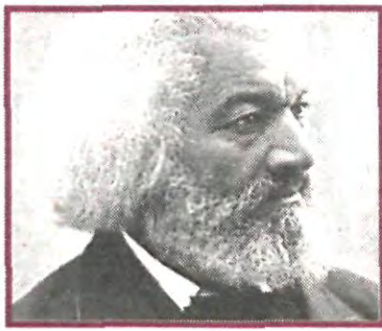




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People In The News



Josette Golatt is a fashion designer from the Oakland Bay area who recently relocated to Frisco, Texas. Having designed garments for celebrities such as Patti LaBelle, Chaka Kahn, Yolanda Adams and others, Golatt expresses her talents through the transformation of others.

Golatt has received much recognition for her designing abilities. They include a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from U.S. House of Representative, Nancy Pelosi.

More recently she took first place honors as the Designer of the Year at K Soul's Radio 2005 1st Annual Soul in the City Fashion Show.

Golatt is also founder and Executive Director of an Eye for Style Fashion Academy. The Academy is an entrepreneurial program designed for youth 12-17, which seeks to position young designers as active participants in the fashion and design industry.

"We want young people to be educated, inspired, challenged and supported by our fashion program," she emphasizes.

Her first youth fashion show is scheduled for February 26, beginning with a reception at 3:30 p.m., at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 East Parkerville Rd., Cedar Hill. Call 972-548-9459 or visit www.aneeyeforstyle.com.

Coca-Cola Enterprises has named Sol Eaton as the new area sales center manager for the Fort Worth distribution center. Mrs. Eaton will manage the sales and distribution of Coca-Cola products throughout Fort Worth and in portions of the Dallas metro area, servicing over 10,000 customers in 12 counties. The facility employs over 800 employees and is a 24 hour, seven day a week operation.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to call the Dallas/Fort Worth area home," said Sol Eaton. "I am looking forward to working with my team at Coca-Cola and continuing to serve the community."

Having worked previously for Pepsi Cola Company, she has over 16 years of sales and management experience in the soft drink industry with the top two beverage companies in the world.

Mrs. Eaton has a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and Political Science from Shepherd University. She also earned an Executive Leadership certificate from Johns Hopkins University graduate program, as well as completed the Leadership in Action Executive Management program.



On February 18th, Shani Davis entered record books as the first black athlete to claim an individual gold medal in Winter Olympic history by winning 1,000-meter speedskating event. His path to victory, however, was not without controversy.

The 23 year old Chicago native, and his mother, Cherie, have issues with U.S. Speedskating dating back to his early years with the team. Cherie believes the organization did things to sabotage the success of her only child because of his skin color. The organization vehemently denies her allegations.

Davis said he would tell his childhood naysayers, "Maybe I can be the Michael Jordan of speedskating."

Davis' breaking of racial barriers in the sport was downplayed when asked about it by reporters after Saturday's performance. "It's a breakthrough," Davis said, "but it's what people make of it."

He did, however, take note of the hard work that led to his place atop the medal stand.

"If you put your mind to it and you believe it, you can achieve it," he said. "You cannot give up - even if the road is a tough road."

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NAACP: Delay Vote In Big Easy

Organization voices concern that evacuees might not get to cast ballots in New Orleans.

The Department of Justice should postpone upcoming elections in New Orleans until displaced voters have been located, NAACP officials said Saturday.

"We're worried about the voting rights of our people in New Orleans who are not, for the most part, in New Orleans," said Bruce S. Gordon, NAACP president. "People should still have a say in what happens in the communities that were ravaged by Katrina."

Gordon has asked U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to ensure election procedures are fair. The Voting Rights Act lets federal officials scrutinize election changes that may hurt minorities. "If it requires us to take legal action, we will fight this," Gordon said.

Officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, speaking at



NAACP President Bruce S. Gordon (right), with Chairman Julian Bond on Saturday, vowed legal action if necessary.

the organization's annual board meeting, also called on Congress to renew parts of the Voting Rights Act that are due to expire next year and criticized the recent selection of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito.

Alito is a "radical judicial activist, a man hostile to civil rights and women's rights," said Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP.

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City Of Plano Encourages Interpreters To Volunteer For Courtroom Duty



One of the most wonderful aspects of the Plano community is its diversity, and while the city prides itself in offering an array of cultural opportunities some might prefer to say that attending court for a violation is not the cultur-

al experience they signed up for.

City volunteers make a huge difference in crossing language barriers on many levels of Plano city government, especially in the Plano Municipal Court. The Court has utilized volunteer interpreters for close to a decade. Most volunteers who interpret are City employees; however, as language needs expand, it requires a call for interpreters from the community.

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Black Farmers Want To Revive Civil Rights Suit

By: Ana Radelat

Like thousands of other black farmers in Mississippi, Calvin Beasley was supposed to benefit from the largest civil rights settlement in U.S. history - a \$2.3 billion federal agreement to compensate farmers who were denied financial assistance decades before due to discrimination.

But that compensation never came. Today, after growing cotton in Humphreys County for more than 25 years, Beasley is facing bankruptcy.

"I waited for a long time, and now it's too late," he said.



The U.S. Department of Agriculture has paid out almost \$1 billion in claims to black farmers who say they suffered

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Garland Lawsuit Seeking May Elections Dismissed

Justice Amos Mazant recently issued the following opinion in regarding the lawsuit filed by citizens of Garland seeking to force city elections in 2006:

"Based on the record presented, we conclude that the issues presented in this petition are not ripe for our determination. The jurisdictional requirement of ripeness applies to mandamus cases. Accordingly, we dismiss this petition for writ of mandamus for want of jurisdiction."

The citizens had filed the suit in district court hoping the court would rule in their favor and call an election in May '06.

"Obviously the court felt like they had to hang their hat on something in order to deal with the writ of mandamus," said Douglas

Athas, one of the relators in the suit. "They picked something that left us really open and we will continue to move forward. I'm not depressed over it, just a little disappointed. It is not a set back, although it is a road block that we have to get around."

At the October 3, 2005 work session Mayor Day brought the issue to the council. At that time Mayor Day spoke out in favor of an election in '06 stating, "I am putting this on the agenda in abeyance of the

May Elections Dismissed Page 5

Poll: Rice, Jackson Are Top Black Leaders

AP

Condoleezza Rice and Jesse Jackson get the top support among blacks asked to name the nation's "most important black leader," according to an AP-AOL Black Voices poll. Next come Colin Powell and Barack Obama.

Many blacks question whether any one person can wear the leadership mantle for such a large and diverse group of people. At the same time, two-thirds in the poll said leaders in their communities were effective representatives of their interests.

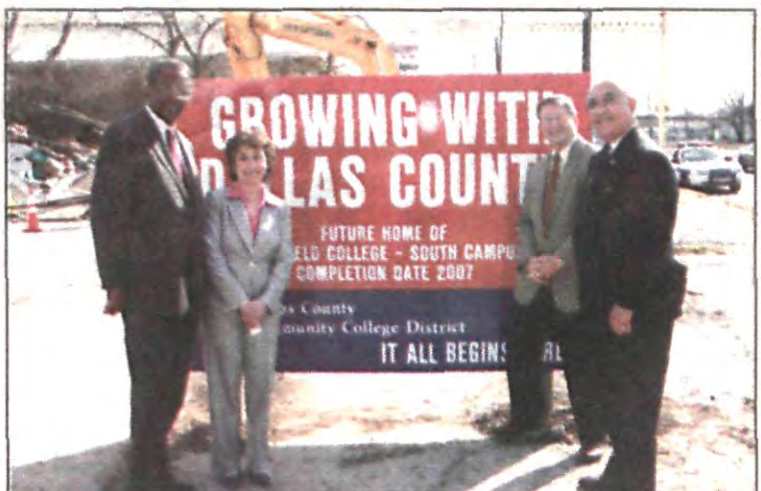
When blacks were asked to come up with the person they considered "the most important black leader," 15 percent chose Jackson, a civil rights



activist who ran for president in the 1980s, while 11 percent picked Secretary of State Rice, 8 percent chose former Secretary of State Powell, and 6 percent named Obama, a freshman Democratic senator from Illinois.

