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People In The News



Former MON-The Gazette staffer Kymberly Keeton has been selected to represent the University of Houston as a Fellow in the Young People's For Class of 2007 Fellowship Program in Washington, D.C. January 11-17.

Kym was selected from a highly competitive pool of college students from across the nation to be one of 180 members of Young People For Class of 2007 Fellowship Program. The Class of 2007 Fellowship Program is comprised of 180 students from community colleges, state universities, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges, liberal arts colleges and Ivy League universities from 18 states and 65 campuses; the Fellowship is diverse, skilled and capable of making a powerful difference on campuses. It is clear that the Class of 2007 is bringing together 180 of the strongest campus leaders and activists who will help to build youth progressive power in America and become the leaders of nonprofit organizations, media, private sector businesses and serve as campaign managers and future candidates. Kymberly is also the Publisher and "Kreative Director" of an online magazine, Literafeelya, www.literafeelyamagazine.net.

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington has appointed Jo Ann C. Jenkins as chief operating officer, effective Jan. 1, 2007. Ms. Jenkins is known and respected throughout the legislative branch as an extraordinary leader with highly-honed political skills and exceptional judgment," said Billington. "Her seasoned experience, dedication and leadership skills as chief of staff for the past 10 years have contributed to some of the Library's most high-profile initiatives, including the Library's Bicentennial celebration, six National Book Festivals and currently the New Visitors Experience."



As chief operating officer Jenkins will have full authority and responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Library. She will be directly responsible for planning, reviewing, monitoring and directing overall programmatic and infrastructure support operations consistent with the Library's mission and the Librarian's goals.

Jenkins is active in several organizations including The Links Inc. and Jack & Jill of America Inc. She is a founding member of the U.S.-Japan Young Leaders Program and a member of the AARP Services Board of Directors. She is married to Frank G. Jenkins, Ed.D. They have two children, Christian Jenkins and Nicole Jenkins.



Cheryl Monroe has been appointed vice president minority supplier and vendor development for Macy's. Before her recent promotion, Monroe was vice president store manager for Macy's Wheaton.

"Macy's has a great supplier diversity program that is headed up by an executive that has excellent qualifications and retail background," said Senior Vice President Consumer Affairs and Minority Vendor Development, Ed Goldberg.

In her newly appointed position, Monroe will focus on supplier diversity and vendor development, making multicultural spending a priority in retail and non-retail. This will enable Macy's to connect with the needs of customers in all communities.

Monroe joined Macy's in 1987 as sales manager for Better Sportswear for White Marsh. In 1993, she joined Hecht's as a divisional sales manager for Wheaton and later rejoined Macy's as regional merchandise manager for the Baltimore and Washington area in 2001.

In 2004 she was appointed vice president store manager to open the only new store for Macy's East in the year 2005, Macy's Wheaton.

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Supreme Court Hears School Race Arguments



New majority may outlaw use of affirmative action

AP
The Supreme Court justices, hearing arguments on school integration, signaled Monday they are likely to bar the use of race when assigning students to public schools.

Such a ruling could deal a blow to potentially hundreds of school systems across the U.S. that use racial guidelines to maintain a semblance of classroom integration in cities whose neighborhoods are divided along racial lines.

However, it would be a major victory for those who have called for "color-blind" decision-making by public officials.

Monday's argument also might mark the emergence of a five-member majority determined to outlaw the official use of race guide-

lines in schools, colleges and public agencies.

"The purpose of the Equal Protection clause is to ensure that people are treated as individuals rather than based on the color of their skin," Chief Justice John Roberts said.

Three years ago, the court upheld affirmative action at colleges and universities. But that 5-4 decision depended on the now-retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Since then, President Bush's two appointees — Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito — have joined the court, and the tenor of Monday's debate suggested a new majority would frown on race-based affirmative action.

At issue were the racial-integration guidelines adopted by school boards in Seattle and Louisville, Ky.

Seattle allows its students to choose which high school they want to attend but tries to maintain a racial balance within 10 percentage points of its overall enrollment. In 2001, before the program was suspended, 210 white students and 90 minorities were denied

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Mckinney Relay For Life To Hold Registration Open House

On a chilly fall evening, nothing sounds better than a warm latré. On Dec. 5, grab that cup of joe at the Starbucks at Adriatica, 6841 Virginia Parkway, and sign up to participate in one of McKinney's largest warm-weather philanthropic events.

McKinney Relay For Life will be holding an Open House from 6-9 p.m. at the Starbucks at Adriatica. The event will honor McKinney Relay For Life's 2007 team captains and will provide information to anyone interested in participating in this year's event. Complementary coffee will be provided by

Starbucks.

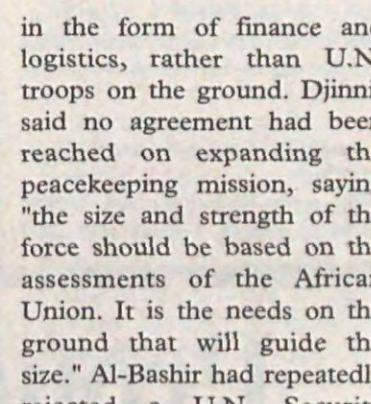
McKinney Relay For Life will be held April 27, 2007 at Craig Ranch. In its 6th year, more than 3,000 people have participated in McKinney Relay For Life each year, and the event has raised more than \$1,000,000 in the fight against cancer.

"We want to honor our team captains who have already committed to making the year's

McKinney Relay Page 9

Sudan Rejects Plan for UN Peacekeepers in Darfur

AP
Sudan's president rejected a proposal Thursday to send thousands of U.N. troops to Darfur to boost 7,000 African peacekeepers there, crushing hopes for a quick solution to a crisis that is spreading across central Africa. African leaders, however, extended the mandate of the AU force currently deployed in Darfur by six months, the African Union's peace and security commissioner Said Djinnit told reporters. The mission's mandate was set to expire Dec. 31. "We want an African force," Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir told reporters after leaving a closed-door African Union summit in Abuja at which African leaders were advocating a proposal for an expanded mission that would include blue-helmeted U.N. soldiers. "We can take technical advisory and financial support from the U.N., but no U.N. force," al-Bashir said. Sudan, the United Nations and the AU agreed in principle earlier this month to create a hybrid mission, raising hopes that a stronger U.N.-backed force could be deployed to help stem the violence. But confusion has remained, with some Sudanese officials saying they want U.N. support — but only



Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir

in the form of finance and logistics, rather than U.N. troops on the ground. Djinnit said no agreement had been reached on expanding the peacekeeping mission, saying "the size and strength of the force should be based on the assessments of the African Union. It is the needs on the ground that will guide the size." Al-Bashir had repeatedly rejected a U.N. Security Council resolution from August under which 20,000 U.N. peacekeepers would

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Fire Safety Heats Up In Frisco

It's a city within a city. Frisco Fire Safety Town is still under construction, but when complete, it will be a place where children will learn how to prevent injuries and

projects are already in place. Borchardt says Safety Town will be the first of its kind in the United States.

It will not be just facades. Houses, a church, a fire station and roads are being built 5/8 to scale.

"We've learned over the years that adults, many times, it's hard to get their attention for fire and life safety education but parents always listen to what we tell their children," Borchardt said.

The indoor classrooms are adjacent to the newly-completed Frisco Fire Department administration building.

Classroom space will include a kitchen where students will be taught how to prevent fires. Borchardt said smoke will emit from vents in

Frisco Fire Page 4

Outrage Over Police Shooting Of Black Man On His Wedding Day



New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, joined by Rev. Al Sharpton (right) and Police Chief Ray Kelly (left, red tie) weighed in on the uproar over a deadly police shooting Monday, saying bluntly that officers appeared to use excessive force when they fired 50 shots at an unarmed man in a confrontation outside a strip club hours before his wedding.

By Lisa Vives
Special to the NNPA from GIN
NEW YORK — Only hours away from the church wedding that would have united 23 year old Sean Bell and his fiancée Nicole Paultré, a hail of police bullets pieced the car driven by

Bell, killing him and critically wounding his two passengers.

Bell and his friends had just marked the occasion with a bachelor party. What followed next is in under investigation.

Published reports say the

Sean Bell Page 5

Ronald McDonald House Announces Local Grant Recipients

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Greater North Texas announced today that more than \$110,000 in grants was awarded to 17 local North Texas children's charities.

