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## People In The News



Daniel Whyte is doing his part to meet the need to teach and mentor young black men.

His book, *Letters to Young Black Men* was written and designed to serve as a mentoring guide for a young black man to read by himself or to go through with a mentor or group to help him get on the right track and stay on the right track throughout his life.

The book was uniquely written in a letter format from various historically black colleges and other places while Whyte was traveling from one speaking engagement to another across the nation. Each letter is short and to the point. The book is designed to help young black men from the ages of 12 to 30 make right choices in their spiritual lives, their educational lives and their social lives that will lay a firm foundation for a successful future.

The book is broken into three sections, Part 1- *On Your Life-Spiritual*; Part 2- *On Your Life-Educational*; and Part 3- *On Your Life-As A Young Black Man*.

Daniel Whyte III has spoken in meetings to parents and young people across the U.S. and in 23 foreign countries over the past 24 years. He is the author of six books. He is also the chairman of the National Association to Save Black Men. Visit [www.torchlegacy.com](http://www.torchlegacy.com) for more information.



John Foster (Dallas) with former Dallas Cowboys Pettis Norman and A.L. Jones (DeSoto) organizer of Motiva Golf Tournament.

The Motiva Golf Tournament recently drew more than 95 golfers to Stonebriar Country Club in Frisco. Former Dallas Cowboys tight end Pettis Norman and former Pittsburgh Steelers running back Barry Foster were among the players.

The event raised nearly \$20,000 for LeukemiaTexas, a local 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to funding local leukemia research and patient aid.

A.L. Jones of DeSoto organized the tournament in honor of his son Devin Jones, a star football player at Duncanville High School and Oklahoma State University in the 1980s. Devin was diagnosed with leukemia at 21 years old, and died four years later.

Jones has been a member of the LeukemiaTexas Board of Trustees for four years. The organization is unique in that all the money it raises stays in North Texas.

LeukemiaTexas receives the majority of its funding from special events. Upcoming events include the BeatLeukemia Ball, which will be held October 22 at the Belo Mansion in Dallas. The black-tie event will feature The Fab Four - The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles. Tickets to this event start at \$100, and are available by calling 214-265-7393 or email [info@LeukemiaTexas.org](mailto:info@LeukemiaTexas.org).



Gospel duo Mary Mary joined Kirk Franklin last week in Dallas as he and his guests took the stage at Trinity Christian Church with a higher agenda that literally took over the place. A radical spirit of revolution was evident in the house as each guest spoke to the urgency of relevant youth ministry and outreach in today's culture bling-bling and booty-shaking videos.

Franklin was also joined on the program by special guests Dr. Tony Evans (Pastor, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship), Ron Luce (founder of Teen Mania), Pastor Jamal Harrison Bryant (Pastor, Empowerment Temple), Pastor Anthony Myers (Youth Pastor, The Potter's House), Pastor Daven Baptiste (Youth Pastor, Faithful Central Bible Church), Von Minor (Youth Pastor, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship), and Fatima Hall (founder and publisher of IMAGE Magazine). These guests were joined by artists Mary Mary, Kiera "Kiki" Sheard, Tye Tribett, Fred Hammond and the Potter's House Fire House Youth Choir.

The program progressed in spirit until at one point, hundreds of young people rushed the altar, laid out on the floor and cried to God for a youth revolution in their culture. Fred Hammond led the crowd in a powerful declaration to secular culture that "we will not bow to your idols!"

"Kirk Franklin presents the Takeover" aired on the Trinity Broadcasting Network, visit [www.TBN.org](http://www.TBN.org) for encore airing times and dates.

## We, The People



Children in search of parents: Emil Stevenson 12, Ronald Earin 8, Ronell Earin 6, Deconne Collins 5, Trencha Worthly 3.

By: Paul Hailey

Once politics, posturing and all the blame are boiled out, the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina is about people. The semantics of whether they are refugees or evacuees is less important than the fact that 400,000 people have been forced to leave their homes and their city. Over 8000 are now in Dallas at Reunion Arena and the Dallas Convention Center. These are just a few of the people and their stories.

"I didn't want to leave, but I knew I couldn't stay."

Derek Anderson just wants to go home. His face is that of a tired survivor. His voice is weary as he toys with the all-important band on his wrist. The band identifies him as a hurricane victim, as well as a not-so-temporary resident of the Dallas Convention Center.

Derek stayed in his Orleans Parish home until the water got to be waist high. Reluctantly, the construction worker finally left his home to look for a safe haven amongst the chaos and destruction. It soon becomes apparent that it is difficult for him to recount the events of the past week of his life.

"I didn't want to leave but I knew I couldn't stay. I just started walking and trying to find

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## A Time To Act

By: James Clingman

Too often I see Black people lying down and allowing others to walk on them. In many instances we simply accept whatever is doled out from so-called powers-that-be, and end up only complaining about it when it's all said and done. We have proof positive that we are discriminated against and mistreated in other ways, but we only talk about it, march about it, or ask folks to apologize for their transgressions. We participate in and even promote and perpetuate ridiculously flawed "economic inclusion" programs, succumbing to the notion that we are "minorities" and therefore, in order to be treated fairly we must subject ourselves to being "certified" and validated before we can obtain work paid for by our own tax dollars. Why won't we take action commensurate to the problems we face?

I read an article that described how 300 Black contractors in St. Louis, Missouri, who were literally fed up with how they were being treated, protested by blocking Interstate 70. While 100 of them were arrested, their actions spoke so loudly and clearly that positive change began to take place. A similar

incident took place across the river from St. Louis, in East St. Louis, when a group of angry contractors threatened to block an interstate highway there. Their threat was all it took to get things moving in their direction and brought instant concessions from the so-called powers-that-be.

In Nigeria, protesters, angry at the way Chevron and Shell are treating them and Nigeria's oil resources, are taking matters in their own hands by putting their bodies in the way of oil production. The locals say the big oil companies and other multinational organizations (I wonder who they could be?) are "colluding to keep the spoils for themselves," according to a report on National Public Radio. Apparently, actions taken by

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## Bush Picks Roberts to Keep Conservatives in Charge of Court; Roberts Chided for 'Consistent Opposition' to Civil Rights



By: Hazel Trice Edney and George E. Curry  
NNPA Washington Bureau  
President Bush quickly nominated John Roberts to become Chief Justice of the U.S.

Supreme Court to avoid having liberal Justice John Paul Stevens, the court's senior judge, take over the administrative duties of the court and possibly influencing the outcome of some cases, court observers say.

In a surprise Labor Day move, Bush announced that Roberts, a judge on U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, is his choice to succeed Chief Justice William H.

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## Second Leg Of The Millions More Movement Tour Commences



Minister Farrakhan holds press conference in New York along with (l,r) Herbert Daughtry, Rev. Al Sharpton and Viola Plummer. Standing to Min. Farrakhan's right is Bob Lave.

The second week of touring took the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan East—starting the second leg of his 23-city Millions More Movement tour in his childhood hometown of Boston. On Aug. 23, community members of note and the LOC filled the sanctuary of Muhammad's Mosque No. 11 to listen to Minister Farrakhan outline their role in creating a programmatic vehicle to lift the masses of our people.

Stressing the decline of educa-

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## Plano Efforts To Aid Evacuees From Hurricane Katrina

The City of Plano has taken proactive steps to assist in sheltering efforts for evacuees from Hurricane Katrina. The City's Emergency Operations Center was activated at noon on September 2, 2005 and will remain operational for the foreseeable future.

City officials are in the process of establishing emergency shelters within Plano to assist in the housing of evacuees. Additionally, the City is in the process of securing portable facilities, such as bathrooms, wash stations, and showers, to place at various locations. Procurement activities for bedding and related items are on-going.

A number of faith-based organizations have come forward to assist in housing needs. Evacuees already in Plano are being given first priority as they have been temporarily sheltered at local hotels and must be transferred out of the hotels and transitioned into the local shelters.

The City is finalizing plans for processing these individuals and these plans are anticipated to be completed by this evening.

Evacuees meeting the above requirement (i.e., already in Plano) and needing housing will need to follow a two step process, prior to checking into a shelter (NOTE: shelters will not accept any evacuees who have not followed this registration process):

Step One: All evacuees must first check in at the Plano Children's Medical Center, 1407 14th Street for a health assessment. Then, they may proceed to Step Two.

Step Two: Following the health assessment, evacuees will register and be issued a photo identification badge. This registration process will begin at 6 pm, Saturday, September 3, 2005 at the City of Plano Municipal Center South: 1409 Ave K, Plano.

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## Garland Offers Resources To Support Katrina Assistance

The City of Garland is offering personnel, materials and other resources to support assistance for people displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

The City, with the assistance of the Garland Independent School District, offered to shelter evacuees. However, after conferring with authorities coordinating regional relief efforts, it was determined that existing shelters were adequate to meet the demand in the area at this time. Garland is now offering materials and resources to ongoing efforts to help hurricane victims throughout the region.

"Like everyone else, the City of Garland wants to do whatever we can to assist the victims of Katrina," says Garland City Manager Bill Dollar. "The school district worked with us to be ready for shelter plan implementation. We're grateful to have such a good relationship with the school district to be ready to work together in

this effort. Now we want to offer our resources to support the tremendous work being done all around the Metroplex."

