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## People In The News



The Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas has announced the appointment of Charles English as President and Chief Professional Officer of the non-profit organization which serves more than 10,000 inner-city youth.

Board Chairman John Rodgers said, "The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas is very fortunate to have attracted Charles English to the President's position. Charles brings with him a unique combination of experience and knowledge that will greatly enhance the organization."

Formerly Vice President and Corporate Relationship Manager of Compass Bank, English has a history of financial leadership. English envisions more financial support and involvement for each of the 11 Clubs from local churches, neighborhood homeowners associations, local businesses and other community organizations that have a vested interest in its community.

Former Chairman of the Board of the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, English earned his B.A. degree in biology and chemistry from the University of North Texas and his M.B.A. from the University of Dallas. English's wife, Sherril, is the principal of St. Philips School, serving ages pre-K to 6th grade.

Shandra Love will be hosting a book signing at Black Images Book Bazaar on Saturday, July 22 at 12:00 p.m. She will present her new book, *When Katrina Stood Down, We Came Running, But Rita Tripped Us*.

This book takes you inside the psychological effects of Hurricane Katrina through several tales of the victims' experiences.

One of her previous books, *My Journey Back, My One Mile: A Sister's Grief*, she accounts her own personal story of losing her sister. Issues of denial, pride and profound grief would cause her to lose touch with reality, but the love and concern of her two daughters and a dear friend would help her to find her way back.

She and four of her online buddies completed *Universal Moods: Short Stories and Poetry to Stir the Mind, Body and Soul*. It is a compilation of poetry and short stories intended to "stimulate all of your emotions."

Love enjoys traveling, photography and listening to oldies.

Originally from Oklahoma City, Love resides in Houston with her two daughters. She works as a photographer for events and special occasions.



Anthony Little has produced his first published work entitled *His Cheatin' Heart—Her Forgiving Spirit*. Originally a play, Little wrote a "poignant and sometimes humorous look at infidelity" and the ways in which through the Word of God, a marriage is never unsalvageable.

On July 23, he will present his play, *Happy House—Broken Home* at his church home, New Bethel C.I.C. in Fort Worth at 6:30 p.m.

Little has produced several plays for his church home. He has focused on topics from homelessness, teen pregnancy, AIDS, spousal abuse and family relationships.

For the past four years, Little has been devoted to the workings of his website, *Spiritualhealings.net* where other gospel writers, authors and poets can promote their products as well as churches, organizations and business can advertise their events and services.

Originally from Americus, Georgia, Little moved to Dallas in 1995 after serving in the Navy and traveling to places like Hawaii and Japan.

Currently, Little works for a national soft drink manufacturer and sells his nine plays on his Web site.

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## Bush To Address NAACP

White House sees 'moment of opportunity' in first appearance as president

After rebuffing the NAACP for five years, President Bush will speak at the annual convention of the oldest U.S. civil rights organization for the first time since taking office because he sees "a moment of opportunity," the White House said Tuesday.

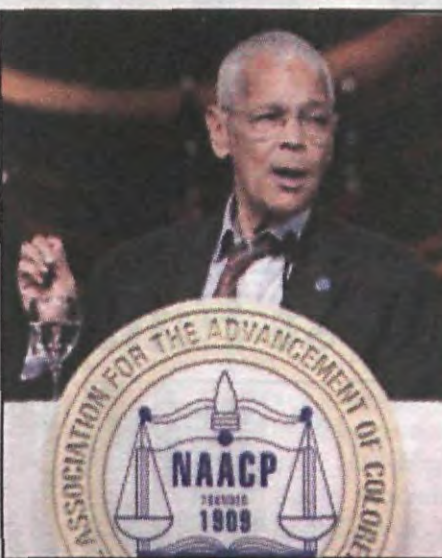
Bush was the first sitting president in decades not to address the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

His decision to appear before the group Thursday comes as the Republican Party tries to court black voters ahead of crucial congressional elections in November.

The Bush administration also was widely criticized last year for a slow response to Hurricane Katrina that some charged was tinged with racism because the storm devastated mainly poor and black communities along the Gulf Coast. Administration officials strongly denied those accusations.

Bush did address the NAACP as a presidential candidate in 2000, but not since being elected to the White House. Relations with the group were strained amid what the White House considered unfair criticism from NAACP leaders.

But ties have warmed with current NAACP President Bruce Gordon. Bush expressed appreciation for Gordon's "strong leadership" during a tribute to civil rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks in January.



NAACP Chairman Julian Bond urged President Bush to attend the civil rights group's annual convention during his remarks on Sunday.

Asked why the change of heart, White House spokesman Tony Snow replied: "He wants to because I think there's a moment of opportunity here. I think the president wants to make the argument that he has had a career that reflects a strong commitment to civil rights."

Republican Party chief Ken Mehlman apologized to the NAACP for some in his party writing off the black vote and using racial polarization to win

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## Caution Urged During Summer Heat Wave



The National Weather Service is predicting triple digit temperatures and has issued a Heat Advisory for North Texas. As the dog days of summer set in, Dallas County Health and

Human Services (DCHHS) urges residences to be careful and exercise caution in the days and weeks ahead.

"The summer heat in Texas can be deadly, especially to the elderly, the very young and those with chronic medical conditions who do not have access to air-conditioning," stated Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "With temperatures moving to the triple digits, we at Dallas County Health and Human

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## House Votes To Extend Voting Rights Act

Southern conservatives' efforts to amend the act easily defeated

The House voted Thursday to renew the 1965 Voting Rights Act, rejecting efforts by Southern conservatives to relax federal oversight of their states in a debate haunted by the ghosts of the civil rights movement.

The 390-33 vote sent to the Senate a bill that represented a Republican appeal to minority voters who doubt the GOP's

"big-ten" image. Ten representatives did not vote. Southern conservatives had complained that the act punishes their states for racist voting histories they say they've overcome.

"By passing this rewrite of the Voting Rights Act, Congress is declaring from on high that states with voting problems 40 years ago can simply never be forgiven," said Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, R-Ga., one of several lawmakers pressing for changes to the law to ease its requirements on Southern states.

By a vote of 288-134 the House overwhelm-



Civil rights marchers being met by Alabama State Troopers on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, March, 1965.

ingly rejected an amendment that would have shortened the renewal from 25 years to a decade. It also defeated, by a vote of 238-185, another amendment that would have struck its requirement that ballots in some states be printed in several languages.

Supporters of the law as written called the amendments

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## Plano Police, Fire Hold Second Annual Battle Of The Badges Blood Drive

For the Plano Police and Fire/Rescue Departments protecting the welfare of our community through often-times life-saving, near heroic

actions is part of the work-day. For these nationally-accredited, internationally-respected agencies, the commitment to maintaining the public health and safety of our citizenry and visitors is second to none.

For a second year, these two Departments put a new twist on saving lives through a unique competition, ic, the Second Annual Battle of the

Badges Blood Drive. The drive was sponsored by the Plano Sunrise Rotary Club in cooperation with Carter BloodCare.

"This is the time of the year when accidents and injuries increase and the 'Battle of the Badges' is a great way to help insure that adequate blood supplies are available for

our community during this time of high demand," said

Acting Plano Fire Chief Bob Acker. "While the event is themed around a friendly Fire vs. Police competition,

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## Out Of Africa

By: Erin Evans

For several years, Hollywood has had a fascination with Africa.

Whether it was in 1974 when Muhammad Ali regained his heavyweight championship in Zaire (present-day Democratic Republic of Congo), or with predominantly white casts having African ties as in *The Interpreter*, or through the exploration of racial genocide and injustice in *Hotel Rwanda*, or as Angelina Jolie adopted baby Zahara from Ethiopia in 2005 and birthed baby Shiloh in Namibia this year, the fascination is deeply manifested through the glitz and glam of Hollywood stars.

But, when does it become too much?

In some ways, it is great that the beautiful lands and beaches are being exposed through movies like *Sahara* starring Matthew McConaughey, pro-



moting tourism, of course, that is until it is the sole interest of filmmaking in Africa.

In the *Christian Science Monitor*, David Sterritt said, "there's a grim irony in this" because while the sandy beaches and sunny skies portray Africa's beauty, the issues and problems in countries like Sudan, Somalia and several others casts a dark shadow over fun in the sun.

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## DFW Moving Up Among The Urban Giants; From Fifth To Fourth Largest Metro



Data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that Dallas/Fort Worth became the fourth largest metropolitan area in the United States, alongside the urban giants of New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, one-year ago this week. The regions' new posi-

tion will not be official until next spring, when the Bureau releases its July 2006 population estimates. However, current figures dated July 1, 2005, show DFW a mere 4,000 residents shy of fourth position and growing at a rate

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# Collin County Republicans Pair Up With Plano African American Republican Club For July 4th Parade



Keith Self, the new County Judge Elect and Key Largo, a member of the Plano African American Republican Club



Fred Moses, President of African American Republican Club with his wife, Mazzie Moses and granddaughters Tyre and Taylor.



