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People In The News



The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff and student body recently passed a unanimous vote to name Dr. John Waddell as the new president of Paul Quinn College.

Waddell, 44, recently completed his fifth year (2001-2006) as President of Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. During his tenure at St. Paul's, enrollment increased, the core curriculum was enhanced with strong faculty participation, the institution gained provisional state accreditation of its Teacher Education Program and St. Paul's was lauded for being the Tom Joyner #1 HBCU Fundraising School of the Year for 2005.

Prior to serving as president of St. Paul's, he previously served four years as President of Allen University, another A.M.E. College in Columbia, SC (1997-2001). Waddell currently sits on two boards of critical importance and national prominence to Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He is a member of the UNCF President's Board of Advisors to the College Fund.

He earned both Bachelor's (Secondary Education) and Master's (Student Personnel) degrees from the University of South Carolina at Columbia and a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Lynda Dorman, executive director of the Black Entertainment Television Foundation (BETF), visited Dallas on July 15 to host the Healthy BET campaign at Friendship West Baptist Church.

The Women's Health Forum urged the participants to make a commitment to good health and provided a 45-minute performance by gospel singer Vickie Winans.

Two years ago, Dorman was diagnosed with Shingles, a disease that is a breakdown of your immune system.

"This health crisis was my wakeup call to bring balance into my life and incorporate a lifestyle change," Dorman said. At the BET Foundation, Dorman manages its various campaign components and develops effective social programs that address health and mental issues impacting the African American community.

She is a member of several professional organizations including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Women in Cable Television, National Association of Black Female Executives in Music & Entertainment, Inc among several others.

She is a native of Washington, D.C. and earned her bachelor's degree from Illinois' National-Louis University College. Currently, she is a candidate for a master of business administration and international management degree from the University of Maryland-University College.



Rev. Robert W. Townsend, of Little Rock, Arkansas, has been selected as the new pastor of Mt. Pisgah MBC in Dallas. Pastor Townsend will preach his first sermon over the church on August 6 at 10 a.m.

Townsend has been in the licensed and ordained for the past 14 years and has been pastor at St. Peter MBC for the last eight years.

"My father, who is also a gospel preacher and pastor, always told me that God rewards faithfulness," he said. "I have seen this to be true in my own life, as God has rewarded me with innumerable opportunities to exercise my gift, as a revivalist, lecturer, teacher, preacher, and of course pastor."

While in Little Rock, he was the President of the Greater Little Rock Baptist Pastor's Conference and served on the boards of several Christian education programs.

He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

"In my estimation, the first step in deepening the prayer life and commitment of a congregation is to lead the church leadership into a deeper life of prayer and personal commitment to their Lord Jesus Christ."

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Bush Tells NAACP He Wants To Build Trust

AP

President Bush, addressing the NAACP after skipping its convention for five years, said Thursday he knows racism exists in America and that many black voters distrust his Republican Party.

Bush lamented the GOP's rocky relations with blacks. He pledged to improve that relationship and work with the NAACP's new leader to achieve common goals.

"I understand that racism still lingers in America," Bush told more than 2,200 people at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's annual gathering. "It's a lot easier to change a law than to change a human heart. And I understand that many African-Americans distrust my political party."

That line generated boisterous applause and cheers from the audience, which generally gave the president a polite, reserved reception.

"I consider it a tragedy that the party of Abraham Lincoln let go of its historical ties with the African-American community," Bush said. "For too long, my party wrote off the African-American vote, and many African-Americans wrote off the Republican Party."

Black support for Republicans in elections has hovered around 10 percent for more than a decade. In 2004, Bush drew 11 percent of the black vote against Democrat John Kerry.

Most of the president's talk generated a smattering of applause. But many in the convention



center stood and clapped when he urged the Senate to renew a landmark civil rights law passed in the 1960s to end racist voting practices, such as poll taxes and literacy tests, in Southern states.

The Senate passed the bill later Thursday and sent it to the White House.

For five years in a row, Bush had declined invitations to address the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the nation. This year, he said yes, knowing that he would be facing a tough crowd.

According to AP-Ipsos polling conducted in June and July, 86 percent of blacks disapprove of the way Bush is handling his job, compared with 56 percent of whites who disapprove.

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TXU Electric Delivery Launches Low-Income Weatherization Program

Free or reduced cost energy efficiency upgrades available to qualified consumers

With summer in full swing and temperatures on the rise, keeping energy costs under control is a top priority with consumers. However, for many low-income customers, even the most modest energy-efficiency improvements are beyond their means.

Help is available for qualified consumers through a state-mandated program administered by TXU Electric Delivery that provides energy-efficiency improvements at little or no cost. An estimated \$4 million in funds will be collected from retail electric providers to assist low-income customers with free or low-cost weatherization and energy efficiency



improvements.

"Many low-income customers cannot afford to install even the simplest energy efficiency improvements to their homes," said Troy Sellers, Community Relations Manager with TXU Electric Delivery. "We want them to know there is help available through the Low-Income Weatherization Program

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Out Of Africa

By: Erin Evans

The Leon H. Sullivan Summit that was hosted in Nigeria last week has spawned a proposal to offer dual citizenship for American slave descendants

Of course, there are several obstacles to this plan.

First, the ancestral heritage of many African Americans is unknown. Citizenship for an individual in its ancestral country is quite difficult to find due to the anonymity of the Middle Passage, the splitting of families and distinct African cultures.

One proposal is to offer continent-wide citizenship through the African Union. Another is for countries to offer independent citizenship for those who apply.

"Just as the people of different races in America have a place they call home, I believe we should have a place we call



our ancestral home," said Hope Masters, daughter of the late Leon H. Sullivan, to the Associated Press.

It all seems like an interesting idea, literally having a home away from home. I would love to travel to the beaches of Uganda or visit The Cape of Good Hope at the tip of the continent.

African leaders are in support of it for partnerships

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Project Alpha: Incarcerated Youth To Get A Fresh Start

Local program to prepare incarcerated teens for fatherhood, August 18 and 19, 2006

March of Dimes and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. are hosting Project Alpha, on Friday, August 18th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, August 19th, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Henry Wade Juvenile Detention Center (2600 Lone Star Drive, Dallas, TX 75212).

The two-day special program is a male-focused, teen pregnancy conference targeting 12 to 15 year old boys, but is open to young

men up to 18 years of age. The conference will be held for the incarcerated youth, specifically. The program is free to inmates who wish to attend.

The program emphasizes the social, economic and personal consequences that come with fathering a child. Project Alpha creates a safe environment where young men can learn and explore important life

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Ceremony To Mark 90th Birthday Of Charlie Christian Set July 29

By: Allen Rich

A ceremony commemorating the 90th birthday of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member Charlie Christian, widely credited with being the seminal father of the electric guitar, will begin 10:00 a.m. July 29 at the guitarist's graveside in Gates Hill Cemetery in Bonham, Texas. A brief recollection of the remarkable, but all too short life of Christian will accompany the placing of flowers on the grave. Following the ceremony, a reception will follow at the Fannin County Museum of History.

Born July 29, 1916 on Johnson Street in a section of Bonham known as Tank Town because of its proximity to the water tanks along the railroad track, Christian will forever be known to many music historians as the first great guitar soloist, a man that laid down the tracks that Les Paul, Wes Montgomery, B.B. King and Jimi Hendrix would follow to stardom.

Evidently, music ran through the veins of the Christian family. Charlie's mother, Willie May, and his father, Clarence James, accompanied silent movies on piano and trumpet, respectively, at the Best Theater in Bonham.



When Charlie was only four, the family moved to Oklahoma City. As a young man, the promising musician soaked up the sounds of 2nd Street in the section of the city known as "Deep Deuce."

The work of acoustic jazz great Django Rheinhardt was a primal influence on Christian, as was the pioneering solo guitar work of Eddie Lang and Lonnie Johnson. It is difficult

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Black Leaders Credited With Forcing Congress To Act On Voting Rights Law



Congressman John Conyers (D-Mich.)

By: Hazel Trice Edney - NNPA Washington Correspondent President George W. Bush is expected to sign into law Thursday an extension of the Voting Rights Act that overwhelmingly passed Congress after civil rights leaders and

members of the Congressional Black Caucus mobilized African-Americans and their supporters and kept the issue before the public.

"They made it the centerpiece. They get the credit for raising the issue and keeping it in the public marketplace," says Thomas N. Todd, a civil rights lawyer who is former president of the Chicago chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Operation PUSH. "What I'm worried about with these high profile media issues is that they gloss over the real problems we are facing."

At this point in history, many feel passage of the Voting Rights Act extension

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The Village Of Stone Brooke Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



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Plano Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting for Village of Stone Brooke

The Village of Stone Brooke hosted several Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies in June. Allen, Frisco and Plano hosted the opening of a brand-new premier active adult retirement community for those over 55.

The McKinney Chamber of Commerce hosted the Grand Opening Celebration on June 29.

According to its Web site, the Village of Stone Brooke optimizes comfort and offers an array of residential, recreational and social choices specific-

ly dedicated to the active adult.

The facility is equipped with media rooms and fitness centers and has on-site wellness and activities directors available among several other special amenities.

The Village of Stone Brooke

Douglass Community Center: Temporary Closing

The City of Plano's Douglass Community Center will be closed temporarily (Monday, July 31 - Sunday, August 6), for annual repairs and maintenance of the facility.

