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## Caucus presses Rice on Darfur

Black lawmakers urge U.S. response

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The Congressional Black Caucus is urging the Bush administration to take immediate action to end genocide in Darfur and stabilize Africa.



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The group met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice last week on Capitol Hill to discuss getting United Nations forces into Sudan to help end the region's humanitarian crisis.



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"The caucus had a substantive discussion with Secretary Rice to let her know of our concerns regarding the ongoing genocide and human rights violations in Sudan," said U.S. Rep. Mel Watt, a



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Charlotte Democrat and chair of the CBC. "We also warned her that the situation is rapidly approaching the magnitude of what occurred in Rwanda and that the United States and the world pledged never to allow that to happen again."

In addition to meeting with Rice, the caucus recently met with Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong to urge the Chinese government to use its influence with Sudan to end the killing. China is a major investor in Sudan.

Caucus members also plan to meet with Arab leaders to press them for help and assistance.

"The international community needs to speak with one voice in calling on the Khartoum government to end their campaign of genocide in Darfur," said Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif). "Given China's investments in the region, I hope that they will be a part of the solution, and not part of the problem."

Rep. Donald Payne noted: "China's growing influence in Africa must be a positive force to help us in our efforts to encourage transparency and good governance on the continent. That means Beijing must

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Latin-American Coalition Executive Director Angeles Ortega-Moore's description of how Charlotte handles immigration resulted in an apology to African Americans. "It used to be everybody here loved the Latinos," she told the Washington Post last week. "They would say 'We like you more than the blacks.' Now we're like the Big Bad Wolf."

## Crossing border of ethnic sensitivity?

Activist told newspaper whites prefer Latinos to blacks

By Cheris F. Hodges

The executive director of Charlotte's Latin American Coalition has come under fire for saying whites like Latinos more than blacks.

But Angeles Ortega-Moore said the comment, published last week in the Washington Post, was taken out of context and not meant to offend anyone.

However, some blacks are

offended. "I believe it was taken out of context," said Ortega-Moore who has been fielding angry e-mails since the Washington Post story, written by Peter Whoriskey, was published last Wednesday.

Ortega-Moore was quoted as saying Charlotte's immigration situation is "tense, very tense. It used to be everybody here loved the Latinos. They would say 'We

like you more than the blacks.' Now we're like the Big Bad Wolf."

Ortega-Moore doesn't deny that she made the comment, but said she was only repeating what whites have said to her and other Latinos in the Charlotte area.

"My intent was not to offend, but to show that within all these years, issues between whites and blacks

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## Lawsuit seeks to win 40 acres

Slave descendants want federal court to revive reparations suit

By Ashley M. Heher  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO - Lawyers for slave descendants have asked a federal appeals court to revive a landmark reparations case that demands 17 of the nation's insurers and banks publicize and pay for their roles in the country's slave trade.

The case, which names Wall Street behemoths JP Morgan Chase & Co., Aetna Inc., Bank of America and others, says the companies' predecessors issued loans to slave owners and, in some cases, owned, insured and transported slaves - all at a financial profit that helped ensure their success today.

"I am here seeking justice for the physical damage, emotional damage," said Antoinette Harrell, a genealogist from Kentwood, La. who clutched raw cotton as she spoke inside a federal court house Wednesday. "We were left in poverty. My family's hardship and free labor was not in vain."

But lawyers for the companies told a panel of judges at the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago that the case is without merit and the corporations did nothing to harm the current-day descendants.

"These are inherently speculative claims," said lawyer Owen Pell.

The three-judge panel - led by Circuit Judge Richard Posner, who asked lawyers about whether their clients could prove slavery caused current day financial losses - seemed to agree.

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NEWS, NOTES & TRENDS

## Seeds of hope for black farmers

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WASHINGTON - Dogged by allegations of racial insensitivity, Sen. George Allen has introduced a bill to help black farmers.

Allen, R-Va., has spent weeks refuting accusations that he used racist language and liked Confederate symbols.

Acquaintances from college have said he used a common slur for blacks. Stories have been revived about him keeping a Confederate flag at home and a hangman's noose in his law office.

The furor began Aug. 11, when the senator called a volunteer for his opponent "macaca" considered by some to

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Allen

Charlotte native Melissa McDaniel ends her reign Saturday as All American Miss. She is the first African American to wear the crown.



PHOTO: HAROLD TYSON

## There she goes: Charlotte's All American Miss enjoyed title reign

By Harold Tyson  
 FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

On Saturday, Charlotte native Melissa McDaniel ends her reign as All American Miss.

McDaniel is the first African American to wear the crown in the 11-year history of the pageant system. She won the crown on

October 1, 2005 in a two-day competition in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

McDaniel graduated from Independence High School in 1997. She earned a communication studies degree from UNC Charlotte in 2002 with a minor in journalism.

McDaniel's pageant career began when she competed

in the Miss Independence Carousel Pageant and the 1997 Miss Black North Carolina pageant. In the

Miss Independence Carousel pageant, McDaniel was second runner-up and in the Miss Black North Carolina Pageant she garnered the 3rd runner-up trophy.

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