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## Theodore Phea Boys \& Girls

 Club reunion banquet planned

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## U. S. Census Bureau Reports

 You Should Be AwareThe U. S. Census Bureau Texans stemming from interna- hold fab but $\$ 55,000$. released a survey of Friday
August 27,2004 staring that August 27,2004 staring that
White now-Hispanics (Whites belonging to the Caucasoid Race of European descent and with light skin pigmentation! are no longer the majority in Texas, The survey said whites stopped being
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Tais Figueroa, legislative staff attomey for the Mexican American Legal Defense and
Education Fund stated "the future of Latinos is the future of
Future of Latinos is the future of
Texas."
The down side of this report
is real income has decreased for

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predominant Hispanic or Latino growth. The release a report on August 26. 2004 on all of America stating that ti.come was stable, poverty
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s. 5.2 percent in 2003 to 15.6 percent in 2003.
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LUBBoCK COUNTY, TEXAS, was lower than those of the remaining counties of 250,000 or more in the sample. Hidalgo County. Texas had an overall
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Call for the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
Mr. Reid, pastor of the Bethel AME Church in Battimore, Maryland and a syndicated television evangelist, launchied the book during the Quadrennial Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr, Reid Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr, Reid,
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Conference members say the Confererpe membersids say the
book took the church by suprise. but reactions to its contents were swift. "The book went a little too
fat, but there are some undeniable truths," said one conference atiendee, who preferred to be But AME officials say this book exudes criticism on a whole new level. "It seemed as if Reid was slamming the AME Church
but the slamming was valid, and it but the slamming was valid, and it reople, said Joseph Taylor, a conpeople, said Joseph Taylor, a connEpiscopal District. One church leader called thi urianticipated book a "masterpiece that swivels the conscious ness of the church and its rgganias a 'demonic spirit that has rul asing bureaucracy.
Though reacticns to the book are mixed, many agree the book is onz of the most critical challenges of the denomination the h istory the denomination.
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for withdrawing in the book soy for withdrawing in the book soy ing he did not want to "bow down 10 a system thas lost its dynamic missilon." He went on te say that the church had lost touch with the original mission of Richard Alien,
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fenomination in 1787 .
Contrary io some claims, the pook is not a precursm to his leaving the AME denomination. Dr. Reid said, rather it is a love letter o raise est corsciousness of the church'p bureautic pitfalts.
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Several years ago
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marrix of what can be called the New Racial Domain is a deadly thangle, or unholy trinity of
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angle of "color-blind racism" creates an endless cycle of economic marginalization, and social exclusion, culminating in civil and
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The cycle of destruction starts
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## Jesse Jackson shared a stage with Sharpton, Obama, but can he still make a difference?


address at the 1984 Democratic coivention in San Francisco. In Boston, 20 years later, he zave a
speech in the aftemoon before the speech in the aftemoon berore the
convention was even called to Most viewers missed his speech and the most face time he got un camera - always a priority
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stancing and standing and cheering
Sharpton and Ranck Obama. Shappton and Rarack Obama.
Some were openly wonderi whetter for a speaker noted for saying, "Our time has come," lis
time had come and gone. But time had come and gone But
those who know Black politics and Jesse Jackson warn that it would be a mistake to write him off as a has-been.
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tried to pass him over." says Ron tried to pass him over, says Ron
Walters, University of Maryland polititral science professor, whic
was a top ad- viser for Jackson's 1084 and 1988 presidential campaigns.
"I say "tried" because it's
going to be difficult for them to
do it. They can't bscause he is so do it. They can't bscause he is so
popular in the Black community because of his advocacy. People don't get it, but that's something that Black people want and like.
The polls support that view. Twenty years ago, Jackson was on in the top 10 of Gailup list
of most admired men in the world. In 2000, he was ranked 13th, ahead of Tiger Woods, Dalai Lama and Michael Jordan. Last summer, a Galiup Poll
asked people to name the most asked people to namee the most
important national leader in the Black conmmunity today. Jackson. at 17 percent, and Secretary of State Colin Powell, at 18 percent, were virtually tied.
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Democrat, I consider myself, a only the third Black elected to that body since Reconstruction. The others were Kepublicin
Edward Brooke of Massachusetts and Carol Moseley Braun, also of Illicois.
"This is a chance to show that the Black community can have
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life and different levels of senice life and different levels of service
and they car share the same and they car share the same
stage," says Kimberly Crenshaw a. Jaw professor at the University of Califonia at Los Argeles and
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