When Wheatfall addressed the graduating class of Polytec-nic High School in Ft. Worth, he stunned them by simply asking, "So what?"

'So what if it gets hard, so what about your success, so what if you've made mistakes?" Wheatfall said. "So what, so what, so what?"

He looked at the audience like he didn't care and began to walk off. He then stopped, turned to the audience and said, "So what are you going to do now?"

The auditorium was completely silent as students scrambled to answer his question.

He explained that being disadvantaged is no longer tolerable as an excuse for failure.

Wheatfall also said students would not survive without education and a focused mind. As the students sat and listened to Wheatfall, one phrase seemed to make what had been a life of let downs become the inspiration for success.

"If life gives you peanuts for pay, crush them and make peanut butter," Wheatfall said.

This audience reaction has now become Wheatfall's trademark. At Texas A&M, Wheatfall has also used his word to in-

spire students. Wheatfall, who is the president of the A&M chapter of the NAACP and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, is

known to set a fire under complacent students. When A&M hosted a smaller version of the Million Man March, Wheatfall was there to offer black males some advice

about dedicating themselves to

Wheatfall said.
In April, Wheatfall addressed hundreds of students the

"There may be a million

men in Washington, but it only

takes one of us to make a dif-

ference in the lives of others,'

Hopwood case. "Too often we act like a bear that has just come out of hibernation," Wheatfall said. "We give a loud roar and then go back to

about

the community.

WHEATFALL

Wheatfall has decided not to hibernate when it comes to policy changes needing to take place within A&M's administration.

When the administration

held a forum to discuss the Hopwood case, Wheatfall led the discussion with pointed questions. He did not let the administration rest until his questions were answered.

Last Saturday, Wheatfall used the same energy to address the community about Juneteenth.

"What about this system called slavery?" Wheatfall said. "What about this President named Abraham Lincoln who finally came to the conclusion that he had to sign the Emancipation of Procrastination?"

Wheatfall said slavery was a horrible part of the past, but it was just that — a part of the past. He urged the audience to stop wallowing in the past and start concentrating on the future.

"Bitterness towards the past allows hatred in the present," Wheatfall said. "Understanding of our past makes for a better tomorrow."

# Bullock proposes property tax freeze

Bullock, one of the state's most powerful leaders, Tuesday said the Texas Lottery is such a winner that it could pay for a twoyear school property tax freeze for homeowners.

Bullock proposed using a combination of administrative savings and additional lottery profits to provide \$527 million more for schools while holding the line on tax rates.

"Let me tell you something, a half a billion dollars is nothing to sneeze at when it comes to our public schools," Bullock said.

"There will always be doubting Thomases. There will be many people in Texas, and probably legislators and

AUSTIN (AP) - Lt. Gov. Bob other state officials who do not agree with doing this. But dang it, somebody's got to start moving."

While state law allows 10 percent of lottery sales revenue to run the lottery games, Bullock said the agency only spends about 7 percent on op-

erating costs. The extra money there will leave a surplus of \$176.5 million in administrative funds at the end of the current twoyear budget cycle on Aug. 31, 1997, he said. In addition, profits should rise \$103 million more in 1998-99, and another \$247.5 million in administrative savings could be found in those years.

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# Crime Stoppers offers reward for information about church fires

### State, local officials met Tuesday to coordinate communications AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Crime Stoppers offered officials in educating their communities. The ATF

a reward Tuesday in the hope of catching those responsible for black church fires in Greenville, as federal, state and local officials discussed strategies to fight the problem.

"First of all, we hope that there's not any more church fires. Secondly, if there is, we wanted to make sure that there were coordinated efforts in the lines of communication at the federal, state and local level," said State Fire Marshall G. Mike Davis. Davis met behind closed doors with officials

Federal Bureau of Investigation; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and Texas Department of Public Safety. Davis said the agencies met to coordinate communications and resources in the event of a future

from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection;

church fire, and to discuss advice to local communities on "common-sense" ideas for fire prevention. He said security advice regarding churches is much the same as for homeowners who want to prevent a burglary. Among the suggestions are proper lighting, locks and awareness by people near the property of whether suspicious-looking

Prevention is a community effort. One person . can't be the prevention for a community," Davis said. He said his office will provide assistance to local is preparing a pamphlet in the effort, he said.

Fires blamed on arson recently destroyed two black churches in Greenville, near Dallas, becoming part of a string of church fires across the South. The two fires were among 12 structure fires that have occurred in the North Texas city in just over a week

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those responsible for the Greenville

The Greenville City Council met in an emergency, closed-door session Tuesday to discuss seedrity measures, while the Greenville Fire Depart ment urged residents "to be alert in their neighborhoods, to notice any unusual activities and report any concerns to the police department.

