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People In The News



Robin Armstrong, M.D., of Dickinson, Texas, was elected the first African American vice chairman of the Texas Republicans at the Republican State Convention in San Antonio.

"I am thrilled to have Robin join our leadership team as Vice Chairman," said Tina Benkiser, Chairman of the Texas Republicans, in a press release. "His extraordinary energy and commitment to our party and his leadership experience will serve our party well as we seek to elect more Republicans in November."

Currently, Armstrong serves at Mainland Medical Center in Texas City and as an assistant clinical professor of Internal Medicine.

"My involvement in politics was born from a desire to see our communities reflect the values that have made our Nation great," Armstrong said.

He became a Republican in 1989 and the abortion issue was his initial motivating factor.

Armstrong has held many leadership positions including Texas Medical Association Political Action Committee and president-elect for Galveston County Medical Society.

Armstrong received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in microbiology and graduated from the University of Texas Medical School in Galveston.

Armstrong is married to Martha Armstrong, M.D. with two sons, Daniel and Gabriel.

Author Parry "Ebony Satin" Brown will be hosting a book signing on Thursday, June 29 at Black Images Book Bazaar at 6:00 p.m.



Her new novel, *What Goes Around*, features the author's trademark drama, faith, humor, and love—and the return of a character that Brown's readers love to hate.

Parry's debut novel, *The Shirt Off His Back* was a national best seller for more than five months. She is currently co-producing the screen adaptation of *The Shirt Off His Back*.

As a motivational speaker, Brown encourages women to look inside themselves to find their worth regardless of their size or color.

Brown has had numerous television appearances including *INSIGHTS* on Fox and ABC World News Now and several radio shows including the Tom Joyner Morning Show.

She is also the general manager of ShanKrys Publishing, a partner with ANE Productions, a major motion picture company.

Brown is the chairperson and founder of Los Angeles Ebony Online People which is a non-profit organization that she started in 1997 to mentor economically challenged young people by placing Internet ready computers in their homes.



Allen E. Nance, Jr., of Lewisville, is the author of *The Roman Empire Lives: in the Catholic Church*. His book explores Catholic practices that contradict the teaching of Jesus Christ as found in the Bible where the origin of most of those practices is the Roman Empire.

The Roman Empire Lives: in the Catholic Church was published in March by Outskirts Press and is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com.

Nance was inspired to write the book after reading Catholic literature designed to explain their faith. The purpose of the book is to share with those who practice Catholicism that they should observe the things Jesus commanded rather than the thing the Roman Empire commanded.

Nance is a teacher by profession and by the spiritual gift of the Holy Spirit. With this work his ministry territory has been greatly expanded. He has been led, by the Holy Spirit, that through his teaching he would disciple more Christians to think, live, and worship the way Jesus taught in the Bible.

For more information about the book, visit outskirtspress.com/theromanempirelives.

Tracks Of Our Past And Future Art Wall Unveiled

To the gasps and applause of hundreds of celebrants, the eagerly awaited Douglass Community art wall was unveiled on Saturday, June 17, 2006, 10:00a.m., by Mayor Pat Evans and long-time Douglass Community resident Mr. Ben Thomas.

At 76-feet long and 6-feet tall, the gleaming mosaic of shimmering Italian glass now stands as a permanent testament to the contributions of the African American community in the growth of the City of Plano and celebrates our All-America City's rich cultural diversity.

"This is a very proud day in the City of Plano," said Mayor Pat Evans. "This wall is going to stand for decades to come as a celebration of the strength of our community and all of Plano. With over 254,000 residents and over 80 lan-



guages spoken in our Plano schools, it is easy to look at our cultural differences and not our similarities. This work makes note of the values we all hold dear, family, fellowship and faith, the strong threads that run

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Enjoy "Picnic In The Park" At Star Spangled Fourth 2006

The City of Garland continues a patriotic tradition with Star Spangled Fourth 2006, a three-day festival featuring three family-friendly locations. The fun begins Saturday, July 1 with a Star Spangled First Saturday in historic Downtown Garland, featuring food, music,



the Star Spangled Fourth "Picnic in the Park," sponsored by the City of Garland's Parks and Recreation Department, will be held at Audubon Park on Sunday, July 2 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Families are invited to bring a blanket and a picnic basket, and attend this old fashioned hometown picnic featuring an array of activities for old and young alike. Entertainment will be provided by Ken Savage and the Best Kept Secret. Activities will include a pie-eating contest, tug of war, 3-legged and sack races, train rides, balloon sculptures and much more.

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Patriotic Pops With The Plano Symphony Orchestra



Join the Plano Symphony Orchestra and the fabulous Rich-Tone Chorus as they honor our country and the people dedicated to preserving our freedom. Come casual, bring the whole family and enjoy your holiday in the cool com-

fort of the Eisemann Center in Richardson on Tuesday, July 4th, 3:00 pm. It's a program of music that stirs the soul, expressing the ideals, hopes and beliefs of those who pledged to each other "our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor" in the name of liberty more than 200 years ago.

The Rich-Tones are a chapter of a worldwide non-profit organization known as Sweet Adelines International. This is a group of over 30,000 women committed to advancing the

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The National Conference For Social Justice Convenes In Dallas

The National Conference and Revival for Social Justice in the Black Church was held on Tuesday and Wednesday at Friendship West Baptist Church. Speakers included Dr. Cornell West, Reverend Joseph Lowery and Reverend Jessie Jackson. The conference was convened by the National Action Network that is headed by its president, the Reverend Al Sharpton and Chairman Reverend Franklyn Richardson. Workshop sessions were open to the religious community and general public during the day and a revival took place nightly.

Within the last few decades the black church has been devoid of a comprehensive agenda that regards and addresses those issues that affect its



Dr. Cornell West
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Congress Urged To Renew Voting Rights Act

AP
Civil rights advocates urged Congress on Monday to quickly renew provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, saying the "heart and soul" of the act is under attack by Southern Republicans.

"Martin Luther King's bones must be rattling in his grave that in 2006, these Dixiecrats are being possessed by the ghosts of (the late Sens. Strom) Thurmond and (Herman) Talmadge," the Rev. Joseph Lowery said at a news conference hosted by Concerned Black Clergy.

Members of the American Civil Liberties Union, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta called on Congress to renew the legislation before their weeklong July 4 recess.

In particular, they criticized Georgia Republican Reps.



U.S. president Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act into law on August 6, 1965. Martin Luther King Jr. stands directly behind him.

Lynn Westmoreland and Charlie Norwood, saying the two congressmen and other Southern Republicans who support amendments to the legislation were delaying the renewal of one of the major achievements of the civil rights movement.

The congressmen have argued that renewal of the act unfairly singles out nine states for federal oversight, without crediting them for making strides against past discriminatory voting practices.

Westmoreland spokesman

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Out Of Africa

By: Erin Evans

As a child who grew up in the age of technology, television and computers were often where I received news about issues and events from California to Cameroon.

Cameroon is a country on the west coast of Africa, just south of Nigeria, a country that until I looked it up on a map, could not locate or even tell which continent it was on.

So, how much do you know about Africa?

While in middle and high school, I did not receive much education about Africa—from its rich history to its present political and economic struggles to its influences on hip-hop, soul and pop music. Television and the Internet were, and often remain, my key source of information. Through vivid images of starving children, barren lands and rundown homes, African Americans often forget about the lifestyle beyond the commercialized view of the mother country.

Africa's struggles mirror many of America's struggles

among economical, political and social lines.

