they must pay to be regarded as credible and honorable black leaders and advocates.

At his press conference, Jefferson said that he would not resign. He's up for reelection this year, and even if by some miracle he escapes prosecution, the voters hopefully will show good sense and end his tenure.

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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-

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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Hating Barry Bonds

By: Bob Wing

Hating Barry Bonds has become a national passion – or so the very sportswriters who have whipped up this hate tell us. What they don't tell us is that this passion is prevalent almost exclusively among a few white men.

Not that others, including myself, don't think that Barry probably used steroids. Though not proven, the circumstantial evidence is overwhelming. However, most people have better things to do with our lives than hate Barry. And one's mind must be seriously clouded to overlook a number of important factors:

First, the steroid scandal is principally (though not only) the fault of Major League Baseball, not of any player. Baseball did not ban the use of steroids until 2004. The owners and the commissioner knew about their widespread use and refused to discourage let alone ban steroid use.

They made huge money from the steroid-powered home run binge and put their profits before the good of the game and the health of the players. To blame the players alone, let alone one single player, for the steroid scandal is blatantly ridiculous.

Why isn't the hate aimed at the commissioner or the owners? Is anyone calling for the resignation of the commissioner or for the owners to be banned from baseball, or at least to be penalized in

some way?

Second, although the most high profile steroid users (or suspected users) are power hitters, pitchers also used steroids. In fact, although position players far outnumber pitchers, so far more pitchers than hitters have been actually caught and punished for steroid use. Pitchers on steroids were throwing to hitters on steroids. Who benefited the most from their use, the hitters or the pitchers? Surely not just Barry Bonds.

I assume steroid use also affected fielding. So if there are any asterisks applied to records because of steroids, they should be applied to every baseball endeavor over the last decade: all aspects of pitching, hitting and fielding.

So why do a few white men hate Barry Bonds with a passion? Ask Henry Aaron, the reigning all time home run king. He received constant death threats and racial hatred when he neared Babe Ruth's hallowed home run record. The racism was so bad that the FBI was deployed to open his mail, Aaron was assigned a personal bodyguard, and his teammates stood constantly at the ready to defend their friend.

Bigots made his life (and his family's life) a living hell. To this day he refuses to discuss his home run chase because it brings back so much pain.

Even in today's racially "enlightened age," many cannot get over their fixation on the Great White Hope. Even dead ones like Babe Ruth whose records have already been surpassed.

And some sportswriters and fans don't seem to be able let racial stereotypes die, especially when they overlap with sensationalism. They constantly find some black athletes to excoriate as beasts, e.g. Allen Iverson, Rasheed Wallace, Terrell Owens, Shani Davis and Barry Bonds. And they forever tell us that white superstars like Larry Bird, Steve Nash and others succeeded due to their superior "work ethic" despite "limited talent."

Many Bonds haters justify their stance by saying they are only out to defend baseball's supposedly sacred statistics and records. If that is their real concern, let me suggest the most important thing they could do would be to expunge all the records and statistics set in the decade's long white's only era. (Or they might include Josh Gibson's Negro League record of 84 home runs in one season and 962 lifetime.)

Who deserves the asterisk more – Babe Ruth or Barry Bonds?

Bob Wing is an Oakland Bay Area-based writer and activist.

David Newton Page 1

ated with a BA in Fine Arts from the College of Creative Studies in Detroit. He was also afforded the opportunity to study sculpture in Florence, Italy for a semester after he completed undergraduate studies. In addition, he also worked as a graphic artist for Ford Motor Co. In 1993, Newton completed his Master's of Fine

Arts Degree at the New York Academy of Art in New York City.

Newton's involvement with the Freedman's Memorial came about after he had recently participated in an art show that focused on the theme of the recently discovered Duane St. Slave Cemetery in lower Manhattan, NY. Newton was chosen out of 73 sculptor entries.

Newton recalls that the Freedman's Memorial was his first large commission and one that will be a signature piece for his career as a sculptor.

For more information regarding the Veteran's Public Art Project and inquiries regarding the City of Plano's Cultural Programs, please contact Christine Eubanks at 972-941-7740.

Life Lessons Learned At First-Ever Golf Tournament For Inner-City Dallas Middle Schoolers



O.W. Holmes students high five at Cedar Crest

After-School All-Stars Dallas tournament scores big with 10 teams from five DISD middle schools; students learn the fundamentals of golf plus valuable skills for everyday success.

The first-ever golf tournament for inner-city Dallas middle-schoolers scored big on all counts.

Held May 17 at Cedar Crest Golf Course in South Dallas, the First Annual Middle School Golf Tournament involved 42

students who made up 10 teams representing five DISD schools. The program was sponsored by the After-School All-Stars (www.dallasasas.org), with instruction and curriculum provided by The First Tee of Dallas in partnership with the Northern Texas PGA. The City of Dallas funded the program through a three-year grant, which kicked off this year.

O.W. Holmes Humanities/Communication Academy took home the top honors at the tournament with Boude Storey Middle School winning second-place awards. Other participating schools were Pearl C. Anderson Middle Learning Center, W.H. Gaston Middle School and Sarah Zumwalt Middle School.

The winning schools received trophies. Individual winners were Elizar Roja, Cortland Nelson, Jarvis Graham, Darius Roddy and Keith Burkins from O.W. Holmes and Jose Alonzo, Erick Boswell, Raymondre Green and Henry Williams from Boude Storey.

"Today, I learned quite a few things. I learned the importance of having respect for your surroundings and other people," said Shannira Watson of Zumwalt Middle School. "I also learned the importance of knowing where you want to go, having a plan to get there, and then making sure that you are aimed properly and doing the right things to get where you want to go."

For 12 weeks, the students prepared for the tournament, practicing at schools, local driving ranges and golf courses. They also enjoyed a "field trip" to the EDS Byron Nelson Championship. Volunteers – ranging from a Dallas Police



Boude Storey students won second place over all

Department officer and passionate golfers to City of Dallas and DISD employees – worked with the students teaching them the fundamentals of how to swing, chip, putt and score.

"The hope of After-School All-Stars Dallas is to effectively seed the area's high school golf teams so our kids can compete and win tournaments ... and ultimately gain entrance into college through scholarships," said Robin Hutchison, executive director of ASAS Dallas.

