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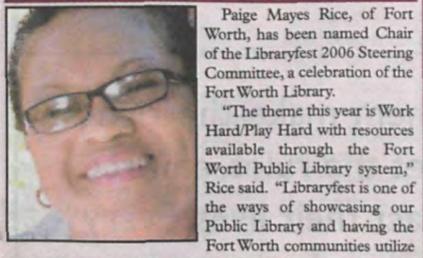
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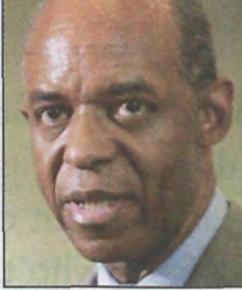
**People In The News**



Paige Mayes Rice, of Fort Worth, has been named Chair of the Libraryfest 2006 Steering Committee, a celebration of the Fort Worth Library. "The theme this year is Work Hard/Play Hard with resources available through the Fort Worth Public Library system," Rice said. "Libraryfest is one of the ways of showcasing our Public Library and having the Fort Worth communities utilize and enjoy an incredible afternoon festival." Rice is an active community volunteer who has served on the board of directors of the Fort Worth Library Foundation for two terms. She is also the former chairman of the Human Resources Committee and a member of the 2005 Gala Committee. She also founded the Onyx Ensemble Reading Club in Los Angeles with chapters in San Diego and Fort Worth. Libraryfest, which is sponsored by The Fort Worth Public Library Foundation, is a free event for the family that builds awareness of educational and cultural services of the Fort Worth Public Library. This event promotes enthusiasm for reading and learning for children of all ages. For more information, go to www.fwlibraryfoundation.org.

**Democrats Vote To Strip Jefferson Of Panel Seat**

Vote comes despite claims of mistreatment from black caucus House Democrats, determined to make an election-year point about ethics, voted to strip Rep. William Jefferson of his committee assignment Thursday night while a federal bribery investigation runs its course. Members of the rank and file approved the move after Jefferson refused for weeks to step aside on his own, and despite claims by some members of the Congressional Black Caucus that he was being treated unfairly. Officials said the vote was 99-58. The action must be ratified by the full House, and Jefferson left open the possibility that he might at long



last relent and surrender the seat on his own. "I don't want to speculate," he said. The session marked the culmination of a drive by the Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, to take action against the embattled Louisiana lawmaker, who maintains his innocence and has not been indicted. "This is not about a court of law. This is about a higher ethical standard, and you know when it isn't being met," she told reporters several hours

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**Plano Implements Outdoor Watering Restrictions**

City of Plano is initiating mandatory once-weekly outdoor watering restrictions effective June 19, 2006. This is the first in a three-part consecutive series explaining those restrictions and providing information on your watering day and related outdoor watering information. North Texas is enduring the worst drought it's seen since the 1950's. Sound long-range planning and management of our water resources by your local water authority and your City has consistently provided you a safe, clean water supply. Partnering together on conserving water through this time of drought and beyond will ensure us a continued secure water source for decades to come. The City of Plano obtains its water from the North Texas Municipal Water District, who provides treated water to over 60 regional cities, towns and special utility districts. The



District obtains its water from Lake Lavon, outside of Wylie, with authorized water rights for limited draws from both Lakes Chapman and Texoma. Extreme drought conditions in the District's service area, increased water usage that could exceed authorized water draws by the end of the calendar year and long-range weather forecasts projecting continuing drought have necessitated the District to

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**Janice Sumler-Edmond, Professor of History at Huston-Tillotson University in Austin will attend a summer seminar entitled, "Slavery: Scholarship and Public History."**



In a competitive nomination, academicians from around the country vie for a chance to study with David W. Blight, Class of 1954 Professor of History at Yale University and James O. Horton, Benjamin Banneker Professor of American Studies and History at George Washington University. This four-day seminar from June 25-28 at Columbia University is designed to strengthen participants' commitment to high quality history teaching. Sumler-Edmond began teaching at Huston-Tillotson in 2002 where she also manages the W.E.B. DuBois Honors program. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of California, her doctorate in jurisprudence from the UCLA School of Law, and a doctorate degree from Georgetown University. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, which sponsors the seminar, promotes the study and love of American history. The Institute funds awards including the Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and George Washington Book Prizes and offers fellowships for scholars to work in history archives, including the Gilder Lehrman Collection.

**BET Foundation Blazes Through Dallas To Host 'Remembering Our Health' Forum**

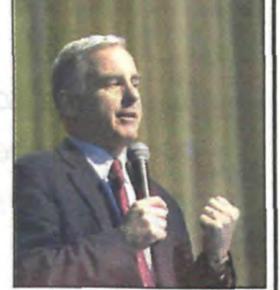
Fitness Expert Jeannette Jenkins and Gospel Artist Vickie Winans Join Women's Forum to Inspire and Motivate Forum Attendees The BET Foundation (BETF), along with event sponsors General Mills and Honey Nut Cheerios will hold the "Remembering Our Health" women's community health forum on Saturday, July 15 from 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Friendship-West Baptist Church, 2020 West Wheatland Road, Dallas. The forum will address the various health issues impacting African-American women and provide them with the necessary information and tools to eradicate obesity, promote healthy lifestyles and improve overall wellness. The goal of the "Remembering Our Health"



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**Latino Political Leaders Ready For Start Of '06 Convention In Dallas**

Holding elected power in 43 states, group confidently chooses We are America as convention theme. As Latino political leaders from across the country converge on Dallas for their annual convention in June, the only difference with the quadrennial events hosted by Democrats and Republicans is that the heads of both parties will be on the agenda in Dallas. Howard Dean and Ken Mehlman are among dozens of leaders from Wall Street, K Street and the White House, who will be taking part in the 23rd Annual Convention of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials in Dallas, June 22-24. Delegates represent more than 5,000 Latinos elected to office in 43 states. Latino elected political leaders chose "We are America" as the theme for the 2006 Convention, reflecting their growing political strength and continuing concern over the immigration debate in Washington. The Convention



Howard Dean, Democratic National Chairman in Dallas marks the first major gathering of Latino elected leaders since the House and Senate passed widely different versions of immigration reform legislation. Many Convention delegates are veterans of recent pro-immigration rallies across the country, and the issue will be central to their agenda in Dallas. "Our leaders will spend the weekend before the Convention starts by volunteering their time at a free naturalization in Dallas to help people on their path to citizen-

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**Friends Of The Plano Public Library Announce Dates For Upcoming Book Sale**

An estimated 150,000 books will be on sale at the 23rd Annual Friends Book Sale held at the Plano Centre on June 22, 23 and 24 in Plano. Over 3,000 book bargain shoppers are predicted to attend this popular event as the Friends Book Sale has become known as one of the biggest book sales in the region. Fred Frawley, Friends president, stated, "As usual we will have thousands of gently used books on sale at truly bargain prices. This is a great opportunity for people of all ages who love books to browse through our vast array of hun-

dreds of thousands of books with an amazing variety of choices. In addition, we have some true treasures in the famous 'Collector's Corner' - many unique books, some signed by authors, some actually collector items, also at great discounts." The highest number of attendees and sales are expected at the "First Nighter Sale" on Thursday, June 22 from 6 to 10 p.m. On the first night of the sale, individual admission is



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**American Red Cross Launches "Free Gas" Summer Blood Promotion**

With gas prices still on the rise, the American Red Cross announces a "FREE GAS" promotion. Beginning June 1 and ending July 31, all volunteer whole blood and Apheresis donors at a Texas Red Cross center or blood drive will be automatically entered into drawings of (2) \$400 gas cards, (2) \$200 mall certificates and (2) \$100 Lowe's certificates. All winners will be announced on Aug. 15. Explaining why the Red Cross is returning the popular free gas card and other promotions for another year, Southwest Region - Texas office Executive Director, Calvin Smith says, "The blood supply in our region

remained stable last summer and we think the promotions were part of that success. It is so important to have blood on the shelves when it's needed for area patients that when we find something our donors enjoy, it is worth repeating." Summer vacations, increased travel and school holidays can cause donors to forget to add donating blood to their list of important summer-time activities. But, Free Gas From Red Cross Page 11

**HIV Hits Africa's Rich Hardest, Study Says Analysis Disputes Long-Held Beliefs**

By: John Donnelly The richest people in Africa have higher HIV prevalence rates than the poorest, disputing commonly held beliefs that AIDS is a disease driven by poverty, according to an analysis released yesterday of recent data from eight African countries. The study, which was presented and debated in South Africa at the third annual US

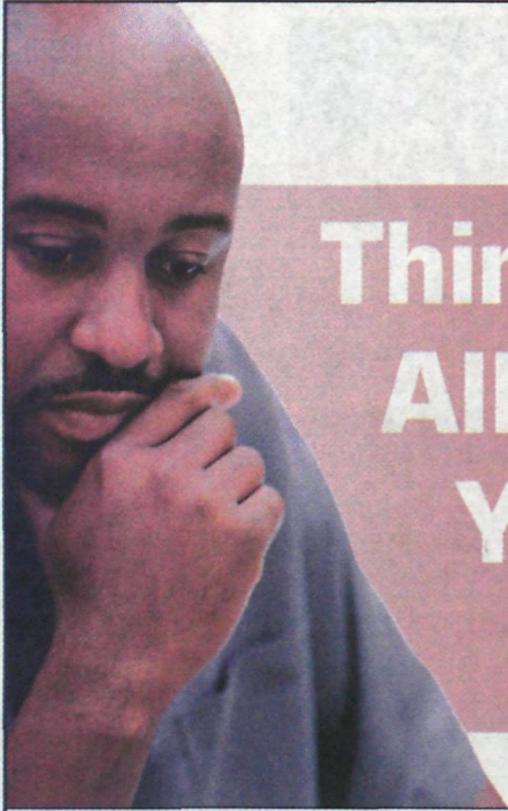


President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief meeting, found that the poorest 20 percent of the population almost

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# Think Your Teens Know All Your Rules? Are You Willing To Bet Their Futures On It?