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DCCCD Breaks Ground On New Campus



State Rep. Jesse Jones; Carol Brown, president of Eastfield College; Jerry Prater, chair, DCCCD board of trustees; and Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon, DCCCD chancellor.

Members of the board of trustees for the Dallas County Community College District, along with area officials and community representatives, attended a special ceremony on Thurs., Feb. 16, to mark the future location of a new education campus for Pleasant Grove.

The sign unveiling gave DCCCD administrators * including Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon, the district's chancellor;

Jerry Prater, chair of DCCCD's board of trustees; and the new president of Eastfield College, Carol Brown * an opportunity to share their vision for the facility, which represents one of five new community campuses that will provide easier access to higher education for either underserved or fast-growing populations in Dallas County.

DCCCD trustees unani-

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9 Foreign Oil Workers Seized In Nigeria



An oil installation in Odidi, Nigeria. Armed militants launched a wave of attacks across Nigeria's troubled Niger delta Saturday Feb. 18, 2006, blowing up oil installations and seizing nine foreign oil workers.

AP
Militants launched attacks across Nigeria's troubled delta region Saturday, blowing up oil installations and seizing nine foreigners, including three Americans. The violence cut the West African nation's crude oil

exports by 20 percent.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta, which claims to be fighting for a greater local share of Nigeria's oil wealth, said the attacks were in retaliation for assaults this week by military helicopters. The militants threatened more violence on "a grander scale."

The group claimed responsibility for the raids, including one in which militants abducted three Americans, two Egyptians, two Thais, one Briton and one Filipino.

The attacks began before

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Garland NAACP 6th Annual Winter Ball

Photos By: LaQuisha Hosley



Honoree Dr. Demetria Chester



Honoree Rev. Bernice Stanford



Attendees Fred Marsh and wife Gloria Marsh



Laron Potts and wife accepting award for honoree Herb Ochier



NAACP Youth Council Members Naima Blakes (N. Garland High) and Elliot Smith (Lakeview Centennial HS) receive \$500 scholarships.

Celebration of Black Books and Black Authors At Jokae's African American Books Photos

By: Gwen Elder



(Left to Right) Allison Neal, DCCCD, Til Pettis and Milton Pettis, owners of Jokae's African American Books, Carla Ranger, African American Read In Founder and Denise Nicholas, actress and first time author of "FreshWater Road".



LaDawn Black host of top show in Baltimore about relationships was at Black Images Book Bazaar to discuss her book, "Stripped Bare"



Michael Guinn, Poet & Motivational Speaker, "Crying In Colors"



R. Loreese Session Ms, MA, author of "How'd She Get Him?"



Christine Howard, author of "Prison Affairs"



Dr. Joyce Teal, author of "Lest We Forget"



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Around The Town

Ongoing

The Richardson Optimist Club is selling mixed nuts, fudge, etc to raise funds for its youth activities. Contact any Optimist Club member or call 972-233-9597.

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

Sheryl Underwood performs at Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Rd. #250. Call 972-404-8501 for information. February 16-19

Celebrate the Artists at Fort Worth, Central Library Gallery, 500 West 3rd St., Fort Worth, 6:30 p.m. Call 817-0871-READ. Exhibit thru February 22.

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

Dallas Summer Musicals' Broadway Contemporary Series Brings the Ten Tenors back to the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St. Call 214-421-5678 for information. February 28-March 5.

A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie, temporary exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas State

History Museum. Call 512-936-8746 for information. February 11-April 15

Teen Reaching Teens, Inc. and Teen Graffiti Magazine presents free computer training. Courses offered Wednesday and Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 972-496-9457. Begins February-April.

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

Drums Not Guns will hold drumming sessions from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month thru mid-May at Old Settlers Park Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana St. Call 214-641-0782 for information.

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

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

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

Allen Symphony Chorus is recruiting singers for its April 29 performance. Rehearsals are from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Thursdays, Choir Room Erickson Middle School, 450 Tatum Dr. For information call 972-359-0656.

A free legal clinic is offered for

residents who meet low income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

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

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

February 23

Richard Fisher, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas will speak at installation luncheon of the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Westin Galleria, Galleria Ballroom, 13340 Dallas Pkwy. Call 972-241-8250 for information.

Nikki Giovanni will be at the Texas A&M University Commerce, Ferguson Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. Call 903-468-3002 for information.

February 24

1st Annual Celebrity Tribute to Black History Month, Desoto Civic Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run.

February 25

United Negro College Fund's

7th Annual "Red Hot and Snazzy" Benefit Gala, Fairmont Hotel, 1717 N. Akard St., 6:00 p.m. Call 972-234-1007 for information.

African American Author Showcase, a lively and entertaining discussion by a panel of local authors, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St., O'Hara Exhibit Hall, 7th fl., 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Call 214-670-7800 for information.

Day of Dance promoting heart health, Methodist Dallas Medical Center, 1441 N. Beckley Ave., 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Reservations are encouraged but not required. Call 214-947-0000 for information.

The Third Annual Financial Aid & Scholarship Awareness Day hosted by UNT Dallas Campus, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., UNT Dallas Campus (8915 S. Hampton Rd.). For information call 972-780-3630.

Methodist Dallas Medical Center presents "Day of Dance", promoting heart health, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Hitt Auditorium, Colorado Blvd. @ Bishop Ave... Free Health screenings, giveaways and refreshments. To register and for information call 214-947-0000.

A celebration of heritage, history and honor, "Lest We Forget: From Promise to Reality", presented by the Urban League of Greater Dallas, Urban League of Greater Dallas, 4315 S. Lancaster Rd., 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 214-915-4600 for information.

February 26

The Elite News presents their 31st Annual Black History Awards Night, Mt. Tabor B.C., 3700 Simpson Stuart Rd, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Call 214-372-6500 for information.

University of North Texas celebrates Black History Month with an Each One Teach One Film Series, Episodes of "The Boondocks," 12 Noon, Multicultural Center, Rm. 422. Call 817-267-0651 for information.

"Empowering Youth Through Fashion", a youth fashion show, Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 East Parkerville Rd., Cedar Hill, TX., 3:30 p.m. Call 972-548-9459 for information.

March Ongoing

Bishop T.D. Jakes hosts three day conference and retreat for men only at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas. For information call 1-800-Bishop2 or visit www.thepottershouse.org. March 9, 10 and 11

WaterTower Theatre's highly acclaimed "Out of the Loop Festival" returns for its fifth year. WTT team with performing arts organizations from around the region to bring all three spaces at the Addison Theatre Centre to life with exciting contemporary works. March 2-12

2006 Super SAM (Single & Married) Conference, Friendship-West Baptist church, 2020 W. Wheatland Rd. Call 214-371-0964 for information. March 8-12

6th Annual North Texas Jazz

Festival, Addison

Disney on Ice Presents Pixar's "The Incredibles" in a magic kingdom adventure, Dallas Reunion Arena. For information call 214-373-8000. March 22-26

The Women's Museum shows "Apron Chronicles: A Patchwork of American Recollections. Features storytelling, photography and vintage fashion. Call 214-915-0871 for information. Exhibit runs thru May 14

March 18

Film Fest with Irma P. Hall 12 Noon-4:30 p.m., Clarence Muse Café in the Dallas Convention Center, 650 South Griffin St. Call 214-743-2440 for information.

March 4

Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of Florida A&M University, "Jazzy Style/Tax Planning Brunch, Brooklyn's Jazz Café, 1701 S. Lamar, 12 Noon- 2:00 p.m. Call 214-273-4236 for information.

March 17

Lockheed Martin and Chase Bank present Entrepreneur Expo, Fort Worth Convention Center. To register or for information call 682-554-2766 or www.EntrepreneurExpo.org.