African American Republican Club member Paul Huang and Fred Moses, President of the Club



(L to R) Neal Katz, Vice-Chairman of Collin County Republican Party and Dendy Peters, President of the Collin County Republican Men Club



Moses family pose with military personnel



Members of the African American Republican Club and the Collin County Republican Men's Club

## Taste Of Dallas In West End

Photo By: Ronald Coleman



Sabnha & Debra Clark @ Tom Landry's Seafood Restaurant



Cherie, Ava, & Evan Sherman



Chemberli Greene samples food



Monishia Bussey, Melynese Bussey, Marquita Bussey, Latoy Priest, Wendale Justies, Daries Donalson, Madison Bussey, Demarion Donalson



A group of people enjoying the festivities during Taste of Dallas

## Around The Town

### Ongoing

#### Sankofa Unplugged!

Come experience the nation's best Open Mic Experience. Musicians, Poets, Actors, be ready to "Bring the heat" to the Sankofa stage Sankofa Arts Kafe & Bar 1906-1908 Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd Dallas. Every Saturday 9:00 p.m.

Call 214-421-0013 or visit, [www.myspace.com/sankofakrew](http://www.myspace.com/sankofakrew)

The Collin County Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Drive in McKinney

Free Tenant Legal Workshops are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Douglass Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-473-9089.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit [www.assistanceleague-gcc.org](http://www.assistanceleague-gcc.org).

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for

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

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

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

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

Family Film at the Library at Haggard Library. 2501 Coit Road. Every Friday at 11:30 a.m. Bring out the family for fun and relaxation. For more information call 972-208-8000.

Movie Under the Stars: A New Cinema Experience. Grab a blanket or low-back chair and come watch a classic family movie under the stars at the Amphitheater at Oak Point Park, 2801 East Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. For more information call 972-941-7250.

Kumaasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to

3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. Contact S-Ankh Rasa at 214-298-5858 for more information.

PHASE, The Potters House Singles Ministry would like to invite all singles to join us for our Soul Food events held every 1st & 3rd Friday in the Youth Sanctuary. For more information, contact the PHASE information line at 214-331-0954 x.1954.

Gallery Exhibition Opening: "Rhythms, Reflections, Relations: The Works of Evita Tezeno" through August 26. Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the James E. Kemp Gallery at TBAAL. For more information call 214-743-2440.

Swing Time Magazine presents Friday Night Swing hosted by 94.5's First Lady of Radio Lynne Haze every first Friday at the Castlevue Ballroom at the Sterling Hotel in 1055 Regal Road and HWY 183 in Dallas. Admission \$10. Call 972-225-6487 for more information. Swing elegance attire.

### July 20

Thomas Brooks presents A WEALTH OF FAMILY: An Adopted Son's International Quest for Heritage, Reunion and Enrichment at Black Images Book Bazaar at 6:00 p.m.

A Beka Book Home School: textbook and home school curriculum sale from 10 am to 12 noon and

2 pm to 4 pm at Plano Centre. 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Free admission. For more information contact Mickey Pierce at 877.223.5226.

### July 21

Desperate for Jesus Women's Conference 2006 at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church. An explosive weekend of music by national recording artist, Mary Alessi, national speaker and author, Beth Moore, and much more! 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Doors open each day 1 1/2 hour before event. FREE REGISTRATION! For more information contact Carla Robertson at (214) 672-9100 Ext. 1014 or [DFJ@ocbchurch.org](mailto:DFJ@ocbchurch.org)

Black Cinematheque: Laughing, Lying & Signifying African American Comedy Film Festival presents their 8th Annual Festival featuring 8 short films at the Black Forest Theater, 1920 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. at 8:00 p.m. \$5 admission. Call 214-426-1683.

### July 22

Shandra Love presents When Katrina Stood Down, We Came Running, But Rita Tripped Us at Black Images at 12:00 p.m. Book signing. 230 Wynnewood Village Dallas 75224.

The K104 Driver's Select Summer Jam at the Smirnoff Music Center, starring Yung Joe, Omarion, Chingy, 8 Ball & MJG, Young Dro, Lyfe Jennings, Fonsworth Bentley with special guest Kanye West, Project Pat, Lloyd Banks, Kelis, Big Tuck, South

Boy, Dre, Ice Cube. Tickets on sale now at Ticketmaster, or listen to win your way in on K104!

2006 TAIJI LEGACY International Martial Arts Championships from 9:30 am to 10 pm. Sunday 10 am to 4 pm at the Plano Centre. 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

Admission \$10. For more information contact Jimmy Wong at 972-680-7888 or visit [www.chinwoo.com](http://www.chinwoo.com).

### July 25

SH 121 Public Meeting from 4 pm to 8 pm at Plano Centre. 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Proposed tolling of State Highway 121 from Dallas North Tollway to U.S. 75 in Collin County. For more info call Jennifer Halstead at 972-628-3167.

### July 26

Institute in Basic Life Principles, Basic Seminar, Anger Resolution Seminar and Children's Institute. Wednesday through Friday from 7 pm to 10 pm. Saturday from 9:30 am to 6 pm at Plano Centre. 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Admission charge varies. Please call Dallas seminar office at 214.421.0001 or visit [www.iblp.org](http://www.iblp.org)

### July 29

Kirk Franklin and Smokie Norful live in concert at Six Flags Over Texas Music Mill in Arlington at 8:00 p.m. Six Flags Over Texas Park Admission is required in addition to the concert admission.

Ringling Brothers: Barnum & Bailey's Circus is in town. Several

shows on Saturday including 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 30 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.

### July 30

Patti LaBelle in concert at Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie at 8:00 p.m. Featuring Charlie Wilson. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.

### August 1

UniverSoul Circus at Southwest Center Mall. Tuesday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at noon, 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. 3662 W. Camp Wisdom Road. See you under the big top!

### August 11

Mary J. Blige in concert at Smirnoff Music Center at 8:00 p.m. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.

### August 12

No Limit Women's Expo features exhibitors with products, services, and business opportunities for women. 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano from 10am - 6pm FREE. Call 972-898-5882.

Gospel Music Workshop of America Convention will convene through August 18 at the Dallas Convention Center. It is the largest international music convention of its kind. Nightly musicals. Visit <http://www.gmwanational.org> for more information.

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# Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community





**Paul Hailey**

Have you read any of the recent news about the war in Iraq? If you are a news junkie like me, you'll find that news out of Iraq on the war effort is scarce, and "real" news about what is going on in that country is virtually non-existent. One of the ironic things about this war has been that the best sources for information have been the international news agencies, like the BBC World News and the ITN Network.

I recently re-read some old articles on the war to gain some perspective and reacquaint myself with the timeline of events. The first thing that struck me is how difficult it is to fathom the fact that President Bush gave the orders to begin the war on March 19, 2003. I couldn't figure out why it just doesn't seem like the war had been going on that long. Then I realized that the information/disinformation we've been fed about the war by the Bush Administration and the mainstream media has in many ways desensitized us to the carnage that is taking place in Iraq.

Consider these disappointing numbers on the war: Somewhere between 45,000 to 50,000 Iraqi civilian deaths, 2,500 U.S. service members, 226 coalition troops from other countries, 100 journalists and 350 private contractors. These numbers don't include the estimated 200,000 totally disabled veterans the war is expected to produce. It also doesn't include the number that continues to amaze me - a U.S. cost \$4 billion dollars a month, with total expenditures approaching \$400 billion.

So in light of the negative numbers and lack of tangible progress in the war, the question I keep asking myself is where is our collective outrage over the war in Iraq? Why aren't

## Where is the Outrage Over the War in Iraq?

more American citizens in the streets exercising their right to protest a war that was justified on the basis of deception and outright lies?

We should be outraged, for all the lives that have been lost and all the money that has been spent in this war, but we should be just as outraged at the fact that the situation in Iraq is growing worse by the day. The Bush Administration doesn't want to admit it, but daily events in Iraq confirm that there is nothing short of a full civil war taking place between the Sunni and Shia religious sects.

The death toll from this civil war is rising daily in Iraq, one mortuary in Baghdad received 1,595 bodies in June alone.

On Tuesday in Kufa, a city south of Baghdad, a suicide bomber pulled his minivan into a busy market, invited laborers onboard with the promise of jobs and then blew himself up. The blast killed at least 59 people and wounded 132 others in one the bloodiest attacks in Iraq this year. The attack sparked a clash between the police and angry protestors who called the police "traitors" and "American agents".

The immediate response to civil war in Iraq from Americans might be a disinterested-so what? Admittedly, that was my response until I started looking at it from a historical perspective.

Civil war is what the conflict in Vietnam was all about, and that war gives us some ominous foreshadowing about what may eventually happen in Iraq. The first problem is that it converts our military stance from a fighting force into an occupational, peacekeeping force. That type of mission drags on for years and usually decades before concluding, and the reasons for being there in the first place become fuzzier over time in the minds of Americans.