As a parent, you know that your teens need your guidance to help them make the right choices in life and steer them in the right direction. It is up to you to set the rules, enforce the rules and communicate with teens regularly about choices that impact their lives. Every day, teens are faced with multiple decisions, from who to hang out with to whether or not to engage in

## **drug use, drinking, smoking, or sex.**

With marijuana being the most commonly used drug among teens, it is important to have an open dialogue and firm rules about marijuana usage and many of the issues that teens encounter. Don't assume that your teens know or don't need to be reminded about the risks and negative consequences associated with their actions, particularly when they are bombarded with powerful influences like peer pressure and mixed messages from movies, music, and video games.

*Today is a good day to remind your teens where you stand. The lines of communication are key, so talk to them. Make your expectations clear—drugs are NOT acceptable. Getting your teens to agree can help them earn your trust, which is something all teens want.*

And remember to keep close tabs on your teens. They have many influences in their lives and they need you to help them navigate through life and make the right decisions. Know where your teens are and who they're with. Cell phones make it easier than ever to just "check in." It's not saying that you don't respect their space or don't trust them. It's sending a clear message that you care.

Above all else, you are the number one influence in your teens' lives so lead by example because your teens are learning from you. Show the teens you love that actions speak louder than words. Set the rules, enforce the rules and talk to your teens about risky behaviors and consequences. Ensure that your teens have a future that is filled with hope and success.

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**Paul Hailey**

## Is There A Cost To Assimilation?

north, and Duncanville-DeSoto-Cedar Hill to the south.

But as blacks who work on the "other" side of the Trinity have become more affluent, they are relocating in larger numbers to predominantly white neighborhoods to the north.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with black people who have the financial wherewithal moving to nicer neighborhoods with better schools, better city services and lower crime rates. Those things, along with a nice home represent the American dream defined. The purchase of a home is the largest single purchase most people make in their lifetime, and no one wants to make an investment of that size in an area that doesn't give them the highest rate of return.

My concern is what happens after black families move into predominantly white neighborhoods in North Texas. Most Americans are both integrationists and separatists to some degree. We go to school and work with people of different races; we are comfortable with integration in mostly public places. But most people live in neighborhoods with people of their own race. And despite our deepest hopes, racism still exists in our society.

All of which brings up questions that are the heart of what I wonder about:

How does being educated in predominately white schools by predominately white teachers

affect our children over the long term? Are those children potentially being protected from dealing with children of lesser economic status?

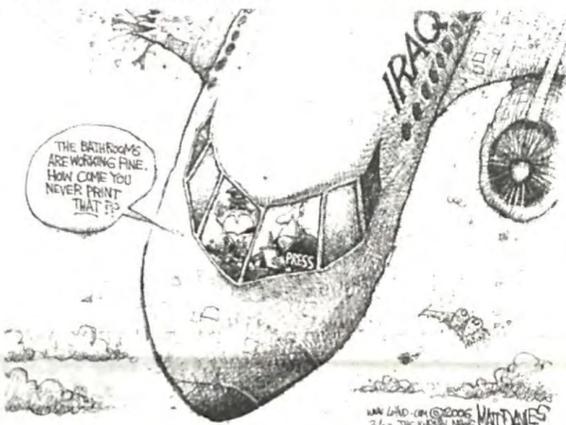
How are blacks moving to freshly integrated neighborhoods going to be received? Are they equipped to deal with the subtle, unspoken forms of racism that exists for blacks in these neighborhoods? Will they be able to deal with the inevitable social and cultural void?

What about the neighborhoods being left behind? Does "black flight" contribute to the economic decline of black neighborhoods by causing major retailers to pull out? What about the inner city schools?

No doubt, this is a complex issue with no easy answers. I think the more central question I'm trying to raise is do black people have an obligation to the neighborhoods we leave?

I can't answer that question for anyone but myself. It is as personal as our individual commitment to people and our race. Our zip code does not determine who we are. I applaud and commend those who assimilate in order to obtain a higher quality of life for themselves and their children. The flip side is just like we did in the aftermath of the integration movement of the 1960's, we have to fully consider the long term effects of black assimilation.

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## Another Disappointment From The Black Caucus

By: Star Parker

The House of Representatives has voted to boot Louisiana Rep. William Jefferson off the Ways and Means Committee while he is being investigated on bribery charges. This immediately follows a vote by House Democrats recommending that such action be taken.

The way in which Jefferson has handled himself during this episode, and the support he has gotten from a number of his Black Caucus colleagues, is an embarrassment and demonstrates, once again, the sore need for a new kind of black leadership in Washington.

Jefferson should have taken the high road and voluntarily relinquished his committee seat. The fact that he didn't, the fact that the Congressional Black Caucus leadership supported his decision to resist Nancy Pelosi's request that he step aside, and the fact that the caucus chose to insert a racial dimension to these events, seriously undermines the credibility of black leadership.

For years now black political leaders have been using race to lower the bar and expectations for blacks rather than the opposite. In this latest episode, Jefferson and the Black Caucus leadership demonstrated that, again, they are willing to grasp for the race card to pull their own fat out of the fire, even if it means hurting their party and their black constituents.

It is true that Jefferson has not yet been formally indicted.

However, the case against him is compelling. ABC news reports that federal officials say his indictment should be expected sometime in July.

Jefferson is being investigated for taking bribes to promote telecommunications deals in West Africa. The FBI has him on tape accepting a \$100,000 pay-

off, \$90,000 of which they found stored in the freezer in his house.

Two men already have been convicted in the bribery investigation, one a former aide of Jefferson's, who has been sentenced to eight years in prison, and the other a businessman who has pleaded guilty to paying more than \$400,000 in bribes to Jefferson.

To not see a high probability of wrong doing here on Jefferson's part reminds one of Groucho Marx's famous quips, "Who are you going to believe, me or your own eyes?"

Sure, Nancy Pelosi is motivated by politics. The Democrats want to brand Republicans as the party of corruption and it weakens the case when you have crooks in your own party.

It's too bad, but unfortunately generally true, that if a politician actually does the right thing, it's probably for the wrong reasons. But, in this case, Pelosi clearly did the right thing by asking Jefferson to give up his seat on the Ways and Means Committee while he is being investigated.

The House Ways and Means Committee is one of the most powerful perches on which to sit in Washington. The Constitution requires that tax legislation be initiated in the House and Ways and Means is where the nation's tax legislation originates.

It doesn't push the imagination to think that we might not want a guy with \$90,000 of bribe money sitting in his freezer on this committee.

However, a turn up the high road and stepping aside in the interest of nation, party, and constituents, even when the handwriting is on the wall, didn't tempt Jefferson.

The only Hail Mary left was to hunker down around claims that this was about race, and unfor-

tunately, this is where Jefferson and the Black Caucus chose to go. Doing this served only to fan the flames of racial tensions and encourage destructive sentiments in the black community that come to no productive end.

Why, these black leaders have asked, has this unprecedented move, asking an unindicted member to step off a committee, occurred with a member of Congress who happens to be black?

But it is behavior, not race, that is operative here.

Jefferson also suddenly discovered his responsibility to his constituents in his efforts to salvage himself. He said they need him now on the Ways and Means Committee as hurricane ravaged New Orleans tries to rebuild.

But where has he been for the 16 years he has been representing them? An appalled nation watched during Katrina as cameras exposed the squalid realities of black life in New Orleans. Who looked for their black congressman to explain why the levees weren't improved and why crime and poverty had reached such hopeless levels in this community?

Mr. Jefferson was busy making deals in Africa, happy to sit quietly on the sidelines and let local problems be explained by racism.

Blacks have to stop tolerating this. Race must be transformed into a reason to demand more responsibility and set higher standards rather than the opposite, which is what we now get from our black leaders.

Let's hope the Jefferson incident goes beyond its particulars and provokes a new awareness in black America for the kind of leaders we really need.