NACA presents New Home Buyer's Workshop, Veterans of War Community Center, 1906 E. Miller Rd., and 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For information call 1-888-302-6222.

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Katrina's New Underclass

By Rep: Cynthia McKinney

There is an ongoing national emergency that demands our immediate attention.

In the absence of decisive Executive action, an underfunded FEMA made its own executive decision to shelter hundreds of thousands of survivors in hotels, paying in some cases rates in excess of \$400 per night, resulting in a windfall for hotel chains during their slow season, but depleting FEMA's budget. Now, with summer business coming, the hotels want the survivors out and FEMA is evicting tens of thousands of families from temporary housing.

As a result of the President's failure to act, Secretary Chertoff's failure to act, and the failure of Congress to act, it appears we are about to see a new underclass of "Katrina Homeless" in America, even as Halliburton and other contractors take fifty per cent off the top of their sweetheart, no-bid Katrina contracts before subcontracting the work out at rock bottom rates.

Given the vast amounts of money that has gone "missing"—billions of dollars—from this Administration's Iraq misadventure, it is scandalous that we won't provide housing to the survivors.

What Katrina survivors facing homelessness need is enough assistance to rebuild their lives. Why did we offer a Victims Compensation Fund to 9/11 families but not to Katrina survivors? And why hasn't the Congress moved swiftly to pass or at least held hearings on HR 4197, the Hurricane Katrina Recovery, Reclamation, Restoration, Reconstruction and Reunion Act of 2005?

What left so many at the mercy of Katrina was poverty. In the greater New Orleans area, 65,000 minori-

ty residents lived in poverty before Katrina, compared with 85,000 whites. Thus, contrary to the stereotyping, poverty is not specific to race, even though Orleans Parish, which was 67% black, was hardest hit by the flooding.

The poor, the elderly, the infirm, the disabled, these were the people who could not obey the mandatory evacuation order. If we wish to see that there is never another disaster like Katrina, we need to take urgent action to deal with poverty in this country. And here, I would suggest that the Congress hold hearings on House Concurrent Resolution 234, Congresswoman Barbara Lee's Poverty Bill.

Evacuation plans failed these people, as did the National Response Plan. We need a new National Response Plan.

Rather than attempting to defend the indefensible, Secretary Chertoff needs to resign and allow this Administration the opportunity to get this straight-for the sake of the innocent people of the Gulf States and New Orleans.

We need a National Response Plan that is sensitive to poverty and ethnicity. It is unconscionable that DHS would have a partnership with Operation Blessing, but not with a single black organization.

Poverty cuts across ethnic divisions, but there is another side to this story. In the testimony at our hearings and in my report, there is a very clear pattern. In numerous instances, whites were evacuated before blacks while blacks were detained or turned back, as happened on the bridge to Gretna. The media stereotyped blacks as "looters" and whites as "takers" and fueled fears of blacks that led to the "invasion" of New Orleans, shockingly by hired mercenaries.

Shoot-to-kill orders were issued in a city whose police

have a history of abuse, and who will spare no excuse to jail young black men for petty offenses.

Another area completely untouched by the Congress is the toxic aftermath of Katrina. Decades of pollution has made the sediment layer at the bottom of the Gulf and other water bodies highly toxic.

Hurricane Katrina lifted this sediment sludge out of the water and spread it across all the affected regions of the Gulf. Not since Hurricane Betsy in 1965 has this happened on such a scale. As a result, arsenic and other highly dangerous chemicals are present at levels sufficient that much of the Gulf Coast could be declared a Superfund site. But the EPA is sitting on its hands, and will not act unless Congress instructs it to initiate a clean-up process necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of the Gulf Coast. I have introduced legislation to accomplish this, and I wish the Congress would consider it for the health and safety of our fellow Americans.

There is much more to discuss. We have between 60,000 to 70,000 survivors in metro Atlanta right now, and the needs are tremendous.

But let me conclude by saying that what we are left with is the fact that while the hurricane washed its "toxic gumbo" ashore, it also stripped away the veil that often hides issues of poverty and persistent racism in America. We can choose to ignore these issues and hope they go away, but we know they won't.

Alternately, we can rise to the challenge and work together to tackle these very difficult problems head on. The choice is ours.

Cynthia McKinney is a U.S. Congresswoman from Georgia.

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Paul
Hailey

I found myself thinking this week that our vice president might have some thug in him.

I mean, how else do you describe his behavior last week-end when he accidentally shot his friend attorney Harry Whittington in the face chest with a shotgun while hunting quail in Texas?

Sounds like something straight out of a rap music video to me.

The way the situation was handled by both the vice president and the administration was more like something out of a Twilight Zone episode.

Let's recap: the vice president was hunting in a group with Whittington and others at the Armstrong Ranch in South Texas. Whittington, dressed in hunter's orange and wearing hunting glasses, apparently left the group to recover a bird he shot and failed to tell the group he had returned. Cheney said he was trying to shoot a low flying quail when he swung his 28 gauge shotgun and found the sun in his eyes. "I turned and shot at the bird, and at that second saw Harry standing there," Cheney has stated.

"We went over to him obviously, right away," the vice president recalled. "He was laying there on his back, bleeding with one eye open. I said, 'Harry, I had no idea you were there,'" Cheney said. "He didn't respond."

Ok...although all of that

Is Dick Cheney A Thug?

sounds suspect to me, it is plausible. Remotely plausible, but plausible all the same. It is in the immediate events following the shooting that Cheney starts sounding like a thugged out street soldier instead of the vice president.

For starters, Cheney waited 24 hours to report the shooting. His office claimed it was "out of respect" for the ranch owner, Katherine Armstrong. Armstrong claims she "forgot" to report the shooting because of her overwhelming concern for Whittington. Cheney said he notified the White House on Saturday night, but didn't talk to Bush until Monday. Local law enforcement showed up, but was turned away by the Secret Service. Cheney claims that he wanted to see how Whittington was doing before telling the press.

Wait a minute...you shoot a man in the face and you wait to see how he's doing before you call the law? In the hood, this is known as getting your story together. You wait that long and you're either destroying evidence or trying to sober up.

If he had been drinking, (and Cheney claims "we'd taken a break at lunch-and I had a beer") then waiting 24 hours was necessary to make sure he was perfectly sober when the accident was reported. We also know in the hood that if there is alcohol and firearms involved you take whatever number of drinks the suspect gives you and multiply it by five or six. As an ordinary citizen, try refusing a breathalyzer test-or better yet, try sending the police

away from a shooting, and tell them you'll get back to them later.

Additionally, it's been reported that Pam Willeford, the ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein was standing at Cheney's side when the shotgun went off. So... Cheney and Whittington went hunting on a ranch in Texas with two women who were not their wives... That's about as thugged out as you can get.

When you mix guns, alcohol and women, the situation is usually going to end badly.

I continue to be amazed at this administration's arrogance and disdain for the law. They were elected by claiming to "restore morality" in the White House. Bill Clinton did some stuff, but he never shot anybody in the face. And the media seems complicit. Can you imagine what they would have written had Al Gore shot someone? Ironically, Cheney's behavior is identical to Ted Kennedy's at Chappaquiddick in 1969.

Like any hood drama, there are a lot of questions that will never be answered. Was Cheney drunk? How far away was he when he shot Whittington in the face? There's a lot of difference between being 10 inches and 10 feet away. But we'll never know now. The VP might as well have invoked the ghetto code of honor: those that know, don't tell and those that tell, don't know.

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Jail Wars Symptom Of Deeper Clash Between Blacks And Latinos

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson

At a recent raucous and contentious meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Marc Klugman, head of Correctional Services for the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, said "Everything that's going on in our streets is coming into our jails." Klugman's helpless warning is ominous and terrifying, but he's right. The jail violence between blacks and Latinos that has torn L.A. County jails has roots that go far beyond the jails.