This brings the total grants awarded to local organizations during 2006 to \$435,000. The local RMHC chapter awards grants to charities to times each year.

During the fall granting cycle, the following grants totaling \$119,250 were awarded to the following community-based organizations:

- * AIDS Outreach Center
- * All Church Home For



- Children
- * American Diabetes Association
- * AVANCE - Dallas
- * Boys & Girls Clubs of Ft. Worth
- * Children's Advocacy of Johnson County
- * Child Advocates of

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City Of Dallas Water Utilities Selects Winner In Local Water Conservation Drawing Contest

City of Dallas Water Utilities announced today that it will use 10-year-old DISD student Helanna Padgett-Clark's artwork to inspire a newly created water conservation animated commercial to air on Dallas-Fort Worth affiliates and cable television stations during children's



Helanna Padgett-Clark of K.B. Polk Center for the Academically Talented and Gifted

programming in spring 2007.
Padgett-Clark of K.B. Polk

Center for the Academically Talented and Gifted will work with Janimation, Inc. and serve as the honorary creative director to develop the animated spot based on her clever story board "Water Life."

Padgett-Clark is the winner of an art contest for the Save Dallas Water campaign held this summer. As part of the contest, Dallas Water Utilities visited local community centers to give children the opportunity to create an animated commercial for the 2007 Save Dallas Water campaign while



Helanna Padgett-Clark, George Pounds of Focus Learning Academy and Evan Garrett of Alexander Elementary School.

encouraging water conservation. Dallas Water Utilities representatives and the Save Dallas Water mascot Dew joined local artists Steve Gaconner, of Janimation Inc., Bubba Flint, cartoonist for The Dallas Morning News, and local singer and songwriter Cameron Coffey for a presentation highlighting water-saving tips, as well as cartoon drawing lessons.

"Helanna's impressive comic drawing represented a thoughtful lesson in the importance of saving water," says Carole Davis, City of Dallas Water Utilities Conservation Manager. "She successfully conveyed the main points that we communicate in our campaign." The top three cartoons were selected for their ease of story telling, logical patterns

on how to conserve water and for engaging the water conservation mascot Dew. Padgett-Clark developed her cartoon "Water Life" featuring the Save Dallas Water mascot Dew during summer activities at Thurgood Marshall Community Center.

The two runners-up are George Pounds of Focus Learning Academy and Evan Garrett of Alexander Elementary School. Both boys also attended Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center this summer for the presentations.

Pro-Athletes Honored By Berkner High



Everson Walls- LV Berkner High School -Athletic Hall of Honor inductee, David Tyson- Richardson ISD Board of Trustees, Laurie Flachmeier (Corbelli), LV Berkner High School -Athletic Hall of Honor inductee

L.V. Berkner High School in the Richardson Independent School District is honoring alumni in their new Athletic Hall of Honor. The first induction ceremony took place during the Berkner/Plano West football game on Nov. 10, 2006.

Alumni honored included: Everson Walls, former Dallas Cowboys All-Pro Defensive Back, also played for the New York Giants and Cleveland Browns. Laurie Flachmeier (Corbelli), two-time member of the U.S. Olympic

Volleyball Team and winner of the prestigious Flo Hyman All-Time Great

Player Award by USA Volleyball, and Volleyball Coach at Texas A & M.

Michael Connell, pro golfer currently on the PGA Tour was there but not pictured.

These Berkner graduates and outstanding athletes will be the first

inductees to have their photos and list of accomplishments hung in the

Athletic Hall of Honor, currently being constructed in the athletic wing of Berkner High School.

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

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For locations and more information, call 214-928-9303.

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

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

December 7

Aretha Franklin
The Diva herself will be here in Dallas, live at the Nokia Theatre at 8 p.m. located at 1001 Performance, Grand Prairie. For more information please call 214-373-8000.

Black Nativity by Langston Hughes

This foot-stomping, toe-tapping, soul-stirring musical is the joyous account of a historic event that happened over 2,000 years ago. The Black Nativity is a legendary Christmas event and theatrical wonderment all over the world. Beginning December 7-16, at 8pm. This event is held at the Hall of State in Fair Park. For more info please call 214-948-0716.

4th Annual AH-HA Holiday Ball

Come join the festivities for the Live and Silent auctions, music, Casino Games, winning and dining all in the Spirit of Giving. The evening begins at 6pm held at The Westin Park Central located at 12720 Merit Drive, Dallas 75251. For more information please contact info@dallasbuilders.com or 972-931-4840.

Owl Night

Business networking with Focus on Personal & Business finances. This will be held at Washington Mutual Bank located at 9625 Audelia Rd, Dallas 75238. There will be a VIP guest, which will be former Dallas Cowboy, Kevin Smith who will provide various door prizes. The event will be from 6pm-8pm. Free admission with Business Card. For directions please call 214-341-3551

December 9-10

The African American Republican Club of Collin County
The Collin County Republican Headquarters will have an Open House on December 9 from 2pm-4pm. If there are any questions please call the Headquarters at 972-424-2122.

Ayubu Kamau at Kwanzaa Fest, Fair Park
The Ayubu Kamau Sacred African Drum & Dance Society will lead

Opening Ceremony for the Annual Kwanzaa Fest held at the Fair Park located at 3300 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Admission is free and for information contact 817-640-1716.

Tuskegee Alumni Christmas Party

Come join the D/FW Tuskegee Alumni Christmas Party, Saturday, December 9 at 6pm. The host for the evening will be Alumni Percy and Marcia Parrish. For address and location information please contact Shawn Brewer at Shawn.Brewer@PACCAR.com.

"A Spirit Of Forgiveness"

This event is a Christmas fund raising event and toy drive. This is also a musical theatre event for the entire family. All the proceeds will benefit Hurricane Katrina Survivors now residing in Dallas. This event will be held at The Black Academy of Arts & Letter, in the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex located at 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas 75202. For more information please call 214-743-3400 or 661-312-5391.

Dallas Opera's The Barber of Seville

This comic opera is the perfect holiday production. A fun and light-hearted romp and one of the world's favorite opera. The opera will be held at the Music Hall at Fair Park located at 909 1st Ave. Dallas, 75210. Tickets begin at \$19. For more information please call 214-0443-1000 or visit www.dallasopera.org.

Healthfest

Come out to celebrate Kwanzaa when they host Healthfest with various education forums about health issues such as lung & breast cancer and sickle cell anemia. The Healthfestis Saturday 10am-8pm and Sunday 11am-7pm held Centennial Hall at Fair Park, Dallas and admission is free. For more information 214-653-6671 or www.johnwi-

leyprice.com.

Spiritual Giftedness Seminar

Uniquely You is a Christ-centered, Bible-based ministry dedicated to empowering and equipping Christians through discovering their giftedness. Special guest will be Dr. Mels Carbonell. The seminar will be held at Concord Church located at 6808 Pastor Bailey Dr., Dallas 75237. The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. from Dec. 10- Dec. 12. For more information you may go to www.concorddallas.org or call 214-331-8522.

December 13 Plano Chamber of Commerce Women's Division Luncheon

The Women's Division lunch will be from 11:30am-1pm at Gleneagles Country Club located at 5401 Park Blvd. The cost for the lunch is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members and guests. Reservations must be made by noon on Friday, December 8th. For more information please contact 972-424-7547 ext 230 or rsvp@planochamber.org.

African Stories

Through the interactive dramatization of folktales, Audrey McClure takes students on a journey through Africa, developing an appreciation for its literature, oral traditions, and cultures. This will be held at Lakewood Branch Library located at 6121 Worth Street beginning at 10:30 am. For more information please contact 214-670-1376.

December 15

Dancing with the Stars
The Pathfinders Singles Community is rolling out the red carpet and all single men and women are invited. This holiday celebration will include an exceptional comedy show, an awards ceremony, and Swing Out dance lessons. The attire is semi-formal and childcare will be provided. Admission for the evening event is free. This event will be held at

Friendship West Baptist Church located at 2020 W. Wheatland Rd. Dallas, 75232. For more information please call 972-228-7233 or singlelife@friendship-west.org.