## Black Power's Quiet Side

By: Peniel E. Joseph

Just over 40 years ago, on June 16, 1966, Stokely Carmichael, chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, mounted a podium on a sticky evening in the Mississippi Delta and introduced the phrase "Black Power" to a crowd of civil rights demonstrators. "Black Power" quickly became the controversial slogan for a movement that was largely perceived as rejecting the civil rights movement's nonviolent tactics and goals of integration in favor of a new ethos of black identity, self-defense and separatism.

For the next several years expressions of black power appeared everywhere: from gun-toting Black Panthers and clenched-fisted athletes at the Olympics to sky-high Afros and dashiki-clad poets, politicians and actors. Then, like a bright streaking comet, the movement seemed to vanish as quickly as it appeared, plagued by internal divisions, poor leadership and pressure from authorities.

Historians tend to regard black power's polemics, boister-

ous nationalism and misogyny as antithetical to the civil rights movement's dreams of community. Its reputation as having helped unleash urban violence — and a white backlash — remains a fixed part of civil rights scholarship and public memory.

But four decades later, it's worth reminding ourselves that Carmichael's role was more nuanced than we tend to acknowledge. And it is his friendly relationship with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., now largely forgotten, that exemplifies the hidden connections between two movements often seen as mutually exclusive.

The friendship between the two men, forged in the heat of James Meredith's "March Against Fear" in 1966 in Mississippi, featured, in addition to sharp disagreements over the tactic of armed self-defense, areas of agreement. Both sought to connect the civil rights movement to antiwar and anti-poverty campaigns.

And in other respects they were not so far apart. It's worth

recalling Dr. King, surrounded by large posters reading "Black Is Beautiful and It's So Beautiful to Be Black," extolling black pride and culture at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's 1967 convention. Similarly, it's worth remembering that Carmichael, often portrayed as a hothead who scorned Dr. King's unwavering commitment to nonviolence, met privately with him in 1968 to offer support for the ill-fated Poor People's Campaign.

Civil rights struggles are rightfully acknowledged as having earned black Americans a historic level of dignity. "Black Power" accomplished a no less remarkable task, fueling the casually assertive identity and cultural pride that is part of African-American life today. In this way, in spite of the hostilities between the two movements, there remains between them a shared history of struggle that briefly transcended political differences while ultimately transforming the landscape of race relations.

## Letter To The Editor

Have you ever heard the old adage, "It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks?" Jack Singley, the Superintendent of the Irving Independent School District (IISD) is in my opinion a living example of this saying. In a School District that is made up of 80% minority students and parents, I believe it is time to have a new Superintendent that can adapt and identify with this new student body and body politic in Irving.

The main reason I believe Mr. Singley should be replaced is that there exists what I call a "Respect Disconnect" pervasive throughout the District due to Mr. Singley's dictatorial style of leadership. I have talked with many teachers and administrators over the last 11 years that have repeatedly told me that if an anonymous survey were done to gauge

the sentiments and confidence of teachers and staff in the leadership of Mr. Singley, one would find the majority feel Mr. Singley is out of touch in today's world. There is a sense that Mr. Singley does not have the proper respect for people of color. Respect must begin at the head of any organization. If respect is absent at the head, the disrespect trickles down through the whole system.

Mr. Singley once told me "You and I do not serve the same God." He was agitated at me at the time due to some challenges to the District that I had brought to his attention. I will never forget that statement because it spoke volumes to me a Black man having this comment come from an elderly white man. Mr. Singley is not the first White man to believe his Jesus is superior to the Jesus of the Black man. White people have

used Christianity to enslave Black people for hundreds of years. Mr. Singley is a product of his environment just like us all. He is an old dog that refuses to learn new tricks. I love Mr. Singley as a human being and He and I have agreed to disagree over the years. But, he continues to lead, in my opinion, in a Dictator-like manner that is not inclusive when it comes to the equal treatment of minorities thus leading to this "RESPECT DISCONNECT".

How can Mr. Singley believe that a majority-minority student and parent population can respect a man who believes he serves a God Superior to the same God they profess to serve? The answer is they can not. Therefore, Mr. Singley must go.

Anthony Bond-Irving

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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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## Comcast Foundation And After-School All-Stars Dallas Achieve Success With Club Literacy Program

Club Literacy's 104 students from seven schools read - and get to keep - 728 books

United in the belief that a love for reading must be encouraged from an early age, the Comcast Foundation and After-School All-Stars Dallas teamed up last September to kick off an innovative reading program called Club Literacy.

Nine months later the two organizations call it a successful first year: 104 students participated at seven schools, more than 728 books were read and given to the students to keep as part of their personal library, three field trips were made, and the students even participated in a "meet the authors" literary festival!

"Our teachers report that the students enthusiastically embraced this program and made huge strides in their appreciation for reading and great books," said Robin Hutchison, executive director of After-School All-Stars Dallas. "And the students are very proud that they get to forever keep the collection of seven books read throughout the year to share at home with their friends and family."

Club Literacy is funded through a three-year, \$75,000 grant made by The Comcast Foundation to the After-School All-Stars Dallas. Over the next three years, the program will benefit students in grades 4-6 at 11 DISD schools located in the southern sector and West Dallas. The schools that participated the first year were Martin Luther King, Jr. Learning Center; Winnetka Elementary; J. N. Ervin Elementary; City Park Elementary; B. F. Darrell Elementary; Anson Jones Elementary; and Albert S. Johnston Elementary. The program expands this fall to James Bowie Elementary School and Maynard Jackson Math, Science and Technology Vanguard, and two additional schools will be added Fall 2007. Every Club Literacy student

received four books per semester they got to keep as part of their home library. The students read the books during their time spent attending the After-School All-Stars Dallas program, which typically runs from 3 - 6 p.m. weekdays. Led by specially trained instructors, the students gathered on a regular basis - just as grown-



Author Alice McGill shares her thoughts with B. F. Darrell Elementary School at the Children's Book Fair and Literacy Festival, which was sponsored by Dr. Harry Robinson and the African-American Museum.

up book clubs do - to discuss the books and participate in interactive exercises such as skits, puppet shows and games. They also went on special field trips related to the books, including the Dallas Museum of Art, The Holocaust Museum and a Dallas Mavericks basketball game.

The students read *The Real Slam Dunk* by Charisse K. Richardson, *Bud Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis (a Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner), *Cousins by Virginia Hamilton*, *Crazy Weekend: A Novel* by Gary Soto, *Junebug* by Alice Mead, *Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks, *Meet Danitra Brown* by Niki Grimes, and *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woods.

Fourth-grader Michael Oliver of Martin Luther King, Jr. Learning Center said his favorite book was *The Real Slam Dunk* because "it encouraged me to always keep on trying."

"I liked all the books that we read because most of them inspired me to do bigger and

better things," added fifth-grader Garrett Vanzandt, who also attends Martin Luther King, Jr. Learning Center. "Crazy Weekend would be my favorite because it was funny. I looked forward to reading it every day!"

The year ended with a series of authors and illustrators visits to the seven participating

program. "In today's information age, a love for reading is one of the most important things we can teach our children. Reading skills benefit our students not only during their academic years, but throughout their lives as they pursue careers and explore interests," said Dr. Hinojosa, at a news conference held last September. "I'm so pleased that the Comcast Foundation, After-School All-Stars Dallas and DISD have teamed up to develop this innovative program."

After-School All-Stars Dallas staff worked closely with Shirley Ison-Newsome, Area Superintendent - Area 2/South Dallas Learning Centers, and her team of reading specialists to create an exciting curriculum for the Club Literacy program.

"We're proud to celebrate a wonderful year with the Club Literacy program. As a leading company in this rapidly changing world of technology, we realize we cannot overlook one of the oldest and most enjoyable methods of communication - the written word," said Clemon Maddox, Director of Franchise and Government Affairs for Comcast. "We believe that developing our children's reading skills is essential to their growth and success in school, at work and in life."

**About After-School All-Stars Dallas**  
More than 4,700 children from southern and west Dallas have participated in 16 different programs the Dallas launch of After-School All-Stars in July of 2001. Participants in the Dallas After-School All-Stars program strive for excellence in each of these five major disciplines: sports & recreation, educational programs, technology training, arts & culture, and life skills & service learning. The mission of After-School All-Stars is to provide comprehensive out-of-school programs that keep children safe and help them achieve in school and in life.

"Our visiting author had a lot of interesting things to tell us," said Garratt. "She told us about jumping to conclusions and how to predict what's going to happen next."

The kids will continue reading this summer. Each child will be given two books - *Queen Sophie Hartley* by Stephanie Green and *The Real Lucky Charm* by Charisse K. Richardson - to read during the vacation months and to report on when they return to school.

DISD General Superintendent Michael Hinojosa applauds the

## Garland George Washington Carver Reunion Planned

The George Washington Carver School Alumni Association of Garland is planning a reunion for all former students that attended the school. The reunion will take place during the weekend of July 21-23. Lots of exciting activities will take place; including a semi-formal summer bash Saturday night at the Garland Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., Garland,

TX 75040 and a special church service on Sunday morning at Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church, 1019 S. 1st Street, Garland, TX 75040. For ticket and sponsorship information, please contact Josie Walker Murphy @ (214) 770-5724 or by email @ carverallschoolreunion2006@comcast.net or Emma Clark Abner @ (972) 272-7636.