During this one-week period, all classes and events regularly scheduled at the Center and the Thomas Gymnasium are suspended.

The Douglass Community Center's temporary closing also

affects all Plano Boys & Girls Club and Plano Housing Authority classes, programs and events typically held at this location.

The Douglass Center, Thomas Gymnasium and Boys

& Girls Club will re-open on Monday, August 7 with normal operating hours. The Center is located at 1111 H Avenue in Plano.

For more information visit www.planoparks.org.

Representative Davis To Host District 111 Community Day

State Representative Yvonne Davis would like to invite constituents of District 111 to participate in the District 111 Community Day on Saturday, August 26, 2006. This event will provide constituents the opportunity to gather at one location and register for services offered by various State agencies, participate in health screenings and also speak with representatives from utility companies regarding provider services. The Community Day will be held at Concord Missionary Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall, 6808 Pastor Bailey Drive, Dallas, Texas

75237 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

Representative Davis has invited a number of State agencies including the Texas Office of the Attorney General, Texas Health & Human Services Commission, Texas Department of Insurance-Division of Worker's Compensation, Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services, Texas Workforce Commission and the Child Care Group, to answer questions and to sign eligible constituents up for state programs. In addition to the state agencies, Representative Davis has invited a number of utility companies including AT&T,

TXU and ATMOS Energy, to participate in the Community Forum to answer any specific questions or concerns constituents may have concerning their accounts.

Health screenings such as blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, diabetes, mammograms, sickle cell, prostate (must be 38 years or older) and Hepatitis C will be available for constituents. Those individuals seeking a mammogram must be 35 years of age or older, last mammogram has been more than one (1) year, must bring picture identification, proof of Dallas county residency and (if applicable) Parkland clinic card,

insurance information, Medicaid letter/Medicare card. No cost mammograms, for those who qualify (Dallas county residents). Please contact (214) 941-3895 to register for mammogram screening and eligibility.

Participants will also have the opportunity to sign up for a discount drug prescription card offered by Together Rx Access. There will be three concurrent presentations on Women's Health, Mental Health and Cancer by prospective health care professionals.

For more information contact Representative Davis' district office at (214) 941-3895.

Plano Chamber Of Commerce Young Business Professionals

YBP is a new division of the Plano Chamber of Commerce and is for young business professionals between the ages of 21 to 39 years old.

Kick-off party will be held at Fox Sports Grill, The Shops at Legacy, 5741 Legacy Dr., on Thursday, August 10th @ 5:00pm.

Free food and great Happy

Hour specials (cash bar)!

Contact Megan Silveus at 972-244-1455 or email msilveus@texasmed.com

For more information about YBP events, membership and

corporate sponsorships, contact Carla Blickensderfer, Vice President, Sales & Programs, Plano Chamber of Commerce, carlab@planochamber.org or 972-424-7547 x229.

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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.

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation 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. 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.

Gallery Exhibition Opening: "Rhythms, Reflections, Relations: The Works of Evita Tezeno" through August 26. Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the James E. Kemp Gallery at TBAAL. For more information call 214-743-2440.

Swing Time Magazine presents Friday Night Swing hosted by 94.5's First Lady of Radio Lynne Haze every first Friday at the Castleview Ballroom at the Sterling Hotel in 1055 Regal Road and HWY 183 in Dallas. Admission \$10. Call 972-225-6487 for more information. Swing elegance attire.

July 27
Sideways Stories from Wayside School, The Play at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 972-849-0358. Cox Building Playhouse at 1517 Avenue H in Plano.

July 29
Cairo Styles reads from When Angry Shadows Are Heard at 2:00 p.m. at Black Images.

Kirk Franklin and Smokie Norful live in concert at Six Flags Over Texas Music Mill in Arlington at 8:00 p.m. Six Flags Over Texas Park Admission is required in addition to the concert admission.

Mocha Sisters Organization, Inc. Open House at Dallas Library at 12 p.m. 4100 Cedar Springs, Dallas 75219. Call 877-512-0771 to RSVP. Promoting Sisterhood, Knowledge, Integrity, Community Awareness, Unity and Networking.

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.

July 30
Patti LaBelle in concert at Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie at 8:00 p.m. Featuring Charlie Wilson. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.

Richardson Community Band summer concert series at Richardson Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. Call 972-673-8256. Free! Bring lawn chairs and picnics. 411 W. Arapaho Road.

August 1
UniverSoul Circus at Southwest Center Mall. Tuesday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at noon, 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. 3662 W. Camp Wisdom Road. See you under the big top!

August 2
Gary Owen from BET's Comic

View will be at the Addison Improv through August 6. Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 p.m. Friday at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday at 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m. Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

August 3

Lawrence Otis Graham presents The Senator and The Socialite: The True Story of America's First Black Dynasty at 6:00 p.m. at Black Images.

CAI 3rd Annual Trade Show from 8:30am to 3pm at Plano Centre. Free seminars on the basics of community association management, governance, board meetings, dispute solutions and legal issues. For more information call Linda Razzano, CMCA at 214-575-5007.

National Medical Association T.E.A. Talk Program at the Adams Mark Hotel's Chaparral Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Includes free health screenings. For more information call 202-347-1895.

August 11

Victoria Christopher Murray autographs A Sin and A Shame at 6:00 p.m. at Black Images.

Mary J. Blige in concert at Smirnoff Music Center at 8:00 p.m. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.

August 12

No Limit Women's Expo features exhibitors with products, services, and business opportunities for women. 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano from 10am - 6pm FREE. Call 972-898-5882.

Gospel Music Workshop of America Convention will convene through August 18 at the Dallas Convention Center. It is the largest international music convention of its kind. Nightly musicals. Visit <http://www.gmwational.org> for more information.

Dallas Music Festival with Earth, Wind and Fire - at Smirnoff Centre at 7 p.m. Call 214-373-8000.

August 13

Richardson Community Band summer concert series at Richardson Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. Call 972-673-8256. Free! Bring lawn chairs and picnics. 411 W. Arapaho Road.

August 18

Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Friday Night Live at 7:09 p.m. A singles event. 1808 W. Camp Wisdom Road. Call 972-228-1281.

Sommore, BET's first female Comic View host will be at the Addison Improv through August 20. Friday at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 4980 Belt Line Road #250, Addison 75240. 972-404-8501.

August 19

The International Bazaar at the Potter's House from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 6777 W. Kiest Blvd. 972-291-8607. Celebrating diverse cultures in Dallas/Fort Worth.

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Paul Hailey

There is an old chestnut of wisdom that basically says you can tell a great deal about a society by how it treats the very young, the very old and those in prisons. I don't have enough space in this column to talk about the very young or the very old, I'll have to save that for another time. But I did stumble across some facts about how we treat those in prison; especially when it comes to one of the defining social issues of our time-HIV and AIDS.

There are nearly 1.5 million inmates in the U.S. prison system, over 2 million if you count city and local jails. Of that total, more than 40% are black.

Throwing out all the discussion about whether these people should be there or not, two basic facts about the prison population are: 1) Prisoners live in cramped, unsanitary conditions and receive little medical care, and 2) The prison population has an HIV infection rate that is five times the rate of the general, non-prison population. Prisons are full of men having unprotected sex and sharing needles while using drugs, which make prisons the perfect incubators for HIV and AIDS.

Despite the obvious facts about HIV and AIDS in prisons, there are virtually no AIDS prevention programs for inmates. That's because the prevailing thought process of correctional facility administrators is that distributing condoms to inmates is implicitly condoning sex behind bars. No matter how patently ridiculous this denial of reality remains, the unfortunate result is what happens in prison eventually spills over into the general society.

Here's some evidence of the

Denial Can Kill You

spillover:

- African Americans are 12% of the population, but represent about half of all people living with HIV in the United States.

- 37 percent of the total U.S. AIDS deaths are black

- 46 percent of black gay and bisexual men were already infected with HIV.

- From 2001 to 2004, the rate of HIV/AIDS diagnoses for African Americans was the highest among all ethnic and racial groups.

- HIV/AIDS is among the top three causes of death for black men aged 25-54 and among the top four causes of death for black women aged 25-54.

- HIV/AIDS is the number one cause of death for black women between the ages 25 and 34.

- 72 percent of new female HIV infections are among black women.

The last one is the one that got me. Three out of four of all new cases of HIV are black women.

It doesn't take a genius to figure out the cause and effect at work here. Black men, infected through unprotected sex in prison are getting out and infecting black women. I have personally talked to black men who got out of prison and were in denial about the sex they had with other men while incarcerated. They refer to it as "doing

what I had to do" in order to survive. Sadly, these same men see no reason to get tested for HIV and AIDS after being released.