That's what happened during the end of the Vietnam War. Americans no longer understood why we were there, and got outraged over the nightly pictures of dead soldiers and civilians being broadcast into their living rooms. That's when they took to the streets in protest. The Bush Administration has banned the media from showing pictures of dead soldiers in this war, but even that shouldn't keep us from being outraged.

People are dying unnecessarily in an unnecessary war, and the citizens of this country have the ability and the right to shape policy for our nation. Generally, Americans have to get really angry to be moved to action on an issue. I wonder what it's going to take for us to get angry and outraged about the war in Iraq.

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## Voting Rights Hall Of Shame

By: George E. Curry - NNPA Columnist

After defeating several amendments that would have neutered legislation to renew key sections of the Voting Rights Act set to expire next year, the U.S. House of Representatives finally passed the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act last week by a vote of 390-33. No Democrat voted against the bill and Republicans approved it by a margin of 192-33. The bill now moves to the Senate, where it is expected to easily win approval before the August recess.

We should never forget the 33 members of the Hall of Shame: Jo Bonner and Terry Everett of Alabama; Trent Franks and John B. Shadegg of Arizona; Wally Herger, John T. Doolittle, Edward R. Royce, Gary G. Miller, Dana Rohrabacher, John Campbell, all of California; Joel Hefly and Thomas G. Tancredo of Colorado; Tom Price, John Linder, Lynn A. Westmoreland, Charlie Norwood, Nathan Deal and Phil Gingrey, all of Georgia; Dan Burton of Indiana, Iowa's Steve King, Richard H. Baker of Louisiana, Roscoe G. Barrett of Maryland, New Jersey's Scott Garrett; Virginia Foxx and Patrick T. McHenry of North Carolina; South Carolina's J. Gresham Barrett, John J. Duncan Jr. from Tennessee and six from Texas: Sam Johnson, Jeb Hensarling, Joe Barton, K. Michael Conaway, Mac Thornberry and Ron Paul.

Not voting were Julia Carson, a Congressional Black Caucus member from Indiana; Jo Ann Davis of Virginia, Lane Evans of Illinois, Missouri's Sam Graves, Michael McNulty from New York, Annie M. Northup from Kentucky, Pete Sessions of Texas, Louise McIntosh Slaughter of New York and Todd Tiahrt of Kansas.

That any member of Congress would vote against such important legislation would be bad enough. But I

have even less respect for the hypocrites who voted for crippling amendments to the legislation and after those efforts failed, voted for the final measure so that they could save face.

In an effort to gut the Voting Rights measure, four amendments were offered in the House.

Amendment 4, proposed by Rep. Lynn Westmoreland (R-Ga.), would have the Attorney General make an annual determination of whether certain jurisdictions must meet the Section 5 preclearance requirement of the Voting Rights Act as well as shift the burden of proving whether a community has stopped discriminating from the jurisdiction to the Justice Department. Amendment 8, sponsored by another Republican from Georgia, Charlie Norwood, would use turnout figures from the three previous presidential elections rather than past record of discrimination to determine which states are covered under the Act. Based on figures from the 1996, 2000 and 2004 elections, it would essentially repeal Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

Amendment 7, sponsored by Republican Representatives Steve King of Iowa, Candice Miller from Michigan, Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida and Spencer Bachus of Alabama, would repeal Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act that provides language assistance to voters who have difficulty speaking English. And Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) proposed a reauthorization period of 10 years rather than 25.

A band of Southern legislators almost derailed the bill by claiming that their region was being treated unfairly. However, Congressional hearings showed Black voters were the real victims.

Southern members of Congress who supported both the Westmoreland and Norwood amendments before voting for the final version of the voting rights extension were: Robert B. Aderholt of Alabama; Florida's Ginny

Brown-Waite, Cliff Stearns, Ric Keller, Adam Putnam, Connie Mack and Dave Weldon; Jack Kingston from Georgia; Bobby Jindal and Rodney Alexander from Louisiana; Mississippi's Roger F. Wicker, Charles Pickering and Gene Taylor; Walter Jones, Harold Coble, Sue Wilkins Myrick and Charles Taylor, all of North Carolina; Henry E. Brown and Joe Wilson of South Carolina; Texas' Louie Gohmert, Ted Poe, Ralph Hall, John Abney Culberson, Kevin Brady, Michael T. McCaul, Kay Granger, Randy Neugebauer, Lamar S. Smith, Henry Bonilla and Kenny Marchant and three Congressmen from Virginia, Virgil H. Goode Jr., Bob Goodlatte and Eric Cantor.

Seven Southern supporters of the final bill voted for the Westmoreland amendment, but not the one offered by Norwood. They were: Mike Roberts and Spencer Bachus of Alabama, Michale Bilirakis and C.W. Bill Young of Florida, Louisiana's Jim McCrery, William L. Jenkins of Tennessee and John R. Carter from Texas.

(For a complete list of how every Congressperson voted on each amendment and the final bill, go to my blog (no www) curryingfavor.blogspot.com).

Three co-sponsors of the amendment to repeal the language assistance provision of the Voting Rights Act - Candice S. Miller of Michigan, Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida and Spencer Bachus of Alabama - voted for the final measure after their effort to kill that section of the legislation was easily defeated.

Evidently, lawmakers expected us to be satisfied with their final vote and not be aware of their disingenuous behavior. But they guessed wrong. And now that we are aware of their efforts to dilute our political power, we should do what the old lady in church tells us to do after reading the Sunday announcements: govern yourselves accordingly.

## NAACP Ought To Give Bush Some Credit

Gregory Kane

NAACP board Chairman Julian Bond might not know it, but he just proved a black Republican is right.

When I met Christopher Alan Bullock during a reception at the Venezuelan Embassy this month, the Delaware Republican told me that President Bush, whom he supports, "hasn't done enough to get the message out about what he's done for African-Americans." Bullock then elaborated.

Homeownership among blacks has risen under Bush, Bullock said, as well as Small Business Administration loans to black entrepreneurs.

According to a Feb. 22, 2006, New York Times article, homeownership among black Americans was less than 43 percent before 1995, rose to 49.7 percent in 2004 and dipped only a wee bit to 48.8 percent in 2005.

A July 15, 2005, Louisville Courier-Journal article quoted Bush as saying that SBA loans to black businesses increased 28 percent in 2004. But black elected officials - Democrats, as you might have guessed - were quick to point out that Bush slashed funding for the SBA.

Bullock also praised the number of blacks Bush selected for his Cabinet, figures that are hard to dispute. Bullock mentioned former Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, current Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, former Secretary of Education Rod Paige and current Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Alphonso R. Jackson, to name a few.

Clearly, one of the people who didn't get the memo about the historic occasion of a president naming the first two black secretaries of state in the nation's history is Bond. You'd think, as board chairman of the country's oldest civil rights organization, Bond would at least give the president credit for it.

In fact, genuine nonpartisanship - which Bond claims is a principle the NAACP cherishes ever so dearly - requires mentioning it. But did we get it from Bond in his opening address at the NAACP annual convention this week?

Ah, yet another "Do rich folks eat welfare cheese?" question!

"We need balance," Bullock told me Monday night. "If [Bond is] going to criticize the president for what he's not doing, he should give him credit for what he is doing, especially in the area of economic development for African-Americans."

Bond's speech this year wasn't any more balanced than the invective he has hurled at Bush in prior NAACP convention speeches, but at least it wasn't as nasty. Gone were the references to Bush Cabinet appointees being from the "Taliban wing" of American politics. Absent were remarks about Republicans having an idea of equality that amounted to "the American flag and the Confederate swastika flying side by side."

Still, there was plenty of criticism of Republicans and Bush, and enough for a skeptical reader to

wonder whether Bond's speech had been written at the Democratic National Committee headquarters. But Bond prefaced the criticism by saying he had extended yet another invitation for Bush to speak to the NAACP annual convention.

It occurred, Bond told NAACP delegates, at a reception held before the White House correspondents' dinner. Bond said Bush asked him how old he was. Bond answered that at 66, he was now too old to be president.

"You're not too old," Bond said the president told him. "[Sen.] John McCain is 70."

"I guess I'll ask John McCain if I can be his vice president," Bond answered.

"No," Bush said, "A confident man would ask John McCain to be his vice president."

Bond told the delegates he felt confident enough to ask Bush to address the convention. He said the president "made a sound, which at the time I took to mean either 'I'll think about it' or 'not in your lifetime.'"

Bullock, for one, was hoping Bush meant "I'll think about it."

"I think the president should accept the invitation to speak this year," Bullock said. "It would be a good gesture." Bullock and Bond will get their wish. Bush is scheduled to speak to the NAACP convention tomorrow, though I have no idea why. NAACP leaders - notably Bond - and enough for a skeptical reader to

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

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

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# Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Hosts 48th National Convention In Philadelphia

**One Mission, One Sisterhood: Empowering Communities Through Committed Service**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the nation's largest African-American women's organization, is hosting its 48th National Convention in Philadelphia, July 27 - August 2, 2006, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Delta members representing chapters in 46 states and several foreign countries will convene at the biennial meeting.

