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People In The News



With a name guaranteed to generate kidding, Fort Worth Fire Department Executive Deputy Chief Eddie Burns was named last week as the new chief of Dallas Fire-Rescue Department.

A Fort Worth firefighter since 1979, Chief Burns fills a spot vacated in September by Chief Steve Abairra, who resigned under pressure from City Manager Mary Suhm.

Chief Burns will assume his duties as Dallas Fire Chief on April 19th.

"Dallas has one of the nation's premier departments," Chief Burns said. "And I see this as an opportunity to enhance it and grow it and take it to another level."

The new chief outlined goals which include: improve departmental diversity and firefighter training and creation of a more efficient EMS service.

Chief Burns graduated Cum Laude from Dallas Baptist University with a Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences in Criminal Justice and Management; he also earned a Master of Arts in Organizational Management from DBU. Additionally, Chief Burns is a State Certified Emergency Medical Technician and holds certification through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection as a Master Firefighter, Master Fire Instructor, Arson Investigator, Fire Inspector, and Hazardous Materials Technician.

Michael Baisden is a bad boy. Known around the country for his candor and controversial style as an author and a television host, he now brings his unique brand of conversation to the radio airwaves.



Known as the "bad boy of radio", Baisden's radio show began airing in the Dallas Metroplex January, 2006. Heard daily on Radio One, 94.5 KSOUL, the show has steadily gained momentum and listeners wanting to be part of Baisden's "Grown Folks" radio program.

Part of his message continues to be one of success. "Achieving success is all about being determined and avoiding negative people," he said. "There is no such thing as neutral people, they're either a help or hindrance."

Baisden will appear in Dallas at Black Images Book Bazaar, 230 Wynnewood Village, Saturday, March 11, from 5-7 p.m.

This appearance is part of an effort Michael Baisden is launching to garner support for independent bookstore around the country, particularly those that supported him when he began his career. He will autograph books, and of course there will be plenty of his trademark: scintillating conversation.

For more info call 214-943-0142.



Former Texas Ranger Mark McLemore and Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil recently cut the ribbon to open the doors of the new Mark McLemore Sports Complex (McSports) in Rockwall. McSports will provide area youth with a state-of-the-art sports facility accommodating baseball, softball, soccer, gymnastics and flag football.

McSports is about training and coaching youth sound fundamentals of baseball," says McLemore of the new sports complex. "I love the game of baseball and it is my goal to help some of these young sports players who love the game become better players. It would be great to develop some future major league players from right here in the Dallas/Fort Worth area."

McLemore began his professional career in baseball when drafted from high school in 1982. He signed with the Texas Rangers in 1994 where he played for five years. After 19 seasons in major league baseball, he retired from the Oakland A's, and was signed in 2005 as a baseball analyst for ESPN.

The Mark McLemore Sports Complex - McSports, is located at 2020 Industrial Boulevard, Rockwall, Texas. Call (972) 722-8353 for more info.

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N.Orleans Mayor "Shocked" By Pre-Katrina Bush Video

AP

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said he was shocked by video showing U.S. President George W. Bush being told the day before Hurricane Katrina hit that the city's protective levees could fail.

The tape contradicts the president's statement four days after the hurricane struck: "I don't think anyone anticipated the breach of the levees."

"It surprises me that if there was that kind of awareness, why was the response so slow?" said Nagin, whose city was devastated when the storm struck on August 29 and causing massive flooding.

"I have kind of a sinking feeling right now in my gut. I mean, I was listening to what people were saying and I was believing them that they didn't know. So therefore it was an issue of a learning curve."

"From this tape it looks like everybody was



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fully aware."

The tape shows Bush and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff being told on August 28 that the hurricane could trigger breaches of the

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Photographer, Filmmaker Gordon Parks Dies

Artist chronicled black America for 'Life' magazine, directed movie 'Shaft'

Gordon Parks, who captured the struggles and triumphs of black America as a photographer for Life magazine and then became Hollywood's first major black director with "The Learning Tree" and the hit "Shaft," died Tuesday, a family member said. He was 93.

Parks, who also wrote fiction and was an accomplished composer, died in New York, his nephew, Charles Parks, said in a telephone interview from Lawrence, Kan.

"Nothing came easy," Parks wrote in his autobiography. "I was just born with a need to explore every tool shop of my mind, and with long searching and hard work. I became devoted to my restlessness."

He covered everything from fashion to poli-



tics to sports during his 20 years at Life, from 1948 to

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Sniper Suspect Won't Face Death In Md.



AP

Prosecutors will not seek the death penalty against convicted Washington-area sniper John Allen Muhammad when he goes on trial in May, the Montgomery County state's attorney said Thursday.

Prosecutor Douglas Gansler said late Thursday that "underlying the entire decision was the fact that Muhammad has received a death sentence in Virginia."

Muhammad, 45, was sentenced to death after being convicted in a sniper shooting in Manassas, Va. Lee Boyd Malvo, 20, who also is a defendant in the case, was sentenced to life in prison for a shooting in Falls Church, Va.

Ten people were killed in the Washington area during a three-week shooting spree in October 2002. Of those, six were shot in

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Lawmakers Temporarily Ground Wright Amendment Action

There may be a cease-fire in the Wright Amendment fight as Washington lawmakers have agreed to hold off on taking action to give local leaders some time to come up with a plan for the future of flights out of Dallas Love Field Airport. Before anything can happen, the mayors of Fort Worth and Dallas will have to pass resolutions officially asking congress for time to resolve the flight fight.

But if that happens, the mayors will then have seven months to tackle the issue.

The two mayors requested the legislative moratorium during separate meetings last week with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. Ms. Hutchison briefed North Texas lawmakers on the request and obtained their cooperation at a



closed-door meeting Thursday in her cramped hideaway office in the Capitol basement.

"If the two cities pass resolutions asking Congress for time

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Staying Single After Death:

Widowed Black Women Struggle With Trying to Replace "The Man" With "A Man"

By: Paul Hailey

An African proverb tells the story of a widowed woman who proclaims: "I won't tie up a mule in the horse's stall". For a number of African American women who find themselves widowed after long, fulfilling marriages, the idea of remarriage is the equivalent of putting a "mule" in the horse's stall. Rather than deal with idea of a replacing the most significant man in their lives, a significant number of black women are making the conscious decision to stay single.

Pastor Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing was married to Reverend Robert Hawthorne for 34 years.

She reflects that their friend-



Pastor Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing ship and subsequent marriage was somewhat improbable.

"He had moved to Dallas from Jasper, Texas and lived in a house across the street

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NAACP Drops Lawsuit Regarding Carrollton Christian Suspensions



By: Justin Jones

Within days of one another, not only did the Carrollton Christian High School girls' basketball team's TAPPS playoff run end, but so did any hopes of a lawsuit being filed on behalf of the four minority girls who were involved in controversial suspensions earlier in the season.

"The NAACP cannot file a lawsuit without obtaining more information. This information was not obtainable in a timely manner in which we could have assisted," said Tony Grimes, president of the Irving NAACP chapter. "This was a situation where time was not on our side. A lawsuit would be in the court system so long that these chil-

dren would have graduated from college."

On Jan. 25, the four girls were declared ineligible after TAPPS accused the basketball program of violating Article V, Section 8.

The program was accused of players receiving money or gifts of valuable consideration for participating in any sport or contest, despite the girls' denial of the allegations. Along with the girls' suspensions, Carrollton Christian coach Bill Franey was also suspended and the program was placed on probation through the 2008-09 season.

"I know that there are ongoing issues regarding racism and racist acts," Grimes said. "Those that believe that it's a thing of the past need to take a look at the real world. So, my first reaction (to the Carrollton suspensions) was to get written documentation (from the girls involved), follow (up) with them and research it from a different perspective."

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County Judge Race To Be Decided In Runoff

By: Paul Hailey

In a race where only 199 votes separated the top two vote getters, Collin County Judge Ron Harris is slated for an April 11 runoff election with McKinney businessman Keith Self.