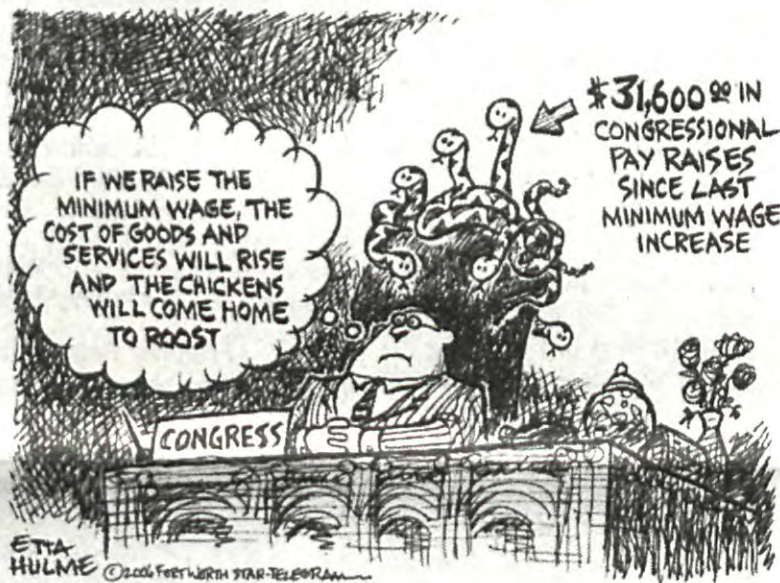
And before you think this is only a reality for those in the lowest socio-economic classes, think again. According to Dr. Peter Leone, medical director of the HIV and sexually transmitted disease division of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the health consequences cut across all lines of class.

"You're not even looking at six degrees of separation in most black social networks between a disenfranchised former inmate and someone who is in college or highly respected in the community," he said.

There a lot of things I don't know, but I know this for sure: denial can kill you. Denying that men have sex in prison; denying the need for a prison AIDS education program; denying that black men coming out of prison need to get tested—are all denials that are destroying lives and killing black people every day.

We don't have to condone what is going between inmates in prisons in order to take steps to prevent what is going on when they get out. We have no other rational choice.

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Where's Condi?

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson

The day before President Bush spoke to the NAACP, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was scheduled to meet with the Congressional Black Caucus. The meeting didn't happen. The CBC did not say why it was cancelled, or when it would be rescheduled. But if it had happened, the Caucus would, and should, have asked Condi tough questions on Bush foreign policy. If it did, it wouldn't have been the first time Rice has been on the foreign policy hot seat. In February, Republicans and Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee virtually dumped Bush's international misdeeds on her.

That's fair and unfair. Rice is Bush's point person on foreign policy. Her job is to sell administration policy decisions on North Korean nukes, Iran, the Middle East turmoil, the war on terrorism, and Iraq. When things go wrong internationally, she, as other Secretaries of State have, will take heat.

Rice has been a soft target for criticism from the instant that Bush announced that he'd appoint her to take over from the departing Colin Powell as Secretary of State. The howls started that Rice was too hawkish, too fawning toward Bush, too lacking in social and diplomatic graces, and too inexperienced to broker an Israeli-Palestinian settlement, and resolve the crisis over Iran and North Korea's nuke threat.

Before taking the reins at State, her expertise was on the Soviet Union and its military relations with the East European satellite countries. By the time

she took the reins as Bush's security advisor, the Soviet Union was out of business, and many of the Eastern European countries had either been reconfigured or had become allies of the U.S. There were long stretches during the intense debates over Bush's Iraq war policy, the war on terrorism, foreign policy and security matters, when Rice, then Bush's National Security Advisor, sank from public view. During those time lapses, Powell, Rumsfeld, and even Vice President Dick Cheney became familiar fixtures on talk shows explaining Bush policy. Some inveterate Bush watchers asked, "Where's Condi?"

But Rice's role is not to make policy but to follow Bush policy directives. Rice is perfectly suited for that role. As a close personal family friend and political ally of Bush Sr. and Bush Jr., she has always been the consummate team player. Like a good team player she takes orders, follows directions, and does not stray one inch from the Bush administration political script.

Even if Rice can and did publicly take her boss to task on some aspects of foreign policy, and Bush listened, the glaring flaws would not instantly be picked out of his policies. There are complex competing interests that help shape American foreign policy apart from Bush's, or any other president's, ideology and world-view. Congress, especially the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committee, the various government bureaucracies, the CIA, the Defense Department, the International Monetary Fund, key non-gov-

ernmental organizations, the major oil, auto, aerospace, and corporations, and banks, have a great deal of say in foreign policy matters. Iraq is a near textbook example of that. While Bush and Rice hotly deny that oil has anything to do with the decision to impose a regime change in Iraq, Iraq's oil is worth billions, and U.S. oil and energy companies make no secret that they intend to control it and reap the profits. Rice is only a bit player in the global economic decisions that go into making and shaping U.S. foreign policy.

That's not to say that Rice is simply a Bush totem. She has real political and diplomatic shelf value to Bush and the GOP. She is an ad person's dream. She is articulate, and polished, and the answers she gives to key policy questions on TV talk shows and at congressional hearings, even when they are tepid, self-serving and contradictory, give a semblance of credence and believability to Bush's foreign policy fumbles and misdeeds. Her telegenic demeanor has even prompted the tantalizing what if question, namely what if Rice sought to replace Bush when his days in the White House end in 2008 and make a serious bid for the presidency. Rice repeatedly says that she isn't interested, and even laughs off the possibility. It's good that she does. Rice is a die hard Bush loyalist, and that won't change.

Where's Condi? Right there where she's always been, at Bush's side taking the heat for his foreign policy blunders.

The County Line

By: Joe Jaynes, Collin County Commissioner

Local governments are facing new and much more expensive challenges in the construction and expansion of roads. Major arterials like US 75 and SH 121 are state roads and, in the past, their expansion has been paid for by the 20-cent per gallon state gasoline tax. However, since over half of that revenue is diverted from the highway fund to the state's general revenue fund this leaves some major challenges for fast growing counties.

For example, the expansion of US 75 from Spring Creek Parkway to the Grayson County line to eight lanes is expected to cost over \$1 billion. However, because of diversion, the state is looking for the local entities to help pay for the expansion of not only US 75 but other state roads as well.

A couple of options we are looking into for US 75 includes pass through financing and project development agreements (PDA). Under a pass through financing plan the locals come up with the initial funding (\$1 billion) and the state pays local governments back a certain percentage over time. Under a PDA, local governments partner

with a private developer who finances the construction. The local governments and the state then pay back the developer over time.

Under each scenario the local entities will have to either come up with all the money up front or at least have to plan to make up any shortfall not paid for by the state. Either way local taxpayers have to come up with potentially hundreds of millions of dollars to pay for the expansion of major arterials above and beyond on what we pay in gas taxes.

Keep in mind US 75 is just one example. This does not include funding issues on SH 121, SH 78, SH 289 or the many FM roads throughout Collin County that are in need of expansion as we grow. However, let's say that the funding is in place for the expansion of US 75. Last year Collin County added 102 new cars a day to our roads. What would an 8-lane expansion of US 75 buy us? Maybe five years before it is back to near the same congestion level it is at today.

Roads are not the only answer. One perspective I will bring to the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition is that we need to be thinking beyond just

roads when we talk transportation. Collin County and the region need to work toward a balanced transportation system. This is a system which incorporates roads, rail and commercial air travel from our regional airport.

DART owns the rail through Collin County to Denison. We need to work with the legislature on allowing both cities and Collin County to become part of DART so that rail access will be easily available to our citizens. A rail line through Collin County with stations in Allen, Fairview, McKinney, Melissa and Anna would not only provide some relief to our roadways but would also enhance the future development of these areas.

With a train station next to Airport you could have a synergy there for future development that would also give citizens another option for air travel instead of having to drive to DFW or Love Field. I know that our friends in Fairview have concerns about this. However, making them part of the process and offering them the convenience could go a long way in alleviating those concerns.

A Student's Thoughts On The NAACP

By: Erin Evans

When I stepped onto the campus of Howard University two years ago, I knew that I was sharing the same path of many past and present leaders. I knew that in order to make my mark in the Howard community I had to become a major part of it by joining organizations.

As a member and officer in the Garland NAACP Youth Council, we actively participated in Martin Luther King, Jr. parades and programs, annual Black History Month programs, health fairs, ACT-SO competitions and community service events. Throughout the year, the youth council was active in the Garland community.

So, naturally, I gravitated to the familiarity of the NAACP.

Upon joining the Howard chapter, I felt things would run

the same, projects and programs throughout the year, but my experience was quite different.

Maybe it was because there were several distractions on campus, but I could probably count on one hand how many times I attended NAACP meetings my freshman year, and although at the first meeting there was standing room only, throughout the course of the year, the attendance dwindled.

So where does commitment and dedication to the largest organization for black people come into play? But more specifically, where does it come into play for the generation that in a few decades will be leading this country?

In March, the Howard chapter of the NAACP took several students to help rebuild New Orleans after the devastation

done by Hurricane Katrina. So, in an effort to serve, the college chapter succeeded at that time of need.

But, on a day to day basis, as a 20-year-old student, I feel at a loss for the NAACP and the effects that it has on me.

Its reputation as an organization to fight justice and demand equality highly precedes it, but as its membership has declined over the past several decades, I feel its impact is going right along with it, specifically for black youth of America.

In 20-30 years from now, how much impact will the NAACP have?

The ACT-SO programs are geared toward high school aged kids. Local adult branches are geared toward those out of college, working professionals. So

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Gallery 219 at Eastfield College presents recent work by Rosane Volchan O'Connor from July 28 - September 5. A closing reception honoring the artist is planned for September 5 from 1 - 3 p.m.

Rosane Volchan O'Connor creates monoprints dominated by visual rhythm and movement. Printing from the same matrix without cleaning the plate, she pulls ghostly images and linear, seemingly microscopic forms to the surface of the paper, giving the sensation of forms and

space moving throughout. This working process results in works that possess an almost infinite depth.