Christmas and Kwanzaa: Black-Tie Volunteer Soiree

TBAAL shows appreciation to its volunteers, members and sponsors with an evening of friendship and entertainment in the spirit of Christmas and Kwanzaa. The will begin at 6:30 p.m. Held at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters located at 650 S. Griffin St. Dallas, 75202. Admission is \$15. For more information please contact tbaal@airmail.net or 214-743-2440.

A Christmas Carol

An award-winning musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' enduring and joyful classic is a jubilant holiday show for all ages. The musical will be held at Naomi Bruton Main Stage located at 650 S. Griffin St. Dallas, beginning at 10 p.m. The admission for the musical is \$10 and \$6.98 for 5 or more. For more information contact 214-743-2440.

December 16 The Plano Symphony Orchestra

Honorary host Mayor Mike will be presenting a musical version of "Scrooge" at the Centennial High School Theater. Located at 6901 Coit Road, Frisco beginning at 7 p.m. and the tickets are between \$8-\$3
14th Annual Christmas Kwanzaa Concert
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Paul Hailey

Sometimes, what seems like a really good idea on paper can turn out to have a completely undesirable result in practice.

Plano residents have seen this concept in action as results of the city's Automated Red Light Camera Enforcement Program recently revealed some disturbing trends. The red light cameras were supposed to reduce the number of red light runners, decrease the number of intersection accidents, all while garnering the city traffic violation revenue without tying up police officers.

Not.

Ironically, since the installation of red light cameras in March, the overall number of accidents at four Plano intersections has actually increased. While the number of right angle crashes from drivers running red lights have dropped, the number of rear-end crashes have increased by 50% in the same period. Motorists, aware that they are on camera, tend to slam on their brakes at yellow lights rather than driving through the intersection. This increases the odds of the driver behind them being unable to avoid an accident from the rear.

This phenomenon is nothing new with red light cameras. Portland, Oregon reported that use of red-light cameras produced a 140% increase in rear-end collisions at monitored intersections. A Virginia Transportation Research Council study found the same thing—while cameras decreased accidents from motorists running red lights, the cameras significantly increased the number of accidents.

This week I'm going to have to restate my tried and true maxim on how to determine the exact reason why any gov-

Red Light Irony in Plano

ernmental program continues after producing less than desired results. This maxim usually works regardless of whether one is analyzing a city, state or federal government program.

Follow the money.

The reason that so many North Texas municipalities have implemented red-light cameras is revenue. The cameras generate so much revenue that they've drawn the attention of the State of Texas who now wants a cut.

The tickets drivers receive from being caught by red-light cameras are civil violations, not traditional traffic tickets. That's the meat of the issue—the state gets a portion of revenue on traffic tickets, but not from civil violations from the cameras.

Plano has collected \$370,186 in gross revenue from March, when the program began, through August. According to Plano Police Chief Gregory Rushin, the net income for the city is almost \$250,000 after deducting operating expenses for the cameras.

Denton has collected \$329,727, with \$219,446 in net revenue, on citations written off six cameras from May through August, said Jon Fortune, Denton assistant city manager.

Garland, the first city in the state to use the cameras, has collected about \$3.2 million in fines since the program began in

September 2003, said Shelley Franklin, program administrator for the city's red-light cameras. The city's program has grown from four cameras to 12.

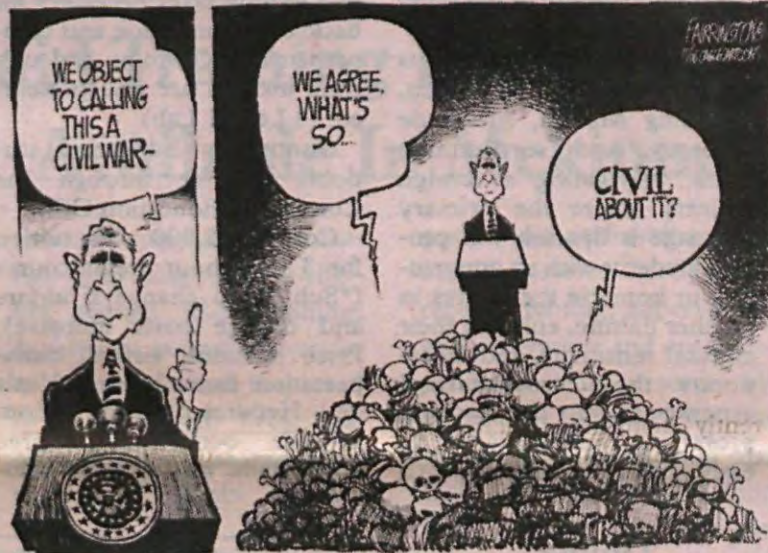
That's a lot of cash, and a lot of reasons to keep a program up and running even if the number of accidents. Municipalities from Dallas to Fort Worth and all places in between have implemented or are considering implementing red-light cameras.

The role of money in this issue might be larger than safety. Many contend that safety gains can be achieved without the use of red-light cameras. A Texas Transportation Institute Study discovered that simply lengthening yellow-light times dramatically reduced the number of red-light violations. And a University of Central Florida study found that improving intersection markings reduced reduced red-light running by 74% without increasing the number of rear-end collisions.

Maybe that's why the American Automobile Association and the National Motorists Association oppose the use of red-light cameras as a "tax on drivers."

Barring legal challenges, red-light cameras have now become a fixture in North Texas. And ironic or not, drivers better get used to being watched.

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America Still Owes Dr. King

By Marian Wright Edelman
NPPA Columnist

On November 13, a historic event took place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on a plot of land near the national memorials to Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt: the groundbreaking ceremony for the memorial honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Like many other Americans, I am overjoyed that our nation is honoring Dr. King this way. On the hallowed ground surrounded by memorials to soldiers and leaders of wars, it is especially moving to see the first memorial to a leader who preached and practiced nonviolence and peace.

But even as we celebrate the enormously important symbolism of building a memorial to Dr. King in this special place, this monument should also serve as a powerful reminder that there is still much more left for our nation to do to honor him and his teachings that can't be accomplished with a statue or words carved in stone. In his remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony, President Bush said building this memorial to Dr. King alongside the memorials to the many other Americans honored on the Mall "will unite the men who declared the promise of America and defended the promise of America with the man who redeemed the promise of America." Dr. King may have redeemed the promise of America. But has America redeemed the promise of Dr. King?

When most Americans think of Dr. King's speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, they only know the famous "I Have a Dream" section. For four decades the pow-

erful words in that part have been quoted all over the world. But too few people remember or even know about the central theme that begins the speech: the bounced check America had written to its Black citizens. Dr. King said we had come to the nation's capital that day to cash a check America had written nearly 200 years earlier. He said that when our nation's founders wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, they had created a promissory note that guaranteed all Americans the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But instead of honoring that promise for Black Americans, America had defaulted on it and given us a bad check that had come back marked "insufficient funds."

Dr. King said those of us who had come to the March were there to cash our checks because we refused to believe "the bank of justice is bankrupt" or that "there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation." I sure still refuse to believe it, and never will until America's promised commitment to justice and our great wealth converge in ending poverty and hopelessness for millions of people struggling to get enough to eat, a place to sleep, a chance to make a living, and a good education for their children.

Right now too many American children and families are still getting bounced checks from our economic, health, education, and housing banks. It is intolerable that more than forty years after Dr. King dreamed of a day when his own children would be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character, the gap between rich and poor is widening and huge disparities of opportunity persist for Black

children. Dr. King's warnings that "returning violence for violence multiplies violence" and "a nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death" speak to us more loudly today than ever. It's hard not to think of the words written about Dr. King by Carl Wendell Hines:

Now that he is safely dead
Let us praise him
build monuments to his glory
sing hosannas to his name.
Dead men make
such convenient heroes: They
cannot rise
to challenge the images
we would fashion from their lives.
And besides,
it is easier to build monuments
than to make a better world.
So, now that he is safely dead
we, with eased consciences
will teach our children
that he is a great man...knowing
that the cause for which he lived
is still a cause
and the dream for which he died
is still a dream,
a dead man's dream.

Those who helped lay the groundwork for this memorial to Dr. King know that planning this monument hasn't been easy; it's been a long and hard-fought struggle, and the fundraising needed to complete the vision continues. But building the monument has been far, far easier than building the beloved community and just nation and world Dr. King envisioned.