While there are many issues and topics to cover in its 54 countries, this column offers a



peak into issues and events straight out of Africa.

Ghana—As the only African country to advance to the second round, Ghana lost to Brazil in a 3-0 fight for a third round seat in the 2006 World Cup Championship. Ghana played without midfielder Michael Essien, took more shots than Brazil but failed to score. This was Ghana's first appearance at the FIFA World Cup.

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Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club To Hold Open House July 1st

On Saturday, July 1st, 2006, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM, the Garland Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, located at 435 South Fifth Street, will open its doors to the public for a fun-filled day featuring a FREE video game competition, FREE bounce houses, door prizes, refreshments, and MORE!

Players of all ages are invited to engage in a little friendly competition on X-boxes, while the little ones enjoy bounce houses provided by Big

Balloon Guy. Peter Piper Pizza, snow cones, and popcorn will be served while attendees tour the Boys & Girls Club facility and receive information about its many beneficial programs.

A one-year basic membership in the Garland Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club is only \$15, and affords children access to a number of athletic, academic and character-building programs at the facility, located at 435 South Fifth

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Young Ladies Of Distinction Pageant Showcases Area Youth

Photos By: LaQuisha Hosley
The Young Ladies of Distinction Pageant was held on Saturday, June 11 at the Plaza Theatre in Garland as an essay writing scholarship pageant for young ladies ages 11-17. Ashley McKinzie, 13, from Wilson Middle School in Plano, was crowned Junior Miss and Iesha Shannon, 15, of Williams High School in

Plano was crowned Miss Teen Young Lady of Distinction. Maddissen McRoberts, 12, and Imani Cofield, 11 were first and second runner-ups in the Junior Miss competition, respectively. Demi Taylor, 14, and Nicole Ridgeway, 15, were first and second runner-ups in the Miss Teen competition. The pageant was used as a positive avenue that encouraged

creativity through writing. It focused on expounding each contestant's writing strengths instead of their beauty. The contestant with the highest essay score was crowned the next Junior Miss or Miss Teen Young Lady of Distinction. Throughout the year, Junior Miss and Miss Teen winners perform various duties such as school visits, parades and com-

munity involvement. The pageant included a talent competition and evening wear presentation. Tracie Y. Douglas acted as pageant coordinator and mistress of ceremonies. The pageant encourages each contestant to gain self-awareness, self-confidence and individual pride within themselves and their writing.



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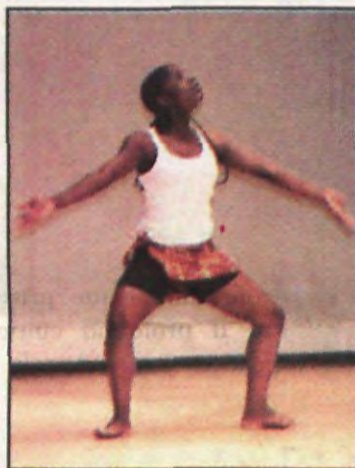
All contestants in formal wear



Ms. Teen winner - Iesha Shannon



Jr. Ms. winner - Ashley McKinzie



Ms. Teen contestant - Demi Taylor performs a dance in talent competition



Music provided by M.L. Doc Gibbs



Contestants' opening number



Ms. Teen winners - Demi Taylor (1st RU), Iesha Shannon (Winner) and Nicole Ridgeway (2nd RU)



Jr. Miss winners - Maddissen McRoberts (1st RU), Ashley McKinzie (Winner) and Imani Cofield (2nd RU)

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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
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.
"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 LaSima Foundation offers free HIV Testing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For locations and more information, call 214-928-9303.
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.
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.

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.
PHASE, The Potters House Singles Ministry would like to invite all singles to join us for our Soul Food events held every 1st & 3rd Friday in the Youth Sanctuary. For more information, contact the PHASE information line at 214-331-0954 x.1954.
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).
July 1
STAND Champions Live Motivational Talk at Betty Walmark Library from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 607 Bardin Road, Grand Prairie, 75052. Inspired by the "Never Say Die" single, we embark on a journey to transform the Champion in you. Our intent is to equip you with the core qualities of effective CHAMPIONS. Featuring Mubita C. Nawa, motivational speaker and author. For more information and to register, call 1-866-626-3339 or visit www.standchampion.com.
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 3
Addison's Kaboom Town presents extravagant fireworks choreographed to music plus historic warplane fly-bys and various musical guests. Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle Drive in Addison. 5 pm to midnight. FREE.
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.
Richardson's Family Fourth Celebration at Breckinridge Park. Sparks will fly at the City of Richardson's annual "Family Fourth Celebration." This traditional, patriotic salute is free and open to the entire community. Attendees are encouraged to bring picnics, blankets and/or lawn chairs

and enjoy the evening under the stars! From 6:00 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.
The Irving Symphony Orchestra (ISO) present "Patriotic Concert and Fireworks Celebration" in Las Colinas' Williams Square. Gates will open at 5 PM so that attendees may enjoy entertainment by Payin' My Dues and the culinary delicacies of various food vendors. The patriotic concert by the ISO will begin at 8:30 PM - followed by a spectacular fireworks show. Admission is FREE. Williams Square is located at 5215 North O'Connor Boulevard.
July 8
John Hancock presents Champions on Ice at the American Airlines Center at 3:00 p.m. Performances include Michelle Kwan, Sasha Cohen, Surya Bonaly and several others. Tickets available through Ticketmaster locations.
July 14
Black Writers Reunion & Conference, held at the Radisson Dallas Hotel & Suites at 2330 West Northwest Highway, offers something to writers of all genres and levels. Workshops include The 1) Craft of Writing, covering novels, screenplays and more, 2) The Business of Writing & Publishing Tricks of the Publishing Trade: How to Self-Publish & Market Your Own Book, Tapping the Hidden Short Story Market, Getting Into Bookstores & Staying In and more. Visit www.blackwriters.org or contact bwrc@blackwriters.org for more information on schedule and

events.
July 21
Desperate for Jesus Women's Conference 2006 at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church. An explosive weekend of music by national recording artist, Mary Alessi, national speaker and author, Beth Moore, and much more! 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Doors open each day 1 1/2 hour before event. FREE REGISTRATION! For more information contact Carla Robertson at (214) 672-9100 Ext. 1014 or DFJ@ocbfcchurch.org
July 22
The K104 Driver's Select Summer Jam at the Smirnoff Music Center, starring Yung Joc, Omarion, Chingy, 8 Ball & MJG, Young Dro, Lyfe Jennings, Fonsworth Bentley with special guest Kanye West, Project Pat, Farrell, Lloyd Banks, Kelis, Big Tuck, South Boy, Dre and more! Tickets on sale now at Ticketmaster, or listen to win your way in on K104!
July 29
Kirk Franklin and Smokie Norful live in concert at Six Flags Over Texas at 8:00 p.m.
Ringling Brothers: Barnum & Bailey's Circus is in town. Several shows on Saturday including 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 30 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.

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Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community

New Gallery Show Features Student Photography

Photography by three Collin County Community College District (Collin) scholarship students will adorn the walls of THE ARTS gallery starting Wednesday, July 5. THE ARTS gallery is located at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

The Student Photography Scholarship Show will feature students Stanislav Komarovski, Jody Wissing and Danny Mulnix Wednesday, July 5-Monday, July 31. An artist's reception is scheduled for 6 p.m., Friday, July 14.

"The bodies of work by

these photo-artists are as exciting as they are diverse," Byrd



Komarovski - This untitled photograph from Stanislav Komarovski will be shown at the Student Photography Scholarship Show at Collin County Community College District.