O'Connor writes: "I find in these monoprints echoes of my own structure - my 'Brazilianess' in those vivid earthy colors, organic forms and lyric movements, all emerging

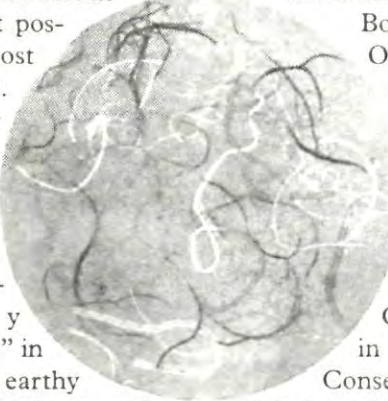
from the layers of exposure to music and science..."

Born in Rio de Janeiro, O'Connor now lives and works in Houston. Her work has been shown in Austin, Houston, New York and Rio de Janeiro. She has studied at the Glassell School of Art in Houston, the Conservatoire Royale de Musique in Brussels, Belgium, the Escola de Musica and the Art

School of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Gallery 219 summer hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. or by appointment. The gallery is located in room F219C on the main floor of the Fine Arts Building (building F). Park/enter at the Performance Hall on the west side of campus.

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Marilyn J. Martin Scholarship To Assist Richland College Students With Disabilities

The late Marilyn Martin was a passionate advocate for Richland College students with disabilities.

She understood well the additional life challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and made it her life's work to encourage, advise and inspire. Ms. Martin was concerned that the price of textbooks often placed a burden on strained student budgets and frequently assisted deserving students with book purchases.

To honor her memory, the Marilyn J. Martin Scholarship is designed to continue this generosity by

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Potential scholarship recipients must be Richland College students

enrolled in Fall semester-length classes, must have completed one semester at Richland College and filed a degree plan declaring their intent to pursue the transfer associates degree. Students eligible for the scholarship will have a minimum GPA of 3.0 with at least nine earned hours in college-level courses.

The Marilyn J. Martin Scholarship is designed to serve students with a disability as defined by the ADA who can demonstrate documented financial need. Appropriate documentation of the student's disability must be on file with the Richland College Disability Services Office at the time of application for the scholarship.

Applications for the scholarship are available in the Richland

College Financial Aid Office (T130) and are due in the Disability

Services Office (T120) by 5 p.m. on Aug. 1.

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issues. Through education and mentoring, Project Alpha encourages young men to make healthy decisions and prepares them to be responsible, successful adults.

According to the March of Dimes, 18.8% of African American babies born between 1998 and 2001 received inadequate prenatal care; while only 15.9% of Caucasian babies born between the same period received inadequate prenatal care. Nearly 99% of youth incarcerated and brought to the Henry Wade Juvenile Detention Center have some form of sexually transmitted disease, according to the center. These alarming statistics

are just some of the reasons why the Project Alpha event takes on even greater significance.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation began collaboratively implementing Project Alpha in 1980. This collaborative project is designed to provide education, motivation and skill-building on issues of responsibility, relationships, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases for young males ages 12-15 years. Designed to provide young men with current and accurate information about teen pregnancy prevention, Project Alpha consists of a series of workshops and informational sessions conducted by Alpha Phi Alpha

Fraternity brothers and health experts.

Alpha Phi Alpha through the past 100 years has cultivated and inspired more than 200,000 African American men nationwide to become leaders of their communities and the nation. Interracial since 1945, among the most well-known are: the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall, W.E.B. DuBois, Jesse Owens, Cornel West, Andrew Young, David Dinkins, Kwame Kilpatrick, Charles Rangel, Edward Brooke, Marc Morial, Bobby Scott and Maynard Jackson. More information is available by calling 410-554-0040 or by visiting the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., web site at

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J.O.Y. Foods Inc. To Open New Plant

J.O.Y. Foods expects strong growth in '07

By: Margaret Allen

J.O.Y. Foods Inc. has gutted an old building in south Dallas to make way for its new plant, allowing the pizza maker to move from cramped quarters it was leasing in another manufacturer's facility.

Joy Wallace, founder and owner, says the small, but fast-growing company now has not only increased capacity, which it needed to meet growing demand, but greater control over its own destiny.

"We're still a relatively small company," said Wallace, noting that growth takes a lot of cash. The plan is to "get our feet wet" in the newly renovated 24,000-square-foot U.S.D.A.-approved plant at 4716 Bronze Way, then "open the floodgates."

J.O.Y. Foods supplies commercial, military and school kitchens with "pizza packs" — dough plates, sauce and meat and cheese toppings — to make

restaurant-style pizzas.

The exclusive U.S. supplier for Pizza Hut brand pizza to K-12 schools, J.O.Y. Foods also supplies private-label pizzas to casinos, hotels, colleges, universities, hospitals and business cafeterias. It also has its own Sprazzo Fresh in a Flash! pizza it supplies to military dining halls throughout the United States and around the world in what is a rapidly growing business.

Fighting industry giants

"We call ourselves giant killers," said Wallace, noting J.O.Y. Foods goes head-to-head against industry giants to win business, like Kraft Foods Inc., with its DiGiorno, Tombstone and Jack's brands, and Schwan's, with its Tony's, Red Baron and Freschetta brands.

The company's competitive advantage lies in part with its Pizza Hut licensing agreement. J.O.Y. Foods is privy to the restaurant giant's supply chain.

That allows J.O.Y. Foods to get excellent pricing, which Wallace said she's leveraged to develop her own proprietary recipes and



Joy Wallace owner and founder of J.O.Y. Foods Inc.

gain economies of scale.

Wallace anticipates sales in fiscal 2007 will reach as much as \$15 million, then could likely hit \$25 million in 2008.

J.O.Y. Foods was leasing 2,000 square feet of plant space at Winn Meat Co.'s 25,000-square-foot plant in Lonestar Business Park in Dallas, also in South Dallas, as well as at facilities in

Los Angeles and in Spartanburg, N.C.

Because it needed to carefully control operations within its own plant, Winn hired employees on behalf of J.O.Y. Foods. There were also other restrictions to operating within another company's facility, which limited J.O.Y. Foods' ability to fully control its operation, Wallace said.

Now the company is fully in control, she said. It has hired its own production employees, for a total of 25, and will likely ramp up to 50 by mid-2007.

Production at the old plant was shut down June 30 to move equipment. Prior to that, J.O.Y. Foods had built inventory to support a 3-4 week close down, she said. Production may start as early as next week, said Wallace, at about 20% of the plant's capacity of 3.5 million pizzas a week. The company's corporate office will remain at 6940 Marvin D. Love Fwy.

Jumping for joy!

Joy Wallace founded food service supplier J.O.Y. Foods Inc. in 1998 and is now moving the pizza maker into its own south Dallas plant. J.O.Y. Foods has an

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was one of the civil rights community's finest hour. Civil Rights leaders and Black members of Congress, jointly and separately, rallied Blacks across the nation. They organized letter-writing campaigns, visits to Capitol Hill and challenged the Republican leadership in the House not to cave into what Jesse Jackson called modern-day Confederates. It was because of that "street heat" that the measure passed the House with only 33 dissenters and sailed through the Senate 98-0.

"The civil rights community was impressive, but it was mostly the Black congressional leaders that deserves the credit," says Lorenzo Morris, chairman of the political science department at Howard University. "The organizational activities and influence certainly makes way for the same kind of activism on non-civil rights issues, such as health care and jobs."

Todd says leaders and activists must continue to pressure the Department of Justice to enforce the pre-clearance mandates. Even Georgia's mandatory voter identification recently stricken by federal court had been approved by the Justice Department, he points out.

Documents obtained by the Boston Globe provide some insight into the Justice Department's personnel.

The Bush administration has been "filling the permanent

ranks with lawyers who have strong conservative credentials but little experience in civil rights," according to the Globe. Only 42 percent of the lawyers hired since 2002, after Attorney General John Ashcroft started giving political appointees more power in the appointment process, Just two years earlier, 77 percent of hires had civil rights experience.

In the key areas — voting rights, employment litigation and appellate sections — only 19 of 45 lawyers hired since 2003 in those sections were experienced civil rights lawyers. And of the 19, almost half — nine — gained their experience while defending employers against discrimination suits or fighting against race-conscious policies and programs.

Clearly, getting voting legislation extended will be useless if the Justice Department fails to enforce laws on the books.

Toni-Michelle Travis, a University of California political science professor, says Black lawmakers aren't receiving enough credit for their roles in getting the Voting Rights Act extended.

"The traditional civil rights organizations are important, but to bring this to the forefront, it took the CBC. It is time now to look at the struggle of the CBC. This has been a testament to their strength," Travis says. "We've seen different leaders carrying out certain roles throughout Black political history. It will be interesting to see how the CBC does."

After a string of congressional hearings that proved the voting legislation is still needed, Congressman John Conyers (D-Mich.), ranking member on the House Judiciary Committee, empowered Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Mel Watt (D-N.C.) to negotiate with Republican leaders — including Judiciary Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner — for a bill with no amendments.

And Watt wasn't alone in pushing for a clean bill.

The dynamics shifted on June 21. The U. S. House of Representatives delayed passage of the renewal as a small group of White Southern lawmakers bent on passing the act only with amendments that would have weakened the legislation.

Earlier, in an unusual show of bi-partisanship, Republican and Democratic leaders had held a press conference vowing to extend expiring sections of the Voting Rights Act. But when a Southern bloc rebelled, it appeared for a while that House leaders might cave in to the dissenters.

