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People In The News



As a part of its African American History Month celebration, Half Price Books will host the Rev. Peter Johnson on Saturday, February 11th, 11:00 am - 2 pm. Rev. Johnson will be discussing his personal involvement in the Civil Rights Movement and its relevance to the past, present and future of African Americans.

Rev. Johnson, has a long, storied history in the modern Civil Rights Movement. Mr. Johnson was a student organizer with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) under CORE Founder Jim Farmer.

Rev. Johnson was recruited to join the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) as a National Student Organizer and Strategist in the Southern States. He was a confidante of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was present at all of the history-changing events of the 60s and 70s including the Poor People's Campaign and the March on Washington.

Rev. Johnson is still involved in the Human Rights movement and is known for his continued work against hand guns, 'Get Out To Vote', public housing and medical rights among disenfranchised Americans.

The event will take place in the Half Price Books Community Room, 5803 E. Northwest Hwy., Dallas.

Carla Ranger, founder of the African American Read-In 2006 is passionate about her mission to get more African Americans to read, through any means necessary. This passion manifested itself by providing a free event which celebrates African American writers through performance.



The first event was held in 2000 and was sponsored by the Dallas County Community Colleges, where Ranger is an executive of education partnerships. Planned as a one-time event, 2006 marks the 7th year of the African American Read-In.

Along the way Ranger has been able to involve local and national celebrities. She has also managed to get businesses to buy into the activity through sponsorship and donations.

Ranger comments, "We would like everyone to know that the Dallas African American Read-In is only the beginning of fun for our entire community. We encourage schools, organizations and families to hold their own read-ins throughout February to support literacy, to learn and to teach others about African-American writers."

The 2006 African American Read In will take place on Saturday, February 4th, from 2-4 pm, at the Majestic Theater, Dallas. Admission is free.



Nevil Shed, a member of the basketball team featured in the film 'Glory Road', will speak at the Texas Woman's University's Black History Lecture 'Up close and Personal' on Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 6 p.m.

Shed was a member of the Texas Western University (now the University of Texas at El Paso) 1966 NCAA Championship basketball team featured in the recently released Disney film 'Glory Road'. The team, led by then-coach Don Haskins, triumphed over the University of Kentucky with win event often referred to as "the game that changed American sports." The game was the first time in a national championship, an all-black team opposed an all-white team for a victory that ended segregation in intercollegiate sports.

The lecture begins at 6 p.m. in room 207 of TWU's Student Union located at the corner of Administration Drive and Bell Avenue in Denton. The event is being presented by TWU's Office of Intercultural Services as part of the university's Black History Month celebrations and is open to the public.

For more information, visit www.twu.edu/o-si/intercultural or call 940-898-3679.

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Coretta Scott King Dies At 78



Widow of civil rights leader devoted life to his legacy

(AP) - Coretta Scott King, who turned a life shattered by her husband's assassination into one devoted to enshrining his legacy of human rights and equality, has died, former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young said Tuesday morning.

She was 78.

Young, who was a former civil rights activist and was close to the King family, broke the news during a phone call he made to NBC's

"Today" show.

Asked how he found out about her death, Young said: "I understand she was asleep last night, and her daughter tried to wake her up."

King, who suffered a serious stroke and heart attack in 2005, did not appear at the birthday observance for her husband, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., for the first time in the 20-year observance of the holiday.

The couple married in 1953, and Coretta King was a supportive lieutenant to her husband during the most tumultuous days of the fight for civil rights.

After her husband's assassination in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, she kept his dream alive while also raising their four children.

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Plano, Richardson Install Red-Light Cameras

Plano and Richardson are set to activate newly installed red-light cameras today, beginning a one-month warning period before \$75 civil fines kick in March 1.

Cameras at four intersections in Plano and two in Richardson will start snapping the license plates of offending vehicles, and violations will be sent to the registered owners.

Plano's cameras are at the following locations: Custer Road and Spring Creek Parkway; 15th Street and Independence Parkway; Park Boulevard and Ventura Drive; and Dallas



Parkway and Legacy Drive. Traffic Lt. Jeff Wise has said the department hopes the new

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1st Black Oscar Winner Honored With Stamp

Hattie McDaniel, the first black actress to win an Academy Award, was honored Wednesday with a U.S. Postal Service commemorative stamp.

McDaniel is the 29th person honored in the Postal Service's long-running Black Heritage stamp series.

The 39-cent stamp depicts the plump-faced McDaniel in a 1941 photograph in the blue dress she wore when she received the Oscar for best supporting actress in "Gone with the Wind" in February 1940.

McDaniel played Scarlett O'Hara's maid in the 1939 movie about the Civil War.

"She was a most special lady," McDaniel's "Gone with the Wind" co-star Ann Rutherford told AP Television News.



Rutherford recalled how McDaniel thought some of her friends looked down on her for playing a maid.

"But (McDaniel) said, 'I'd

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Habitat For Humanity Of South Collin County Announces 2006 Building Foundations Building Lives Gala On February 18th



On Saturday, February 18, 2006 Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County will host its 2006 Building Foundations Building Lives Gala at the Marriott at Legacy Town Center located near the Tollway and Legacy in Plano.

The event will begin at 6:30pm with a champagne reception followed by a superb dinner with dancing music provided by The Rodney Booth Band. Public support is requested and required for the success of this Gala benefiting our community.

Jeff Brady of WFAA Channel 8 has been named as Honorary Chair of the event and will serve as Emcee for the evening.

There will be a both live auc-

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Plano Mayor's Race Heats Up As Councilman Ken Lambert Announces Candidacy

By: Paul Hailey

Plano Mayor Pro Tem Ken Lambert resigned his seat on Saturday and announced his plan to run against incumbent Mayor Pat Evans in the May 13th election. His announcement sets up a spring election between two of the most experienced political candidates in all of North Texas.

Mr. Lambert, a three-term councilman is prohibited by term limits from seeking another term, has also served as Plano City Manager and has over 40 years of involvement in city politics.

Mr. Lambert, 66, insisted that the race is not personal and he is not running out of any contempt for Mayor Evans



Plano Mayor Pro Tem Ken Lambert

or her policies.

"I'm not running against her. I'm running on my experience and track record and 40

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Senate Confirms Alito To High Court

By: Thomas Ferraro

A sharply divided U.S. Senate on Tuesday confirmed Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court, backing a second conservative nominated by President George W. Bush in his effort to move the nation's highest court to the right.

The largely party-line vote was 58-42 to replace the more moderate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor with Alito, a federal appeals judge since 1990, and came four months after the Senate approved Bush's first Supreme Court nominee, John Roberts, as U.S. chief justice.

Alito is expected to align himself with the court's solidly conservative bloc and could affect the outcome of votes on key social issues such as abortion and civil rights.

Sen. Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat, said, "I must say that I wish the president was in a position to do more than



claim a partisan victory tonight."

"The union would be better and stronger and more unified if we were confirming a different nominee, a nominee who could have united us more than divided us," Schumer said.

Senate Majority Bill Frist, a Tennessee Republican, hailed the confirmation, saying, "In every respect, Judge Alito is a nominee who meets the highest standards of excellence."

O'Connor's seat has long been viewed as pivotal since for years she has been the swing vote in a series of 5-4 decisions on social issues. Roberts

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Chirac Calls For 'Slavery Day'



By: Martin Arnold

France's President Jacques Chirac yesterday called for the "indelible stain" of slavery to be remembered in a national day of commemoration on May 10, the first of its kind in Europe.

Mr Chirac described the holiday, marking the day the French senate passed a law recognizing slavery as a crime against humanity in 2001, as a chance to "show the way" to other countries by exhibiting France's "glory and strength".

"The grandeur of a country,

it is to assume all its history. With its glorious pages, but also its more shady parts," said Mr Chirac, in a speech designed to cool the racial tensions caused by last year's riots and defuse a bitter political debate over French colonial history.

He promised to fight modern forms of slavery by allowing companies that knowingly used forced labour in any country to be prosecuted in French courts. He also proposed a "European or international initiative" forcing companies to respect "basic work rights" in poorer countries.

Slavery is a thorny issue for many of the world's richest countries and African states

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Author Michael Eric Dyson Visits Dallas

Photos By: Gwen Elder



Michael Eric Dyson signs books for attendees



Crowd members take in Dyson's speech



New Orleans poet and rapper Mia X



Black Images Book Bazaar owner Emma Rogers



Dyson discusses Hurricane Katrina

Does George W. Bush care about black people? Does the rest of America?

Author Michael Eric Dyson uniquely addresses these and

other questions in his new book, *Come Hell or High Water*. Mr. Dyson was in Dallas for a book signing on Monday, at Black Images Book Bazaar 230 Wynnewood Village, Dallas.

Michael Eric Dyson, is the author of several books, including: *Mercy, Mercy Me: The Art, Loves & Demons of Marvin Gaye*; *Holler if You Hear Me: Searching for Tupac Shakur*;

Why I Love Black Women; and *I May Not Get There With You: The True Martin Luther King*,

Jr. He is currently the Avalon Foundation Professor in the

Humanities at the University of Pennsylvania and lives in Philadelphia.

Savor Dallas-At The African American Museum



African American Museum



Culinary offering from Savor Dallas 2005

Superstars of the epicurean world and lovers of wine and food gather to savor the flavor, during the 2nd annual Savor Dallas weekend, February 16-18, 2006. Savor Dallas is a feast for the senses; offering opportunities to explore the

arts, celebrate cultural diversity, and enjoy the fine art of premium wines, spirits and cutting edge cuisine.

