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People In The News



Sonia Sanchez is a prolific poet, for many years has used her profound sense of history and her vision of her people to paint a picture of the struggles between black people and white people, men, women and ethnicities. Sometimes using Black speech in her poetry, Sanchez has always had a unique sense of style when it came to her use of language and structure in regards to her poems.

Ms. Sanchez will be in Dallas to read and discuss many of her works as a poet at the Publisher's Luncheon Saturday, September 24, 2005 at 12:00 p.m., at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, located at 650 South Griffin St. in Dallas. Tickets to the event will range from \$15-\$150 for more information call (214) 743-2506.

Sanchez who is also a recent recipient (2001) of the Robert Frost medal in poetry, one of the highest honors awarded to a nationally recognized poet. Mary Angelina is a true poet of all ages writes that "Sonia Sanchez is a lion in literature's forest... This world is a better place because of Sonia Sanchez: more visible, more laughable, more manageable. I wish millions of people knew that some of the joy in their lives comes from the fact that Sonia Sanchez is writing poetry."

Lisa Spooner-Whyte is a highly successful marketing specialist who possesses a sincere desire to share her expertise with those requiring assistance in the field of marketing. That desire served as motivation in writing the book, *Marketing BASICS*.

Written for people who desire a marketing overview, and for those who may want a "refresher," *MARKETING BASICS* is an easy-to-read manual that explores fundamentals of the process, including advertising and public relations.

Lisa Spooner-Whyte is hosting a book signing and reception at Stephen Ward Gallery on Friday, September 30, 2005 from 6PM until 9PM. The gallery is located at 2546 Elm Street, in Dallas' historic Deep Ellum district.

Ms. Spooner-Whyte has 20 years experience in sales and marketing. She began her career in the Syndicated Television Division at Paramount Studios, relocating to Dallas from Los Angeles. Lisa was the first African-American woman on Paramount's syndicated sales team. She transferred to local sales for UPN-TV in Dallas in 1995, where she managed a major local and national account list for three years. Prior to joining her marketing agency in 2003, Lisa was a Local Sales Manager at KUVN-TV, Univision's Spanish-language station in Dallas, for five years.

Please RSVP for the book signing reception to whyte@homegroup.com or call (972) 416-5744.

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Garland Councilman Questions Ethics Of Council Members

By: Ruth Ferguson
Garland City Councilman Harry J. Hickey, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem representing District 3, is disappointed by the recent vote of the council. Councilman Hickey strenuously disagrees with the council's decision earlier this month to remove the Student Resource Officers (SRO's) from elementary schools in the Garland Independent School District. Hickey feels this rift underscores what he considers a challenge facing the council, "the ethics and morality of some council members." Hickey did not specifically name anyone but indicated there was speculation of vote swapping on this issue. Eyebrows were raised at what they considered the brusque treatment dissenting citizens received when attempting to persuade the before the council to not remove the SROs.

The City of Garland and the Garland Independent School District had an ongoing agreement that each entity would provide one-half of the funding for this program. Supporters claim the SROs not only protect the students, but also assist early gang intervention efforts. Reaching the students when they are at a very impressionable age is important. Hickey pointed out the issue was brought up earlier this year, but when the public expressed their displeasure the proposed change was tabled.

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Crying for New Orleans - Part Two

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist
Black people in New Orleans and elsewhere, for years now, have been in control of the politics in their cities, and I use "control" lightly. We are good at "gettin' out the vote" and going to the polls. In Atlanta, in D.C., in Detroit, in Baltimore, in Gary, Indiana, to name a few, we are runnin' stuff in the political arena. But nowhere in this country are we runnin' anything economically to the extent that when our folks are in dire straits we can move swiftly to get them out of harm's way or at least rescue them after a hurricane.

Because we own and control very little in this country, without help we cannot feed our people; we cannot give them water to drink; and we cannot clothe our children. All we can do is wait for someone else to do it, and watch our people die in the process. Yes, everyone else should help us, especially the government and private sectors, whom we have enriched with our taxes and labor; but we must be our own first line of defense.

Because we failed to heed the warnings and, 40 years ago, abandoned our own economic base, we have declined to a shameful level of impotence, an embarrassing level of timidity, and a state of unparalleled paralysis.

Our once-vibrant, valuable, and valued communities have all but disappeared, and have been replaced by bastions of crime, irresponsibility, and economic despair and deprivation.

We suffer from a dearth of real economic leadership and seem only interested in moving pandering politicians and polarizing preachers lead us down primrose paths to Proletariat poverty. Our leaders have become pleaders, and our resolve to make things better for our children has been laid to waste by a rampage of greed, excess, and possession of toys and trinkets made and distributed by everyone except Black people.

So how does this relate to New Orleans? To reiterate, nothing men

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Obama Says Democrats Must Hold White House Accountable

Sen. Barack Obama urged fellow Democrats on Saturday not to automatically there is poverty and racism in our midst," said Obama, D-Ill. "It's tempting to do so, especially when he decides to put Karl Rove in charge of reconstruction."

Rove, the top political adviser to the president, will play a role through his position as deputy White House chief of staff, but he

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HSU Alumni Helps Hurricane Evacuees Restore Faith with Basketball

When spirits were lowest among displaced residents of the Houston Astros' stadium, Harlin Simmons graduate and former HSU football standout Sanford Mouton turned to basketball to give children and adults alike an outlet that, temporarily at least, let them forget the losses from Hurricane Katrina.