The painful truth is that relations between blacks and Latinos are rife with cultural, racial, and economic myths and misconceptions. Since the civil rights era, the popular fiction was that blacks and Latinos are an oppressed people of color with a history of racial discrimination and poverty, so their struggle is the same. During the 1960s, some blacks and Latinos did form organizations and raise issues that appeared to mirror each other. There was the Black Panther Party and the La Raza Unida Party, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and the Mexican-American Legal and Education Defense Fund, as well as dozens of local black and Latino activist

groups. The Poor Peoples March in Washington D.C. in 1968 was the highpoint of ethnic co-operation during that time.

Blacks and Latinos enjoyed the political honeymoon of the era. Neither wanted to admit that the serious political and cultural differences between them could crack the facade of unity. But the last decade has presented a new reality. Through massive immigration and higher birth rates, the Latino population has soared. Latinos have displaced blacks as the largest non-white minority in America. Latinos demand that political and social issues no longer be framed solely in black and white.

The clash has been especially fierce on the hot button issues of immigration and jobs, political representation, and street turf control.

Immigration and jobs: Many Latinos work at low pay jobs that offer no health, union or retirement benefits. Many employers take advantage of their economic plight and hire them to work the dirtiest and most hazardous jobs in plants, factories and farms. Unskilled or semi-skilled white and black workers once did these jobs. Employers defend their labor practices by insisting that

Latinos "work harder, and don't cause problems." Latino leaders deflect criticism with the retort that "Americans won't take these jobs anyway."

While there is no conclusive evidence that Latinos take jobs away from American workers (studies have been conflicting), increased immigration came at the worst possible time for impoverished African-American communities. They are reeling from a decade of job, education, and social service cuts. Illegal immigrant labor competition could further marginalize the black poor by raising joblessness, decreasing benefits, and exacerbating the crime and drug crisis.

With federal and state governments grappling with massive budget deficits and corporations, in the throes of shake-out, outsourcing and downsizing, many African-American leaders see little point in demanding more federal and corporate spending on job and skill training. If some black leaders scream along with groups such as the Minuteman Project for a crackdown on illegal immigrants it is because they see Latinos — whose cus-

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About one-third declined to volunteer a name.

Two of the four mentioned most often — Rice and Powell — are from a Republican administration that is unpopular with most blacks.

Less than one in five of those polled, 18 percent, said the current black leadership is doing a "very effective" job of representing the black community. Half described black leadership as "somewhat effective."

The answers to the open-ended question about leadership were divided among a number of well-known black Americans, a sharp contrast to the 1960s when Martin Luther King Jr. was recognized as the leading voice among many prominent civil rights leaders.

Nation of Islam minister Louis Farrakhan got 4 percent; talk show host Oprah Winfrey received 3 percent; King, who

was killed in 1968, got 3 percent, and former Democratic presidential candidate Al Sharpton got 2 percent. Some 14 percent picked somebody else.

One in five, 21 percent, said they were not sure whom to name among current black leaders and 13 percent chose no one. A few in the poll, 1 percent, named themselves.

"What is 'the most important black leader?'" asked Thomas Miller, a 59-year-old political independent who lives in Philadelphia. "You have to lead your own self, don't put that on anybody else. Putting faith in somebody else is blind."

There have been dramatic changes for blacks, who have closed the income gap considerably with whites over the past few decades.

"There's been an extraordinary expansion of the black middle class and a shift in the locus of leadership," said

Michael Eric Dyson, an analyst of racial politics and author of "Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster." "A more diversified black community doesn't find it necessary to have one voice."

Galvanized by the images from Katrina news coverage, black activists and elected leaders around the country are considering new strategies for making gains for blacks, both politically and economically.

The changing of the guard in leadership in black America was highlighted by the recent deaths of civil rights pioneers Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King, widow of the slain civil rights leader.

"The old has passed away," Bernice King said in her mother's eulogy last week in a church in the Atlanta suburbs. "There is a new order that is emerging."

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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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Eastfield College Career Week March 6 - 9

(Mesquite, TX) - Looking for a job but don't know where to begin? Eastfield College presents Career Week March 6 - 9, offering free seminars for job hunters as well as a job fair that will bring prospective employers to campus for on-the-spot interviews. All seminars take place in Building C, Room 135, and are free of charge. Refreshments are offered at all events.

MONDAY, March 6
10:10 - 11 a.m.

Resumes and Interviews for People with Not-So-Hot Backgrounds and Everyone Else

Speaker: Gloria Alexander, Gotcha Second Chance, Inc. Room C135

TUESDAY, March 7
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The Global Workplace: What Does It Mean for You?

Speaker: Dr. Sherry Dean, Maria Caratini-Prado, Dr. Christine Fox-Balli Room C135

WEDNESDAY, March 8
11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Speaker: Jill Pfaff Waterbury, Right Management Consultants Room C135

THURSDAY, MARCH 9,
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A job fair, to be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thursday, March 9 in the Gym, caps off Eastfield's Career Week. Representatives from small to large companies will be on hand to accept

résumés and job applications. Participants should dress for a professional interview and bring plenty of updated résumés. The job fair is sponsored by the Dallas Plumbers and Pipefitters, UPS, The Employment News, USA Financial Group, Geico, Vector Marketing Corp. and Mesquite Police Department.

For more information visit www.eastfieldcollege.com or call (972) 860-8310.

Career Week is co-Sponsored by Career Services, TRIO/Student Support Services, Student Programs & Resources, and US Department of Education Job Location & Development grant.

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

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toms and language are barely comprehensible to them -- as a direct threat to their economic existence.

Political representation: The tensions have spilled over into politics. Latinos have changed the ethnic make-up of many neighborhoods from black and white to brown. From the local to the national level, Latino leaders now demand their fair share of political office-holders, appointments and positions in California and Los Angeles.

Their family and ethnic cohesion was not ruptured. Nor were they color-stamped with the "badge of inferiority." Many blacks perceive that Latinos are less harshly treated by white society, encounter less discrimination and enjoy more mobility and opportunities. The stunning success of Asian and Latino immigrants in business and the professions does seem to offer proof of this. They are often able to secure business loans, credit, access to education and the professions with

much more ease than blacks.

Many Latinos fail to understand the complexity and severity of the black experience. They frequently bash blacks for their poverty and goad them to "pull themselves up like we did." Worse, some even repeat the same vicious anti-black epithets as racist whites.

But ethnic insensitivity cuts both ways. Blacks have little understanding of the political repression and economic destitution that drives many Latinos to seek refuge in the United States. Many have fled from the ravages of war and revolution in their countries. They face the massive problems of readjusting to a strange culture, customs, and language. Latino immigrants and the native born also suffer police abuse and face the same racial discrimination in jobs, and housing, and health care, and as many blacks do.

Then there's the action in the streets, for years black gangs have controlled the drug traffic, sale of contraband, and other illicit activities in South

L.A. and other urban inner city neighborhoods. The influx of young poorly educated, crime prone gang members from El Salvador, Mexico, and other Latin countries, has ignited street clashes with blacks over turf. The street turf struggles have spilled over into the prisons, with groups such as the Mexican Mafia more than willing to give orders to attack blacks to assert their dominance.

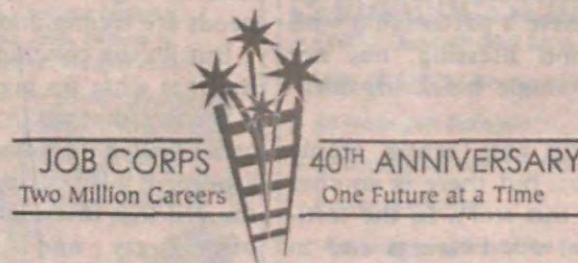
L.A. County officials cite prison overcrowding, turf wars, renewal of gang rivalries, the ancient prison ritual of making a "rep" as a tough guy, or just boredom for the violence. It's that and much more, and jail authorities and elected officials must recognize that.

African-Americans and Latinos are undergoing a painful period of political and economic adjustment. They are finding that the struggle for power and recognition will be long and difficult. The wars in the L.A. County jails are a tragic, deplorable symptom of that.