Getting the weekend started on Thursday, are the Sizzling South of the Border Celebration at the Latino Cultural Center, Wine,

Food and Rhythm at the African American Museum, and nearly two-dozen winery dinners at the finest restaurants in Dallas-Fort Worth.

A highlight of the weekend is The Arts District Wine Stroll, Friday February 17, 4-7 p.m.,

with a chance to stroll among the beautiful Dallas Arts District treasures and taste wines from the finest vineyards at each participating location: Crow Collection of Asian Art, Dallas Museum of Art, Meyerson Symphony Center and Nasher Sculpture Center.

Following the Stroll on Friday, the scene shifts to the Wyndham Anatole. Discriminating connoisseurs will enjoy the limited attendance Reserve Tasting featuring ultra-premium wines and spirits. Then, guests can experience Bubbles 'N Jazz presented by Moët & Chandon, starring Grammy Award winners The David Sanborn Group.

The International Grand Tasting features over 500 wines

and spirits and more than 50 of Dallas/Fort Worth's most celebrated chefs serving signature dishes Saturday, February 18, from 7 until 10pm at the Wyndham Anatole.

During the day on Saturday, The Viking Range Celebrity Stage features star chef cooking demos from Rocco DeSpirito,

Gale Gand, Aaron Sanchez, and more to be announced. Tasting seminars and panels feature top experts Steve Olson, Andrea Immer Robinson MS, Dale DeGroff, Doug Frost MS/MW, and more.

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Around The Town

February Ongoing

Plano Citizen Police Academy is accepting applications for its spring class, which begins Thursday. The free 13 week class meets every Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. Call 972-941-2135 for information.

The Society of Figurative Arts will hold lab and workshop sessions at 7:00 p.m. most Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3306 Wiley Post, Studio 104, Carrollton. Call 972-679-1625 for information.

A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie, temporary exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Call 512-936-8746 for information. February 11-April 15

Irving Black Arts Council presents Visual Arts exhibition at the Main Gallery. Call 214-993-8444 for information. February 1-28.

The 7th Bicentennial of African American Legislative Summit will take place at the State Capital building in Austin, Texas. For information call 214-467-0123 or 512-463-0123. February 9-11

Drums Not Guns will hold drumming sessions from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month thru mid-May at Old

Settlers Park Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana St. Call 214-641-0782 for information.

A Ballroom Dance with a live band at the McKinney Senior Recreation Center and Indoor Pool, 1400 S. College St., Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. Call 972-547-7491 for information.

The First Baptist Church is again offering "DivorceCare" beginning January 15 and running for 13 weeks. Call 972-727-8241 for information.

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

A Free Legal Clinic is offered at 6:00 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First

United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

The Frisco Housing Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Korean War Veterans Association-Sam Johnson Chapter 270 meets the second Saturday of each month at the Richardson Senior Citizens Center, 820 Arapaho Rd. in Richardson. Call 972-279-7000 for information.

February 2

UNCF/Council Conference 2006 College Fair, 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m., Adams Mark Hotel,

400 North Olive Drive.

Senior Connection a support group dedicated to older adults looking for a job will meet 10:00 a.m., at the Senior Source, 1215 Skiles Street. (Dallas) Call 214-823-5700 for information.

February 4

Daddy's Little Sweetheart Dance-fathers and daughters, 4-12 years old will enjoy a special evening together with music and dancing, Plano Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Call 972-941-7250 for information.

The Dallas Metroplex of Black Alumni Association hosts 6th Annual Black College Alumni Night College, 8:00 am-10:00 a.m., American Airline Center, 2500 Victory Avenue. Call 972-412-5169 for information.

Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority presents G Red for Women's Community Health Screenings, 1:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m., One Delta Place, 2525 MLK Jr. Blvd. Call 214-428-0601 for information.

New Next Generation

requests the pleasure of your company to attend the play "Oh, My Child", 3:00 p.m., St. Luke Life Center, 5710 R L Thornton Rd. Call 972-733-0469 for information.

A Prince Came Out Of Egypt-A Tribute To Ossie Davis

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm St.

February 6

"Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes" registration ends. Classes will be from 6-8 p.m. Mondays beginning February 20. Call 972-424-1460, ext 4233 for information.

February 9

The University of North Texas celebrating Black History Month presents, "African American Images in 20th Century Film", 2:00 p.m., Multi-cultural Center, Rm. 422. Call 817-267-0651 for information.

February 10

The Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual Valentine's Daddy Daughter Dance at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. Call 972-216-6260 for information.

The Garland NAACP hosts the 6th Annual Winter Ball, "Celebrating the Lives of Extraordinary People", 8:00 p.m., Cappella Court, 2701 Custer Parkway (Richardson) Call 972-381-5044 for information.

February 14

Each One Teach One Film Series, "How Biased Are You?", 12 noon, Multicultural Center, Rm. 422. Sponsored by UNT.

February 16

Senior Connection offers a job workshop, 10:00 a.m., 1215 Skiles St. (Dallas) Call 214-823-5700 for information.

February 17

The 22nd Annual Quest for Success Awards Luncheon

will pay tribute to eight African American business owners from the Dallas/Fort Worth area for their outstanding business achievements and community service, Dallas Convention Center-Ballroom A, 650 South Griffin St., 11:00 a.m. Call 214-421-5200 for information.

National Woman's Heart Day Health Fair, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., American Airlines Center, The Concourse, 2500 Victory Ave. Free and open to the public. Call 214-871-3029 for information.

Frankie Beverly & Maze in concert at Nokia Live, 1001 Next Stage Dr. Call 972-854-5111.

16th Annual African Heritage Banquet sponsored by UNT. Dr. Arthur Gregg, Director of the Multicultural Center at University of Texas at Dallas, will be the guest speaker. Event will be held at the University Union Silver Eagle Suite. Call 940-565-3424 for reservations.

February 18

Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County Announces 2006 Building Foundations Building Lives Gala, Marriott at Legacy Town Center located near the Toll way and Legacy in Plano, 6:30 p.m. Call 972-398-0634 for tickets and information.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. will host their annual Founders Day Luncheon, Wyndham Anatole Hotel. Call 972-298-1602 for information.

February 22

UNT presents the 9th Annual Equity and Diversity Conference, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tony Award winning actor B.D. Wong and actress/civil rights advocate Yolanda King are featured speakers at the event. The conference will be held at University Union Silver Eagle Suite. Call 940-565-3424 for information.

In an aggressive effort to curb pet over-population. The SPCA of Texas and the Human Society of the United States are hosting "Neuter Scooter for a Nickel," an annual campaign that invites cat owners to get their male cats fixed for just five cents. Call 214-651-9611 for locations and information.

February 23

Heaven 97 Listeners' Appreciation Night, Dallas Mavericks vs. Memphis Grizzlies, 7:30 p.m., American Airlines Center. Call 214-658-7123 for information.

UNT, Each One Teach One Film Series, featuring episodes of "The Boondocks", 12 noon, Multicultural Center, Rm. 422.

March Ongoing

First Annual Writes of Spring Literary Festival, Book Fair and Writers' Conference, South Side on Lamar, 1409 South Lamar (Dallas). Call 214-828-1715 for information. March 31-April 2

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Reserved But Never Reticent She Spoke Out To Honor MLK, Fight Bigotry

By: Cynthia McKinney

For black women of my mother's generation, Coretta Scott King was like Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy. Following the assassination of her husband, during days of very public mourning, Mrs. King was a portrait of dignity and quiet strength. At a time when every black American was judged by the behavior of a very few, Mrs. King's grace under pressure made black Americans — but especially black women — very proud.

So did her efforts to promote the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the mission to which she dedicated the rest of her life. While rearing four children (the youngest, Bernice, was only 5 years old when her father died), Mrs. King raised millions to build the facility down on Auburn Avenue. She called it the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change.

But Mrs. King's greatest triumph was the holiday. She campaigned for it tirelessly, along with Rep. John Conyers, (D-Mich.), who introduced the bill for a holiday commemorating King a mere four days after his assassination. Fifteen years later, with Coretta Scott King standing next to him, President Ronald Reagan signed the law designating the third Monday of every January, near King's Jan. 15 birthday, a federal holiday. By 2000, it was also a state holiday in all 50 states.

It's easy enough now to take the annual commemoration for granted, but there was nothing preordained about the passage of state and federal laws, nothing routine about the expectation that the nation would pay homage

to the man who had insisted that it live up to its promise of equality for all.

My mother remembers that the segregated Alabama school where she taught planned a commemorative service shortly after Martin Luther King Jr.'s death. One of a handful of white teachers — considered progressives, since they had volunteered to teach at an all-black school — objected. "She said she was not going to honor somebody who had stirred up all that trouble," my mother recalled.

Mrs. King met similar objections in many quarters. Some members of Congress denounced King as a Communist; they were incensed not only by his demands on the American social conscience but also by his opposition to the Vietnam War. Others used cost as an excuse. Some objected to a holiday celebrating a man who had never held any public office, much less the presidency. But Mrs. King used the public stage well, never giving up.

My mother's generation of women also respected that about her: She stepped ably into the spotlight when it counted. Like so many young widows of her time and place, women groomed to be wives and mothers, she needed to call on deep reserves of fortitude and faith to make it through. And she did.