Will the new memorial inspire us to recommit to making sure his dream doesn't stay just a dream?

Marian Wright Edelman is President and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund.

Why So Many Black Women Are Behind Bars

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson,
BlackNews.com Columnist

Some years ago I briefly worked as a social worker. Occasionally I would visit clients in jail to determine their eligibility for continued benefits. They were all men—with one exception. She was a young black woman serving time for theft. She had two small children. She entered the visiting room handcuffed to another woman and dressed in drab prison garb. We talked through a reinforced glass window. The guards stared hard and barked out gruff commands to the women. The idea of a woman in prison then was a novelty. It isn't anymore. According to a recent Justice Department report on America's jail population, women make up about 10 percent of the America's inmates. There are now more women than ever serving time, and black women make up a disproportionate number of those women. They are twice more likely than Hispanic, and over three times more likely than white women, to be jailed. In fact, black women have almost single-handedly expanded the women's prison-industrial complex. From 1930 to 1950 five women's prisons were built nationally. During the 1980s and 1990s dozens more prisons were built, and a growing number of them are maximum-security women's prisons. But the prison-building spurge hasn't kept pace with the swelling number of women prisoners. Women's prisons are understaffed, overcrowded, lack recreation facilities, serve poor quality food, suffer chronic shortages of family planning counselors and services, and gynecological specialists, drug treatment and child care facilities, and transportation funds for family visits. Female prisoners face the added peril of rape, and insensitive treatment during pregnancy. A United Nations report in 1997 found that more than two-dozen states permitted pregnant women to be shackled while being trans-

ported to hospitals for treatment. A report by the National Corrections Information Center revealed that the U.S. is one of only a handful of countries that allow men to guard women, often unsupervised. Author Donna Ann-Smith Marshall, who served several years at Central California Women's Facility, California's top maximum security prison, in her new book, *Time on the Inside*, tells in shocking and graphic detail the callous, often brutal treatment many women are subjected to in women's maximum security jails. Unfortunately, the tepid public debate over the consequence of locking up so many women is riddled with misconceptions. One is that women commit violent crimes for the same reasons that men do. They don't. Women are less likely than men to assault or murder strangers while committing crimes. Two-thirds of the women jailed assaulted or killed relatives or intimates. Their victims were often spouses, lovers, or boyfriends. In many cases they committed violence defending themselves against sexual or physical abuse. Women's groups and even the more enlightened governors have recognized that women that kill abusive husbands or lovers have acted out of fear and have loosened parole standards. The governors have granted some women earlier release from their sentences. More women, and especially black women, are behind bars as much because of hard punishment than their actual crimes. One out of three crimes committed by women are drug related. Many state and federal sentencing laws mandate minimum sentences for all drug offenders. This virtually eliminates the option of referring non-violent first time offenders to increasingly scarce, financially strapped drug treatment, counseling and education programs. Stiffer punishment for crack cocaine use also has landed more black women in prison,

and for longer sentences than white women (and men). Then there's the feminization of poverty and racial stereotyping. More than one out of three black women jailed did not complete high school, were unemployed, or had incomes below the poverty level at the time of their arrest. More than half of them were single parents. While black men are typed as violent, drug dealing "gangstas," black women are typed as sexually loose, conniving, untrustworthy, welfare queens. Many of the mostly middle-class judges and jurors believe that black women offenders are menaces to society too. The quantum leap in black women behind bars has had devastating impact on families and the quality of life in many poor black communities. Thousands of children of incarcerated women are raised by grandparents, or warehoused in foster homes and institutions. The children are frequently denied visits because the mothers are deemed unfit. This prevents mothers from developing parenting and nurturing skills and deeply disrupts the parent-child bond. Many children of imprisoned women drift into delinquency, gangs and drug use. This perpetuates the vicious cycle of poverty, crime and violence. There are many cases where parents and even grandparents are jailed. There is little sign that this will change. The public and policy makers are deeply rapped in the damaging cycle of myths, misconceptions and crime fear hysteria about crime-on-the-loose women. They are loath to ramp up funds and programs for job and skills training, drug treatment, education, childcare and health, and parenting skills. Yet, this is still the best way to keep more women from winding up behind bars. BlackNews.com columnist Earl Ofari Hutchinson is a political analyst and social issues commentator, and the author of *The Emerging Black GOP Majority*.

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Jackie Robinson Foundation

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Applications for the Jackie Robinson Foundation Education and Leadership Development Program are now available exclusively online at the Foundation's website, www.jackierobinson.org. Completed applications must be submitted by 5pm ET on March 31, 2007.

The Foundation, established in 1973 to perpetuate Jackie Robinson's pioneering legacy, provides four year college scholarships to minority students with records of academic achievement, leadership capacity, civic engagement and financial need.

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Dallas attorney and baseball historian Tabmage Boston hosted a breakfast for the Jackie Robinson Foundation to introduce the organization to the Houston, Texas business community. (From L-R): Barbara Gothard, Jackie Robinson Foundation Vice President and General Manager; Los Angeles CEO; Denis Braham (Winstead, CEO-Elect, Shareholder); Della Britton Baeza, Jackie Robinson Foundation President and CEO; Sharon Robinson, Jackie Robinson Foundation Vice Chair; Tabmage Boston (Winstead, Shareholder); Jade Simmons, Jackie Robinson Foundation Alumna; Derrick Mitchell (Winstead, Shareholder); Tom Forestier (Winstead, Shareholder) and Cantrell Dumas (Winstead, Associate).

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Collin Opens Leadership Class For Spring Semester

The deadline to enroll in Collin County Community College District's (Collin) Student Leadership Academy II: Advanced Leadership Theory (SLA II) is Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007.

The Student Leadership Academy is a rigorous semester-long leadership experience unique to Collin. The course is designed to encourage leadership, integrity, professional development, scholarship and service. The curriculum fosters skills through lecture, guest speakers, student facilitation and team projects. SLA II will offer an in-depth study of the Nature, Personal Side, Power and Influence of Leadership, Contingency Approaches and Theories, The Mind, Heart and Morality of Leadership, Followership, Organizational Design and Leading Change.

The students earn three credit hours upon completion. Only 25 students will be accepted into the spring LEAD 2301 course. Students interested in the course must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and fill out an application packet available at the Center for Scholarly & Civic Engagement office located in F105 at the Spring Creek Campus or via electronically from rhughes@ccccd.edu.

The application must be

completed in its entirety to be considered for the class. There is no prerequisite for LEAD 2301. LEAD 2301 classes are scheduled every Friday from 9-11:45 am in the spring semester.

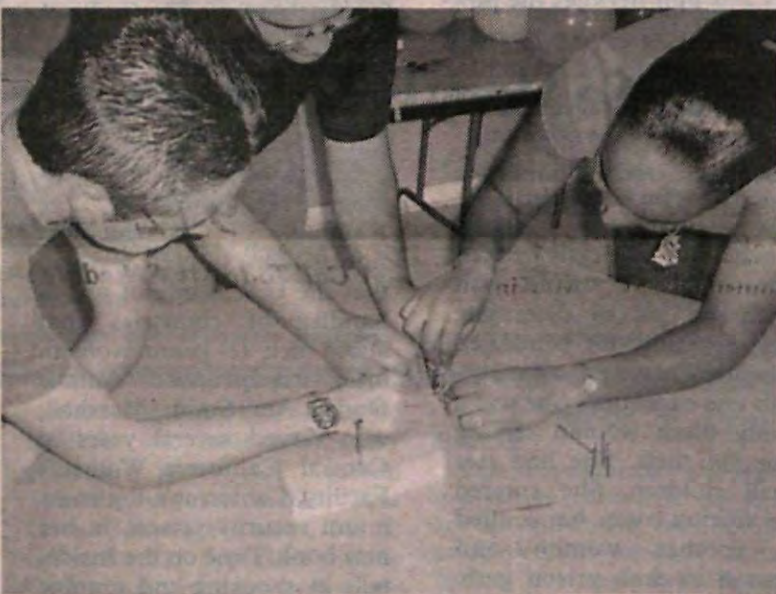
LEAD 1301 (Introduction to Leadership Theory) classes are offered at the same time during the fall semester. Both courses will be at the Preston Ridge Campus, 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco.

The Student Leadership Academy is modeled after Leadership Plano, Leadership Frisco, Leadership Allen and

Successful graduates of SLA I do not need to complete the application.