The City of Dallas hopes that this is the beginning of a long partnership.

"This is a terrific program for young people," said Gregory Williams, the youth sports manager for the City of Dallas, to the students involved in the tournament. "Our goal is for this program to be around 20 years from now when your kids will be involved!"

The summer program is spon-



First place winners O.W. Holmes

sored by After-School All-Stars, The First Tee of Dallas, City of Dallas, Dallas Independent School District and the PGA of North Texas.

After-School All-Stars currently has programs in 15 U.S. cities: Atlanta, Chicago, Columbus, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Antonio, San Diego, San Jose and South Florida.

UNT To Hold Second Annual "Robocamp" Day Camp For High School-Age Women

From Gort in "The Day the Earth Stood Still" to C-3PO and R2-D2 in the "Star Wars" films, robots have captured the imagination of the public. This summer at two day camps sponsored by the University of North Texas, young women entering the 9th, 10th and 11th grades will get hands-on exposure to the world of robots.

UNT is holding its second annual "Robocamp" July 10-14 at UNT's Research Park, 3940 North Elm Street in Denton, and July 24-28 at the UNT Dallas Campus, 8915 South Hampton Road. Lunch is provided. The camp is funded by a grant from the state of Texas Technology Workforce Development program. It is free for participants.

Camp organizer David

Keathly, a lecturer and undergraduate advisor with the UNT department of computer science and engineering, says, "(Campers) spend three days working directly with robots. The students will build robots themselves, and test them in a variety of tasks including going through a maze and following the light from a flashlight."

Keathly adds, "The students will also get to have the robot do tasks of their choosing. For example last year, one group created something they called 'robo-art,' where the robots were used to draw pictures. The remaining two days are devoted to career development. We show the day campers videos, bring in guest speakers, and show the campers what they need to do now to prepare for a future in sci-

ence and technology."

Maria Asencio, a computer science major and mathematics major from Dallas, served as a camp counselor last year. She says, "The camp really makes an impression on the young women who attend it. They learn about different areas and get information about different career perspectives. For example, if a camper is interested in computer science, they can also learn about graphic design or artificial intelligence."

More information on Robocamp 2006, as well as application forms, can be found at www.cse.unt.edu/robocamp2006. Registration ends May 31, or when all seats are filled. Keathly can be reached at 940-565-4801.

Richland College To Host Parkland Hospital's Men's Health Conference

Richland College will host the Parkland Health & Hospital System's 4th Annual Men's Health Conference on Saturday, June 10.

The event, "Tune Up the Whole Man: Mind-Body-Spirit," will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richland College, 12800 Abrams Road in Dallas.

Tune Up the Whole Man will include:

- Sessions in English and Spanish
- Free health screenings including cholesterol, blood pressure, glaucoma, prostate cancer, HIV, hearing and more
- Presentations, panel discussions, and breakout sessions on topics including men's spiritual, physical and mental health

All males age 12 and older are

invited to this event. Women also are invited to attend, however, many sessions are limited to male participants. In addition to the health screenings and educational sessions, this free event includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

For more information about

Tune Up the Whole Man, e-mail: menshealth@parknet.phm.org or call Parkland Health & Hospital System at 214-266-1232. For more information about Richland College, visit www.richlandcollege.edu or call 972-238-6194.

Urban League Accepting Applications For Top Achievers

The Urban League of Greater Dallas is accepting applications from students ages 14 to 18 in Dallas County who volunteer in their community, excel academically or have a special talent or gift for special recognition at their Achievement Matters

Awards Ceremony. The deadline for applications has been extended to Friday, May 26, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

The Achievement Matters Youth Program is a celebration which recognizes youth for academic achievement and com-

munity service. The program creates an atmosphere for positive peer self-reinforcement; inspires youth to recognize that achievements are attainable; and counters damaging public images that minority youth can't excel. The rally will be

held on Saturday, June 3rd. Application forms are available through the Urban League and Public Schools throughout North Central Texas.

For more information, call the Urban League Education Department at (214) 915-4600.

CCCCD Continuing Education Wins Two TACE Awards

Collin County Community College District (Collin) Continuing Education Department won two first place awards from Texas Association of Continuing Education (TACE) for Community/Junior Colleges.

Collin won in the continuing education web page category

and the continuing education web-based course schedule and registration. Collin has won nine TACE awards in the last three years.

TACE is a statewide organization dedicated to promoting continuing and workforce education. The awards were announced during the 2005

TACE Conference this month.

For more information on the Collin Continuing Education and Workforce Development Division or programs, contact the department office at 972.985.3750.

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.

Strayhorn Bids To Differ On School Funding Bill

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn says the new school funding bill recently signed into law by Texas Gov. Rick Perry isn't all it's touted to be.

"I'm am certifying House Bill 1 as required by the Constitution because it is within the available revenue," Strayhorn said at a press conference Wednesday. "Were it not for the state's historic \$8.2 billion surplus, I would not be able to certify the bill and abide by the state's Constitutional pay-as-you-go, no-deficit-spending mandate."

Strayhorn, who has announced her intent to run for governor as an Independent candidate, said the bill is not good policy. "And the governor is not telling the people of Texas the truth," she said.

In a news release, Gov. Perry described the new law as a "record property tax cut that will make home ownership more affordable, reduce the net tax burden on Texans by nearly \$47 billion and improve our tax system so it is fairer because it is broader."

Taken as a package, according to the Governor's press office, House Bills 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will reduce property taxes by \$15.7 billion over the three years, lowering the prop-



erty tax bill on an average-priced home in Texas by nearly \$2,000 over the next three years.

Strayhorn claims the average Texas homeowner will see a \$52 property tax cut this year, "with most of our senior citizens and Texans with disabilities receiving no property tax cut at all."

Strayhorn calls the tax plan a massive increase in business taxes that will increase the state's budget by \$6 billion a year, boost the number of businesses that will have to pay or file taxes by 200,000 and hike business taxes 200 percent.

"The very businesses that are boosting our economy will be forced to pass on their higher taxes to their customers," Strayhorn said.

"Under House Bill 1," she continued, "the average tax cut in 2006 for homeowners in the Houston Independent School District is \$56; Conroe ISD, \$61; Dallas ISD, \$71; Plano ISD, \$106; Fort Worth ISD, \$44; San Antonio ISD, \$22, and Austin ISD, \$92."