Due to an absence of a Democratic candidate, the winner of the April 11th election will be declared the winner.

This is a huge victory," said Mr. Self. "My candidacy shows that the river of discontent is real and people are ready for a change. They want a county judge that looks after their interests and does not consider taxpayers as cash cows for every whim of government."

Judge Harris expressed belief that his totals were potentially

affected by low voter turnout and the fact the election was held during the Plano ISD spring break.

"We are resolute and will come back stronger," Harris said. "We're going to go back out there and find a way to answer some of the unanswered questions he has caused. He can be against all the toll roads he wants, but we are still growing at 40,000 residents."

There were a total of nine contested races in the Republican primary, with no Democrats seeking the offices in Republican dominated Collin County.

In other races, long-time County Commissioner Jack

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Urban League of Greater Dallas Presents Annual Report To The Community



(L-R) Luis Cruz, Regional Pres. Verizon Wireless, Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, U.L. President and CEO, Gwen Wilson, Honorary Chairperson, Director-Supplier Diversity, Verizon Wireless, Steve Banta, Regional President, Verizon Communication, and Martin Burrell, Chairman, U.L. Board.



The Urban League Choral Ensemble is made up of employees performed several selections.



Legacy honorees and torch recipients (L-R) Sharon Bracey, Dr. Mamie McKnight, Mr. Al Herron, and Mr. Algernon Herron



The Urban League is presented with a check from Verizon Wireless (L-R) Martin Burrell, Chairman UL Board of Directors, Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, UL President and CEO, Sharon Colley, Regional VP, Verizon Super Pages, and Steve Banta, Regional VP, Verizon Communications.

Photos and Story By: Gwen Elder
The Urban League of Greater Dallas held their annual meeting and luncheon, February 21, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Dallas. President/CEO of UL Beverly Mitchell-Brooks stated, "At the end of each year, it is our belief that as our supporters contribute their time and funding, we too, have a responsibility to report the outcomes and impact of their investments." She states further that part of the mission of Urban League it to enable African Americans and other citizens to move toward self-reliance and into the social and economic mainstream.

Master of Ceremony for the meeting was Willis Johnson, CEO of WAI-WIZE and member of the Urban League Board. Attendees included U.S. Representative Bernice Johnson, City Councilman and Mayor Pro-tem Don Hill, and State Senator Royce West. All emphasized the importance of supporting an organization like the Urban League.

Highlights from the meeting included Legacy Honorees: Passing the Torch. According to Mitchell-Brooks, "This year's honorees have provided outstanding leadership in their professions and service to the community. Their commitment and contributions to the community set an example for young people

and inspire them to make volunteering a central part of their lives." Honored this year were Al Herron, President, CEO of Century 21 Galloway-Herron and Dr. Mamie McKnight, Professor, Educator and Preservationist who then passed the torch to Algernon Herron and Sharon Bracey respectively.



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Wayne Watkins Sr. VP JC Penney

Since 1944 UNCF has helped more than 300,000 students earn a college degree - many who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to attend college.

Photos By: Ronald Coleman
The Dallas United Negro College Fund recently held its "Red, Hot and Snazzy" Benefit Gala at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas.

Red, Hot & Snazzy Benefit Gala is an important fundraising event benefiting the United

Negro College Fund.

The evening included fine dining, silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing. The featured live national entertainment was the renowned R&B/Funk band ConFunkShun.

This Benefit Gala raises funding to support UNCF's educa-

tional mission - which is to provide operating support for its historically black member colleges, and scholarships & financial assistance to deserving students.

The United Negro College Fund is the nation's oldest and most successful higher education assistance organization.

Around The Town

Ongoing

North Dallas Church Hosts, 2006 Women's P.O.W.E.R. Conference, "Breaking Through With Praise, Obedience, Worship, Excellence and Repentance", Hilton Suites-Dallas North, 13402 Noel Rd. (Dallas), 7:00 p.m. on March 10 and 7:00 a.m. on March 11. For more information call 972-239-1120.

Madeda Goes To Jail, starring Tyler Perry, Dallas Music Hall, Fair Park. For information visit www.tylerperry.com. March 9-12

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

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

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.

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.

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.

Dallas Theater Center presents Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner, "I Am My Own Wife," a true story of six decades, two wars and one man in a dress, Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Call 214-522-8499 for information. March 1-26

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.

A photo exhibit by Sarah Scott and Carol Stum of Creative Focus by Two Gutsy broads will run through March 7 at George's Frame and Art Gallery, 7130 Campbell Rd, Ste. 210 in Dallas. The gallery is open from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Call 972-234-1486 for information.

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

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

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.

March 9 Youth Symposium, sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Singing Hills Recreation Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

March 11 Celebrate Mardi Gras, Nawl'ins Jam, Park Lane. Call 972-523-7046 for information.

March 12 Plano Bridal Show with over 100 wedding businesses to plan your perfect wedding,

Plano Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, 2:00 p.m. www.bridalshowline.com

Dallas Links and Ebony Fashion Fair Presents, "Fit to Be Fabulous", SMU's McFarlin Auditorium, 5:00 p.m. Tickets are available at Star Tickets, 1-800-585-3737 or call 214-375-8136.

New Life Fellowship Church invites you to attend their 6th Church Celebration Service. The theme for the celebration is, "Doing A New Thing". It will be held at the

Wyndam Garden Hotel, Dallas Park Central, 8051 LBJ Freeway, 3:30 p.m. Call 972-671-1096 for information.

March 14 Soweto Gospel Choir performs at Bass Performance Hall and Renaissance Cultural Center, 8:00 p.m. Call 817-922-9999 or 817-923-9304.

March 16 Freedom's Journal, the first black owned newspaper founded in 1827. It was established the same year the same year slavery was abolished in New York State. The first editors of the paper were Samuel E. Cornish and John B. Russwurm.

Actor James Earl Jones will speak at the Central Library (J. Erickson), 1515 Young St. 7:00 p.m. Call 214-670-1400 for information.

R. Kelly in concert, Nokia Live, 1001 Next Stage Drive, 7:00 p.m. Call 214-373-8000 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.

Diaries of a Barefoot Diva: And Other Tales From The Ghetto. This is a new musical by

Sharon Goodspeed-Keyton and Joe Rogers, Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main St., 8:00 p.m. Call 817-338-4411.

Allen Abrone Ministries, Inc presents 2nd Annual Fundraising Banquet, Holiday Inn, 1515 N. Beckley Ave., (Desoto), 7:30 p.m. Call 972-283-6731 for information

March 18 Actor James Earl Jones will speak at the Central Library (J. Erickson), 1515 Young St. For information call 214-670-1400.

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.

Celebration of Black Books, Black Authors and Black Book Clubs, presented by Jokae's African American Books, 3917 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., 11:00- 7:00 p.m. Call 972-283-0558 for information.

"An Evening Among Stars": Crimson and Cream Affair, sponsored by the Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Dallas Infomart, 1950 Stemmons Freeway.

R&B sensation, KEM in concert, Nokia Live, 1001 Next Stage Drive, 7:00 p.m. Call 214-373-8000 for information.

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'Crash' Is The Best Picture Because It Forced Blacks and Whites To Confront Their Stereotypes

By: Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Crash deservedly won the Academy award for best picture because it honestly forced blacks as well as whites to honestly confront their stereotypes. The film set the course right from the start when it went squarely racial correctness. The opening shot has two young blacks charging out of a restaurant steaming mad. While strolling stroll down the sidewalk one of them claims that a waitress ignored them, then gave them lousy service, and the whites in the restaurant gave them hostile stares solely because they're black. Then when a white couple passed them on the street the wife locked arms with her husband for fear they'd mug them. In an angry tirade, the angered young black covered the wide gamut of myths, stereotypes and negative perceptions that whites supposedly have about blacks.

While Crash pierced and poked fun at racial stereotypes, it was the black perceptions about those stereotypes that made the film unique. Many blacks take it as an article of faith that that most whites are hopelessly racist. A comprehensive Harvard University opinion poll in 2002 found that the racial attitudes of many whites about blacks are tightly enshrouded in stereotypes. The poll reinforced the fervent belief of many blacks that white racially disdain them. It's not that simple.