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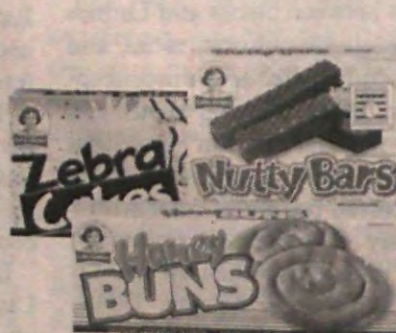
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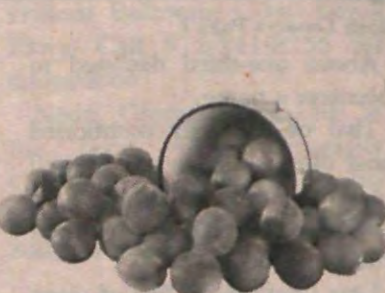
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Congresswoman Johnson Appointed To Democratic Katrina Task Force

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson was recently appointed by Democratic Caucus Chairman James E. Clyburn (D-SC) to a newly formed Democratic Task Force on Hurricane Katrina. The task force will be dedicated to coordinating efforts and expertise to provide a comprehensive and effective recovery plan for the region.

"I am proud to be a member of this newly formed task force, which will look at all facets of the disaster and will

put the people of our Gulf Coast first," said Congresswoman Johnson. "I plan to aid in the coordinating of efforts to provide a complete and comprehensive recovery plan for the entire affected region."

Members of the task force will keep the Democratic Caucus fully informed and aware of activity and initiatives taking place. The task force will be chaired by Rep. Gene Taylor (D-Miss.), a survivor of the hurricane, and a leader in Congress on the recovery effort and protecting against future disasters.



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Fed Vice Chairman To Depart In April

The No. 2 official at the Federal Reserve, Vice Chairman Roger Ferguson, is resigning from the job effective April 28, according to his resignation letter released Wednesday.

In the letter to President Bush, Ferguson said he is leaving to pursue "other professional opportunities".

An appointee of President Clinton, the 54-year-old Ferguson has been on the

Federal Reserve board since November 1997 and became vice chair in October 2003.

Chairman Alan Greenspan retired from the Fed at the end of January, replaced by new Chairman Ben Bernanke.

The policy-setting body of the central bank is scheduled to meet again at the end of March. In a statement, the Fed said Ferguson will not attend that upcoming meeting.



LegacyTexas Group Moving Several Operations To Richardson

LegacyTexas Group is in the process of moving several of their operations to Richardson.

According to LegacyTexas Chairman George Fisk, the bank expects to move house operations, a branch office and their insurance services division to an 80,000 square foot building that was formerly a Richardson ISD magnet school, in September.

Richardson ISD, in an effort to consolidate and maximize their facilities, sold the building, located at 707 Arapaho, last November for \$2.325 mil-

lion, according to RISD communications director Jeanne Guerra.

LegacyTexas is in the process of converting the facility to meet their needs. Fisk said they will occupy half of the space and lease out the other 40,000 square feet.

"We're in talks with tenants to take the rest of the building," he said.

LegacyTexas will move approximately 100 of their employees to that location.

"We were looking for a site in Richardson," Fisk said. "We

should have gone in there years ago."

LegacyTexas also has their sites on other branch locations in the North Dallas area. Fisk said they are looking at two other sites including one along the Tollway.

LegacyTexas Group has \$1.051 billion total assets with a net income increase of 127 percent from 2004 to 2005. The bank continues to grow loaning \$722 last year with \$892 million in deposits.

For more information about Legacy visit www.legacytexas.com.

May Elections Dismissed Page 1

Charter as it is currently constituted which requires us to have a 2006 election."

Today he says, "Well, I'm disappointed that we are not going to get a decision pretty soon. I have put on the agenda for the February 21st Council Meeting, an ordinance to call an election," said Mayor Bob Day. "The city's argument was

that the city had not decided to not call an election. State law allows that you must call an election by what I believe is March 13th. After that we don't have the authority to call an election. We are still in limbo. We will discuss it again at the council level and I will try and get the council to call an election."

Some members of the council who were elected in 2004 say

they were elected to a three year term, that was what the City Charter said at the time they signed up to run for office. On the ballot at the same time that they ran for council were amendments to the charter, these were also being voted on by Garland voters. The amendment to change the term of office to two year terms was approved by voters. This is where the disagree-

Black Farmers Page 1

discrimination. Many received a \$50,000 check and some had their debts to the agency forgiven.

But about five years after the first settlement checks were sent to black farmers, the program is beset with complaints, criticisms and lawsuits. Those problems have led to a new attempt in Congress to revive the black farmers' historic 1997 lawsuit against the Agriculture Department.

Beasley, 55, is one of thousands of Mississippi farmers whose claims for compensation were denied. Farmers who filed claims had to prove that they applied for a USDA loan between 1981 and 1996 and that their application was denied due to racial discrimination.

About 94,000 black farmers applied for compensation, but

most of those applications - 81,000 - were rejected, according to the Environmental Working Group.

Beasley said his claim for compensation was based on the USDA's rejection of several loan applications he submitted about 20 years ago. And he said the agency approved other loan requests too late, sometimes months after planting season.

But Beasley couldn't prove he had been treated differently than white farmers in the area. That would have required him to submit financial documents from his white neighbors.

"We didn't have access to that type of information, so we were lost," Beasley said.

He hired an attorney in Greenville to appeal his case. He lost the appeal.

Rep. Artur Davis, D-Ala., is hoping to reopen the door for Beasley and thousands of other

farmers shut out of settlements.

Under Davis' legislation, farmers who say they didn't know about the Sept. 15, 2000, filing deadline may resubmit their claims.

The legislation also would require the USDA to supply financial information about loans awarded to white farmers in a claimant's state. The department would have to delay foreclosures against black farmers who could prove discrimination.

"Unresolved issues around the farmer's suits should not be swept under the rug or deferred to some constantly uncertain date in the future," Davis said. "Too many farmers ... have already waited too long for a correction to the unlawful discrimination they endured for years."

The Bush administration insists the program is a success. To make sure the USDA has

Courtroom Duty Page 1

Not a lot is required to be a volunteer interpreter, mostly just proficiency of the language being interpreted and time. To help respect both defendant and volunteer interpreter schedules, the Court has established specific days of the month for a "language docket." The docket normally falls on the afternoon of the second Wednesday of each month, but can be scheduled at other times if the need arises. Because of the large number of Spanish-speaking defendants, the Court also sets aside two to three Friday afternoons per month for the Spanish language dockets.

Interpreters are needed in several ways. Sometimes they are needed at the jail for

arraignments. Many are used for the Pre-trial Hearing to decide whether there will be a trial and if so, whether it will be by judge or jury. The Pre-trial hearing is normally informal and quick. The actual trial can be time consuming as both the prosecutor and the defendant present their case. Every thing said during the trial is interpreted so the defendant not only is heard, but also knows what is being said.

When volunteers are not available, the Court hires interpreters from one of several agencies. The cost ranges from \$100 to \$300 per interpreter per court session. Fortunately, most of the time, only one interpreter is utilized per case. In cases requiring the same language, the cases are scheduled at the same time.

Languages in need of translation on a regular basis through the Court include:

- Afrikaans
- Arabic
- Bengali
- Bosnian
- Bulgarian
- Cantonese
- Croatian
- Dutch
- Ibo
- Ethiopian
- Farsi
- Flemish
- French
- Gujarati
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Malayalam

Council Votes To Increase Love Field Landing Fees

The Dallas City Council Wednesday approved raising landing fees on scheduled, commercial airline flights at city-owned Dallas Love Field to 55 cents per 1,000 pounds of land-weight.

That hike passed after a failed attempt by some councilmembers to bump the rate up as high as \$1.40.

The current rate is 35 cents; but revenue shortfalls at Love Field the past couple of years prompted city staff to recommend raising the fee to 55 cents.