Williams, Collin photography professor, said. "The range of styles covers two dimensions and three, as well as both conceptual narratives and documents."

Komarovski's photographs examine Metroplex bridges "as if they were giant sculptures bathed in mercury vapor," Williams said.

According to Williams, Mulnix's work looks "at women in banal settings, infused with an odd and indefinable mood shroud-

ing the moment. They appear to be somewhere in between posed and candid."

Wissing's contributions are dioramas, "imaginary rooms filled with the stuff of excess. Garish cultural dioramas that are light painted with color and cluttered with artifacts of pretension."

The show is free and open to the public.

Summer gallery hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information about this or future exhibits, visit THE ARTS gallery website at www.ccccd.edu/THEARTSgallery or call 972.881.5873.

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.



Wissing -- One of Jody Wissing's photographs, "TI," focuses on "stuff of excess."

DCCCD Partners With Texas Southern To Give Students Access To Four-Year Degree Program

Students in the Dallas County Community College District will have access to another option for study and career advancement with the addition of a new education partner, Texas Southern University.

DCCCD students now can transfer their associate's degree credit hours to TSU so that they can pursue a bachelor's degree. They also can participate in concurrent enrollment with TSU while they work on their two-year degree.

The partnership will be formalized on Thurs., June 29, during an articulation agreement signing at DCCCD's downtown district office, 4th floor, 701 Elm St., in Dallas at 2 p.m. Dr. Wright Lassiter, chancellor of DCCCD, and Dr. Bobby Wilson, interim president and provost at TSU, will participate.

"DCCCD continues to seek new partners in higher education so that we can offer our students more options for their educational and professional growth," said Lassiter. "We

welcome Texas Southern University as a partner with our district, and we look forward to the additional opportunities for our students that this agreement will provide."

"We also welcome DCCCD students to TSU's campus family, and we look forward to working with them as they pursue their bachelor's degrees," said Wilson.

And DCCCD students will receive twice the benefits as college students under a separate agreement with TSU that enables them to enroll concurrently in the district and at Texas Southern. Under the agreement, students attend one of the district's seven colleges, enroll concurrently at TSU and transfer seamlessly to the university from DCCCD; those students who meet Texas Southern's admission requirements or who complete their associate's degrees will receive automatic admission to TSU.

The objectives of the agreements are: to attract qualified students from DCCCD to TSU; to ensure the efficient and

orderly movement (or transfer) of students from DCCCD to TSU as students continue to advance their studies; to provide specific advising for DCCCD students who transfer to TSU, especially those who are concurrently enrolled at both institutions; to allow the transfer of up to 66 credit hours and the guarantee of a "seamless transition" for DCCCD graduates to TSU; and to establish academic and administrative coordination between the two schools.

DCCCD students who would like to transfer to TSU under this agreement must: be in good academic standing with the district; have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (some majors may require a higher GPA); and have completed or been awarded an Associate of Arts degree or an Associate of Science degree. DCCCD students who are not concurrently enrolled at TSU may transfer without an associate's degree; they must have

courses numbered "100" or above and also must have a grade of "C" or above in those classes. Developmental education courses are not eligible for transfer. TSU will accept a total of 66 transfer credit hours (including 48 core curriculum credit hours) from DCCCD, and those transfer students must earn the remaining credit hours in residence at TSU.

Concurrently enrolled DCCCD students will have access to the TSU Library; the

right to purchase tickets to athletic and other selected university events; and will have additional opportunities to learn more about TSU scholarship programs. TSU also will host on-site admissions events at all DCCCD colleges at least once each year.

For more information about the DCCCD/TSU agreements, contact Gregory

Williams, DCCCD coordinator of transfer services, at (214) 860-2185.

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SummerStage 2006 Keeps Kids Creating All Summer

More than 250 students aged 4-18 spend their summer at Dallas Theater Center, feeding their creative spirits. Classes began June 5th and run through July 28.

Students, who are grouped by age, explore subjects including movement, visual art, acting, voice, music, dance and text analysis. All sessions culminate in a performance showcase for friends and family. This year, in a SummerStage first, renowned scenic designer Clare DeVries, has transformed Frank's Place, upstairs in the Kalita Humphreys Theater, into an environmental final performance space that will surround audience and students alike with a Magical Forest.

"SummerStage is the heart and soul of our acting programs, and one of our very favorite events each year" said Lisa Holland, DTC's Director of Education and Community Programs. "There are students in virtually every nook and cranny of the theater - singing, dancing, acting, creating - you can feel the energy in the air!"

Younger students will explore familiar children's stories, such as Where the Wild Things Are and fairytales from The Brothers Grimm, adapted by SummerStage teachers. Musical theater classes teach-

ing students healthy singing techniques and how to tell a story through song will perform excerpts from the hit Broadway musicals, Seussical and Peter Pan. Courses and material change each year, and all SummerStage staff are working artists as well as educators.

For students ages 13-18, SummerStage offers the Pre-College Actor Training Program (ATP). This program, designed to accommodate novice and advanced students, includes a class on the art of spoken word poetry taught by Kim Sasser, a guest artist from the inaugural season of DTC's DaVerse Lounge, and a class on how to use and hone improv skills taught by Chamblee Ferguson, currently performing in DTC's production of Tony Kushner's The Illusion.

"This is my 6th summer at SummerStage... It's so fun, and the teachers are awesome!" said 10-year-old Hockaday student Sarah Startz.

Registration is ongoing throughout the summer and class prices range from \$150-\$500. For more information on specific SummerStage classes, call 214-252-3918 or visit: www.dallastheatercenter.org and click on the link "Register Now for SummerStage."

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Street, at Avenue D.

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For more information, call Executive Director Michael Pendleton at 972-272-4531.

About the Salvation Army

Boys & Girls Club...In our community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision, where they are vulnerable to the influences of gangs, drugs, alcohol, and other destructive forces. Our Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging, and influence. Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow - all while having fun. It's the Positive Place For Kids!

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African Americans Call For Boycott Of BP, Arco, And Amoco Gas Stations

AP
A group of prominent black leaders including the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton announced Tuesday a boycott of BP PLC, saying the oil company gouges customers and racially discriminates in its business practices.

"One of the biggest issues of our time is energy exploitation," Jackson said. "We are encouraging people to go to other stations and to turn in their gas cards." The London-based company was targeted because none of its upper-level executives are black and there are no black owners among its hundreds of U.S. distributors, Jackson said.

BP spokesman Scott Dean defended the company's diversity, saying 15 percent of BP's U.S. employees are black and they account for almost 10 percent of senior officials.

"It is disappointing that (Jackson) is playing the race card against a company that has a long-standing tradition of diversity, that has a work force that mirrors the diversity of the American people," Dean said.

Dean said that while none of BP's roughly 600 U.S. distributors are black, the company would like to find black-run companies to distribute gas regionally. The company has been sued by a black U.S. distributor who said he was unfairly denied a contract, but Dean said BP chose a different bidder with a better proposal.

Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Coalition began weekly protests against the company last week, and he said there are plans to expand the demonstrations after

he gained the support Tuesday of about 100 black leaders at a summit in Dallas that ends Wednesday.

Jackson said rising gas prices have disproportionately hurt America's poor, who travel the most for their work and can least afford to pay. He called for Congress to cap gas prices and institute a windfall profits tax that would redirect oil companies' recent record earnings to education and social programs.

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"If you give British Petroleum a good spanking, it will send a message to the other companies," Sharpton said.

Dean said the boycott and protests would not affect "business as usual" at BP stations and offices.