Strayhorn collected signatures on a petition needed to have her name placed on the ballot for the November election as an Independent candidate for governor. According to published reports, she gave Texas election officials 223,000 signatures -- almost five times as many signatures as she needs to qualify.

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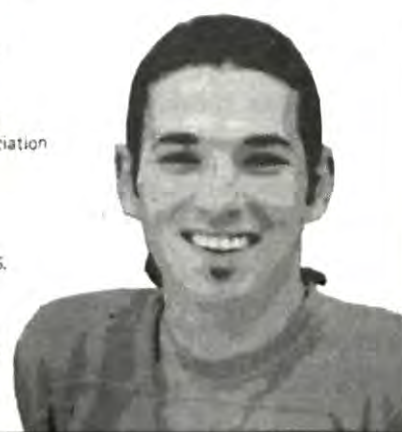
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Verizon Wireless Sponsors 16 Area Students For Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference Youth Received Valuable Insight into Business Ownership

Verizon Wireless proved they are committed to the saying, "at Verizon Wireless we never stop working for you," by sponsoring 16 Dallas/Fort Worth area students to attend this year's Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference held this past week at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. The students, ranging in age from 7-17, participated in the Black Enterprise Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference.

The Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference is a two-day business education program introduces the youth to the many skills required to be a successful business owner. Created to be fun as it is educational, the event is committed to developing the entrepreneurial potential of

tomorrow's business leaders. Students learn how to develop a business model, further their venture through website development and are taught the fundamentals of marketing their business.

Gwen Wilson, Director of Supplier Diversity for Verizon Wireless, knows the benefit of educating and exposing youth to business. "We at Verizon Wireless believe that today's youth are the leaders of tomorrow," says Wilson. "The Black Enterprise Conference offers a unique opportunity to equip and empower our youth to make them aware of what business ownership is all about. Verizon Wireless was proud to sponsor the students for the conference."

Local 13-year old entrepreneur

Amber Pickens, owner of Fiesta Dolls, had an opportunity to attend the conference because of the Verizon Wireless. "This is my



1st Row L-R: Taylor Rodriguez, Eric Stevenson, Matthew Hill, D'Anthony Rosado, Dalton Sherman, Demosthenes Sherman
2nd Row L-R: Shantal Hailey, Jordan Jones, Joshua Taylor, Emily Stevenson, Sherrica Farrington, Amber Pickens, Curtis Bryant
Rear: Earl "Butch" Graves Jr., CEO of Black Enterprise

third year attending the conference and I learned a lot," says Amber. "The best part was when Randal Pinkett, the winner of The Apprentice spoke to us. He taught us to start thinking like a trailblazer and to achieve for greatness."

A graduation ceremony culminated the Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur activities. Students made

presentations on the businesses they had created and developed during their classes at the conference.

For more information about the Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference, log on to www.blackenterprise.com. For more information about Verizon Wireless, log on to www.verizon-wireless.com.

DART Receives \$700M From USDOT

The Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation have approved a \$700 million grant application for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) that will kick-start a \$2.4 billion light rail expansion, doubling the DART Rail System to 90 miles by 2013. It is expected to receive final approval by the Secretary of Transportation after Congress completes its required 60-day review of the application.

The Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) will go toward a 21-mile portion of the project running from Pleasant Grove to Farmers Branch. The

first \$80 million of federal funding already is included in President Bush's proposed FY 2007 budget.

Final approval of the FFGA will allow DART to begin construction this summer on a southeast rail extension linking downtown Dallas, Fair Park, South Dallas and Pleasant Grove, and a northwest extension serving the Dallas medical and market centers, Dallas Love Field Airport, Farmers Branch and Carrollton. An additional branch will serve Las Colinas Urban Center in North Irving and DFW International Airport. Service also will be extended from Garland to Rowlett.

"We're grateful to Senator

Hutchison and the entire North Texas Congressional delegation for their consistent support. It's another demonstration of DART's broad region-wide support," DART Board Chairman Mark Enoch said. "Such strong backing makes all the difference in the competitive environment of federal transportation funding."

DART President/Executive Director Gary Thomas said regional support and the rail system's growing reputation as a "national model" has contributed to its success in securing federal support.

"Our record for building a popular rail system on-time and

under budget, coupled with \$3.3 billion in private transit-oriented development, is unmatched in the transit industry," Thomas said. "Now, we're ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work on the next phase of our expansion."

Ridership on DART's bus and rail network continues to grow. For the six months ending March 31, weekday ridership on DART's bus and rail services is up 10.6 percent to 218,924 - nearly 21,000 more riders a day. During that time, DART Rail averaged more than 60,000 trips each weekday.

For more information visit www.DART.org/expansion.

100 Black Men Of America, Inc. To Host Community Empowerment Project

100 Black Men of America, Inc. will continue its legacy of making a major contribution to the community in which the Annual Conference is held, through the unprecedented Community Empowerment Project (CEP). This year, the 100's 20th Annual Conference will be held from June 7 - 11 at the Omni CNN Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The world's leading mentoring and youth organization will host its annual CEP as a means of contributing socially and economically to the Atlanta community. The CEP

will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Georgia World Congress Center, Building A, 3rd and 4th Floor. The event is free and open to the public.

"We are working in partnership with the four Chapters in the metro-Atlanta area as well as local leadership to identify strategies for addressing a specific, emergent social need within the Atlanta community," says Albert E. Dotson, Jr., Esq., Chairman of the Board for 100 Black Men of America, Inc. "We are expecting more than 3,000 people of all ages

including adults, parents, teachers, youth and faith-based groups, mentors, mentees, social and civic organizations, and collegiate students from the metropolitan Atlanta community. We strongly encourage everyone to attend the CEP and benefit from the many free exciting and educational events, such as the Physical and Financial Fitness Fairs, valued at over \$1,000 per person!"

The Physical and Financial Fitness Fairs are designed to help families make better choices as it relates to their physical, mental, and financial health. Also includ-

ed, will be a Teen Summit featuring a teen "Talk Back" forum sponsored by internationally acclaimed entertainer Ludacris and the Ludacris Foundation; and Celebrity Reading Circles hosted by national acclaimed actors, entertainers, and musicians to promote reading as a fundamental to academic excellence for children ages 5-12. In addition, there will be Mentoring Training designed to provide intense training on effective strategies for cultivating and sustaining a healthy relationship between mentors and mentees.