The majority of whites are probably genuinely convinced that America is a color-blind society, and that equal opportunity is a reality. They repeatedly told the Harvard pollsters that they believed that blacks and whites have attained social and economic equality. The figures on income, education and health care show a gaping racial lag

between blacks and whites. However, perception drives reality. If many whites think racial equality is a reality, that's more proof to many blacks that whites are in deliberate racial denial.

But many whites don't claim blacks are treated the same as them simply to mask racial hostility to blacks. They no longer see "whites only signs," and redneck Southern cops unleashing police dogs, turning fire hoses on, and beating hapless black demonstrators. They turn on their TVs and see legions of black newscasters and talk show hosts, topped by TV's richest and most popular, Oprah Winfrey. They see megarich black entertainers and athletes pampered and fawned over by a dotting media and adoring public.

They see TV commercials that picture blacks living in trendy integrated suburban homes, sending their kids to integrated schools, and driving expensive cars. They see blacks such as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in high profile, important policy-making positions in the Bush administration. They see dozens of black congresspersons, state legislators, and mayors. They see blacks heading corporations, and universities. Many actually believe that racial problems are a thing of America's by gone past, and that blacks that incessantly scream racism about their plight are afflicted with racial paranoia.

On the other hand, many blacks erroneously assume that whites live an Ozzie and Harriet life of bliss and are immune from personal and social angst. They are puzzled when middle-class whites shoot up their suburban schools, and neighborhoods, bludgeon their children in their homes, use and deal drugs, have high suicide rates and

commit bizarre anti-social acts. They don't hear and see their pain. In Crash, a middle-class white couple live in a cloistered world. They are scared of, and angry with minorities and in perpetual turmoil.

It's fear, ignorance, and paranoia to the nth degree. But it also makes perfectly good sense to them to feel as they do. The truth is that millions of whites are also trapped in a downward cycle of need and poverty, and have about as much chance of crashing into America's corporate boardrooms, joining university faculties and getting elected to Congress as poor blacks. The sense among many whites that they are fast losing economic and social ground in America fueled much of their fury over affirmative action programs. In the film, a white LAPD officer comes off as an unreconstructed bigot. Yet he's also beset by the psychological pressure and financial burden of having to take care of his ailing father. He blames his father's medical and financial slide on the loss of his janitorial company's contract to a minority owned company. Maybe, maybe not, but that's what he believes.

Many whites think that society is spinning out of control and that they have little power to control their lives. They see the federal government as the culprit. They blame it for being pro-higher taxes, pro-bureaucracy, pro-immigrant and pro-rights of criminals. A mix of economic slippage, political cynicism and personal alienation and not blind racial hatred drives much of white anger toward blacks. An equal mix of personal alienation, false perceptions, and distrust drives much of black anger toward whites. That was the not so subtle message of Crash.

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Paul Hailey

There was a time in my life when I was pretty skeptical of statistics. My thought process during this period was that numbers could be twisted to support whatever point of view an individual wanted to prove. But when it comes to the results of recent polls about what the American people want, my faith in numbers is restored.

Here are some poll numbers worth considering:

55% of Americans believe they were lied to about Iraq and that we begin pulling out and bringing the troops home. 64% of Americans believe Dubai Ports World should not be allowed to purchase operating rights to several U.S. ports. 60% of the people in this country favor repealing the Bush tax cuts. 86% of us favor raising the minimum wage.

Wait, there's more.

87% believe that oil companies are raping consumers and favor a windfall profits tax. 65% want single payer health care plan and are willing to pay more in taxes to pay for it. 77% believe that we should do whatever it takes to protect the environment. 66% of Americans want to reduce the deficit not by cutting domestic spending, but by reducing

By the Numbers: What is the Democratic Party Afraid Of?

Pentagon spending or raising taxes.

Oh, and 55% disapprove of the way George W. Bush is performing his role as President.

I raise these statistics in response to the wandering of the Democrat Party when it comes to preparation for this year's midterm elections. A Washington Post headline said it best yesterday: "Amid GOP troubles, Democrats Have No Unified Message".

What!!?

With ammunition like this, the Dems can't come up with a unified message?

The prevailing problem with the Democrats is they are fighting a war internally. There is one faction of the party that keeps trying to appeal to the pacifist left contingent of the party, and another faction that is trying to win elections in 2006 and 2008. This pits the group of radicals like John Dean, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi against the moderates like Joe Biden, Hilary Clinton and Joe Lieberman.

Time out for all of that.

If you they want to regain control of congress (and winning elections is the only way to facilitate change), then stop acting like wimps and start acting like the Republicans. Which equates to finding a hot button issue the

American public agrees with you on, and then pounding your opponent in the head with that issue. Repeat as often as necessary.

Like any good football team, gang, dictatorship, or the Republican party, you must eliminate any hint of internal dissension and present a unified front to be successful.

What the Dems have to do in 2006 and beyond is to be decisive. Pick a side on national issues and become unwavering in their commitment to that issue. Indecision sucks. The American people do not cotton to wishy washy on any level. Just ask Al Gore. Or John Kerry.

The issue here is passion. Every great statesman of the Democratic party from its inception, has been a person of passion. Every issue where the party moved the country in another direction was a result of passionate approach to the issue. Anybody remember Vietnam?

Fear is the enemy of passion. As long as you are afraid, you won't express your passion. The people are screaming loudly about where they on a several issues. All the Dems have to do is listen.

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A Black-And-White Study In Optimism

By Leonard Pitts Jr.

"My soul looks back and wonders how I got over."
- gospel song

Two weeks ago, they conducted a poll in New Orleans. Gallup, USA Today and CNN asked 399 white people and 311 black ones about Hurricane Katrina's impact on their lives.

As a rule, there is a numbing predictability to such surveys. They quantify the fact that blacks and whites experience and perceive life differently, which is rather like quantifying the fact that water is wet. In other words, the polls only prove the obvious.

But this one made me smile. That's because of two findings some people will consider contradictory. Number one: Black New Orleans was harder hit by the storm than was white New Orleans. Number two: Black New Orleans is more optimistic than white New Orleans about the city's recovery.

To do it by the numbers: 53 percent of black respondents told pollsters they lost everything they had when Katrina came ashore. Only 19 percent of white ones did. Blacks are also significantly more likely than whites to report major difficulties finding work or getting power restored.

And yet... when asked whether the wounded city will ever heal, 67 percent of black people thought it would, compared with 52 percent of whites.

The despair is not where you

would expect it to be.

I am reminded of a conversation I had once with an old black man. I asked him to tell me about the Depression, expecting stories of people jumping off bridges because their money was gone. He smiled and told me those were white people downtown I was thinking about. Among impoverished blacks, he said, nobody jumped off any bridges because there was nothing here they had not seen before. In his neighborhood, the fact that you couldn't find a job, that you had to steal coal from the trains, that you ate fish head stew, didn't mean a depression. It only meant Tuesday.

Even allowing for the selectivity of an aged memory, there is something resonant in the tale, something that speaks of how you survive enslavement and beatings and rape and murder and privation and repression, something that explains how Bojangles could dance and Satchmo could blow and Langston could weave poetry and the Temptations make harmony in a nation where their wretchedness was enshrined as a matter of law.

You'll forgive me if the gap of 15 percentage points puts a little swagger in my step. Not from any foolish presumption of native racial supremacy, but from a sense of affirmation that is sorely needed at a time when so much is so wrong in the African American community.

Health, crime, poverty, educa-

tion... to pore over the statistics that delineate black life is to sigh over the unfairness of the way we - meaning African Americans - are treated and the unfairness of the way we sometimes treat ourselves. To gaze upon our children is to wonder what their future will be and if they will arrive intact to claim it.

Despair becomes too easy. The thing we sometimes forget, the thing quantified in this study, is that we come from people who had - and have - faith in every sense of that word. Faith, determination, courage, hope.