West Village Lucy Store Opens

Dallas' West Village has a new store catering to women with active lifestyles. The store, called "lucy," sells women's apparel and workout wear.

The West Village development features such stores as Banana Republic, The Gap and Ralph Lauren, as well as a mix of boutiques such as Bella Bella, Cowboy Cool and The Glass Slipper.

Portland, Ore.-based lucy is a privately held company with investors including Chico's FAS Inc. and venture capital firms Lone Pine Capital, Maveron L.L.C., Oak Investment Partners and Sutter Hill Ventures.

There is another Dallas-Fort Worth area lucy store in Southlake. The stores sell merchandise from their own lucy label, as well as exclusive items from other designers and brands.

The store opened June 23, but will have a grand opening celebration on Thursday.

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Countrywide Launches \$5 Million Assistance To Help Families In DFW Metroplex Reach Homeownership

Up to \$3,000 in closing cost assistance available to low- to moderate-income home buyers

Countrywide Financial Corporation (NYSE: CFC), America's #1 home loan lender*, announced today that it will offer home loan closing cost assistance to eligible families in the Dallas/Fort Worth area who obtain a home loan with Countrywide Home Loans. The grants will be made through Countrywide Bank, N.A. to award the loan closing cost assistance funds to borrowers. Countrywide Bank has committed \$5 million in funds for the grant exclusively for qualified home buyers in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

"Countrywide was founded on the principle of lowering barriers to homeownership, and one of the most common

barriers is having funds on hand to cover costs during the home buying process," said Jim Furash, president and CEO, Countrywide Bank. "This new closing costs assistance program gives funds to low- to moderate-income home buyers and homeowners and residents in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods."

The closing cost assistance awarded to qualified borrowers obtaining a loan with Countrywide does not have to be repaid. The funds can be put toward the costs associated with a home loan, including paying points to reduce the interest rate over the life of the loan.

For Families Purchasing a Home

Home buyers whose household income falls within the U.S. Census Bureau definition of low-income (\$30,000-\$32,000

annually depending on county) or who are purchasing a home in a neighborhood designated as a low-income area, may be eligible to receive up to \$3,000 in gift funds. Those with moderate-income designations (\$49,000 - \$52,000 annually depending on county)** may be eligible for up to \$1,500. If the property is in a designated low- or moderate-income area, gift funds are available to qualified borrowers regardless of their income.

For Families Refinancing an Existing Mortgage

Homeowners seeking to refinance their existing home loan may be eligible for up to \$1,500 in gift funds, if there is a low-income designation, and up to \$750, if there is a moderate-income designation. Provided the property is in a designated low- or moderate-income area, gift funds are available to quali-

fied borrowers regardless of their income.

"We are very proud of this grant that enables us to 'give back' to the communities where thousands of Countrywide employees work and live," said Mark Dennis, regional senior vice president, Countrywide Home Loans. "As one of the largest employers in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, Countrywide is eager to support its neighbors and enhance opportunities for homeownership and prosperity among families who play such an important part in making Dallas a wonderful place to call home."

To learn more about Countrywide's closing cost assistance grant contact 800-747-1871 or visit any of the 18 branch offices of Countrywide Home Loans in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Verizon Wireless To Moderate Early Exit Fee Policy

Verizon Wireless plans to prorate its early termination fees starting this fall, reducing the amount some customers pay to end their service early, Chief Executive Officer Denny Strigl said on Wednesday.

The flat fee that Verizon Wireless and its rivals levy on early cancellations is a top customer complaint, Strigl said during his speech at a Yankee Group wireless conference.

Verizon Wireless, a venture of Verizon Communications (NYSE:VZ - news) and Vodafone Group Plc (VOD.L), is the first major U.S. carrier to lessen the amount it charges departing customers the closer they get to their contract end.

Strigl said he expects a small impact on revenue from the change, which aims to improve consumer satisfaction.

"It's a very minimal cost of

revenue impact," Strigl said at the sidelines of the conference.

When asked about the timing of the decision, he said, "The industry has a black eye over the whole thing."

Regulators and analysts applauded the No. 2 U.S. cell phone service provider's plans.

A spokesman for Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin Martin said the regulator would need to review the details but that "Martin is encouraged by today's announcement and is hopeful that it will prove to be beneficial to consumers and could signal a new trend among wireless carriers."

Yankee Group analyst Linda Barrabee said it was not clear whether it would prompt many customers to switch services but that it could shame rivals into following suit.

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Mavs Promote Fan Shop

The public got a chance to meet Dallas Mavericks Jerry Stackhouse and DeSagana Diop at the Dallas Mavericks Ultimate Fan Shop on Wednesday.

The two players are making the appearances to promote the shop and for fan appreciation, said Dawn Turner, a spokeswoman for the Mavericks organization.

She said while other Mavericks players might be making public appearances in the shop in the future, no schedule has been released.

The Ultimate Fan Shop opened June 16 and carries the latest licensed Mavs apparel and other Mavs items, as well as a variety of Cowboys, Rangers, Stars and collegiate apparel.

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The Black Panther Party: A 40-Year Journey

By: Brandon Perry

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Black Panther Party, an organization that pushed the limits on what steps Blacks can take to protect themselves, achieve civil rights and become self-sufficient in their own communities.

As surviving Black Panther leaders prepare gatherings to share the nostalgia of their accomplishments and reminisce about members lost in the struggle, they are making it clear that the best way activists today can honor their legacy is to seriously address the latest set of challenges being faced by African Americans, and humanity in general.

In a recent statement the Dr. Huey P. Newton Foundation, the organization that currently represents many of the original Black Panthers, noted that in some aspects, conditions for African Americans are worse today than they were in the '60s.

"Blacks in the main continue to live in poverty," the statement reads. "Disproportionate percentages of Blacks die from AIDS and cancer, as the Black infant mortality rate continues to be double that of whites. There is a desperate need for liberation agenda."

There are still many people who would argue that an organization like the Black Panthers would be best suited to find solutions to those problems.

Originally named the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, the organization was formed by Newton, Bobby Seale and Richard Aoki in

1966 in the wake of the assassination of Malcolm X, the riot in Watts, Calif., and the frustration some Black leaders had with nonviolent civil rights efforts.

The new group immediately announced its principles in a revolutionary Ten-Point Program that called for, among other things, "land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice, peace, an end to capitalist economic exploitation" and exemption of African Americans from military service.

One of the primary goals of

portation to prisons for families of inmates.

"They came up with solutions for some of the poverty based problems in the Black community with such initiatives as the Free Breakfast Program for school children," said Ramla Bandle, a professor of political science at IUPUI and expert on urban politics. "The Panthers offered clinics that were widely accepted once they backed off the revolutionary stance and moved towards changing things in the community themselves."

Bandle also noted that the work of the Black Panthers led to the establishment of institutions that are common in most cities today, especially social service centers and citizens' boards that regulate the ethics of police departments.

However, because of its revolutionary slant and use of some socialist principles the

Black Panther Party became a target of the FBI, which viewed it as one of America's greatest "communist" threats to national security. By 1974 the party had basically collapsed due to disagreements over ideology, confusion stirred up by government informants, the imprisonment of many members and shootouts with police.

On a national level, it became apparent that the NNBP would be very much different from the original Black Panthers. Founded in Dallas in 1991, its ideology also calls for Black empowerment, but places more of an emphasis on confrontation and protest.