Garland has already sent 18 firefighters to the hurricane zone to assist with recovery efforts there. Garland Police officers assisted Mesquite authorities in the operation of an evacuee processing center there during the peak intake periods. The City is dispatching Emergency Management, administrative support and other personnel to emergency operations centers in Dallas and Collin Counties.

Donations from Garland's generous citizens will be distributed to other shelters and to other charitable agencies to benefit evacuees in the area. During the Labor Day weekend, the Jaycees, the Garland Downtown Business Association, the City and many other organizations

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## New Orleans: A Disaster Waiting To Happen

By: George E. Curry  
NNPA Columnist

I am angry. I am angry at the mayor of New Orleans. I am angry at the governor of Louisiana. I am angry at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I am angry at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), now part of the Department of Homeland Security. I am angry at George W. Bush. I am angry because they were warned last November that New Orleans was one of the "Disasters Waiting to Happen" - and did nothing about it. Consequently, hundreds, if not thousands, of

people are dead. Needlessly.

In an eerie prediction of what happened as a result of Hurricane Katrina, an article titled, "What if Hurricane Ivan Had Not Missed New Orleans?" was published in the *Natural Hazards Observer*, a major journal headquartered at the University of Colorado in Boulder. It was written by Shirley Laska of the Center for Hazards Assessment, Response and Technology at the University of New Orleans. In other words, this was an article written by a reputable author in

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## TWC Assisting Louisiana Workers Displaced By Disaster

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is assisting the Louisiana Department of Labor in processing Louisiana Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) claims due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

TWC is partnering with Louisiana to expedite the claims filing process. Louisiana workers who lost their jobs due to the disaster and have relocated to Texas can go to the nearest Texas Workforce Center and file a claim via the Internet at [www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net). Texas is working with the state of Louisiana to provide claims services for Louisiana residents who have remained in their home state. This will be done through a 1 800 number using Texas claims takers to file claims on behalf of Louisiana workers who lost their job as a result of the disaster. Details of these procedures will be disseminated as soon as they are available.

Evacuees who have relocated to Texas either temporarily or permanently, may file a claim via the Internet at [www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net) or through the Texas Telecenter Network by calling one of the following numbers:

Austin - 512-340-4300  
Dallas - 214-252-1200  
El Paso - 915-832-6400  
Fort Worth - 817-420-1600  
Houston - 281-983-

1100  
McAllen - 956-984-4700  
San Antonio - 210-258-6600

All other areas in Texas - 800-939-6631

Call centers will be open for extended hours to handle the additional claims.

In addition, Texas workforce development boards across the state with large numbers of Louisiana evacuees are establishing on site workforce centers at evacuation shelters including the Houston Astrodome. Other on site workforce centers are being established in San Antonio, Dallas, Beaumont, Port Arthur and other cities in Texas with displaced Louisiana workers. Many of these boards will sponsor on site job fairs to match workers with local employers. Several workforce boards are contributing the use of their mobile workforce centers to further assist with evacuees' needs.

Because of the catastrophic nature of Hurricane Katrina, Louisiana is working around the clock to restructure the way Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) claims are accepted and how payments are delivered.

Louisiana residents who lost employment as a result of Hurricane Katrina may qualify for DUA benefits. In order to be eligible, a claimant must:

- Have worked or been scheduled to work in the disaster area, but because of the disaster no longer have a job,

a place to work in the area, or you could not get to your place of work because of disaster damage;

- Have been prevented from working by an injury or illness as a direct result of the disaster; or
- Have become the head of the household and need employment because the head of the household died as a result of the disaster. Or,
- Have been self-employed, but lost all or part of your livelihood as a result of this disaster (you will need to provide proof of your selfemployment).

Existing TWC staff is working overtime and TWC will be hiring a combination of temporary workers and retired TWC employees to handle the additional volume of UI claims. Services associated with assisting Louisiana residents will be paid for through federal funds.

TWC is working in concert with Governor Rick Perry, Texas state and local agencies, and other states to provide aid and support to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The U.S. Department of Labor is supporting efforts in impacted areas in Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, and Alabama in coordination with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the agency that is actively managing federal assistance to these affected communities in an effort to expedite response efforts and save lives.

## IRS Grants Tax Relief For Hurricane Katrina Victims

The Internal Revenue Service has announced special relief for taxpayers in the Presidential Disaster Areas struck by Hurricane Katrina.

These taxpayers generally will have until Oct. 31, 2005, to file tax returns and submit tax payments. The IRS will abate interest and any late filing or late payment penalties that would otherwise apply. This relief includes the Sept. 15 due date for estimated taxes and for calendar-year corporate returns with automatic extensions.

"People affected by Hurricane Katrina have more than enough concerns — taxes shouldn't be among them," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "We hope the relief we are providing will help tax-

payers in their financial recovery from this devastating storm."

The disaster areas designated for individual relief include: 31 Louisiana parishes: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana; 15 Mississippi counties: Amite, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike,

Stone, Walthall, and Wilkinson; and Three Alabama counties: Baldwin, Mobile and Washington.

Among the tax relief details are the following:

The Federal Tax Deposit (FTD) Penalty Waiver Period for employment and excise tax deposits is Aug. 29 - Sept. 23, 2005.

The Extension Period for returns and other tax payments is Aug. 29 - Oct. 31, 2005.

The Disaster Designation for this area is "Hurricane Katrina" — taxpayers mark certain relief-related forms with this designation in red.

Further disaster-related tax relief information can be found on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

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Visit [tryparkingit.com](http://tryparkingit.com) to take the Commuter Challenge and win prizes.



## Around The Town

### On Going

The Dallas Park & Recreation Department Presents "Movies in the Park." Free on Friday's beginning Sept. 2 at the Samuel Grand Amphitheater- Samuel Grand Park 1500 Tension (next to the driving range). A complete listing of movies can be found at [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com)

Receive a free mammogram from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, and Thursday, Oct. 20, at Saver's Cost Plus, 504 N. O'Connor Road. Women must be ages 35 to 64, not have insurance or funds to pay, and whose last mammogram was more than a year ago. To make an appointment, call (214) 584-2323

A brand new traveling exhibit opens at the Dallas Museum of Natural History

"Moneyville Exhibition" from September 24, 2005, through January 8, 2006. The exhibition is sponsored by Chase and The State Fair of

Texas. Moneyville uses the fascinating subject of money to build math skills and promote economic literacy in a fun, immersive setting. For more information, or for volunteer opportunities, call the Museum at (214) 421-DINO (3466), ext. 200 or visit the Museum's website at [www.dallasdino.org](http://www.dallasdino.org).

### September 8

A Beka Book Home School Book Sale-10:00 a.m.-12noon and 2:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.

A home school curriculum and text book sale. Admission is FREE. For more information contact Mickey Pierce at 877-223-5226.

### September 10

The Dallas Metroplex Council of Black Alumni Associations (DMCBAA) is hosting it's annual Fall College Fair at the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 8835 Stults Road, in Dallas from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Maxine Luster at 214-662-4384 or 972-416-3027.

The Dallas Public Library will be hosting the 2005 "Teen Blowout." The event will held at 1515 Young St.

(downtown) and is free all day for teens. There will be hip-hop dancing, live music, crafts, photography, special guest appearances by DJ's from 97.9 The Beat and much more. Lunch will be provided. For more info call 214-670-0344, 214-670-0938 or 214-670-7646.

The Dallas-area chapter of the LSU alumni association will collect cash and checks for the American Red Cross at its football season kickoff party. The 6 p.m. event will be at Ben's Half Yard House, 7102 Greenville Ave. For more information, see <http://www/lsudfwalumni.com/> or call chapter president Stacey Little at 972-437-0310.

### September 17

The Women's International Network will host their 3rd networking meeting of 2005 at the Homewood Suites at 2601 W. George Bush Turnpike in Plano from 9:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. Special guest inspirational speaker Mary Hughes will be their to help uplift and empower. The cost will be \$9.00 per person and includes a full breakfast buffet (served

from 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.). Call 972-881-3339.

The third annual Battle of the Bands will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place. To enter, most band members must be enrolled in an Irving middle or high school, live in Irving or have just graduated. The event is free with a school or Irving Parks and Recreation ID card.

Community Outreach, City of Irving Public Health Services, and Our Lady of Lourdes Church will present the first Dallas Southwest Community Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 at 5605 Bernal Drive in West Dallas. Free mammograms, blood pressure, prostate and diabetes screenings will be available, as well health information and consultations. Participants can also enjoy music, dancing, and other activities celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

The City of Mesquite will hold an "Evening of Ethnic Expression" on Saturday, September 17, 2005, at the Mesquite Recreation

Center Park, beginning at 6:00 pm. There is no cost. The purpose of the event is to celebrate diversity and promote cultural understanding. Groups interested in performing at the event should contact Gina Mendez at 346-5295.

### September 22

The University of North Texas in Denton Division of Equity and Diversity invites you to discover the power of diversity as it presents "Patti LaBelle: Her Life, Her Story." LaBelle will be a guest speaker on the UNT Denton campus Sept. 22 (Thursday) at the Coliseum, located on the corner of Highland Street and North Texas Boulevard. LaBelle is the first in a series of distinguished presenters that the division will host during the 2005-2006 school year.

### September 23

The City of Irving will crown its 2005 Ms. Mature Irving during a special pageant at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Carpenter Performance Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Participants must be 60 or older and have lived in Irving for at least two years.

Advance tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets the day of the pageant are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Tickets can be purchased through the Irving Arts Center by calling (972) 252-ARTS. Box office hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call the Heritage Senior Center at (972) 721-2496.