Applications are available at the Center for Scholarly & Civic Engagement (CSCE) in Room F105 at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. Students may also contact the CSCE Director Regina M. Hughes for more information at rhughes@ccccd.edu or call 972.881.5900.

Collin County Community College District (Collin) serves more than 41,000 credit and continuing education



Citizenship McKinney prototypes.

As part of the application packet, students participating in the Student Leadership Academy must submit an academic transcript, three letters of recommendation and an essay.

students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.

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their first choice of a high school.

The Louisville schools seek to keep black enrollment between 15 percent and 50 percent.

Both policies were challenged by parents of a small number of students, most of them white, who were denied their first-choice school because of their race.

School officials could not say how many districts use racial guidelines that could be affected by the court's ruling. But a ruling against such policies could put at risk many magnet school programs that use race as an admissions factor.

The justices who spoke

during the argument all agreed racial integration is a laudable goal. However, a narrow majority made clear their belief that the Constitution forbids shifting children from one school to another based on their race.

The court's four liberal justices, sounding frustrated by their colleagues, defended the school integration policies. They wondered how the Supreme Court could reverse course from demanding desegregation in decades past to now, possibly, blocking it.

Justice Stephen Breyer said that, in 1957, federal troops were sent to Little Rock, Ark., to desegregate the schools over the objections of local officials.

"The society was divided.

Town on battery-powered children's cars. A simulated toll booth will be used to teach children traffic safety.

"They'll go through and they'll learn what it's like to go through the small area so that whenever they approach the toll way or toll booth they slow down and once they go through they have the toll tag that lights up and that's the fun part for them," explained Bettie Grimes, Frisco Fire Safety Town Education Coordinator.

Students will be offered

Here we have a society, black and white, who elect school board members who together have voted to have this form of integration," Breyer said. "Given that change in society, which is a good one, how can the Constitution be interpreted in a way that would require us, the judges, to go in and make them take the children out of the school?"

U.S. Solicitor Gen. Paul Clement was unmoved.

"I think the answer is that the lesson of history in this area is that racial classifications are not one where we should just let local school board officials do what they think is right," he said.

The court will issue a ruling in several months.

educational courses through the Frisco Independent School District. The lessons learned will be part of the school curriculum, organizers said.

Eventually the Frisco Fire Department hopes to be able to offer programs for children who live outside of Frisco during the summer months and during holidays.

The city spent nearly \$2 million to build the educational center and sponsors have contributed about \$500,000 each.

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trips, use of the Internet, one laundry per week per student.

A \$100 deposit (refundable until 2/1/07) is due by Jan. 18; the first payment of \$900 is due Jan. 20, 2007. The second payment of \$1,000 is due Feb. 1 and the final payment of \$900 is due Mar. 1.

For more information, contact Professor Sandra Saucedo Scott (CDEC 1395.4270 students) at 972-860-7041 or sandrascott@ccccd.edu or Professor Ana Piffardi (SPANISH 1311.4260 students) at 972-860-7661 or anapiffardi@ccccd.edu.

Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.

Online, Videoconference Classes At University Of North Texas

Learning at the University of North Texas takes place in more than just classrooms. Newly released figures from UNT's Center for Distributed Learning show that one out of four UNT students is enrolled in an online or videoconference class. UNT continues to be the largest provider of online credit courses among Texas public universities.

For the Fall 2006 semester, 9,212 students are enrolled in the University of North Texas' distributed learning courses. 2,197 of those students are taking only online or videoconference courses. A recent survey of all UNT students showed that 75% of the 1,194 respondents had taken online courses. Of that number, 53% lived in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and 4% were out-of-state.



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an upstairs bedroom and children will practice getting out of a burning house safely.

One building in the child-size town will be built of cinderblock and fire safe windows where students will be able to watch a residential fire sprinkler system douse the flames.

Like the village in Waterloo, Canada, during safety instruction classes some students will be allowed to drive through the streets on Safety

Fudge Prepares to Exit Y&R

Ann Fudge, chairman and CEO of Young & Rubicam Brands, is vacating that role nearly six months after Hamish McLennan replaced her as worldwide CEO of Y&R. She's expected to leave on Dec. 31. Fudge, 55, a former division president at Kraft Foods, joined the WPP Group agency network in May 2003 to lead both Y&R and Y&R Brands, a multidisciplinary group that includes Y&R, Wunderman, Burson-Marsteller, Landor Associates and Sudler &



Hennessey
In a statement, Fudge said: "The next phase of my career is about giving back, getting

involved in the community and deepening my involvement in the nonprofit world." She recently joined the boards of the Rockefeller Foundation and the Council on Foreign Relations and also serves on the boards of General Electric, Harvard and Morehouse College, among others.

McLennan stepped up to run Y&R in June, after serving as regional CEO of Y&R Brands in Australia and New Zealand. His first major appointment was Chris Jaques, who in October succeeded Gord McLean as North American CEO of Y&R. Jaques previously was CEO of Y&R Asia. At the time of Jaques' appointment, McLean shifted to the new post of global managing partner. McLennan, Jaques and McLean are all based in New York.

Bridge Street Town Centre To Bring Luxury Hotel, Shopping, Dining, Entertainment Complex To McKinney

McKinney, Texas - O&S Holdings, LLC is in final negotiations with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (NYSE: HOT) to operate a new 210-room luxury hotel and conference center under the upscale Westin brand in McKinney, Texas. The franchise agreement is expected to be completed in the next 30 days and is the second such agreement between O&S Holdings and Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide. The Westin Huntsville is currently

under development in O&S Holdings' Bridge Street Town Centre in Huntsville, Alabama. The Westin McKinney, will be the centerpiece of the \$200 million O&S Holdings Bridge Street Town Centre development - a mixed-use upscale lifestyle center complete with shopping, dining, entertainment, office, and Collin County Community College facility. Bridge Street Town Centre is located on the northeast corner of Hwy 121 and US 75 and is scheduled to

break ground in early of 2007. "We're thrilled to bring the Westin brand to McKinney," said Gary Safady, Managing Partner, O&S Holdings, LLC. "With the amount of growth the area is experiencing and the outstanding location of Bridge Street Town Centre, we expect this facility to be a showcase property for the Westin brand."

O&S Holdings, LLC was formed in 1992 by Gary Safady and his cousin, Paul Orfalea, founder of Kinko's.

O&S Holdings and its affiliates own or have developed eighty properties in the United States, including the Louisiana Boardwalk - an 650,000 square foot waterfront entertainment and outlet shopping center anchored by Bass Pro OutdoorWorld and a 14 screen Regal Theater. Also under construction is the 1.5 million sq. ft Bridge Street Town Centre in Huntsville, Alabama and the 3 million sq. ft. Bridge Street Town Centre adjacent to Chicago in Will County, Illinois.

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Contact Steve Miyazaki at 469-229-0099, ext. 272 or go to www.experienceworks.org for more information

GM Scaling Back Production At Arlington Plant

The General Motors Corp. plant in Arlington will be reducing production in January, as demand for SUVs is leveling off, a GM spokesman said Wednesday. Effective Jan. 16, GM's Arlington plant will slash production by more than 10 percent, said GM spokesman Tom Wickham. Wickham said a year ago, when the Detroit-based auto maker was launching its

new, redesigned, full-size SUVs, the plant started production at a high rate to get them out and build up inventory at dealerships. "They were flying off the lots faster than we could make them," Wickham said. "Now, as with any new product, demand is leveling off back down to a more realistic production level." By reducing production, GM (NYSE:GM) is able to

keep inventory levels high enough to meet the demand but not get into a situation where the company has to offer heavy incentives to move the overstock, Wickham said. The company hasn't determined the impact production slow-down will have on the plant's work force. Wickham said any reduction in workforce would mostly likely be absorbed

by temporary workers that were hired this summer to fill a large number of vacancies left when a number of employees took buyouts or retired. The plant, which makes the Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban, GMC Yukon and Yukon XL, Cadillac Escalade and the Escalade ESV, has about 2,700 hourly workers.

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groom-to-be was in his car when an undercover cop, following him out of the Club Kalua in Queens, NY, climbed onto the hood - his gun drawn and his police shield around his neck - screaming, "Police! Turn off your car! Let me see your hands!"