As he watched the disaster unfold on television, Mouton saw so many people who had lost everything that, "I just knew I had to get involved." A former high school coach and frequent volunteer at the AstroDome, he left coaching to form "Playmakers University" designed to develop the mind, body, and spirit of young people. The experience was providential, "I saw how this tragedy (Katrina) was impacting the kids, and my heart just went out to them. I knew they needed some direction and structured activities that would allow them to 'be kids again' during this difficult time," said Mouton. The seed was planted when he saw several kids tossing a basketball through an improvised hoop.

He started by organizing conditioning sessions and training drills that used up the children's restless energy, helping them to sleep better at night. Mouton organized everyone into teams as a way of encouraging them to get to know each other while working on team skills. Mouton spoke with Houston magazine and Gallery Furniture owner, HSU Alumni Page 4

Frances Newton Executed For Slaying

First black woman put to death in Texas since Civil War
By: Allan Turner and Cynthia Lessor Gura
Frances Newton, convicted of killing her husband and two children to gain \$100,000 in insurance benefits, was executed Wednesday as dozens of death house protesters fervently prayed for her deliverance and chanted their opposition to the state's death penalty.

After weeks of intense legal wrangling, Newton's execution went ahead after the U.S. Supreme Court and Gov. Rick Perry refused to intervene. She was the 349th killer put to death in Texas since executions were resumed in 1982, and the first black woman executed in Texas since the Civil War.

Sentenced to die for the 1987 murders of her husband, Adrian, 23, and the couple's children, Alton, 7, and Farrah, 21 months, Newton offered no final statement. Seemingly nervous, she stared blankly at the ceiling, then turned toward the witness rooms to mouth inaudible words.

In the witness room reserved for her relatives, Newton's sister, Pamela Neils, cradled her head in her arms, which she had thrust against a rear wall. In the room occupied by her husband's family, a cousin, Tamika Craft-Denning, began to weep when it became apparent the drugs had been administered.

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Minorities Pay More For Mortgages

By: Sandra Fleishman
Blacks and Hispanics are getting a disproportionate share of high-cost mortgages compared with whites, according to new federal figures released yesterday.

The analysis of 2004 home-lending data shows that even after adjusting for factors such as income level, loan size and property location that could raise the interest rate offered on a mortgage, blacks are still nearly twice as likely as whites to be given a high-cost loan.

Researchers at the Federal Reserve, who analyzed data that lenders nationwide were required to submit to regulators, said that despite the disparities, the availability of high-cost, risk-based mortgage loans broadens the availability of home financing.

The authors of the Fed report said such lending has "greatly expanded the availability of home loans to borrowers who, because of weaknesses in their credit profiles, had previously been unable to qualify."

This is the first year that lenders have been required to report data on high-priced loans to regulators under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act. Consumer groups and regulators have become more concerned about high-cost, or subprime, loans because of their explosion in recent years. Subprime loans made up about 19 percent of all home-loan originations in 2004, up

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CCCD Introduces Newest Student Leadership Academy Class



Collin County Community College District recently announced its newest class for the Student Leadership Academy. These students are: (front row, from left) Carlos Valera, Brian Hartnisch, Bruce Rollins, Jeremy Markham, Daniel White and Rene Cardona; (second row, from left) Lauren Ashman, Dawn Webber, Denise Tran, Megan Wicks, Cassandra Lawson, Huda Mohamed, Tanisha Black and Gabi Estee; (third row, from left) Alex Williams, James Jay Wieland, Michael Wilshire, Laurel Halter, Liz Eubank and Neil Herkowitz; and (back row, from left) Joanne Michalowski, Nathan Waddell and Geoff Wuogapach.

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Denton Blues Festival



Carla Norris and Band performing "He's Funny That Way" from her CD "Hello I Remainder"



Monica McCallister from Ft Worth takes in the festivities



The Up All Night Blues Band takes it home.



D. Ellis local comedian, hosted the Denton Blues Fest.

The 8th annual Denton Blues Fest was held last Saturday at the Denton County Fair Grounds. This year's Festival featured Floyd Taylor, son of legendary bluesman Johnnie Taylor, Vick Allen, Pope Carter, the Funk Monsters, the Up All Night Blues Band, Pinky and the Snake Shakers and Carla Norris.

The festival began at 1:00 p.m. and ran until 4:00 p.m., beginning again with the first blues performance at 5:00 p.m. There were plenty of food and drinks to go around and a raffle of cash prizes following each act, with the main act at 11:30 p.m.

The Denton Blues Festival was hosted by D. Ellis, Comedian, who has appeared on BET Comic View and MOCA Comedy Club of Arlington, Texas. All proceeds from the event went to benefit the Young Minority Entrepreneurs Institute Inc. (YMEI).

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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

Receive a free mammogram from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 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.

Floetry Friday's, every Friday night at Tiki's Restaurant, 408 S. Harwood (Downtown Dallas near the Farmers Market) doors open

at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m. A complimentary dinner buffet will be served until 9:30 p.m. Open Mic 8:00-9:00 p.m. Call to sign up (214) 559-7168.