### Through October 26

The National Minority Supplier Development Council's Annual Conference-The Nation's Benchmark Forum, on minority business development aiding minority business owners in the room where the deals are made. Beginning October 23 through the 26, here in Dallas, corporate purchasing executives, government decision-makers and minority business owners from across the country are expected to convene. Contact: Donna Long (212) 944-2430 for additional info.

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# THE TRUTH CLINIC The Horror Called Katrina

By: James W. Breedlove

The look in their faces tells the terrible, tragic and horrible story. The distorted humanoid faces of men, women, children, and even babies staring at you and tearing at your heartstrings through the television screen. Their eyes—wide open, protruding, unblinking, and devoid of tears—stare at you ghost like as these victims desperately reach out for help while simultaneously unveiling the anguish in their souls.

This is the horror named Katrina, the foretaste of the Apocalypse that will be. I had seen these tortured faces many times before, victims of wars in Bosnia, Palestine, Israel, Vietnam, Sudan, and Iraq. But it was different this time.

This wasn't a disaster in some distant land. No bombs had been dropped, yet havoc and destruction were everywhere. Hurricane Katrina was Mother Nature laying waste to Louisiana, Mississippi and parts of Alabama as though in rebellion for our continued defiance and abuse of nature's immutable laws.

The devastating scenes of decaying corpses, starving victims scavenging for food and sustenance and desperate mobs reverting to animalistic instincts to survive are the subplots to this new reality show of human tragedy.

The billions of dollars of destroyed property is another subplot but material things can be replaced. However, the lives of hundreds of thousands of people that have been forever traumatized by Katrina cannot be restored with an economic or social study.

There has been a growing assertion that race and poverty status were the determinants for who got help and who got passed by in the days since Katrina wiped out entire neighborhoods.

Many of the victims were black and poor. They have conveniently existed in the back-

ground of the coastal tourist havens, living in rundown neighborhoods that were long known to be vulnerable if the levees failed. Without so much as a car or bus fare to escape when the early warnings sounded, they found themselves left behind by a failure of their government to execute well-documented rescue plans prepared for the dooms day scenario.

On the question of racism, the facts speak for themselves. In New Orleans fully two-thirds of the residents are black and more than a quarter of the city lives in poverty. In the Lower Ninth Ward more than 98 percent of the residents are black and more than a third live in poverty. The people in these parishes did not receive government attention to alleviate their plight in the years before Katrina and five days after Katrina they still were not receiving any attention.

Louisiana officials have severely criticized the callous sluggishness of Washington's response, with some calling the failure to speed troops and food and medicine a "national disgrace." New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin stated as he uttered his plaintive SOS for help: "They [federal officials] don't have a clue what's going on down here."

There are some who say now is not the time to attach responsibility for the malfeasance associated with the federal government's unacceptable slow response to Katrina. Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones, D-Ohio, said, "The issue is not about race right now, focus on helping the victims."

Helping the victims must be a priority, but many people have lost their homes, businesses, livelihood, and even their lives in this tragedy and responsibility must be attached while the horror of Katrina is fresh in our minds. It will take years to recover from this disaster and the culprits will be long gone. An inept bureaucracy has committed mayhem and murder on American citizens and

the perpetrators must be brought to justice before the evidence of their malfeasance disappears.

How in the world could we not get the National Guard into New Orleans and Mississippi within a few days? Its not like we have not had hurricanes before. Did Ivan, Andrew and Camille not teach us anything about hurricane response? "If we can't respond faster than this to an event we saw coming across the Gulf for days, then why do we think we're prepared to respond to a nuclear or biological attack?" asked former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a Republican.

The answer is there is no national leadership for dealing with non-terrorism emergencies. The debate over who was in charge left no one in charge. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that previously led disaster relief has been reorganized into the new "homeland security" operation and functionally decimated by the administration's preoccupation with terrorism.

We have wasted \$350 billion in Iraq, with no end in sight, with no benefit to anyone but Halliburton and other companies on no-bid government contracts, and in the meantime, we cut funds that might have saved the City of New Orleans from devastation. The cost of the Iraq war forced the Bush administration to cut funding for the Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project to upgrade the levee system and also to cut funds for maintaining the existing levees.

Unlike the ineptness of 9/11 Katrina cannot be passed off with the claim of bad intelligence. The intelligence was there for all to see. The potential destruction of Katrina was trumpeted in the media and by the President weeks prior to Katrina coming ashore.

The gaunt, weary, and tortured faces of Katrina's victims demand answers now.

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# ACLU Charges Georgia Raised Voter ID Fees Without Consent

The American Civil Liberties Union alleged yesterday that Georgia circumvented a federal law by raising the fee for a controversial new voter identification card without getting permission from the Justice Department.

The governor's office insisted that it did notify the department of the change and said it will waive all fees for poor residents.

Laughlin McDonald, director of the ACLU's Voting Rights Project in Atlanta, complained of the fee increase in a letter to John K. Tanner, chief of the Justice Department's rights division's voting section.

McDonald said state officials are selling five-year ID cards for \$20 and 10-year

cards for \$35, even though the Justice Department had only approved a \$10 fee for four-year cards.

"The more expensive it is, the more of a burden it gets to be," McDonald said.

Dan McLagan, spokesman for Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue (R), said the state included a copy of the proposed fee increase in a package of documents it sent to the Justice Department to win approval of a new state law requiring a driver's license or other form of state-issued photo ID at the polls.

The changes, which took effect July 1, provide for a \$5 discount for phone and Internet orders for ID cards and remove the fee for the poorest residents, McLagan said. But McDonald said

prospective voters have to go through an "elaborate procedure" to have the fee waived.

Justice Department spokesman Eric Holland said the department had not received the ACLU letter but will review it carefully upon receipt.

The letter marks the first shot in what could be a long legal battle over Georgia's new voter ID law. The Republican-backed measure sparked racial tensions during the legislative session last spring.

Under the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Georgia and other states with a history of racial discrimination must get federal approval to change their voting laws.

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tion in America, he quoted the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad: "Education is the torchlight of a civilization. If the torchlight goes out, the civilization goes down." And he stressed that the country is going down swiftly, leaving Black, Brown, Red and poor people little future to look forward to enjoying.

"Decadence is part and parcel of the conspiracy," he charged, "which has the American people with their heads in their crotches. What kind of respect does the government have for the sanctity

Immediately afterwards, he traveled to Newark to tape a face-to-face interview with the legendary Gil Noble for his television show, "Like It Is." The interview was hosted on the property of the African Cultural Center owned by the Women in Support of the Million Man March.

The media trail continued in one on one segments taped with BET's "Cousin" Jeff Johnson and MTV's Amanda Seales. He concluded his day with a radio interview with 105 FM.

"We must teach the word of God from an uncircumcised heart, so that we will not introduce poison as we introduce life," he taught. "The knowledge of Jesus is a purifying agent and if we get into him and get him in us, then we have a power within that Jesus was blessed with."

A brief press briefing immediately followed the community meeting, after which he met privately with about 60 clergy members of various faiths in the chapel of the center. Calling the intimate address in the dimly lit sanctuary a "conversation," Minister Farrakhan

He informed them that the Millions More Movement is not

about converting anyone to Islam, but rather calling all who say they believe in the prophets to live by the example of that prophet, which will forge unity between all religions.

"We are so fascinated with what we call ourselves that we refuse to work with anyone who calls themselves by another name," he chided the religious representatives. "We come alive through submission and obedience to the Will of God."

He cautioned that, "Labels can deceive you. But if a man has the right spirit, he can touch you in your spirit," so they should not fear answering the call from him, a Muslim leader, to work collectively to bring life to our people.

"It is counterproductive to argue theological points," he warned, "when our people are dying."

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Once the evacuees have completed the registration process and received a photo identification badge, transportation will be provided for them from Municipal Center South to the faith-based shelters.

Plans are still underway to open a City of Plano shelter. A decision as to which location

and operating policies will be made at a future date.

The City of Plano elected officials and staff are developing a long term plan to shelter evacuees for up to six months.

Mayor Pro Tem Ken Lambert has stated the City is committed to doing its part to aid our neighbors to the east. "We will do everything in our power to

aid the victims from this horrific tragedy that has befallen the Gulf Coast. We remain committed to providing assistance in whatever way we can."

An information hotline has been set up: 972-941-7777. There will be no persons manning this line; rather, it is an information only telephone service.

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gathered clothing, diapers, food, water, toiletries, bedding and much more for hurricane victims.

Many hurricane victims are already in Garland, staying with relatives or friends or through the assistance of the church community. They are turning to our public libraries for information and for a means of communicating with loved ones and others to help get some control over their personal business. The libraries are issuing a temporary card to hurricane victims to

allow them access to the library's computers, the internet and email. Librarians also are offering maximum reference assistance, courtesy printing, and limited book checkout.

Garland Parks and Recreation will provide temporary Recreation Center IDs to hurricane evacuees, which will allow access to all Garland recreation centers in order to give them an opportunity to relieve stress and achieve some sense of normalcy in their lives.

"Garland's citizens are to be commended for their outpour-

ing of generosity," says Garland Mayor Bob Day. "I encourage everyone to continue volunteering, giving donations and praying for our Gulf Coast neighbors who must now rebuild their lives."

Garland's Crisis Action Team continues to coordinate response efforts through State authorities and will provide assistance as needed. The State of Texas has set up a hotline for evacuees to obtain information. The statewide number is 211 or 1-888-312-4567.

