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People In The News



Vivica A. Fox, will be the special guest hostess of the grand opening gala "The Next Big Thing," a fashion show and auction, on Thursday, October 26 at 7pm at the Hotel Palomar, 5300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas. Proceeds benefit the programs of the new Dallas affiliate of Dress for Success, an international non-profit organization whose mission is to help low-income women advance socially and economically through career development and employment retention.

"We are delighted to have Vivica Fox join us for our grand opening event," said Noelle LeVeaux, executive director and co-founder of Dress for Success Dallas. "She is such a strong symbol of what it means to be a woman today which makes her the perfect hostess for our event."

Vivica A. Fox is a dynamic actress. She recently appeared as a competitor on the third season of "Dancing with the Stars" and has a recurring role on the Lifetime series "Missing". She has appeared in "Kill Bill Vol. 1 & 2", "Ellen Enchanted". Fox and Will Smith won the MTV Award for Best On-Screen Kiss for "Independence Day."

For ticket information, visit the website at www.thenextbigthingdallas.com.

Terry Allen, Owner of 1016 Media named event manager for Essence Communications, a Time Warner company, for its national Essence College Tour on the Texas Southern Campus October 20, 2006 10 am - 3 pm. Annually over 12,000 college students experience the ultimate campus experience the ESSENCE College Tour. The excitement centered around the Homecoming festivities at Texas Southern University.



The Essence College Tour is where students receive skin-care consultations, free giveaways and manicures, and have the opportunity to create and express their own personal style. Students will also be exposed to Essence Cares! ESSENCE Cares! A Call to Action to Secure Our Youth a special initiative. ESSENCE Cares! was created to help rescue vulnerable youth and restore the lives of Hurricane Katrina survivors, while addressing critical issues facing Black America.

Terry Allen is a small business consultant. He is one of the multiple co-authors of the best-selling Simon and Schuster book, Real Men Cook: Rites, Rituals, and Recipes for Living. He is also the Texas event manager for Real Men Cook-the largest urban Father's Day Celebration in the country.



The Foundation for Community Empowerment is pleased to announce the realignment of its management team to enhance the effectiveness of FCE's community building in Dallas' low-income neighborhoods.

Marcia Page will become President and CEO of FCE. Since February 2005, Ms. Page has spearheaded the on-campus component of Dallas Achieves at 26 DISD campuses in South and

West Dallas.

She is on loan to FCE from Texas Instruments, where she is a vice president of the corporation. Her expanded role at FCE is yet another major example of Texas Instruments' longstanding commitment to education and partnering for the betterment of low-income communities.

TT's Senior Vice President for Public Affairs, Phil Ritter, agreed that Ms. Page is a perfect fit for the job. "Marcia has demonstrated her leadership skills as a member of TT's Executive Team," he said. "Beyond that, she has a true passion for community service."

Ms. Page joined Texas Instruments in 1995 as director of business excellence in the Semiconductor Group. Before assuming her current post, she served as director of worldwide customer support, and vice president of global marketing for Educational and Productivity Solutions.

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Project Alpha II: Plano-Area Youths Get A Great Start



Local program to prepare African American teens for fatherhood, October 28, 2006

March of Dimes and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. are hosting Project Alpha II Dallas 2006, on Saturday, October 28, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Frederick Douglas Community Center (1111 Avenue H, Plano, TX 75074). The daylong 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 program is free. To register, call 972-230-6473 or email project.alpha@sbcglobal.net. Registration along with a consent form must be received no later than Saturday, October 21, 2006.

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

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation began collaboratively implementing Project Alpha in 1980. 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 local health officials.

About Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded in 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country.

To learn more about Alpha Phi Alpha, visit the fraternity's web site at www.alphaphialpha.net.

Family Violence: A Community Problem With A Community Solution

The Collin County Council on Family Violence (CCCFV) is hosting its fourth annual "Facing Family Violence" Conference on October 19-20, 2006, at the Collin County Community College Conference Center-Spring Creek Campus. The conference is open to community members and professionals working in criminal justice, social services, medical and faith-based services. Keynote speakers at this year's conference include:

- Dr. Ken Bateman, Dealing with Violent Youth,
- Michael Napier, The Profiling Process - The Myths, Realities and Potentialities,
- Dr. Susan Fletcher, Stress, Crisis and Coping for Professionals.

A registration form and a complete list of all conference session presenters are available at www.cccf-v.org. Early Bird Registration is open

until October 13 with a cost of \$120.00 for the full two day conference or \$65.00 for a single day. The registration fee after October 13 and at the door is \$150.00 for the full conference or \$75 for a single day. Registration includes lunch, and continuing education credit is available for professionals.

Formed in 1999 as an initiative of the Junior League of Plano, the Collin County Council of Family Violence (CCCFV) strives to respond to and eliminate family violence by

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Leadership Plano Welcomes Class 24 Reception To Be Held October 19



The 31 members of Leadership Plano Class 24 prepare to leave for their Leadership Retreat."

The Leadership Plano Executive Board and the Plano Chamber of Commerce proudly announce the members of Leadership Plano Class 24. Each year, approximately 30 candidates, representing a variety of for-profit businesses, nonprofit agencies and community groups, are selected to participate in Leadership Plano. Class members commit to a nine-month program designed to increase community awareness and personal and professional leadership competencies.

The members of Class 24 began their leadership journey with a two-day retreat in

Bridgeport, Texas, September 16-17. From October through May, sessions covering topics such as local government, education, social services, business and economic development, criminal justice, the arts, and health care services are held one day each month. The insights gained by the participants serve as the foundation for their long-term involvement in Plano in a variety of leadership roles.

Leadership Plano candidates completed program applications in the spring and as part of this process, representatives of social service agencies have the opportunity to apply for one of three scholarships. The Nonprofit Leadership Scholarship, which covers the full cost of tuition (\$800 for Plano Chamber of Commerce members and \$900 for non-members), is donated by Will

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African American Museum Announces 2006 Class Of The Texas Black Sports Hall Of Fame



Ed "Too Tall" Jones

The African American Museum's Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame will induct 4 players, 6 team members and 5 coaches at the 11th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, November 11, 2006. The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) (formerly Texas Western) historic six starting barrier breaking players: Orsten Artis, Harry Flournoy, Nenev Shed, Willie Cager, David Lattin,

and Bobby Joe Hill (posthumously), will be honored for their 1966 National Championship win over the University of Kentucky for the NCAA Title (the subject of the movie "Glory Road" ©).