Help Clean Up Garland Parks and Neighborhoods. The City of Garland invites you to participate in the annual Trash Bash, to clean up Duck Creek, various parks and neighborhoods. For more information call 972-205-3864.

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
Evans Seniors Dance-Adults 50 and over enjoy live music, dancing and light refreshments at Evans Recreation Center from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Located at 1116 Hillcrest in Mesquite. Admission is \$4 per person. Contact 972-285-6761.

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

Now is the time to join Mocha Sisters. Mocha Sisters Organization is a community service group. We are doing great things in the community. Please join us and find out more about our organization at TGI Friday's, 5100 Bellline in Dallas. The event is free, for more information call (877) 512-0771.

September 24
Bowl for Kids' Sake, is about having fun, while raising money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas! Located at Plano Super Bowl, 2421 Avenue K at 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Form a team of five people. Each bowler is asked to raise \$100 in sponsorship. Bowlers enjoy two FREE games of bowling with shoesball provided, plus food and drinks, event T-shirts, souvenir team photos, prizes, games and lots of FUN! Lunch will be provided by On the Border. You don't need to be a good bowler to participate-everyone wins when helping kids! For more information contact Natalie at 817-277-1145, ext. 205 or nrivera@bbbnt.org, or Lauren at 972-423-9559 or lhoofnagle@bbbnt.org.

The NFL Youth Pump Pass & Kick will be held at Pioneer Park Complex at 9:00 a.m. This is a free event for boys and girls 8-15 years old. Call the mesquite recreation center at (972) 346-8732.

September 25

Premier bridal event: of North Dallas with over 100 wedding businesses to plan your perfect wedding. Admission is \$10 for adults and children 13 and under is \$5. For more information call (972) 713-9920.

September 28

Sweet Music Records Presents Hurricane Katrina Relief Concert Featuring Smooth artists Sastris Jeanette Harris and New Orleans' own Jazz violinist Michael Ward@ DJ Jangos 5100 Bellline Rd. Suite 410 Addition, doors open at 7:00 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission: \$20 All proceeds to go to the Tom Joyner Foundation. Admission is free for victims of Hurricane Katrina With proof of residency. For more information call (866) 676-3183 or (972) 789-1700 visit us on the web: www.Sweet-music-records.com

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Mesquite Sunrise Rotary Club will be hosting a charity golf tournament at the Flacon Ridge Golf Club, with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dance. Crescent City Entertainment presents HBCU Alumni Welcome Reception & Party (Across the Dallas Toll way from the Galleria), from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Dallas Crystal Ballroom is located at 13465 Inwood Road Dallas Texas 75244. This special event is designed exclusively for the mature

audience in and around the DFW Metroplex & fans visiting for the State Fair Classic Football Game. Arrive early to network, socialize and revel with DFW's finest. Tickets are \$10 before 11 p.m. and you must be 23 & Up to attend. Visit www.CrescentCityEntertainment.com for more information.

October 3

DFW Minority Business Council is hosting the 2005 Golf & Tennis Classic beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Dr. in Farmers Branch. There will be free golf clinics weekly prior to the classic, Mondays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost will be: court (1 player +signage) \$150, player \$75 both includes meal.

October 8

Titus Glen & United Voices a group of college students from the University of North Texas and Live Recording "After the Heart of God" at 6:00 p.m., at the Fair Park Friendship Center in Dallas, 1321 Rowan Ave. The event is FREE, form ore information call (214) 697-3774.

The East Plano Marching Panther Band Boosters are hosting the 24th Annual Plano east Marching Festival. It will be a day full of precision performances by some of the most exciting marching bands in the state. The bands will perform at Clark Field, and over 25 bands are expected to attend. For more information contact Festival Chairmen Stu and Holly Brown at (972) 527-8498. DISD will host "Key to

Education" College Fair, along with the Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and several universities, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Southern Methodist University. College representatives will be available to talk about the admission process, financial aid help and answer questions that will ease the students' transition from high school to college. For more information, please call 214-860-2432.

October 10

Teen at Work is a nonprofit organization that prepares youth ages 16-19 for the workplace through career development and job placement assistance. Join us at 9:00 at 1402 Corinth St. Suite 243 in Dallas. Registration is \$50, the event occurs monthly. For more information, call 214-565-9763.

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 BUSH ADMINISTRATION— A Real Weapon of Mass Destruction

By James W. Bredehoeve

The Bush administration seems to have an uncanny penchant for creating policies that result in chaos, confusion, death and destruction for thousands of people. Its political legacy will be book ended by two devastating catastrophes that are destined to become classic teaching models illustrating the devastation a dysfunctional government can inflict on the masses.

As the war in Iraq grinds mercilessly to its undefined conclusion the world has been given front row seats to witness the insidious operation of a real weapon of mass destruction. Couched in a facade of altruism and compassion, the Bush administration's mass destruction template creates a horrific victim environment and then in the midst of the resultant confusion unleashes a horde of selected cronies to rob and pillage.

This administration has been so expert in standardizing this template that it is directly transferable from the war zone of Iraq to the Katrina zone of the Gulf Coast. The same team that is growing rich from participating in the Iraq reconstruction debacle are already queuing up at the Katrina reconstruction feeding trough.