One Mission, One Sisterhood: Empowering Communities Through Committed Service is the theme for the national convention, whose purpose is to address issues relevant to African-American women, their families, and respective

communities. Throughout its 93-year history Delta Sigma Theta has clearly distinguished



itself as a premiere service organization that boldly addresses the challenges facing global communities.

"After 85 years, we are

delighted to be returning to the hometown of our beloved first national president, Dr. Sadie T. M. Alexander," said Dr. Louise A. Rice, Delta's 23rd national president. "The last time we convened here for a national convention was in 1921. We look forward to being in Philadelphia later this month with more than 12,000 of our members, represented."

Dr. Alexander was the first black woman to earn a Ph.D. in the United States, the first black woman admitted to the Pennsylvania bar, and the first black woman graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

During the convention, Delta's national leaders will present updates on major initiatives in the areas of education, economic development, political

awareness, health and wellness, social justice, and art and culture. Its healthy lifestyles task force will address the high incidence of obesity among women by urging Delta members and all women of color to achieve healthy weight goals. Delta's Social Action Commission will focus on race and poverty as they affect African-Americans.

Founded in 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a public service organization composed of college-educated, predominantly African-American women. The Sorority has more than 900 chapters in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica and the Republic of Korea. More than 200,000 women have been initiated into its ranks.

## DCCCD Awards Scholarships To Area Students

Four Dallas-area residents will attend schools in the Dallas County Community College District during the 2006-2007 academic year, thanks to the support of the late Dallas business and civic leader Reece A. Overcash. The DCCCD Foundation annually recognizes recipients of the Reece A. Overcash Endowed Scholarship Fund, which pays tribute to and honors the legacy of the former CEO whose company, The Associates (which later merged with Citigroup in 2000), grew to become a leading financial services provider in the United States and abroad.

Students are awarded up to \$1,000 per academic year, or \$500 per semester for a maximum of six semesters. The recipients and their general areas of study are:

- Tania Broadnax of DeSoto, Cedar Valley College, accounting;
- Caitlin Denise McKeon of Rockwall, Eastfield College, nursing;
- Brittany M. Rankin of Duncanville, Mountain View College, business management; and
- Britene Williams of Irving, North Lake College, nursing.

Applicants also must have a high school diploma and a minimum 3.0 grade point average or a "B" average, and they must enroll in at least six credit hours at one of the DCCCD's seven colleges. Recipients are chosen by a special selection committee that includes representatives from the Overcash family and the DCCCD Foundation, which administers the fund. Since the endowed fund was created, approximately 65 scholarships have been awarded.

## Ericsson Scholarship And Internship Program Taps UTD Talent

Ericsson's scholarship and internship program for University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) students, was first announced in the summer of 2005, and is preparing for its first class of scholarship recipients. Ericsson will award five \$2,500 scholarships to boost its already active internship program.

Applicants for the first round of scholarships -- two in business management and three in engineering -- have now been interviewed and selected. Ericsson has also linked the scholarship program to a paid summer internship. Although the internship is not a requirement for receiving the scholarship, Ericsson hopes students will opt to join the Plano-based telecom firm to obtain practical experience.

"Internships are the best pipeline we have to identify talent. It really helps us determine a person's potential and, at the same time, gives the intern a real sense of what working at Ericsson is all about," said Angel Ruiz, President of Ericsson's North American operations.

The program is designed primarily for junior and senior level students, plus those in the first-year of graduate course study. Each scholarship is renewable, if grade point average and other criteria are maintained. In addition to the five scholarships, Ericsson accepts anywhere from 15-20 summer interns for positions in engineering, contract management and finance. Ericsson carefully aligns the scope of the internship to company needs and objectives.

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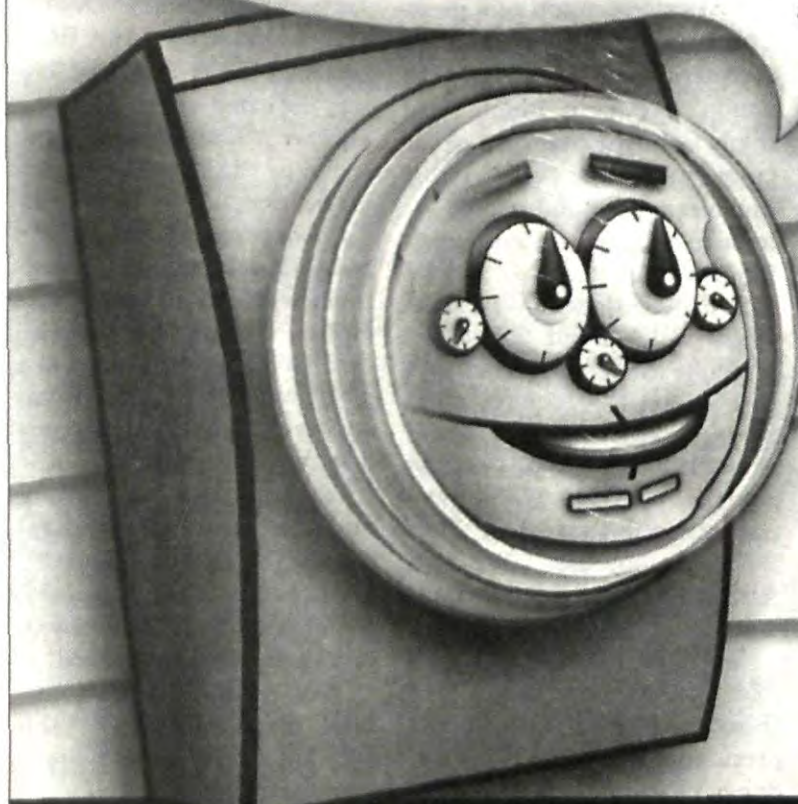
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## Foreclosures Continue To Soar In Collin County

By: Jim Kilpatrick

Foreclosures of residential homes continue to soar in the Collin County area, according to Foreclosure Listing Service Inc. in Addison.

"Postings of Collin County homes climbed 34 percent with 342 postings filed for the Aug. 1 auction, compared to only 255 filings at this time last year," said George Roddy, president of Foreclosure Listing Service. "August's filings represented the sixth time this year that monthly home postings within Collin County have exceeded 300."

He added Dallas-Fort Worth-area foreclosure postings filed on residential homes for the upcoming auctions in

August were 26 percent higher than at this time last year.

"The largest gain in residential postings for the August auctions in the Metroplex was found in Collin County," he said. "While Collin County's posting activity for the month of August ranked as the metro's highest gain in monthly postings over the last year, the county's year-to-date posting performance ranks as the Metroplex's lowest gain in residential postings for the year thus far."

Just 9 percent more homes have been posted for foreclosure during the first eight months of the year than during the same period last year. According to the report 2,616 postings were filed on Collin homes compared

to 2,406 postings during the same period last year.

Roddy didn't see any massive postings as the year goes on in



Collin County area.

"I don't think it is going to increase in any great substance," Roddy said. "I don't see any monumental increases."

He added that in any growth areas there is a trend for more

foreclosures.

"The numbers we are seeing are indicative of what we are going to see in the next two or three quarters, if not longer," he said.

Dallas and Denton counties were at 30 percent higher in postings in August 2006 compared to the same time last year.

The August comparison residential foreclosures postings for Collin County from 2002 to the present show 2006 at the highest with 342 and 2002 the lowest at 173. The next highest was in 2003 with 273.

The year-to-date for the same period shows a steady growth beginning in 2002 at 1,209

postings and rising to 2,616.

The foreclosure trend has been going upward for several years now. The tech bust contributed to the movement, because people bought houses

when tech jobs were plentiful, but had to default after they lost their jobs.

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## NAACP Urges Blacks To Avoid Certain Businesses

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Even companies that make an effort to work with minority-owned businesses typically spend barely 5 percent of their contracting dollars with them, the NAACP president said Monday as his group released report cards on several industries.

Blacks shouldn't spend money with companies that don't hire them or advertise in their communities, NAACP President Bruce S. Gordon said.

"If corporations spend their money on us, we'll spend our money with those corporations," he said. "It's real simple."

Gordon's comments were part of his first keynote convention speech as head of the civil

rights group; he took over as president last August. More than 4,000 people are attending the 97th annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which runs through Thursday.

The NAACP has graded corporations since 1997 on how well they work with blacks in employment, charitable giving, advertising, contracting and community service. This year, the civil rights group looked at the telecommunications, lodging, finance, retail and auto industries.

Most companies did best on charitable giving and community service, and worst on hiring and contracting. Gordon said the contracting numbers were "totally unacceptable."

A former division president at

Verizon, Gordon said directing black consumer dollars will push companies to be more responsive.