The new fee starts April 1 and will have the greatest impact on Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co.

Southwest, which operates 97% of the scheduled flights at Love, pays the bulk of Love's landing fee revenue, which totaled \$1.7 million in 2005. The low-cost airline, which is the city's largest taxpayer, had agreed to the bump-up to 55 cents, but had said it would fight any larger increase.

Federal requirements provide that landing fees must avoid generating a big profit. City staff had earlier warned councilmembers that the fee must capture no more than a reasonable amount toward paying airport expenses. Doing otherwise would violate promises the city made in return

for federal money to build and improve its infrastructure.

Love, which has very low debt obligations and significant cash on hand, has projected federal grant money participation of \$185 million through 2017.

Southwest, in recent discussions about raising the landing fee, has responded that it has not received any city incentives for its more than \$190 million investment since 1980 in its headquarters campus at Love Field. The airline, with 5,000 employees in the Dallas area, paid nearly \$16 million in local taxes in 2005.

Consumer Prices Surge

U.S. consumer prices rose more than expected in January but costs outside of food and energy were contained, a Labor Department report showed on Wednesday, sealing expectations for more interest rate hikes.

Consumer prices surged 0.7 percent last month, above Wall Street forecasts for a 0.5 percent increase, as energy costs soared. But the closely watched core Consumer Price Index, which excludes volatile food and energy costs, rose just 0.2 percent, matching economist expectations.

Analysts said the big gain in overall prices will catch the attention of the Federal Reserve and cements market expectations for an additional rate increase in March and perhaps one more in May.

ment starts, were they elected for three years or were they elected for two years?

The opinion that was issued states that the case is not "ripe"; meaning that since the city council had not voted to "not" call an election, there was still time to do so. The document does say that the court has no jurisdiction on cases that are not "ripe".

stopped discriminatory practices, President Bush appointed Vernon Parker, a black lawyer from Arizona, to head the agency's civil rights office.

Parker, who recently left the USDA, said he traveled to Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia to listen to complaints by black farmers. He said he's happy with the settlement.

"We've made some historical changes," he said.

Jimmy Robertson, a Jackson lawyer who filed a suit on behalf of white Mississippi farmers who also claimed mistreatment by the USDA, agrees.

"The USDA wasn't discriminating just against black people," Robertson said. "It was discriminating against poor people. God knows, black people took it on the chin, but the problems were more widespread."

Federal judges dismissed the case filed by the white farmers.

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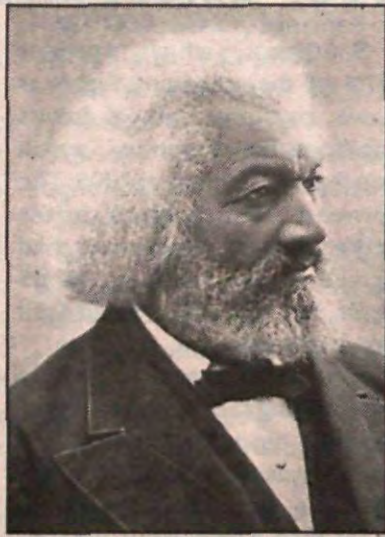
Black History Month

Fredrick Douglass

Frederick Douglass was born into slavery on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, near Easton in Talbot County in 1818, and was given the name Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey (Baly), after his mother Harriet Bailey. As a young boy he was sent to Baltimore, to be a house servant, where he learned to read and write, with the assistance of his master's wife. At the age of twenty-one, masquerading as a sailor, he escaped to freedom in the North. There he married Anna Murray, a free African American woman whom he had met in Baltimore. Soon thereafter he changed his name to Frederick Douglass.

A learned man, largely self-educated, Douglass lectured brilliantly on behalf of the cause of abolition. From 1845-

47, Douglass toured Great Britain, where his speeches aroused popular support for his



cause. The British public raised the money to buy Douglass's freedom so that he might return to the United States to continue his fight without fear of being

captured as a fugitive slave.

Douglass's weekly journal, The North Star, together with his platform appearances, made him a major political force in the years leading to the Civil War. Although a friend and admirer of John Brown, Douglass opposed Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry for reasons he explains in "John Brown, an Address."

When the war came, Douglass called for the use of black troops; his two sons served in the Union army. After the war, Douglass received presidential appointments from Presidents Grant, Garfield, and Harrison. He died in 1895.

Fredrick Douglass was a brilliant speaker, a literate and thoughtful writer, and one of the fathers of the Civil Rights movement.

Frederick Douglass Elementary School's 17th Annual Oratorical Competition and Black History Program

Photos by E. Dewayne Gibson, Jr.

The Frederick Douglass Elementary School held its 17th Annual Oratorical Competition and Black History Program on February 16th. The contest featured students from Pre-K to 3rd

grade, and was moderated by Isheleg Beard and Gregory Washington. Entertainment was provided by the Sensational Singing Dolphins and the Magnificent Stepping Dolphins.

Committee members are Ms. S. Northcutt, Principal, Ms. M. Nash, Chairperson, Ms. M. Smith-Johnson, Ms. L. Gardner, Mr. W. W. Austin, Ms. B. Grant, Ms. S. Bailey, and Ms. B. Leonard.



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Pre-K Students singing

DCCCD Breaks Ground Page 1

mously approved the purchase of 10.5 acres in Pleasant Grove late last year. The facility * which will be named the Eastfield College-South Campus * is funded by DCCCD's current bond program. The property is located near 802 S. Buckner Blvd. DCCCD will develop plans and construct the facility on the property within the next 24 to 36 months.

In May 2004, Dallas County voters approved a \$450 million bond program for the Dallas County Community College District; that facilities master plan includes new buildings on all campuses, plus five centers in either underserved or fast-growing areas of Dallas County, with some expansions or safety/ADA upgrades throughout facilities within DCCCD. The community campuses * including the new Pleasant Grove facility * will offer credit and continuing education classes, plus services such as career development and workforce development programs.

DCCCD bought the property from Geodesic Systems, Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church, the Robert R. Knight Living Trust and Dr. Nallu Reddy; three properties also were purchased from Bankruptcy Trustee. The total cost of the land purchase as \$2.3 million. Quorum Commercial and SolenderHall Real Estate were the district's realtors for this transaction.

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Volunteered to nuke Syria? Then said it was 'kind of a joke' eleven days later? Maybe he just meant to invade Syria – but with what army, with our forces tied down in Iraq? Or will they use a draft?

Said we should torture prisoners, despite the 90 to 9 vote in the Senate for McCain's anti-torture bill? Even though he and McCain were tortured together in Hanoi?

Gets very little for our district despite his 16 years of seniority? That the entire Texas delegation is asleep on the job since Texas is 40th nationally in 'pork' for 2003, getting only \$23.09 per Texan versus an average for \$34.33 per US citizen? They'd rather give away our money in exchange for the 'privilege' of staying in Iraq and torturing prisoners. **Bad horse-trading, I'd say.**

Voted consistently for Most Favored Nation status for Communist China since 1991? That slave labor camps and ripped off patents are frequently used there to compete with our free workers and are killing our high-tech district? That their growth and savings from this is helping to build their military?

Is involved in the DeLay/Abramoff scandal? That it's connected to his being in the bottom half of Republican Congressmen in 2004 on fiscal responsibility?

Insulted the very person – Richard Nixon – who got him out of Hanoi, yet praised Bush who has gotten us into Iraq but won't get us out?

Voted against extending Hate Crimes Laws to cover sexual orientation, gender, and disability? That if you vote Republican in the Primary, you can become a delegate in June 2006 to **help me overturn the plank in the Texas Republican 2004 platform which seeks to abolish ALL Hate Crimes Laws?**

Did you know that he got over 180,000 votes in the General Election in November 2004 but only about 12,000 in the Republican Primary? That voting Republican in the Primary is the ONLY way to fire Sam Johnson since no Democrat has ever broken 26% in the district? That you can vote Republican in the Primary but vote any way you want in the General?