Think Marcus Garvey crying, "Up, you mighty race!"

Think Fiddler promising Kunta Kinte, "There's gon' be another day."

Think Al Jarreau singing, "We got by."

And somehow, we always did, always got by. So in a sense, this is nothing new. And if you wonder how optimism can flourish the most among those who have the least, well, maybe when you've been weaned on hardship, hardship doesn't impress you. You do what you've got to do, suffer what you've got to suffer, to get where you've got to get. And after you do, you realize how much of the journey was owed to simple, stubborn guts.

My soul looks back and wonders, says the old song.

Someday, New Orleans will, too.

Black Voting Bloc Would Give Power Back To The People

By: Walter Mosley

For the past 50 years or so the Democratic Party has enjoyed the support of almost every black voter in the nation. We have thrown our lot in with theirs through thick and thin, confident that the Democratic Party was our party. If the Democrats lost,

then we lost. If they won, then we had a chance to overcome the centuries-long history of racism, segregation and inequality in everything from education to incarceration, from income to medical care.

African-Americans have suffered a long and brutal history in

this land. We have been vilified because of our features, our talents and for our righteous anger.

Still, we have had hope. I myself have been hopeful that the liberal Democrats would deliver us from those conserva-

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Plano West Girls Are State Champs



Plano West players including (#13) Rachel Hester, (#15) Alexis Morgan, (#21) Katie Mankanani, (#42) Micah Garoutte, (#10) Becca Feagin and (#24) Tawni Ichimura celebrate after they defeated defeated Rockwall 54-47 during the UIL 2006 Girls 5A High School Basketball Championship at the Frank Erwin Center on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin on Saturday, March 4, 2006.

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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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AT&T Makes Bid For BellSouth

AT&T Inc. is buying BellSouth Corp. for \$67 billion in stock in a bid that further consolidates the telecommunications industry and would give AT&T total control of their growing joint venture, Cingular Wireless LLC.

The proposed purchase, announced Sunday, also goes a long way toward resurrecting the old Ma Bell telephone system, which was broken apart in 1984.

The merged company would have 70 million local-line phone customers and nearly 10 million broadband subscribers in the 22 states where they now operate. The deal appears to be the largest yet among U.S. telecom players.

The sale, which is subject to regulatory and shareholder approvals, would give San Antonio-based AT&T total con-

trol over Atlanta-based BellSouth's nine-state network and its share of Cingular. AT&T currently owns a 60 percent share of the nation's No. 1 cell phone provider, while BellSouth has 40 percent.

The deal would substantially expand the reach of AT&T, already the country's largest telecommunications company by the number of customers served.

Together, the three companies employ more than 316,000 people, though that head count may fall as AT&T eliminates redundant operations.

After spending millions of dollars to rebrand AT&T Wireless Services Inc. stores as Cingular stores and hundreds of millions of

dollars more on marketing the new Cingular after its \$41 billion acquisition of AT&T Wireless in



The merged company would have 70 million local-line phone customers and nearly 10 million broadband subscribers.

October 2004, Cingular will now become AT&T if the merger with BellSouth is completed.

The BellSouth name also would be absorbed in the deal.

AT&T will pay 1.325 of its own shares for each BellSouth share. Based on Friday's closing price of \$27.99 for AT&T shares, that works out to be \$37.09 for each BellSouth share, an 18 percent premium from the Friday closing price of \$31.46 for the company.

AT&T Inc. was formed by SBC's acquisition of AT&T Corp. in November. The deal added a substantial national reach to the former Southwestern Bell's local business, which is concentrated in 13 states, including Texas, California, and the Midwest.

BellSouth is the dominant local telephone provider in the Southeast.

Dallas Workers Optimistic About Job Outlook

Dallas workers are more optimistic about the local employment outlook than they have been since 2004, according to a local employment index.

Dallas workers' confidence soared 11 points to 119.6 points on the Hudson Employment Index. That's the strongest index of any metropolitan area the survey looked

at in February. Hiring expectations, perceptions about personal finances and job satisfaction all rose in February.

According to the index, 39 percent of workers expect their companies to hire workers over the next few months.

Nationally, the index rose 5.6 points to 108.2 from January.

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Local Attorney: Linda Wynn Drain

Linda Wynn Drain, Attorney At Law, has been in private practice since 2001.

As a former Collin County prosecutor and defense attorney, Drain has handled hundreds of cases.

Before attending law school Drain spent 16 years working for the Blind and Visually Impaired, a social service agency in Houston, Texas. Prior to moving to McKinney, Drain lived in Houston for 22 years. She states, "I decided to settle in McKinney, because it reminds me of my hometown, St. Augustine, Texas, kind of small and personal."

When she decided to go out on her own Drain wanted her firm's mission to be, "To handle my client's cases, as I would want my family and close friends' cases handled."

Therefore, she handles each client's case with personal care and attention.

Her firm handles legal matters

in the following areas: Criminal Defense, Felonies, Misdemeanors, Parole and Probation, Driving While Intoxicated, Sexual Assault, Drug Crimes, Family Law-



Divorce, Child Support, Adoption Law, Juvenile Law, Wills and Probate.

In spite of her heavy work load Drain still finds time to be active in the community. This involvement includes membership in the State Bar Association, Collin County Bar Association, Collin County Young Lawyers Association, Leadership/

McKinney-Class of 2003, McKinney Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors of Volunteer McKinney Center, Conner Harrington Republican Women's Club and African American Collin County Republican Club.

Drain states one of the things she likes to do most when she isn't defending them, is to work with

youth. She not only represents them in juvenile court but, also volunteers to speak to them at schools in the area. "I try to get them to understand the importance of setting goals and planning for the future."

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to work this out, and if our delegation is united in trying to give them that time, then that will be very persuasive to members of Congress," Ms. Hutchison said. "We will have to stand together as a delegation to do that."

Under the agreement, Ms. Miller will ask the City Council to vote on a resolution Wednesday asking Congress for a legislative moratorium until Oct. 1 on efforts to repeal or amend the 1979 Wright law.

"The city of Dallas is eager to work with Fort Worth to find a solution to this problem, and because the working relationship between the two cities is a good one, chances are high that this will be a successful endeavor," Ms. Miller said in an e-mail message.

Ms. Miller said she would continue to meet regularly with Fort Worth's Mr. Moncrief.

"The substance of our talks will be reflective of what our two city councils believe should happen with our respective aviation assets," she said.

Mr. Moncrief said in a prepared statement that his City Council would vote on a similar resolution to the one Dallas will consider, and that he was looking forward to working with Ms. Miller on a compromise.

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson

of Dallas, the lone Democrat at the meeting, summed it up this way: "It was basically an appeal to those who want repeal to see if we can just give the cities time."

Dallas area officials reacted favorably to the legislative moratorium and said they understood the pressing need to find a local solution.

"If we don't do something, I think Congress will eventually unwind the Wright amendment," said Ed Oakley, a Dallas City Council member who serves on the transportation and environment committee. "At least we got them to stand down and not have Congress pick it off one state at a time."

Mr. Oakley said Ms. Miller is in a tough position.

"She has a fiduciary duty to the D/FW Airport board, but she also has a fiduciary duty to an asset - Love Field - that belongs to the citizens of Dallas," he said. "We have to strike a delicate balance."

Southwest Airlines has lobbied for years to lift the restrictions on long-haul flights out of Love Field. At the same time, American Airlines has fought any effort to weaken the Wright Amendment.

Now senator Hutchison is also lobbying lawmakers in other states to give the local leaders time.

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Blacks Earn 58 Cents For Every Dollar Earned By Whites

According to a report released by the Federal Reserve last week, the average income of American families, when adjusted for inflation, fell by 2.3 percent from 2001 to 2004 - the latest year for which figures are available. In 2004, the average family had income of \$70,700.