L'Oreal Execs On Trial For 'Racist' Hiring Tactics

Three executives from the French cosmetics group L'Oréal and the temporary employment giant Adecco went on trial on Thursday in Paris, accused of applying racist hiring policies.

The executives — who work for Garnier, one of L'Oréal's top brands, Adecco and its subsidiary Districom — are accused of using ethnic profiling to filter out non-white candidates for a Garnier promotional campaign in 2001.

They are charged, along

with their employers, of "discrimination based on origin, nationality or ethnic background", in a case brought by the rights group SOS Racism.

According to the prosecution, a fax sent by Districom specified that Garnier wanted only "BBR" or "Bleu-Blanc-Rouge" hostesses — meaning red, white and blue, the colours of the French flag — for its campaign.

The defendants deny the accusation, saying the "BBR" tag simply meant that candidates should have a good com-

mand of the French language.

France has stepped up its efforts to combat racism following last year's riots in high-immigration suburbs, and the number of complaints filed with the HALDE anti-discrimination body has jumped from 150 to 270 per month.

According to the vice-president of SOS Racism, Samuel Thomas, large French companies — and particularly recruitment specialists — commonly use a system of codes to refer to the ethnic profiles of candi-

dates.

Among a number of cases being investigated, he said, one Paris recruitment firm was found to use a scale running from "PR1" for white candidates, to "PR4" for candidates of African origin.

"We want to dismantle the entire system underlying the discriminations," said Thomas, whose group pioneered the practice of undercover testing to expose racist offenders in France — from nightclubs to job agencies

IRS Probe Of NAACP Page 1

People about a month before the 2004 presidential election after a speech by NAACP, Chairman Julian Bond that was largely critical of President Bush's policies.

Political campaigning is prohibited under the NAACP's tax-exempt status. The IRS said its inquiry would focus on whether Bond's speech was too political, and that the investigation is among dozens into the activities of tax-exempt groups during the 2004 election season.

The NAACP received more than 500 pages of documents the IRS has gathered to begin its inquiry. The group had made requests under the Freedom of Information Act and provided the documents to The (Baltimore) Sun.

The documents include letters that members of Congress sent to the IRS on behalf of their constituents. The lawmakers include Sens. Lamar Alexander of

Tennessee and Susan M. Collins of Maine, Rep. Jo Ann Davis of Virginia, the late Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and former Reps. Larry Combest of Texas and Joe Scarborough of Florida. All are Republicans.

The NAACP has called the IRS audit a political smear campaign. Marcus Owens, an attorney for the NAACP, said the letters from Republican politicians raised questions about the motivation of the IRS probe.

"It's clear that the NAACP drew a lot of criticism and complaints from the Republican Party and many of the complaints don't have a lot of substance to them," he said. "The circumstances of the audit came just weeks before the election, and apparently they were triggered from members of the Republican Party at some level."

The chief fundraiser to Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich wrote a letter asking for an IRS investigation shortly after the 2000 presidential campaign, the

documents showed. Ehrlich was a congressman at the time.

Richard Hug said his letter was prompted by a television ad sponsored by the NAACP's National Voter Fund. In it, the daughter of James Byrd, a black man dragged to death by three white men in a pickup truck, faulted then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush for refusing her pleas for a hate-crime law.

"I was acting as a citizen, and I think that everyone else ought to be concerned if they have non-profit status and they are using political ads," he said Wednesday.

In a report issued in February, the IRS said it found some level of prohibited political activity in nearly three-quarters of the 82 examinations it had completed by that point into the conduct of churches and other tax-exempt groups during the 2004 elections. The IRS said that in most cases the prohibited actions were isolated cases that the agency addressed through letters to the organizations.

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A Challenge For Black Leaders

Crisis: The devastating impact of AIDS on black communities demands a much stronger response at all levels.

By: Ellis Cose

When it comes to black religious, political and civil-rights leaders, AIDS is simply not the enemy most signed up to fight. But it has given them little choice. As Wade Henderson, head of the Leadership Conference for Civil Rights, puts it, "The numbers and the growth of the disease are confronting the ... community in a way that will force us to be more responsive."

In the old days, civil-rights issues were much simpler. They amounted, in essence, to holding America to its founding promise, which meant attacking Jim Crow. Today, the most pressing issues affecting minority communities have little to do with Jim Crow. Instead, they are things that aren't rooted in formal discrimination, but which,

like AIDS, disproportionately affect those who are poor and nonwhite.

Given the magnitude of the gathering threat, one would imagine that established black leadership would have launched an all-out crusade. That is not exactly the case. Without question, some prominent blacks have placed themselves in the forefront of the struggle. Among those cited by Phill Wilson, director of the L.A.-based Black AIDS Institute, are the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Congressman John Lewis and Congresswomen Barbara Lee and Maxine Waters. Many other black groups are now onboard; and a number of them—the NAACP, 100 Black Women and the National Council of Negro Women, among others—are gearing up for a joint mobilization next month aimed at stopping new infections over the next five years.

The reluctance of some black organizations to engage stems in part from the fact that most so-

called black leaders are perpetually overwhelmed. Poor minority communities are assailed from many directions. A leadership



Phil Wilson Executive Director Black AIDS Institute

already trying to cope with poverty, crime, drugs, hypertension and more could hardly be faulted for not taking on a new struggle, notes Helene Gayle, the newly appointed president and CEO of

CARE.

But some of the reluctance also comes from a combination of denial and disgust. For taking on AIDS means openly talking about things that many people, particularly those who are culturally conservative, find exceedingly distasteful or discomfiting. Sex, drugs and men having sex with men are "taboo subjects" to many blacks, observes Jatrice Martel Gaiter, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. "I think the black middle class has almost totally rejected this issue—as if they are excluded from it, or embarrassed by these people," she adds. Tracie Gardner agrees. Many blacks in leadership positions would prefer that "somebody else ... over there" deal with AIDS, she says. For politicians worried about constituents' reactions, embracing the AIDS battle can seem

fraught with peril—especially today, when political hay is to be made by standing up for so-called traditional values and morality. Many politicians "don't want to touch the issue" because they fear people will think they are "pro-gay-rights," says Rep. Artur Davis, Democrat of Alabama.