## Blackonomics Page 1

the Nigerians have certainly gotten the attention of a lot of big wigs. One Nigerian told a Chevron official that the crude oil belonged to Nigeria and the primary benefits from that oil should go to Nigerians. As I often point out, not only ownership but also control of income-producing assets are vital to our success.

Everyday in this country, Black people are mistreated in some form or fashion by the Establishment. We see it; we feel it; and we know it happens. Sadly, in most cases we merely talk about it; we seldom really do anything about it. We refuse to take matters into our own hands by risking something to secure our demands. We love to talk about Dr. King and what he stood for, but we are not willing to do what he did to achieve the ideals he espoused. Yes, he was non-violent, but his resolve to make change subjected him to violence from violent people. Nonetheless, he took action.

Are we just too afraid to do what must be done for our survival in this country? Are we satisfied with our condition? Are we unwilling to place ourselves in the line of fire in order to gain the rights and privileges of a people who helped build this country and create the wealth it enjoys from our labor? Will we go down in history as a people that gave in to

discrimination, abuse, mistreatment, and unfairness, unwilling to fight for what is rightfully ours? Thus far, it looks that way.

Look around and see how we remove ourselves from the fight for justice for our brothers and sisters. Observe how we cower in the presence of White folks. Watch as our so-called leaders smile and acquiesce to wrongdoing by this country's political establishment. Monitor the results we get versus the results others get from legislation and programs put forth to help "minorities."

You will see, if you are willing to look, an array of disparities, a veritable laundry list of inequities that occur each day against Black people, with impunity I might add, all while we just look on and wonder when things will change. The bad news is they won't change just because they ought to. The good news is they can be changed if we are willing to resort to tactics such as those by the groups I mentioned.

Nonviolent but radical action must be taken by Black people in this country in order to effect change. That means we must put ourselves back on the front lines for justice. We must physically stop construction projects if we are not included in the planning and their resulting benefits. We must use our

collective economic strength against companies that do not have our best interests in mind by withholding our dollars from them. When we put someone out of business or at least cause a severe slump in the profits they earn from our dollars, we will signal a new era in our determination to gain fair treatment. More importantly, we will demonstrate to ourselves where our real power lies—in our economics.

Taking action, appropriate action, when it comes to our complaints is the logical and rational thing to do. We can't just rail against everyone else and never assume the responsibility of doing for our people what must be done in order to make change. And please, don't fall for the notion that we must wait for the next election to make change. Can't you see by now that most elected officials are not concerned with our progress and are working against it on a daily basis? Those politicians who do work on our behalf are too few and cannot do it by themselves. They need our help, and that help must come in the form of action-oriented solutions, some of which include civil disobedience, disruption, and refusal to go along with the status quo.

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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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# Black Colleges and Universities Suffer From Hurricane Katrina

Many HBCU students may have to lose an entire semester or more.

Historically-Black colleges and universities are collectively faced with challenges that can include state funding issues, inadequate housing, poor student-teacher ratios, and even violence. However, the most recent challenge is none other than Hurricane Katrina.

The deadly natural disaster has affected several HBCUs in the Gulf coast area including Dillard University,

Xavier University and Southern University in New Orleans, and Tougaloo College in Mississippi. Campuses are damaged, students are stranded, and the school year may not start this year at all.

Fortunately, several organizations are stepping up to the plate to offer some relief. One of these is The United Negro College Fund (www.uncf.org), which has initiated a special online relief fund that people can donate to.

Dr. Michael Lomax of the UNCF, comments, "We need

longtime supporters and new friends as well to help us raise the funds our schools will need to begin the long and costly rebuilding process."

In addition, the National Association of Equal Opportunity In Higher Education (www.nafeo.org) has launched a program seeking to coordinate with other universities to provide alternatives for students enrolled at affected HBCUs.

Many wonder though, whether this will be enough to avoid having Black students

lose an entire semester or more.

HBCUconnect.com, the largest online destination for HBCU students and alumni, plans to encourage their thousands of members to do what they can to help. William Moss comments, "We are creating a dedicated section on the web site (www.hbcuconnect.com) that will feature news, forums, and advice on how to help these

HBCUs. We also plan to setup an online fund that people can donate to."

Many say that the key to donate money and to create an awareness about the situation. Likely, Tom Joyner, Oprah Winfrey, and other celebrity graduates of Black colleges, will launch initiatives of their own.

Dante Lee, CEO of Black News.com, comments, "Anyone

who has media power should urge their audience to help. Every graduate of an HBCU, including myself, must take action."

In addition to Black colleges, many black businesses and black families have been destroyed. To help these, interested ones can donate to Red Cross (www.redcross.org) or can volunteer by contacting USA Freedom Corps (www.usafreedomcorps.gov)

## We, The People Page 1

high ground," he said. "I ended up spending two days on the bridge and saw all kinds of things I hope I never see again in my life. There were people dying and dead bodies floating by, human waste and urine everywhere. I spent one night at the Superdome and it was crazy. There was no food, no water, no help," he added while looking away wistfully.

"I spent the night at my aunt's



Daphill Shipley, hours after taking a circuitous route into Dallas.

house and finally got on a bus at the Superdome. I'm grateful to be here, but I still am looking for my family, I don't know where any of them are and they don't know where I am."

Derek has been overjoyed with the hospitality he has received in Dallas.

"People have been lovely, really nice," he said. "A woman just came up to me yesterday and handed me \$40. They are taking real good care of us and we got everything we need."

Derek paused and reflected, "I still just want to go home. I left the storm, but the storm is still with me."

"A lot of people didn't make it."

Arthur Evans and his wife Michelle sit in folding chairs in front of the Convention Center watching all of the activity. They are incredibly realistic about what they have experienced.

"You know, a lot of people didn't make it out alive," Arthur said. "No matter what happened to us—we're still here."

"We just have to make the best out of a bad situation," Michelle added.

The couple used a boat to paddle from their neighborhood to the Superdome. After a couple of days there, they boarded a bus to Dallas. They too, have a strong desire to get back home.

"I've been in New Orleans my entire life," said Arthur. "It's like being in your own house. When you in your own house, you know where your toothbrush is. That's how I feel about New Orleans—that's my house. I have to go home."

Arthur also brought up a subject that's beginning to be talked about by some Dallas residents.

"If you came to New Orleans and everybody starting opening all these jobs for people from Dallas, I would be pissed. There's a lot of folks that live here that have been trying to find jobs for a while. It ain't right."

"You remember that three hour tour on Gilligan's Island?"

All Daphill Shipley was trying to do was to check on his sister in Gretna.

"I started out on Tuesday morning walking from the lower 9th Ward going to Gretna to check on my sister," he began. "I got all the way to Gretna—that ain't no short walk, and the Gretna police turn me

around. They stopped letting people into Gretna, said they had too many people in town already. I had to walk all the way back to New Orleans."

It is here that Mr. Shipley's story starts sounding like something out of a movie.

"After two days on the Mississippi River Bridge, a helicopter picks me up and takes me to the international airport in Kenner. Once we get there, they tell me to get on a bus. I think I'm going home, but three hours later I'm at the LSU Center in Baton Rouge. They got a hospital set up and I spend a whole day there. Then they put me on another bus, and I end up in Texas. I just got here today. I ain't never been to Texas—I wanna go home."

Mr. Shipley shook his head, "You remember that three hour tour on Gilligan's Island?", he asked. "That's what I feel like has happened to me. I thought I was going home—got on two buses and a helicopter and end up in Texas. And I still don't know what happened to my sister."

"The system failed us."

Takiwa Collins and Sharon Phillips are friends who both lived in the Callopie Housing Projects and did everything together. So it was no surprise they escaped the flooded housing project together and ended up on the Clairborne Bridge together.

Sharon explained, "We all went to the bridge because Nagin (New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin) said on the radio that was where we could get transportation. Nobody ever came."

We stayed on the bridge until people started shooting, then we had to leave and go to the Superdome."



Evacuees Michelle Evans and her husband Arthur in front of the Dallas Convention Center.