In the jaded world of the Bush administration the protocol is to sit clueless on the sidelines until the devastation and destruction is so sickening that even political enemies must join in to support recovery and reconstruction efforts.

Consider what really went on while the American people were being conned about the need to provide billions for the reconstruction of Iraq.

The Iraq treasury began in earnest a month after the March 2003 invasion. As Baghdad fell, the American occupation forces seemed to be transfixed into guarding only the Oil Ministry and the intelligence services while anarchists had free rein to loot just about every cultural, administrative, and social structure in the country.

After the major population cen-

ters were laid waste the proverbial cavalry showed up flying the banner of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) led by Bush minister, Ambassador L. Paul Bremer.

Even before the war began an Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA) headed by retired Lieutenant General Jay M. Garner had been established to pre-plan Iraq reconstruction. General Garner had a comprehensive vision for doing the job effectively and efficiently, however, as is typical of the Bush administration's disdain for candor and quality Garner was unceremoniously fired after just one month on the job.

Bremer's CPA had no such lofty aspirations, and proceeded to put reconstruction money into the hands of Bush's political predators. It slashed tariffs, cut taxes and threw Iraq industry wide open to privatization by foreign investors - reinforcing the belief of Iraqis that the United States came as occupiers, not liberators.

Since ambiguity is the hallmark of the Bush administration, it was always unclear whether CPA was a federal agency or something created by the President. The lack of an authoritative and clear charter about how this organization was established, by whom, and under what was the oversight and accountability authority.

In this ill-defined environment the CPA was free to do anything because no one knew what its limits of responsibility and authority were. Ambassador Bremer immediately established a new American administration inside the fortified and isolated Baghdad Green Zone, staffed largely by inept Bush clones.

While Iraq was being victimized by the war (and stripped bare for the president's Bush administration) to reconstruct the infrastructure.

Two years after America's occupation of Iraq the select reconstruction companies have exercised their carte blanche contracts while providing meager results and bloated costs. Money was spent extravagantly, excessively, wastefully, and sometimes it simply disappeared. Electricity and oil production still

remain at or below the level prior to the war. The human cost includes two thousand U.S. soldiers killed, 10,000 maimed or mentally scarred for life and hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians (collateral damage statistics) killed or wounded.

The British Guardian reported that U.S. auditors have referred "more than a hundred contracts, involving billions of dollars paid to Bush friendly American corporations, for possible criminal prosecution." It has been a field day of malfeasance bearing the unique signature of the Bush administration - a total lack of responsibility and accountability.

According to the Los Angeles Times, "The U.S. will halt construction work on some water, power plants, hospitals, and schools in Iraq because it is running out of money for projects."

The Wall Street Journal recently reported, "FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers have already awarded contracts, most for as much as \$100 million, for Katrina recovery and rebuilding work." The list includes a who's who of favorite Bush administration vultures from Iraq: Shaw, Halliburton/KBR, Bechtel, Fluor, and CH2M Hill are among the leeching heavy weights anxious to gorge themselves on additional lucrative no bid, cost-plus contracts.

The reconstruction sham of Iraq, that is about to be repeated on the Gulf Coast, is guaranteed to result in massive cost overruns, bogus reconstruction activity, phantom employees, and inflated invoices that will leave the Katrina ravaged landscape in a shambles along with the millions of lives upended.

The president has stood before the American people and said he was responsible for the government's inadequate response to the Katrina disaster. FEMA Director Michael Brown was fired for his incompetence. It would seem a most appropriate action for the president, if his acceptance of responsibility is sincere and not a political ploy, to also fire himself.

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Who Was Left Behind?

By: Marian Wright Edelman

NOLA Columnist

The Children's Defense Fund's logo illustrated by 7-year-old Maria Côté is a drawing of a bright sun shining on a small boat with a tiny sail adrift on a very wide sea. Above the drawing, in Maria's handwriting, is the ancient traditional fisherman's prayer: "Dear Lord, be good to me. The sea is so wide and my boat is so small."

These words have a poignant and tragic resonance today with so many American children, adults, and families adrift and in need. Across the Gulf Coast region, Hurricane Katrina left waves of devastation so wide and deep it is hard for any of us to bear but especially already fragile children and families.

Many Americans were shocked that thousands of people trapped in New Orleans weren't able to leave the city during the "mandatory evacuation" because they didn't have cars, credit cards, or the money to find another way out of the city. Who exactly was left behind? The television cameras have already shown us the plain truth: most of the residents left behind were Black, many were poor, and many were families with children. Let's look at the facts:

One out of every three children in New Orleans lived in a household that didn't own a vehicle, and nearly all of those children were poor. More than 10 percent of children in car-less households lived in minority households and 96 percent of them lived in Black

households. Almost two out of five Black children in New Orleans lived in a household without a car compared to fewer than 4 percent of White children.

Not surprisingly, families who didn't own vehicles were also more likely to be poor. More than half of all poor households and nearly 60 percent of poor Black households



in New Orleans didn't own a car. In a city where almost two in five children live in poverty, bus or train tickets would have been just as unaffordable for many families as a car note or gas money.

So many of these children and families were forced to stay and try to ride out the storm as best they could. And as we know, that wasn't just one child left behind in New Orleans during the "mandatory evacuation," or just a few, but thousands and thousands.