Bell then gunned the car forward, hitting the undercover officer and, seconds later, the unmarked police minivan. The undercover officer fired the first of 11 shots, yelling "He's got a gun! He's got a gun!"

The cop's backup unit - just arriving on the scene amid shattering glass and the undercover's shouts - sent 39 bullets flying. One 12-year veteran, a narcotics detective, pumped 31 bullets, authorities said. Five officers were placed on paid administrative leave and stripped of their weapons. No weapons were found on Bell or on his passengers.

"It's hard to understand why 50-odd shots should be taken," New York City Mayor Bloomberg said Monday. "To me that sounds excessive and unacceptable, but we'll wait and see for the investigation."

From a Daily News editorial, "the number of slugs and trajectories suggest a serious departure from the discipline for which the NYPD is known." One key issue, the paper continues, will involve whether the officer who fired more than 30 of the shots and his colleagues "reasonably believed themselves to be in grave danger - or whether there was panic. Simply being afraid does not justify pumping off a single round, let alone taking a life while putting at risk lives in a crowded neighborhood."

The Spanish-language El Diario added that the conduct by the police "has drawn public outrage, and with reason." ... "Were the officers' lives in

danger on Saturday morning? Were that many rounds necessary, or were any even required in the first place? We expect immediate answers from Queens District Attorney Richard Brown."

The survivors were Joseph Guzman, 31, who was shot at least 11 times, and Trent Benefield, 23, who was shot three times. Guzman was in critical condition yesterday and Benefield was stable.

At a news conference Saturday, Commissioner Kelly said the department was still piecing together what happened, and that it was too early to say whether the shooting was justified.

The Police Department's policy on shooting at moving vehicles states: "Police officers shall not discharge their firearms at or from a moving vehicle unless deadly force is being used against the police officers or another person present, by means other than a

moving vehicle."

Meanwhile, hundreds of people in Queens prayed and mourned in vigils, holding candles and demanding the resignation of the officers and of the Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly. A police officers' group, 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care, said it was issuing a vote of no confidence in Kelly over the shooting.

Ironically, in 1999, after the police shooting of African immigrant Amadou Diallo, Kelly had said: "Now may be the time to intensify training that teaches police officers to hold their fire until they know why they are shooting."

"We cannot allow this to continue to happen," the Rev. Al Sharpton said at the gathering outside Mary Immaculate Hospital, where one of the wounded men was in critical condition. "We've got to understand that all of us were in that car."

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How To Enjoy The Holiday Season And Not Get Fat

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Gift giving, spending time with friends and relatives, well wishing and more. Ironically enough, it's also a time where we tend to let down our guard with respects to our health and certain lifestyle choices that could undermine our precious bodies.

Statistics show that the average American will gain 8-12 pounds during the holidays. In a lot of households, it is openly acknowledged and even a com. However, it is recognized that by making small changes now and throughout the holidays, you can help to reduce the risk of weight gain - as well as heart disease and stroke. So how do we balance enjoying the holidays and eating good tasting food, but still be conscious about our health without depriving oneself?

ere are some very simple, but practical suggestions you

can start to implement now:
Walking - Research shows that slow rhythmic movement



such as walking will reset your body weight set point if done for about an hour within the day.

Drink Water - Drinking a glass of fresh purified or distilled water in the morning upon rising jumpstarts metabolism and cleansing. Do drink a total of 8 glasses a day, and disregard the common mis-

conception that drinking that amount will make you gain weight and be bloated. Its just the opposite: toxins need to be flushed from the fat cells to maintain weight control.

T a k e Digestive Enzymes - Enzymes help digest your food properly and promote nutrient absorption.

Don't Eat At Night - Not eating after 6pm goes a long way in controlling weight gain.

As for our food choices during the holidays, it would seemingly be challenging. However, it doesn't have to be because, for instance, if you want to enjoy fried chicken - you can. Try oven fried chick-

en using olive oil to lightly grease the pan for less saturated fat content. Lightly sprinkling lean pieces of chicken with bread crumbs give it the crispiness.

If you want to enjoy your sweets (i.e. cookies, cakes, pies, ice cream) don't totally deprive yourself of them. The key is to choose wisely by perhaps buying from a health food store, opposed to a supermarket. Read the labels to pick delicious treats without all the processing and chemicals in them.

Little things can make a big difference and these are some small suggestions that can give a few of our old favorites a new, tasty heart-healthy makeover. Finally, moderation is paramount...especially when it comes to alcoholic beverages. So this holiday season give yourself the gift of good health. It's truly priceless.

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replace the over-stretched, under-equipped African Union force. But he recently indicated a willingness to consider ways the U.N. could help. Djinnit said African leaders had also agreed that "the mission should be essentially African troops, but there might be support elements from the United Nations." With bloodshed in Darfur continuing, Sudan has been under increased pressure to find a way to end the crisis. Thursday's talks, organized by the African Union Peace and

Security Council, were chaired by Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo and attended by half a dozen other African heads of state, including South Africa's Thabo Mbeki. Sudan's foreign affairs minister, Lam Akol, said the Sudanese delegation gave a presentation at the meeting outlining what kind of support they expected for African troops. "What we discussed is the support the U.N. can give to the African Union force in Darfur," Akol told The Associated Press. "The type of support we need is technical,

logistic and advisory support. The technical unit might include some soldiers, but we don't want United Nations troops carrying arms." After the presentation, Al-Bashir left along with his delegation and returned to a hotel in Abuja, but the meeting continued. AU Darfur mediator Sam Ibok said earlier that African leaders would discuss the proposal for a hybrid force of between 17,000 and 20,000 soldiers. Sudan has portrayed a U.N. force as a throwback to the colonial era and has harshly rejected foreign involve-

ment, particularly from Western nations. A combined operation would be a compromise, but there are still questions as to how the AU and UN would share roles and responsibilities. Three years of fighting between government and rebel forces in Darfur have caused the deaths of more than 200,000 people and forced some 2.5 million from their homes. The volatility has contributed to instability in neighboring Chad and Central African Republic, two countries facing their own rebellions.

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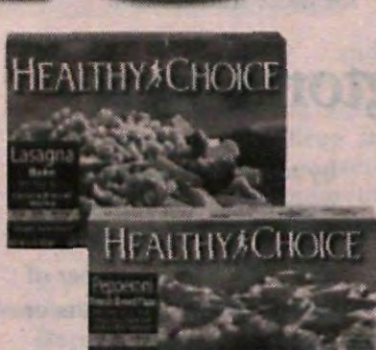
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Mary J. Blige Wins Big At Billboard Awards

Mary J. Blige and Chris Brown found the getting' was good Monday night at the 2006 Billboard Awards in Las Vegas at the MGM Grand Arena. Brown, the 17-year-old man-child, garnered new artist of the year, male of artist of the year and artist of the year awards.

"This is crazy," Brown said,

as he accepted one of his awards. "I'm gonna keep doing it if y'all keep supporting me."

But all hail the queen of hip hop / R & B



Mary J. Blige. Her latest CD, "The Breakthrough," was responsible for bringing her an incredible 9 awards that included R&B/Hip-Hop artist of the year,

female R&B artist of the year and R&B/Hip-Hop album of the year.

The album debuted at the top of the Billboard charts in December 2005 and has sold 2.6 million copies since.

But check out who won best female artist of the year. Well it wasn't Miss Mary or even Beyonce. Surprise. It was

Rihanna, the 18-year-old Jay-Z discovery from Barbados.

"I really can't feel my legs, this is phenomenal," said Rihanna as she accepted the award. "That was a really tough category."

Also, rapper T.I. took home rap artist of the year and rap album of the year for his

fourth solo album "King."

If you saw the telecast, you know the show didn't have a host. Reportedly new-best friends Paris Hilton and Britney Spears had been tapped to co-host. However they were no-shows and apparently weren't missed.