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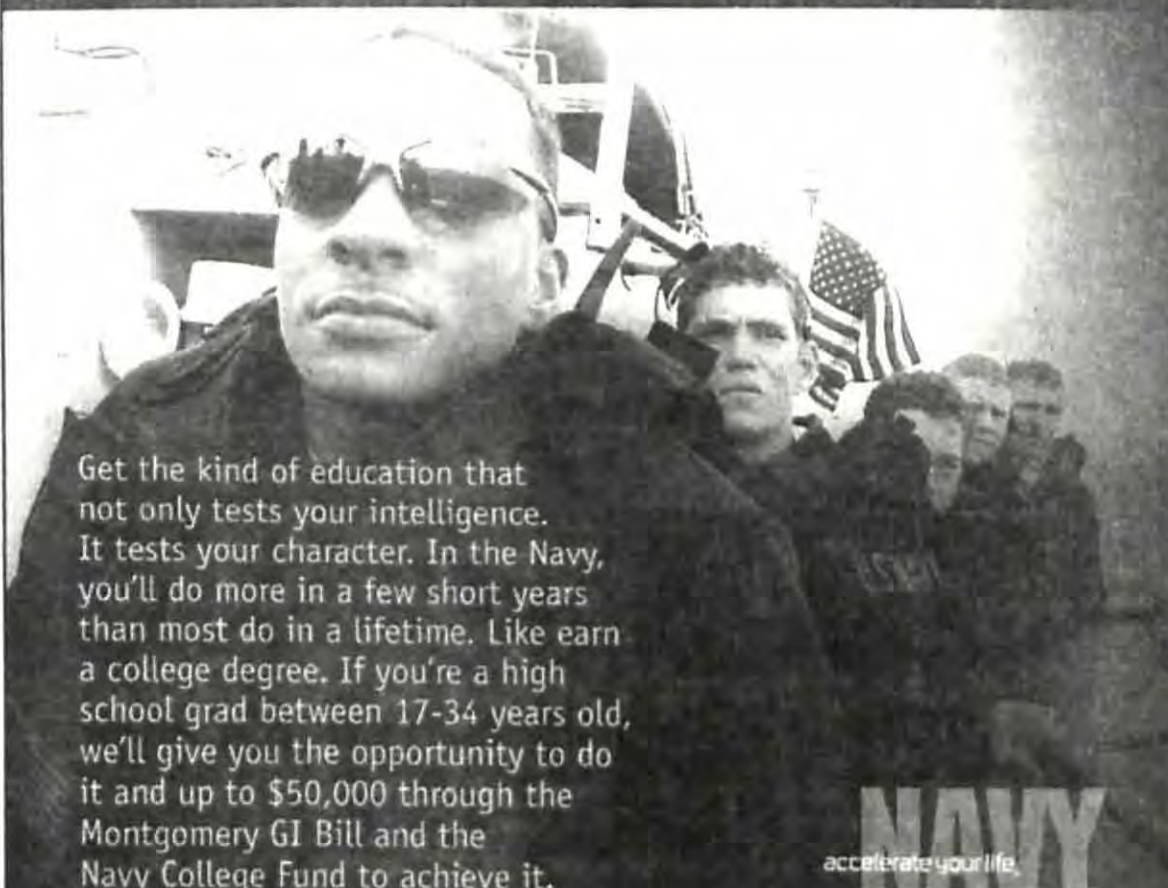
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## Gas Prices Soar In Katrina's Wake

Pump prices in Texas and across the United States are escalating at a record pace -- to \$3 a gallon and more -- according to AAA Texas' Weekend Gas Watch, which monitors the average price of gasoline at popular destinations for automobile trips.

According to a survey by the Oil Price Information Service, the Texas average price for regular self-serve jumped five cents this week, to a new record high of

\$2.62.

"However, motorists across Texas and the U.S. are seeing much higher prices at the pumps," said Rose Rougeau, AAA Texas spokeswoman.

"We're advising motorists not to top-off their tanks," Rougeau said. "With the price of gasoline escalating, motorists can conserve gas by making sure their vehicle is routinely maintained, consolidating trips, car pooling, using mass transit and,

for short trips, bicycling or walking."

AAA Texas' Weekend Gas Watch monitors the average price of gasoline at popular destinations for automobile trips.

On Friday, AAA reported that Dallas motorists are paying an average of \$2.69 cents for a gallon of gasoline.

However, posted prices around Dallas-Fort Worth Friday morning ranged from \$2.89 a gallon to more

than \$3 a gallon.

One station in Irving, a Fina station at Rochelle Road and MacArthur Boulevard, said it would sell gas for \$1.31 a gallon Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. Fina is subsidizing the cost. The station will donate 31 cents a gallon to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. Cars must be in line by 5:30 p.m. to participate. Radio station KTCK-FM/AM will be broadcasting from the event.

## Black-Owned Bank Gets \$2M Cash Infusion

Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Co., the oldest continuously operating African American-owned bank in the U.S., received a boost in lending power last week as Stewart Information Services Corp., a real estate company, announced that it would deposit \$2 million with the bank. The deposit, made through Stewart Title, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Stewart Information Services, is part of the company's effort to do business with minority communities.

Stewart Title, based in Houston, has been actively looking for ways to boost the number of minority homeowners across the country. "When we launched this program, we laid out parameters for finding strategic partners in [minority] markets," says

Larry S. Bullock, vice president of mid-America emergent market development for Stewart Title.

The company chose Citizens Bank because of its track record with making loans available to African Americans for homeownership and small businesses. Citizens Bank has also done a lot to educate African American consumers about the homeownership process through church and other community groups, and those efforts also played a part in Stewart Title's decision to do business with them, adds Matt Morris, senior vice president for Stewart Title.

"This \$2 million deposit is very significant," says Citizens Bank's President and Chief Executive Officer Deborah A. Cole. It marks the beginning of what will hopefully be a long-term relationship between Stewart Title and Citizens Bank, and it will be instrumental in Citizens Bank's ability to help more African American consumers be able to afford homes, she says.

"We believe everyone should have

the opportunity to own a home," says Cole. "One of the first steps to wealth accumulation is through homeownership. We want to be an integral part of being a vehicle for African Americans to start that wealth accumulation."

Citizens Bank won't be the only minority-owned institution Stewart Title will invest money in. Stewart Title's relationship with Citizens Bank will be used as a model for a nationwide effort to support other lenders and institutions that do business in African American, Hispanic, and Asian communities, Bullock says.

Citizens Bank was founded in Nashville, Tennessee in 1904. It currently has 26 full-time employees, four branch locations, and approximately \$55 million in total assets.

A \$2 million deposit is a significant investment from a single company, says Jeffrey M. Humphreys,

director of the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia. However, it is also indicative of the growing lending power of black-owned banks that are benefiting from the increasing buying power of African Americans. Black-owned banks are receiving a boost as a result of an increasing number of black entrepreneurs with whom they can build relationships with. As African Americans make gains in buying power, many will take that money and invest in real estate. "Black-owned banks can take advantage of the homeownership gap between blacks and whites," says Humphreys.

But Citizens Bank is not the only entity that stands to benefit from this deposit, Humphreys adds. If the money allows Citizens Bank to finance more mortgages, Stewart Title and other companies in the mortgage industry stand to benefit in the end.

## Mervyn's To Close 62 Stores, About Half In Texas

California-based Mervyn's L.L.C., the struggling department store chain, said it will close 62 stores, about half of those in Texas.

Mervyn's said Wednesday that 28 out of its 40 stores in Texas will close, including all 11 North Texas locations. The company said it is closing underperforming locations that "do not contribute to the company's success."

The closings will mean the loss of 4,800 of jobs for Mervyn's employees, about 1,200 are full-time employees and 3,600 are part-time employees.

In Texas, 2,259 employees will lose their jobs. The company said 654 full-time employees and 1,605 part-time employees in the state will be affected.

The stores should all be closed by February 2006, according to a news release from Mervyn's.

In addition to closing 28 stores in Texas, the company will also close a 575,000-square-foot distribution center in Plano, north of Dallas, and

one in Utah.

Mervyn's has been a retail fixture in the Texas market since 1981.

The 28-unit portfolio represents almost 2.5 million square feet of retail space in Texas. All North Texas Mervyn's stores will be closed. Mervyn's has locations in Arlington, Denton, Fort Worth and Plano, among other Dallas-Fort Worth cities.

The company will continue to operate 12 Mervyn's locations in South and West Texas including Harlingen, Mc Allen, El Paso and San Antonio.

"We're making some difficult, but necessary changes that will enable us to concentrate our resources on Mervyn's core markets and make investments that allow us to better serve our customers," said Beryl Buley, executive vice president of retail operations for Mervyn's.

Mervyn's also will be exiting Michigan and Oklahoma and plans to close some stores in Colorado and Louisiana.

The company is closing about 25

percent of its stores that account for approximately 17 percent of its total sales. After the closings, the retailer will operate 193 locations in the West and Southwest United States.

The Retail Connection, a real estate brokerage firm based in Dallas, is handling the disposition of the Texas stores. The first phase of the disposition will focus on leasing the property, according to Steve Lieberman, CEO of The Retail Connection.

The average Mervyn's location is 80,000 square feet. In Texas, Mervyn's stores represent strip shopping center space, free-standing buildings and mall anchors.

"This surplus property creates a unique opportunity for other retail chains to quickly penetrate and establish new markets or shore up their control of existing bases of operation, as such, these locations represent very attractive opportunities for growing chains," Lieberman said.

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## Blue Shoe Project Presents Earl Klugh In Concert

By: Vivian Fullerlove

At only 16 years old, jazz guitarist Earl Klugh caught the eyes and ears of Yusuf Lataeff while playing in an empty room at the record store where he worked. It was then his career as a professional jazz musician began. If destiny has ever foreordained a path for anyone, Earl Klugh is definitely the one. He started playing the piano when he was five years old, and at the age of ten his parents allowed him to switch to the classical guitar.

After seeing Chet Atkins on television, Klugh knew that he not only wanted to play guitar, but that it was all he wanted to do! "It had never occurred to me until that moment that I could be an instrumentalist," says Klugh. "Everything just really made sense to me from that point forward."

He cites other artists such as Johnny Smith and Wes Montgomery as his earliest influences. Klugh would listen to their records over and over again, learn the different chords and then play them on his own guitar. He began teaching other teens and pre-teens to play the guitar at the neighborhood record store.

Recording artists would regularly visit the Detroit establishment for in store appearances and record signings before performing at the legendary Baker's Keyboard Lounge. When Lataeff heard Klugh playing, he was so impressed that he invited him to join him for his set at Baker's. "He was really impressed with my playing," Klugh continued, "he hadn't seen anyone my age play with

such proficiency." Upon graduating high school, Klugh was faced with the decision of a lifetime...go to college or go on the road with the artists who had mentored him throughout his teen years in the Detroit music scene. He chose to go out on the road with George Benson. The veteran musician took Klugh under his wing for the next year and a half.