"I have a pretty unique perspective — 35 years working for a corporation with a purchasing budget in the billions and billions of dollars, and a chance to observe internally how the procurement process works," he said.

Telecommunications companies scored best with an overall B-minus grade.

For the second straight year, Atlanta-based BellSouth Corp. received the highest grade of

Of the 50 companies contacted by the NAACP, five ignored the survey, including four retailers: Dillard's Inc.; Kohl's Corp.; Sears, Roebuck and Co.; and Target Corp. All were given Fs

for not answering. The other company that failed to answer was Excel, a telecommunications company; it also received an F.

Gordon called on blacks to stop shopping at Target, in particular, until they answer the NAACP's questions — though he stopped short of calling the action a boycott.

"They didn't even care to respond to our survey," he said. "Stay out of their stores."

During his keynote address, Gordon said black Americans should end their "victim-like thinking" and seize opportunities to help close gaps between the nation's rich and poor.

"We may not have all the power that we want, but we have all the power that we need," Gordon said. "All we have to do is believe it and use it."

## McKinney On Board With New Wright Legislation

McKinney officials have reached an agreement with the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth on language used in Wright Amendment legislation introduced by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, last week, Hutchison's office said.

McKinney had been concerned with the language used in one of the provisions of the bill that might have "unfairly and arbitrarily affected area regional airports," said McKinney Mayor Bill Whitfield.

More specifically, the city wanted the language clarified in the legislation so that it would protect the economic development of other airports and also maintain a level playing field should area airports, such as Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney, try to attract commercial airlines, said McKinney City Manager Larry Robinson.

The language agreed upon Monday makes it clear that the provision was to affect specifically airports owned by Dallas

and Fort Worth, and also adds a provision related to marketing incentives.

"Bootstrapping other airports in here was never our intention," said Kevin Cox, chief operating officer for D/FW Airport, in a conference call with reporters Monday. "It was a case of unintended consequences or misperceptions ... We believe we are now all working on the same sheet of music."

A spokeswoman for Sen. Hutchison's office said the senator would introduce the changes

to the legislation Wednesday.

Mayors from the three cities had a conference call Friday afternoon to sort through the concerns.

Cox says if the bill goes through as introduced with the minor changes announced Monday, D/FW Airport might experience some contraction of business short-term, but will benefit in the long-term.

"We are very, very hopeful that (the legislation) unites the entire North Texas delegation," Cox said.

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destined to have surpassed Philadelphia within two weeks of that estimate.

The Census Bureau reports that 5.819 million residents lived in the DFW metro area compared to 5.823 million in greater Philadelphia on July 1, 2005. DFW, however, gains some 365 net new residents every day since the year 2000 decennial census according to the Bureau compared to Philadelphia's daily increases

of 72. At this pace, DFW overtakes Philadelphia 13 days following the Bureau's 2005 estimate and pulls well ahead during the remainder of the year.

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Based upon the Bureau's five-year growth rates for the top metros, DFW should report a population count of

approximately 5.95 million in their 2006 estimates. This will show the region with a substantial lead of approximately 100,000 residents over Philadelphia's 2006 count of 5.85 million.

"We expect companies around the world to see Dallas/Fort Worth with new eyes. Can you imagine a major corporation without a presence in the fourth largest market in the United States, especially one that remains among the

fastest growing?" says Dr. Lyssa Jenkins, chief economist at the Greater Dallas Chamber.

Miami, Houston, Washington D.C., Atlanta and Detroit round out the remaining top ten U.S. metros, in that order, and are not likely to switch places in the near term. Only another Texan, Houston, has any likelihood of improving its ranking by the end of this decade when it could overtake Miami to become the sixth largest U.S. metropolitan area.

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"poison pills" designed to kill the renewal because if any were adopted by the full House, the underlying renewal might have failed.

Supporters used stark images and emotional language to make clear that the pain of racial struggle — and racist voting practices — still stings.

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., displayed photos of civil rights activists, including himself, who were beaten by Alabama state troopers in 1965 as they marched from Selma to Montgomery in support of voting rights.

"I have a concussion. I almost died. I gave blood; some of my colleagues gave

their very lives," Lewis shouted from the House floor, while the Rev. Jesse Jackson, another veteran of the civil rights movement, looked on from the gallery.

"Yes, we've made some progress; we have come a distance," Lewis added. "The sad truth is, discrimination still exists. That's why we still need the Voting Rights Act and we must not go back to the dark past."

The bill's progress through Congress is considered by Republican leaders as one way to stem the damage to the party's "big-tent" image among minorities watching the contentious debate over whether to grant most of the nation's 12

million illegal immigrants a chance at citizenship.

The renewal of the Voting Rights Act — the legislative centerpiece of the civil rights movement — is widely supported by House leaders in both parties. It had been expected to sail through the House last month,

but a rebellion in a closed GOP caucus meeting forced supporters to cancel the vote.

Conservatives, mostly from the South, contended that the bill singled out their states for Justice Department scrutiny without giving them credit for strides on civil rights.

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### Bush To Address NAACP Page 1

elections. "I am here as Republican chairman to tell you we were wrong," he said last year as the highest-ranking Republican to address the group.

Snow acknowledged that Bush had "political disagreements" with NAACP members but said the president

wanted to "talk about some of the commonalities."

He denied that Bush's appearance was related to Hurricane Katrina.

"We have to find ways to make sure that the road to opportunity is clear for one and all," Snow said. "And I think the president wants to make his voice heard."

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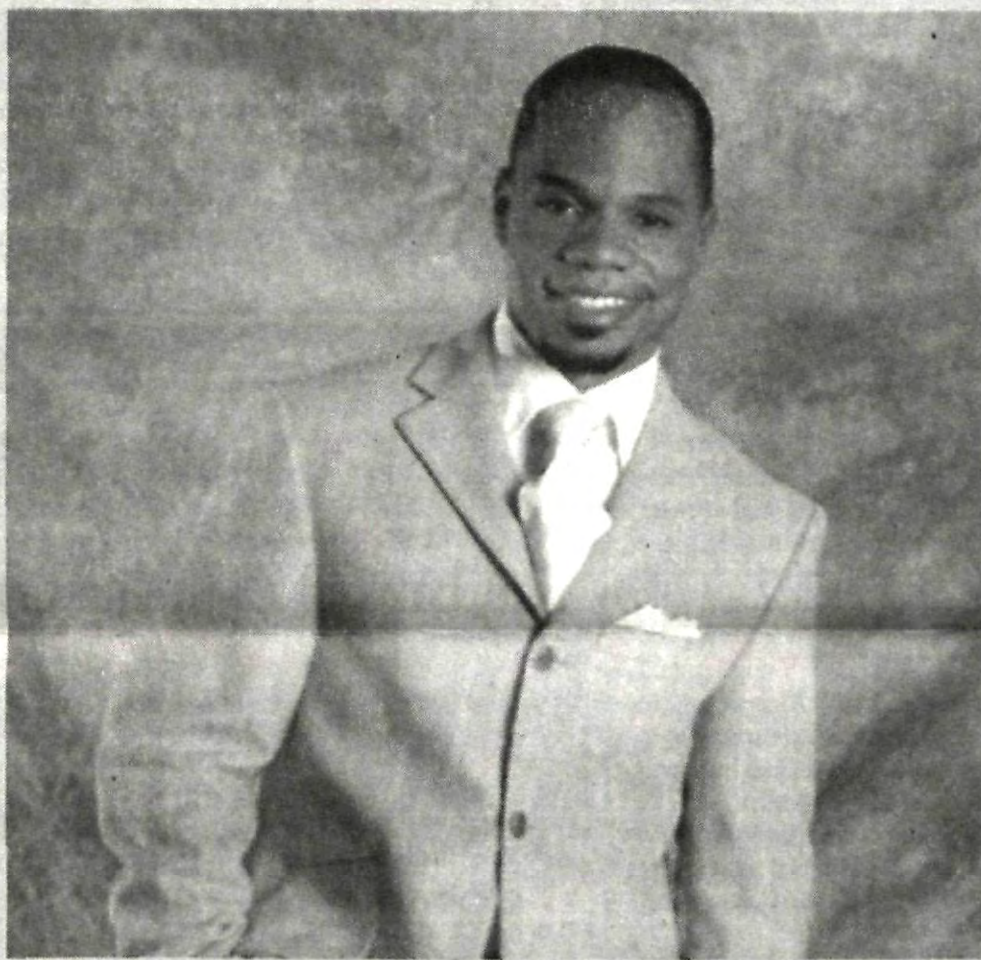




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## Ex-Destiny's Child Member Letoya Takes Solo Spotlight

By: Gail Mitchell

Most artists are lucky to get one shot at stardom. But six years after being forced out of Destiny's Child just as the R&B stars were about to break big, LeToya Luckett is poised for success once more. And the now single-monikered singer/songwriter is not taking the second chance for granted.