Eddie Murphy Returning For 'Beverly Hills Cop IV'



Eddie Murphy is ready to get back on the beat as Axel Foley for "Beverly Hills Cop

IV," Variety reports. Lorenzo

di Bonaventura ("Constantine," "Four Brothers," "Derailed") has been tapped to produce the project for Paramount. "Axel Foley is one of the great action-comedy characters, a character that Eddie loves. I'm lucky enough to help bring it back," di Bonaventura told Variety. "This genre is missing from the landscape." The first "Beverly Hills Cop" debuted in 1984

and pulled in more than \$314 million worldwide. "Beverly Hills op II" hit theaters in 1987 and hauled in nearly \$300 million globally. In 1994, the third installment in the franchise, "Beverly Hills Cop III," failed to achieve the success of its predecessors, grossing only \$44 million domestically. Jerry Bruckheimer produced the

first two films but wasn't involved with the third and won't be attached to "Beverly Hills Cop IV." Murphy will next be seen in the musical drama "Dreamgirls." Then early next year in the romantic comedy "Norbit," alongside Thandie Newton. The legendary comedian will also reprise his role as Donkey for "Shrek the Third," scheduled for release in 2007.

Vivica A. Fox Joins Cast of HBO's 'Curb Your Enthusiasm'

Vivica A. Fox will star in the upcoming season of HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" as part of a black family who moves into the expensive home of Larry David and his wife Cheryl following a natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina proportions. The storylines for the comedy's sixth season are likely to explore interracial relations, according



Hollywood Reporter. The show has tackled such issues in the

past via such episodes as "Krazee-Eyez Killa" and "The Carpool Lane." Actress Wanda Sykes, who had a recurring role as herself on the series as a next door neighbor, has also been in memorable episodes that dealt with race relations. As the Hollywood Reporter points out, the topic of race relations has emerged with a

vengeance following the racist rant of Michael Richards, co-star of the hit comedy "Seinfeld," which Larry David created with Jerry Seinfeld. Meanwhile, Fox recently starred in the Lifetime drama series "1-800-Missing" and did a multi-episode arc on the UPN comedy "All of Us," which has since migrated to the CW.

Will Smith Honored By Museum of Moving Image

The film and television career of Will Smith were toasted in grand style Sunday night by the American Museum of the Moving Image in New York.

The black tie ceremony, to air on Bravo in January, included tributes by the actor's friends and colleagues, including Queen Latifah, Alfonso Ribeiro and Jamie Foxx.

"Will, I was in talking about you with Oprah, in

bed," Foxx said during his tribute to the film star, "then I rolled over and said to Gayle. ..."

Also on hand to say a few words about working with the rapper-turned-actor were Derek Luke, Bill Pullman, Eva Mendes, Terrence Howard (and his 11-year-old son), Thandie Newton, Tamara Tunie, Cedric the Entertainer, Bridget Moynahan, Chevy Chase, Michael Mann, Pulitzer Prize-

winning author John Guare and actress Stockard Channing.

Smith's wife Jada took the stage and gave a tearful speech about the influence he has had in her life. Roger Friedland of the Web site Fox 411 said Will's speech, "with no TelePrompTer or cue cards, was all about doing 100 percent for his wife and kids."



Laugh Factory Bans Damon Wayans

Looks like Damon Wayans has become the first casualty of the Laugh Factory's newly-instituted N-word free zone.

The comedian used the term 16 times during his 20-



minute set Sunday night and was promptly banned from performing at the venue for the next three months, reports the LA Times.

Wayans' act referred to the racist rant of "Seinfeld" star Michael Richards that caused the N-word ban

to be instituted.

"I'll be damned if the white man uses that word last. ... This is part of our culture now...don't take that from us," Wayans told the audience.

The actor was also fined \$320 for his routine - \$20 for each time he used the word.

The syndicated TV show "Inside Edition" sought the

opinion of director Spike Lee on the Laugh Factory's N-word ban. The director told the syndicated television program: "I think as a people we have to try to eradicate that word."

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Audit Says FEMA Squandering Katrina Aid

The government is squandering tens of millions of dollars in Hurricane Katrina disaster aid, in some cases doling out housing payments to people living rent-free, investigators said Wednesday.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has recouped less than 1 percent of the \$1 billion that investigators contend it squandered on fraudulent assistance, according to the Government Accountability Office. Its report shows the disaster relief agency's struggles, one year after the deadly storm, to rush aid to those in need while also preventing abuse.

Last week, a federal judge in Washington ordered the Bush administration to resume housing payments for thousands of people displaced by Katrina. The ruling, which FEMA is appealing, cited a convoluted

process for applying for help.



"Our work shows for individual assistance payments, at least tens of thousands of individuals took the opportunity to commit fraud," said Gregory Kutz, who works for Congress' investigative arm. He said his previous \$1 billion estimate of

wasted aid was now "likely understated."

"I hope FEMA has learned the costly lesson and will make reforms for future disasters," Kutz said at a Senate hearing.

In its latest report, the GAO found that numerous applicants received duplicate rental aid. In one case, FEMA provided free apartments to 10 people in Plano, Texas, while sending them \$46,000 for out-of-pocket housing expenses.

FEMA arranged for a free trailer to a family in Lacombe, La., in January, yet kept providing monthly

rental payments in late January, February and April totaling \$5,500 - a mistake resulting from poor communication within the agency, according to the report.

In addition, \$20 million was wasted on thousands of people who claimed the same property damage from two hurricanes, Katrina and Rita. FEMA paid at least \$3 million to more than 500 ineligible foreign students in the stricken Gulf Coast, the report said.

FEMA spokesman Pat Philbin did not challenge the findings. He did say the agency has sought to upgrade the registration process and strengthen its procedures for verifying names and addresses.

"FEMA continues to focus our rebuilding efforts to greatly improve our reliability, accuracy and response in providing aid to disaster

victims," Philbin said. "The agency will consider and evaluate any new findings."

Among the audit's findings: -Even though the GAO found at least \$1 billion in disaster aid waste, FEMA has identified about \$290 million in improper payments and recouped just \$7 million.

"Absent effective fraud prevention, once money is improperly disbursed, the government can only hope to collect pennies on the dollar," Kutz said in criticizing FEMA's "shoot money out the door" approach.

-FEMA could not find dozens of laptops, printers and other items that employees purchased with government-issued credit cards for Katrina disaster work. In one case, FEMA purchased 20 flat-bottom boats, but could not find two of them and lacked the legal titles to any of them.

Sen. Susan Collins, who heads the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, lamented

the waste.

"Just think of the additional relief and rebuilding that could be accomplished with the money lost to fraud, mismanagement and poor decision-making," said Collins, R-Maine.

"We can't wait for yet another disaster to hit and yet another round of investigations and hearings to spotlight once again the lack of safeguards and internal controls," she said.

Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman, who will become committee chairman when Democrats take control of the Senate in January, said FEMA will be watched closely for signs of improvement.

"The record is clear that, going forward, FEMA has much work to do before we can be confident that it is providing assistance to those who are eligible and who need it, while denying it to those who do not," he said.

Magic Johnson Campaigns To Stop HIV/AIDS In Black Communities



Fifteen years after disclosing he was HIV-positive, wide-smiling former basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson marked World AIDS day Friday by unveiling a campaign to end the disease within the black community.

"I Stand with Magic: Campaign to End Black AIDS" is a joint effort between the Magic Johnson Foundation and Illinois-based HIV research leader Abbott Laboratories, Inc. that aims to help reduce new HIV infections in the black community by 50 percent

over five years.

"I have seen the numbers of HIV infections continue to rise in the minority community and the time is now to take action in helping to lower those numbers," Johnson, 47, said in a news release.

The program "encourages African-Americans of all ages to stand with me and fight HIV/AIDS by getting tested, getting test results and encouraging at least four friends or family members to do the same," Johnson said.

Abbott developed the first licensed test to detect HIV antibodies in the blood and is investing \$100 million (euro75.51 million) in developing countries to advance HIV testing, treatment and support services, according

to the press release.

"HIV is now having a disproportionate effect on the African-American community, which accounts for more than half of all new HIV infections," said Abbott CEO Miles D. White. "Getting people tested is the first line of defense."

Johnson, who led the Los Angeles Lakers to five National Basketball Association championships in the 1980s, sent ripples through the sports world when he announced his retirement in 1991 at age 32 because he was HIV-positive.

He has made two unsuccessful basketball comebacks - one in 1992 and one during the 1995-96 season. Johnson then turned to raising HIV awareness and building a business empire that includes movie theaters, shopping centers, restaurants and a bank.

"He's doing wonderful. He's been blessed. The key is that he takes his meds and exercises regularly,"

Towalame Austin, president of the Magic Johnson Foundation, told The Associated Press.