"Survival programs are good, but they don't make us free," the NNBP founder, Aaron Michaels, once stated.

the Black Panther Party was to stop abuse committed by local police departments, especially those in the South. Starting in their native city of Oakland, armed Black Panthers conducted neighborhood patrols to watch police and ensure that law enforcement officials did not harass Black citizens.

The party, which had more than 30 chapters nationwide, was known for instituting several survival programs in various cities that were designed to serve neighborhoods that were in need of aid or thought to be neglected by the government. These services included clothing distribution, classes on politics and economics, free medical clinics, drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation, an emergency ambulance program and trans-

churches.

The art wall, entitled "Tracks of our Past and Future," touches not only upon the life of the Douglass Community, but begs to be touched itself. It is impossible not to instinctively reach out and run one's hand over the gleaming surface comprised of thousands of pieces of carefully cut and grouted mosaic tiles.

"One of the greatest challenges facing the historic preservation community is developing ways that we can link history to new generations while the gap

between the two continues to grow," said Mr. Justin Parker Nichols, representing the Plano Heritage Commission. "This project is a testament to the fact that our heritage and history does not only exist in the form of existing resources, but can be celebrated and remembered through the efforts of new projects and the creation of new valuable pieces of history."

The "Tracks of our Past and Future" art wall is located at 12th and I Avenue adjacent the DART light rail in historic Downtown

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Celebrates A Century Of Leadership And Service

Nation's First Black Greek-Letter Fraternity Reflects on Rich Past, Looks Toward Bright Future

General President Darryl R. Matthews, Sr., of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., announced today that the fraternity will kick off its official 100th anniversary celebration at its national convention in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, July 25, 2006. Founded on December 4, 1906 by seven distinct men at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, Alpha Phi Alpha is the first and largest inter-collegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for Black college students.

"Our founders envisioned a day when the leadership of African-American men would become widely-recognized and respected, despite challenges of social and economic inequality," said Matthews. "And since many of our members have had a tremendous impact on the nation's social and economic policies, this made Washington an ideal place to both honor our founders' vision and celebrate 100 years of Alpha Phi Alpha achievements."

Alpha Phi Alpha has not only been influential in the areas of government and business, but also in education, community affairs, sports and entertainment. The fraternity's prominent members include Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Charles Rangel, Marc Morial, Kwame Kilpatrick, Art Shell, Lionel Ritchie, the list goes on.

Over the years, Alpha Phi Alpha has lead hundreds of campaigns to uplift the African-American community, including the Million Dollar Campaign to support the NAACP, National Negro College

Fund and the National Urban League. The renowned "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" campaign was the first real organized demonstration to encourage African-Americans to vote. The fraternity's most recent campaign, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Project, has raised nearly \$60 million to date.

In addition, Alpha Phi Alpha has hosted many service initiatives that have directly affected the lives of African-American men. For more than 25 years, Alpha Phi Alpha

has partnered with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation to implement "Project Alpha," a program geared toward providing education and guidance to thousands of teen males in hundreds of communities.

Alpha Phi Alphas' over 650 chapters combined have contributed an estimated 650K in scholarships annually. The fraternity's presence in the African-American community has

remained unparalleled for the last 100 years, inspiring a host of other African-American fraternities and sororities.

"Alpha Phi Alpha has touched the lives of many individuals, in one way or another," said Matthews. "For us, this milestone is more than a celebration of the fraternity's 100th year. This is a celebration of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.'s steadfast commitment to improving the African-American community. As we reflect on our past, we look forward to the future, by continuing our commitment through dynamic leadership and service."

About Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Since 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is committed to developing leaders, promoting brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for the community. Today, there are over 200,000 members in 700 collegiate and alumni chapters in the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Africa.



Art Wall Page 1

through the tapestry of American. As we look at this mural we are all connected by these threads and realize that our strength as a people depends on the appreciation of that connection."

Formed five years ago at the request of the Douglass Homeowners Association, the Douglass Community Arts Advisory Committee was formed to secure funds and aid in managing the art wall project. Adjacent the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) light rail line, the cement retaining wall was made available to the Community by DART for the purpose of installing a mural in a park-like setting.

Tesseract Mosaic Studio, Inc., a collaborative partnership between Shug Jones and Lynn Chinn, submitted the winning design for the mural after gaining extensive feedback through interviews with residents in the Community.

"We are very grateful and proud to have been entrusted with the responsibility of creating this tribute to a community that has such a rich and historic history," said co-creator Shug Jones.

The Douglass Community is one of the oldest communities in Plano, established in the late 1800's as a community of former slaves. The area was originally known as Kendrick's Alley and Southside, but assumed the name of The Fredrick Douglass Community in the later years after the local school was named the Fredrick Douglass School following integration.

Today, the thriving community of 300 has grown from exclusively African American to a neighborhood of diverse cultures, encompassing two of Plano's historic landmarks, The Shiloh Baptist Church, celebrating over 120 years of faith in the community and the Pioneer Cemetery, which holds many of Plano's original Peter's Colony residents. Covering only a four-block radius, the Community is home to an astounding eight

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Movie Review: Waist Deep A Waste Of Time

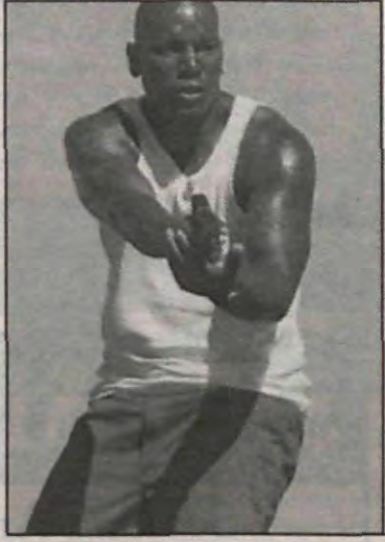
By: Kam Williams

Recently-paroled Otis, aka O2 (Tyrese) is looking forward to spending some quality time with his adolescent son, Junior (Henry Hunter Hall), after finishing up a six year prison sentence for dealing drugs. With two strikes against him, the ex-con knows that getting convicted of another felony in California will mean he'll spend the rest of his life behind bars.

To help himself stay on the right side of the law, O2 took a job as a security guard and was somehow cleared to carry a gun. Junior finds the revolver in the glove compartment of his father's classic convertible while cruising the 'hood right after their short-lived reunion.

Then, almost as soon as he snatches the automatic away from his curious kid, Otis finds himself carjacked by a horde of thieves who drive off with his young boy in the back seat. But they just happen to leave behind Coco (Meagan Good), a sexy confederate who helped set up the robbery. And fortunately for O2, Coco is the proverbial pros-

titute with the heart of gold. The Sunset Strip ho immediately spills the beans and decides to switch allegiances in order to help rescue Junior from the clutches of Meat (The Game), her bloodthirsty boss.



This is easier said than done, because Meat wants \$100,000 ransom, and gives Otis only one day to come up with the cash. Rather than report the crime to the LAPD, the pair proceeds to embark on a crime spree of their own, robbing banks and illicit businesses located in the ghetto,

behaving like a latter-day Bonnie and Clyde.

This is the preposterous premise of *Waist Deep*, the most mind-bogglingly bad, blaxploitation flick to arrive in theaters in recent memory. From its excessive use of profanities and the n-word (over 200 by my count), to its sadistic celebration of gratuitous gore (such as the gleeful display of a chopped-off arm) to its Swiss cheese script riddled with an array of utterly illogical plot developments, this picture is not so much a movie as a 90-minute version of a brainless gangsta' rap movie video. An unapologetic tribute to misogyny, bling, gratuitous violence, and black-on-black crime.