However, the "average" tends to be distorted upward by the very rich. Thus most economists feel a more accurate way of looking at the family income picture is with "median income" - or the point where half the families earn more and half the families earn less. The median family income in 2004 was

\$43,200 up 1.6 percent from 2001. Meanwhile, according to Census Bureau figures, the 2004 median income for blacks was around \$30,000. Thus, based on median income, the typical Black household earns 58 cents for every \$1 earned by the typical white household.

And according to Target News, African American households earned \$679 billion in 2004 but Black home ownership actually declined during the 2001 to 2004 period with just 48 percent of blacks owning their own home. The percentage of Black who own stocks also fell during the 2001 to 2004 period.

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tives that have for so long seemed to be pitted against our bid for equality.

But then, about 18 months ago, I was sitting on a panel lorded over by one of the major movers in the Democratic Party. He was saying that everyone needed to rally against George Bush and the Republicans. I said we'd be glad to oblige, but what were the Democrats going to do about the million-plus black people in prison. In an exceptional moment of honesty the party official said, "We can't do anything about that."

In that instant it came to me that the issues facing the black

community were not in sync with the issues of the Democrats any more than they coincided with the concerns of the Republicans.

For some years I had been critical of these so-called political parties. They seemed more like interest corporations bound to the anonymous and powerful oligarchy that really runs this land.

So, it's time for a black interest group, a Black Voting Bloc that would pay attention to issues specific to our community. We could deal with the Democrats or the Republicans from an independent power base. We could elect members of the House to bring our specific issues to the Congress. Some of these interests

would coincide with other groups, like the need for universal health care, a living wage and housing for the elderly. We might be able to keep any one so-called party from dominating the House. We might be able to reintroduce real democracy into our politics.

And even if we were not immediately successful, we would be telling the powers that run these interest corporations that we are

no longer fooled by their games and lies.

The formation of various voting blocs across the country would hobble the major parties and therefore limit the power that wealthy oligarchs have over our national identity.

Mosley, the author of 23 books, addresses the idea of a Black Voting Bloc in his book "Life Out of Context."

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Two Princeton Professors Trying Move Black History Past Classroom

Two Princeton University religion professors are trying to make black history lessons available to millions of people across the nation.

Cornel West and Eddie Glaude have developed "Covenant Curriculum: A Study of Black Democratic Action," a public course available through the Internet.

So far, officials say more than 2 million people may have logged onto the online syl-

labus. The course's goal is to place the contributions of black Americans into historical context and to prepare individuals to take action on issues such as health care, crime educational disparities across the country.

Talk show host Tavis Smiley asked West and Glaude to write the curriculum, which was unveiled Feb. 25. It's meant to be a companion to Smiley's book, "The Covenant with Black America."



Cornel West

Eastfield College Hosts Employment News Job Fair

Eastfield College will host an Employment News Job Fair on Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The event will feature a Transportation Job Fair outside in parking lot E2. Some of the participating companies are International Trucking School, Tyson Driver Recruitment, Tango

Transportation, CR England, and Stevens Transport.

An indoor job fair with employers from various industries will be held simultaneously in room C135.

For more information, contact Employment News at 972-280-0087.

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Collin Student Development Center Hosts Permanent Student Photography Exhibit

Collin County Community College (Collin) photography students will have their work on permanent display at the Preston Ridge Campus, hosted by the Student Development Center. The students took photographs representing the African word

"ubuntu".

The word means "humanity to others" and also "I am what I am because of who we all are."

More than 40 students from the Spring Creek Photography Department entered photographs in the exhibit. Students

were invited to photograph using the "ubuntu" theme, in which the images they photograph display how the world around them creates who they are.

For more information, contact Lupita Tinnen at 972-578-5527 or ltinnen@cccd.edu.

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from my sister", said Pastor Hawthorne-Ewing. "My nephew introduced us and we just started talking. We had similar interests in books and records, but I had a boyfriend and he had a girlfriend at the time". A year later, they both found themselves single. They developed a courtship and eventually married in 1969.

"We were the perfect complements," Ms. Hawthorne-Ewing, 60, recently reflected. "I was a city woman, he was a country man from Jasper. I moved and talked fast and he took his time. My husband loved me and trusted me."

The Hawthornes cultivated a bond built on enduring both the good and bad experiences of life together. From financial problems where they lost all that they had early in the marriage, to becoming Christians together and eventually co-pastoring a church together, the Hawthornes did everything together.

After 34 years, raising five children of their own and two of Mrs. Hawthorne-Ewing sister's children, their life together ended abruptly when Mr. Hawthorne died in 2004 after a short illness. Displaying her strength and faith in God, Pastor Hawthorne-Ewing preached her husband's funeral.

"I could not see my husband dying, we were just getting to the wonderful part of our lives, Mrs. Hawthorne-Ewing said."

When God made that man, he broke the mold. I vowed that I would never marry".

While there are no statistics available on the number of African American widows, almost half of all older women in 2003 were widows according to the US Administration on Aging. The Department of Human Services estimates that there are over 8.5 million widows in the United States. An interesting point is that there are nearly four times as many widows as widowers (2 million), a statistic that indicates a reluctance on the part of women to remarry after losing their husbands.

Sharon Grigsby, 61, shares that reluctance. She married her husband at 16, they divorced after 14 years and eventually remarried. Their 45 year relationship ended when he died in 1999.

"I'm just not interested in getting remarried. My husband was my best friend before we were ever married, and it's hard to replace friends," she said. "It would be extremely hard for me to marry someone else. Marriage is the ultimate commitment to me, and I don't see myself caring for someone else like that again".

Sharon acknowledges that part of the obstacles for remarriage are the requirements that she would have for a new mate.

"As I get older, I get more set in my ways. I would need a patient, Christian man that put more priority on companionship than material things and

appearance. He would have to be humorous and able to accept my personality", she said.

Still, Sharon is leaving the door open.

"The one that God sends will be the one that causes me to change my mind".

Minnie-Hawthorne Ewing changed her mind when she married Nathaniel Ewing in September 2005, two years after the death of her first husband. It took several proposals since she initially turned down Mr. Ewing every time he brought up the subject.

"He was an old friend that I knew before I met my first husband. We hadn't seen each other in over 40 years", she said. "It didn't start off as anything romantic, just friendship. We did things together that got my mind off what I was going through following Robert's death".

Despite her own reservations, as well as objections from her children, friends and church members Mrs. Hawthorne-Ewing took the plunge and couldn't be happier.

"It took the right man. He is not intimidated by the woman I am or the strength I have," she said.

"Some things are similar, a lot of things are different", she says of her new marriage. "Both are my friends. I have no guilt for moving on with my life-I cherish my memories and I am happy about my future".

NAACP Drops Lawsuit Page 1

Although Carrollton Christian immediately filed an appeal, TAPPS denied it.

The parents of the players then contacted attorneys and had a temporary injunction ordered that ruled the players could participate in the playoffs.

However, a Feb. 24 court

date was scheduled to determine whether or not the girls could play in the playoffs.

And after the postponement of the entire TAPPS 4A girls' playoffs, the judge in the case ruled in favor of TAPPS, and the four players weren't allowed to participate in the playoffs.

"The parents and students both have come to the conclu-

sion that everything that we could do to extend their season was done in our most aggressive and efficient manner," Grimes said. "We've done all that we could do. The judge has ruled on it. It's nothing else that can be done regarding this incident. I think that being proactive prevents this situation from occurring again."

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DBDT Takes Part In 2nd Weekend Festival Of Black Dance

The 2nd Weekend Festival of Black Dance kicks off the festivities under the theme "Rhythm and Soul of a People", Friday, March 11, 2006, 8 p.m. nightly on The Black Academy of Arts and Letter's Naomi Bruton Main Stage. Black Dance Master Classes will be taught Saturday, March 11, 2006 at 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in room T-314.

Two International African and African American dance companies, Dallas Black Dance Theatre and the National Ensemble Instrumental and Dance Company of The Republic of Guinea West Africa join forces to create an exhilarating and dazzling evening in

Black Dance. Founded by Ann Williams in 1976, Dallas Black Dance Theatre is the oldest, continuously operating professional



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The 2nd Weekend Festival of Black Dance is supported in part by 97.9 The Beat and 94.5 K Soul.