He played a basketball game at a high school on Thursday and was still sore, she said.

"The virus is undetectable in his system, meaning that it's just asleep. He takes three medications, including Kaletra. He has been on Kaletra since 1991," she said. Fortune magazine named Johnson one of its 50 "Most Powerful Black Executives" in 2002.

Johnson established his foundation in 1991 to raise money for community-based organizations dealing with HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs.

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Live the gospel first; tell about it afterward. 1 Thessalonica 1:7. The surest way to gain respect is to earn it by good conduct. Acts 11:26. It's not what's in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what's in your heart. 1 Thessalonica 5:18. The ONE who died as our SUBSTITUTE now lives as our ADVOCATE. 1 John 2:1. God who prepares the answers to our prayers also prompts the asking. 1 Timothy 2:1. People in high positions should remain low enough that they don't look down on others. Job 31:13, 14. Disregarding GOD'S order leads to DISORDER! Psalm 106:15.

A SHADY business never yields a SUNNY life. Proverbs 20:17. God tells us to burden HIM with what burdens us. Psalm 55:22. Separate yourself from the world's fellowship; or it will separate you from God's fellowship.

1 John 2:15; 2 Corinthians 6:14. He who only SAMPLES the Word of God can never appreciate it's true SWEETNESS. Psalm 104:34. The believer is victorious only as he

starves the old nature and feeds the new! Romans 7:24, 25. God has you in HIS plans; do you have HIM in yours? Psalm 16:8. Christ is the unavoidable One; your decision about HIM determines your destiny. Matthews 22:41, 42.

Christians who deserve love the least, may need it the most. 2 Corinthians 2:7. Christ BELIEVED is salvation RECEIVED! John 3:16. A "bone of contention" has no place in the Body of Christ! Phil. 2:2.

Error needs artificial support; truth can stand alone. Galatians 6:7. Happiness depends on happenings but joy depends on Jesus. John 16:33. To WAIT on the Lord is to put your WEIGHT on His promises. Habakkuk 2:20.



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1:27. Untold millions are perishing—UNTOLD! John 4:35; Matthew 9:37. The praise-life wears out the self-life! Psalm 111:1. When you center your mind on Christ, you develop a wonderful CALMplex. Ephesians 5:18. The best way to BREAK a habit is to DROP it! Proverbs 16:25.

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December 16, 6:30 pm

You are invited to our 4th Annual Holiday Musical. Our theme is "Indescribable Praise." It will be @ Community Outreach Church, 526 Compton Road, Irving, TX 75061, Pastor Lisa Tarpley is the overseer. Please confirm your attendance by Monday, 12-11-2006. We are asking that each of you bring can goods, non-perishable food items, new or slightly used clothing for adults and children, and new toys for children.

For more information call Pastor Debra Jackson @ 214-476-8188.

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For more information, please call Dr. Patrick Bradley @ 972-221-5668

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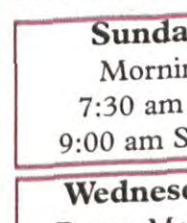
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Fred Hammond - Free To Worship: New Album Has Dallas Flair

By Peggy Oliver
It's been a blink of an eye (O.K. two years) since multi-tasker Fred Hammond's last



solo effort, *Somethin' Bout Love*, but as always, his hands have been full with side projects (The Singletons, Joann Rosario, etc.), and a geographic change to boot. His latest *Free To Worship*, was recorded between The Potter's House Church and Face-To-Face studios, both located at Hammond's new home base, Dallas, Texas. Even though Hammond has been around for at least two decades, here is a quick peek at the Michigan native's journey.

From his days with The Winans and Commissioned (who brought you Marvin Sapp, etc.) as bass guitarist, vocalist, etc. al., many other artists have been blessed either sharing the stage or in the studio: Ruben Studdard, Israel Houghton, and Patrick Dopson, whom many compare with Hammond's soulful tenacity. Backing vocalists Radical For Christ also played a major role since the mid-90's.

A man of many hats, Hammond juggles his own Face-To-Face productions and record label, FHammond Music. That said, Potter's House founder/Senior Pastor Bishop T.D. Jakes, stirs up Hammond worship approach, with sheer simplic-

ity while reaching the hurting and broken-hearted. Hammond and company emphatically usher in His

majesty with *My Heart Is For You*: "Let it be the sound you want to hear." Getting down in the funk pockets, He'll Do It reassures the Lord preplans a destination in our lives, no matter what our situation: "There's an appointed destination I gotta' make." Want excitement, just as Hammond coaxes in the intro? Lord Your Grace surrounded with wall to wall vocal passion and sophisticated horn punches, humbles us to unlimited grace in store when we fail: "Where sin abounds, grace abounds so much more" (Romans 5:15). The pace shifts to a Caribbean-flavored jam, *This Is The Day*, driven by percussionists Calvin Rodgers and Darius Fentress. Hammond's arranging prowess keeps the melody intact on this popular hymn.

More Than You slows the festivities a bit, but the attitude continues in fever pitch, especially on the vamp, "Oh Lord, I'm chasing, My soul is thirsty." For the awesome price paid on Calvary, Every Time I Think extends thanks for redemption. A greasy funk aftertaste harkening Sly & The Family Stone and bass

guitarist/vocalist Larry Graham (Graham Central Station), amplifies an already "mighty good" time. "My praise will keep me movin' on". Keep On Praisin' covers us with an insurance plan preventing the enemy to distort our plans. Starting nearly with a whisper, the piercing voices can't be contained on *No Greater Love*. Combining disco's thump and Hammond's fluid delivery, L.O.U.D. L.O.U.D. rejoices in dance and outright loudness for His unconditional love. The remaining selections head for calmer worship places: a Hammond vocal solo, *There Is No Place, Thank You (I Won't Complain)* featuring sweet adlibs from head to toe, a chance to hear Hammond's inner thoughts on *Simply Put*, and the ambient overtones of *And We Worship You*. Not to omit a classic Hammond up lifter, a live version of *Celebrate (He Lives)* inspired by John 3:16.

Both old and new vocal associates accentuate the proceedings, including PamKenyon M. Donald, Charles Laster, and co-producer Bobby Sparks (Kirk Franklin, Roy Hargrove). For the live sessions, Rodgers guides the house band. For those privileged with the limited-edition DVD companion, the choir (dubbed FTW Dallas Crew) doesn't appear as stage dressing, but stays close to Hammond, whether with subtle dance steps or otherwise, stirring up the praise atmosphere. No matter where Hammond physically resides, he clearly understands the liberty we have available in adoring Jesus, and he's not afraid to use it.

S. M. Wright Foundation To Host Fair Park Christmas Extravaganza

The S. M. Wright Foundation will host its annual food and toy giveaway for residents of the South Dallas Fair Park community. Each year the giveaway touches the lives of needy families during the holiday season. This year over 1,000 families will each receive food, gift cards from local retailers and toys for their children.

The Christmas Extravaganza will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at People's Baptist Church located at 3119 Pine Street, Dallas Texas 75215. Those families in need of assistance are asked to pre-register with the foundation office by calling (214) 421-1098 or (214) 565-9136 or (214) 421-5222.

Rev. S. M. Wright II, who serves as president of the S. M. Wright Foundation and senior

pastor of People's Baptist Church says, "We are looking forward to blessing families in our community and having a spectacular event. When we started several years ago, there were only 100 families in need but each year the count has continued to grow. We are here for our community and will continue to be here to serve the people of our community no matter how large the number. No one leaves empty handed." The S. M. Wright Foundation serves the South Dallas Fair Park community with the mission of continuing the legacy of Dr. S. M. Wright Sr. by providing support to enhance the quality of life through the areas of race relations, health, education, community economic development and social assistance programs for the Glory of

God. Dr. Wright was the founding pastor of People's Baptist Church and served as the president of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance. As a civil rights leader he worked to bridge the gap between races and empower those disenfranchised in the Dallas community. A 4-mile stretch of South Central Expressway between U. S. Highway 45 and Loop 12 in Dallas was renamed the S. M. Wright Freeway in remembrance of the leadership of Dr. S. M. Wright. For more information on the Christmas Extravaganza, please contact the S. M. Wright Foundation at (214) 565-9136 or People's Baptist Church at (214) 421-1098.

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