Gaiter finds such attitudes not just troubling but profoundly immoral. Religious leaders, in her view, have a responsibility "to preach about this from the pulpit, to write about it, to have an AIDS ministry." But more often than not, she believes, the black church is silent. In an age when prostitutes—at least in certain areas of Washington—are paid twice as much for sex without a condom as with, and unsafe sex is rampant among teens, Gaiter argues that reticence can kill.

The era of willful blindness, as Henderson suggests, may well

be coming to an end. "If you look at the community voices, they are much louder than in the days when there was ... denial," observes Helene Gayle. Wilson, for one, looks forward to the day when blacks will lead the fight: "My hope is for black America to take ownership of this disease."

In light of the increasingly scary statistics, that day may well come. But, as Gayle is quick to point out, AIDS is not just a problem for the black community or black leadership. The battle will take the best that black preachers and opinion leaders can offer, but it will also take so much more—from government and from people of all races wise enough to realize that no community is an island, and that a crisis engulfing America's most vulnerable citizens is ultimately a threat to America itself.

Collin County Summer Watering Rules Set

McKinney, Plano, Richardson first to adopt limits on outdoor use; changes to take effect by end of June

By: Mike Jackson

Faced with the prospect of a hot, dry summer, several North Texas cities imposed watering restrictions Monday that will last through the fall.

McKinney, Plano and Richardson were the first this season to adopt plans for strict watering controls required by the North Texas Municipal Water District, which has more than 60 member cities.

Others cities in Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties plan to set water conservation rules, which would go into effect by the end of June, officials have said.

Officials fear that lake levels

will continue to plummet without the watering restrictions.

"Based on current trends, we need to reduce our current use by about a third," said McKinney Assistant City Manager Regie Neff.

Plano's City Council took similar action Monday night.

Among the steps in Plano's plan: The city is divided into five districts, and residents can water once a week from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. They must keep water off concrete to prevent excess runoff. Golf course watering is limited.

The plan takes effect June 1.

In Richardson, officials passed one of the least restrictive water conservation plans Monday.

Residents are limited to outdoor watering twice a week on their garbage pickup days and are asked—but not required—to keep it to 30 minutes each day.

Businesses can water only on Wednesdays and Saturdays. All outdoor watering and irrigation is prohibited from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"If twice-a-week watering does not allow us to meet our 5 percent reduction, we can limit it to once a week," said Jerry Ortega, Richardson's public works director.

Richardson will not hire additional staff to monitor water use, but all city employees are asked to "observe watering practices as they go about their business," Mr. Ortega said.

Water restrictions in McKinney also take effect June 1.

Consumption in McKinney is outpacing population growth, city officials said. The population grew by 10.3 percent between 2004 and 2005, but water use jumped 28.2 percent.

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Irving Republicans Page 1

According to the club, it has a different theme each month and April's theme was created to support the troops, explaining why members wore military attire.

However, Bond, who said the controversial meeting consisted of only around 35 to 40 people, isn't buying it.

"Violence isn't the answer," the community activist said. "You had grown white people dressed up in military uniforms with replicas of weapons in God's house. It wasn't a good idea."

And if what Irving mayor Herbert Gears heard about the incident was true, he's also outraged.

"I wasn't there, of course, and I have to go by various people but if what I heard was true, it was a very distasteful situation and they should be embarrassed," the mayor said. "I would hope those actions aren't consistent with the Republican Party. I hope the Republican Party wouldn't condone that type of activity."

Gears also said that if the party's actions are true, he's ashamed it happened in Irving, a city he says has an international makeup.

According to the 2000 Census, Hispanics or Latinos make up more than 30 percent of Irving's population.

"The Hispanics or Latinos could be at more than 50 percent in a couple of years and those aren't the kind of meetings we need to be having to determine our future," Gears said. "Everyone is attaching to their appropriate spin of what happened and it's difficult for me to do too much about it, quite frankly. But I think I'm clear of what happened and I think it's horrendous." So does Bonds.

"You don't promote violence the way they did," he said. "These white people in the Greater Irving Republican Club sent the wrong message. This is a message full of hate and we don't need that in Irving."

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Dreamgirls' Clips Dazzle Cannes Audience

Judging by the enthusiastic reaction to just 20 minutes of footage from the upcoming "Dreamgirls" film at the Cannes Film Festival Friday night, we may very well have the year's first bona fide Oscar contender.

Paramount Pictures and DreamWorks screened the footage for a standing room only crowd that included such celebs as Bruce Willis, Hugh Jackman and Britain's Sir Ian McKellen. Not only did an extended standing ovation follow the showing of four brief scenes, but shouts of "more" also rang throughout the theater, putting a huge smile on the face of the film's Oscar-winning co-star, Jamie Foxx.

"They talk about the Oscar curse. I don't feel it right now," Foxx said to rousing applause following the screening. The Texas native, who earned a Best Actor Academy Award in 2005 for his starring role in "Ray," was on hand at

Hotel Martinez along with co-stars Beyonce Knowles and Jennifer Hudson.

Due in theaters this December, "Dreamgirls" is adapted from the Tony-winning musical about a female singing trio and their manager's costly rise to stardom in the 1960s. Foxx plays manager Curtis Taylor Jr., Knowles plays the group's lead singer Deena Jones, and newcomers Anika Noni Rose



Beyonce Knowles, Anika Noni Rose, Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Hudson at Cannes Film Festival

and "American Idol" veteran Hudson round out the trio.

Knowles, who played less challenging roles in "The Pink Panther," "The Fighting Temptations" and "Austin

Powers in Goldfinger," said this film was her first major test as an actress.

Beyonce, 24, also told reporters that she lost about 20 pounds for the part, which has her character fronting a group loosely modeled after Diana Ross and the Supremes.

"At the beginning (of filming), I was my normal weight," she said. "I actually gained a little bit, but

then I lost 20 lbs. when I went from young Deena to old Deena. I wanted it to be something more than just make-up and hair. I wanted to see the change."

Hudson, meanwhile, told reporters she was happy with her full figure and had no intentions of trying to slim it down: "Why fix something that isn't broke? Someone has to represent the average girl. Not everyone is a size 2."