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Toni Braxton To Tour After 10-Year Absence

Except for Broadway musicals and a few select appearances, Toni Braxton hasn't done many live performances in the past decade. But that's about to change.

The R&B diva is embarking on her first tour in 10 years to support her latest album, "Libra." The tour will kick off March 10 in Atlantic City, N.J., and end July 3 in Houston at the Essence Music Festival.

"I'm thrilled to be going out

on the road again," Braxton said Friday in a statement to The Associated Press. "I can't wait to bring not only the hits that people know and love but to share the new music from 'Libra' with the audience."

Braxton, who is best known for hits such as "Breathe Again," "You're Makin' Me High" and "Love Shoulda Brought You Home," has starred on Broadway in "Aida" and "Beauty and the Beast."



Spike Lee Plans Movie On Joe Louis



The latest Hollywood trend of boxing related movies are not going to stop any time soon. According to several published reports, award winning movie producer and director, Spike Lee, is planning on making a film on heavyweight champion Joe Louis. The film will star Terrance Howard, who will take on the role of Joe Louis. Howard was nominated for a best actor Oscar for his lead role in critically acclaimed picture Hustle & Flow.

Louis, considered among many as the greatest heavy-

weight of all time, enjoyed a heavyweight title reign that lasted 12 years. Louis won the heavyweight title in 1937 when he stopped James J. Braddock in eighth rounds. He was one of the combatants in arguably the most important event in the sport of boxing when he faced off with German fighter Max Schmeling, in June 1938, when America and Germany were involved in the Second World War.

Louis passed away on April 12, 1981 at the age of 66, from heart failure.

Cuba Gooding Jr. To Host NAACP's 37th Annual Image Awards

Cuba Gooding, Jr. is set to host The 37th NAACP Image Awards, which takes Saturday (Feb. 25) at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles for a broadcast on March 3 at 8 p.m. on Fox.

"We are elated to have an actor as talented and charismatic as Cuba Gooding, Jr. as host," Executive Producer Vicangelo Bulluck said of the "Boat Trip" actor. "His dynamic personality,



quick wit and international appeal will make this year's Image Awards a very memorable event."

Confirmed presenters to date include: Toni Braxton, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Nick Cannon, Vin Diesel, Kimberly Elise, Donald Faison, Omar Gooding, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Star Jones Reynolds, Kerry Washington and Lynn Whitfield.

Special honorees include Essence magazine's Susan Taylor, who will receive the NAACP President's Award, and the legendary Carlos Santana will be inducted into the NAACP Image Awards Hall of Fame. Carlos Santana is also scheduled to perform with special guest, Anthony Hamilton.

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'Madea's Family Reunion' Soundtrack Released; Film Hits Theaters Friday

Motown Records re-teams with Lionsgate and groundbreaking director/actor/playwright Tyler Perry to release the soundtrack for his new movie, "Madea's Family Reunion." The Madea... soundtrack will be in stores on February 21st three days prior to the film's nationwide opening on February 24th. In preparation for the soundtrack release, the label is promoting the sultry Brian McKnight ballad, "Find Myself In You."

Tyler Perry executive-produced the soundtrack and made certain that every song on the soundtrack appears in the movie. So fans will be pleased to find that, like the movie, Madea's Family Reunion soundtrack focuses on themes of love and family. The soundtrack contains new songs from talented artists as LL Cool J featuring Mary Mary ("We're Gonna Make It"), Chaka Khan ("Keep Your Head Up"), Johnny Gill ("You For Me - The Wedding Song"), KEM ("Tonight") and a rousing all-star ensemble comprised of Chaka Khan, Gerald Levert, Yolanda Adams and Carl Thomas on the rousing, "Everyday

(Family Reunion)." Perry also tapped into soul classic favorites like Al Green's "Love And Happiness" and The O'Jays' "Family Reunion" to round out the soundtrack.

The movie revolves around the 68-year old southern matriarch, Mabel Simmons, "Madea" (played by Perry) the central character in last year's blockbuster, "Diary Of A Mad Black Woman." "Madea's Family Reunion" finds Madea using every tactic in her arsenal to keep the peace and hold her

storm with the release of his #1 box-office hit, "Diary Of A Mad Black Woman" which garnered over \$22 million dollars in its opening weekend. The Diary Of A Mad Black Woman soundtrack, was released one month after the theatrical release on Rowdy/Motown Records.

Lionsgate and Motown are working closely with Perry to launch a multi-media marketing campaign to promote the movie and soundtrack that includes a promotional partnership with Ashley Stewart. Plans are in the works for both the film and the soundtrack to be featured throughout the Ashley Stewart fashion retail chain and will also be offering the soundtrack for sale.

Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion Soundtrack Listing:

Find Myself In You - Brian McKnight
We're Gonna Make It - LL Cool J featuring Mary Mary
Keep Your Head Up - Chaka Khan
Tonight - KEM
Everyday (Family Reunion) - Chaka Khan, Gerald Levert, Yolanda Adams & Carl Thomas
Love And Happiness - Al Green
You For Me (The Wedding Song) - Johnny Gill
Family Reunion - The O'Jays
I'll Be - Will Downing
Wounds In The Way - Rachelle Ferrell

family together for a rapidly approaching family reunion. The all star cast includes Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield, Boris Kodjoe, Henry Simmons, Maya Angelou, Rochelle Ayers, Jenifer Lewis, Cicely Tyson and many other familiar faces.

Last year, Perry took the entertainment industry by



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New Orleans Courts Face Mardi Gras Amid Crisis

By: Kevin Kroliecki/Mon

New Orleans courts are bracing for the annual Mardi Gras rush when hundreds are arrested for petty crimes, but this year's will strain a criminal justice system critics say has been pushed to crisis by Hurricane Katrina.

The municipal court, which handles misdemeanors such as public drunkenness, has been shunted to an area used for suspect line-ups in the storm-damaged House of Detention. The damaged sign on the gray jailhouse reads simply: "House of D."

Inside, inmates huddle in a corner in blaze-orange prison uniforms. The one-way glass behind the judge's bench has been decorated with Mardi Gras masks, one laughing, one crying.

"We're going to make sure that people get a hearing within 48 hours," said Judge John Shea. But, looking out from his improvised seat in the city's only remaining jail, he added, "I guess it's a band-aid approach."

Critics charge the New Orleans criminal court system is failing to obtain lawyers for thousands of indigent city-jail inmates now dispersed to prisons across Louisiana. They are threatening to seek the release of thousands of prisoners unless the situation is fixed.

With some 80 percent of New Orleans defendants

unable to afford a lawyer, problems that dogged the public defenders office before the storm are now at crisis levels, critics say.

The court's chief judge, Calvin Johnson, has ordered an investigation of the indigent-defense program and asked the Tulane and Loyola law schools for help.

"I am going to tell you that what we have in this city no longer looks like American justice. It looks like what you read about in the Soviet gulag," said Tulane law professor Pamela Metzger, who is working with the court on reforms.

New Orleans Judge Arthur Hunter has halted prosecutions in his court and ordered New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin and state officials to testify on Thursday the public defenders system.

The city funds most of its \$2.2 million public-defenders program through parking fees and fines, which dried up after Katrina.

The indigent-defender's office has just six lawyers, down from 42 before the storm. There are no remaining staff or investigators, and lawyers cannot meet defendants outside court because inmates have

been sent to far-flung state prisons, critics charge.

Attorney Rick Schroeder, appointed as an advisor by Johnson, said he would report to the court by mid-March on issues including the rights of defendants to due process and a speedy trial.

"It's an unimaginable situation where the court has to face

lines for deciding whether to press charges," said Steve Singer, a Loyola law professor also working with Johnson.

"It's absolutely unconscionable to ... (keep) people in jail without a lawyer. How can they file a request to see the evidence, to see if it's all floated away? How can they do anything? They're all stuck in this limbo hell," he said.