Which is partly why delivery of her self-titled Capitol debut, originally scheduled for release last year, was postponed until July 25. It looks like the delay is paying off. "Torn" is No. 3 on the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart, No. 36 on the Billboard Hot 100 and No. 12 on Hot 100 Airplay.

Other than mentioning LeToya's seven-year stint in Destiny's Child (including co-writing the career-building singles "Bills Bills Bills" and "Say My Name"), Capitol is treating her as a new artist. "Our initial objective was to introduce a hit song and video to establish her as the H-town girl that she is and let her tell that story," says Fabian "Fade" Duvernay, vice president of urban marketing for Capitol. "We really want to go into making LeToya the urban 'It' girl."

"LeToya" stretches from soulful, sensuous ballads and club jams to spotlighting the

city's trademark "screwed-up" style.

"I'm a Southern belle who likes heavy-hitting beats," says LeToya, who co-wrote nine of the album's 16 songs. "I can give



it to you hard or I can be soft and soulful, hip-hop with grace."

That versatility wasn't fully realized during her Destiny's Child tenure. She and former fellow group member LaTavia Roberson gained more notoriety for their unceremonious ouster from the group in March 2000. Ensuing breach-of-contract and defamation-of-character lawsuits were settled out of court in 2002.

A subsequent pairing with Roberson in a new girl group called Angel was aborted. Moving to Los Angeles for six months, LeToya traveled the modeling and acting agency cir-

cuit while cutting demos that eventually secured the Capitol contract.

"Being the ex-Destiny's Child member was the most awkward part," LeToya says of that period. "Some people didn't want to touch my music ... But at the same time, (Destiny's Child) got me in the door."

In the interim, LeToya established Houston boutique Lady Elle with her mother. The 3-year-old clothing and accessory store sells a variety of fashion lines, including Tag and Beyonce and Tina Knowles' House of Dereon.

When the enhanced "LeToya" CD is released July 25, it will include segments from a limited-run reality show on BET, which tracks the singer's pre-release process. The show starts airing on the cable outlet July 17.

On July 14, LeToya kicked off her stint as opening act (along with rapper Jaheim) on Mary J. Blige's North American summer tour.

A forward-looking LeToya welcomes the chance to stretch. "It's funny. In the beginning I never saw myself as a solo artist. But the turning point came when people started showing me love on my promo tour. Now I want people to get to know me and my voice."

## Unleashing A Hurricane Spike Lee: 'When the Levees Broke'

By: Aaron Barnhart

Spike Lee was in Venice, of all places, when the levees broke. Sitting in his hotel room in the submerged Italian city, where he was attending a film festival, Lee flipped back and forth between BBC and CNN, riding the roller coaster of emotions over what man and nature had wrought in New Orleans.

"I was really mad and sad," Lee told TV critics during a session to promote "When the Levees Broke," his upcoming HBO documentary. "I wanted to do something about it."

Mostly, though, Lee was, and is, angry at a country that let this happen, at a government that reacted indifferently to the suffering of black people in the Crescent City and at a short-attention-span culture that has already consigned Hurricane Katrina to the history files.

That's how the celebrated director, who is not known for making nonfiction films about

current events, decided to undertake what became a four-hour docu-opera, subtitled "A Requiem in Four Acts." It airs in two parts, Aug. 21 and 22, repeating in full Aug. 29, the



one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina hitting New Orleans.

Lee said that the anger of these citizens, many of whom have yet to return to New Orleans, would be given its full measure in "When the Levees Broke." Lee will even give ample

time to those who think that the levees did not collapse under the weight of the water but were detonated, perhaps by the government.

"We gave time to people to say what they feel, and (more than) one person said they heard an explosion" at the levee, Lee said.

That's one reason he wanted to do the film for HBO. After producing a documentary about the 1963 Birmingham church bombing, "Four Little Girls," Lee knew the network would let him do the film his way. But there was another reason HBO was the place for Lee.

"When people are mad, they curse," he said. "They're profane, and I did not want to censor anything these people had to say." He recalled interviewing one woman who, explaining her frustration trying to get help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, asked on camera, "Tell me who I have to have sex with," only it was more randy than that.

## Outkast Ready To Get 'Wild': Movie Premiere And Album Release Have Special Connections



OutKast, with the premier of their new musical film "Idlewild," will help raise money for the Hinton Battle Theatre Laboratory.

Universal Pictures states that the film's August 21 premiere

will be a special benefit for the theater lab named for the three-time Tony Award winner who choreographed dance sequences in the film.

HBTL is a non-profit theater company founded to discover, develop and present compelling, original theatrical works that reflect American's rich multicultural heritage.

"I am so pleased that Universal is taking advantage of this opportunity to utilize 'Idlewild' to spotlight the important work being done at HBTL," said Battle. "It is my hope that this benefit will allow even more deserving children the opportunity to showcase their talent and experience the theater and arts."

"Idlewild" opens in theaters August 25. The OutKast duo

Andre 3000 and Big Boi star in the American South Prohibition-era musical, along with an all-star cast of Ving Rhames, Terrence Howard, Patti LaBelle, Macy Gray, Ben Vereen, Cicely Tyson, and Malinda Williams. The film follows a club performer (Big Boi) deals with a gangster and his piano player deals with his obligations to his love and his family.

The soundtrack for the film marks the first time the two have rapped together since 2000's "Stankonia." The debut single from the album, "Mighty O," was written by the two and produced by Organized Noize. The disc hits stores August 22, a day after the special movie premiere and three days before the movie hits theaters nationwide.

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related illness - dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps.

- If you do not have air conditioning in the home, go to malls, libraries and other places with air conditioning;
- Drink plenty of fluids; avoid drinks containing alcohol, caffeine or sugar.

## Black Cinematheque Dallas and South Dallas Cultural Center Present Laughing, Lying & Signifying: The African American Comedy Film Festival

The 8th Annual Laughing, Lying & Signifying African American Comedy Film Festival will screen eight short films on Friday, July 21, 2006, 8:00 PM, Black Forest Theater, 1920 Martin Luther King, Dallas Texas.

The line up will include six hilarious short s. by PSTOLA.com/The Sure Shot Guerrilla Film Co. Founded in 1999 when three friends -- Andre Brooks, Deon Johnson, Jason Alexander Van Veen became fed up with the mediocre, one-dimensional images of African Americans in film, purchased some camera equipment and became insurgents in the new digital film revolution.

"We came together as three brothers that enjoy making one another laugh," says Andre Brooks. "We're really trying to take audiences on a ride through black culture because they -- black people, white people and everybody else -- never really get to see us as the complex people that we are. We know cats that, if you saw them on the street, you'd think they were just die-hard thugs."

"But in reality," explains Jason, "they'll be some of the most intelligent cats you'll ever meet." "Black people, especially, get into this monolithic thing," continues Andre. "We don't see -- especially in entertainment -- much diversity. We see set images that are kinda etched in stone."

### Films:

"Guerrilla Tactics" - 6 min. A peek into a PSTOLA.com production meeting, where they discuss getting their films shown in film festivals, paying bills and making a living.

"The Corporate Negro", 6 min. "They don't know me, maybe. I'm the corporate Negro. I have the job, the house ... the car. I've got my heart [CUT TO: thin, long-haired, café-au-lait beauty], my \*\* for my debauch-

ery [CUT TO: darker-skinned, thicker sister], and y'all know we get an honorary white girl with this package [CUT TO: bored white woman]. And I have authority over white Ivy Leaguers who make six-figure salaries."

"With Corporate," continues Jason, "we wanted to make a cor-



Lionell Hilliard

porate dude whose lifestyle was as sexy as a rapper's. That's why he's bragging about all the material things that his lifestyle affords him. And then, it takes a twist. The ending came about when we were still shooting. We were like, wouldn't it be f... up if we just ended it with, 'At the end of the day, despite all your accomplishments, you still a nigga.'" "What's interesting to me," says Andre, "is that I've played the film for people in my office, and a white gay colleague came up to me and said, 'I completely relate to that story.' An Asian dude in the office said, 'It's the same for us.' I think that being very specific with the story actually opens the door for lots of different people to see their story or situation as well."

"Double Barrell Gangstaz BBQ" & "What You Drinking Mank," 3 min. - both films star Gerald "Slink Capone" Johnson as a hardcore, Jheri-curl'd thug with a serious addiction for gourmet food and Starbuck coffee.

"J.R. Cashing" 6 min. hilarious piece written, directed and

all three roles played by Terry Boyce -- the mama, the good son and the so-called bad seed who spends his whole paycheck on Friday night partying and then wants to borrow money from his mama.

"Thangs" 17 min.

Gangsterism has become stylish within African American culture. To succeed with the ladies, a preppy middle class brother adopts gangster fashion and buys a tricked-out car, getting more than he bargained for.