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

**Family Film** at the Library at Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road. Every Friday at 11:30 a.m. Bring out the family for fun and relaxation. For more information call 972-208-8000.

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**Kumaasi African Ensemble Dance Classes** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. Contact S-Ankh Rasa at 214-298-5858 for more information.

**June 22 Ernst and Young Meganetworking Event** with National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA), National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) and NSHBAA from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Location to be determined, check website for more information.

**Heaven For A Gee**, a stage play starring Cherrelle, Lil' Zane, Shazaam, Keshia Knight-Pulliam among other stars at the Bruton Theatre at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday. 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10, \$15.

**TBAAL presents...What Men Don't Tell** at Bruton Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Call 214-373-8000 for

more information. 650 S. Griffin St. (corner of Canton and Akard). Showing through Sunday.

**Dallas Black Dance Theatre and Dallas Symphony Orchestra** perform at the Meyerson at 7:30 p.m. The Dallas Symphony Orchestra welcomes the Dallas Black Theatre to the Meyerson Symphony Center. Ticket prices range, call 214-871-2390. Hurry tickets selling fast!

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**June 27 Nanette Lee Live** at the Improv in Addison on Belt Line at 8:00 p.m. It's more than just a comedy show, it's a night full of fun and entertainment. Karaoke starts at 7:30 p.m.

**June 30 TBAAL presents...Don't Miss The Rapture** at Bruton Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Call 214-373-8000 for more information. 650 S. Griffin St. (corner of Canton and Akard).

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**Star Spangled Fourth in Garland** will host a three-day festival in three separate locations this year. Plans are underway for a downtown Garland festival on Saturday, July 1; a Picnic in the Park on Sunday, July 2 (Audubon Park: 342 Oates Drive); and a concert and fireworks show to be held at Firewheel Town Center on Tuesday, July 4.

**Toni Braxton** performs live at the Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie at 8:00 p.m. Tickets on sale through Ticketmaster.

**July 4 Fireworks at Oak Point Park.** 2801 Spring Creek Parkway at 9:30 p.m. Free parking available at CCCC and First United Methodist Church Plano.

**City of Carrollton's July 4th Celebration** at Carrollton-Farmers Branch Soccer Fields. 2001 Kelly Blvd from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m. Parking available at Carrollton City Hall, Carrollton Shopping Center, Newman Smith and Creekview High Schools.

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## Black Males Locked Out Of Jobs

**White ex-cons as likely to find work than black men with no criminal record**

By: Brenda Porter

A study from a team of Princeton University sociology professors revealed that race and criminal history continue to play a role in gaining employment.

As part of the study, which began in February 2004, 13 applicants went on nearly

3,500 job interviews with 1,470 private companies. All jobs were entry level.

The men were given the same qualifications and experience, while criminal history was randomly assigned. The most striking results of the study were that white males with criminal records were just as likely as blacks with no criminal history to find employment. Also, having a

criminal record reduced the number of positive responses from employers by 57% for black applicants but only by 35% for their white counterparts. Latinos also fared better than blacks.

"A felony conviction confers roughly the same penalty to job applicants as does minority status," wrote Professors Devah Pager and Bruce Western in Discrimination in

Low-Wage Labor Markets. "These findings are consistent with the hypothesis that employer discrimination along the lines of race, ethnicity, and criminal conviction status remains a salient source of inequality in contemporary urban labor markets."

Gerald D. Jaynes, a member of the Black Enterprise Board of Economists, says he is not surprised by the results. "What's going on here is the employer thinks, 'I have a

young white man who made a mistake. I can give him a second chance. On the other hand I have a young black man who grew up in the ghetto committing crime and I don't want to take a chance,"

says Jaynes. Western says he hopes the study highlights these issues to the entire nation. "I hope our research can alert people to the problems of discrimination," he says.

## Neighborhood Rental Car Expansion Provides African-American Consumers More Options For Travel Needs

More and more people are renting cars closer to their own driveways than airport runways, and the trend is allowing drivers across the United States to meet a growing variety of lifestyle and transportation needs.

In fact, the 2005 "Poll of the American Driver" shows that about one-third of drivers 25 years of age and older - or about 62 million motorists - need different vehicles than their primary automobiles and are more likely to rent a vehicle to meet those needs. And a report from the Travel Industry Association of America shows that African-American travel has been on the rise, growing 4 percent compared to the 2 percent growth in U.S. travel overall during the same period.

For African-Americans, like Sherilyn Smith of Glen Heights, Texas, traveling with family and friends on weekends is a popular reason to rent the "perfect vehicle." She plans to rent a vehicle from Enterprise Rent-A-Car this summer when she travels with friends to the Essence festival in Houston. In addition, Smith frequently rents cars for her mother, also of Glen Heights, for her roadtrips to visit family in East Texas. "When I rent a car for my mom, I know it has been serviced and the maintenance has been taken care of," Smith said, "and the fact that Enterprise picks her up at her house makes it that much easier on my

mom." Smith, who has been renting from various Dallas metro neighborhood locations several times a month for more than seven years, also likes to arrive in style at various social occasions. As a result, she's rented a Hummer to attend a Mavericks game and a Jaguar



to host friends at a local gala. "I own my own very reliable car, but sometimes you need to make a different impression and have a little fun," Smith added.

According to Target Market News, an online African-American consumer marketing publication, Smith is not alone, with leisure travel spending for African-Americans totaling some \$5 billion in 2005, a double-digit increase from previous years.

To meet the growing leisure travel market and other lifestyle needs of African-Americans and U.S. consumers overall, the rental car industry is steadily expanding into neighborhoods, including downtowns and other urban off-airport locations. For example, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the largest rental car company in North America,

has more than doubled its U.S. neighborhood locations to 5,700 from 2,400 in the past 10 years.

For African-American consumers, cars rented in neighborhoods meet a variety of lifestyle needs, such as "girl friend" weekend trips to shopping outlets, visiting summer historical festivals such as Juneteenth or events including Black Greek conferences, traveling to celebrations such as weddings or family reunions, or just simply renting a larger vehicle for comfort or convenience. According to an Arbitron National in-Car Study, African-Americans spend more time in their cars on weekends than weekdays. This makes neighborhood rental locations that much more important for African-American communities.

"Many of our African-American consumers are interested in renting larger cars that accommodate family and they tend to rent frequently during the warmer months," said Robert McRae, Group Relations Manager for Enterprise, based in Dallas. "Our busiest seasons tend to be summertime and the holidays, with a lot of weekend rentals."

With more neighborhood locations than any other rental car company, Enterprise is best positioned

to serve the trend. "For the past several years, we've opened nationally one neighborhood location per day somewhere in the country," McRae added, "making it easy, convenient, and affordable for consumers to enhance their driving experience and meet a variety of transportation and lifestyle needs."

### Weekend Getaway Travel Tips

1. Follow the rules of the road, obey speed limits, and keep a safe distance from vehicles ahead.
2. Plan your route ahead of time. You can obtain a road map and suggested routes from your local automobile association or on the Internet. Remember to plan rest and meal stops.
3. If your vehicle needs repair or isn't big enough to accommodate your luggage and passengers, consider renting a larger car or specialty vehicle, such as minivan or SUV.
4. If renting a vehicle for a family trip, call a week or so before your trip to ensure that larger sedans or specialty vehicles will be available.

### Latino Political Leaders Page 1

ship," says Arturo Vargas, NALEO executive director. "Everyone should understand how serious we are in our determination to support this country's hardworking immigrants."

Al Gore, John Kerry and various leaders from the Bush White House have all spoken at recent NALEO Conventions, as the event has become an important stop on the presidential campaign trail. This year again, the fall elections dominate the Convention agenda. Control of the House could rest with several swing congressional districts where Latinos account for more than 10 percent of the population.

Beyond politics, the Convention is an important meeting ground for corporate leaders and the elected representatives of the Latino community. The 2006 Convention is sponsored by Altria, AT&T, Comcast, General Motors, ING and Wal-Mart. Funding from these interests helps provide convention delegates with training in issues ranging from education and health to disaster preparedness. The number of Latino politicians who graduate each year from NALEO Convention trainings and other workshops is equal to the annual enrollment of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

A full schedule of Convention activities is being released this week. Among the highlights are speeches by the Republican and Democratic Party Chairs on Thursday, June 22. Television news anchor and

author Maria Elena Salinas talks with political leaders and analysts on how Latinos will influence the outcome of the Mid-Term elections, June 23. That same day, National Hispanic Medical Association President Elena Rios addresses Convention delegates on the health insurance gap in the Latino community. On Saturday, June 24, immigration advocate and Member of Congress Luis Gutierrez will discuss efforts to pass comprehensive immigration reform in

the House. During the Convention, parties and receptions across Dallas will also highlight the leadership Latinos are providing in Texas and the nation. The festivities begin with an official welcome reception on June 22 at the Hall of State in Fair Park. The following evening, there is a large celebration planned for the Dallas Museum of Art. Dallas today is 40 percent Latino by population and is represented by multiple Latinos in the City Council and State House.