The other Class of 2006 members include: Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Football (Dallas

Cowboys); Jackie B. Carr, Coach Basketball (Wheatley H.S., Houston); Ira Terrell, Basketball (SMU-Dallas); Eugene Young, Coach Track (Kimball & Spruce H.S., Dallas); James "Bo" Humphrey, Coach Football (Jones H.S., Houston); Annette Smith Knight, Basketball (UT-Austin); Curtis Calvin Cooksey (posthumously), Coach, Football (Weldon H.S. African American Museum Page 3

Plano Community Forum Anniversary Gala



wonderful evening including a silent auction, dining, and exciting musical and theatrical performances.

The event will be held Saturday October 21, 2006, 6:30 pm, at South Fork Ranch, 3700 Hogge Road in Parker, Texas.

The Mistress of Ceremonies for the event is Rochelle Brown, Host and Executive Producer of the broadcast program "Insights" on KDFW/FOX 4.

A special award will be given honoring Dr. Myrtle Hightower, the Lifetime Achievement in Legacy and Service Award Entertainment will be provided by MALINthevocalist and The Dallas Black Dance Theater

For ticket information, visit www.planopcfc.com or call: 972-260-4208.

The Plano Community Forum announces its 25th Anniversary Gala "A Legacy of Service & Education"

This event is being held to celebrate the Forum's 25 years of dedication in the Community, and to recognize the special contributions of individuals for their personal advocacy and support of the Forum's goals in the areas of Education, Business, Civic, Community, and Youth achievement.

This Forum event offers a

Friedman Not Invited To Texas NAACP Event

Only major gubernatorial candidate who is not speaking

Kinky Friedman, whose racially charged comments have infuriated minority groups, is the only major gubernatorial candidate who won't speak at the Texas NAACP state convention this week, the event's coordinator confirmed Wednesday.

Friedman's campaign said he didn't receive an invitation.

"We're really disappointed that Kinky won't have an opportunity to speak with them. If they'd given him the time I think they would have been pleased with what he has to say and with the kind of candidate he is," campaign spokeswoman Laura Stromberg said.



"I'll will toward the African-American community"

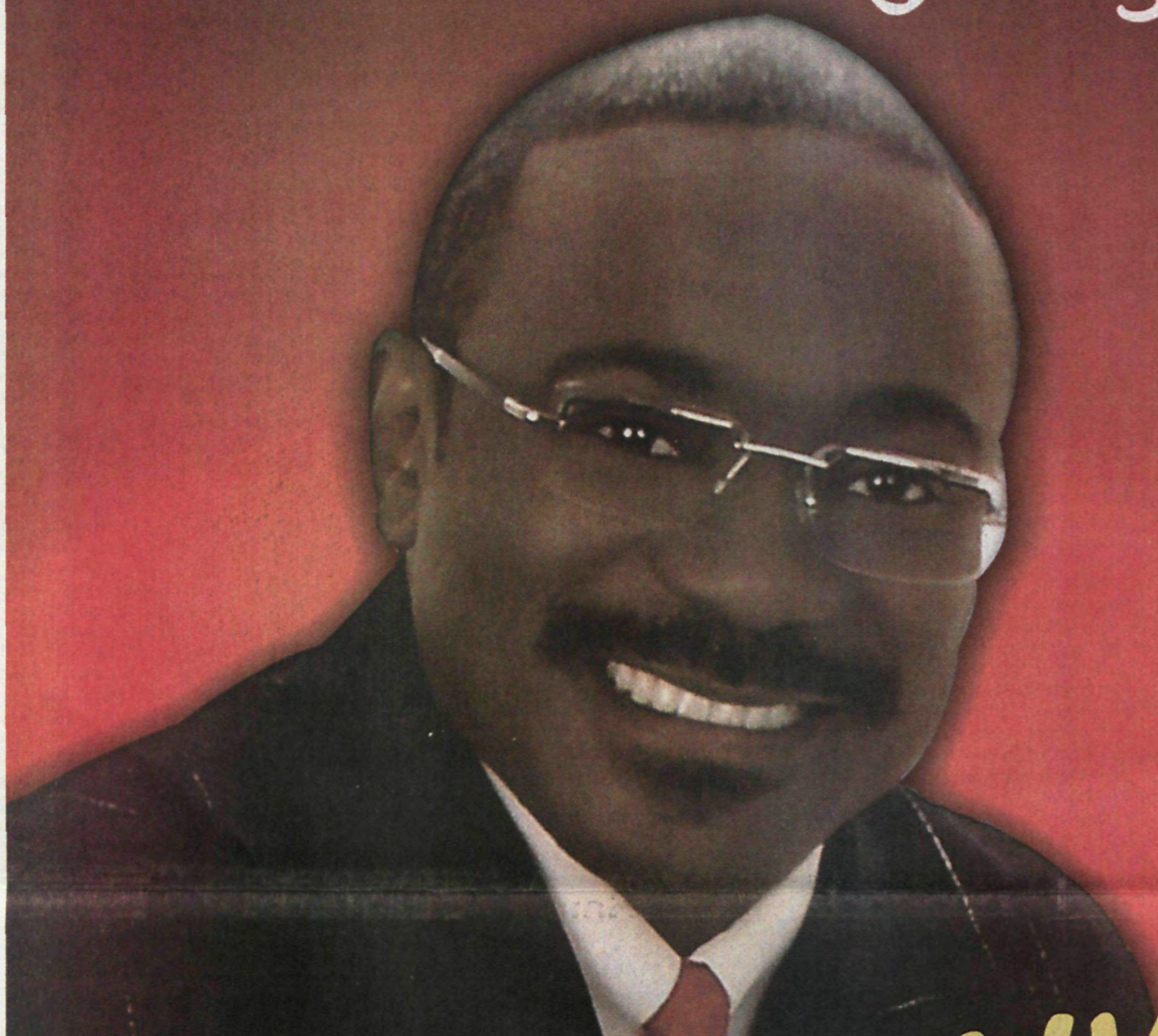
Linda Lydia declined to discuss why Friedman wasn't participating, referring questions to the organization's president, Gary Bledsoe.

"Clearly, Mr. Friedman has

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Paul Hailey

Call me strange, but I tend to get excited about truly new ideas and concepts. That's why I was blown away last week when Bangladesh's Muhammad Yunus and his Grameen Bank were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize last week. Yunus was awarded the prize for his pioneering work in the field of microfinance, specifically microcredit.

I can hear the voice in your head right now saying what is microcredit?

I'm glad you asked that question.

Microcredit describes lending programs that extend small loans to very poor people for self-employment projects that generate income and allow them to lift themselves out of poverty. The so-called "bare-foot bankers" attack poverty by making loans available to the world's 1.2 billion people. These loans have enabled millions of poor people in developing nations to set up the small business that will allow them to escape poverty. These loans are typically under \$100, and have been used for everything from buying a cow to sell milk, to buying a sewing machine to sell garments.