She made her share of mistakes along the way. While she was a savvy fund-raiser, she wasn't an equally shrewd manager. As president of the King Center, she was often disorganized, allowing promising programs to lapse, never developing the institution as the premier center for the study of nonviolence. And she could never let go of the center long

enough to allow a professional manager to develop it, either. (Even now, the facility needs repairs that will cost millions, and it doesn't have the money.)

She allowed her children — whom I have fiercely criticized — to profit from their father's legacy. And she was not above squeezing every dollar she could out of news organizations or other groups wanting to use passages from her husband's sermons and speeches. She was blind to the inherent conflict in her logic: If her husband is a public treasure (and he is) whose legacy should be commemorated with a national holiday, then his speeches and sermons should be public property, too.

Still, she continued to stand for social justice — adopting an expansive vision that many other civil rights activists were unable or unwilling to share. She didn't just support Nelson Mandela; she also supported Corazon Aquino. She gave Bono, the Irish rock star, an award for his anti-poverty work in the developing world. And, when many older civil rights leaders were mired in their own homophobia, she spoke out against anti-gay bigotry.

Two years ago, at a commemorative dinner during the King holiday weekend, I approached Mrs. King as she sat taking pictures with admirers. I had long wanted to tell her that I was impressed by her courageous denunciations of homophobia. One of her aides — having read my columns criticizing King family antics that had left me unimpressed — couldn't resist the irony: He suggested I have my picture taken with her, too.

My mother likes that photo. So do I.

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Paul
Hailey

This weekend, the National Football League celebrates its grand coronation, the corporate prom that is the Super Bowl. People will be talking about the announcement of the Hall of Fame inductees, the parties, the entertainment (including the less than zero chance of another wardrobe malfunction), the commercials, and eventually the football game between the Seahawks and the Steelers. What people won't be talking about is the NFL's abysmal record in hiring black coaches.

In the NFL, when it comes to minority hiring, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Nearly four years ago, labor law attorney Cyrus Mehri and the late Johnnie Cochran released a report that revealed the "dismal record of minority hiring" of head coaches in the National Football League. The study, titled, "Black Coaches in the National Football League: Superior Performances, Inferior Opportunities," pointed out that since its inception in 1920, the NFL had hired over 400 head coaches, but only six were African American (five since 1989).

Dr. Janice Madden of the University of Pennsylvania analyzed the data and concluded that while 70% of the NFL players are black, only 28% of the assistants and 6% of all head coaches were black. In addition, between 1986-2001, black coaches averaged 1.1 more wins per season than white coaches, and teams led by white coaches

NFL's Lack Of Black Coaches No Coincidence

made the playoffs 39% of the time while the black coaches made the playoffs 67% of the time.

"We can bring a lawsuit, but let's see if we can have a dialogue," Cochran said at the press conference releasing the study. "You only litigate after you've done everything you can to negotiate."

The NFL, being composed of very rich, very white men realized they had a potential public relation debacle on their hands, and quickly took action. They immediately established a committee and the committee instituted the "Rooney Rule", named for its chairman Dan Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Rooney Rule required each team to interview at least one minority candidate when filling a head coach position or be fined.

Since the Rooney Rule was passed, the number of black head coaches has increased from two to six in the 32 team league.

So if black coaches have statistically been proven to be winners, and the league has passed a rule guaranteeing at least one minority candidate is interviewed, why are there still so few black head coaches in the NFL?

The answer, to a large degree is racism.

At the end of this past season, the league had 10 head coaching vacancies. Nine of those vacancies were filled by white coaches, with one vacancy still pending. Many of those hired have less experience than proven minority coaches that were not selected. The minority coaches who weren't chosen include: Art

Shell, Jim Caldwell, Tim Lewis, Ted Cottrell, Donnie Henderson, Ron Rivera, Maurice Carthon, Jerry Grey and Greg Blache.

Cyrus Mehri commented on the current situation in the NFL.

"If you compare the lists, you'll see that the black coaching candidates were at least as strong, if not stronger, than those who were selected," Mehri said. "Each team could say what their justifications were, but if you look at it collectively, it still shows that there's an uphill battle for African American coaches."

Even NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue agrees there is a problem.

"I don't know what to make of it, but it's obviously a disappointment for those who thought we'd have incremental improvement," he recently said.

"The fact that there are no new African American coaches is disappointing. We have to keep at it."

All you have to do is look at the make up of NFL owners to understand what is going on. None of the 32 teams has a minority as its controlling owner. NFL owners are among the richest men in the country, and NFL franchises are some of the most valuable in all of sports. The fact that these men don't feel comfortable hiring minorities to run their teams is not surprising. The lack of black coaches in the NFL is not a coincidence. It is indicative of one of the last vestiges of openly practiced racism in our society.

Alito Causes Strategy-Shift For Blacks

By: Ron Walters
NNPA Columnist

The Republicans exhibited their power by successfully getting Judge Samuel Alito through the confirmation process. What does this mean for Black political strategies? I have argued in the past that the line-up of power in the government should occasionally cause Black leaders to shift tactics at the national level.

At this moment in history, it appears that the Supreme Court will not be as favorable to Black interests as it has in the past. In fact, its new conservative activists may legislate in a manner that changes the framework of civil and human rights substantially, stopping in its tracks the progress made and, in fact, making laws that support a version of White upper-class privilege. In that event, the major opportunities for corrective action lay in the Congress and the White House, both of which are subject to elec-

toral participation.

With mid-term elections looming on the horizon that could change the complexion of the House and Senate, these elections take on a sense of urgency probably greater than other mid-term elections in the past because of the clear and present danger now presented by the potential for negative action vested in this Supreme Court. Recent Gallup polling indicates the electorate is now shifting toward Democrats in their party preference and other polls find that if the elections were held now, Democrats would stand a good chance of pulling the dramatic upset that Republicans did in the 1994 "revolution" in which they took control of the House and Senate.

The seeds of discontent are obviously the war in Iraq that is going badly, but other recent issues have contributed, such as: the deep cuts in the social budget featuring a \$13 billion whack

in Pell Grants, lobbying scandals that have caught up several high-profile Republican leaders and now the revelation that the White House has been conducting an illegal, secret program that has spied on the American people. So bad is it, that in Texas a recently released poll by the University of Houston shows that Rep. Tom DeLay, the vaunted sheriff of the Republican party who is in the process of losing his position as House Whip over his ethics scandal, has lost 50% of the political support in his district since 2004. This makes him vulnerable to a challenge by Democrats.

This year, in some critical elections, Blacks voting power could make a difference. The adjustment I would make is that because of the smaller number of competitive congressional district races, more

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replaced a fellow conservative, the late William Rehnquist, so he did not change the balance on the court.

Democratic critics had voiced fear that Alito would embrace an ideological agenda, but backers noted that he promised to admin-

ister justice for all and received the American Bar Association's top rating.

Though he opposed abortion while serving in the Reagan administration two decades ago, Alito promised at his confirmation hearing to respect legal precedent, which includes a 1973

Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Still, to the consternation of foes, he did not say how he would rule.

Alito, 55, and Roberts, 51, appear certain to help shape the American way of life for years as key figures in the legacy of the 43rd president.

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She worked to keep his ideology of equality for all people at the forefront of the nation's agenda. She goaded and pulled for more than a decade to have her husband's birthday observed as a national holiday, then watched with pride in 1983 as President Reagan signed the bill into law. The first federal holiday was celebrated in 1986.

King became a symbol, in her own right, of her husband's struggle for peace and brotherhood, presiding with a quiet, steady, stoic presence over seminars and conferences on global issues.

"I'm more determined than ever that my husband's dream will become a reality," King said soon after his slaying, a demonstration of the strong will that lay beneath the placid calm and dignity of her character.

She was devoted to her children and considered them her first responsibility. But she also wrote a book, "My Life With Martin Luther King Jr.," and, in 1969, founded the multimillion-dollar Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

King saw to it that the center became deeply involved with the issues she said breed violence — hunger, unemployment, voting rights and racism.

"The center enables us to go out and struggle against the evils in our society," she often said.

After her stroke, King missed the annual King holiday celebration in Atlanta in January 2006, but she did appear with her children at an awards dinner a couple of days earlier, smiling from her wheelchair but not speaking. The crowd gave her a standing ova-

tion.

At the same time, the King Center's board of directors was considering selling the site to the National Park Service to let the family focus less on grounds maintenance and more on King's message. But two of the four children were strongly against such a move.

Coretta Scott was studying voice at the New England Conservatory of Music and planning on a singing career when a friend introduced her to Martin Luther King, a young Baptist minister working toward a doctorate at Boston University.

"She said she wanted me to meet a very promising young minister from Atlanta," King once said, adding with a laugh, "I wasn't interested in meeting a young minister at that time."

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Super Bowl Blackout: Detroit Black Businesses Say They Are Not Getting Enough Business From The NFL's Upcoming Big Game

By: Bankole Thompson (NNPA) - Detroit will host the 2006 Super Bowl on Sunday, drawing thousands of visitors and celebrities will be in town.

A profit-making event, the Super Bowl, organized by the National Football League, awards millions of dollars in contracts to render services during the week of the football event.

But many Black business owners in Detroit say the Super Bowl host committee, which is the official liaison between the NFL and metro Detroit, has yet to give African American businesses significant contracts.