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# Martin Luther King Papers, Books To Be Auctioned

By: Gary Hill

More than 10,000 manuscripts and books from the estate of Martin Luther King, Jr., many in the hand of the crusader for justice and nonviolence, will be sold on June 30, Sotheby's auction house said on Thursday.

The collection, to be auctioned 38 years after the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner's assassination, will be sold in a single lot and is expected to fetch \$15 million to \$30 million, Sotheby's said.

The auction will be preceded by a nine-day exhibition June 21-29 of items ranging from drafts of some of King's most famous speeches and essays to his blue test booklets from college. More than 7,000 items offered are in King's own hand.

The collection includes an early draft of his historic "I Have a Dream" speech — four typed pages with handwritten notes —

and his "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

Also included is a telegram inviting King to President Lyndon Johnson's signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of his crowning achievements as a leader of the civil rights movement. The telegram advised him to "bring your telegram as it will be your admission card."

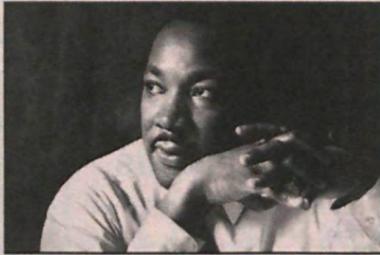
King won the Nobel Prize at age of 35. In a draft handwritten on yellow lined paper, he prepares to accept an award in recognition of "the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression."

Especially poignant in light of his own murder less than five years later are King's remarks on the assassination of President John Kennedy. He quotes

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and says: "The great question today is 'What killed Kennedy?' He speaks to each of us in his death. He is not dead."

Sotheby's noted in its announcement: "Thus, on one piece of paper are linked three great martyrs of American history."

Among the auction items are



more than 50 books and pamphlets by and about the Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi. Like him, King's spiritual quest led the Baptist minister to confront issues beyond his original civil

rights campaign, such as the Vietnam War.

King was shot and killed on April 4, 1968. Four days later, a bill was introduced in Congress for a national holiday in his honor. Fifteen years later, the holiday was signed into law and another two years later, in 1985, it was first observed.

His widow, Coretta Scott King, died in January.

"In the wake of Mrs. King's passing the Estate believes that it must resolve the process of finding an appropriate home for The Collection of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Sotheby's reported. It said the King estate stipulated that the collection be kept together.

The estate also runs the King Center in Atlanta, which includes his crypt, a museum, library resources and a gift shop. The King Center has suffered financial

and management disputes among the Kings' children.

The collection "is without question the most important

American archive of the 20th century in private hands," said Sotheby's Vice Chairman David Redden.

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## Punch Foundation Presents "An Evening Of Classical & Jazz"

As Gayle Punch attempted to get rid of a few odds and ends in a garage sale to raise money for her son, little did she know that the city's demands for her to close the sale down would lead to the founding of The Punch Family Foundation.

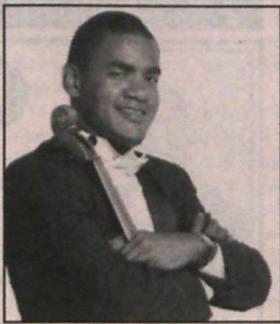
After an article about her son appeared in the newspaper, she decided that her next fundraiser would be a recital, which within a week raised \$5,000 for her son's musical education.

Now, several years later, on June 24, The Punch Family Foundation will present their 11th annual Punch Family Benefit Recital at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center at 6:00 p.m.

Both Punch children, Richmond and Lauren, will per-

form at the recital alongside several other guest artists.

Money raised at this benefit will help student musicians with



Richmond Punch

instrument, tuition and any music related expenses.

Today, Richmond, who plays the viola and violin, is the graduate

of two highly prestigious American schools. He graduated from Juilliard in 2003 with a Bachelor of Music and from Yale University School of Music with a Master of Music degree in viola in 2005.

Her daughter, Lauren, is also musically inclined and plays the cello.

In 2004, after a news article was written about Punch and her two musically talented children, she decided that she wanted to help other students with the desire to pursue a musical education.

"An Evening of Classical and Jazz Music" features Richmond Punch on viola, William Omar Butler on trumpet and Kristen Yost on piano.

For more information about the Punch Family Foundation, visit [www.richmondpunch.com](http://www.richmondpunch.com).

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## Ford Unveils Two New Pickup Trucks for 2007 Line

Ford Motor Company -- the industry leader in pickup trucks -- is adding two new trim packages to its rugged Super Duty line in 2007, offering customers more ways to go from work to play in luxurious style.

The new Lariat Highline SuperCab and the Lariat Outlaw CrewCab will join the line of F-250 and F-350 Super Duty trucks, which includes the value-leading XL and dressier XLT body styles.

"The Highline and Outlaw packages give us exciting new trim levels that further differentiate our trucks," said Robert Keller, Super Duty marketing manager. "Almost 70 percent of our customers use their trucks for pleasure as well as work. We've had good success with our packages which appeal to those looking

for some nicer features and amenities."

Introduced in 1999, the high-end Lariat has been growing in



popularity -- now accounting for more than half of Super Duty sales. And specialty trims like the King Ranch, Harley Davidson and Amarillo editions have built on its success.

Texas is Super Duty Country, popular with its ranchers, farmers and professional rodeo groups -- even equestrian riders

take to its stylish blend of rugged power and luxury.

"It's not uncommon for our members to travel long distances across the country for a show," said Tom Persechino, senior director of marketing of the American Quarter Horse Association in Amarillo, Texas. The Ford F-Series pickup truck has been the industry leader for 29 years running, with over 900,000 sold each year. With that kind of huge customer base, packages like the Outlaw and Highline also offer product differentiation.

"These packages are for people who want a truck differentiated from what their friends and co-workers have," said Keller.

designed health workshops; and a special performance by renowned gospel artist Vickie Winans.

The forum is free and open to women ages 18 and older, however advance registration is required and seating is limited. Interested individuals should

"We don't expect to sell hundreds of thousands of these packages, but we understand the importance of offering variety."

The Lariat Outlaw Package, which runs an extra \$1,580, is available with the 6.0-liter diesel engine and includes all Lariat CrewCab standard features, but also unique black and red leather-trimmed Captain's Chairs, brushed aluminum-style door trim, ebony interior accents, differentiated red tapestry, many exterior body color parts, and numerous other features.

The Lariat Highline Edition, which is an extra \$930, includes an all-black interior with a chrome trim package that includes chrome billet-style grille, tow hooks, mirror caps, tubular step bar, chrome exhaust tips and much more.

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women's health forum is to raise awareness of the various obesity-related health issues plaguing minority women including cancer and mental illness, and empower and educate through open dialogue to hopefully enable them to

become health advocates for their family and community. Event activities will include an early morning master fitness program led by Jeanette Jenkins; a continental breakfast sponsored by Honey Nut Cheerios Cereal; a panel and Q&A discussion; specially-

designed health workshops; and a special performance by renowned gospel artist Vickie Winans.

The forum is free and open to women ages 18 and older, however advance registration is required and seating is limited. Interested individuals should

log onto <http://www.ahealthybet.com/> to download a registration form and mail to BET Foundation Women's Health Forum, 1235 W Street NE, Washington, DC 20018 or call telephone number 1-800-626-9911, ext. 2341 for more information.

### Vote Out Jefferson Page 1

before the meeting.

Jefferson is black, and Pelosi, brushing aside criticism from members of the black caucus, told reporters she had been "more than fair."

The FBI says Jefferson stashed \$90,000 in bribe money in his freezer. Two men have pleaded guilty in the probe.

Pelosi asked Jefferson last month to give up his seat on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee voluntarily, pending completion of the investigation. When he refused, she resolved to force him off, saying that Democrats would

set the bar as high as possible for conduct by a lawmaker.

Most Democrats support Pelosi's action, including some in the 42-member Congressional Black Caucus, and there was little doubt about the vote. Even so, the black caucus issued a statement last week invoking the Constitution's guarantee of "the presumption of innocence" and opposed the effort to force him off the committee.

Some black Democrats went further, warning that the party risked alienating loyal voters if it required Jefferson to surrender his committee seat until his legal situation is clarified.

Pelosi granted several interviews last week to reporters from black newspapers and radio stations in an attempt to rebut her critics.

Brett Pfeffer, a former Jefferson aide, was sentenced to eight years in prison last month for conspiring to commit bribery and aiding and abetting the bribery of a public official.

Vernon Jackson, 53, chief executive of iGate Inc., a Louisville, Ky.-based telecommunications company, pleaded guilty May 3 to paying more than \$400,000 in bribes to Jefferson.