Economist Muhammad Yunus started issuing these small loans in Bangladesh in 1976 when he established the Grameen Bank. His first client was a woman who made wooden stools at a profit of only 2 cents a day. With her \$6 loan (yes, \$6 bucks), she was able to avoid paying exorbitant interest to loan sharks and buy raw materials at a cheaper rate. Her daily profit increased to \$1.25 per day.

Thirty years later, the use of microcredit has flourished. Yunus' Grameen Bank now claims to have 6.6 million borrowers, 97 percent of whom are

Where Is Our Microcredit?

women. The World Bank estimates that there are now more than 7,000 microfinancing institutions (MFIs), serving 16 million poor people in both the developing and industrialized world.

This concept has had an incredible effect on societies around the globe according to Elizabeth Littlefield, chief executive of the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP) thinktank.

"Microfinance tends to lead to the empowerment of women, who in turn...then plan a more active role in their communities. They run for local office, they stand up for the needs of their families. That can lead to a more democratic society," she said.

The most amazing thing about microcredit that been the rate of repayment of the loans. Traditional lenders have resisted lending to the poor because of fears about loan default rates. This has not been the case with microfinancing.

"In Bangladesh even the most conservative estimates suggest that its repayment rate has been incredibly high, about 90 percent," said Maitreesh Ghatuk, professor at the London School of Economics. "Compared to any comparable government program that lends to poor people, this is a stupendous achievement."

So... let's review... people (mostly women), rejected for small business start up loans, who traditionally pay exorbitant rates of interest for the loans they do get; can obtain small amounts of financing which empowers them, makes them more productive and allows them to productively contribute to society—all while becoming small business owners? (I know that was a really long, run-on sentence, but bear with me, I'm trying to make a point.)

Where is our microcredit?

I'm referring to microcredit in the United States for black people who want to be entrepre-

neurs, but don't qualify for traditional bank financing. The single moms that desire a better life for themselves and their children and want to actually own something. I'm asking for those men and women who would pay back small loans if some lending institution would only give them a chance.

I'm talking about people you know who want to start their own business—your relatives, your friends, your co-workers....yourself.

The Roslow Research Group estimated in 1999 that there were 1.3 million Hispanic and 1.2 million African Americans who were self employed with fewer than five employees. Of the 13.1 million "microentrepreneurs in the U.S., 10.8 million had received no bank financing for their business. The remarkable thing is that 12.9 percent had been denied for a loan, but 41.5 percent had considered a loan but thought they would be rejected.

There is a big gap in small business financing in America, and its time for something new to happen in this country economically.

I'm no genius, but it seems to me this is the type of concept both political parties should be pitching to the U.S. voters. This is something productive the government could subsidize, or at least give tax breaks to banks that offered such loans. It wouldn't be handouts or giveaways, it would be capitalism working to finance the dreams of an overlooked segment of society.

One of the things I've always disliked about Republican dogma was the way they implored everyone to "pull themselves up by their own bootstraps". I never could figure out how that concept worked for people with no boots. It looks like some people in the developing countries of the world are showing us how.

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The Hard Facts Of Black America

A journalist decried as a turncoat by community leaders defends his views on African Americans helping themselves.

By: Juan Williams

Why not just go ahead and call me an Uncle Tom and a sellout? Why bother with trying to put a new coat of paint on the same old personal attacks by saying that I am "demeaning black people," that I'm the "black Ann Coulter" and a turncoat against the cause of racial progress for black people in the United States?

That's a sampling of the nastiness flying at me since I wrote a book that holds today's civil rights leaders accountable for serious problems inside black America. I've suggested that many poor people are capable of helping themselves by graduating high school, keeping a job and having children when they're married and ready to be parents.

It is easier to attack me than to deal with some hard facts. Here I go again, but let's look at the facts.

One hard, unforgiving fact is that 70% of black children are born today to single mothers. This is at the heart of the breakdown of the black family, the cornerstone of black life for generations. Some of these children without two parents may turn out just fine, but most add stress to the lives of their grandparents, neighbors, police and teachers who have to take up the slack for absent or bad parents.

It is easier to attack me than to deal with the hard fact of a dropout rate now at about 50% nationwide for black and Latino students. The average black student who gets a high school diploma today is reading and doing math at an eighth-grade level. Even with a diploma, that young person is ill-prepared to

compete for entry-level jobs or for a college degree.

In an era of global economic competition — when it is harder to find a job, pay the rent and afford health insurance — there is little room to argue with the fact that it is a national crisis to find so many children of any race failing in school. But it is especially disturbing that so many of those children are black and Latino; they have the added burden of being people of color in a society in which race remains a real factor.

And what about the tragic fact of a 25% poverty rate among black Americans? That's more than twice the 12% national poverty rate and more than triple the poverty rate among whites.

My critics are busy blaming racism for all this poverty. But that tactic is losing its punch because so many people of color, including black people from Africa and the Caribbean, arrive in this country and outperform native-born black people in educational achievement and income. And it is hard to make the old "racism is the whole problem" argument when the other 75% of black America is taking advantage of 50 years of new opportunities — since Brown vs. Board of Education and the Civil Rights Act — to create the largest black middle class in history, with unprecedented wealth and political power.

The core group of black people trapped in poverty today is not defined by lack of opportunity as much as by bad choices. Black youth culture is boiling over with nihilism. It embraces failure and frustration, including random crime and jail time, as the authentic expression of black life. "Keeping it real" and "street cred" in that destructive world require gunshot victims,

the "N-word" and treating women as "bitches" and "hos." There is no arguing that this is a sick mind-set.

Here are some more facts: 44% of the nation's prison population is made up of black people, and blacks account for 37% of violent crimes, although black Americans are only 13% of the population. Who can make the case that this is anything but a social disaster?

Yet I'm condemned for asking why today's prominent civil rights leaders, such as Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and Maxine Waters, are not dealing with these problems. They prefer to call for more government programs and more white guilt.

And yet a poll done by the Pew Research Center a week after Hurricane Katrina found that two-thirds of black Americans agree with 75% of white Americans who say that too many poor people are overly dependent on government programs. In other words, a clear majority of the nation, including most black people, are saying that the poor need to look in the mirror and halt self-defeating behavior.

Most of all, black people are saying that the poor are not victims but people who are capable of helping themselves.

These are the facts, whether or not you call me a Tom — and whether or not I write them.

Juan Williams is a senior correspondent for National Public Radio, a Fox News analyst and author of "Enough: The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements, and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America - and What We Can Do About It."