Mariah Carey Wins Big At Soul Train Awards: Singer Collects Best Album And Single

Mariah Carey adds two more awards to her extensive collection of bling for 2005's "The Emancipation of Mimi" album. On Saturday, the singer picked up a best album statue and best single honors for "We Belong Together" at the 20th Annual Soul Train Music Awards, held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium outside of Los Angeles.

"This has been the biggest and most successful year of my life," said Carey, who returned to the music scene last year following a successful run during most of the 1990s.

While R. Kelly failed to win any of his show-leading three nominations, Kanye West won the award for best R&B-soul or rap music video for "Gold Digger," featuring Oscar-winning actor Jamie Foxx; and

John Legend beat Kelly in the category of best male single.

The Quincy Jones Award for Outstanding Career Achievement Male and Female



went to Academy Award winner Jamie Foxx and Destiny's Child, respectively. Foxx said Jones had given him advice to view a musical career as a marathon, not a sprint.

"You've got another 50 years to go," Foxx said Jones told him. Destiny's Child also won best group single for "Cater 2 U."

Meanwhile, an award was named in honor of the legendary Stevie Wonder, and a bronze statue of the Motown great was unveiled before the ceremony.

"I saw the sculpture and it looks really great," Wonder joked at the occasion. The entertainer was on hand to deliver the show's first-ever Stevie Wonder Lifetime Achievement Award to R. Kelly.

In accepting Soul Train's Sammy Davis Jr. Award for Entertainer of the Year, John Legend said, "I'm truly humbled that you chose me for this."

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Dallas Chapter Of The Continental Societies, Inc., - Hosts Annual Mardi Gras "Naw'lins Jam"

On Saturday, March 11 at the Park Lane Ranch, 8787 Parklane, Dallas, Texas, the Dallas Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., will host the organization's annual fund-raiser Mardi Gras Event "Naw'lins Jam".

The Celebrity King and Queen for the event are Jimmy Porch, Publisher of Eclipse Magazine and Lynn Briggs, Host of KOAI-FM Smooth Jazz 107.5 in Dallas.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Dallas Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., children and youth projects.

Previous beneficiaries have included Bryan's House, the AIDS Babies Project at Parkland Hospital, Gateway Apartments, St. Philips Episcopal School and Community Center, Our Brother's Keeper, Jonathan's Place, Shaun's Place, Girls, Inc.,

and last year A Lift for Life.

The cocktail affair, optional costume, will begin at 7 pm and feature musical entertainment, danc-

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and children; teen mentoring programs; funding for learning and computer centers; arts and humanities programs; and career exploration opportunities. Additionally, Dallas Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., has devoted thousands of volunteer hours at local schools, hospitals, at-risk programs and other philanthropic agencies and organizations who share a similar mission and purpose.

This year they are involved in serving the children and youth at the Myrtle Davis/Mattie Nash Recreation Center, The Vogel Alcove Day Care for Homeless children and Stults elementary School.

Tickets are \$60.00 per person. For ticket information call 972-409-5958.



Jimmy Porch,
Publisher of Eclipse Magazine



Lynn Briggs, of KOAI-FM
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ing, dinner, a masked judging contest, fortune telling and a silent auction.

The Dallas Chapter of the

the non-profit organization has provided scholarships; NASA Space Camp grants; housing assistance for homeless women

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levees that protect the city and threaten the Superdome, which became a chaotic shelter for storm victims.

"I want to assure the folks at the state level that we are fully prepared to not only help you during the storm, but we will move in whatever resources and assets we have at our disposal after the storm to help you deal with the loss of property," Bush says in the video. "We pray there's no loss of life, of course."

White House spokesman Trent Duffy said "the president was fully engaged and involved in meetings on the response."

He was active in making dis-

aster declarations, pushing for evacuations and urging state officials to get people to move to safer ground, Duffy added.

The Department of Homeland Security released a transcript of an August 29 videoconference in which then FEMA Director Michael Brown tells officials he had spoken twice, with the vacationing president, once while Bush was at his Crawford, Texas ranch and later on Air Force One.

According to the transcript, Brown said Bush was "very, very interested" in the hurricane developments. "He's obviously watching the television a lot and he had some questions about the Dome. He's asking questions about reports of breaches.

He's asking about hospitals. He's very engaged."

The Bush administration has been heavily criticized for its sluggish response to Katrina, which killed about 1,300 people along the Gulf Coast and plunged New Orleans into anarchy.

The storm surge caused massive flooding that submerged entire neighborhoods, some of which are still in ruins.

After watching the tape, Nagin said it looked as though top officials, including Brown, knew the storm could be devastating, that the Superdome roof was "a question mark" and the military would likely have to be brought in to help.

"I'm just shocked," he said.

Sniper Won't Face Death Page 1

Montgomery. Authorities also have linked Muhammad and Malvo to shootings in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Washington state.

Gansler filed notice last month with the county's Circuit Court that he would seek life without possibility of parole if Muhammad is convicted of the six Montgomery deaths, the Washington Post reported in a story to be published Friday.

Gansler said Maryland requires prosecutors to show beyond a reasonable doubt that Muhammad was the triggerman to pursue the death penalty. The law also requires proof that two or more people were killed in a single incident. Maryland has only executed five people since the death penalty was restored in the late 1970s.

"Given space and time and distance, the multiple murders would not satisfy legal definition of single incident," Gansler said.

Muhammad was moved to Maryland from Virginia in August, and his trial is set to begin May 1. Malvo was brought to Maryland in May and his trial is set for October. Both men are charged with six counts of first-degree murder in Montgomery County.

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Sister Tarpley

Following the lead of President Jimmy Carter, in 1987, Congress declared March as "Women's History Month." Thank God for "Godly" Black Women.

My "Highest Honor" to women that I know, or have known in my life. These ladies may not have made notable changes for mankind, but they have made a difference to me; each lady has a special place in my heart.

Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus; I thank God for every day He allowed my mother to live and the wonderful memories that she left behind. Mrs. Jessie Baker Green, my mother's sister and also her best friend. Mrs. Ida Rutherford Demus and Mrs. Maggie Smith Baker; my grandmothers; I had the privilege of knowing both, although not for long but it wasn't the length of time I knew them; it was the quality of time that I spent with them. Missionary Annie Mae Jackson, my children's paternal grandmother, a true Saint of God. Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott; she is doing God's work, and is a great mother to three of my precious grandchildren, Tyanna, David, and Philip. My sisters, Nurse Eloyd Demus Avery, Beautician Billie Ivree Demus Daye, Evangelist Ida Demus Egniss, and Teacher Rose Demus Fielding; they are the greatest! Mrs. Jewel Price McKenzie, my teacher and mentor, in high school, college, and my working career, and her sister, Mrs. Iris Price Carr, who takes excellent care of Mrs. McKenzie. Mrs. Phemia Solomon Tinner, a

Women's History Month

great wife, mother, and godmother to Minister Sheila. Sis. Elizabeth White, First Lady at Love Chapel COGIC.

Hattie McDaniel, first Black person to win an Oscar, Gone With The Wind, June 10, 1940. Harriet Tubman, on April 20, 1853 started organizing the Underground



Picture of The Week
(L to R) Ms. Toi Pearson, McKinney High School Sr. and Local Award Winning Actress Regina Washington at the Stamp Dedication of Academy Award Winner Hattie McDaniel

Railroad, and on June 2, 1863 leads the Union Army guerrillas into Maryland, and frees more than 700 slaves. Dr. Mae Jemison on June 5, 1987 becomes the first Black female astronaut.

Gwendolyn Brooks on May 5, 1950 becomes the first Black person awarded a Pulitzer Prize. Toni Morrison on October 7, 1993 was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature. The Honorable Shirley Chisholm became the first Black woman elected to Congress in 1968. Sojourner Truth was an abolitionist and orator.