The committee launched the Emerging Business program as part of its overall contract with the NFL to teach new entrepreneurs how to get contracts.

On its Web site, the Super Bowl host committee

described the business program as "a business procurement process benefiting local emerging businesses including minority and women-owned businesses in the State of Michigan."

Some local Black businesses claim it is a charade.

"They talk a good game. I don't see how any of us are making money," said Valena Cade, owner of Big Fellows restaurant.

Cade said she bid on four different catering contracts for the Super Bowl but did not win one.

"The only one that I received for a possible confirmation was for about \$4,000," Cade said. "When I thought about it, that is no money when I have to pay my staff. I called them back and told them I was not interested."

She said it was an "insult," for her to be given a Super Bowl contract with such low margins.

According to Cade, she would make a \$1,000 profit.

Cade said she is a competent contractor. In the past, she provided similar food service for events such as the Tastefest, Jazz festival and other Detroit summer activities.

"I'm capable of doing large contracts," Cade said. "I can feed thousands of people."

Visibly upset, Cade said, "I don't need any part of the Super Bowl."

Loretta Watson who runs Sparkle Janitorial had similar complaints.

"The hype was that they were going to leave so much money in the city but that is not true," Watson said. "Our concern is the amount of the contract, the amount of business they are leaving. I have bid on a number of the contracts. I did not get the contract with the Motown Winter Blast or the NFL Tailgate party."

According to Watson, the business that the Super Bowl was supposed to bring to the city is hype.

When contacted, the Super Bowl host committee's vice president for external affairs Stacie Clayton, an African-American, denied the allegations.

"To date we have spent about \$1.3 million in total on contracts. Thirty percent have been with African- American businesses and about 90 percent of those come from Detroit," Clayton said. "We have worked with 67 emerging businesses that have received contracts. Of that 67, 25 are Detroit-based businesses."

Out of the 25 Detroit based businesses that have received contracts, Clayton said 23 are African Americans.

She said her committee is working with an overall \$18.3 million budget out of which

they expect to spend about \$3.5 million for the Emerging Business program, which has a listing of about 750 businesses. Fifty percent of that \$3.5 million she estimated will go to

Black businesses.

"We did have a significant budget for the Emerging Business program," Clayton said. "It falls under the external affairs budget."



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Red Light Cameras: Frequently Asked Questions

• Why has the City of Plano decided to utilize red light cameras?

So far this year approximately 9.3% of all crashes in the City of Plano were related to red light violations. Of the 12 fatality crashes investigated so far this year 3 have occurred in an intersection. Furthermore, 2 of these 3 fatality crashes were the result of red light running.

It is believed the Automated Red Light Camera Enforcement program will reduce the number of red light violations thereby reducing the number of red light crashes, and injuries associated with such crashes. The purpose of this program is to increase traffic safety in the City of

Richardson is launching its program at two intersections: Plano and Arapaho roads, and Centennial Boulevard and Greenville Avenue. In a few months, another pair of cameras

will be installed at Coit and Campbell roads.

"As the program progresses, we'll evaluate other intersections," said Sgt. Kevin Perlich, a spokesman for the Richardson

Plano.

• Does a violation of this ordinance go on my driving record?

No.

• What if I wasn't driving the car when the violation occurred?

As stated above, City Ordinance 12-260 establishes liability against the registered owner, not the operator.

• What if I did not own the vehicle when the violation occurred?

Under these circumstances proof of sale would need to be submitted for the violation to be dismissed. A copy of the bill of sale would be sufficient to meet this requirement.

• What if my car was stolen when this violation occurred?

A person whose vehicle had been reported stolen when a violation occurred would simply need to provide the jurisdiction and report number where the offense was reported.

• What is the penalty for violating C.O. 12-260?

A civil penalty of \$75 is assessed for each violation. However, for 3 or more violations within any 12 month period will result in an enhanced penalty of \$150.

• How do I contest a Notice of Violation issued for violating C.O. 12-260?

Notices of Violation may be appealed to an Administrative Hearing Officer. Details on how to schedule a hearing will be included on the Notice of Violation.

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have long been pushing them to make a formal apology.

Mr Chirac yesterday recalled France's role in banning slavery - once in 1794, before it was reintroduced by Napoleon in 1802, only to be finally outlawed for good in 1848. "The

[French] Republic can be proud of the battles it has won against this ignominy."

However, not everyone in France welcomed the move. Historians are upset about the government's attempts to dictate how history should be taught in schools.

A petition, entitled "freedom for history" and signed by 600 historians, was published this month calling for the repeal of laws imposing a certain view of history, including a 1990 law on racism, a 2001 law recognizing the Armenian genocide and the 2001 law on slavery.

Habitat For Humanity Page 1

tion and a silent auction with exciting trips and other interesting items for attendees to bid on. These items include hotel stays in Hawaii, London, California, celebrity and sports memorabilia, home computer services and guided fishing trips to name only a few.

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AT&T CEO To Keynote Chamber's 49th Annual Banquet On Feb. 9



The 49th Annual Richardson Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at the Renaissance Richardson Hotel, 900 E. Lookout Drive. The keynote speaker will be Ed Whitacre, chairman and CEO of AT&T, Inc.

The Annual Banquet recaps accomplishments of the previous year, honors the Citizen of

the Year and features a noted speaker at an evening banquet.

This year's banquet sponsor is Hewlett-Packard. Chairman's sponsors are AT&T and EMC2. The president's sponsor is Fujitsu.

Tickets are \$75 per person or \$800 for a table of 10. To make a reservation, visit the Chamber's website at www.telecomcorridor.com

Cowboys Name Lead Contractor For New Stadium

Manhattan Construction Co. will be the lead general contractor for the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium, the Cowboys said Wednesday. The stadium is scheduled to open in Arlington in time for the 2009 NFL season.

Tulsa-based Manhattan will work with minority-owned firms Grand Prairie-based Rayco Construction Inc. and Dallas-based 3i Construction to direct the construction of the 100,000-seat stadium, which has been designed by Dallas-based architect HKS Inc.

The design calls for a retractable roof, open end zones linked to fan decks and artificial turf. Shops, restaurants and an interactive hall of fame also will be part of the complex.

"As a consultant, Manhattan has been a part of our organization as we progressed through the development of this stadium project," Dallas Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones said in a written statement. "The experience they have in this type of construction is invaluable, having worked right here in Texas on

Reliant Stadium in Houston and Amerquest Field in Arlington."

With 110 years of experience in the industry, Manhattan Construction Co. is well-known for its management of large and complex projects, the Cowboys said.

Adding Rayco Construction and 3i Construction to the construction team shows the Cowboys' commitment to involving minority firms in every step of the project, Jones added.

Rayco Construction Inc. is a general construction company with 25 years of experience, including contracts with Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the federal General Services Administration.

3i Construction Inc. is a general construction company that has been in business for six years and has major contracts with D/FW Airport, the Dallas Independent School District and the University of North Texas.

Dell To Hire 5,000 People In India

Computer maker Dell Inc. said Monday it planned to add 5,000 jobs in India over the next two years, bringing its work force in the country to 15,000.

Dell is also looking to set up a manufacturing center in India, a move that could help boost the sale of Dell computers here, President and CEO Kevin Rollins told reporters after a meeting with Indian Prime

Minister Manmohan Singh.

The Round Rock, Texas-based company will hire 700 to 1,000 workers for a new call center in Gurgaon, a satellite town of the capital, New Delhi, Rollins said. The new call center, the company's fourth in India, will open in April, he said.

Currently, the company has three call centers in India, a product testing center for corporate

customers and a global software development center. Some 10,000 people are employed at these facilities.

Scores of Western companies have been cutting costs by shifting software development, engineering design and routine office functions to countries such as India, where English-speaking workers are plentiful and wages are low.

Dallas-Fort Worth A Top Expansion, Relocation Market

Dallas-Fort Worth is in the top five of a list of the hottest cities for relocating companies, according to a magazine ranking released Wednesday.

Expansion Management magazine's "America's 50 Hottest

Cities" list gives results from a survey of 80 of the industry's most prominent site location consultants to find out which cities their clients find most attractive when seeking an expansion or relocation site.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area rose

five spots from the last ranking to No. 4, behind Nashville, Phoenix and Atlanta. San Antonio rounded out the top five, up from the No. 11 slot last year.

Other Texas cities on the list were Austin (18) and Houston (19).

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emphasis needs to be put on statewide turnout that affects senate and gubernatorial elections.

A big turnout by Blacks in statewide elections where their population is significant could affect the results on my priority list, where there are both Senate and gubernatorial races such states as: Florida, Maryland, New York, and Texas. Then, there are Senate elections alone in Mississippi and New Jersey, and races for governor alone in Alabama, California, Michigan, Georgia, Illinois, and South Carolina.

Right now, the partisan differ-

ence in the U. S. Senate is 55 Republicans and 44 Democrats (one Democrat-leaning Independent), which is the reason that Democrats could not win on a straight party-line vote to block Judge Alito - or any other significant measure they choose.

So, Democrats need a shift of six seats. But in the House of Representatives, since there are 232 Republicans to 202 Democrats (one Democrat-leaning Independent) there needs to be a shift of at least 16 seats in the House elections to give Democrats control. This is a much tougher task due, as suggested, to the fact that the num-

ber of competitive congressional districts has shrunk in the past two decades. Then, there are 28 Republican Governors and 22 Democrats and theatre needs to be a shift of seven for Democrats to gain control of most of the state houses. This is vital, since much of the policy initiative at the local level comes from state policy direction and resources.