Next time, I hope Juilliard-trained, writer/director Vondie Curtis-Hall cracks open his brain and uses it. A big payday is the only explanation I can think of for his foisting such an absurd, insult to the intelligence on the unsuspecting public. If this is truly the best he can do, then he better take some filmmaking tips from his talented wife, Kasi Lemmons, director of *Eve's Bayou* and the upcoming *Talk to Me*. A waste of time.

Chappelle's 'Lost Episodes' To Air July 9th

The "Chappelle's Show" footage left behind when creator Dave Chappelle skipped town mid-production will begin airing July 9 on Comedy Central under the title "The Lost Episodes."



Word has it that most of the skits on the first show depict how life has changed for the comedian since signing a reported \$55 million deal to stay with the network - a deal he walked away from months later.

According to the New York Post, the first episode has Chappelle shouting from the window of a stretch limo "I'm rich, b*tch" to an ex-girlfriend who dumped him. She was also the object of a blistering sketch called, "Revenge is a Dish Best Served Cold."

Another bit shows how

Chappelle thinks people will treat him following the multi-million dollar deal. For example, an \$8 haircut suddenly costs him \$11,000.

Meanwhile, cast members Donnell Rawlings and Charlie Murphy handle the live studio segments between each sketch, as Chappelle took off before he was able to film them. An invite-only crowd was on hand last April for the taping.

During the first moments of the show, Murphy said without Chappelle, people would still think of him as "just Eddie Murphy's brother."

Laila Ali To Defend Her Title In South Africa

Muhammad Ali's daughter Laila will defend her women's WBC light heavyweight title this summer in Cape Town, South Africa as part of the country's month-long celebration of women's empowerment. The Aug. 5 fight against Atlanta-based Nigerian Jeoma Egbunine will be Ali's first trip to the continent, as the 28-year-old was not born when her father fought in Kinshasa, Zaire (now the Congo) and knocked out George Foreman in the Rumble in the

Jungle. "Whether my father fought in Africa or not, I would go to Africa because it's just one of those places you want to go," she said. "It's an historical event. We may not see that now, but in the future, this is something I can look back on and be proud of." Some fight proceeds will benefit the Nelson Mandela Foundation. Also, Ali plans to spend three weeks in South Africa leading up to the fight, visiting school kids and impoverished neighborhoods.



The South Dallas Cultural Center & Southern Soul Network Present One Last Black Music Month Event!

Join us for the 1st Annual Blues & Jazz Festival on Friday June 30th. The concert series kicks off at 7:30pm at Erykah Badu's Black Forest Theater. The theater is located at 1920 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The admission for this benefit concert will simply be a stack of school supplies and or non-toxic

which include: Junior's RoadHouse AllStars Blues & R & B band, featuring the dynamic Sister Rose Adams, the incomparable Johnny Woods on bass guitar, Preston Smith's dynamic drum work, and David Loving on the keyboards. Loving's work stems from his love and study of the New Orleans Storyville jazz greats. Jim Russell and Sister Rose Adams, an amazing vocal talent, round out the band. Reminiscent of Etta James, Rose has been singing for more than 35 years. Southwest Blues Magazine says "If you give Sister Rose a crowd, she will work them all night! She is always ready to party and take the crowd higher." It's no wonder these guys have been favorite hired guns playing with the likes of Tutu Jones, Johnny Taylor Jr., Wanda King, Blues Boy Willie, the late, great Al "TNT" Braggs, and others.

Carla Norris-Hopkins, jazz vocalist extraordinaire - is Dallas' best kept jazz secret. She is a Louisiana native and has many years of performing experience, all over the world including Paris, France and with leg-

ends like Bobby Blue Bland. Since moving to Dallas, Texas Carla Norris-Hopkins has performed at Terillis, Jammin' At the Center, Sammons Center for the Arts, and the annual Women in Jazz series, Dallas Museum of Art's Jazz in the Atrium, Kirby's, JRs, Sankofa, Maple Point Bar and Grill, Absinthe Lounge, Ft. Worth Jazz Festival, Denton Blues Festival, the Gordon Parks Reception and various other diverse venues.

"We intend to make all of North Texas aware of this wonderful talent! So come out to this FREE event, bring some school supplies or colored, non-toxic markers for the kids, and plan to Party Harty!" said event coordinator Froswa Booker-Drew.

The 1st Annual Blues & Jazz Festival is sponsored by The Southern Soul Network, The South Dallas Cultural Center, a program of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, DART, and Soulstice Consultancy. For more information about this fundraiser call 214-670-0315 or 214-500-4608.



colored markers. All donations will benefit the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of North Texas and the South Dallas Cultural Center Outreach Program.

Jazz and Blues lovers will enjoy the festival headliners

India Arie Returns From 'Voyage' After Four Years With A 'Testimony'

Twelve-time Grammy nominee India.Arie, one of music's most inspirational singer/songwriters has released her third studio album *Testimony: Vol. 1, Life & Relationship*.

The much anticipated release also coincided with National HIV Testing Day - a worldwide cause close to the singer's heart and arrived the same day that the acclaimed artist performed with Prince, Yolanda Adams & Stevie Wonder as part of a special tribute to Chaka Khan on last night's BET Awards.

Testimony: Vol. 1, Life & Relationship is India.Arie's first album since 2002's acclaimed *Voyage To India*, which reached #6 on the Billboard Top Albums chart and People Magazine called it, "A voyage worth taking." Her new disc was produced by longtime collaborators Shannon Sanders and Mark Batson (Seal, Beyonce), among others. The album's first video, "I Am Not My Hair," helmed by Barnaby Roper (Moby, Razorlight) has become a staple on both VH1 and BET.

Testimony... is also being hailed as a more personal expression from the singer/songwriter, with VIBE magazine calling it "a model of inner strength...rarely does she dote on the negative...her songwriting is pensive and poetic," and Glamour Magazine naming it among "Songs to Download Now" in



their July 2006 issue. India.Arie recently completed an international promotional tour for the

new disc, drawing raves in Europe: "Another earthy uplifting testimony of empowerment" (New Nation 6/12), "This magnificent return shows her at her very best (Mirror, 6/9) and "With *Testimony*, the world will be a better place." (Daily Star, 6/7) where she previewed the startling repertoire of new songs.

India.Arie emerged onto the music scene in 2001 with her platinum plus debut *Acoustic Soul*. A masterful meditation on self-acceptance and womanhood, she was dubbed the new "neo-soulstress" by no less than Newsweek Magazine, praising her as "one of the freshest talents to come out of 2001," the emotive singer went on to be nominated for seven Grammys for her debut album, and subsequently has won a host of awards including 2 Grammys, 3 NAACP Awards, as well as being recognized by BET, Billboard Magazine, MTV, VH1 and Essence Magazine, among others.

MASS Founder/CEO, Joyce Ann Brown Keynote Speaker At 2006 Essence Music Festival Empowerment Seminars

Accused, convicted and imprisoned for nine years, and later exonerated, for a crime for which she did not commit, Joyce Ann Brown, Founder/CEO, MASS, Inc. (Mothers and Fathers) for the Advancement of Social Systems, Inc.) will address thousands of attendees at the 2006 Essence Empowerment seminars in Houston, TX, hosted by Susan L. Taylor on July 1, 2006 at the Reliant Center. In a campaign to "Call to Action to Secure our Youth," presented by Essence magazine, Joyce Ann Brown, will engage listeners in discussing "Community Call: Opening the Doors-Re-Entering Society."