Still, she added, "I've been trying to work out, to make sure my curves don't get too much curvy. I enjoy my jelly where it is."

Nas Reveals Name Of New Album

Where will you be when hip-hop dies? Nas is hoping you'll be in the store, buying his next album, Hip-Hop Is Dead ... The N.

"September is the album," Nas said backstage at Radio City Music Hall Thursday night after his appearance at the Roots' show, "It's called Hip-Hop Is Dead ... The N." The letter at the end is meant to be a play on "the end," he added.

Although he wasn't too forth-

coming with info, he explained the name as a play on words.



"I didn't name it that. Fans named it that; rappers named it that," he elaborated about the title. "It's been the talk for years, so here's an album that brings ... not even the rebirth, it's just an album with that thing that everybody is talking about. I got a street look coming real soon, and more soon after. Summertime is definitely going to be Nas time."

The album will be Nas' debut for Def Jam

Danielle Closes The Gap To Win 'Top Model'!

The moral of the story is: If Tyra Banks asks you to change something about your appearance, it is smart to take her advice seriously. On last week's "America's Next Top Model," Danielle walked away with the grand prize: A contract with Ford Models, a \$100,000 CoverGirl contract and a fashion spread in Elle magazine shot by Gilles Bensimon.

"If I didn't decide to close the gap, I possibly would have been going home," says Danielle, who originally told the dentist not to fill the space between her two

front teeth. "I am a very smart girl. Yes, I was upset initially, but I am not stupid. I compromised. I got it closed a little, but I still have a bit of my signature trademark."

That isn't the only change that Danielle has had to make. As soon as she won the competition, "America's Next Top Model" arranged for the 20-year-old from Little Rock, AR, to study with a vocal coach to improve her enunciation.

"When Tyra called my name it was shocking," Danielle recalls. "I went into the competition not

expecting anything. For a moment when she called my name, I remember looking at



the screen like, 'Oh, my God, that's me on that screen.' I am actually living my dream right now."

Mariah's Summer Tour: Singer To Hit The Road For The First Time In Three Years

In August, Mariah Carey will launch a North American tour to squeeze the last bit of life from her remarkable comeback album, "The Emancipation of Mimi."

The trek will mark Carey's first grand outing since 2003, when her last arena tour was downsized to theaters. Tickets will go on sale June 2 for the jaunt, titled "Adventures of Mimi: The Voice, The Hits, The Tour."

The tour gets underway

Aug. 5 in Miami and will touch down in more than 30 stops around the country before wrapping Oct. 10 in Phoenix. Carey will perform in Dallas on September 16th at the American Airlines Center

As the title suggests, Carey will perform songs from "Mimi," which has sold nine million copies worldwide according to Island Def Jam, as well as tunes from her extensive catalog of hits.



Lopez 'Moves' New Reality Show To MTV

MTV has given a green light to "Moves," a new reality show from executive producer Jennifer Lopez and her partner Simon Fields that will shadow six dancers as they attempt to earn a living in the field.

The show is from Lopez's Nuyorican production company and the entertainer herself played an integral role in selecting and auditioning the dancers. She'll also make cameo appearances throughout the eight-episode season, which is scheduled to begin in the fourth quar-



ter of this year.

Lopez, who started out as a Fly

Girl dancer on Fox's "In Living Color" sketch comedy series, says the show will tell the interconnected stories of the six dancers as they struggle to pay rent, and eventually dance before 30,000 screaming fans.

"I started out as a dancer, and I know what that world is," says J. Lo. "These dancers have dedicated their lives to this, and honestly, the glory is not always there. It's something they do only out of love. It's a tough life, and I want to show that struggle."

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Toy Trends Turn To Sophisticated Animation

According to the Toy Industry Association, \$1.3 billion were spent on plush toys in just the past year. This type of toy also consistently makes the top list each holiday as one of the most popular gifts. Now, that segment of the market is about to get a major overhaul and those sales could end up seeing an increase in the coming year. No longer are plush toys sitting idly on a shelf; rather, they are dancing and singing for their audience, essentially coming alive to entertain and amuse consumers.

"With the love for stuffed animals in the consumer market, we saw a need for a more unique type of product that would entertain people of all ages," says Bryan Mills, chief executive officer of MILLS, Inc., located in Newbury Park, Calif. (<http://www.makeitmills.com>), a company that manufactures animated products. "Our animated creations

each have a personality of their own, making it a great opportunity for people to find that special gift for someone."

MILLS is a company that is paving the way to help the plush toy gift market to evolve by using advanced technology. They have taken the traditional plush character and expanded on that vision



by giving it a distinct personality. Each unique creation is all-inclusive, in that it is animated and plays a song matched to the character.

"We have already seen a great response to our creations," explains Mills. "Our Gond-

olomio creation has been a big hit nationwide, including direct markets such as the Venetian Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. People fall in love with the gondola rides they have there, and then they see Gondolomio, which makes a perfect keepsake from the experience."

Plush characters like the Gondolomio look as if they are guiding a gondola down the river; it even moves, and sings "O Sole Mio," using synchronized mouth-moving animation.

Another design that consumers are scrambling to get their hands on is the Boot-Scootin' Billie, a cowboy horse that strums his guitar, scoots around and sings "Boot-Scootin' Boogie."

"So far, the demand for our MILLS-brand creations has been wonderful," adds Mills. "The question for years has been, where is the plush market moving to next? And it is safe to say that answer is definitely MILLS."

Social Security For Illegals Page 1

Arizona Republican. "The Ensign amendment would undermine the work of these people by preventing lawfully present immigrant workers from claiming Social Security benefits that they earned before they were authorized to work in our community," he said. "If this amendment were enacted, the nest egg that these immigrants have worked hard for would be taken from them and their families."

Mr. Ensign was among 44 Republicans and five Democrats who voted to block such payouts.

"It makes no sense to reward millions of illegal immigrants for criminal behavior while our Social Security system is already in crisis," said Sen. Jim DeMint, South Carolina

Republican. "Why in the world would we endorse this criminal activity with federal benefits? The Senate missed a big opportunity to improve this bill, and I doubt American seniors will be pleased with the result."

Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, Vermont Democrat, said it would be unfair to deny illegals the benefits.