That's when Black lawmakers and civil rights leaders shifted into another gear. Declaring a "crisis in voting rights," a coalition of Black groups pledged to hold a vigil in front of the House of Representatives until the legislation was passed. After two vigils, the measure was passed in the House 390-33. Last week, it passed the Senate 98-0.

"There were a number of initiatives, petitions and letter-writing campaigns across the nation.

I participated in every one that came across my e-mail and solicited others to do so," says Kathie Golden, executive director of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. "The Black Caucus didn't do this by themselves. I mean, I'm sure they had some impact. But, I don't think the CBC was as vocal or aggressive in the media or in public as they should have been. And this would have been an ideal issue to get voters or potential voters ready for the elections and I don't think they took advantage of it."

However, they did rise to the occasion and the "Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization Amendments Act" is scheduled to be signed by Bush Thursday on the White House South Lawn.

"The activism that took place on the Hill allowed civil rights groups to form a civic network," says University of Maryland Political Scientist Ron Walters. "I was in some of those meetings. They did a yeoman's job."

Golden says she hopes activists, voters and political and social groups will remain excited as they were about voting rights and transfer to other issues such as Gulf Coast residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

"There's so many other things we need to maintain this level of community around — minimum wage, health care, the AIDS crisis," says Shelton of the NAACP. "It's our responsibility to at least try to hold together a coalition along these lines."

Bush Wants To Build Trust Page 1

While the audience was cordial, some NAACP members were disappointed that the president did not mention the war in Iraq. During Bush's speech, two NAACP members from Louisiana held their hands in the air to display the two-fingered, "V" peace symbol.

Others expressed dismay that Bush did not offer more substantive remarks about issues such as education and the economy. The unemployment rate for blacks was 9 percent in June — nearly twice the national jobless rate of 4.6 percent

"There was an amazing gap between the aspirations of his speech and the policy behind it. It was so vague," said Barbara Arnwine of the Washington-based Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

The administration's relations with the NAACP have been sketchy at best.

The organization's former president, Kweisi Mfume, once described Bush's black supporters as "ventriloquists' dummies" and said the president's decision not to speak at the NAACP conventions was an insult.

The chairman, Julian Bond, urged members to oust Bush and condemned the administration's policies on education, the economy and the war in Iraq.

In 2004, then White House press secretary Scott McClellan said NAACP leaders, through their "hostile rhetoric," have shown no interest in working with Bush.

Relations have improved under the leadership of current NAACP president, Bruce Gordon.

Gordon, who introduced Bush at the convention, has met with him three times in the year that he has headed the civil rights group. That compares with one meeting Bush had with Mfume, Gordon's predecessor.

"Bruce is a polite guy," Bush said. "I thought what he was going to say, 'It's about time you showed up.' And I'm glad I did."

The White House denied that Bush's appearance was a way of atoning for the government's slow response to Hurricane Katrina. The Rev. Jesse Jackson and some black elected officials alleged that indifference to black suffering and racial injustice was to blame for the sluggish reaction to the disaster.

Bush said he and Gordon have had frank talks about the challenges blacks face following the

hurricane.

"We found areas where we share common purpose, and we have resolved to work together in practical ways," Bush said. "I don't expect Bruce to become a Republican — and neither do you. But I do want to work with him, and that's what I'm here to talk to you about."

Toward the end of his remarks, two protesters interrupted the president, shouting inquiries about Vice President

Dick Cheney and the situation in the Middle East.

"Stop being a Stepin Fetchit for Dick Cheney!" one shouted in a reference to a black actor known for stereotypical portrayals of black minstrel characters.

Bond approached the microphone, but Bush told him not to bother trying to quell the disturbance. "Don't worry," Bush told Bond. "I'm almost done."

"I know you can handle it," Bond replied.



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Kentuckian Carl Brashear, First Black Navy Diver, Dies

Film 'Men of Honor' based on his life

By: Michael Felberbaum
Carl M. Brashear, a Kentucky native and the first black U.S. Navy diver, died yesterday. He was 75.

Brashear, who was born and raised in Sonora, was the inspiration for the 2000 film "Men of Honor," in which Cuba Gooding Jr. portrayed him and starred alongside Robert De Niro.

Brashear died at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth of respiratory and heart failure, the medical center said.

Brashear retired from the Navy in 1979 after more than 30 years of service. He was the first Navy diver to be restored to full active duty as an amputee.

In 1966, Brashear was tasked with recovering a hydrogen bomb that dropped into waters off Spain when two U.S. Air Force planes collided.

During the mission, Brashear was struck below his left knee by a pipe. He was airlifted to a naval hospital and had the bottom of his left leg amputated. It was replaced with a prosthetic.

The Navy was ready to retire

Brashear from active duty, but he began a grueling training program that included diving, running and calisthenics.

"Sometimes I would come back from a run, and my artificial leg would have a puddle of blood from



Carl M. Brashear with Cuba Gooding Jr.

my stump. I wouldn't go to sick bay because they would have taken me out of the program," Brashear said in 2002 when he was inducted into the Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians.

"Instead I'd go hide somewhere and soak my leg in a bucket of hot water with salt in it — that's an old remedy I learned growing up."

After completing 600- to

1,000-foot dives while being evaluated for five weeks at the Experimental Diving Unit in Washington, D.C., Brashear became a master diver in 1970.

He faced an uphill battle when he joined the Navy in 1948 at age 17, not long after the U.S. military desegregated.

"I went to the Army office, and they weren't too friendly," Brashear said in 2002. "But the Navy recruiter was a lot nicer. Looking back, I was placed in my calling."

In 1954, he was accepted and graduated from the diving program, despite daily battles with discrimination.

"Hate notes were left on my bunk. People just weren't ready for a segregated Navy; they didn't want me to make it through the program," he said.

He went on to train for advanced diving programs before his 1966 accident.

Brashear married childhood friend Junetta Wilcox in 1952, and they had four children — Shazanta, DaWayne, Phillip and Patrick — before their divorce in 1978. He later married Hattie R. Elam and Jeanette A. Brundage.

The family has not made funeral arrangements.

Arrests At U.S. Border Down By 45 Percent

AP
The number of illegal immigrants caught trying to sneak into the United States has dropped since President Bush ordered the military to help tighten the border, the head of the Border Patrol said Tuesday.

Officials surmise that part of the reason is that fewer people are trying to enter the country because they're discouraged by the increase in efforts against them.

Immigrant rights advocates think the migrants may just be shifting entry points, crossing

at more remote and dangerous areas.

Whichever it is, Border Patrol chief David V. Aguilar reported a



45 percent decline in the number of people arrested along the U.S.-Mexican border, when comparing the 69 days before Bush's mid-May announcement with the 69 days after.

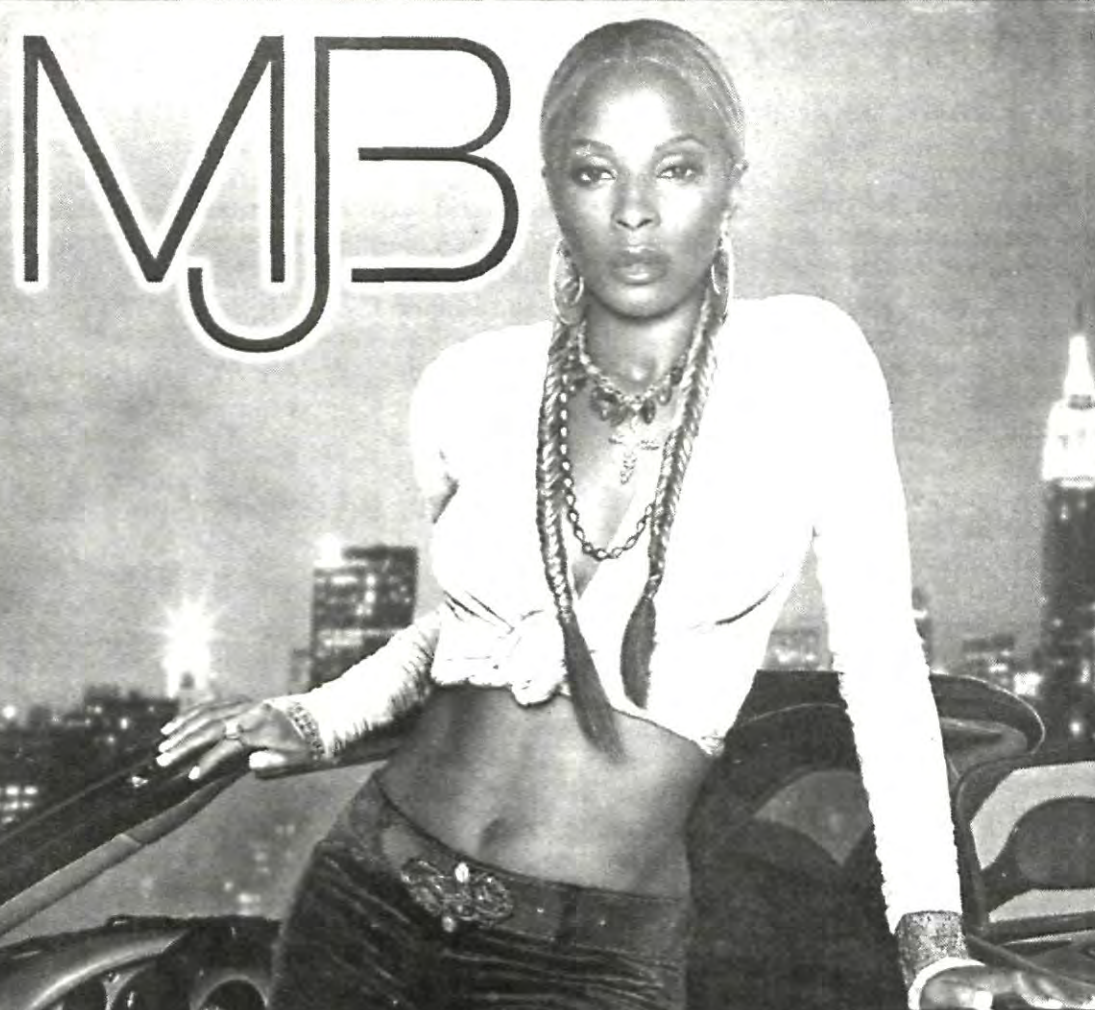
Some 4,500 National Guardsmen are in place in California, New Mexico, Texas and Arizona, with the rest due Aug. 1, said Blum.