Klugh recorded his first solo album under Blue Note Records in 1976 at just twenty-two years old. Thirty years and dozens of albums later, Klugh still stands as one of jazz music's most celebrated artists.

Klugh often returns to Detroit and Baker's from time to time to revisit the place he called home and forged his musical beginnings. He remembers, "There was a lot of great music in that place. It's still standing. For quite a while, they only headlined national artists." Throughout his career Klugh was often encouraged to change his musical stylings to appease everyone from the record label to programming directors, but the artist says changing what he did to fit into a

particular genre never even occurred to him. "I've always followed my own direction," he says. "People at the record company wanted me to play electric guitar in addition to classical. They didn't think anyone would buy the music of a person playing a nylon string guitar. I feel very fortunate to still be doing what it is that I want to do and playing the music that I love to play."

Following the death of his mother in 1999, Klugh decided to take a much needed break. What was intended to be a six month hiatus, turned into a full year off for the artist. "I never stopped working from 1976 to 1999," comments Klugh. "I was really just burnt out from all the work. When my mother passed away, I just needed to take a break."

He eventually went back out on tour. At the time, he didn't really know what direction he had wanted to take. Not wanting to make another record just for the sake of making one, Klugh began writing his most intense musical project to



date...an album made up of completely original recordings.

His album Naked Guitar is his first in six years. "Now, I really want to just try things I haven't done and do more of the things I'm interested in," he says. "This was a good record for me to get back on the record scene."

The new CD, aptly titled, is simply Earl and a guitar, with nothing else coming between

that union and the listener. Just pure, unadorned music in all its glory. No overdubs, no tricks, no effects, no net. And through it all, familiar melodies soar above his simultaneously executed, rhythm-infused self-accompaniment.

As the genre of smooth jazz continues to be stretched and diluted by programming directors and record executives, Klugh refuses to be confined within the ever changing boundaries of the music industry. "I'm just going to be honest with myself and do what I feel is the correct thing to do and over time it will bear itself out," asserts Klugh.

"There were no boundaries in the 70's when George Benson and Grover Washington and all of us were playing. It was just a lot of artists doing their instrumentation. It's disappointing when they try and lump the music into that one category and start establishing barriers for it when there weren't any when there were only eight or ten of us doing our thing."

With a determination to make music that he is proud of, Klugh continues to create his art his way believing that if you do what you love, the audience will find you. With more than three decades of success behind him and a lifetime of creativity ahead of him, Klugh proves that the masses will come to hear one man playing one nylon stringed guitar.

Don't miss Earl Klugh when he performs on Thursday, September 15th at the Palace Theatre in Grapevine, TX. For ticket information visit [www.blueshoeoproject.org](http://www.blueshoeoproject.org) or call 877-548-3237.

## Snoop Dogg Sues Car Dealership Over Ads

Snoop Dogg is seeking \$2 million from a car dealership that he accuses of having misappropriated his image and speech pattern in its advertisements.

In a lawsuit filed last week in U.S. District Court, the 33-year-old rapper, born Calvin Broadus, alleges that the Gary Barbera Enterprises ads constitute trademark infringement since they use verbiage that is "confusingly similar to the Snoop Dogg trademark."

The ads show Snoop next to the words "Is Bar-BIZ-ZLE The SH-izzle?" One ad is similar to his line in a recent Chrysler TV commercial with Lee Iacocca: "If the ride is more fly, then you must buy."

Rapper 50 Cent - Curtis Jackson III - has filed a sim-



ilar lawsuit against Barbera seeking \$1 million in damages.

The Philadelphia Daily News quoted Barbera marketing director Eric Gerstein as terming the latest lawsuit "the same lyrics, different beat. We've already been in contact with Snoop's people, and we're working it out."

## Jamie Foxx Throws Katrina Relief Benefit

On Sunday night, Jamie Foxx did what he does best and hosted a celeb-packed party-themed benefit for the victims of Hurricane Katrina at The Delano hotel in Miami.

More than \$600,000 was raised for the American Red Cross at the event, which included such guests as Miami Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor and wife Katina, singer Jon Secada, Timbaland, Detroit Pistons guard Rick Hamilton, Miami police chief John Timoney, Paris Hilton, Scott Storch, Christina Milian, Shaquille O'Neal and his "Miami Vice" co-star, Colin Farrell - who auctioned himself off as a date for the cause.

Hilton also put herself up on the block and accepted bids for a night with her at the grand opening of her Club Paris Miami Beach, on New Year's Eve. Farrell himself bought a Ray Charles portrait signed by Foxx for \$16,000. An actor wannabe in the crowd bid \$25,000 for a speaking role in "Miami Vice," then suggested he'd pay \$40,000 if allowed to say a word that'll catch the attention of the Motion Picture Academy of America. Foxx obliged.

The seriousness of the event that sparked the auction benefit was not forgotten.

"The hurricane is a heart attack," Foxx said when introducing the president of New Orleans' Dillard University, Dr. Marvalene Hughes. He gave her a long embrace and then bid \$20,000 for dinner at Nobu with Milian.

\*Meanwhile, Foxx's new song "Extravaganza," produced by Mike

City and featuring Kanye West, features a video that finds him trying to deal with a night of heavy partying.

"The night of the Oscars or the night of Kanye's Grammys, what I did was partied with the Varsity Fairs and the Meg Ryans and what have you," he tells MTV. "The minute we got a chance to take them tuxes off, we jumped in our sweats and got to the real party where cats was taking my Oscar and taking pictures with it. It was fun. [The video] mirrors that."

"Sidney Poitier is guesting in there," he added of the clip. "Sidney canceled everything. He was like, 'I'm not doing nothing for anybody. I'm in retirement.' I called him humbly like, 'Will you be in this video?' He said, 'I'll do anything for you.' We're trying to do everything - not groundbreaking, but just nifty enough to where you go, 'Oh.' But we're not trying to do this big thing."



## Jay-Z and Diddy Donate \$1 Million Each To Hurricane Katrina Relief

Sean "Diddy" Combs and Jay-Z have pledged \$1 million to the American Red Cross to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. The two rappers announced their joint donation Thursday, saying they hoped to inspire others, especially blacks, to give.



"This is our community," Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter, who is also president and CEO of the Def Jam record label, told The Associated Press by phone. "When I turn on CNN, I see a lot of black people on the streets. I know it's other people too, but those projects have been hit hard."

Combs agrees. "We are all descendants from each other's families. When you hear black people say 'brothers' and 'sisters,' it's really true. These are all people that I know I'm related to somehow, some way - the human race family."

Former New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial, now president of the Urban League, said Thursday that those left in the city "are people who are African-American mostly but

not completely, and people who were of little or limited economic means. They are the folks, we've got to get them out of there."

Jay-Z said he had put in calls to NBA star LeBron James and rapper Kanye West for donations.

Celine Dion and the partners of her Las Vegas show, "A New Day" - companies Concerts West/AEG Live and Dragone -

pledged a \$1 million donation to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

And Oscar-winner Nicolas Cage, who has a home in New Orleans, donated \$1 million Thursday to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief efforts for ravaged New Orleans, a spokeswoman said.

In his statement, his publicist, Annett Wolf, said Cage "wishes

to help his neighbors during this most devastating time."



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Rehnquist, who died of cancer on Saturday. Roberts was originally nominated to replace retiring judge Sandra Day O'Connor, who has said she will remain on the court until her successor has been confirmed.

Roberts' Senate committee hearings had been scheduled to get underway Tuesday, but have been delayed until Thursday or next Monday, according to Senate staffers. Bush hopes to have Roberts confirmed by Oct. 3, the court's opening day. "Now that the president has said he will nominate Judge Roberts as chief justice, the stakes are higher and the Senate's advice and consent responsibility is even more important," said Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Roberts, who was appointed by Bush to the federal appeals court in 2003, was selected, in part, because of his limited time of the bench, giving his critics fewer targets to oppose his nomination. At 50 years old, he could remain chief justice for three decades and guide the court along a more conservative path. There had been speculation that either Antonin Scalia or Clarence Thomas — the two justices Bush says he most admires — would be elevated to the top post. Now, Roberts, the judge with the least experience on the court, will be in charge, if confirmed.

Standing beside Bush in the Oval Office on Monday, Roberts said: "I am honored and humbled by the confidence the president has shown in me. I am very much aware that if I am confirmed I would succeed a man I deeply respect and admire, a man who has been very kind to me for 25 years."

The second Supreme Court opening comes at a time when the Bush administration is reeling from criticism that it has mishandled the Hurricane Katrina recovery and rescue efforts. Administration officials are hoping that interest in the Supreme Court selections will now shift some of the public attention from the botched federal efforts in southern Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Just as President Bush acted quickly, so did critics of Roberts.

People for the American Way President Ralph G. Neas issued a statement Monday, saying: "People for the American Way opposed Roberts' nomination to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in large part based on his hostility to the laws and remedies that protect Americans from discrimination and his longtime efforts to restrict the role of the courts in upholding Americans' rights and legal protections. To an even greater degree, that record makes him unfit for the position of Chief Justice, and we will vigorously oppose his nomination."

As the White House scrambles to vet a second appointee — expected to be either a woman or the court's first Hispanic — civil rights groups had already stepped up their criticism of Roberts, who clerked for then Associate Justice Rehnquist in 1980.