Additionally, the FBI claims that it videotaped the Louisiana

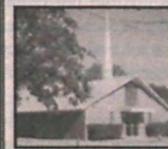
Democrat last summer taking \$100,000 in bribe money and that agents later found \$90,000 of the funds stashed in a freezer in his home.

FBI agents carried out a week-end search of Jefferson's congressional office in May, triggering criticism from congressional leaders who claimed agents had encroached on Congress' constitutional powers.

President Bush intervened and ordered the seized material turned over to a Justice Department official not involved in the investigation. He ordered the material withheld for 45 days to allow time for discussion of ground rules for such searches.

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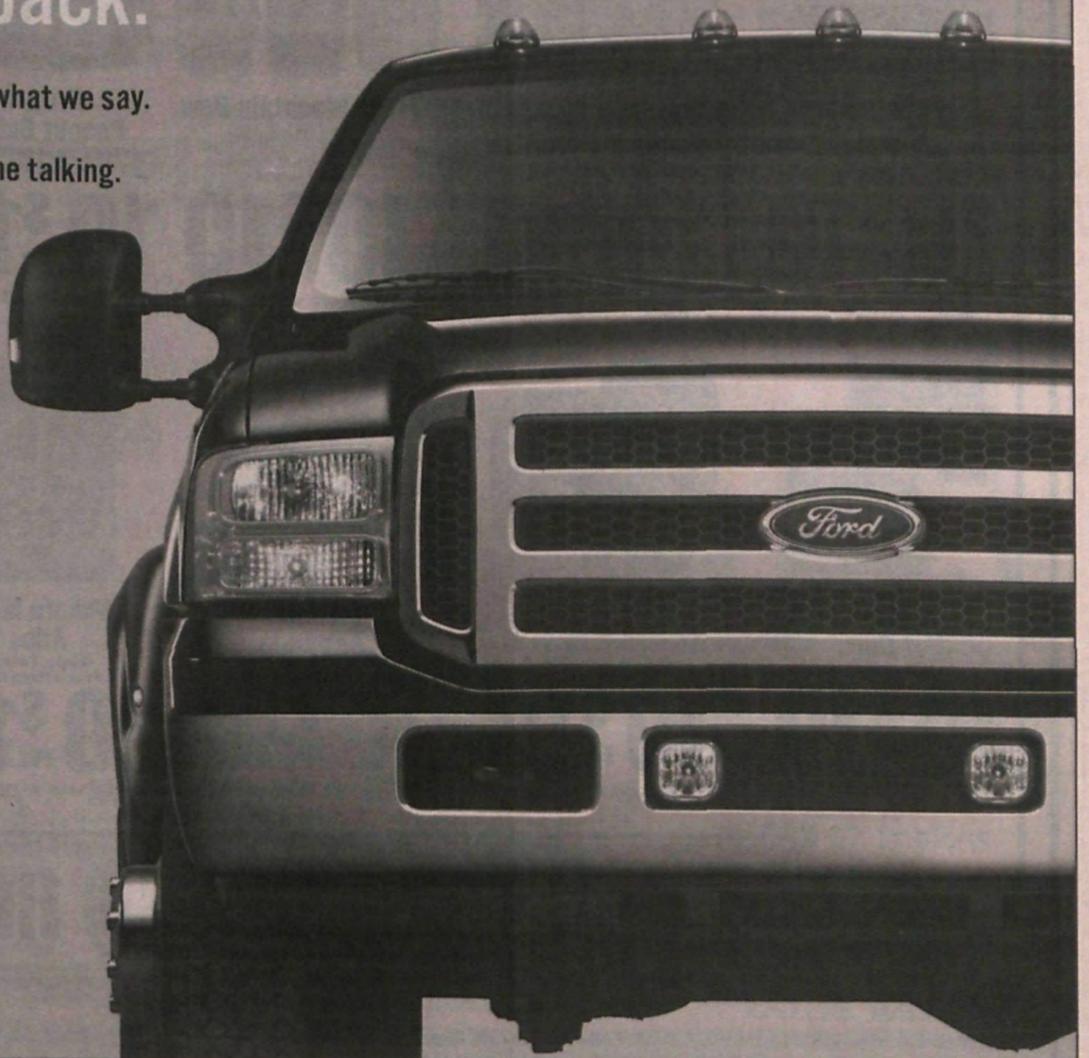
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**BEST IN TEXAS**



By: Cain Burdeau

Gov. Kathleen Blanco ordered National Guardsmen to help police patrol the city for the first time since Hurricane Katrina, following a bloody weekend that brought fears of crime disrupting the city's delicate reconstruction.

At Mayor Ray Nagin's request, Blanco ordered 100 troops — and committed to send 200 more soon — and 60 state police troopers to head to the city Tuesday to support the Police Department. Six people were killed over the weekend, including five teenagers in one incident.

"The situation is urgent,"

## National Guard Ordered To New Orleans

Blanco said. "Things like this should never happen, and I am going to do all I can to stop it."

Blanco said reinforcements would cycle in-and-out of the city. No deadline has been set for their mission, which did not require a special order because Louisiana is still under a state of emergency 10 months after Katrina hit on Aug. 29.

The troops were to patrol heavily damaged and largely unpopulated neighborhoods, freeing police to focus on hot spots. State troopers will work mostly in the

French Quarter, where they often patrol during major events like Mardi Gras.



It was the first time the National Guard has been used for

law enforcement in the United States since the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"I'm just delighted," said King Milling, a New Orleans banker. "The powers that be recognize that this is an issue that we must deal with."

Frustration over a rise in crime reached a tipping point on Saturday when five teenagers in an SUV were shot and killed in

the city's deadliest attack in at least 11 years. Police said the attack was apparently motivated by drugs or revenge. Also, a man was stabbed to death Sunday night in an argument over beer.

The killings brought this year's murder toll to 53, raising fears that violence was back on the rise in a city that was plagued by violent crime before Katrina drove out much of the population last year.

There were 17 killings in the first three months of 2006, and 36 since the start of April.

At least three other people, ages 16 to 27, have been fatally shot in the same area where the five teenagers were killed early Saturday.

Nagin said he would not allow criminals to take over when the city is still trying to recover from the hurricane.

"Today is a day when New Orleanians are stepping up. We've had enough," Nagin said Monday. "This is our line in the sand. We're saying we're not going any further."

New Orleans Police Chief Warren Riley assured residents that the Guard was "not coming in and taking over the city."

## Katrina Displaced 400,000, Study Says

### New Orleans Becomes Whiter, Mississippi Coast More Diverse

Hurricane Katrina displaced more than 400,000 people from the New Orleans area and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, according to a Census Bureau report to be released today, one of the most comprehensive looks at the hurricane-induced migration.

The figures show that the New Orleans metropolitan area, and not just the city, remains vastly shrunken in population four months after the storm, having lost 378,000 people, and that

those who remained were more prosperous and were far more likely to be white.

Whereas the population of the New Orleans region was 54 percent non-Hispanic white before the storm, that proportion had grown to 68 percent in the months after the storm, the figures show.

"We knew the city was becoming whiter and less poor, but now we know the entire New Orleans region was," said William H. Frey, a demographer at the Brookings

Institution who analyzed the new figures. "This is the first real numbers on this. Everything else has been guesswork."

The figures show that the Gulfport-Biloxi region lost 41,000 people from before Katrina to January, ranking it second among metropolitan areas for population loss.

But in contrast to the New Orleans region, the Mississippi coast has become less white, the figures show. The proportion of non-Hispanic blacks in

Mississippi's coastal counties has risen from 17 percent to 27 percent.

Exactly how many people have returned to the hurricane-ravaged areas and who they are has been a matter of intense speculation among public officials and businesses planning the rebuilding effort.

The new figures will not end the debate, however.

Census officials warned that some of the figures are subject to larger than normal margins of error and, moreover, that

the figures are already at least five months old.

"The population estimates were from back in January, and back then the situation was a lot more volatile," said David Bowman, a researcher for the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

His estimates suggest that the population of New Orleans has grown from 156,000 in January to 192,000 in May. About 450,000 people lived there before Katrina.

The recovery has been far slower than many had expect-

ed, and the new figures only underscored the vast challenges ahead.

"Those who sit and speculate that the city will have 350,000 people next year are doing it on certain innate beliefs -- that people want to return, that there will be jobs," said Rob Couhig, one of the leaders of a rebuilding commission arranged by Mayor C. Ray Nagin.

Couhig said he expects that many who have left will never return.