"We should not steal their funds or empty their Social Security accounts," he said. "That is not fair. It does not reward their hard work or their financial contributions. It violates the trust that underlies the Social Security Trust Fund."

The Senate also approved an amendment to adopt English as the nation's official language, while reversing course from the day before on protections for U.S. workers who will face new competition from unskilled

immigrant labor under the Senate bill. In addition, senators voted last night to kill an amendment that would have specified that the guest-worker program will not provide visas that would provide a path to citizenship.

But yesterday, the Senate essentially gutted that amendment by allowing foreign workers to apply for permanent residency without having a job lined up.

"What that means is that up to 200,000 unskilled workers a year would become eligible for a green card, regardless of economic conditions, regardless of whether that worker has been actually employed for four years, and most importantly, regardless of whether there are unemployed U.S. workers available to fill those jobs," said Sen. John Cornyn, Texas Republican.

Nagin Mends Divides Page 1

Katrina together, Nagin told fellow parishioners at St. Peter Claver Church.

Nagin said he pressed Bush to help accelerate the rebuilding and to help with the removal of tons of debris still littering neighborhoods. He also raised questions about the pending end of federal aid for some evacuees still living in Houston and other cities.

Nagin said he plans to put together a commission, including some former political rivals, to decide on action in the next 100 days. Debris removal and housing will be top priorities.

The former business executive dismissed threats by some business people who said they would leave if Nagin remained in office.

"Business people are predators, and if the economic opportunities are here, they're going to stay. If not, they're going to leave," said Nagin, in his now famous vernacular style. "I don't worry about that stuff. I think there's enough interest around the country that we're going to attract top businesses. ... God bless them. I hope they stay, but if they don't, I'll send them a postcard."

Nagin, who beat Landrieu 52.3 percent to 47.7 percent, begins a second term May 31, a day before the start of hurricane season. Still staggering after Hurricane Katrina, many neighborhoods remain uninhabitable, debris-filled ghost towns nine months after the storm ravaged the Gulf Coast.

Landrieu said Nagin deserves the city's support.

"We've taken Mayor Nagin through the crucible, and he survived the test of the storm," said Landrieu, who called Nagin a friend before and during the campaign. "It's really about the future, it's not about who's sitting in the mayor's office."

Months ago, Nagin had a plan put together by communi-

ty leaders for the rebuilding effort, but many parts have been stalled, waiting for funding as the campaign was fought. Analysts said the rebuilding may gather momentum now that the uncertainty of the election has been removed.

Nagin has repeatedly predicted a coming "boom" in economic opportunity and growth, as billions of reconstruction dollars reach the area.

"Now that there's some stability as to who is going to be mayor, and he's already in place, hopefully that means the rebuilding process will be accelerated," said analyst Silas Lee.

The vote in Saturday's election split largely along racial lines, but both candidates got about one-fifth crossover vote. Analysts said that boded well for the future of a city where deep racial divides were exposed after Katrina and rebuilding plans raised questions about the future of some predominantly black neighborhoods.

Fewer than half the city's 455,000 pre-Katrina residents are living in New Orleans; most remain scattered in other cities in Louisiana and elsewhere in the country. Turnout for the election was 38 percent, slightly higher than the April primary.

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Who Lost The Children?



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On the other hand, for past months there have been "Teen vs. Teen Violence" videos being sold on eBay, numerous stories about child predators (Ministers, Priest, family members & friends, neighbors, etc.) There are TV stories and newspapers articles of young people having accidents; drinking and driving too fast. Others are not paying attention, losing control of the car; killing themselves, their friends and even strangers. These incidents leave some asking what is wrong with our young people and other members of society; what can be done to help stop child & domestic abuse, teen violence, and the randomly taking of a life. As a society, we must ask, "Who Lost The Children and When?"

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go for my soul to make provision; but I think that I'll stay home today, relax and enjoy the television.

How fast the children change; they're almost grown now. I do hope in their busy lives, they'll find time for church somehow! I tried to tell them all their lives, how important God is. I hope they'll heed the things I say; and not the things they see!

The years have flown and now they're gone, their lives are occu-

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Ernest Burke, a PVU Northern Dallas, Denton, & Collin Counties (NDDC) Alumni Chapter member displaying pictures and certificates of some students that he regularly tutors and is a mentor

They give no thoughts to Christ our Lord, who for them, He died! They work hard the whole week through, then take a break on Sunday; when time for church... some lame excuse, then back to work on Monday!

As things stand now... their souls are lost; that's plain for all to see. I search their lives for what went wrong, and know... it was me! Listen all who have in your home, a precious child so bright; teach them to love the Lord our God and practice what is right! -From The Greenville Avenue Church of Christ Weekly Bulletin.

Clinton at UT Page 1

Clinton, who signed a second book deal with Alfred A. Knopf this past week, plans to write about how individual citizens can serve the public.

"Because of the rise of non-governmental organizations, the power of public citizens to do public good is more pro-

found than ever before and more needed," he told graduates. "And, because you have the power, you have a moral obligation to do this."

Clinton said that global warming, though more remote than the threat of terrorism today, could do more to harm the children, grandchildren and great-

grandchildren of this year's graduating class.

He also spoke fondly of being inspired as a boy in Arkansas by the example set by the late President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

"I was disinclined to favor anything that came out of the state of Texas. I resented all that size and money and oil and stuff," he said.

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June 11, 5 pm

Come and enjoy our "First Celebration Entrance Service" with our anointed guest speaker, Pastor M. A. Johnson, Sr. from Greater Zion Baptist Church in Dallas and a host of other guest churches and their members.

June 22, 11:30 am

Please join us for our 11:30 am "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" hosted by Rowlett Chamber of Commerce.

June 25, 4:30 pm

You don't want to miss the conclusion to our month-long celebration at our "Celebration Entrance & Homecoming Services" with the World Renowned Apostle Cornell Hamilton, Pastor of "From Bondage to Freedom Interdenominational Church in Shreveport, LA. For more information about

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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 to benefit 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!

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AMEC 10th District Women's Conference

Two thousand women from the U.S., Africa, Canada and the Caribbean will converge on Dallas this summer for a spiritual convocation that promises to uplift the spirits of women of all ages.