Sounding The Alarm On The School Dropout Crisis

By: Reg Weaver

One of the most distressing signs in public education is the slow disappearance of students, especially African-American youth, from high schools across this nation. The statistics are staggering. Three out of every 10 public school students who started ninth grade in September will drop out of school before graduation.

Nationally, only five in 10 African American students graduate on time with a high school diploma. The situation in the Baltimore City Public Schools is equally grim. According to a recent analysis, Baltimore graduates less than half, 48 percent, of their incoming freshmen on time.

What happens when teenagers drop out of school? Without the required education to obtain a good-paying job, most dropouts face a bleak future. They earn, on average, less than high school graduates and are more likely to be unemployed. This wage gap often remains with them throughout their lives. Studies show that each class of high school dropouts costs the nation more than \$200 billion in lost wages and tax revenues as well as spending for social support programs.

As educators, we must face this crisis head-on with a comprehensive plan to reduce high

school dropouts. Putting this plan into action will require the combined efforts of parents, clergy, educators, administrators, community-based organizations, businesses, and federal, state and local governments.

There are many proven approaches to combating rising dropout rates. Educators need the training and resources to spot the common dropout indicators: poor grades, poor attendance, poor family support and lack of interest. Students need expanded graduation options in career and technical fields and in alternative schools so that youngsters have multiple paths to earn a diploma and achieve success.

And early intervention is key. Children at risk need to be identified at a young age—as early as grade school—so that sustained support can be applied. Research shows that success in the elementary grades diminishes the possibility of later dropping out in high school.

Drawn from a wide range of experience and data, these strategies are successful at improving student achievement and decreasing dropouts. Nevertheless, now is the time to do more. Compulsory school attendance laws must be reformed to make a high school diploma or its equivalent mandatory for all students

below the age of 21.

In Maryland and 23 other states students can legally quit school when they turn 16. It is appropriate and critical to eradicate the idea of leaving school without a diploma to compete in the 21st century, all of our citizens, at a minimum, need a high school education. So options such as high school graduation centers for adults 19 to 21 years old must be readily available to provide specialized instruction and counseling apart from younger students.

Above all, we must listen to dropouts themselves and help youngsters overcome their sense of disconnectedness. Schools must begin to meet students' needs with a stimulating and relevant curriculum. And caring adults must be prepared to step in and end the slow disengagement that leads 16-year-olds to opt out of their basic right to an education.

Now is the time to act and to act together as educators, lawmakers and as community members to turn the tide on this silent epidemic.

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

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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Dallas Black Chamber Of Commerce 80th Anniversary Banquet



(L to R) Anthony Brown, Robin Brown and Anthony Border sitting at the Texas Instruments table enjoying evening events.



Mark Cooks - DBCC Executive Committee 4th Vice Chair, Tammy Demery - Vice Chair.



Ermy Hearn - DBCC Special Projects Director, welcomes the audience to the event.



(L to R) Pamela Dunlap Gates, Grace McDermott - US Pan Asian Chamber of Commerce, May Suhm - Dallas City Manager, Eddie Burns Sr. - Fire Chief City of Dallas Fire Department, and Rozalind Dickerson.



(L to R) Small Business of the Year BMR Janitorial Services, Volunteer of the Year Sharon King, Corporation of the Year Verizon Wireless and Tammy Demery presenter of awards.



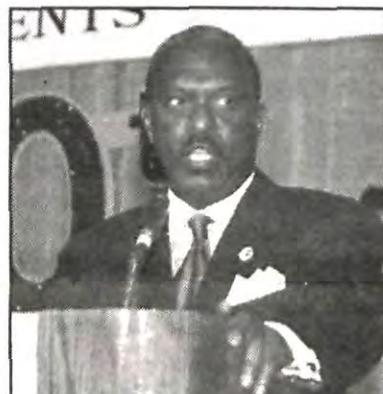
Ermy Hearn - DBCC Special Projects Director, Eddie Burns Sr. - Fire Chief City of Dallas Fire Department, Clarice Tinsley - KDFW Fox 4 News.



Sharon King - Volunteer of Year recipient receives the award from DBCC President Reginald Gates.



Members of the City of Dallas Fire Department and Black Firefighters Association - (L to R) Ervin Jackson, Shbrone Mims, Jacquellene Smith, Shawn Gary - President (Black Firefighters), and Capitan James Brown escorts and ushers for the event.



DBCC President Reginald Gates speaks to the audience.



Clarice Tinsley - KDFW Fox 4 News, Mistress of ceremonies gets the program started.



Dr. Stephen C. Nash - Senior Pastor Mount Tabor Baptist Church performs the invocation.

Photos By: PJ Johnson
The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce recently held its 80th Anniversary awards banquet at the Dallas Convention Center on Friday, October 13, 2006. The festivities were pre-

sented by Mistress of Ceremonies Clarice Tinsley of KDFW Fox4 News. Awards were presented for Small Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Corporation of the Year.

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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.assistance-league-gcc.org.

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Coit Road, Suite 202. Call 972-267-4452.

A free legal clinic is offered for residents who meet low income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second

and 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 972-928-9303.

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.

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.

Strait Street is the official home of "The Yundrae Show." Every Thursday evening at 7PM, it's the live television taping of "The Yundrae Show!" It's new, it's off the chain, and it's only at Strait Street. Artists, celebrities, who's who, sports icons, and many more. The doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7:45pm. There are door prizes and giveaways each week. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Check it out at: www.theyundraeshow.com

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October 19 Plano Chamber of Commerce YPP Social Committee Meeting Thursday, October 19, 2006 from 5:30

pm - 7:00 pm Roy's Restaurant, 2840 Dallas Parkway (located on Eastbound service road, South of Parker Rd.) Plano, Texas 75093. Please RSVP to rsvp@planochamber.org or 972-424-7547 Ext. 230

October 20 The Plano Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with Time Warner Cable will present MOVIES in the PARK! Amphitheater at Oak Point Park 2801 East Spring Creek Parkway. Coolers are permitted; concessions will also be available. Admission: \$2. Gates will open at 6:00 pm. The movie is "Over the Hedge" (1 hr. 30 mins., rated PG). For more details contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-941-PARK or visit www.planoparks.org

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Irving NAACP 6th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet 7:00 P.M. Sheraton Grand Hotel - DFW Airport 4440 W. Carpenter Freeway, Highway 114 & Esters Irving. Theme: Voting our Values Valuing our Votes Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Senator Royce West Person of Ceremony, Lynne Haze, 94.5KSoul For Information Call: 214-607-7990 or 972-259-3909

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October 22 Gospel Music Celebration Worship Mass Community Choir leads worship celebration of African American gospel music & spirituals learned at free music workshops (Oct. 7, 14, 21). 3204 Skillman, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 5 pm FREE 214-821-9989