#### Friends Of The Library Page 1

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Friends of the Plano Public Library held their first sale in a tent in 1984. Due to the popularity of the sale and tremendous number of books, the sale has moved several times and has been at Plano Centre since 1991. Proceeds of the sale go to Friends of the Plano Public Library, a non-profit membership organization founded in 1965 to promote interest in the Plano libraries. Membership in the Friends organization supports Plano

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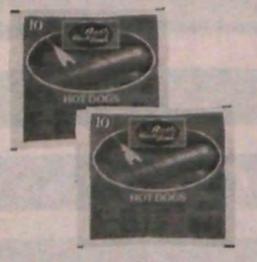
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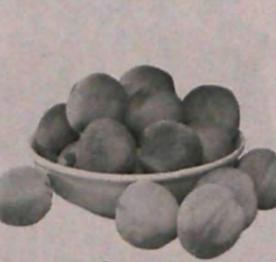
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## Janet Jackson's Weight Loss Routine Dissected

For folks who still can't believe Janet Jackson really dropped 60 pounds within the span of four months, the singer detailed her method step by step for UK's Sunday Mirror newspaper.

The singer's nutritionist David Allen restricted her to five healthy, low-fat meals a day of between 1,150 to 1,450 calories, combined with an insane exercise program designed by her longtime personal trainer Tony Martinez. The latter, she says, was the worst part of the whole process. "I hate - I can't say it enough - I hate working out," she admits.

Here is the detailed Janet Jackson diet:

• **BREAKFAST:** 6 scrambled egg whites and 1/3 cup of oatmeal OR 3oz chicken sausage

• **LUNCH:** 4oz chicken breast and mixed salad or baked yam and steamed green beans

• **AFTERNOON SNACK:** 3oz grilled shrimp and 1 cup mixed vegetables OR 3oz turkey

breast and 1 Cup of butternut squash

• **DINNER:** 4 oz steak with 15 grilled asparagus spears or 4oz grilled salmon with couscous and grilled vegetables



• **EXERCISE:** Martinez had her working out six days a week with 45 minutes of cardio plus sumo squats and backward walking lunges. He also included running, walking and some boxing.

When 5 ft. 4 Jackson was tipping the scales at 180 - due to

weight gained for a film role that did not work out - she said her whole body ached and she lacked energy to do the most basic things.

"I had a hard time doing things that you're normally used to doing," she said. "Getting around was tougher. My shoes were tight and my ankles would bother me, they'd ache. Certain rings would not fit my fingers and watches would not fit my wrist, so I stopped wearing jewelry."

But now, all toned and muscular, the superstar says she feels great.

"It wasn't until I saw a picture of myself recently that I thought 'Wow you really did lose a lot,'" she said.

Her own tips to shed the pounds? Keep portions small, eat regularly ("You will hold on to body fat if you miss meals," Janet says) and get some shut-eye ("Sleep is very important to weight loss," she adds). Studies show the less sleep you get, the more you feel hungry.

## Usher Helps Clean Up New Orleans School

Five-time Grammy winning R&B artist Usher pulled on some work gloves, grabbed a pair of trimmers and chopped away at a patch of vines that had overtaken a fence at a New Orleans school shuttered by Hurricane Katrina.

Usher, whose full name is Usher Raymond IV, joined dozens of volunteers Tuesday to clear the overgrown lawn of the International School of Louisiana, the state's first foreign language-based charter school, which has been closed since Katrina hit Aug. 29.

Usher got his first glimpse of Katrina's destruction Monday, when he visited storm-damaged neighborhoods in New Orleans and nearby St. Bernard Parish.

"To see it, in this state, it's devastating," Usher said, cutting away at the vines that had twisted through the chain-link fence surrounding the school, slated to reopen later this year.

"I'm here to physically do something and hopefully motivate other people to do the same," said Usher, the latest in a growing list of celebrities to visit New Orleans and the Gulf Coast since Katrina.

Last month, actresses Reese Witherspoon, Jennifer Garner

and Cicely Tyson joined a group of women brought here by the Children's Defense Fund to bring attention to the needs of storm victims, particularly traumatized children.

Talk-show host Ellen Degeneres, a New Orleans native, also visited last month and taped portions of her show here.

Shortly after Katrina, Usher began Project Restart to help families in the Gulf Coast region find housing. Though most well-known for his dance moves and hit songs like "Yeah," he has been a strong advocate for volunteerism.

On Monday, Usher met with Xavier and Dillard University students, whose campuses flooded. Some students joined him Tuesday for the cleanup effort, among them 21-year-old Trivia Frazier.

"It was very inspirational, just knowing somebody cares," said Frazier, a junior at Dillard whose New Orleans home was flooded. "It's also an incentive to keep going."

Usher, a Chattanooga, Tenn., native who now lives in Atlanta, was scheduled to meet with business leaders in Baton Rouge on

Tuesday, along with Gov. Kathleen Blanco.

He visited the state capitol and took the microphone in the



House and Senate chambers, wearing sunglasses and short-sleeves. He ignored House members' requests for a song and instead talked briefly about his efforts at helping storm victims.

"It truly takes a village to ... get some of these families back into their homes," he said.

Usher planned to visit the Mississippi Gulf Coast on Wednesday.

## Mary J. Taking Her Breakthrough Experience On The Road

Singer kicks off summer tour July 14 in St. Louis.

What a year 2006 is shaping up to be for road-tripping women. First Madonna, then Mariah, and now Mary J.

According to Blige's representative, the queen of hip-hop soul will kick off her next tour July 14 at the UMB Bank Pavilion in St.



Louis with opener Jaheim and LeToya Luckett. The last stop will be September 8 at Concord, California's Chronicle Pavilion. The singer, whose *The Breakthrough* LP is on its way to becoming her best-selling album to date, has named the outing Mary J. Blige: *The Breakthrough*

Experience.

Blige, who was a headliner at Sunday's Summer Jam in New York, will have two more high-profile warm-up shows before the official tour launch. She takes the stage with New Edition at Houston's Essence Music Festival on July 1, and she's also taking part in Milwaukee's Summerfest.

Mary J. Blige tour dates, according to her record label:

• 7/14 - Maryland Heights, MO @ UMB Bank Pavilion

• 7/15 - Indianapolis, IN @ Conseco Fieldhouse

• 7/16 - Charlotte, NC @ Verizon Wireless Amphitheater

• 7/19 - Uncasville, CT @ Mohegan Sun Arena

• 7/21 - New York, NY @ Madison Square Garden

• 7/23 - Camden, NJ @ Tweeter Center

• 7/26 - Burgettstown, PA @ Post-Gazette Pavilion

• 7/27 - Holmdel, NJ @ PNC Bank Arts Center

• 7/29 - Cleveland, OH @ Tower City Center

• 7/30 - Bristow, VA @ Nissan Pavilion

• 8/4 - Atlantic City, NJ @ Borgata Casino and Hotel

• 8/5 - Raleigh, NC @ Alltel

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• 8/6 - Virginia Beach, VA @ Verizon Wireless Amphitheater

• 8/9 - Selma, TX @ Verizon Wireless Amphitheater

• 8/11 - Dallas, TX @ Smirnoff Music Centre

• 8/12 - Memphis, TN @ FedExForum

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• 8/19 - Chicago, IL @ Charter One Pavilion

• 8/20 - Clarkston, MI @ DTE Energy Music Theater

• 8/25 - Miami, FL @ American Airlines Arena

• 8/26 - Tampa, FL @ Ford Amphitheater

• 8/27 - Atlanta, GA @ HiFi Buys Amphitheatre

• 9/1 - Irvine, CA @ Verizon Wireless Amphitheater

• 9/2 - Las Vegas, NV @ Mandalay Bay

• 9/3 - Universal City, CA @ Gibson Amphitheater

• 9/6 - Phoenix, AZ @ Cricket Pavilion

• 9/7 - Marysville, CA @ Sleep Train Amphitheater

• 9/8 - Concord, CA @ Sleep Train Pavilion

## Coca Cola Presents The 2006 Essence Music Festival: Taking It Back To The 'Old School'



Doug E. Fresh

Old School Reunion Featuring Doug E. Fresh and the Pioneers of Hip-Hop Including Slick Rick, Sugar Hill Gang, MC Lyte, Biz Markie, Whodini and Dana Dane Added to Festival Line-Up on Sunday, July 2nd.

The Coca-Cola Presents the 2006 Essence Music Festival today announced the addition of

a star-studded old school reunion, Doug E. Fresh and The Pioneers of Hip-Hop, to the Festival's jam-packed line-up of main-stage performances on Sunday, July 2nd at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas. The old school reunion show will feature Doug E. Fresh, Slick Rick, Sugar Hill Gang, MC Lyte, Biz Markie, Whodini and Dana Dane. Other performers on July 2nd will include Chris Brown, Jaheim, New Edition and Bobby Brown, and Steve Harvey.

"ESSENCE is thrilled to welcome these ground-breaking artists to round out the show at the Coca-Cola Presents the 2006 Essence Music Festival," said ESSENCE President Michelle Ebanks. "The old school reunion performance will perfectly complement scheduled appearances by Cedric the Entertainer, Charlie Wilson, Earth, Wind & Fire, Keyshia Cole, LL Cool J, Mary J. Blige,

Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, Mo'Nique, Toni Braxton, and Yolanda Adams for the largest gathering of African-American musical talent in the world."