After nearly two months of studying the legal records of Roberts, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund last week announced its opposition to Roberts, pointing to its 60-page report critical of the judge's civil rights record.

"The record reveals a consistent opposition to a broad-minded reading of civil rights statutes and other constitutional applications to civil rights issues," says Ted Shaw, president and director-counsel of the LDF. "The record reveals that Judge Roberts insisted in his work, to narrow the application to civil rights. And for those reasons, we reach our conclusion."

According to the report, Roberts has held positions opposite to the LDF on a string of issues, including voting rights, affirmative action, equal educational opportunity, discrimination by federally funded institutions, and fair housing and employment.

Shaw released the report at a Capitol Hill Press conference last week. The NAACP, led by its new president and chief executive officer Bruce Gordon, joined in the press conference

with its own opposition. The NAACP and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund are separate organizations.

"While it comes as no surprise that the nominee's views are different than ours, it is the seemingly extreme nature of those views, the degree of difference, that makes his candidacy unacceptable," says Gordon. "Roberts has demonstrated a commitment to Prior to becoming a judge, Roberts had spent 14 years in private practice and held positions in Republican administrations in the Justice Department and office of the White House Counsel.

With the death of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist over the weekend, it is unclear how having two Supreme Court vacancies at the same time will impact Roberts' confirmation hearings.

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond says the NAACP will pay special attention to those Democrats that struck a deal with moderate Republicans in May to avoid a showdown over the Senate's filibuster rules.

"To the degree that we know that the Republicans are shameless, we know that some of the Democrats are spineless and we expect to see all of them — Democrat and Republican alike — take their jobs seriously," Bond said. "They were selected to rigorously examine this nominee, among other things and we want to make sure they do that."

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a reputable national publication that should have been read by people involved in disaster relief. If they had taken heed, many of the dead in New Orleans would be alive today.

Under the headline, "What if Ivan Had Hit New Orleans?" the author wrote, "New Orleans was spared this time, but had it not been, Hurricane Ivan would have:

- Pushed a 17-foot storm surge into Lake Pontchartrain;
- Caused the levees between the lake and the city to overtop and fill the city 'bowl' with water from lake levee to river levee, in some places as deep as 20 feet;
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- Inundated inhabited areas south of the Mississippi River.

"Up to 80 percent of the structures in these flooded areas would have been severely damaged from wind and water. The potential for such extensive flooding and the resulting damage is the result of a levee system that is unable to keep up with the increasing flood threats from a rapidly eroding coastline and thus unable to protect the ever-subsiding landscape."

Until I read this article, I had said one of the positive things that I hoped would come out of this disaster is that relief experts would realize that they need to make special provisions for the poor, elderly and homeless. In essence, I gave them the benefit of the doubt. Now, however, I realize that there is no benefit in doubt.

The warning was there in black and white: "For those without means, the medically challenged, residents without personal transportation, and the homeless, evacuation requires significant assistance."

Laska spelled it out in even more detail.

During Hurricane Ivan in 2004, she continues, 'Res-idents who did not have personal transportation were unable to evacuate even if they wanted to. Approximately 120,000 residents (51,000 housing units x 2.4 persons/unit) do not have cars.

"A proposal made after the evacuation to use public transit buses to assist in their evacuation out of the city was not implemented for the Ivan. If it had struck New Orleans directly it is estimated that 40-60,000 residents of the area would have perished."

The additional problem of people having the means to leave, but refusing to do so was addressed in the article.

"Researchers have estimated that prior to a 'big one,' approximately 700,000 residents of the greater New Orleans area (out of 1.2 million) would evacuate," Laska wrote. "In the case of Hurricane Ivan, officials estimate that up to 600,000 evacuated from metropolitan New Orleans between daybreak on Monday, September 13 and noon on Wednesday, September 13, when the storm turned and major roads started to clear..."

"The fact that 600,000 residents evacuated means an equal number did not. Recent evacuation surveys show that two thirds of nonevacuees with the means to evacuate chose not to leave because they felt safe in their homes. Other nonevacuees with means relied on a cultural tradition of not leaving or were discouraged by negative experiences with past evacuations."

Those that dismiss environmentalists as kooks, should pay special attention to the observations about marshes.

"Loss of the coastal marshes that dampened earlier storm surges puts the city at increasing risk to hurricanes," the article noted. "Eighty years of substantial river leveeing has prevented spring flood deposition of new layers of sediment into the marshes, and a similarly lengthy period of marsh excavation activities related to oil and gas exploration and transportation canals for the petrochemical industry have threatened marsh integrity."

Using the Hurricane Ivan model to predict what would happen if a major hurricane struck New Orleans, Laska wrote: "Should this disaster become a reality, it would undoubtedly be one of the greatest disasters, if not the greatest, to hit the United States, with estimated costs exceeding 100 billion dollars. According to the Red Cross, such an event could be even more devastating than a major earthquake in California. Survivors would have

to endure conditions never before experienced in a North American disaster."

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Make an elderly person happy this weekend. It doesn't have to be a gift that you spend money on; spend "quality time" with someone, listen to what they have to say, you might be surprised as to what you may learn. As a grandparent of one beautiful granddaughter, Tyanna Donnis (the oldest) and three handsome grandsons (in order of their births): David Edward, Deven Jaquan, and Philip Immanuel, I am especially proud and thankful to God for His blessings to me. There is nothing more precious in this world to me.

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## Money Isn't Everything

and contentment. One day she said, "I will go to the river and there end my life."

As she walked along, she suddenly felt a little hand tugging at her skirt. Looking down she saw a frail, hungry-looking little boy who pleaded, "There are six of us. We are dying for want of food." The woman thought, "Why not relieve this wretched family? I have the means; I will have no use for riches when I am gone."



**Picture of The Week**  
Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott and three of Sister Tarpley's grandchildren, L to R: Philip, David, and Tyanna Lott

Following the little boy, she entered a scene of misery, sickness, and want. She opened her purse and emptied its contents. The family members showed joy and gratitude to the lady. Even more taken with their need, the woman said, "I'll return tomorrow; and I will share with you more of the good things which God has given to me in abundance!"

She left and was rejoicing that the child had found her; for the first time she understood the reason for her abundance. Her life was now filled with meaning and purpose. The greatest use of your abundance is to give it away. When we look to meeting the needs of others we find soul-satisfaction that all the abundance in the world could never obtain. In our national tragedy,

share your abundance and talent to help those in need.

### THINGS NOT TO DO

Do not take for granted the things that God has blessed you with. Cherish them and thank God for his blessings.

Do not let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past nor for the future. Remember the past is gone and will never return; the future is not here; you might not see it; but the present is here and now. By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life. Do not give up when you have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. Do not be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Do not dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope. To be without hope is to be without purpose. Do not run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been but also where you are going. Life is not a race but a journey to be savored each step of the way. Only God knows what is best for you!

Please don't forget to thank our Military Force with an ad. The encouragement is needed now, more than ever. Call Sister Tarpley today!

**HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY TO ONE AND ALL!**

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Let *MON-TH* Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of Jabez, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."

## Social Security Administration Provides Assistance

Anyone receiving Social Security payments that have been interrupted by Hurricane Katrina can go to any Social Security office to get an emergency payment.

All Social Security checks scheduled for delivery to residents in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina will be printed and shipped from the U.S. Treasury to the United States Postal Service (USPS) for delivery as usual. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients are scheduled to receive paper checks on Thursday Sep 1. The Social Security beneficiaries are scheduled to receive paper checks on early check delivery date of Friday, Sep 2. Those who receive checks through direct deposit should receive payment on schedule.

The Postal Service implements emergency procedures for delivery of checks when a natural disaster occurs. Social Security is working with the Louisiana Governor's office to identify locations for temporary mail delivery. Any open Social Security field office can make payments in critical cases. For information about changing mailing addresses, direct deposit, or locating the nearest Social Security office, call 1-800-772-1213 or go online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## Church Directory

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11:00 am - Morning Worship

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7:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting,  
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526 Compton Avenue • Irving, TX 75061

972-986-5552

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1010-1020 South Sherman Street • Richardson, TX 75081

[www.ndcbf.org](http://www.ndcbf.org)

### New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas

**Sunday Service**

Morning Worship

7:30 am & 10:30 am

9:00 am Sunday School

**Wednesday Service**

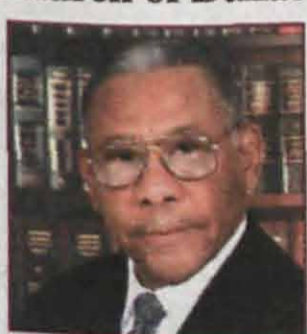
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

Brotherhood 7:00 pm

Missions 7:00 pm

Singles Group 7:00 pm

Bible Study 7:45 pm



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### St. Andrew Church of God In Christ

Supt. Kenneth D. Davis, Pastor

608 Lakey Street • Denton, TX 76205

940-243-3797 (Metro)

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#### Worship Celebrations

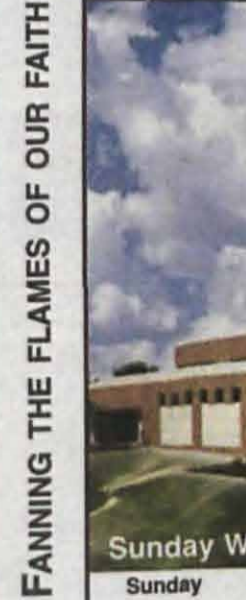
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Every Sunday: ... 10:50 am Evening Worship: ... 7:00 pm

### Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX

Pastor Isaiah Joshua, Jr.