October 23 Eastfield College 2006 Scholarship Golf Classic at Buffalo Creek in Rockwall. All proceeds benefit Eastfield

College students. The 2006 Classic features an AM Flight (tee time 7:30 am) and a PM Flight (tee time 12:30 pm) Florida Scramble format played with four person teams; cost per player is \$125 and includes cart and green fee, golf shirt, goody bag, and mulligans. For more information, contact Sharon Cook at 972-860-7629 or visit www.eastfieldcollege.com/ce/special/go1f.html

October 24 Garland NAACP First Time Home Buyers Workshop presented by Winston Evans, Home Mortgage Consultant, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Garland Branch. Location: Women's Activity Center, 713 Austin@Glennbrook (Downtown Garland) Workshop is open to the public - free! (972) 381-5044

October 27 DFW African American Professionals Luncheon and Seminar; Lunch speaker Michel Hoskins. Sponsored by Tarrant County College South Campus. 9:00a-6:00p For more information call (817) 515-4598

Irvin Mayfield and the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra Cultural Ambassador for the City of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana, Mr. Mayfield and the orchestra have themed their 2006 tour, "New Orleans Now and Then". Hill Performance Hall in Richardson @ Eisemann Center \$25-\$55 972-744-4650

October 28 The Black Fire Fighters Association (BFFA) of Dallas is proud to announce our 7th Bi-annual Scholarship Awards Banquet to be held Saturday, October 28, 2006 featuring the LEGENDARY Artist,

HOWARD HEWETT, formerly of the R&B group Shalamar. This year's event will be held at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre, 5410 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, 75240. During the banquet we will take the opportunity to recognize BFFA members, pillars in the community and businesses who support our efforts. 214-240-5788

Fashion Fighting Cancer and Heart Disease Fashion Show & Luncheon Saturday, October 28, 2006 ~ 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. Vendor Fair ~ 10a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mesquite Hampton Suites - 635 & Military Pkwy, Tickets: Adult - \$35.00 Children - \$17.00

Operation Oasis Inc. is pleased to announce their Jazz Extravaganza Fundraiser held Saturday, October. 28 at 7 pm. The fundraiser will be held at the Eisemann Center located at 2351 Performance Dr. in Richardson. The fundraiser will include some of Jazz greats Kirk Whalum and Tom Braxton. For ticket information contact the Eisemann Center at www.eisemanncenter.com or call (972) 744-4650.

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The Dallas-based airline also expects to add new employees at city-owned Love Field, as well as new aircraft and new flights to accommodate the anticipated increase in demand, according to Gary Kelly, vice chairman and CEO of Southwest (NYSE: LUV).

In a conference call with reporters announcing the service to new markets, Kelly applauded the Wright Amendment Reform Act, recently signed into law by President Bush and approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The reform, which ultimately nullifies the 1979 Wright Amendment ban on long-haul flights from Love, will allow non-stop, long-haul flights from the airport by 2014. The new destinations available now are the

first time, Dallas has access to the entire route network as it was originally flown."

As stipulated by the act, commercial airlines flying scheduled service out of Love, may fly anywhere in the nation now, but only after touching down once in a close-in, nine-state Wright Amendment area. International flights remain off-limits.

Southwest passengers previously had to buy two tickets for two flights -- which includes deplaning and switching baggage -- if they wanted to fly to or from Love Field.

The new destinations are: Baltimore/Washington; Chicago Midway; Cleveland; Columbus, Ohio; Denver; Detroit; Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood, Fla.; Indianapolis; Jacksonville, Fla.; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Louisville, Ky.; Nashville, Tenn.; Oakland, Calif.; Omaha, Neb.; Orlando, Fla.; Philadelphia; Phoenix; Portland, Ore.; Sacramento, Calif.; Salt Lake

City; San Diego; Seattle/Tacoma; Tampa Bay, Fla.; and Tucson, Ariz.

That translates to about 101 new itineraries a day out of Love Field, said Kelly.

For example, there will now be seven one-stop flights to Los Angeles, 14 to Phoenix, nine to Baltimore, eight to Chicago, six to San Diego, five to Orlando and two to Denver, all connecting through various close-in cities, like Houston, Kansas City, Albuquerque or St. Louis. In some cases, passengers won't have to switch planes; in others, they will.

Currently Southwest operates 18 itineraries from Dallas, with 14 nonstop flights to cities in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Alabama, Mississippi, Kansas and Missouri.

To start off the new destinations, Southwest is offering \$99 one-way fares to the 25 cities.

"We're confident that by lowering the fares, we'll see more people flying," said Kelly.



result of lifting through-ticketing restrictions, making it possible for Southwest to open up its reservation system to existing long-haul itineraries, said Kelly.

"We are simply unrestricting the connecting opportunities that exist within our flight schedule today," said Kelly. "We are not adding any aircraft or changing any flights or routes. ... For the

EDS Signs \$700 Million Contract With Bank Of America

EDS announced a six-year, \$700 million agreement to integrate the communications infrastructure for recently acquired MBNA Corporation into Bank of America's state-of-the-art voice and data network.

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In February 2003, EDS began transforming Bank of America's nationwide voice and data communications infrastructure into a stronger and more flexible one-stop solution for voice and

data services as part of a 10-year, \$4.5 billion contract. As part of the overall managed network services agreement with Bank of America, EDS provides secure telecommunications and networking solutions using voice-over IP technology, helpdesk services for the additional contact center and credit

card processing locations.

"EDS complements Bank of America's commitment to a seamless acquisition by providing the network capability to quickly and flawlessly integrate MBNA into the current infrastructure," said Tom Warsop, EDS U.S. Financial Services industry vice president.

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and Mary Lou Smith. The Class 24 recipient of the Smiths' scholarship is Susan Williams, executive director of Journey of Hope. The second full scholarship is sponsored by the Women's Division of the Plano Chamber of Commerce was given to Tawnia Wise, corporate market director of the American Heart Association. A scholarship named in honor of former Executive Director Andre' Davidson was awarded to Carlos Sastoque, major gifts director of the Plano Symphony Orchestra. The Debbie Weinbaum Scholarship, newly established this year, is awarded to Janet Teng, an ESL teacher in Plano ISD.

The members of Leadership Plano Class 24 will be honored at a reception hosted by Reflections on Spring Creek, 1901 Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2006. Title sponsor for the reception is Morgan Stanley - The Kravitz Group.

The event is an opportunity for Leadership Plano alumni and the community to meet members of the new class, network with current and former participants and learn about the program and upcoming events. Reservations can be made by calling the Plano Chamber at 972.424.7547 or at www.planochamber.org.