No doubt, the Black political infrastructure will gear-up for these elections, with both partisan and non-partisan organizations alike trying to turnout the vote. But the new reality is that, with the Supreme Court turning Rightward, Black leaders prepare seek opportunities for change by

shifting more toward effective strategies of electoral participation.

So, when they come around this year, you better be listening, real good, and preparing vote. But how they come around is beginning to matter much more.

Ron Walters is the Distinguished Leadership Scholar, Director of the African American Leadership Institute and Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland College Park. His latest books are: White Nationalism, Black Interests (Wayne State University Press); and Freedom Is Not Enough (Rowman and Littlefield Press).

Mayor's Race Heats Up Page 1

years of being involved in Plano," he said.

Mr. Lambert expressed that his campaign will focus on issues which include finding new uses for retail centers in Plano that have aged and reinvigorating the shopping district in downtown Plano. He also emphasized the need for economic development to allow Plano to compete with Frisco, Allen and McKinney in attracting new businesses.

Mr. Lambert's campaign is believed to be facing an uphill challenge in running against two-term Mayor Evans.

Mayor Evans was elected as mayor of Plano in 2002, defeating Jeran Akers in a fierce and contentious campaign. She had previously served a 4 year stint as a councilwoman, after serving on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission. She ran unopposed in the 2004 election.

Evans, 62, remains a highly popular and visible figure in Plano. She has maintained a high profile during her admin-

istration, appearing at events and serving on the boards of various nonprofit organizations. She was named Plano Citizen of the Year in 2005 by the Plano Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Evans has declined to comment on Mr. Lambert's announcement to run, choosing to instead emphasize her reasons for seeking re-election.

"We're on a strong path to creating a Plano that people

want their city to be. I want to continue to work towards that."

"I'm a person that will listen and take action," she continued. When I hear great ideas, I find ways to make them happen. When I find problems, I tackle them straight on."

A potential for conflict in the coming election is the focus of some of Mr. Lambert's issue on the older sections of the city, primarily located in east Plano.

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Black Scientists and Inventors

Unlike black slaves, free blacks prior to the Civil War were entitled to receive patents for their inventions. However, because blacks lacked educational and vocational opportunities, few had the necessary skills or experience to develop their inventive ideas or patent them.

Some slaves, who were skilled craftsmen, did create devices or techniques that benefited their masters' enterprises. According to a decision by the federal government in 1858, though, neither the slave nor the slave owner could claim ownership rights to such an invention. In 1870, following the Civil War, the U.S. patent laws were revised so that anyone, regardless of race, could hold a patent. Consequently the number of patents issued to African Americans soared. Below is a list of some notable African-American inventors.

African American Scientists

Benjamin Banneker
Born into a family of free blacks in Maryland, Banneker learned the rudiments of reading, writing, and arithmetic from his grandmother and a Quaker schoolmaster. Later he taught himself advanced mathematics and astronomy. He is best known for publishing an almanac based on his astronomical calculations.

Rebecca Cole
Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Cole was the second black woman to graduate from medical school (1867). She joined Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first white woman physician, in New York and taught hygiene and childcare to families in poor neighborhoods.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams
Williams was born in Pennsylvania and attended medical school in Chicago, where he

received his M.D. in 1883. He founded the Provident Hospital in Chicago in 1891, and he performed the first successful open



Dr. Daniel Hale Williams

heart surgery in 1893.
George Washington Carver
Born into slavery in Missouri, Carver later earned degrees from Iowa Agricultural College. The director of agricultural research at the Tuskegee Institute from 1896 until his death, Carver developed hundreds of applications for farm

products important to the economy of the South, including the peanut, sweet potato, soybean, and pecan.

Ernest Everett Just
Originally from Charleston, South Carolina, Just attended Dartmouth College and the University of Chicago, where he earned a Ph.D. in zoology in 1916. Just's work on cell biology took him to marine laboratories in the U.S. and Europe and led him to publish more than 50 papers.

Dr. Charles Richard Drew
Born in Washington, D.C., Drew earned advanced degrees in medicine and surgery from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, in 1933 and from Columbia University in 1940. He is particularly noted for his research in blood plasma and for setting up the first blood bank.

African American Inventors
Thomas L. Jennings
A tailor in New York City, Jennings is credited with being the first African American to hold a U.S. patent. The patent,

which was issued in 1821, was for a dry-cleaning process.

Norbert Rillieux
Born the son of a French planter and a slave in New Orleans, Rillieux was educated in France. Returning to the U.S., he developed an evaporator for refining sugar, which he patented in 1846. Rillieux's evaporation technique is still used in the sugar industry and in the manufacture of soap and other products.

Benjamin Bradley
A slave, Bradley was employed at a printing office and later at the Annapolis Naval Academy, where he helped set up scientific experiments. In the 1840s he developed a steam engine for a war ship. Unable to patent his work, he sold it and with the proceeds purchased his freedom.

Lewis Howard Latimer
Born in Chelsea, Mass., Latimer learned mechanical drawing while working for a Boston patent attorney. He later invented an electric lamp and a

carbon filament for light bulbs (patented 1881, 1882). Latimer was the only African-American member of Thomas Edison's engineering laboratory.

Granville T. Woods
Woods was born in Columbus, Ohio, and later settled in Cincinnati. Largely self-educated, he was awarded more than 60 patents. One of his most important inventions was a telegraph that allowed moving trains to communicate with other trains and train stations, thus improving railway efficiency and safety.

Madame C.J. Walker
Widowed at 20, Louisiana-born Sarah Breedlove Walker supported herself and her daughter as a washerwoman. In the early 1900s she developed a hair care system and other beauty products. Her business, headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, amassed a fortune, and she became a generous patron of many black charities.

African Americans By The Numbers: Census Bureau Statistics On Black Life

Population - 39.2 million

As of July 1, 2004, the estimated population of black residents in the United States, including those of more than one race. They made up 13.4% of the total U.S. population. This figure represents an increase of half a million residents from one year earlier.

61.4 million: The projected single-race black population of the United States as of July 1, 2050. On that date, according to the projection, blacks would constitute 15% of the nation's total population.

3.5 million: The estimated black population of New York on July 1, 2004, highest of any state. Four other states had black populations that surpassed 2 million: Florida, Texas, California, and Georgia. About 85,900 blacks were added to Florida's population between July 1, 2003, and July 1, 2004. That is the largest numeric

increase of any state in the nation. Georgia and Texas added 61,800 and 45,000, respectively.

59%: As of July 1, 2004, the proportion of the District of Columbia's population identified as black—the highest rate for this race group of any state or state-equivalent in the nation. The District of Columbia was followed by Mississippi (37%), Louisiana (33%), and Georgia, Maryland, and South Carolina (30% each).

Businesses

\$92.7 billion: Receipts for black-owned businesses in 2002, up 30% from 1997. The rate at which black-owned businesses increased their receipts was higher than the national average (22%).

1.2 million: The number of black-owned businesses in 2002, up by more than 370,000, or 45%, since 1997. An estimated 94,862 such firms had paid employees, with receipts of \$69.8 billion or about \$735,586 per firm.

Thirty-eight percent of black-owned firms were in health care and other service industries; health care and retail trade accounted for a fourth of their receipts.

A fourth of the businesses in Washington, D.C., were black-owned. Black-owned businesses accounted for between 12% and 15% of firms in Maryland, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Black business owners were more likely to hold graduate degrees when they started or acquired ownership in their business (about 1-in-4) than the national average (19%).

Education

81%: Among blacks age 25 and older, the proportion that had at least a high school diploma in 2004. This proportion rose by 8% from 1994 to 2004.

18%: Among blacks age 25 and older, the proportion that had a bachelor's degree or higher in

2004—up 5% from 1994.

1.1 million: Among blacks age 25 and older, the number who had an advanced degree in 2004 (e.g., master's, Ph.D., M.D. or J.D.). Ten years earlier—in 1994—only 624,000 blacks had this level of education.

2.3 million: Number of black college students in fall 2004, roughly double the number 15 years earlier.

Income and Poverty

\$30,134: The annual median income of black households in 2004. This represents no change from 2003.

24.7%: Poverty rate in 2004 for those reporting black as their only race. This rate was unchanged from 2003.

Voting

60%: Percent of black citizens age 18 and older who voted in the 2004 presidential election. That amounted to 14 million voters. The percentage of those voting is up 3% from the previous election.

Blacks had the highest turnout rate of any minority group in 2004.

Families and Children

9.1 million: Number of black families in the United States. Of these, nearly one-half (47%) are married-couple families.

11%: Proportion of black children who live in a household maintained by a grandparent.

Homeownership

48%: The proportion of black householders who own their own home.

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Terrence Howard Nominated For An Oscar For Performance In "Hustle & Flow"; "Crash" Receives Six Nominations

The award season leading up to the Oscars in March has been very kind to Terrence Howard. This morning, it got a whole lot better, as the 36-year-old's work in last year's "Hustle & Flow" received an Academy Award nomination for best actor.

Howard appears in the category with "Brokeback Mountain's" Heath Ledger, "Walk the Line's" Joaquin Phoenix, Phillip Seymour Hoffman of "Capote" and David Strathairn of "Good Night, and Good Luck."