Marian Anderson in 1939 performs at the Lincoln Memorial before an audience of 75,000 after the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to allow her to sing at Constitution Hall; was honored with a Postage Stamp. Althea Gibson, tennis player in 1956 becomes the first African American to win a major title—the Wimbledon doubles, as well as the French singles and doubles and Italian singles. Lydia Newman invented the Hair Brush in the 1800's. Annie Onieta Plummer "Dictionary Lady," with \$50 bought 30 dictionaries and gave them to children on the street corner. In each book she wrote, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

Patricia Roberts Harris served as the U. S. Ambassador to Luxembourg and as an alternate delegate to the United Nations General Assembly and Economic Commission for Europe. A Postage Stamp was issued in her honor in 2000. Bessie Coleman, the first Black American Woman Aviator, a Postage Stamp was issued in her honor in 1995. Susie King Taylor was the first Black Army Nurse. Debi Thomas was the first Black American to win a medal in the World's Winter Olympics.

This month, I salute all "True" women in the United States and Abroad! I leave you with this great quote from Booker T. Washington, "I shall allow no man to narrow my soul and drag me down." "I am a Negro in every sense of the word."

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defeated beat Michael Puhl. In the County Court at Law 5 race, first-time candidate Dan Wilson defeated longtime state district judge Nathan White Jr. Incumbent Jerry Lewis won his race against Bill Dobiyanski in County Court at Law 2, and 20 year incumbent John Barry beat

challenger Dale Rose in the County Court at Law 3 race. Additionally, incumbent Mike Yarborough retained his seat as Justice of the Peace Precinct 4. Finally, in the county clerk race, Stacey Kemp and incumbent Brenda Taylor will meet in a runoff election on April 11th.

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CHRIST AND COMMON SENSE

March 17, 7:00 pm
You are cordially invited to "A Personal Seminar" for males and females, ages 12 and older; at Mt. Olive Church of Plano, 740 Avenue F, Suite 303 in Plano, with Pastors Sam & Gloria Fenceroy. The theme is, "Operation Transformation" found in John 10:10. This is, "God's solution to balance . . . in every area of your life!" Rev. Marilyn Giles is our speaker for this spirit-filled and informative seminar.

For more information and fees, please call Marva Hickman @ 214-664-9888

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL TEMPLE OF FAITH CME CHURCH

This Weekend, March 10, 7:00 pm; and March 11, 7:00 am
The public is invited to join us as we host our Women's Power Conference. Our theme is, "Breaking Through with Praise, Obedience, Worship, Excellence, and Repentance" to be held @ the Hilton Suites-Dallas North, 13402 Noel Road, Dallas, TX. Friday will be the Fashion Show and Dinner, honoring Mrs. Yvonne Gilmore, First Lady of the 8th Episcopal District and CME Church. There will be pampering sessions after the dinner which will include manicures, pedicures, massages, and makeovers. Saturday's workshops will start at 7:00 am and will end at 2:35 pm. Special guest will include Mrs. Yvonne Gilmore, First Lady of the CME Church and the Eighth Episcopal District; and Mrs. Willie Champion. Conference speakers include Ministers Monica Coleman, Cheryl Bell, and CCTOF's First Lady Billye McNeil. For more information and registration fees, please contact the church @ 972-239-1120.

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church
Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Senior Pastor
14120 Noel Road
Dallas, TX 75254
972-239-1120

COALITION OF CHURCHES IN PRISON MINISTRY

On-Going Mentor Program
Our host church, True Lee Baptist Church, 3907 Bertrand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210, 214-421-9435 where Rev. Donald Parish is the Pastor, is working with a mentor program for children of parents that are incarcerated. Come or call to find out how to get involved. For more information, please call Carolyn Johnson @ 972-235-6432.

Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry
Rev. Isaac Johnson, Coordinator
P.O. Box 225863
Dallas, TX 75222-5863
972-235-6432 or 214-632-6519

COMMUNITY WORLD OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

March 11, 7:00 pm
Join us to "Magnify The Lord With Me." This is a worship benefit concert for Albert Owens & Higher Calling @ the Owens Chapel, 2717 Avenue B, Fort Worth, TX; featuring Committed, Aaron Angton & Integrity, Israelites, Final Destined Nation, and many many more! For details, please call 682-225-5498 or 682-365-9475.

March 12, 4:00 pm
You are invited to our Founder's Day Celebration honoring the late Rev. Nathaniel Tarpley and the legacy he left. You don't want to miss this Holy Spirit evening of worship.

Community World Outreach International Ministry
Overseer Lisa Tarpley, Servant
526 Compton Avenue
Irving, TX 75061
972-986-5552
1-888-9-Outreach (Prayer Line)

DENTON FULL GOSPEL HOLY TEMPLE

March 8 - 11, 7:30 pm Nightly
Please join us as we host our annual "Harvest Time" Crusade with guest preachers: Pastor John Horne, Austin, TX; Pastor Andre' Lee, Houston, TX; and Dr. Dorinda Clark-Cole, Detroit, Michigan. For more information, please call 940-484-0963

Denton Full Gospel Holy Temple
Dr. Floyd Daniels III, Pastor
529 Bolivar Street
Denton, TX 76201
940-484-0963

FRIENDSHIP WEST BAPTIST CHURCH, OAK CLIFF

March 8-12, 2006
You are cordially invited to our 2006 Super SAM (Single and Married) Conference. Daytime fare offers a series of seminars and workshops that address financial empowerment, cultural awareness, relationships, marriage, family and much more. Keynote speakers include: Senior Pastor, Dr. Frederick Haynes, III; Dr. Sheila Bailey, Concord Church, Dallas, TX; Bishop Joseph Walker, Mt. Zion Church, Nashville, TN; Rev. Corey Brown, Bethel Baptist Institutional Church in Jacksonville, FL; Rev. Jasmin Sculark, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, York, PA; and Rev. Steven Carter, Mount Ararat Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY. Gospel Recording Artist Fred Hammond will close the conference with a concert.

For more information and fees, please call the church @ 214-371-2029

Friendship West Baptist Church
Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III
Senior Pastor
2020 W. Wheatland Road
Dallas, TX 75232
972-228-5200

GATHERING OF THE EAGLES WORSHIP CENTER

February 20 - March 13, 2006
Spring Registration for various certification programs in a Christian School of Ministry to be held at the Worship Center. For more information and registration fees please call 972-228-0200

Gathering of The Eagles Worship Center
Dr. Vanessa Weatherspoon, Founder
1630 Falcon, Suite 105
Desoto, TX 75115
972-228-0200

HOLINESS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

March 12, 11:00 am
You are cordially invited to worship with us during our "Pastors Pre-Appreciation Service" honoring Bishop Gregory D. Crawford of Fellowship of Believers Ministries. Our theme is, "The Harvest is Ripe but Laborers are Few" and our speaker will be Pastor Danny Choice, Sr.

Holiness C.O.G.I.C.
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After Six Months, There's No Shaking Katrina

On Aug. 29 Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast, followed in quick succession by Rita, in the most destructive hurricane season in U.S. history. But six months and billions of dollars in relief later, it's clear that Katrina will be with the region, indeed the country, for a long time to come.

Perhaps nowhere did the spirit of survival and the ongoing frustration mix more poignantly than in New Orleans during its first post-Katrina Mardi Gras.

Even as displaced residents flooded back to New Orleans to celebrate, determined to rejuvenate the spirit of the place, tens of thousands of residents in the region were struggling with insurance companies, searching for new jobs, or trying to get more aid from the government.

But to some of Katrina's hardest-hit victims, the party seems in

poor taste. From Houston, Samuel Spears said footage from his hometown of bead-tossing and carousing tourists just made him angry.

"With them putting on Mardi Gras, without still having not



addressed the basic human needs in this city — why that's just a slap in the face," said Spears. "I can't go home, but they can have a parade? That's ridiculous."

Throughout the region, billions have been spent by government and private charities in emergency and longer-term aid to the hurricane-stricken region. But recovery would take billions more. And years.