The whole world was horrified by the images of all of the desperate people left behind in the hurricane. But they are the same poor children and adults America has

left behind for decades to weather social and economic storms - faceless and voiceless - without help and just treatment in our rich nation. Now that the veil of neglect and inequality has been torn off showing that the American empire and emporium have no clothes, it is time to act. Not to know is bad. To know and do nothing is inexcusable. It is time to reset our nation's moral and political compass.

We must work together not only in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, but throughout the country to help working families hanging on the precarious razor's edge poverty crests. They need decent paying jobs and job training. They need a safe, stable place to live. They need good schools to send their children to. They need quality childcare and after-school programs when they work. They need safe and healthy communities.

This time when God has troubled the waters, as our slave forebears sung, can and must become a time of hope and action to ensure access to opportunity for the 37 million poor Americans, including 13 million children.

We must keep this story alive after the water recedes until the needs of our children and families are met. We must not forget the anguished faces when they no longer occupy the front pages of the newspapers. And we must say over and over again now to our political leaders in Congress: stop the tax cuts for the rich and budget cuts for poor children and families.

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"It's OK. It's over with now," another relative whispered, placing an arm around her shoulder. "Eighteen years. It's over with now."

As Craft-Demming's weeping grew into sobs, the relative whispered, "Pray, pray, pray. Just pray."

"Jesus," Craft-Demming began before her voice dissolved into weeping. "Those poor babies." Later at a news conference, Craft-Demming said, "I had a tough go on that room, but not one tear was for Frances. They were for the kids."

Craft-Demming described Newton as a "mean and evil-spirited person. ... None of these things have been talked about."

Craft-Demming said that without a confession, Newton's death did not constitute justice. A confession, she said, "would have put to rest the lies told about our family."

Outside, protesters, most of whom arrived an hour before the execution, chanted "Frances! Frances!" for several minutes as the execution was in progress. They said she was "murdered" or "lynched" because she was poor and Black.

Protesters repeatedly chanted, "What do we want? Justice! What do we want? Now!" Some sang "Amazing Grace."

Newton's supporters said that the grass-roots focus on helping the Hurricane Katrina victims hindered the Free Frances movement and contributed to the low turnout for protesters. About 75 protesters appeared - a fraction of the hundreds who turned out at Karla Faye Tucker's execution in 1998.

Tucker, a pickax killer, was the

first woman executed in Texas since executions were reinstated. "I pray that God will forgive us for not being organized to help our sister Frances," said Houston activist Quanell X.

As the execution took place, protesters hoisted an effigy of Newton - a stuffed orange jumpsuit with a painted face - from a rope.

Newton, 40, consistently proclaimed her innocence, contending her family was killed by drug dealers to whom her husband owed money. Adrian Newton, she has said, used and sold drugs, and



Iva Jewel Nelson and Rex Henry Nelson Jr., Frances Newton's parents, wipe away tears after witnessing the death of their daughter in Huntsville. Newton was convicted of killing her husband and children.

often was in fear of his suppliers. For death penalty opponents, Newton's case seemed to embody everything they found wrong with capital punishment. In her initial trial, she was represented by an attorney who acknowledged he had done little to research the case and later was suspended by the State Bar of Texas.

When Newton received a stay to, in part, retest incriminating stains on the dress she wore the night of the killings, defense attorneys were stunned to learn earlier testing had destroyed the evidence.

Although defense attorneys crafted appeals based on claims that two, possibly three, pistols were seized as evidence - calling

into question assertions that a gun Newton admitted hiding had been the murder weapon - their efforts got nowhere.

Assistant District Attorney Ree Wilson repeatedly insisted that only one pistol had been recovered, and recanted as a slip of the tongue a videotaped statement in which she had confirmed a second gun's existence.

Newton's supporters warned that executing a possibly innocent woman risked drawing the wrath of God.

Even the parents of Newton's dead husband, Tom and Virginia Louis, were marshaled to plead with the pardons board.

"All my prayers and hopes are that she won't get executed," Virginia Louis said Wednesday in a telephone interview.

But in the end, efforts in and out of court accomplished little.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals found that defense attorney Ron Mock had provided adequate representation and that the defense's multiple-gun theory was

just a previously weighed and rejected argument in new clothes.

In the past week, petitions on Newton's behalf were rejected by the appeals court, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

On Tuesday, Newton was escorted from the women's death row at Gatesville to the Goree Unit in Huntsville. By early afternoon, she was at the Walls Unit, home of the state's death house. Perry rejected Newton's petition for a 30-day stay at 5:50 p.m. The poisons were administered at 6:09 p.m.

Newton was declared dead eight minutes later.

comment to Hickey's strong charges Mayor Bob Day stated, "No comment at this point. The SRO decision has been made and we are moving on to other things." Mayor Day did confirm the SRO issue did not return to the council because of budget cutbacks but declined to elaborate further.

Councilman Hickey expressed concern that the recent behavior of the council will reinforce, "the old stigma" that has haunted Garland for years - the leadership is "hard to deal with."

Clearly, Garland has made strides to eradicate this perception and with the upcoming opening of Firewheel Town Center on October 7th, it appears they have achieved

some success. Located off of I-90, the center will feature flagship stores such as Dillards, Foleys, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, and Pier 1 Imports. This will be closely followed by the Bass Pro Harbor Point Project, located in Hickey's district 3 with an estimated value of \$60 million.

