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**IN SPORTS**



**Brock's still in contention**

Charlotte boxer Calvin Brock (right) keeps title dream alive. **Page 1C**

**UNCF FUND RAISER**

## HAT-i-tude of caring, sharing



Poet/author Maya Angelou sports one of her signature wraps.



Delores Braley of Charlotte went for the wide, woven-brim look



**DRESSED TO THRILL:** Francine Jones' flamboyant beige and brown headress won the best dress hat championship.

### From hats to wraps, heads turn to support college scholarships

By Stacy Gibbs  
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

More than 500 women joined renowned poet Maya Angelou for lunch last week as she honored the leadership of women and raised money for college scholarships.

In its fourth year, Angelou's Women Who Lead Luncheon has raised nearly half a million dollars since 2003 to benefit deserving students through the United Negro College Fund.

"I'm overwhelmed by the phenomenal support of individuals and organizations in this community who share a passion for education," said Marilyn Richards, director of the North Carolina UNCF. "The Maya Angelou fundraiser has truly become a signature summer event in Charlotte."

Angelou presented awards to each of  
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## Why would homegrown terrorists hatch plot?

By Kelli Kennedy  
THE CHICAGO DEFENDER

CHICAGO — Seven people were arrested a week ago in connection with the early stages of a plot to attack Chicago's Sears Tower and other buildings in the United States, including the FBI office in Miami, a federal law enforcement official said.

As part of the raids related to the arrests, FBI agents swarmed a warehouse in Miami's Liberty City area, using a blowtorch to take off a metal door. One neighbor said the suspects had been sleeping in the warehouse while running what seemed to be a "military boot camp."

The official told The Associated Press the alleged plotters were mainly Americans with no apparent ties to al-Qaida or other foreign terrorist organizations. He spoke on condition of anonymity so as not to pre-empt news conferences planned for Friday in Washington and Miami.

Miami U.S. Attorney R. Alexander Acosta said in a statement that the investigation was an ongoing operation and that more details would be released later.

"There is no imminent threat to Miami or any other area because of these operations," said Richard Kolko, spokesman for FBI headquarters in Washington. He declined further comment.

FBI Director Robert Mueller, questioned about the case during an appearance on CNN's "Larry King Live," said he couldn't offer many details because "it's an ongoing operation."

"We are conducting a number of arrests and searches" in Miami, Mueller said, which were expected to be wrapped up Friday morning.

Residents living near the warehouse said the men taken into custody described themselves as Muslims and had tried to recruit young people to join

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## M.L. King documents go to Morehouse

By Erin Haines  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Morehouse College President Walter Massey says Martin Luther King Jr.'s alma mater will receive the more than 10,000 handwritten documents and books from the King estate that have been housed at Sotheby's auction house in New York.

In an effort led by Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, a

coalition of businesses, individuals and philanthropic leaders have come together to purchase the King Collection, Massey said, adding that the college was intimately involved in the negotiations.

The collection, which had been valued by Sotheby's at \$15 million to \$30 million, had been scheduled to be auctioned off June 30. Massey said the Atlanta group offered more than that.

"I don't know the exact figure, but it's more than \$30 million," Massey told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Friday night. "My understanding is that the auction is off."

Sotheby's Vice Chairman David Redden confirmed that the auction will no longer take place, though the public exhibition of the King Collection would continue.

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King

## South rises to hinder extension

### Voting Rights Act backers slam Republican opponents

By Hazel Trice Edney  
NATIONAL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

DETROIT — Congressional and civil rights leaders are criticizing efforts to 'hijack' extension of the Voting Rights Act and urge voters to express their dissatisfaction.

Republicans pulled the legislation from consideration by the U.S. House of Representatives last week before a planned vote in order to evaluate its effect on southern states. Georgia Reps. Lynn Westmoreland and Charles Norwood — both Republicans — have been the most vocal opponents of the bill in its current form.

"We have worked extremely hard over a number of months to reach bipartisan and bicameral agreement on this legislation and had reason to believe that it would be considered expeditiously," said Rep. Mel Watt (D-N.C.), chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and co-sponsor of the bill.

"The Voting Rights Act got derailed, hijacked, expropriated by a hand full of — you fill in the blank — southern members of Congress, who literally, in the last hour, raised loud and vociferous objections to going forward," said Marc H. Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League. "The argument advanced by these members of the House have absolutely no merit whatsoever. They are 40-year-old arguments that have been stirred in a 21st century pot, put in a microwave and zapped."

Bruce Gordon, president and CEO of the NAACP, says the organization is encouraging its members to call their elected representatives.

"We are doing a lot of work," he said. "In the  
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Watt

## the box

NEWS, NOTES & TRENDS

### Petition seeks stamp for last Reconstruction Congressman

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The U.S. Postal Service has been petitioned to honor the last black Member of Congress elected from the post-Reconstruction Deep South.

U.S. Rep. G.K. Butterfield (D-N.C.) has asked the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to mint a stamp to commemorate the life of



White

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**CORRECTION**

Vernon Herron was misidentified in the article "Food for thought" published June 22. He has a doctorate degree in divinity.

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