Sunday Morning Stripper by Lionell Hilliard 24:52 min. 2002

"Hey, the Lord moves in mysterious ways... well, sort of." An AFI Thesis Film

When a praise-zealous Sister Wilma takes off her clothes in church during a heightened worship service, Pastor Gregory turns the other cheek. But it's probably more so because of the increased amount of members and tips (er, make that tithes) that has resulted. Starring comedian Bruce Bruce, Shawn Smith, Reynaldo Ray, Steve Larkin, Sara Beth Lane and Lavelle Roby.

Oxtails by Jacqueline McKinley and Antonia March 21 min. 2005

Oxtails is a comedy for anyone who believes in love. ... with a little assistance. Xavier subtly voids eating his girlfriend's meal out of fear that she might be adding "roots" to her recipes. At the local bar, his commitment-phobic friends reinforce his anxieties, while others provide rational alternatives. Is "roots" alive and well, or is Xavier overreacting? Oxtails redefines the old adage, the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

Admission is \$5.00 at the door. For more information call 214-426-1683 or 214-939-2787.

## Pharrell Pushes HP - Music Star Follows Jay-Z In Marketing Campaign

HP might very well stand for hip. The technology company has a roster of cool endorsers including rapper Jay-Z for its new commercial and now has Pharrell Williams for the next spot.

The company's "The Computer is Personal Again" campaign features celebrities and noteworthy business people and how their PCs are personal to them. The spots only show the upper torso of the celebs as their hands showcase what they have on their personal computers.

The first spot ran with Olympic

gold medalist and professional Shaun White, followed up by the Jay-Z spot. The incredible success of the Jay-Z spot has brought on another hip-hop celeb, Pharrell Williams whose commercial is next up for the campaign.

Just like Hova's spot, hip-hop fans will get to see Pharrell explain (via his hands) how he gets personal on his computer. The spot will be available for viewing online before its television debut.

In the meantime, Pharrell has a few other hot projects. His



album "In My Mind" will be available in stores July 25 and he's helping rocker Scott Weiland with his new solo album.

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NAACP offshoots such as the National Voter Fund have treated Bush the past five years as though he were the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, not the president of the United States.

Tara Wall, the director of outreach communications for the Republican National Committee, indicated Bush might have accepted the invitation for precisely the reason Bullock spoke of - to spread the word about the president's policies that have benefited blacks.

"I think it will be a great opportunity for the president and for us to get our message

out," Wall said. "This president has shown distinct and clear leadership."

Wall also listed what she said were Bush's achievements regarding black Americans. Among them: closing the educational achievement gap with the No Child Left Behind Act, funding for AIDS research in Africa and in black communities in the United States, and an increase in funding for historically black colleges and universities.

If anyone is to make the case for any gains blacks have made under Bush's presidency, Bush will have to do it.

You can bet that NAACP leaders won't.

Enough is enough when public areas of a country, during the height of tourist season are off-limits to a nation's citizen to film a movie.

So where does the line get drawn when Africa has its beautiful landscaping in some parts where residents are living opulent lifestyles and areas where discrimination, sickness and death run rampant throughout the native areas?

**Namibia**— Four areas of the country will be off-limits from the public this week through September 10 for the filming of a Hollywood movie. Famous director Roland Emmerich, of Independence Day and The Day

After Tomorrow will be producing a movie about prehistoric times entitled 10,000 B.C.

**Nigeria**— The 7th Annual Leon H. Sullivan Summit took place in Abuja this week.

An AIDS charity that former President Bill Clinton initiated, signed a deal to make a cheap AIDS drug available to Nigeria.

**Sudan**— United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan addressed the African Union Mission in Darfur on pressing forward with the peace agreement signed by several, but not all, of the resistance movements in the war torn country. Annan

states that there is a "precious window of opportunity to end this cruel conflict" but warns that it could result in a "reversion to violence" if appropriate actions are not taken.

**Sierra Leone**— Khadijah Fofanah also known as Khady Black, one of the country's most notable female artists, has been appointed Goodwill Ambassador in the Ujima Africa Development. Ujima Africa is a non-government organization that has been privately funded for the past three years.

**Zimbabwe**— Twenty-seven firms are set to split \$5 trillion

to resuscitate their failing businesses. Out of 298 firms, these 27 were chosen due to the likelihood of a quick turn around cycle. The Zimbabwe government is making an avid attempt to help local companies be a part of the country's economic turn around.

**Rwanda**— The National Youth Council of Rwanda is searching for a bank that can support the youth with funding for entrepreneurial projects. The lack of finances for the youth has contributed to the influence on poverty in the country.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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**Project 02030-LLB-00-CN-EN.** Construction of 2.04 miles of new 4-lane roadway and Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge from south Shady Shores Rd to Garza Ln, Section 02, including grading, drainage, prestressed girder and steel tied-arch bridge structures, concrete pavements, retaining walls, utilities, toll plaza site work, illumination, sign structures, pavement markings, and ITS infrastructure. The project length is 0.26 mile roadway and 1.78 miles bridges. The engineer's estimate of probable construction cost is \$75,000,000. Non-refundable bid packet cost is ONE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$100.00). Bid documents on CD may be purchased separately for TWENTY FIVE AND NO/100 (\$25.00). **PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON AUGUST 10, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE NTTA MAIN OFFICES IN PLANO.** Contact Karen at 214-461-2061 for more information.

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## Church News

### Don't We All?



**Sister Tarpley**

Talking to a friend about driving out of town, I remembered to remind you how to stay awake while driving on vacations, to reunions or if you are just tired. I wrote last summer that Mr. Lewis Malone in Hamilton Park said the best way not to fall asleep while driving is to hold a cup of water in one hand and should you fall asleep, the cup will tilt and awake you. Please be careful and drive safely.

**Don't We All?**  
(From the Files of Floyd Erving's Short Stories)

Everyone respects and helps the millionaire, the famous, the boss, the athlete, and those with beauty and brains. What about the bum on the street?

I was in front of a mall cleaning my car. I came from the car wash and was waiting for my wife. Across the parking lot coming my way was what society would consider a bum. From the looks of him, he had no car, home, clean clothes nor any money. There are times when you feel generous but other times you don't want to be bothered. This was a, "Don't want to be bothered times."

"I hope he doesn't ask me for any money," and he didn't. He sat on the curb in front of a bus stop; he didn't look like he had money to ride the bus. After a few moments he said, "That's a pretty car."

He was tagged, but he had an air of dignity around him. I said, "Thanks," and continued wiping

my car.  
He sat there quietly as I worked. The expected plea for money never came. The silence between us widened; something inside said, "Ask him if he needs help." I was sure that he would say, "Yes." Holding true to the inner voice, I asked, "Do you need any help?" He answered in three simple but pro-



**Picture of The Week**  
Rev. Archie Banks, Jr. & First Lady Sandra, Senior Pastor, Mt. Horuham Baptist Church in Grapevine, TX.

found words that I shall never forget. "Don't We All?" He said.

We often look for wisdom in great men and women. We expect it from those of higher learning and accomplishments. I expected nothing but an outstretched grimy hand. He spoke three words that shook me.

I was feeling high and mighty, successful and important, above a bum in the street, until those three words hit me like a brick. "Don't We All."

I needed help; not bus fare or a place to live, but I needed help. I

gave him not only enough for bus fare, but enough to get a warm meal and shelter for a day. Those three words still ring true. No matter how much you have, nor how much you have accomplished, or how big your house, you need help too. No matter how much you control, or how loaded you are with problems, even without money or a place to sleep, you can give help. Even if it's just a compliment or a smile, you can give that.

You never know when you may see someone that appears to have it all. They could be waiting on you to give them something they don't have. Maybe a different perspective on life; a glimpse at something beautiful, a respite from daily chaos that only you, through a torn world can see.

Perhaps that man was a homeless stranger. Perhaps he was sent by God to minister to a soul too comfortable in himself. Maybe God looked down, called an Angel, dressed him like a bum, then said, "Go minister to that man cleaning the car, that man needs help."

This didn't happen to me, yet it could have; those three words still ring true, "Don't We All?"

Someone wise said, "You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him."

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BloodCare at locations throughout the community. Donors were urged to dedicate their donation to a "badge," with Fire this year hoping to unseat Police, last year's victor by a slim margin.

"This is an opportunity for everyone to donate blood for our community with our

Police and Firemen," said Police Chief Greg Rushin. "The Police and Fire Departments have structured this event around a good natured competition between the two Departments, to assist in this very important effort. We are very proud of the results from last year, and hope to do even better this year."

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Sunday School: 9:30 am • Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
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## Church Happenings

### EBENEZER WORSHIP CENTER

July 28 - 29, 2006

Please join us for our Women of Power Conference @ the Amerisuites Hotel, 5229 Spring Valley in Dallas, TX. Registration includes breakfast and dinner, hotel stay for one night, a host of seminars, and awesome speakers. For more information and registration, contact Jacqueline Smith @ 972-868-4911

### Ebenezer Worship Center

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### FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

July 26-28, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

All age groups are invited to our Vacation Bible School. Our theme: "Go Global with Jesus," St. Mark 16-15.