According to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, there were 33 church fires in Texas in 1995 that either were purposely started or suspicious. Of them, nine had a predominantly black congregation; 17 were predominantly white; one was predominantly Hispanic; and the remainder were either mixed congregation or undetermined.

The commission didn't release 1996 figures, saying many investigations are ongoing.

# Congress cracks down on church arson

Rep. Bennie Thompson, a black

suspected cases of arson against

predominantly black churches in

the Southeast since the begin-

ning of last year. White churches

There have been at least 38

Democrat from Mississippi.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring it is time to use more federal muscle to stop church fires, the House unanimously passed legislation Tuesday to broaden federal authority to prosecute crimes against religious property.

people appear to be on the grounds.

"There is no crime that should be more vigilantly investigated and the perpetrators more vigorously prosecuted than crimes of this type," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

The bill, passed 422-0, would eliminate a \$10,000 minimum property damage threshold for federal action in a church prop-erty crime and make it easier to meet interstate commerce rules for federal intervention. The legislation applies to all churches. not just black churches that have been the primary target of suspected arsonists.

"Those of you who come in the dark shadows, beware," said

Juneteenth

a variety of percussion and

melodic instruments, told the

story of slavery and the impor-

business analysis major, deliv-

ered the Juneteenth message.

ing the audience about slavery.

Donavan Wheatfall, a junior

He opened his speech by ask-

Juneteenth is about celebrat-

ing our freedom," Wheatfall

said. "However, that freedom

toward the young people, yet the

old as well as the young could re-

shrub," Wheatfall said. "But be

Lance Shipman, a graduate chemistry student, said Wheat-

fall's message was inspiring for

the kids to hear, especially in

view of the social pressures

cess of America to African

Wheatfall attributes the suc-

faced by African-Americans.

late to his emotion-filled words.

the best shrub you can be.'

His message was mostly geared

"If you can't be a tree, be a

has a price," Wheatfall said.

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tance of Juneteenth.

have also been the targets of attacks in the same period. "There is no crime that should be more vigilantly

investigated and the perpetrators more vigorously prosecuted. than crimes of this type."

The expedited House action on the bill, following passage of a resolution last week condemning the rash of arson attacks, came hours after the destruction of two black churches in rural Mississippi by fire and suspected arson attacks against churches

in Georgia and North Carolina.

President Clinton, who last week traveled to the site of one burned-down church in Gree-

leyville, S.C., to pledge greater

federal efforts to investigate the

fires, is meeting with a group of Southern governors on Wednesday to discuss the issue. FBI and ATF agents have

joined local law enforcement officials to investigate the latest incidents, blazes that destroyed two black churches only four miles apart in northeast Mississippi.

and treated like animals for 400 years. America was built on the

backs of our ancestors," Wheat-

fall said. "We are responsible for

sending America down the yellow brick road." Pam Haith, a member of the community who works closely with the UMOJA Troop, said it is time to listen

to leaders like Wheatfall. 'We as African Americans need to absorb more of what our leaders are telling us, Haith said.

ticipants continued their Juneteenth celebration in Bryan. Radio station KHRN Power 94.3 sponsored its second annual Juneteenth jam. The concert

After the program, several par-

attracted a large crowd. After the concert, local resi dents moved to the VFW hall where an after party was held.

hosted a variety of artists and

Today, the Juneteenth celebrations will be held on a more personal level. Picnics, family reunions and church services will take place in remembrance of an important holiday in Texas history. Americans who were beaten

The bill would also authorize victims of church burnings to re-

The "Church Arson Prevention

Act" also would amend current law

to make it a federal violation if re

ligious property is damaged be-

cause of the racial or ethnic char-

acter of the property. Now, federal

violations only apply to cases of

damage because of the religious

character of property.

ed under a 1994 law. Federal authorities can already act against hate crimes under 1st Amendment and 14th Amendment "equal protection" clauses, said Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., but he added that it is past time for Congress to say emphatically that those who burn churches

will not escape punishment.

# Plates

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has also been favorable. "In a poll done in the Tyler newspaper, 70 percent of the people responding favored the idea," Kennington said. Republican State Rep. Steve Og-

lem with the proposal from a philo sophical standpoint, but there could be legal challenges to the idea. 'I would expect challenges from a privacy standpoint," Ogden said.

den from Bryan said he has no prob-

Ogden said he would like to reduce the number of DWIs. Lt. Scot McCollum of the College Station Police Department said, "DWIs are a problem in Col-

lege Station and everywhere. There were approximately 2,500 DWIs in College Station last year. "There are a number of things we can do to discourage

drunk driving," Ogden said. He suggested lowering the legal blood alcohol level by 20 percent. "I'd like to reduce drunk driving in the state," Ogden said. "I would have to hear arguments and pros and cons before making a decision [about Kamel's idea]."

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