While Howard did not receive a nomination for his supporting role in "Crash," the film earned five, including best picture, best screenplay (Paul Haggis), best director (Haggis) and a supporting nod for Matt Dillon.

Meanwhile, the South African film "Tsotsi," about the violent life of a young gangster in Johannesburg, was nominated for best foreign film.

The 78th Annual Academy Awards will be handed out on March 5.



'Dreamgirls' Begins Its Move From Stage To Screen

The "girls" are back and the dream is bigger than ever. Principal photography is underway on DreamWorks

the Tony Award-winning musical sensation "Dreamgirls." Shooting began on Monday, January 9, at the Palace Theatre in downtown Los Angeles, under the direction of Academy Award (R) winner Bill Condon. Filming on "Dreamgirls" will also be accomplished at Los Angeles Center Studios, as well as on location in and around Los Angeles.

"Dreamgirls" brings together an ensemble of award-winning stars from the worlds of film, Broadway, television,

winner Jamie Foxx ("Ray"), recording superstar and actress Beyoncé Knowles ("Austin Powers in Goldmember") and box office favorite Eddie Murphy ("The Nutty Professor," "Dr. Dolittle"). The film also introduces "American Idol" finalist Jennifer Hudson, making her feature film debut as Effie. Rounding out the main cast are veteran actor Danny Glover ("Lethal Weapon"), Tony Award winner Anika Noni Rose (Broadway's "Caroline or Change"), Keith Robinson ("Fat Albert"), Sharon Leal (TV's "Boston Public"), and three-time Tony Award winner Hinton Battle ("Miss Saigon," "The Tap Dance Kid," "The Wiz").

"Dreamgirls" is slated for release on December 22, 2006.



Left to right: Anika Noni Rose, Beyoncé Knowles and Jennifer Hudson star in Paramount Pictures' big-screen version of the Tony Award-winning Broadway play Dreamgirls.

Pictures' and Paramount and the recording industry, including Academy Award(R)

Samuel L. Jackson Cements Hollywood Fame

Actor Samuel L. Jackson left his mark on Hollywood Boulevard on Monday, sinking his hands and feet into wet cement in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre, where many other stars have been honored.

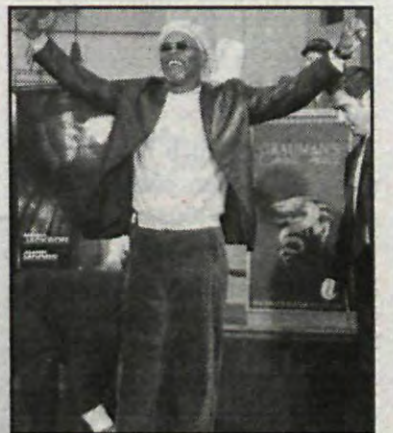
"It's an awesome sort of experience, the kind of thing you don't really think about as a young actor," Jackson said at the ceremony. "You sort of stop to pause and say to yourself, 'Wow,

you're in a very elite club."

Jackson began his film career in 1972 with "Together for Days," and has appeared in more than 100 movies, including "Do the Right Thing," "Jungle Fever" and "Pulp Fiction."

Last year, Jackson played jedi master Mace Windu in "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith."

His upcoming movie "Freedomland" opens Feb. 17.



Actors Bassett, Vance Welcome Twins



It's a boy, and a girl, for acting duo Angela Bassett and Courtney B. Vance. The couple are new parents of twins, a publicist for the pair announced Monday.

The babies were born Jan. 27 to a surrogate mother, Alex Dube said.

Bassett and Vance have been

married for eight years.

Bassett, 47, won a Golden Globe and was nominated for an Academy Award for her portrayal of singer Tina Turner in the 1993 biopic "What's Love Got to Do with It." Vance, 45, plays district attorney Ron Carver on the NBC show "Law

& Order: Criminal Intent."

American Blackout

Race and politics took center stage at the Sundance Film Festival with a screening of fellow competition doc "American Blackout" by Ian Inaba. "American Blackout" takes a historic look at the systematic disenfranchisement of the black vote, recalling the poll tax and literacy tests in the U.S. south during the Jim Crow era, and right up to the suppression of the black vote in Florida during the 2000 presidential race, resulting in George W. Bush's takeover of the White House. Fiery Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney's 2002 defeat is the true focus of the film, however, breaking down the efforts on the part of the Republican right to take advan-

tage of Georgia's open primaries rule to replace McKinney as the Democratic candidate for her seat in the House of Representatives.

An outspoken critic of Bush and his war in Iraq, McKinney became a hated symbol by right-wing Republican politicians and media types. In order to defeat McKinney, the right supported a moderate black female Democratic candidate, orchestrating a campaign to bring out the minority Republican vote on primary day to forgo voting for a GOP candidate and voting for McKinney's Democratic oppo-



Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) and Director Ian Inaba

nent, resulting in McKinney's defeat.

"I'm speechless and I'm never speechless," said McKinney Monday evening during the Q & A following the screening. Despite her defeat in 2002, McKinney organized an amazing political comeback to win election to her former seat in 2004.

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Yolanda King

Yolanda King is the eldest daughter of Coretta Scott King and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her speaking accomplishments include presentations at many Fortune 500 corporations; religious and civic events; educational and professional conferences, and colleges and universities across the country.

Ms. King has portrayed Rosa Parks in the NBC-TV movie, "King," Dr. Betty Shabazz in the film, "Death of a Prophet" with Morgan Freeman; and, Medgar Evers' daughter, Reena, in "Ghosts of Mississippi." King's most recent theatrical production is "Achieving the Dream," where she portrays several characters in the movement for civil and human rights.

Ms. King is the creator of the book, "Open My Eyes, Open My Soul" (2004), which focuses on the importance of embracing diversity and celebrating our common humanity.

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Mall Site Is Chosen for Black History Museum

By: Jacqueline Trescott

The National Museum of African American History and Culture should be built on the Mall near the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian's Board of Regents decided yesterday.

Congress, which has had the museum under consideration since the 1980s, had instructed the Regents to pick among four sites, two on the Mall and two nearby. The location they selected, at the southwest corner of 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, had drawn widespread support.

"We believe we have picked the best possible site for this museum," said Roger W. Sant, chairman of the Regents executive committee. At an afternoon news conference announcing the selection, Sant said the location rose above the others because of its "cleanliness," beauty and iconic placement.

Backers of the museum hope it will open by 2016.

The five-acre plot has belonged to the government since 1791 and was endorsed as a suitable place for a building by both the major plans for downtown Washington, the L'Enfant Plan of 1791 and the McMillan Plan of 1901-02. The State

argued that a central location was imperative.

"I am more than happy and pleased," Lewis said yesterday afternoon. "I'm gratified and thankful that the Board of Regents saw fit to name this site for the museum. The Mall is really the front door to America, the front door to our democracy. If you want to see America and know America, including the history of the struggles, the Mall is the place to be."

Yesterday's announcement was a significant step in making the long-sought museum a reality. As early as 1916 supporters asked Congress to erect a monument for black veterans and other notable African Americans. Various plans simmered until the 1980s, when members of Congress, historians and others pushed to have a museum that would be part of the Smithsonian Institution.

Lewis and two other Democrats, Rep. Mickey Leland



Department planned to build there in the early 20th century and there was talk of putting the World War II Memorial there in 1995.

Many advocates for the museum — including Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), who in 1988 introduced legislation to establish it —

PBS Rolls Out Black History Month Programming: Henry Louis Gates Special Leads Mix Of Old And New Fare.

In honor of Black History Month, PBS will broadcast a variety of new and encore presentations that celebrate the rich history of African Americans.

The centerpiece will be a four-hour series by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., which explores the use of genealogy and DNA science to trace the roots of a group of African-American citizens back through American history to Africa.

Other topics airing throughout February include a look at the little-known founders of the Black Panthers movement, and an examination of a three-night riot that took place in July 1964 in Rochester, New York, which tore the city apart and from which it has never recovered.

The lineup includes:
• **THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MISS JANE PITTMAN**, the nine-time Emmy Award-winning television movie starring Cicely Tyson (with a new introduction from Queen Latifah), will also be shown. With a breadth and depth that can't be found anywhere else on television, these compelling programs examine the cultural contributions and distinguished heritage of African Americans.

• **AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVES** (New) Wednesdays, February 1-8, 9:00-11:00 p.m. ET: Renowned scholar Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr., W.E.B. DuBois professor of the Humanities and chair of African and African-American Studies at Harvard University, takes Alex Haley's Roots saga to a whole new level. Using genealogy and DNA science, Dr. Gates tells the personal stories of eight accomplished African Americans — a neurosurgeon, a TV pioneer/philanthropist, an astronaut, a music entrepreneur, a sociologist, a movie star, a minister and a comedian — tracing their roots through American history and back to Africa.

• **INDEPENDENT LENS** "Negroes With Guns: Rob Williams and Black Power" (New) Tuesday, February 7, 10:00-11:00 p.m. ET (check local listings): Credited with inspiring the Black Power movement, Robert Williams led his North Carolina hometown to defend itself against the Ku Klux Klan and challenge repressive Jim Crow laws. "Negroes With Guns" follows Williams' journey from southern community leader to exile in Cuba and China, a journey that brought the issue of armed self-defense to the forefront of the Civil Rights

Movement.