MASS, Inc. founded by Joyce Ann Brown in 1989, cultivates and promotes:

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released from prison readjust to life without bars and become productive law-abiding citizens,

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- Improving economic opportunity by promoting educational achievement, job development and housing availability, and
- Public advocacy of the Innocence in Prison programs and the issues that contribute to the cause.

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ment and housing availability.

Joyce Ann Brown, Essence magazine, and numerous community activists, organizations, and sponsors will converge on Houston to promote positive



Joyce Ann Brown

messages from leaders within the religious, political and entertainment sectors of the African American community.

Bow Wow Planning A Very Early Retirement After Next Album

And the preposterous trend of rappers threatening to retire continues.

The latest to be like Mike (Jordan, that is) with the mic - think Jay-Z and DMX, among others - is, fittingly, "Like Mike" star Bow Wow.

At the recent "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" premiere, star Bow stopped short of using the R-word - not that "retiring" from hip-hop has meant much so far - but said his upcoming fifth album "might be the last one."

"[If so] we're going to go out with a bang," the former Lil' rapper said. "It's definitely going to be the biggest album that I've ever done."

Bow Wow is early in the recording of the as-yet-untitled

album, but already has his first single ready.

"It features Chris Brown and it's called 'Shorty Like Mine,' so that definitely could be the biggest record of my career," he said.

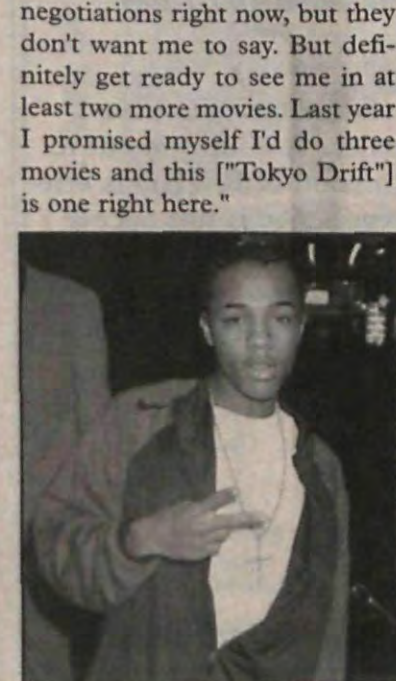
The album, due around Halloween, will again be overseen by Jermaine Dupri and will be what Bow described as "very different."

"I'm going for a more edgy, kinda mature sound," he said. "Now that I'm 19, I'm able to talk about a lot of things that I've experienced in my life."

So if this is Bow Wow's last musical endeavor, where does that leave him? Well, acting, for one.

"Scripts keep coming into the office daily so I'm reading, try-

ing to pick the next one," he said. "There's actually one in negotiations right now, but they don't want me to say. But definitely get ready to see me in at least two more movies. Last year I promised myself I'd do three movies and this ["Tokyo Drift"] is one right here."



Morehouse College Says It Will Inherit MLK Papers

A collection of Martin Luther King Jr.'s handwritten documents and books won't be sold at auction and instead will be given to his alma mater, officials said Friday.

A coalition of business, individuals and philanthropic leaders led by Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin bought the collection for an undisclosed amount, said Morehouse College President Walter Massey.

The personal papers of the civil rights leader had been scheduled to be auctioned off June 30 at Sotheby's auction house in New York and were valued at \$15 million to \$30 million. Massey said the Atlanta group offered more than that.

Morehouse College will acquire the collection, Massey said.

Sotheby's Vice Chairman David Redden confirmed that the auction will no longer take place, though the public exhibition of the collection will continue through Thursday, as scheduled.

"I can't imagine a better home than the home of Dr. King for this collection," Redden said. "It was there for years, it's going to be there forever. I think that's a marvelous conclusion to this extraordinary process. It guarantees that it will be looked after properly and made available to the public."

Redden would not disclose the

purchase price.

Andrew Young, a lieutenant of King's during the civil rights movement, became overcome with emotion when discussing the deal Friday night.

"People have seen this as an opportunity to step up and lay claim to Martin Luther King's nonviolent heritage as a part of Atlanta's tradition," Young said. "It really didn't belong anywhere else. The people who responded...it just lets you know who really understand and appreciate what Atlanta has done for them."

Of course, in the process, they've done a lot for Atlanta."

Atlanta is the birthplace of King and is where he and his

wife, Coretta, are buried. The city was the sentimental favorite in the bidding and was rumored to have stiff competition from others across the country, including the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institute, Duke University, and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at the New York Public Library.

Coretta Scott King's death in January was a catalyst for the sale, as her will calls for the liquidation of her estate.

The collection includes items ranging from canceled checks, to

a term paper he wrote as a student at Morehouse, to a draft of his most famous speech, "I Have a Dream," delivered at the 1963 March on Washington. As a requirement of the sale, the collection had to be bought as a single lot. If it is resold, it cannot be broken up as long as the King's children are alive.

Seven years ago, the Library of Congress offered \$20 million (euro16 million) for the collection. Negotiations stagnated a year later after historians debated the value of the papers. Sotheby's also failed to sell the

collection three years ago after the March on Washington anniversary exhibition.

Morehouse College is an all-male historically black college near downtown Atlanta. The 139-year-old school stands as the largest private, liberal arts college in the country for men with 2,800 students, and one of only four all-male colleges in the U.S. The school's other famous alumni include actor Samuel L. Jackson, former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher and film director Spike Lee.

Olympian Johnson To Open McKinney Training Center

After spending the last four years making house calls to some of the world's most famous athletes, five-time Olympic gold medalist Michael Johnson is opening up a new training center in McKinney, and having the sports stars come to him.

The Michael Johnson Performance Training Center is part of the new Cooper Sports Complex, a \$50 million development that also includes a Cooper Sports Medicine clinic and the Cooper Institute for Sports Medicine Research, both of which will be run by Dr. Kenneth Cooper, plus an eight-lane, 400-meter, 4,000-seat outdoor track stadium with grass infield.

Besides pro athletes, Johnson also will train Olympic track teams — including those from China and Great Britain — and

your run-of-the-mill weekend warriors. He'll also place a heavy emphasis on training youth, he said.

"What really intrigues me is the ability to take the same level of training we're able to provide elite, Olympic athletes, and bring it to youths between 12 to 18 years old, and help them reach their sporting dreams in any sport they choose," he said. "I certainly didn't have something like this when I was a young athlete. To be able to offer this to others and to help them perform at their absolute best — it's very rewarding."

Johnson also will work closely with the Cooper Institute for Sports Medicine Research, a physiology testing and research facility aimed at improving athletic performance. It will be led by

Dr. Conrad Earnest, who currently is director of the Center for Integrated Health Research at Cooper Institute in Dallas.



Construction of Johnson's training center will begin in a few weeks. The center is set to open in early 2007. The 24,000-square-foot building will include a basketball court, weight training rooms and an indoor track.

Out Of Africa Page 1

Sudan—The first meeting of the Darfur Joint Commission was on Monday, June 26 just after restrictions against United Nations operations were recently lifted over the weekend. Despite last month's peace deal between the government and largest rebel group, violence continues as two rebel movements neglect to sign the treaty. The three-year-old struggles between government forces, pro-government militias and rebels continue in Darfur. Thousands have been killed and more than two million others have been subject to civilian massacres, rape and several other crimes.

Ethiopia—The World Bank recently approved \$289.7 mil-

lion in aid to the country to finance road development, to improve its financial sector, rural development and accelerate rural electrification. The majority of the aid is in the form of credit from the International Development Association and \$15 million in the form of a grant.