#### Sunday Worship Services 8AM & 11AM

Sunday	9:45AM Sunday School
Monday	7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries
Tuesday	7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir
Wednesday	7PM Mid-Week Service
Thursday	7PM Mass Choir

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[www.shilohbaptistchurch.org](http://www.shilohbaptistchurch.org)

## Church Happenings

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#### COALITION OF CHURCHES IN PRISON MINISTRY

On-Going Mentor Program

Our host church, True Lee Baptist Church, 3907 Bertrand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210, 214-421-9435 where Rev. Donald Parish is the Pastor, is working with a mentor program for children of parents that are incarcerated. Come or call to find out how to get involved. For more information, please call Carolyn Johnson @ 972-235-6432.

Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry  
Rev. Isaac Johnson, Coordinator  
P.O. Box 225863  
Dallas, TX 75222-5863  
972-235-6432 or  
214-632-6519

#### COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PLANO

Ongoing

Hope Preschool, ages 2-5, has begun registration for the fall of 2005.

For more information about the above event and any upcoming events please call the church @ 972-424-8989

Community UU Church of Plano  
Rev. Priscilla Richter, Pastor  
2875 East Parker Road  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-424-8989

#### GREATER DAVIS CHAPEL COGIC

September 10, 2005

Huge Church Sale presented by Operation Youth Objective, Unity Thru Harmony (Y.O.U.T.H.) @ 10061 LaPrada Drive in Garland. There will be a FREE giant gift basket giveaway! Come by and see it on display.

For more information, contact Esther Avila @ 972-682-0111

Greater Davis Chapel COGIC  
Elder Tommy L. Chalk, Pastor  
821 East Miller Road  
Garland, TX 75040  
972-864-1047

#### HOLSEY CHAPEL CME CHURCH

October 8, 8:00 am

Our Christian Youth Fellowship will host a "Golfing For Christ"

tournament to be held at the Waterview Golf course in Rowlett, TX

Sign up deadline is October 1, 2005. Proceeds from the tournament will be used in purchasing a van for the Youth Fellowship group. For more information, please contact Reverend James Oakry @ 972-412-3705 or 972-998-6634.

Holsey Chapel CME Church  
Rev. James G. Oakry Jr.  
Senior Pastor  
709 Quinlan Street  
Ennis, TX 75119  
972-878-4302

#### KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

September 17, 2005

You are invited to our Annual Women's Day Celebration. For more information, please call Janet Cooper @ 972-306-0178

Keller Springs Baptist Church  
Rev. Larry Sanders, Pastor  
3227 Keller Springs Road  
Carrollton, TX 75006  
972-735-8122

#### MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO (MOCOP)

October 26 - 28, 7:15 pm Nightly Attention! Attention! Our Women of The Word Ministries invites you to be a part of our very exciting 2005 Vision Summit Conference. Our theme is: "One

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Mt. Olive church of Plano (MOCOP)  
Rev. Sam Fenceroy, Senior Pastor  
740 Avenue F, Suite 303  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-633-5511

#### NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK

Every Sunday Morning @ 9:15 am  
August 21 - September 21, 2005

The public is welcome and encouraged to join us for our Spirit-Filled Services as we proudly present the "Repairing the Altar Conference 2005" during our Sunday School class @ 9:15 am.

Every Wednesday Evening @ 7:30 pm  
August 21 - September 21, 2005

The public is welcome and encouraged to join us for our Spirit-Filled Services as we proudly present the "Repairing the Altar Conference 2005" during our Wednesday Evening Bible Study class, "Life in the Word" @ 7:30 pm

New Life Fellowship Church  
Of Hamilton Park  
Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr.  
Senior Pastor  
8219 Bunche Drive  
Dallas, TX 75243  
972-671-1096

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\*If you need a ride to worship with us, please call the church.

## The Votes Are In!

## MON-The Gazette receives 1st Place for "Best Religious Section"

at the 19th Annual African American Texas Publisher's Association Conference. The contest was judged by the University of Texas at Tyler.

## Bush Aides Meet With Black Leadership

By: Timothy R. Brown

President Bush's top advisers met Saturday with black leaders concerned about the administration's slow response to blacks suffering from Hurricane Katrina, while the head of the NAACP said it was not time for "finger-pointing."

NAACP President Bruce Gordon said that any recriminations over how the government treated Gulf Coast residents can wait until the mostly poor and black victims are given the care they desperately need.

"Right now, the NAACP is in what I call a life-saving mode. We are not in a finger-pointing mode and until every life has been stabilized and every life has been saved, we will devote all of our energies for that purpose," Gordon said.

Gordon and Mississippi NAACP officials spoke at a news conference in Jackson hours after Bush administration officials including Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff met with black leaders in Washington about allegations that indifference to black suffering slowed the response.

White House press secretary

Scott McClellan said the group discussed how to evacuate, save and sustain lives, create temporary housing and ways to work with community and faith-based groups to handle the long-term needs of the displaced.

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, Democrat of Maryland and past chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said he believes the administration

view that the results of his efforts have been unacceptable," Cummings said after the White House meeting.

Gordon said the NAACP will monitor how federal officials provide relief in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast while offering assistance to displaced residents and those in need.

"Once we are satisfied that some level of stabilization has occurred, then we are going to figure out what happened," Gordon said. "Because are there discrepancies? Yes."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson and some black elected officials have said racial injustice was at the root of the federal government's disaster response.

Jackson on Saturday criticized the Federal Emergency Management Agency, calling its rescue efforts a "colossal disaster." He also said the government failed to put together a coordinated effort to address the crisis and should be held accountable.

"There was no national emergency evacuation plan for Americans in the line of danger," Jackson said at his Rainbow/PUSH Coalition headquarters on Chicago's South Side.



Rev. Jesse Jackson and NAACP President Bruce Gordon

was partly interested in offering assurances that any missteps in getting relief to the victims would be corrected.

"I think a lot of people in the African American community — and others, by the way — share Bush's

## Dallas Black Chamber Of Commerce Serving As Drop-Off Location

In an effort to provide emergency assistance to those in need from the crisis of Hurricane Katrina, the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce is working with the Dallas Urban League and various local churches to assist the City of Dallas with hurricane relief efforts.

The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (2838 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Dallas) will act as a drop-off location for donations for hurricane victims that have been relocated to the Dallas area. They will accept the following items:

~Bottled Water  
~Canned Food  
~Toiletries (i.e. toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, toilet tissue, personal

hygiene items, under-garments, etc.)

~Infant Care Needs (i.e. formula, diapers, baby food, clothing, toys, etc.)

~Blankets, Pillows and Towels

~New and/or slightly used clothing and shoes (clean and in good condition only please)

~School Supplies (for children who will soon be attending local Dallas area schools)

Other drop-off locations include:  
~Concord Missionary Baptist Church - 6808 Boulder Drive, Dallas - 214.331.8522

~Friendship West Baptist Church - 616 West Kiest Boulevard, Dallas - 214.331.5684 / 214.371.2029

~Mount Tabor Baptist Church - 3700 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas - 972.225.1704

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Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
1113 Ave. I, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4090  
Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr., Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Night Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.



### Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church

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Pastor Charles S. Wattley



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Worship Celebration... 11:00 a.m.  
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Website: www.ibocjoy.org



Pastor Rickie G. Rush

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MONDAY

6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting

7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson

6710 Webster Avenue • Dallas, TX 75209

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SATURDAY

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### New Life Fellowship of Hamilton Park

8219 Bunche Drive • Dallas, TX 75243

972-671-1096

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Morning Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship (Agape Hour) First Sunday ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study ..... 7:15 p.m.

## Church Happenings

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### NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

On-Going Mentor Program

Operation Oasis sponsors a program that assists youth that are at-risk, and ex-offenders returning to society. The program's goals are to change lives of the formerly incarcerated person, to increase safety, and to spiritually fortify our communities.

For more details about this wonderful project, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant at 972-437-3801 or call Toll Free at 1-800-370-Oasis (376-2747)

September 24, 7:30 pm

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Operation Oasis is sponsoring a Charity Jazz Concert with featured Contemporary Jazz Artist Tom Braxton. The event will take place on the Square in Downtown Garland. Please join us for this wonderful and exciting event. For additional information and ticket prices, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant @ 972-437-3801

### North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Richardson

Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor  
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Richardson, TX 75081  
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Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Please join us and bring a friend as we study Women of The Word in our Truth on Tuesday Bible Study Night.

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Reverend James W. Thomas, Pastor  
3801 Avenue K  
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Ms. Carolyn Richards from Windsor Village UMC in Houston; Minister Carl Long from Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Dallas; Ms. De'Etra Scott from Concord Baptist Church in Dallas; Ms. Angela Norris-Johnson from Koinonia Dance Ministry; Obie Obiekwe from Hillcrest Church in Dallas; and more. The public is welcome. For

more information and registration, please call 214-890-6929.

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214-544-1886

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3801 Avenue K.

Plano, TX 75074

469-467-7575

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Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:15 am  
Tuesday Night Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm



Reverend James W. Thomas, Servant

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9:30 am - Sunday School  
10:45 am - Morning Worship & Children's Church  
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9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting and 7:30 p.m.

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