The year's class members are Brian Bascom, attorney, Bascom & Associates; Sara Bonser, principal, Williams High School; Cindy Boykin, managing editor, Plano Profile; Rebecca Egelston Caso, president-elect, Junior League of Plano; Dana Conklin, City of Plano marketing and special events manager; Dr. Jodi Danna-Denton, dentist; George Elwell, broker/owner, Real Care Realty, LLC; Tracy Franco, assistant principal, Plano Sr. High School; Dr. Lynne Gerlach, dentist, Gerlach & Gerlach, DDS; Diana Gold, marketing sponsorship director, Shops at Willow Bend; Ben Harris, senior sales professional, Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals; Don N. High, attorney at law; Jessica Jackson, event director, Plano Balloon Festival; May Li, regional director, Asian Marketing Group; Stacy Mading, CPA, finance manager, Plano Chamber of

Commerce; Kim Moore, attorney, Strasburger & Price, LLP; Marty Murff, director of surgical services, Baylor Regional Medical Center of Plano; Karla Oliver, executive director of communications and governmental relations, Plano ISD; Victor Quintana, business systems, analyst, Alcatel; Blanca Rojas, marketing coordinator, First International Bank; Carlos Sastoque, director of major gifts, Plano Symphony Orchestra; Jan

Sullivan, minister, dental hygienist; Janet Teng, ESL teacher, Plano ISD; Camille Ussery, vice-president, ViewPoint Bank; Susie Vaughan, principal, Beaty Elementary School; Mark Waters, owner/director, FasTracKids; Beth Weingarten, vice-president/brokerage, The Retail Connection; Diane Wilcox, realtor, Ebby Halliday; Susan Williams, executive director, Journey of Hope Grief Support; Adriane Wilson, direc-

tor of marketing and community development, Presbyterian Hospital of Plano; Tawnia Wise, corporate market director, American Heart Association.

Businesses or individuals interested sponsoring a session or making a contribution to the program, or anyone interested in learning more about Leadership Plano, should contact Carole Greisdorf at 214.697.2743 or visit the Web site at www.leadershiplan.org.



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NAACP To Monitor Elections In Ten States

Primary provokes effort to ensure Nov. 7th 'comes and goes smoothly'
AP

The NAACP will monitor voting in 10 states next month, sending observers to polling places, taking citizen complaints and notifying the Justice Department of any serious problems, the civil rights organization announced Monday.

The states were chosen because of pivotal elections, concentrations of black voters, or a history of polling problems, the Baltimore-based organization said.

President Bruce Gordon said the organization intends to be proactive "to ensure that Nov. 7 comes and goes smoothly and that every citizen across this country, and particularly in the state of Maryland, who has an interest in voting, in fact is able to vote."

The National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People planned to have hundreds of volunteers monitoring the election in Maryland, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan,

Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas, Gordon said.

Free-State concerns Maryland's primary election last month was riddled with problems that caused precincts to open late or cause other delays, prompting court action in some areas to extend voting hours.

Problems included difficulties with electronic poll books used to check in voters and a lack of poll judges. In Baltimore, some poll workers did not show up to open polling places. Problems in Prince George's County included the transmission of data from

precincts to the county election board after polls closed. In Montgomery County, polls opened late because electronic cards voters use to cast ballots were not delivered along with the

dent their votes would be counted.

Gordon said he sent a letter Friday to Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich, asking him to ensure the electronic poll book problem was fixed, that there were enough trained polling place volunteers, and that there be enough provisional ballots in case of problems. He also asked Ehrlich to direct election boards to hold demonstrations so voters could become familiar with the voting machines.

Ehrlich responded later Monday with a letter to Gordon saying he shared the organization's concerns and would send a copy of Gordon's letter and his response to the chairman of the state elections board. The governor said he would ask the board to respond to Gordon's proposals in the next week.

Election Day command cen-



touchscreen voting machines.

The NAACP said volunteers will observe targeted precincts in the Baltimore area and Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

Results of an Associated Press-Pew poll released last week found only 30 percent of black voters surveyed nationwide were confi-

dent they believe he's threatening their chances of victory.

they believe he's threatening their chances of victory.

"We're talking about a candidate who was picketing Rexall drugs in Austin as a freshman in college because they wouldn't cash checks for black people," Stromberg said. "They know nothing about his record as a man with a civil rights background."

Last month, Friedman referred to Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Houston, most of whom are black, as "crackheads and thugs." He later criticized ethnic politicking by saying, "I don't eat tamales in the barrio, I don't eat fried chicken in the ghetto and I don't eat bagels with the Jews."

Then a television interview from a year ago resurfaced in which Friedman was asked what to do about sexual predators, and he said, "Throw them in prison and throw away the key and make

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shown ... ill will toward the African-American community, and there is no obligation for someone to enlist or invite someone who has illustrated that kind of attitude or demeanor toward African-Americans," Bledsoe said.

Refusal to apologize

Friedman bristled when the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People asked him to apologize last month for comments he made recently and in years past. In a letter to Friedman, Bledsoe said his comments pander to divisiveness and "invoke the worst racial stereotypes about people of color."

Friedman has refused to apologize, saying he doesn't need to because he is not a racist. He has said his opponents are orchestrating the criticism because

they listen to a Negro talking to himself."

A left-leaning political Web site also posted an audio clip of Friedman telling a joke at a nightclub in 1980 in which he used the n-word.

Gov. Rick Perry will speak to the Texas NAACP on Thursday.

Independent Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Democrat Chris Bell are scheduled to speak Friday. Libertarian James Werner is also running for governor, but he is rarely invited to candidate forums.

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T.I., Busta Rhymes and Chamillionaire Top Impressive Nominees List For Inaugural BET Hip-Hop

If you thought last summer's BET Awards '06 were off the hook — and they were — just wait until the inaugural BET Hip-Hop Awards premieres on Wednesday, November 15 at 9 p.m. ET/PT. The nominees for BET's first awards show honoring the cream of hip-hop culture in 14 different categories were unveiled today during a press conference at the Metropolitan Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. On hand to make the announcements were: Katt Williams, actor/comedian and host of the BET Hip-Hop Awards; Multi-platinum rapper and Academy award-winning film *Crash* cast member Ludacris; hip-hop mogul and super-producer Jermaine Dupri; platinum-selling rapper Young Jeezy; Stephen Hill, BET Executive Vice President for Entertainment, Music Programming and Talent and BET Hip-Hop Awards Executive Producer; Lisa Borders, Atlanta City Council President; Sam A. Williams, President of the Atlanta Metro Chamber of Commerce; Spurgeon Richardson, President and CEO of Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Fox Theatre General Manager Allan Vella.