• **INDEPENDENT LENS** "July '64" (New) Tuesday, February 14, 10:00-11:00 p.m. ET (check local listings): In the



summer of 1964, a three-night riot erupted in two predominantly black neighborhoods in downtown Rochester, New York, the culmination of decades of poverty, joblessness and racial discrimination — and a significant event in the Civil Rights era.

• **FANNIE LOU HAMER: COURAGE AND FAITH** (New) February 2006 (check local listings): Using archival footage and interviews with those who knew her well and were affected by her actions, this program chronicles the extraordinary life of Fannie Lou Hamer and introduces her to a new, younger generation. Mrs. Hamer attended the 1964 Democratic National Convention as a member of the Mississippi Democratic Freedom Party and challenged the all-white Mississippi delegation. Many credit her presence at the convention as the impetus for the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Interviews include Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC); Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women; Rutgers University history professor Clement Price; and numerous members of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Bernice Johnson Reagon, founder of Sweet Honey in the Rock, narrates.

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of Texas and Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois, advanced the plan by fits and starts. In 1994 a bill passed the House but Jesse Helms blocked it in the Senate. Undaunted, Lewis, along with Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.), continued to push and in 2003 a bill authorizing the museum was signed by President Bush. Neither Leland nor Simon lived

to see the bill signed.

Congress and the Smithsonian have already set up a small administrative staff to help shepherd the museum into being. One of the first jobs will be an extensive fundraising campaign. Smithsonian officials estimated yesterday that the museum will cost between \$300 million and \$400 million, and the funding

will be split 50-50 with Congress.

The staff will also work to build a collection of materials for the museum, though some objects could come from the collections of the National Museum of American History, the National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

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February is "our nation's" observation of Black History. It is disheartening to think of the controversy surrounding this very important holiday.

Some people joked, "We were given the shortest month of the year to celebrate our history." This is not just Black History that we are celebrating, not just America's history, but history of the world. Many great and useful inventions that are being used worldwide, and that are taken for granted were invented by Africa Americans. The cell phone was invented by a Black man, the car battery, and open heart surgery to name a few essential things that are in use today.

Some people think that it's by pure accident that some Black Americans, the same ones that we hear about year after year, have done anything worthwhile. Some people easily accept that we have a few famous entertainers, sports figures and a few entrepreneurs making millions of dollars; but they are slow to recognize that there are many Africa Americans that have excelled, and are continuing to excel and invent devices, use math and science to make a difference in how we live, work, play, and entertain today.

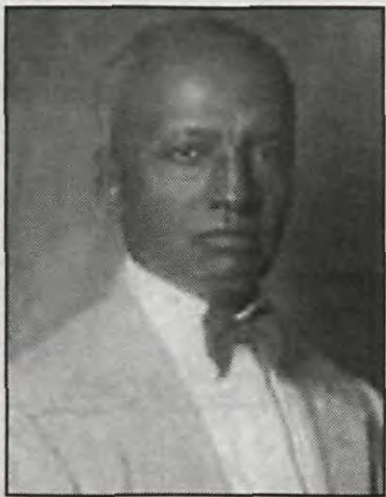
As a teacher, I too wish that all history of great magnitude is put in our textbooks, especially Black history, which is American's history; in spite of what we have been taught. But wishing it is not going to get the information in our textbooks on the grand scale that it

Black History Month

needs to be.

The story of Carter Godwin Woodson, Father of Black History (December 1875 - April 1950), is a captivating and inspiring story in itself.

Dr. Woodson said, "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the



Picture of The Week
Dr. Carter G. Woodson,
Father of Black History

teaching of biography and history." Dr. Woodson was a distinguished Black author, editor, publisher, and historian who put his money, life, blood, sweat and tears in establishing Black History Week, (in the 1960s it was established as Black History MONTH) believed that Blacks should know their past in order to participate intelligently in the affairs in our country. He strongly believed that Black history—which others (even some Black Americans) have tried so diligently to erase—is a firm foundation for young Black Americans to build on in order to become productive citizens of our society.

Prior to "Negro History WEEK," that was founded in 1926; Dr. Carter G. Woodson and several of his friends established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. The following year, the Journal of Negro History appeared (one of the oldest learned journals in the United States.) In 1937 Dr. Woodson published the first issue of the Negro History Bulletin.

In 1912 (the year my mother, Cedella Baker Demus, was born) Dr. Woodson, received his Ph.D in history from Harvard University. He developed an important philosophy of history. History, he insisted, was not the mere gathering of fact. The object of historical study is to arrive at a reasonable interpretation of the facts. History is more than political and military records of peoples and nations. It must include some description of the social conditions of the period being studied.

Dr. Woodson often said that he hoped the time would come when Negro History Week would be unnecessary; when all Americans would willingly recognize the contributions of Black Americans as a legitimate and integral part of the history of this country. His concept has given a profound sense of dignity to all Black Americans; and we must not forget it! Nor should we stop Black History Month.

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in Kansas and arrived in Hollywood in 1931 after starting her career in vaudeville and on radio. She died in 1952.

The ceremony took place at the Margaret Herrick Library of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, where the Hattie McDaniel collection includes photographs of McDaniel and other family members, as well as

scripts and other documents.

The collection also contains a large number of recordings from her radio program, "Beulah," which was broadcast on national radio and the first to feature a black star.

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Please join us @ the 8th Annual Texas Gospel Music Excellence Awards (TGMEA). Pastor Lisa Tarpley is one of the honored 2006 Legend Awards Winners. The activities will be held at the Sterling Hotel, 1055 Regal Row, Dallas, TX 75247. TGMEA showcase new talent and award artists for their past performances. In 2004, founder Pastor Larry Davies and co-founder Sharon Davies moved the site of TGMEA from Houston to Dallas and the attendance was approximately 2,500.

February 3, 4:00 pm Opening Reception and 7:00 pm Evening Service

The TGMEA continues with Awards Opening Reception. Other awardees will be Richard Hawkins, Choir Director, Greater Strangers Rest Full Gospel Church in Ft. Worth, TX; Thelma Wells in Literary, Daughters of Zion, A Woman of God Ministries, LLC in Dallas, TX; Joyce Tolbert, Radio Personality for KNON; Jerome Thomas, Radio Personality for KGGK; and Rochelle Brown, TV Personality, Insights on Channel 4.

February 4, 9:00 am

Workshops and 5:30 pm Evening Service
The TGMEA will conclude the 8th Annual Excellence Awards with workshops for the attendees and a Holy-Spirit close out service @ 5:30 pm. You don't want to miss these exciting events. For more information and reservation fees, please call 972-986-5552.

Community International Outreach Ministry
Pastor Lisa Tarpley, Overseer
526 Compton Avenue
Irving, TX 75061
972-986-5552

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

January 29 - February 12, 2006

We will host "Live Action Revival Ministries" a ministry dedicated to living and teaching practical and daily application of the Word of God. Included in this two-week crusade are nightly musical presentations by the nationally recognized Life Action Singers; family seminars; young adult seminars; an informal discussion time for teenagers; a youth seminar called "Evolution;" Dynamite Club for boys and girls in grades 2-6; and Happiness Club, a sparkly group of 4 and 5 year olds and first graders. For more information please contact Veronica Griffith @ 817-468-0083.

Cornerstone Baptist Church
Rev. Wm. Dwight McKissic, Sr.
Senior Pastor
5415 Matlock Road
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817-468-0083

DAYSPRINGS FAMILY CHURCH

February 10, 7:30 pm

Please join us for the official release of Gospel's latest Praise & Worship Singer, Pastor Sean Reed. The CD is titled, "The Next Dimension of Worship." Special guests will be Gospel Recording Artist, Pastor Darrell Blair and Gospel Comedian

Jason Earls. For more information about admission fee and directions, please call the church @ 972-399-7729.

Daysprings Family Church
Elder Kevin Dickerson, Pastor
618 North Beltline Road
Irving, TX 75061
972-399-7729

DAYSTAR DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES

Tonight, January 26, 2006

Please Join Us at Our New Worship Location: 635 W. Campbell Road, Suite 201, Richardson, TX 75080, 972-480-0200.

"New Service Times"

Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 am
Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 pm
For more information, please call 972-480-0200.

DayStar Deliverance Ministries
Bishop Minnie Hawthorne Ewing,
Pastor
635 W. Campbell Road, Suite 201
Richardson, TX 75080
972-480-0200

EBENEZER WORSHIP CENTER

January 30, 2006

Please join us each Monday for our Women of Power and Men of Power Services. For more details, please call the church.

Ebenezer Worship Center
Rev. Cecil T. Smith, II, Pastor
14000 Preston Road
Dallas, TX 75254
972-980-0977

FAITH & POWER MINISTRIES

January 30, 7:30 pm

Jabez Prayer Network will have a "Spiritual Warfare Boot Camp Workshop" sponsored by Dr. Shirley Clark; the public is welcomed to join us. For additional information, please call 972-285-2331.

Faith & Power Ministries
Apostle James Turknett, Pastor
2120 North St. Augustine Road
@ Bruton Road, Suite 126
Dallas, TX 75217
972-329-1358

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS MINISTRIES

February 10-11, 2006

"Hell in My House, Heaven in My Heart" Marriage Conference 2006 hosted by Fellowship of Believers International Church Association. Speakers will be Pastor Lorenzo Price, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Galion, LA; Pastor James Steed, Faith Tabernacle of the Holy Spirit, Atlanta, GA; and Host Conference Speaker, Bishop Gregory D. Crawford, Fellowship of Believers Ministries, Dallas, TX.