As a member of the Garland Economic Development Partnership Hickey played a pivotal role in luring the Bass Pro officials to select Garland. The 28-acre project will be located in his district on the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard and will include a hotel, restaurants, and other stores along with the 120,000 square foot flagship Bass Pro Shop.

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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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Jim MacIver, about the budding intramural program and the need to expand resources to accommodate the scores of participants. Mr. MacIver contacted former Houston Rockets players, Sam Cassell and Carlos Rogers and donated an outdoor recreation complex that featured a basketball area with 15 goals, 2 video game areas, and a playroom with inflatable games for the younger kids. They also included a worship area where the Word was taught and gospel music filled the air. As word got out, the complex became a center of hope and daily life for hundreds of players and spectators.

Sanford contacted Kenny Smith, sports commentator and former two-time NBA champion with the Houston Rockets, and secured 30 court-side seats for the special NBA All-Star Hurricane Relief game in Houston. Mouton filled those seats with children who were in the most desperate circumstances. Children who had lost everything were able to meet NBA greats like Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, and Kevin Garnett.

Musician Kanye West joined the group at court-side adding encouragement to children whose lives were becoming richer by the moment.

Mouton credits his years at Hardin-Simmons University, with preparing him to minister to residents of the Astrodome, "Hardin-Simmons enhanced my foundation of faith and hope. Many of these people have had their faith jarred a bit and are scared of what tomorrow holds for them. I feel, as a Christian, it is my duty to let them know that the Lord is in charge and as long as they lean on Him, they will not only make it through this, but can look forward to new beginnings tomorrow."

When asked about how God is using him in the larger scope of this tragedy, Mouton doesn't hesitate, "I felt that God called me to take an active role in the restoration of these people's faith. I've

spoken to literally hundreds of men, women, and children, discussing their present life, and the life they can have through Jesus."

With another powerful hurricane aimed directly at Houston, the Astrodome is now being evacuated, and Sanford and his family are preparing to experience the displacement of those he's ministered to over the past weeks. But he counts himself lucky to have had the opportunity to serve God with the healing ministry of basketball.



Sanford Mouton (rear center) with "PlayMakers University" participants

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could have done would have prevented or held off Katrina, but I submit: Were there genuine Black communities in New Orleans more Black people would have had the means to get out.

I assert: Black people must take economic empowerment seriously, especially where we are the majority population, and carve out niches in industries to create jobs for our people rather than subject ourselves to "minority" programs and dependence upon "systems" that do not work on our behalf.

I contend: If Black folks in New Orleans had taken a collective stake in their city's billion dollar tourism industry, by creating an entity that captured a significant share of the Black dollars spent at events like the Essence Music Festival, there would have been more accommodation and transportation resources available for those who had no place to go and no way to get there.

I declare: Had Black people in New Orleans taken vertical control of just a portion of that city's seafood industry, from the boat to the throat, as Claud Anderson has implored, there would have been more money available among Black folks to help other Blacks in need.

I maintain: Black people must act upon basic economic survival principles in order to save more of

our people from the hurricanes of life. We must do this to an even greater degree because we have a president who is disconnected and a Black secretary of state who defends his inaction by saying, "I'm not responsible for the president, would have left people unattended on the basis of race." Then why did he leave them unattended, Com? Is there another reason, and if so, should that make us feel better?

We must do more for ourselves because we have a presidential wannabe who, despite her husband hugging and kissing Black children, stands by and watches as if she is afraid of them, and thinks living in the Astrodome is a step up for Black people. Barbara Bush said, "What I'm hearing, which is sort of scary, is they all want to stay in Texas. And so many of the people in the arena here, you know, were underprivileged anyway, so this—this (she chuckles slightly) is working very well for them."

We must take better care of ourselves because Black Americans are obsolete, expendable, and unappreciated by many of those who are in charge of this country. Head of the National Urban League, Marc Morial, who is from New Orleans, says economic empowerment is now the number one priority for Black people.

New NAACP President, Bruce Gordon, in an interview in Black Enterprise Magazine (September),

again speaking about New Orleans, said, "Most recently there's been a lot of concern about the way African Americans are treated in the Branch Quarter...folks there don't treat them very nicely. I would say in addition to [marching], we should take our dollars elsewhere...That, to me, is a more significant message than a protest because it has an economic impact on the offenders."

Tavis Smiley said, "This administration and these folk who run Washington are so more interested in our welfare and our well being than the man on the moon. And we have got to start taking our destiny into our hands."

Will we heed those messages? Will we allow Claud Anderson's work and his tears to be in vain? Will we finally wake up and realize that, irrespective of the racism we all know exists in this country, there are things we must do to protect ourselves from utter devastation and total dependence?

As I pray for my brothers and sisters in New Orleans, I also pray the rest of us will do what must be done. Take charge of our resources; educate our children; and build our communities. Believe me, brothers and sisters, the handwriting on the wall is not a forgery. Read it and heed it.

May God bless the people of the Gulf Coast, and may He also bless those who are assisting them.

transcript, three letters of recommendation, a listing of community service, campus organizations and volunteer activities, a list of honors, awards or personal accomplishments and an essay describing why they are interested in the program.