Their arrival so far has freed 250 border agents from support duties, a number expected to grow to about 580.

"It's positive, it's real," Aguilar said of the effort's effect.

'More eyes and ears on the border'

The reported 45 percent decline was to 166,299 arrests during the 69 days after Bush's May 15 announcement, compared with 302,447 arrests during the 69 days before the announcement.



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Kerry Washington: The Little Man Interview

By Kam Williams

Born in the Bronx on January 31, 1977, Kerry Washington was raised in NYC, attending the prestigious Spence School for girls located in a renovated mansion on Manhattan's exclusive Upper East Side. Other actresses among the institution's alumnae include Gwyneth Paltrow, Emmy Rossum and Elizabeth Montgomery.

The gorgeous, George Washington University grad majored in theater and made an auspicious screen debut in 2000 in a character-driven, inner-city drama entitled *Our Song*. She followed that outing with an equally-engaging performance in *Save the Last Dance*. Since then, she's received critical acclaim for her work in *The Human Stain*, *Against the Ropes*, *She Hate Me*, *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*, and *Fantastic Four*.

Last year, she won an NAACP Image award for Ray, where she played Della, Ray Charles' long-suffering wife. Speaking of spouses, Kerry is currently engaged to child star-turned-character actor David Moscow, who might be best

remembered as Tom Hanks' young alter ego in *Big*.

Here, she reflects on making an attempt at comedy, *Little Man*, a slapstick farce co-starring Marlon and Shawn Wayans.

KW: You have made quite a name for yourself as a legitimate actress. What made you decide to try an over-the-top comedy?



Kerry: *If I was going to do a comedy, I wanted to do a comedy where it would be a crash course, where I'd have to be on my toes, working with the best and ready to stand up at the mike.*

KW: What did you think of your experience working with the Wayans brothers?

Kerry: *These guys have taught me so much. I just sort of sat around and soaked in all their comic genius. They*

are so professional, and yet they never stop having a good time. You never feel like you're working, because you love what you're doing all day long, even though you're working really hard. And I loved working with Shawn. I think we make a very cute onscreen couple.

KW: How would you describe your character, Vanessa?

Kerry: *She has this wonderful husband who loves her very much, and who's ready to start a family. But that really challenges her ideas about her plans. What I like about Vanessa is that she's really strong, really driven, and really together, but she's also filled with love. She loves her husband and her work and her husband so much, and she eventually learns to love this baby.*

KW: I know you didn't work with Marlon, but how was it working opposite the baby who served as his character Calvin's body double?

Kerry: *What we saw was Calvin pretending to be a baby, and that Calvin is a baby, a slightly enigmatic, strange child, but lovable, nonetheless. He was great, but very different from the Calvin that the audience sees in other contexts.*

Multi-Platinum R&B Star Usher Will Make His Broadway Debut

Usher, the silky voiced R&B superstar, will soon be crooning a Broadway melody.

The multi-platinum recording artist and five-time Grammy winner will take over the role of conning lawyer Billy Flynn in the long-running musical revival "Chicago," making his Broadway debut, producers Barry and Fran Weissler announced Friday.

"I have always admired Broadway actors for their showmanship, dedication and focus that goes into performing live on stage every night," the 27-year-old Usher said in a statement. "Being on Broadway allows you to connect to audiences in a whole new way that's different from music and movies."

Usher's last album, "Confessions," sold more than 8 million copies in the United States and made its debut as number one on Billboard's 200 Albums chart. Among his hit songs are "Confessions," "Burn," "You Make Me Wanna" and "Yeah!"

Usher opens August 22 in

"Chicago" and will appear through October 1.

The R&B performer, who was born Usher Raymond in Chattanooga, Tenn., and raised in Atlanta, was discovered when he was 13 at a "Star Search" compe-



dition and was given a recording contract.

While "Chicago" will mark his Broadway debut, he has acted in TV shows and several films, including last year's "In the Mix."

"Chicago," Broadway's longest

running musical revival, has a score by John Kander and Ebb and a book by Bob Fosse and Ebb. The tale of Roxie Hart, a has-been chorus cutie who murders her boyfriend and tries to ride the notoriety to showbiz fame and fortune, originally was seen on Broadway in 1975.

The Weissler-produced show, winner of six Tony Awards, opened in

1996 and has been seen around the world.

Barry Weissler has developed the replacement strategy for his long-running shows, including "Grease" and "Annie Get Your Gun," into a fine art. In "Chicago," its morally relaxed heroine has been played by such diverse actresses as Brooke Shields, Melanie Griffith, Sandy Duncan, Marilu Henner and Rita Wilson.

Among the actors who have played Billy Flynn on Broadway are Huey Lewis, Wayne Brady, Kevin Richardson, George Hamilton, Taye Diggs, Alan Thicke and Billy Zane.

Russell Simmons, Dr. Benjamin Chavis Named U.N. Goodwill Ambassadors

Hip-Hop Summit Action Network chairman Russell Simmons and HSAN president/CEO Dr. Benjamin Chavis were inducted on Tuesday as CISRI-ISP Permanent Observer Missionaries to the United Nations Goodwill Ambassadors program.

CISRI-ISP is Rome-based intergovernmental institution that helps fight against malnutrition and extreme hunger in various countries around the globe.

The new position will mark the official launch of an awareness campaign that will use Hip-Hop to address war, poverty and HIV/AIDS, in support of the UN's Millennium Development Goals and the CISRI-ISP's fight against severe poverty and malnutrition.

"The underlying goal of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network is to end poverty and ignorance," Simmons said, adding the appointments will "significantly enhance" HSAN's

global reach to further fulfill the mission.



Corinne Bailey Rae Launches Debut Album With U.S. Tour

On July 24th, British singer-songwriter Corinne Bailey Rae will launch her first proper U.S. tour in support of her self-titled debut album, which debuted at #17 on The Billboard 200 with sales of over 40,000 copies. Tonight she'll perform "Put Your Records On," her current single, on "The Tonight With Jay Leno" -- the latest in a string of national television appearances that has included "Good Morning America," "Live with

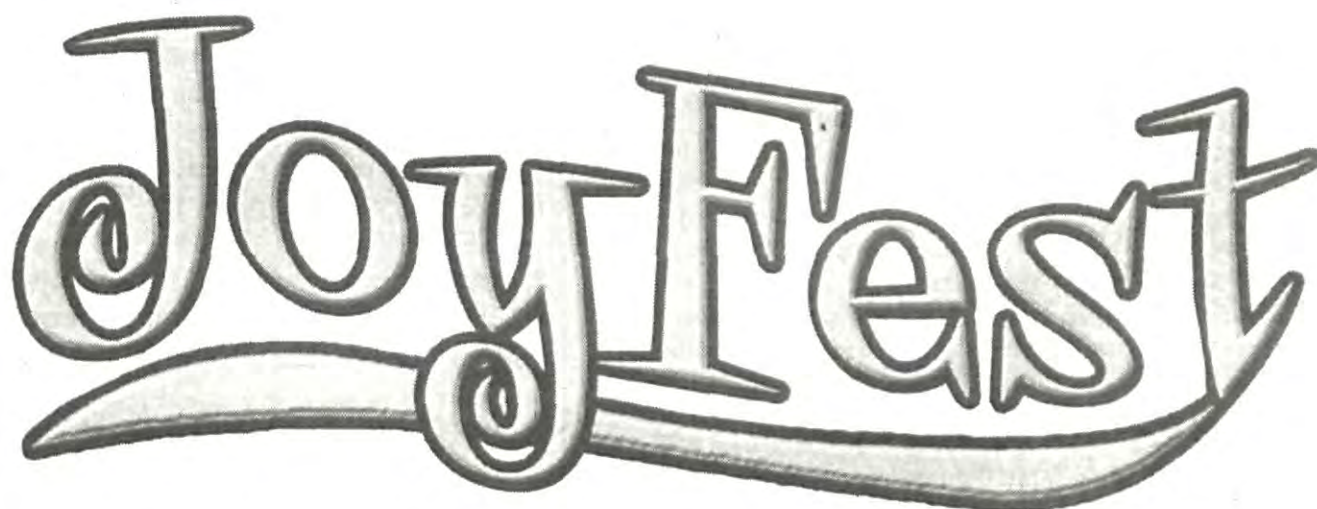
Regis and Kelly" and "The Tavis Smiley Show." Bailey Rae is also scheduled to appear on A&E's "Breakfast With The Arts" on July 16th.