In Louisiana, where hurricanes Katrina and Rita claimed more than a thousand lives and forced hundreds of thousands of people out of their homes, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has spent more than \$12 billion for rescue operations, housing and living expenses, property losses, crisis counseling and other services.

And yet, tens of thousands remained displaced — living in FEMA trailers near their old homes, or in far-flung locations from Houston to New York. Many haven't decided whether to return.

Gordon Parks Dies Page 1

1968.

But as a photographer, he was perhaps best known for his gritty photo essays on the grinding effects of poverty in the United States and abroad and on the spirit of the civil rights movement.

"Those special problems spawned by poverty and crime touched me more, and I dug into them with more enthusiasm," he said. "Working at them again revealed the superiority of the camera to explore the dilemmas they posed."

"The Learning Tree" was Parks' first film, in 1969. It was based on his 1963 autobiographical novel of the same name, in which the young hero

grapples with fear and racism as well as first love and schoolboy triumphs. Parks wrote the score as well. In 1989, "The Learning Tree" was among the first 25 American movies to be placed on the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress.

The detective drama "Shaft," which came out in 1971 and starred Richard Roundtree, was a major hit and spawned a series of black-oriented films. Parks himself directed a sequel, "Shaft's Big Score," in 1972, and that same year his son Gordon Jr. directed "Superfly." The younger Parks was killed in a plane crash in 1979.

Parks also published books of poetry and wrote musical com-

positions including "Martin," a ballet about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Parks was born Nov. 30, 1912, in Fort Scott, Kan., the youngest of 15 children. In his 1990 autobiography, "Voices in the Mirror," he remembered it as a world of racism and poverty, but also a world where his parents gave their children love, discipline and religious faith.

Last month, health concerns had kept Parks from accepting the William Allen White Foundation National Citation in Kansas, but he said in a taped presentation that he still considered the state his home and wanted to be buried in Fort Scott.

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MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO

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For more information and fees please call Marva Hickman @ 214-664-9888

Mt. Olive Church of Plano

Rev. Sam Fenceroy,
Senior Pastor
740 Avenue F, Suite 303
Plano, TX 75074
972-633-5511

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Join Us at Our New Worship Location:

"New Service Times"
Sunday Life Bible School -
Sundays @ 9:00 am
Sunday Life Worship Service -
Sundays @ 10:00 am
Life In The Word Prayer & Bible Study -
Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
For more information, please call
972-671-1096

Entire Month of March, 2006
Moving Towards The Vision
March 12, 3:30 pm

You are cordially invited and encouraged to attend our 6th Church Celebration Service. Our theme is: "Doing a New Thing." Isaiah 43:19. The service will be at the Wyndham Garden Hotel - Dallas Park Central, 8051 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75251. Our spirit-filled and anointed guest speaker will be the renowned Rev. W. L. Stafford, Sr., Pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen. You don't want to miss this man of God illuminating God's truth.

March 18, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please join us, and hear God's Dynamic Plan for You, Your Spouse & Family, at our First Annual Family First Fellowship Breakfast and Conference at Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 4751 Hopkins Avenue, Dallas, TX 75209. For more information and conference fees please call the church @ 972-671-1096

March 22 - 24, 7:30 pm Nightly

Don't miss, "The Latter Rain Revival," Deuteronomy 11:14. We will have anointed guest lecturers each night and will feature Apostle Cornell Hamilton of, "From Bondage to Freedom Interdenominational Church of Shreveport, LA. This spirit-filled event is taking place @ Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 4751 Hopkins Avenue, Dallas, TX 75209. For more information, please call New Life Fellowship Church @ 972-671-1096.

New Life Fellowship Church
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr.
Senior Pastor
New Worship Location:
Wyndham Garden Hotel-Park Central
8051 LBJ Freeway
Dallas, TX 75251
972-671-1096

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 940466
Plano, TX 75094-0466
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NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

On-Going Mentor Program

Operation Oasis sponsors a program that assists youth that are at-risk, and ex-offenders returning to society. The program's goals are to change lives of the formerly incarcerated person, to increase safety, and to spiritually fortify our communities.

For more details about this wonderful project, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant at 972-437-3801 or call Toll Free at 1-800-370-Oasis (376-2747)

North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Richardson
Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
1010-1020 South Sherman Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-437-3493

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2, 3:30 pm

Please join us as St. Luke's Baptist Church, 6702 Victoria Avenue, Dallas, TX 75209 and Pastor Lloyd B. Hall as they sponsor a "Mad Hatters Tea & Hat Fashion Show Fundraiser" for our Restoration Project. Put on your Sunday finest wear and strut your stuff down the runway. Help us to lift up the name of the LORD in praise and fashion as our brothers and sisters help us.

For more information to participate, to register, and to make donations, please call 972-242-9194.

St. John Baptist Church

Rev. R. Michael, Pastor
1508 S. Broadway Street
Carrollton, TX 75006
972-242-9194

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April 2, 3:30 pm

You are cordially invited to a "Mad Hatters Tea & Hat Fashion Show Fundraiser" for St. John Baptist Church of Carrollton Restoration Project. Put on your Sunday finest wear and strut your stuff down the runway. Help us to lift up the name of the LORD in praise and fashion and to rally round our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

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You are cordially invited to our "March Madness: Final Four Revivals 2006" being held @ the Ivy Education Center, 903 W. Parker Road, Plano, TX 75023. Guest speakers include: Pastor Corey Brooks, New Beginnings Church, Chicago, IL; Pastor Jasper Williams, III, The Church, Duluth, GA; Pastor Jamal-Harrison Bryant, Empowerment Temple, Baltimore, MD; and Pastor A. Louis Patterson, Jr., Mount Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, TX.

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406 N. Tennessee
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Of Hamilton Park
8219 Bunche Dr. Dallas, TX 75243
Church Office: (972) 792-0239
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Service Times
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
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7:00 p.m. Church School

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Reverend Charles E. Franklin, Pastor

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9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday
Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

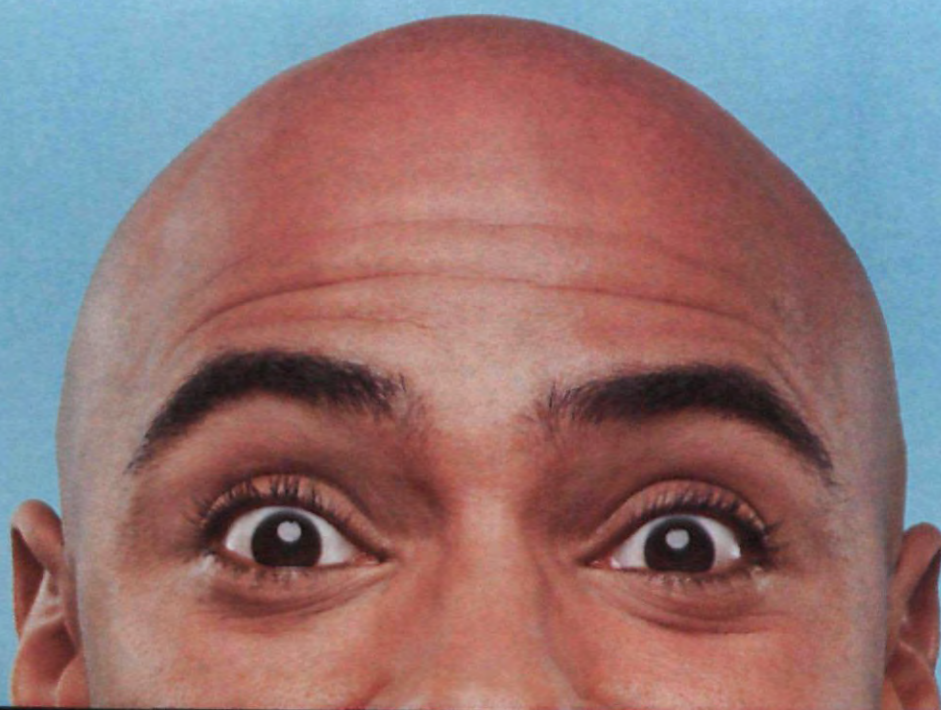
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