For more information about the above events, contact Minister Dana Blair, Church Secretary @ 214-575-8224

Fellowship of Believers Ministries
Bishop Gregory Crawford
Founder and Senior Pastor
3911 S. Lancaster Road
Dallas, TX 75216
214-372-3624

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

February 18, 7:00 pm

You are invited to participate in South Collin County's 2006 Building Foundations/Building Lives Gala @ the Marriott at Legacy Town Center. We will have a live auction and a silent auction followed by dinner and dancing to the music of the Rodney Booth Band. Auction items include: Exciting trips to Hawaii, England and California; Air travel via a balloon or "Move About The Country" with Southwest Airlines; a 4-night stay at the acclaimed Kona Village Resort in Hawaii; a venture to London for a weekend at the world-famous Lanesborough Hotel; local restaurant experiences; sports memorabilia, celebrity items and more. For detail information and ticket prices, please call Scott Blair @ 214-405-3134

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Scott Blair, Development
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P.O. Box 868117
Plano, TX 75086-8117
214-405-3134

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Tonight, January 26, 2006,

9:30 am - 10:45 am

Feeling disconnected? Plug into an Adult Bible Fellowship group; please join us on Sunday morning starting January 16th. For more information please call the church @ 972-735-8077

February 10-11, 2006
Please join us at our 2006 Marriage Retreat being held @ Embassy Suites Hotel, Spring Valley & Dallas Parkway. Our theme is, "Growing Your Marriage Through Christ. For more information call 972-735-8077.

Keller Springs Baptist Church
Rev. Larry Sanders, Pastor
3227 Keller Springs Road
Carrollton, TX 75006
972-735-8122

LOVE CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

February 5, 4:00 pm

Please join us for our District Musical that will kick-off Starlight District's Winter Budget Conference @ Greater Holmes Street COGIC, 2505 East Ledbetter Drive, Dallas, TX 75216, 214-372-9401, Elder James Runnels, Pastor; and Elder Nathiel Wells, District Superintendent.

February 7 - 9, @ 7:00 pm

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Love Chapel COGIC
Elder Philip White, Pastor
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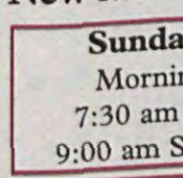
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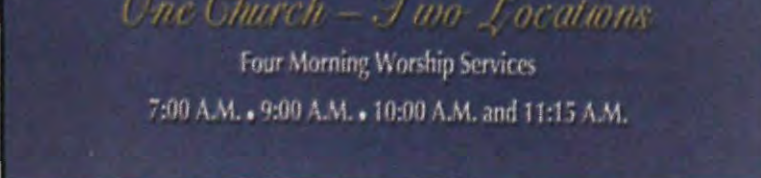
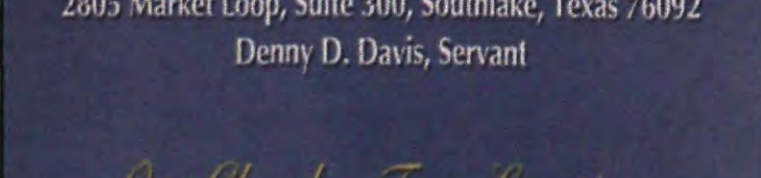
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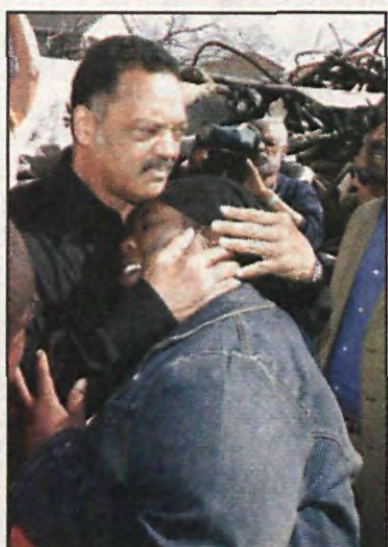
Jesse Jackson Plans Katrina Protest March

(AP)- The Rev. Jesse Jackson is planning a march this spring to protest post-hurricane policies he fears will marginalize the black community, the civil rights leader said Monday as he toured one of the city's hardest-hit areas.

The march on April 1 will cross the Crescent City Connection, a major Mississippi River bridge that was blocked to keep people trying to flee flooded New Orleans from going into cities that weren't as heavily damaged, Jackson said. Officials across the river in Gretna said they blocked the bridge because they had no more room for evacuees.

As he squatted in a patch of mud, Jackson called the barge that came to rest on debris in

the lower Ninth Ward a symbol of



The Rev. Jesse Jackson hugs Tany Harris a resident of the Lower Ninth Ward

the government's neglect of many of the storm's hardest-hit victims.

Many of its residents remain scattered in temporary housing across the country, while workers from Eastern Europe and Latin America have taken rebuilding jobs, Jackson said.

"Why must people here look at people coming in from out of the country to do the work? That is humiliating," he said. "There are no jobs that cannot be done by the people who once lived here."

The government's failure to quickly provide temporary housing closer to New Orleans not only has prevented the displaced from getting jobs at home, Jackson said, but also has made it more difficult to follow campaigns and vote in already-delayed elections, now rescheduled for late April.

Study: New Orleans Could Lose 80 Percent Of Black Population

The city of New Orleans could lose up to 80 percent of its black population if people displaced by Hurricane Katrina are not able to return to their damaged neighborhoods, according to an analysis by a Brown University sociologist.

Blacks and the poor were disproportionately affected by Katrina, according to the study led by Brown Professor John R. Logan.

New Orleans was more than 65 percent black before Katrina hit in August, but it appears most of the estimated 135,000 residents who have been able to return are white. Mayor Ray Nagin recently apologized for saying New Orleans would remain a "chocolate city" as he tried to allay fears that blacks

would not return.

The study found that if New Orleans' returning population was limited to the neighborhoods undamaged by Katrina, about half the white population would not return and 80 percent of its black population would not.

It found the hurricane-damaged areas of New Orleans were 75 percent black compared to 46 percent black in undamaged areas of the city. It also found that 29 percent of the households in those areas lived below the poverty line, compared with 24 percent of households in undamaged areas.

More than half of those who lived in the city's damaged neighborhoods were renters, the analysis found. Those people

were unlikely to have property insurance, and because so many are poor, would be unlikely to have the resources to return to the city.

Some former residents may not be able to return to their old neighborhoods even if they wanted to, Logan said. Parts of New Orleans may close forever to development, renters can't necessarily return to homes they've left for months, and the housing market is tight. In addition, several large public housing complexes in the city have been closed since the storm and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has not offered specific details on how or when those projects may be restored or rebuilt.

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NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

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1010-1020 South Sherman Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-437-3493

OASIS INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES FELLOWSHIP

January 29, 4:00 pm

You are invited to a Woman 2 Woman Fellowship @ The Super 8 Motel, 4245 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062. Our theme is, "God's Mighty Women of the Bible." Rev. Angela Cooper is the Program Coordinator, Minister Gloria Lewis is the Mistress of Ceremony, and Apostle Loretta Williams is the Overseer.

Our speakers will be Evangelist Mary Galloway, Evangelist Norvada Stevenson, Shanitha Galloway, and Minister Kelli Moore will be our Worship Leader. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, contact Rev. Angela Cooper @ 214-934-1112 or Apostle Loretta Williams @ 989-859-1660

Oasis Interdenominational Ministries Fellowship
Apostle Loretta Williams
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RHONDA HALE MINISTRIES

January 27-29, 2006

Winter Retreat 2006 @ The Hawthorn Suites in Irving, TX. You are invited to attend this retreat and allow God to minister to you and to help you cope, and live a victorious Christian life at home, work, or wherever Christ needs to be exemplified. Our theme is: "His Finishing Touch," Philippians 1:6. Speakers will be Ministers Dynna Wilson, Rhonda Hale, and Sonya Wells; Elders Lisa Watkins, Tiffany Harrison, and Timothy Charles Ross. Minister of Music will be William A.

Phillips from Indianapolis, IN. Also included will be Team Building Activities, Manicures, Pedicures, Massages, Prayer, Praise and Worship, and Delicious Home Cooking.

For more information about topics, registration deadline, fees, and directions, please call 972-293-6716.

Rhonda Hale Ministries
Rhonda Hale, Founder
P.O. Box 2333
Cedar Hill, TX 75106
972-293-6716

SHIRLEY CLARK INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

January 30, 7:30 pm

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Shirley Clark International Ministries
Dr. Shirley K. Clark, CEO
P.O. Box 860794
Plano, TX 75086-0794
972-424-2074

STARLIGHT DISTRICT CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

February 5, 4:00 pm

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Starlight District
Elder Nathaniel Wells,
District Superintendent
135 Pemberton Hill Road
Dallas, TX 75217
214-398-4166

STRONG ARMS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

February 5, 4:00 pm

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February 8, 7:00 pm

Our men's ministry, Men Talk, will host its monthly Questions & Answers show with guest speaker First Lady Serita Jakes. She will speak on, "A Man & His Woman" there will also be a discussion on the four areas of C.A.R.E. (Courtship, Affirmation, Relationship & Excitement.) The event is FREE and opened to "Men - from homeless men to millionaires." No registration is required.

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8219 Buniche Dr. Dallas, TX 75243
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Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday
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