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September 19 - 23, 7:00 pm
You are invited to the A. L. Schley Sanctuary Choir Musical Workshop. The theme is "Praising God With Our Whole Heart" featuring Mrs. Jowanda Jordan, Director.

September 25, 5:00 pm
You don't want to miss the wonderful musical of the A. L. Schley Sanctuary Choir. Come early for a good seat. For additional information, please call 214-352-3552

Bethany Missionary Baptist Church
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6710 Webster Street
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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.

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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

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Rev. Priscilla Richter, Pastor
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Plano, TX 75074
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September 19-23, 7:30 pm
Please join us for our Sons of Thunder Conference. This conference will be jam-

packed with "Power Packed Preaching!"

October 1, 9:00 am
The public is welcome to our Prayer Breakfast with guest speaker, Lady Tonya Adams and will be at the Golden Gate COGIC at 4801 Wilbarger Street, Fort Worth, TX 76119. For more information, contact Pastor Rachel Killingsworth @ 817-705-0562

October 9, 4:00 pm
You don't want to miss our spirit-filled "Preach Fest" featuring 10 powerful Women of God.

October 16, 4:00 pm
Please join us for our Lay Women soul-stirring "Preach Fest" featuring 10 powerful Lay Women of God.

October 25 - 28, 7:30 pm
The public is invited to our Women Conference with a

week of powerful preaching, awesome teachers, and great psalmists. Our theme is "Faith Under Pressure" featuring Pastor Yvonne Bennett from Arlington, TX; Prophetess A'Besha Hodge from Fort Worth, TX; Dr. Sarah King from Memphis, TN; Apostle and Adelia Spencer from West Palm Beach, FL.

October 29, 2005
Join us for our spirit-filled and soul-stirring "Faith on the Move" classes. Evangelist Chelcy Brown will minister young ladies up to 22 years old with a theme of "Stand." Dr. Regina Woods minister single ladies with a theme of "Don't Give Up." There will be classes for ladies that have been married 5 years and less.

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Southwest On Standby For Atlanta?

The nation's top low-fare carrier, and one that is experienced in ramping up where traditional carriers have scaled back, is considering a future landing at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta.

An executive with Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) told reporters at an industry meeting in Europe that the airline might expand services if bankrupt Delta Air Lines Inc. decides to reduce flights. The executive said Southwest will be aggressive.

A Southwest spokesman told Atlanta Business Chronicle Friday that Southwest's moves depend mostly on how Delta scales back.

"There's been no discussion of Atlanta whatsoever, but that doesn't mean it can't come up in the future," said Ed Stewart, Southwest senior

director of public relations. "In terms of knowing what to expect with the [bankruptcy] filing, we're at the starting gate. We just don't know what Delta's going to do. It's a question that has no answers right now."

Right now, Atlanta travelers who want to fly Southwest and benefit from its low fares have to drive to Birmingham, Ala., the closest Southwest currently flies to Atlanta.

Southwest has come in before where traditional carriers have struggled and has found success with its low fares. When US Airways Group Inc. (OTCBB: UAAQ) scaled back at Pittsburgh International Airport, Southwest swooped in. It began its Pittsburgh service in May 2004 with 10 daily flights from Pittsburgh to four destinations: Chicago Midway, Philadelphia, Las Vegas and Orlando.

This fall, Southwest will add eight daily nonstop flights in Pittsburgh, bringing its daily total nonstop departures to 19. New markets include Tampa, Fla., and Phoenix.

US Airways, fighting to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy, filed its plan of reorganization in June, and said it "remains on track to complete all regulatory and court requirements and to close on the merger" with America West Holdings Corp. by late September or early October. The plan was approved by its creditors on Sept. 12, one day after America West Holdings shareholders put their stamp of approval on plans to merge with US Airways.

Hartsfield-Jackson is already the hub of low-fare carrier AirTran Airways (NYSE: AAT), which is based in Orlando.

TXU Delays Rate Change Request

TXU Corp. said Wednesday that it would hold off on filing for a rate change until October.

The Dallas-based utility company also said when it does file for the request and it is approved, TXU also would propose a potential discount that would moderate electricity prices through the end of the year for its North Texas customers.

TXU (NYSE: TXU) is requesting the rate change because of substantial increases in natural gas and wholesale power prices.

"This plan will enable the company to offset the significant increase in wholesale power prices while simultaneously moderating the impact on our customers," said Jim Burke, chairman and CEO of TXU Energy.

TXU also said it is continuing to help with hurricane relief efforts. The company has 770 employees and contractors from TXU Electric Delivery helping to restore service in Louisiana. The company also has waived deposits and expedited the connection

of electricity service for victims of the hurricane, who relocated to Texas.

TXU employees are helping several families of employees of a Louisiana utility company by coordinating housing in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and providing furniture and supplies.

TXU has made a corporate donation of \$250,000 and pledged to match employee and contractor donations to a fund set up by Louisiana power company Entergy.

Foreclosure Postings Up In Dallas-Fort Worth

Residential foreclosure postings filed for the upcoming October auctions in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area rose 4 percent, compared with the same month last year.

According to Addison-based research firm Foreclosure Listing Service Inc., foreclosure postings for the Dallas-Fort Worth area totaled 2,687 for October, representing a 44 percent spike in delinquent home

equity loans. October figures are available because the deadline for filing a foreclosure posting for October has passed.