With southern hip-hop being so dominant now, it's quite appropriate that Atlanta was selected to host the first BET Hip-Hop Awards show. ATL's own T.I., leads all nominees with eight nods. T.I. is up for possible honors in the Video of the Year, Hip-Hop Track of the Year, Hip-Hop MVP of the Year, Lyricist of the Year, Best Live Performance, Best Collaboration, Hip-Hop CD of the Year and Hip-Hop Hustler of the Year categories.

"We are extremely excited to be producing our first BET Hip-Hop Awards and look forward

to a show that reflects the genre with the respect, acknowledgment and show production it's due," said Stephen Hill, Executive Vice President of Entertainment, Music Programming and Talent for BET Networks. "This show is very much about where hip-hop culture is right now, but we will honor the original 4 elements of hip-hop and show their connection to today's beats, rhymes and life."



Joining T.I. with multiple nods are: Busta Rhymes with six, Chamillionaire with five, Yung Joc and Lupe Fiasco with four; Kanye West, Lil' Wayne and Young Jeezy with three each; and Common, Rick Ross, Nelly and Chamillionaire with two apiece.

The show will also feature performances by Snoop Dogg, Ludacris, T.I. & Young Jeezy ... and more to be announced at a later date. Although hosting an awards show — particularly one with this caliber of talent — is no easy gig, Katt Williams, perhaps best known for his scene-stealing performance as Money Mike in "Friday After Next" and his recent HBO stand-up comedy special "The Hip Chronicles, Part 1," says heup for the challenge.

"Well, you know, I'm a natural believer that enthusiasm is always

the most important ingredient," Williams says. "So you want to have somebody hosting a hip-hop show that actually loves hip hop and has for as long as they can remember. So in that respect, there's not a lot of weight on my shoulders. It's really a joy, because I'm going to be excited every second that I'm onstage. And the audience needs to see that sort of thing, not I'm qualified to be here and that's why I'm here. But really, I'm so excited to be doing this."

In paying homage to the core tenets of hip hop (DJing, MCing, Breakdancing and Graffiti art), The BET Hip-Hop Awards has established special recognition for the exceptional work and contributions to the genre in the areas of beat production, lyricism, dance, and film/visual art with four special Element awards: Producer of the Year, Lyricist of the Year, Hip-Hop Dance of the Year and Director of the Year. Additional categories include Rookie of the Year, Hip-Hop Movie of the Year and the Alltel Wireless People's Champ Award (Viewers' Choice). BET has again teamed with Cossette Productions, famed producers of the Grammy Awards(R) and the six previous record-setting BET awards shows, to jointly produce this fresh salute to everything hip-hop.

For the first-time ever, BET will splash some international flavor on its awards show with special honors geared around the British urban music scene. Five noted hip-hop artists from the United Kingdom will battle for recognition by British hip-hop fans as Best UK Hip-Hop Artist. BET International is joined through partnerships with British music entities MTV Base and 1 Xtra BBC in establishing this category spotlighting British hip-hop.

New Whitney Album To Get Primo Beats from DJ Premier

More proof that the Whitney Houston comeback album is indeed a go is new word from Billboard magazine that producer DJ Premier is close to signing a deal to produce tracks for the project.

The hip hop legend, who produced Christina Aguilera's current album "Back to Basics," has already lined up behind-the-boards work for Nas, Amerie and Canibus in the coming months. But it's the Whitney deal that has Primo the most excited.

"I'm not gonna jinx it but there [have] been talks and I've met with the right people so if that goes down I'd love to give her a big record," Premier tells

Billboard.com. "I know what she needs. I'm not gonna give her a record about rolling on dubs and all that just because that's what's current. That's beneath her. She can go left field as long as the record's banging and she sings it well."

The CD is coming on the heels of Houston's reunion with J Records head Clive Davis and will be the singer's first studio work in four years. Houston has had issues with drug addiction in recent years and last month filed for divorce from

singer Bobby Brown after 14 years of marriage. Premier thinks Houston's fans will welcome her return with open arms.

"She deserves another chance," he says. "I won't misguide her career and give her some garbage."



Akeelah' Director Spells Out Box Office Woes: Doug Atchison says Starbucks Campaign Confused Folks

Doug Atchison, the director of last summer's charming "Akeelah and the Bee," says he

where "Akeelah" was named Outstanding Motion Picture of the Year.

"I don't think people understood what the movie is," he continued.



tries not to dwell on the film's box office shortcomings, which occurred in spite of the movie's inspiring story and critically-acclaimed performance from star Keke Palmer.

However, the filmmaker cites the marketing and promotion of the film — a unique partnership with the coffee retailer Starbucks — as one of the issues that may have stood in the way of more ticket sales.

"Frankly, I think the Starbucks campaign confused people. I'm not really supposed to say that, but that's my belief," Atchison told EUR exclusively on the red carpet before the 2006 Black Movie Awards,

Denzel Wraps 'American Gangster'

New York Post columnist Cindy Adams is reporting that Ridley Scott has finished shooting "American Gangster," the drama starring Denzel Washington in the real life story of a man who smuggled drugs into Harlem in the coffins of American soldiers returning



from Vietnam.

The film began shooting all around New York this past summer after much pre-production drama — including the sudden exit of the film's original director Antoine Fuqua, and co-star Russell Crowe replacing Benicio del Toro as the detective who finally brings Washington's character to justice.

According to Adams, replacing Fuqua caused production to be delayed, which, in turn, left a dent in Washington's pocket.

"Denzel's contract provided for a specific start date," Adams wrote. "It stated he'd receive a penalty of his full \$20 mil salary if it was delayed. Well, it was — and he did. Whether the man pocketed another \$20 mil when he actually made the film, this I don't know. I do know he just got a very expensive Central

Park West apartment."

Chiwetel Ejiofor, RZA and John Ortiz are also in the cast of "American Gangster," based on the life of drug-kingpin-turned-informant, Frank Lucas, who grew up in segregated North Carolina where he watched as his cousin was shot by the Klan for looking at a white girl.

He eventually made his way to Harlem where he became a heroin kingpin by traveling to the Golden Triangle to make connections, shipping heroin back to the US in the coffins of soldiers killed in Vietnam. He soon made upwards of one million dollars a day in drug sales.

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October 26 & 27, 7:30 pm

Holy Spirit ministering with Overseer L. Tarpley from Irving on October 26th and Prophetess Michelle Rice from Houston on October 27th.

October 28, 9 am

Register for our "Faith On The Move" seminar. Classes include: Young Ladies (8-22), "Overcoming

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October 29, 4 pm

Guest speaker Pastor Yvonne Bennett from The Life Center in Irving.