"Put Your Records On" is currently #10 at the Smooth Jazz radio format and #22 at AAA radio. Beginning next week, VH1 will increase the accompanying video to Gung Ho rotation (the channel's highest rotation) -- the newest development in a massive cross-platform VH1, VH1 Soul and VH1.com

"You Oughta Know" campaign for Bailey Rae.



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Out Of Africa Page 8

between African government and the U.S. together to end poverty.

My only concern is that largely African Americans are apathetic to traveling and experiencing all that is Africa. How much do we really know about Africa to want to have it as a new home? Better yet, how much money are we willing to spend to experience something new and mostly unknown?

Kenya—President George W. Bush has asked for \$335 million in aid to go to the

country in the next financial year starting in October. Kenya is regarded as a "strategic partner" in the war against terrorism as it takes steps towards becoming a democratic nation, after its elections in 2002.

Ethiopia—The government of Japan is canceling out 100 percent of Ethiopia's debt, adding up to \$14.4 million. The debt will in turn go toward poverty reduction programs in the nation.

Swaziland—HIV infected citizens of Swaziland protested an "insulting" new media campaign at the offices of the prime

minister and national AIDS council last Friday. The campaign suggests that HIV is caused by sexual infidelity and was issued through text messages to tens of thousands of those infected with the virus. Nearly 1,000 people participated in the demonstration.

Congo-Kinshasa—Police had to disarm several protesters disrupting the general elections scheduled to take place this past Tuesday in the Democratic Republic of Congo capital. Nearly 5,000 protesters participated in the demonstration. This is the first multi-

party poll in the country since 1960. The protest emerged from the discovery that nearly 1.5 million voters had disappeared from the polls registry and several voters are unidentified.

Mali—The World Bank approved \$35 million to the Malian government for enhancements in primary education. The money will be allocated to reading areas, certification of 3,000 teachers and recruitment of 1,800 new teachers, equipping teacher libraries and enhancing vocational education programs.

Guinea—Three private radio stations have been authorized to end the broadcast media monopoly in the country, Radio Liberty FM, Radio Soleil and Radio

Nostalgie. This is one of the first steps taken by the country toward a more democratic nation to get continued aid from other democratic nations.

Charlie Christian Page 1

for young music fans today to understand that in the early part of Charlie's brief career, guitars were strictly rhythm instruments.

Charlie helped change all that.

Christian began formulating single-note solos and in 1936 at the Texas Centennial, he experimented with microphones, held in place by rubber bands, that were capable of amplifying the acoustic guitar so that a searing lead guitar riff, similar to those normally given to the trumpet and saxophone, was now possible.

Swing music was popular at the time and Christian listened to the steel guitarists in Bob Will's Texas Playboys as they performed solos on amplified instruments. He listened to the jazz of Reinhardt and the bluesmen that passed through Deep Deuce.

In 1937, Charlie purchased his first electric guitar, a Gibson ES-150. By 1939

record producer John Hammond had heard of a phenomenal guitarist and introduced Christian to Benny Goodman. According to the story, on the night Hammond had Charlie Christian sit in with the Benny Goodman Band, Goodman selected "Rose Room" in hopes that the guitarist wouldn't be familiar with the song. But the tune had been part of Christian's repertoire during his days in Oklahoma City. Charlie listened to the band go through the chords once and then reeled off 20 or so solos, each one different. It was 40 minutes before Goodman's band finished the song and by that time they had a new guitarist.

Downbeat Magazine listed Christian as the top guitarist in America from 1929 to 1941. His hit, "Solo Flight," topped Billboard Magazine's Harlem Hit Parade in 1943. Unfortunately, Charlie was already gone. Charlie Christian died in New York City at the

early age of 25, a victim of tuberculosis and pneumonia.

Three things make Charlie Christian's career the stuff of legends. First, he forever changed the role of the guitar in music. Second, Christian's style was instrumental in the evolution of experimental bebop, a sound derived, in part, from the popular swing sound of the era. And third, he had less than two years in the studio to leave his mark on music forever. Although it is only fair to wonder what accomplishments could have followed if Charlie Christian's career had lasted decades, it turned out that 24 months in the bright lights was more than enough time for the right man at the right time. If Charlie had only been at the top of his game for six months, guitarists would still be tracing the evolution of their instrument back to the solo flight of a man with a humble beginning at 511 Johnson Street.

The May issue of Time Magazine listed what may very well be the seven finest jazz

albums of all time. Right in the mix with Billie Holiday, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Charlie Parker, Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong is the man who will get fresh flowers on his grave in south Bonham, August 29, Charlie Christian.

From the May issue of Time Magazine: *In the years B.C. (Before Christian), the jazz guitar was mostly a rhythm instrument. In his hands, it emerged as a brilliant lyrical solo voice, one that echoes in virtually every electric guitarist that has followed. Christian's death at 25 from tuberculosis made him one of jazz's greatest might-have-beens.* --

Christopher Porterfield, Time Magazine, 2006

More quotes:

"That cat tore everybody's head up."

—Wes Montgomery (from Guitar Player, 1973)

"Without Charlie Christian, jazz and blues wouldn't sound the way they do today or be nearly as popular. Everybody might still be playing a banjo!"

Weatherization Program Page 1

administered by TXU Electric Delivery. Anyone who feels they meet the qualifications outlined by the program should contact a participating contractor."

Since 2002, TXU Electric Delivery has retrofitted 65,000 houses through the program, offering assistance to customers that meet the income requirements through the installation of energy efficient upgrades. This year, about \$4 million is available to customers through participating contractors to reduce energy consumption and ultimately lower energy bills.

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Sister Tarpley

I read these long ago; they caused me to think and gave me comfort. Perhaps you have read or heard these before. You may read these for the first time, or read these again, which ever, these are things to enjoy and make you think.

Imagine you and the Lord are walking down the road together. For much of the way, the Lord's footprints go along steadily, consistently, rarely varying the pace. But your footprints are a disorganized steam of zig-zags, starts, stops, turn-arounds, circles, departures, and returns. For much of the way, it seems to go like this, but gradually your footprints come more in line with the Lord's and soon they are paralleling His consistently. You and Jesus are walking as true friends!

This seems perfect, but then an interesting thing happens. Your footprints that once etched the sand next to Jesus' are now walking precisely in His steps. Inside His larger footprints are your smaller ones; you and Jesus are becoming one. This goes on for many miles, but gradually you notice another change. Your footprints inside Jesus' footprints seem to grow larger. Eventually they disappear altogether. There is only one set of footprints; the

Footprints - A New Version

two footprints have become one.

This goes on for a long time, but suddenly the second set of footprints is back. This time it seems even worse! Zigzags are all over the place. There are stops, starts, gashes in the sand. There are a variable mess of prints. You are amazed and shocked. Your dream ends. Now you pray: "Lord, I

arated, and this time it seemed worse than at first." There is a pause as the Lord answers with a smile in His voice. "You didn't know? It was then that you had a victory, you did a Holy dance!"

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under Heaven: a time to weep, a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4)

- Author Unknown

TAKE TIME: Take time to **Think**, it is the source of wisdom; and wisdom comes from God. Take time to **Dream**, it is the fountain of the future. Jesus said that without a vision, the people perish. Take time to **Play**, it is the way to stay young at heart; and to enjoy life to the fullest. Take time to **Reflect**, it is the way to know God; and to know God is to love God. Take

time to **Smile**, it is the road to happiness; and it takes less muscles to smile. Take time to **Laugh**, it is the music of the soul. Take time to **Love**, it is God's greatest gift; and God is Love. Take time to **Pray**, it is the greatest power on earth; and a wonderful way to talk to God.

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Picture of The Week

Sister Tarpley; E. Patrick Johnson, Author of *Appropriating Blackness*; and Jacqueline Smith Eldridge @ Johnson's Book Signing event.

understand the first scene, with zigzags and fits. I was a new Christian; I was just learning. But You walked on through the storm and helped me learn to walk with You." "That is correct," said the Lord.

"And when the smaller prints were inside Yours, I was actually learning to walk in Your steps, following You very closely." "Very Good . . . You have understood everything so far." "When the smaller footprints grew and filled in Yours, I suppose that I was becoming more like You in every way." "Precisely," said the Lord. "So, Lord, was there a regression or something? The footprints sep-

A Student's Thoughts Page 3

where is the in-between?

College chapters attempt to mediate between local chapters with apathy on part by college students due to the lack of programs geared specifically toward 18-24 year-olds.

Saving and investing how-to information and building solid

career foundations are areas that most college students need and to be educated on.

But, many 18-24 year-olds are not in college and the focus for a 22-year-old is not necessarily the same as a middle-aged career professional.

In many ways I feel that the NAACP needs to revamp and

redirect some of its focuses on the college aged generation, but I also feel as though student apathy is also a large part of the problem.

Of course, it will take work on both parts.

Otherwise, for college students, in time, the NAACP could become just another nominal organization to put on a resume.

Church Happenings

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August 5, 9 am

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July 26-28, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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July 29, 2 - 6 pm

You are invited to the close of our VBS with a church cookout. For more information on the above events, please call the church @ 972-359-9956.