In Shea's courtroom, a chunk of the black ceiling is peeling away from unrepaired water damage. Clerks work from card tables and visitors sit in folding chairs.

On a recent morning, paperwork related to the cases of two inmates has gone missing, halting the proceedings.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Shea, a 26-year-veteran judge, who is both determined to keep his court working and conscious of its lack of resources.

Outside court, Dennis Martin, 18, faces charges for trespassing after visiting his storm-damaged public housing complex. His friend, also a former resident of the mid-city Guste Housing Project, protested in court and was threatened with a contempt charge. Neither is anxious to post bond or face trial. Neither has a lawyer.

"We just went out for a pack of cigarettes," Martin said. "The way they're doing us ain't right."



the total collapse of resources," Schroeder said. "The sheer passage of time -- more than six months -- would suggest that evidence is being lost."

'LIMBO HELL'

No court official knows how many pending cases there are, but most agree the total is over 4,000. The indigent defenders office last week said it would limit its work to the 1,200 oldest cases, meaning 3,000 or so inmates continue to lack a lawyer.

Some arrests were made more than 60 days ago for suspected felonies, and prosecutors have failed to meet dead-

Delay Vote In Big Easy Page 1

Louisiana lawmakers have approved plans to set up voting centers in 10 state parishes and let evacuees vote absentee in the April 22 city elections. NAACP officials said that's too soon.

Barely one-third of residents have returned to Orleans Parish, which was two-thirds black before Hurricane Katrina, according to estimates from the Greater New Orleans Community Data Center. Tens of thousands of displaced people are still without permanent housing.

"Protecting voting rights is going to depend on the absentee ballot process," said John H. Jackson, the NAACP's chief pol-

icy officer. Kwame I. Asante, president of the NAACP's Baton Rouge branch, said: "We've received

many calls from people who are asking, 'Where do we go? How do we register to vote?' ... It's too soon for many people."

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Sister Tarpley

The meaning of the letters P.U.S.H has been used numerous times in various publications. Moreover, this story has been around for a while; perhaps you have read it before; it's good to be reminded that understanding God, and what His desire for us to do should be our top priority.

A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and God appeared. The Lord told the man that He had work for him to do; and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might. This the man did, day after day.

For many years he toiled from sun up to sun down, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all of his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out; he felt that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Since the man was showing discouragement, the adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the man's weary mind: "You have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't moved." Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that

~ P. U. S. H ~

he was a failure. Keep in mind that the task was impossible for the man to do by himself.

The thoughts only served to discourage and disheartened the man that much more. Satan said, "Why kill yourself over this? Just put in your time, giving the minimum effort; and that will be good enough." That's what the weary man planned to do, but decided to make it, "A matter of prayer" and to take his troubled thoughts to the Lord. "Lord," he said, "I have

and muscled, your back sinewy (strong) and brown; your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard."

"Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. True, you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient and to push; to exercise your faith; and to trust in My Wisdom. That you have done. Now I, my friend,

will move the rock." At times, when we hear a Word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just a simple obedience and faith in Him.

By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God who moves mountains.

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labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?" The Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed." But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong

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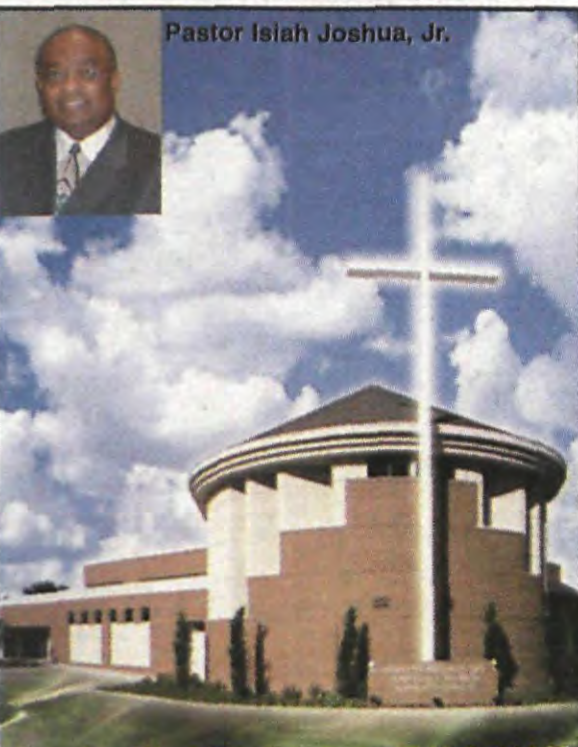
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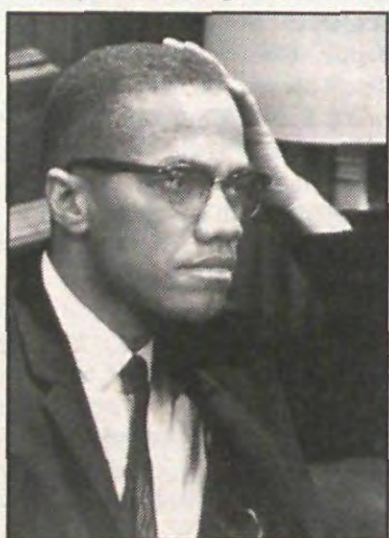
The 60's black leader was shot and killed on Feb. 21, 1965

On this date in 1965, Malcolm X, considered one of the most controversial figures of the 20th century, was shot and killed at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem, while preparing to speak. He was 39.

Three of the men arrested were later identified as members of the Nation of Islam.

A week earlier, his home was firebombed; his wife and children escaped unharmed. At first he publicly blamed Black Muslims for the incident, saying they were angry over his split with Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam.

In the week leading up to his death, according to some



reports, Malcolm X said that the harassment had gotten too big

for any organization of Blacks to accomplish on its own, that it had to be somebody else. While his comments were an apparent reference to the FBI and the federal government, which had initiated its infamous Counterintelligence Program, he did not specify who he believed was behind the heightened harassment.

Born Malcolm Little, Malcolm X, advocated Black power and armed resistance as a response to violent White racism.

Last year, his family made plans to convert the ballroom where he was killed, into a history and educational center. Malcolm X would have been 81 years old this year.

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dawn, when more than 40 militants overpowered military guards and seized the foreigners from a barge belonging to Houston-based oil services company Willbros, which was laying pipeline for Shell, a Willbros official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

In Houston, Willbros spokesman Michael Collier confirmed that nine employees had been taken.

"We have not had any communication with those involved. Right now, we're in the process of contacting the families. The well-being of our people is foremost and we're trying to keep this situation under control as best we can," he said.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Noel Clay called for the hostages' unconditional release and said:

"We're working with the Nigerian government and talking with them about this."

In other, apparently coordinated violence, militants blew up a major Shell crude oil pipeline near a facility by the western delta's Chanomi Creek, Shell official Donald Boham said.

Militants also claimed they destroyed a state-run pipeline that feeds gas from the Escravos gas plant in the delta to the country's commercial capital, Lagos. That attack could not be independently confirmed.

The violence took its toll on oil exports in Nigeria, Africa's leading oil exporter and the United States' fifth-largest supplier, that normally producing 2.5 million barrels a day.

The militants have accused foreign oil companies of providing their helicopters and air strips for military operations in the oil region. They said they would now target all helicopters in the delta, including civilian

aircraft.

On Saturday, the militants reiterated warnings that foreign oil workers must leave the Niger Delta.

"Expatriates must realize that they have been caught up in a war, and the Nigerian government can do nothing to guarantee the security of anyone," the group said. "They are warned again to leave while the doors are still open."

Last month, militants held four men — from the United States, Britain, Bulgaria and Honduras — for 19 days before releasing them unharmed.

Over the past two decades, oil companies in the Niger Delta have faced frequent disruptions to their operations, including protests, pipeline sabotage and kidnappings.

Most hostages, however, have been freed within days after ransom payments. They are rarely harmed.

Church Happenings

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March 22 - 24, 7:30 pm Nightly
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