July 29, 2 - 6 pm

You are invited to the close of our VBS with a church cookout. For more information on the above events, please call the church @ 972-359-9956.

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July 20-22, 7:30 pm

You are invited to our "Holy Ghost Revival," our theme: The Double Portion Anointing in Hosea 6:2-3; to be held @ The Greater Fellowship Church, 825 Murdock Road, Dallas, TX 75217, Rev. George Dawson, Senior Pastor.

For more information call Pastor Debra Jackson @ 214-938-0307

### Fellowship of Believers Ministries

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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

Tomorrow, July 21, 6 pm;

and July 22, 8 am

Please join us for our Church Conference: Empowering God's People to Impact The World in our Church, Home and Community.

July 23, 5:30 pm

You don't want to miss our Pastors' 25th Anniversary Celebration with the anointed Bishop David Martin, Senior Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle Church,

Dallas, and his outstanding choir; along with our renowned First Baptist Mass Choir @ the Eisemann Center @ Central Expressway & Galatyn Parkway in Richardson.

To register and for more information, please call the church @ 972-235-4235

July 28, 7 pm

Our Singles Ministry is hosting a Christian Comedy Show and you are invited. There will be professional entertainers and licensed catering @ the Family Life Center, down the street from the main sanctuary. For more information, please call the church.

### First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park

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Rev. Anthony Foster, Co-Pastor

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### HILL CHAPEL CME CHURCH

July 28 & 29, 2006

Please join us at our Just Between Sisters Women's Ministry Retreat @ Marriott Addison Quorum, 14901 Dallas Parkway, Dallas TX 75254. Our speakers are: First Lady Billye McNeil & Minister Cheryl Bell from Christian Chapel Temple of Faith in Dallas, and Pastor Ouida Lee from United Methodist of the Disciple in DeSoto, with the theme: Called, Committed, Changing, Matthew 4:18-20, Psalm 37:5-6, 2 Corinthians 5:17

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July 22, 10 am - 2 pm

You are invited to our 3rd Annual "Intimate Issues" session. There will be

food, fellowship, and door prizes. This is for men and women; questions can be asked anonymously by writing intimate issues, questions or concerns and placing them in a box to be taken out and read by one of our panel guests.

Panel guests will be Pastor Tony Williams, Prevailing Rock Church of Compassion; Pastor Barry Samples, True Holiness Gospel Church; Pastor Dorothy Waffer, Garland Congregation Revival Tabernacle; Bishop Gregory Crawford, Fellowship of Believers Ministries; and Elder James McCrary of Greater El Bethel C.O.G.I.C. Our theme: "Take the Delusion Out of It." 2 Timothy 2:15-16; James 5:19-20.

For more information and ticket prices, call Sis. Kairsha Leslie @ 469-951-8931 or Sis. Venus Manning @ 214-372-4391.

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July 29, 6 pm

You are invited to our 2nd Annual Stepping Out with (P & P) Prayer & Praise Gala with the world renowned Vickie Winans, National Gospel Recording Artist @ the Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane (near the Galleria), Dallas, TX 75244. Our theme is "Guidance in Prayer," 1 John 5:14-15. There will be a Praise Dance Team, Inspirational Solos, Prayer Time, Local Vendors, and Prize Drawings.

Our speaker will be Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park in Richardson, TX; with Gala Co-Mistresses of Ceremonies, Ms. Lynne Haze, Radio Personality on 94.5FM; and Sister Shirley Demus Tarpley, Religious Editor for MON-The Gazette. Dress attire is Formal and Semi-Formal. Tickets are only \$50. You don't want to miss this event! NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

For more information and tickets please call 214-450-7634. A portion of the proceeds will benefit "The Dallas Local Organizing Committee, Inc. to Support DISD Priority Schools."

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## First Baptist Church Of Hamilton Park Family Conference 2006 and Pastors 25th Anniversary Celebration

Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor; and Rev. Anthony Foster, Co-Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park (First Church) are continuing the great "father-sons" tradition set by their father, the late Dr. J. Lee Foster, with the Family Conference 2006 and Pastors 25th Anniversary Celebration.

This weekend, Friday, July 21st @ 6:00 pm and Saturday morning, July 22nd starting @ 8:00 am, promises to be an exciting and anointed Family Conference with the theme: "Empowering God's People to Impact the World" found in St. Luke 6:47 & 58.

Believing that the "Family" is one of the greatest institutions of God; First Church believes that the home is the basic foundation upon which society rests. Therefore, an individual should live his/her life so that it reflects a picture of Christ and His church, and First Church endeavors to equip and encourage as many families to do the same.

The "Family Ministry" at First Church was formed to communicate honestly and simply that God, out of His great love for us, has a plan for our families, designed to give us joy and Him Glory. Glorifying God is our reason for being; and First Church believes that the work we do flows out of the life we live; which tells us that our attention needs to go beneath surface

activities to the source from which they spring; and this aids us in building our character. Our motive is love; love helps us build people up and not exploit them for our own selfish purposes. We believe that our tools are the Word of God and Prayer; and our Perfect Model for the Family Ministry is Jesus Christ.

The conclusion of Family Conference 2006 on Sunday, July 23, 2006 @ 5:30 pm is Pastors Gregg & Tony's 25th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the elegant Eisemann Center in

ence as well.

The Anniversary Committee said that First Church is pulling out all stops to have a 25th



Anniversary Celebration worthy of the work and care of Pastors Gregg and Tony. For almost 25 years they studied and learned under the loving care and guidance of the late Dr. J. Lee Foster and they are continuing his legacy. Our Spiritual Direction is "Each One, Reach One" and our Pastors "Preach to Reach, Teach to Keep"

God has richly blessed our Pastors to bring us the complete Word of God and we invited you not only to our Family Conference 2006 and our Pastors 25th Anniversary Celebration, but join us at any of our services.

To register for the Anniversary Celebration or for more information about the conference activities, please call the church @ 972-235-4235.

We also invite you to log on our website @ [www.fbchp.org](http://www.fbchp.org) to view our history, First Church's different ministries and what we are doing for God's people.



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## No Political Party Can Contain Us

By: Bishop T.D. Jakes

Members of the black clergy face a challenge in the upcoming political season to refrain from being used by any political party or ideological agenda to further their aims at the expense of the critical issues facing our communities.

As we approach the midterm congressional elections, poverty -- at home and abroad; economic and educational parity -- or the lack thereof; voting rights and accessibility; reconstruction of the Gulf Coast; and the war in Iraq are all critical issues that African-Americans should consider as we head to the ballot box.

Overcoming many of the existing challenges African-Americans face can be achieved with a plan that encourages a more cohesive community relationship and the spawning of entrepreneurial endeavors and business initiatives, including investments and a thoroughly considered community development initiative.

Many people share these concerns and as a Christian leader committed to the equality of all people and the betterment of people of color, I believe that from the most secluded country church to the largest megachurch, the black church as a corporate body has and will play a vital role in the attainment of these aspirations.

I do not believe that African-American ministers should allow their political views to dictate the subjects and tone of their sermons. Some believe their calling is to consistently petition society to address its role in depriving African-Americans of the full benefits of citizenship. Others

believe they are called to inform, encourage, coax and propel people of color to provide for themselves, shape their own reality and build institutions to better their communities.

Though the black community was served well by ministers who doubled as political leaders in an era when the pulpit was often our only podium, today, the African-American community is no longer limited to the pulpit as our primary lecture post. We now have thousands of African-American politicians elected to

Booker T. Washington shared the public spotlight with W.E.B. DuBois. Ida B. Wells worked against the lynching of black men, while Mary Church Terrell worked on behalf of black women. Martin Luther King Jr.'s voice calling for non-violent integration echoed alongside that of Malcolm X demanding freedom to do for self by any means necessary. As it is in all American communities, no one person or perspective speaks for all African-Americans.

If we as African-American ministers allow anyone to script our sermons for us, where will it end? I respect each minister's views and recognize his right to tout them, but it is dangerous to try to force all members of any group to align themselves with anyone's viewpoints, including my own. Each of us must answer the call that he or she receives from God, not the direction of any man.

In the final analysis, no singular approach will end America's most pressing problems. Rather, a multiple approach that includes direct assistance, personal empowerment lessons and self-help initiatives as well as speeches, marches and organized resistance, will help to dismantle the political and civic structures working against us. We are better together than we are apart.

Bishop T.D. Jakes is founder and senior pastor of The Potter's House of Dallas, a multiracial, nondenominational church with more than 50 outreach ministries. A best-selling author, Jakes was named "America's Best Preacher" by Time Magazine.



serve our interests, nonprofit leaders funded to lead our communal efforts and academics educated to research our options, and convey their findings to the world.

Just as the black community is not monolithic in its religious choices, personal opinions, or political affiliations, the black clergy is not limited in its sermonic topics to one perspective. Enforcing unanimity of voices is a dangerous proposition.

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