Community World Outreach International Ministries
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October 21, 5 pm

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November 5, 3 pm

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Church News

Things to Ponder and Pray About: America The Beautiful

stem this evil tide?

If we who are His children, will humbly turn and pray; seek His Holy face and mend our evil way: then God will hear from Heaven and forgive us of our sins, He'll heal our sickly land and those who live within.

But, America the Beautiful, if you don't - then you will see, a sad but Holy God withdraw His hand from

To the **Horticulturist** He is the "True Vine;" to the **Judge**, the "Righteous Judge (Judge of all men);" to the **Jeweler**, the "Pearl of Great Price;" to the **Lawyer**, the "Counselor, Lawgiver, and the Advocate;" to the **News Readers**, the "Good Tidings of Great Joy;" to the **Oculist**, the "Light of the Eyes;" to the **Philanthropist**, the "Unspeakable Gift;" to the

Philosopher, the "Wisdom of God;" to the **Preacher**, the "Word of God."

To the **Sculptor**, He is the "Living Stone;" to the **Servant**, the "Good Master;" to the **Statesman**, the "Desire of All Nations;" to the **Student**, the "Incarnate Truth;" to the **Theologian**, the "Author and Finisher of Our Faith;" to the **Toiler**, the "Giver of Rest;" to the **Sinner**, the "Lamb of God" that taketh away the sins of the World. To the

Christian He is the "Son of the Living God, The Savior, the Redeemer and the Lord."

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Picture of The Week
Sister Tarpley & Sis. Pamela Walker Andrews, after a Sunday Morning Worship Service @ Love Chapel COGIC, Elder Philip White is the Pastor

Three ~ Judge Roy Moore

Another take on "The Many Names of CHRIST": To the **Artist** He is the "One Altogether Lovely;" to the **Architect**, the "Chief Corner Stone;" to the **Baker**, the "Living Bread;" to the **Banker**, the "Hidden Treasure;" to the **Biologist**, the "Life;" to the **Builder**, the "Sure Foundation;"

To the **Carpenter** He is the "Door;" to the **Doctor**, the "Great Physician;" to the **Educator**, the "Great Teacher;" to the **Engineer**, the "New and Living Way;" to the **Florist**, the "Rose of Sharon;" and the **Geologist**, the "Rock of Ages."

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For more information on the Collin County Council on Family Violence or the conference please visit www.ccc-fv.org or call 972-769-0557. For more information about the Junior League of Plano please visit www.jlplano.org.



Sister Tarpley

This is a poem written by Judge Roy Moore from Alabama. He was sued by ACLU for displaying the **Ten Commandments** in his courtroom foyer. He has been stripped of his judgeship and now they are trying to strip his right to practice law.

"America The Beautiful," or so you used to be; land of the Pilgrims' pride; I'm glad they'll never see, babies piled in dumpsters and abortion on demand, oh, sweet land of liberty your house is on the sand.

Children wander aimlessly, poisoned by cocaine and choosing to indulge their lusts, when God has said, 'abstain'.

From sea to shining sea, our Nation turns away from the teaching of God's love and a need to always pray.

We've kept God in our temples, how callous we have grown. When earth is but His footstool and Heaven is His throne.

We've voted in a government that's rotting at the core, appointing Godless Judges who throw reason out the door, too soft to place a killer in a well-deserved tomb, but brave enough to kill a baby before he leaves the womb.

You think that God's not angry, that our land's a moral slum? How much longer will He wait before His judgment comes?

How are we to face our God, from whom we cannot hide? What then is left for us to do, but

Family Violence Page 1

a coordinated, comprehensive, effective effort which includes education, prevention, intervention and seamless 24-hour assistance. Junior League of Plano members facilitate the meetings of the Council members as they strive together to eliminate family violence in Collin County.

Church Happenings

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LOVING FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

October 28, 12 pm

Men of Standard, our Men's Ministry will hold its annual Bar-B-Que Cook-Off fundraiser. Donations from the fundraiser will be used to build a new church.

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28th @ 8:30 am we will start with registration and breakfast, following with educational and inspirational breakout sessions to enhance the Christian walk as singles, with featured speaker Rev. Marcus King from Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas.

Sunday, October 29th, 9 pm

Conclusion of Singles Conference 2006. You are invited to all Sunday Services and a brunch. For more information and to register please call 972-221-5668.

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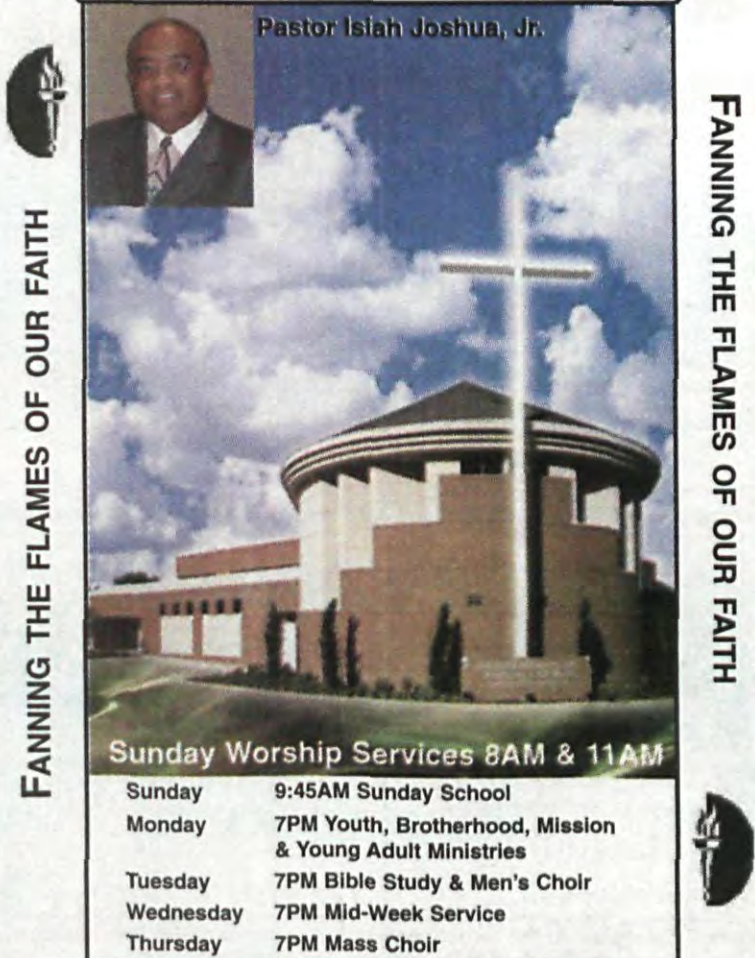


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