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July 29, 6 am - 11 am

Please join us for our 1st Annual Fishing Tournament @ White Rock Lake. A fishing license is required for those over 12 years. First Church will furnish the fishing equipment on a first come, first serve, with a limited supply. Observers are welcome. Bus transportation will be provided and will leave the church at 5 am. Refreshments will be provided. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

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July 28 & 29, 2006

Please join us at our Just Between Sisters Women's Ministry Retreat @ Marriott Addison Quorum, 14901 Dallas Parkway, Dallas TX 75254. Our speakers are: First Lady Billye McNeil & Minister Cheryl Bell from Christian Chapel Temple of Faith in Dallas, and Pastor Ouida Lee from United Methodist of the Disciple in DeSoto, with the theme: Called, Committed, Changing, Matthew 4:18-20, Psalm 37:5-6, 2 Corinthians 5:17.

For registration information, please call the church @ 972-423-4090.

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ST. LUKE "COMMUNITY" UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 9 - 13, 6 pm

All youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited to an end of summer Block Party with food, music, fun, and prizes to kick off the Annual Youth Revival. Workshops include Prayer 101; Dating 101; Hip Hop 101; and Worship 101 - designed to help youth learn the importance of Trusting His Unfailing Grace - T.H.U.G. 101. Guests include Rev. Otis Moss III, Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, IL, cited by Newsweek as "One of God's Foot Soldiers" committed to transforming the lives of youth.

For more information and cost (which includes a revival T-shirt, all meals and materials, call Katrina Martin @ 469-235-2261

St. Luke "Community" UMC

Rev. Tyrone D. Gordon,
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WOMEN PRAYING FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES, INC.

July 29, 6 pm

You are invited to our 2nd Annual Stepping Out with (P & P) Prayer & Praise Gala with the world renowned Vickie Winans, National Gospel Recording Artist @ the Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane (near the Galleria), Dallas, TX 75244. Our theme is "Guidance in Prayer;" 1 John 5:14-15. There will be a Praise Dance Team, Inspirational Solos, Prayer Time, Local Vendors, and Prize Drawings.

Our speaker will be Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park in Richardson, TX; with Gala Co-Mistresses of Ceremonies, Ms. Lynne Haze, Radio Personality on 94.5FM; and Sister Shirley Demus Tarpley, Religious Editor for MON-The Gazette. Dress attire is Formal and Semi-Formal. Tickets are only \$50. You don't want to miss this event! NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

For more information and tickets please call 214-450-7634. A portion of the proceeds will benefit "The Dallas Local Organizing Committee, Inc. to Support DISD Priority Schools."

Women Praying for Christ Ministries, Inc.
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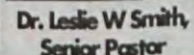
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Sunday Service Times

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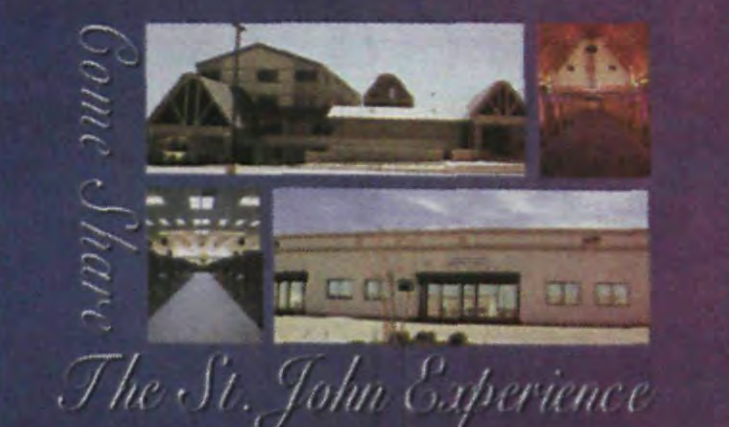
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Stepping Out With Prayer And Praise Gala To Be Hosted By Sister Tarpley



Sister Tarpley, Religious Editor,
MON-The Gazette

The Women Praying for Christ Ministries, Inc. is hosting their second annual Stepping Out with Prayer and Praise Gala on Saturday, July 29 at 6 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel.

The theme of the evening is "Guidance in Prayer," centered on I John 5:14-15. There will be praise dance teams, inspirational solos, prayer time and entertainment by national gospel recording artist Vickie Winans.

The event, hosted by radio personality Lynne Haze of 94.5

and Shirley Tarpley, religious editor of MON The Gazette Newspaper, will feature speaker Dr. Gregory Foster, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park in Richardson.

Other entertainment will include Christian comedienne, Ms. Vickie, praise dance team K-God dancers and solo by Denise Wolfrod.

Local vendors including The Dallas Examiner, Wolfrod Entertainment, National Glamour Cosmetics and several

others. There will also be several prize drawings.

A portion of the proceeds from the gala tickets will benefit The Dallas Local Organizing Committee, Inc to support DISD priority schools. Tickets are \$50 but will not be sold at the door. Tickets are available at vickiewinans.mollyguard.com.

Attire for the event is formal and semi-formal.

Women Praying For Christ is an international non-profit Christian sisterhood and sup-

port group that emphasizes intercessory prayer. Dr. Angela S. King founded the organization in June 2004 as a way to provide outreach, education, programs and services to individuals and families that are seeking to improve the quality of their lives through personal growth and the strengthening of their faith.

The Double Tree Hotel is located at 4099 Valley View Lane in Dallas, near the Galleria.



Gospel Artist Vickie Winans

Third Annual Kraft Gospel Talent Search Winner Chosen During Megafest 2006

Charlotte Embry, of Raytown, MO is the grand prize winner of Kraft's Third Annual Gospel Talent Search, a nationwide competition showcasing the best undiscovered gospel talent in America. Charlotte received \$25,000, an opportunity to open for the Grammy Award-winning gospel duo Mary Mary, and got to share the stage with some of the biggest names in gospel during the MegaFest closing concert on July 22nd at the Georgia Dome.

"I think being a part of the Third Annual Kraft Gospel Talent Search will definitely be a

life-altering experience," said Charlotte. "I never thought I would have a chance to perform for so many people, including some of my favorite gospel artists, and I'm grateful to Kraft for providing this incredible opportunity."

Ten finalists competed at the Georgia World Conference Center during MegaFest 2006 in Atlanta. The Kraft Gospel Talent Search was hosted by gospel singer Byron Cage and Myra J of the Tom Joyner Morning Show. The competition's judges — gospel recording artists, Mary Mary; Dr. Teresa Hairston, Founder and CEO of Gospel Today Magazine; Tara



Finalist Sonya Newson
of Arlington, Texas

Griggs-Magee, Executive Vice President of Sony Music Entertainment; and Kim Drayton, Project Director for Metroplex Economic Development Corporation — partnered with Kraft Foods to evaluate and encourage these aspiring gospel artists.

"Joining forces with MegaFest made this a particularly exciting year for the Kraft Gospel Talent Search, and each participant showed an incredible amount of talent — making the competition tougher than ever," said Yolanda Angulo, Director of Multicultural Marketing, Kraft Foods. "Kraft

applauds the hard work, spirit, and talent of our winner, the finalists, and all who entered submissions and voted in this year's competition."

Finalists for the Third Annual Kraft Gospel Talent Search included: Tawanna Campbell of Little Rock, Arkansas; Charlotte Elaine Embry of Raytown, Missouri; Latrece Goree of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Latisha Lynn Haynes of St. Louis, Missouri; Patricia Mathison of Louisville, Kentucky; Douglas McHenry of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Marva Mortley of Brooklyn, New York; Sonya Newson of Arlington,

Texas; Raychell Richard of Gretna, Louisiana; and Angela Wells of Dickinson, Texas.

The grand prize winner of the Second Annual Kraft Gospel Talent Search (2005), Angela Blair, has had an eventful year following her win. An independent artist, Blair just released her new CD, "A Time for Love" and recently performed during the 2006 Essence Music Festival in Houston. Additionally, Blair has partnered with fitness guru Donna Richardson-Joyner to perform for her new fitness DVD, "Sweating in the Spirit II."

St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church Kicks Off Youth Revival With Block Party For Youth

All youth are invited to the end of summer Block Party, Wednesday, August 9th at 6pm. Come out and enjoy step teams, MUSIC, spoken word, mimes, FOOD, prizes, and FUN! The Block Party will kick off the annual Youth Revival, August 9 - 13. Youth in grades 7 through 12 will experience informative discussion in workshops ranging from Dating 101 to Prayer 101, to Hip Hop 101; along with powerful praise and prophetic preaching in Worship on Thursday and Friday nights. ALL YOUTH

join us as we learn the importance of Trusting His Unfailing Grace.~ T.H.U.G. 101. This year's revivalist is Rev. Otis Moss III, who has been cited by Newsweek Magazine as "one of God's foot soldiers" committed to transforming the lives of youth. Beliefnet.com named him as one of the future religious leaders who will impact the African-American Church and the African American Pulpit Journal recently named Rev. Moss one of the "twenty (20) to watch" ministers who will shape the future of the

African American church. Rev. Moss has the distinction of being the youngest person to lecture at the Hampton University Musicians and Ministers Conference. A graduate of Morehouse College and Yale Divinity School, Rev. Moss has recently been announced as the Pastor of Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ under the leadership of Senior Pastor,

Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. Worship services will begin at 7pm Thursday and Friday nights, August 10 and 11. A complete schedule of the Youth Revival is available at www.slucmc.org. A \$12.00 fee includes a T-shirt, meals and materials for the 5 days. For registration and additional information, please contact the church office at 214.821.2970.



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Schedule of Services:

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

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