"Divine Expectations" is the theme of the "International Women's Convocation 2006." The event will be held August 16-19, at the Hilton (formerly Wyndham Anatole) Hotel in Dallas. Sponsored by the Ministry to Women of the Tenth District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC), the conference is an annual event. Deadline for registration is June 15, 2006.

The 10th district of the AMEC encompasses most of the state of Texas including,

North TX, Northwest TX and Southwest, TX. The Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram is 10th District Episcopal Supervisor and conference convener. Rev. Gregory G.M. Ingram is the presiding Prelate.

Highlights of this four day conference of women from around the world include: eight divine praise and worship services; 40 life-changing workshops; global networking; uplifting praise songs from stellar award winning gospel artist, Karen Clark-Sheard, and South Africa's Praise Team, 200 voice IWC 2006 choir.

In keeping with the theme of the conference, the seminal workshop module is: "Expectations about Spiritual Growth." The key workshop for

this module, "Living With Divine Expectations" emphasizes that an effective prayer life is the spiritual means by which we come to know God's plans for us.

Featuring topics that appeal to women of all ages, workshops will help women to grow in the areas of personal and professional development, including entrepreneurship and financial management. Women ages 21-35 will get wisdom from other women's experiences in a workshop entitled: "What Every Young Adult Woman Needs to Know."

Other topics include: discerning spiritual gifts of God's calling, learning effective writing skills or

journalizing to record revelations when God is speaking to your spirit, how to cope with the dual



Karen Clark

life change of being an empty nester after the children are gone and also being a widow and taking care of your health.

Career women serving in the dual roles of parenting and working in the church will be given instructions on how to avoid burn out and establish "me time" and enjoy the important things in life. In addition they will learn how to use biblical principles to assure success on the job. They will also learn what to expect during the different passages or seasons of their lives emotionally, spiritually, physically and intellectually.

The "Relationships Expectations" workshop will give insight to the single saved woman and how to deal with sexual desire, and mother and daughter relationships during the teen years.

Expectations for women in

ministry, missions, and outreach include international and global concerns. The "We Are Our Sisters Keepers" forum stresses that "although we come from different countries, backgrounds and experiences we really are sisters and we share common ground."

In summation the theme of the 10th Episcopal District of the AMEC, "Anointed More Than Ever" is reinforced. The anointing on women's lives will increase as they walk in spiritual obedience to God's purpose for their lives. Personal growth expectations for transitioning through life's passages from ages 21 to 60 and over are discussed.

For conference cost and registration, please call 214-333-1960 (fax 214-333-2632; e-mail: admin@amec-10th.org).

Black Leaders Oppose Alien 'Amnesty' Plan

By: Keyonna Summers

Black leaders from across the country Tuesday decried a guest-worker "amnesty" plan that would legalize millions of illegal aliens and threatened to sue the U.S. government if such legislation is passed.

"We're on the cusp of very critical legislation that centers on immigration — both legal and illegal," Frank Morris Sr., chairman of Choose Black America, a new coalition of black Americans opposed to illegal entry, told reporters at the National Press Club in Northwest. "African Americans are going to be hurt if this legislation moves forward, [and] we are here to sound the alarm."

Choose Black America says that illegal entry hurts all U.S. citizens, but that job displacement by illegals has especially devastated black communities.

Attendees at the press conference said that black students are held back in already poor school districts by peers who don't speak English, and that monies for improved educational facilities are spent on bilingual teachers. Black teens and adults have difficulty finding low-wage jobs because they are filled by illegals, residents said.

Educated blacks, too, such as teachers who cannot speak Spanish, are released from teaching positions when illegals "flood" historically black neighborhoods, said Sammie Whiting-Ellis, an educational consultant.

"It just infuriates me that our children's education has to be shortchanged for a subculture



Frank Morris Sr., chairman of Choose Black America

that in many instances doesn't want to assimilate," said the Northwest resident, who is in her 60s and has watched the D.C. landscape change for more than 30 years.

"We are being pushed out of the way because there is a push to legalize an illegal act," she said. "I personally know fine educators who are losing their jobs because they can't speak Spanish. Well, in that case, pay them pesos."

Choose Black America is the second minority-based group

created by the District-based Federation for American Immigration Reform that opposes illegal entry.

FAIR last month helped create "You Don't Speak for Me," a national coalition of Hispanic Americans who oppose the idea of amnesty for illegal aliens and who spoke out against immigration rallies held recently.

Leah Durant, a legal analyst for FAIR and a black activist in Virginia, said polls are beginning to show that the Hispanic and illegal alien populations are not monolithic, and that black opinions on illegal aliens aren't either.

Several blacks earlier this month attended a rally held by the Minuteman Project, a watchdog group that patrols the border.

"People have been contacting us from all over the country asking how can we have a voice," Miss Durant said.

The Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson, an outspoken critic of the civil rights establishment, said he is "disappointed" that the U.S. government has allowed the illegal alien influx to "get out of control."

Claude Anderson, another member of the coalition, called for a lawsuit against the U.S. gov-

ernment for failing to protect the rights of black Americans, who he says are losing voting power and being pushed out of affirmative-action programs by illegal aliens and their supporters.

Angelita Herron, a Los Angeles-based immigration reform activist, said the opinions of black leaders and immigration movement supporters such as the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton don't represent the majority of black Americans. "Our leadership is sitting on the same fence as the majority," she said. "They're trying to figure out what the leadership of the country is going to do."

Ted Hayes, a Los Angeles-based activist for the homeless, called for a national march in the District to draw attention to the issue.

"This invasion is causing black and white people to come together as never before," said Mr. Hayes, founder of the Crispus Attucks Brigade, another black group opposed to illegal aliens.

An estimated 10 million to 12 million illegals live in the United States, with about 250,000 each in Maryland and Virginia, according to the Pew Hispanic Center.

Spirituality May Help Lower Blood Pressure

Religion and spirituality may have a positive effect on blood pressure, according to a study of more than 5,300 black Americans.

Researchers found that people in the Jackson (Miss.) Heart Study who were involved with or participated in religious activities had significantly lower blood pressure than people who did not.

The findings were presented Thursday at the American Society of Hypertension's annual meeting, in New York City.

"Our findings show that the integration of religion and spirituality — attending church and praying — may delay the effects of hypertension," said Sharon Wyatt, of the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

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