South Africa—Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland will send representatives from government and civil society organizations to Johannesburg from July 4-6 to focus on eradicating exploitative child labor within the region. Nearly 50 million children between five and 14 years old are active in the labor force accounting for over 25 percent of children in that age group.

MAURITANIA—Nearly 96 percent of its citizens voted for constitutional changes for the country to provide for elections next year. There was a seventy-six percent voter turnout.

This referendum victory will result in two five-year term limits for future presidents. The last president remained in office for over 20 years. Colonel Ely Ould Mohammed Vall, one of the main proponents and military leader, says he will step down to an elected government in 2007.

Patriotic Pops Page 1

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Garland Fourth Page 1

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"The Parks and Recreation staff is excited at this opportunity to include one of our most versatile facilities as part of Star Spangled Fourth," says Recreation Superintendent Warren Bird. "Audubon Park offers so many activity and entertainment options, such as our newly-renovated recreation center, the beautiful walking trails, Surf and Swim, and of course, the park itself."

Star Spangled Fourth will culminate with the Star Spangled Finale on Tuesday, July 4 at Firewheel Town Center, featuring Country star Blake Shelton and a rousing fireworks display.

Star Spangled Fourth is proud to recognize the following sponsors for their contributions to this year's festival: Baylor Medical Center at Garland, Garland Power & Light, Garland Downtown Business Association, Firewheel Town Center, 96.3 KSCS, FOX4, Garland News, ClearChannel Outdoor, kdfi 27, KISS FM 106.1, Comcast, International Truck and Engine Corp., R-Delta, and the City of Garland.

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Church News

Church Happenings



Sister Tarpley

Short Stories & Poetry

Someone I know need to read and take in these short stories that I heard from Floyd Erving on the Joe Bagby's Morning Show, KHVN 970AM, Heaven 97.

In The Valleys I Grow: Sometimes life seems hard to bear, full of trouble, sorrow and woe. It's then I have to remember, that its, "In The Valleys I Grow." If I always stayed on the mountaintop and never experienced pain, I would never appreciate God's love and would be living in vain.

I do not always understand why things happen as they do, but I'm very sure of one thing, my Lord will see me through. My little valleys are nothing when I picture Christ on the cross; He went through the valley of death, His victory is our gain and Satan's loss. Forgive me Lord for complaining when I'm feeling so very low. Just give me a gentle reminder that its, "In The Valleys I Grow."

Lord, continue to strengthen me and use my life each day, to share Your love with others and help them find their way. Thank you for the valleys, Lord. For this one thing I know, the mountains are glorious, but, its "In The Valleys I Grow." -Anonymous. **Observation: "Remember that it's takes two mountains to make a valley; therefore, you've been blessed more than you've been in the valleys."**

"Because": Just because no

one has been fortunate enough to realize what a gold mine you are, doesn't mean you shine any less. Just because no one has been smart enough to figure out that you can't be topped, doesn't stop you from



Picture of The Week
Cousins Katie Woods from New Jersey and Lorraine Thomas from New York & Delaware paying a tribute to Freeman's Memorial Cemetery on Central Expressway

being the best. Just because no one has come along to share your life, doesn't mean that day isn't coming. Just because no one has made this race worthwhile doesn't give you permission to stop running. Just because no one has realized how much of an awesome man/woman you are, doesn't mean they can affect your masculinity/femininity. Just because no one has shown up who can love you on your level doesn't mean you have to sink to theirs. Just because you deserve the very best there is, doesn't mean that life is always fair.

Just because God is still preparing your Queen/King, doesn't mean that you're not already a King/Queen. Just because your situation doesn't seem to be progressing right now doesn't mean you need to change a thing. Keep shining, keep running, keep hoping, and keep praying, keep being exactly what you are already. Complete! Being a man/woman of God! -Bishop T. D. Jakes.

Everything: Heavenly Father, You knew me before I were in my mother's womb; You knew that I would be coming soon. Thank You Heavenly Father for all that You do. Thank You for bring me through.

Trials and tribulations come and tough times too, but all I have to do Heavenly Father is call on you. You kept a roof over my head and even a warm bed. If it wasn't for You; I would have been misled.

Thank You, Heavenly Father for all that you do, Oh Lord, Oh Lord I'm learning to depend on You. Thank You for all that You've done; You gave your only Son. You're everything to me, and I want You to know it; I'm going to work harder Lord, and I'm going to show it. Thank you for all that you're going to do, Your Son is coming back for all of them and me too. (Job 1:21-22) --Bobby J. Tucker.

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National Conference Page 1

African American congregations. In fact, far too many of the former citadels of liberation and justice have been reduced to little more than prosperity parlors and have suffered a lethal disconnect from the historical legacy of the black church and its leadership.

The stated goal of the conference was to reconnect black churches with their heritage. This effort will address challenges confronting the African American community. Further, it will put forth strategies and the necessary infrastructure to move our churches towards the type of collective action that

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Vocalist & Saxophonist Dean Mills

World renowned Dean Mills, a local Vocalist & Sax player is a member of The Mount - Mt. Hebron Baptist Church of Garland, Rev. Leonard Leach, Senior Pastor. He recently performed for New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett, Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Senior Pastor, at their Victory Entrance Service; with some future appearances scheduled for July 8th for Ebenezer MBC in Dallas, TX; July 14th @ Family Gospel Night in Briarwood Park, DeSoto, TX; and July 19-22, 2006 @ the Potter's House Mega Fest 2006 in Atlanta, GA, Rev. T. D. Jakes, Senior Pastor.

Mills, a gospel singer, originally from rural Michigan, began singing in his local church at the age of 15. A music major in college, he eventually moved to California to pursue a music career. Since then, Mills has shared the stage with various artists such as James Cleveland, L.A. Mass Choir, Smokey Robinson, Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis, Jr. and other famous performers. His voice combines jazz and rhythm & blues with gospel to create a unique singing style.

Mills also plays tenor, alto and soprano saxophone. His desire is for his ministry to be an effective tool to reach all people and especially those who normally do not listen to Gospel music.

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Marriage Is A Ministry To Host 8th Annual Christian Women's Conference

Rev. Jackie Montgomery to Deliver Conference Keynote Address

Marriage Is A Ministry will host their 8th Annual Christian Women's Conference focusing on the theme: "Ministering, Mentoring and Magnifying... Help A Sister Out." The weekend conference will include a "Sister Talk", workshops designed to "Help A Sister Out" for women who are single, married, divorced, widowed, in a blended family, and have the busy woman disease. The keynote address will be given by Rev. Jackie Montgomery of North Charleston, South Carolina.

The Christian Women's

Conference will be held on July 7-8, 2006 at the beautiful Lakeview Camp Retreat Center, 5128 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas 75167. Registration will begin at 4:30pm on July 7. (Visit www.lakeviewcamp.net for more information on Lakeview Camp.)

The Christian Women's Conference is an are of "Marriage Is A Ministry." The first conference was held July 1999 after the climax of A Concord Church Center for Biblical Studies class entitled, "Caught In The Middle." This year's conference promises to be one of helping and healing for the soul.

ence is to provide a comfortable setting for Christian women to focus on the importance of their role as 'Godly women,' says Brenda Johnson, President of Marriage Is A Ministry. "It is a time to retreat, to renew and to reflect on the privileged role God has given us. It is a time to listen, learn, share and fellowship with other believers as we learn best how to serve God in this role.

The Christian Women's Conference is open to all women whether single, married, divorced or widowed. For more information on the conference, please contact "Marriage Is A Ministry" at (214) 729-2176.

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