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## Stephanie Wilson Of Reedy Chapel AME To Board Space Shuttle Discovery

The African Methodist Episcopal Church is honoring a member who is scheduled to blast into space July 1 aboard space shuttle Discovery.

Stephanie Wilson, 39, of Clear Lake, Texas, is one of seven astronauts who will take the trip and the second black woman to go following Mae Jemison's mission in 1992. Last Sunday (June 10), Wilson was surrounded by a circle of prayer warriors led by the pastor of Reedy Chapel AME Church, where Wilson has worshipped since 2000.

Also praying for Wilson is her former church family - Ward AME Church in Los

Angeles, where she worshipped while working at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. At Ward, Stephanie was a member of the Lay Organization, the choir, and a trustee.

Wilson, who holds a bachelor's degree in engineering science from Harvard University and a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Texas, has worked for NASA since 1996. Next month's 11-day mission on the Discovery will be just the second shuttle flight for NASA since the Columbia explosion in 2003 that killed seven astronauts. She said she has no fears

about her voyage.

"We've trained pretty extensively," said Wilson, a Boston native. "It's a big dream. It's exciting that it's coming true."

Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, presiding bishop of the AME Church in Texas, and President of the Council of Bishops, called for all to envision Wilson's journey as a sneak preview of heaven. He noted that upon her return Stephanie could tell all what 'heaven is like.'

The flight will take several thousand pounds of cargo and German astronaut Thomas Reiter to the international space station, where he will join two

others. It will also allow astronauts to try out new measures and devices on the shuttle meant to improve safety, Wilson said.



### HIV Hits Africa Page 1

always had a lower HIV prevalence rate than the richest 20 percent. The study's author said the findings should be used to make sure AIDS prevention messages are reaching those who earn the most money.

Poverty-driven programs are likely to have limited impact on prevention efforts when the majority of HIV-infected people are the wealthiest, not the poorest," said Vinod Mishra, director of research at ORC Macro, a Maryland-based research company that conducts detailed demographic surveys around the world.

Mishra gave several possible reasons why those with more money have higher HIV prevalence rates. One is that studies show that the richest people have more partners, "more opportunities to travel, more opportunities for casual sex," and rich men can afford to buy sex, Mishra said in an interview. He also said wealthier men in Africa start having sex at an earlier age than poorer men, though wealthier women start

to have sex later than poorer women.

Several delegates to the conference later took issue with Mishra's conclusions. "Ninety percent of the people in Africa are poor," John Lambert, a British development official, told Mishra after his talk. "The danger is that people could say that AIDS affects the wealthy more than the poor people. We worry about that."

Mishra said HIV infections still have a much harsher impact on the poorest because they generally lack access to good health care as well as proper nutrition. But he said many donors and African countries remain dismissive of data that show the richest men and women in Africa have higher infection rates.

"It may be that they see other diseases related to poverty, and they don't expect it to be the case with HIV," Mishra said.

He said Lambert was partly correct in saying that in many African countries the richest 20 percent included people who were poor by most standards. Still, he said, there was a great

divide in African countries between the richest and poorest, and HIV prevention efforts would be better targeted toward those with more wealth.

Standing next to him, Dr. Alex Opio, assistant commissioner in Uganda's national disease-control department, said he was met with disbelief recently when he briefed foreign donors on the HIV prevalence data. In Uganda, the rate of HIV infection among the poorest 20 percent of women was 5 percent, compared with an 11 percent infection rate for the richest 20 percent; for men, 4 percent of the poorest were infected, compared with 6 percent of the richest.

"People wanted to stone me," Opio said of the reaction from donors. He said they didn't want to admit their programs were focused on the wrong population group. "It's in their mindset that the poorest have the highest prevalence. They don't want to hear anything different."

The data were debated in several corners around the conference, which has attracted more

than 1,100 delegates. While several raised questions about whether the findings could be extrapolated to the rest of Africa, many said the data could cause a reevaluation of whether prevention efforts were adequately reaching the relatively well-off group.

"The strategy should be geared to all population groups," said Pamela Bridgewater, the US ambassador to Ghana. If the data prove to be accurate, she said, "we would find additional strategies to reach this group."

The surveys, the most complete of their kind in Africa, included interviews with 6,000 to 18,000 people in each country and the taking of blood samples for HIV tests. Researchers did not ask people their income level, but instead registered a number of details about their residence and possessions to rank their wealth.

"The reality is that HIV prevalence is higher among the better-offs," Mishra said. "That is a fact. All those ideas that absolute poverty is at the core of AIDS are misplaced."

### Water Restrictions Page 1

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**Things We Can Learn**

forgiving ourselves. We can learn there is something exhilarating about the forward look; and that we should always look forward to something. We can learn to look forward when

world. The inward look has value, but it has its dangers in that we can experience "paralysis through analysis." The upward look is helpful and lifts us to the spiritual stratosphere. The forward look is challenging and fruitful; it is accompanied by faith, courage, and enthusiasm.

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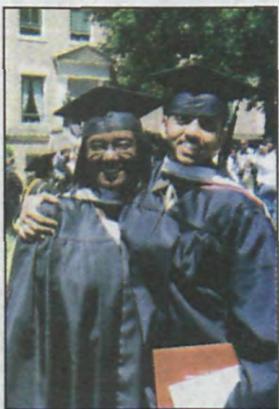
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**We can learn that we cannot make someone love us.** We can only try to be someone who is not difficult to love. We can learn that sometimes it takes years to build up trust; but seconds to destroy it. We learn that it's not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that counts.

**We can learn that we can do something in a few minutes that will give us heartache for life;** that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel. We learn that heroes are the people who do what has to be done, regardless of how they feel.

**We can learn that maturity has more to do with attitude, dependability, and taking responsibility for our life than the number of birthdays we've had.** That no matter how good a friend is, that we are going to hurt each other every once in a while, and forgiveness is essential to lasting friendship; and that forgiving others is sometimes easier than



**Picture of The Week**  
Fellow graduates: Naarah Allen and Akaash Singh, born in America & son of Susheela & Rajendra Singh. The first child in his family to graduate from college; his grandfather, Ram Singh, attend his graduation.

a person becomes a Christian and renounces his love for the world. That he must not look back. The Israelites continued to look back to the flesh pots in Egypt. They couldn't get Egypt out of their minds. We can learn that we can profit from history, if we allow ourselves to learn from it.

**We can learn that there four possible looks:** The backward, the inward, the upward, and the forward look. The backward look is retrospective; for the most part it is liable to arrest us and we become entangled again in the things of the

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June 25, 3:30 pm

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Sunday, June 11, 5 pm

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Thursday, June 22, 11:30 am

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

Sunday, June 25, 4:30 pm

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# Minorities Showcase Businesses At MERGE 2006 Black Expo

By: Erin Evans

Over 200 entrepreneurs represented their businesses at MERGE 2006 Black EXPO on June 17-18 at the Automobile Building in Fair Park.

MERGE 2006 is the largest exhibition of African American owned businesses in Texas. Sponsored by Countrywide Home Loans and the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, the nation's oldest and largest African American chamber of commerce, the Black EXPO gives local entrepreneurs the opportunity to expose their products and services to their community.

"As black entrepreneurs, I feel we are still a rare commodity," said Nnedi Iwuchukwu, who is a massage therapist at Serenity Spa in

see blacks doing things for themselves."

Serenity is a black owned and operated spa that has hairstylists, barbers, nail technicians, make-up artists and massage therapists that opened in 2003.

Some vendors, like Shannon Walker of SW Photography in Oak Cliff, came out to the EXPO to capture their African American audience in a broader spectrum.

"We usually go to bridal shows and events that cater to weddings, but I decided to come out today because I knew a lot of photographers wouldn't be here and I could capture an African American audience," said Walker, owner

and photographer of SW Photography.

Karen Piggins started Twice As Nice, a home aromatherapy business four years ago with the use of all natural products.

"As an entrepreneur, the revenues that we make as owners of our own business, set an example for younger minorities and give us a chance to give back to the community," Piggins said.

Elegant Exteriors in Plano had its first piece of exposure at the Black EXPO since it first opened six months ago. Elegant Exteriors specializes in nine car fragrances, car detailing and custom rims.

"This EXPO came at a great time for us, since we're a pretty new business," Al Ward, entrepreneur with Elegant Exteriors, said. "Now we can really take advantage of getting our cards and information into the community."

For many of the entrepreneurs, starting their own business has not always been easy.

"Despite all the odds, you must be your own cheerleader and pick yourself up when you fall down," Iwuchukwu said.



Misty Heath and Ahmad Rashad Simmons promote the community marketing group of MON The Gazette.

Plano. "There are not enough black entrepreneurs in the community, so I think it's great for kids to come out and

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Jason Taylor (on Saxophone) of the Sheldon Wright Quintet performs on the Jazz and Blues Stage.



A large crowd enjoys music and food at the festival.



Michelle Kiner performs on the Jazz and blues stage.



(L to R) Laura Starling, Jessy James, and Sandra Martin, Bud light Models.



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