For Dallas County, there are 1,291 foreclosure postings for October, up 3 percent from 1,252 postings in October 2004, and down 6 percent from last month when 1,318 foreclosures were posted.

Tarrant County foreclosures rose 2

percent to 825, compared to 811 in the same month of 2004. Foreclosures were down 16 percent from September.

In Collin County, there are 317 foreclosures listed for October, up 21 percent from 261 postings in the same period last year, and up 7 percent from 296 postings in September.

Denton County foreclosures dropped slightly to 254 postings for October compared to 255 postings in

October 2004. Home foreclosure postings for the county dropped 9 percent from the 280 listed in September.

Rockwall County had 46 postings in October, and increase of 48 percent from the 31 postings filed in October 2004, and a 35 percent increase from September's 34 postings.

For more information visit www.floodline.com

Recent FDIC Approval Brings Nation's First Black Internet Bank Closer To Goal of Building Wealth In African-American Communities

The Organizers of Bank Blackwell have announced that BankBlackwell, the first African-American Internet Bank, has received deposit insurance approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

The approval clears the way for BankBlackwell to complete its \$17.5 million public offering, required to commence operations. Bank Blackwell is offering up to

1,664,000 shares of its common stock at a public offering price of \$10.00 per share.

The Bank is offering its common shares directly to individual and institutional investors.

FDIC approval was the last regulatory hurdle for BankBlackwell. Earlier this year, BankBlackwell became the first African-American bank to obtain a federal banking charter in more than a decade. The

Bank announced the FDIC approval at the kickoff of its national capital raising campaign in Boston and Atlanta last week. BankBlackwell has launched a grass roots capital raising campaign that targets major metropolitan areas with large African-American populations and strong community churches.

For information on the Banks investment seminars or to contact BankBlackwell at 877-226-5229 or

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BankBlackwell intends to operate as a savings bank focused on offering selected financial services over the Internet to African-American individuals and churches and to those customers who seek value and convenience. BankBlackwell has received approval from the Office of Thrift Supervision to organize a federal savings bank and from the FDIC for federal deposit insurance.

Minorities Pay More For

from less than 5 percent in 1994, according to estimates cited in the analysis.

The Fed report, a dense, 50-page statistical review of loans made last year by some 8,800 lenders, said the numbers do not necessarily indicate widespread discrimination.

"Our analysis strongly indicates that the raw data alone can lead to inaccurate conclusions, which in turn may be unfair to particular institutions and may lead to unnecessary restrictions on the availability of loans to less-creditworthy applicants," the Fed report said.

Yesterday's raw data show many minorities are more than two or three times as likely overall than whites to get what are deemed high-priced loans. About 32 percent of blacks and 20 percent of Hispanics took out high-cost conventional loans in 2004 to buy a home, compared with 9 percent of non-Hispanic whites, according to the Fed.

About 35 percent of blacks and 19 percent of Hispanics got high-cost refinancing loans, compared with just under 13 percent of non-Hispanic whites, the analysis says.

The gaps narrow when the data are adjusted to reflect income, loan size and property location for loans to minority borrowers. The differences decline more when the data are adjusted to reflect that minority borrowers often turn to higher-priced lenders. With both those statistical adjustments, about 16 percent of Hispanics received high-priced home purchase loans, compared with 9 percent in the white control group.

Before and after the adjustments, Asians are less likely than whites to get high-priced loans.

The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, a government umbrella group for several agencies that oversee lenders, said the data will give the government a "useful screening tool" to identify institutions to examine more closely.

Consumer activist groups have long attacked lending patterns as discriminatory, while lenders have defended themselves. While both sides said

they continued to review the analysis -- written in "Fed-speak," according to John Taylor, president of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition -- both also claimed evidence to support their arguments.

Taylor focused on language in the report that says that adjusting for variables is "insufficient to account fully for racial or ethnic differences in the incidence of higher-priced lending; significant differences remain unexplained."

He said, "I think the fairest statement you can make is that if you're a minority, you're twice as likely as a white to get a higher-cost loan."

The Mortgage Bankers Association, which plans to do its own analysis of the HMDA data, focused on the finding that more loans have become available to borrowers though higher-priced products and on the Fed's warning not to use the data to make "unwarranted accusations of illegal bias."

Said Doug Duncan, the association's chief economist: "The strongest thing in the summary was that only 2 percent of the 8,853 lenders covered by HMDA exhibited a statistically significant difference in the incidence of higher-priced loans" between black and Hispanic

borrowers and non-Hispanic white borrowers, after adjusting for borrower income and other factors.

Wright Andrews, a lobbyist for the subprime industry, said the report "says essentially what the lenders had hoped it would say. It indicates there are disparities .

, but that is nothing new. It basically arises from the economic disparities in our society. Unfortunately a disproportionate number of blacks and Hispanics are economically disadvantaged, and that leads to differences in their credit and risk profiles."

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Study Faults High-Stakes Testing

Authors cite low rate of improvement, effect on minorities

By Terrence Stutz

High-stakes testing in Texas and across the nation has had little impact on student achievement and is disproportionately targeting minority students — as evidenced by increased retention and dropout rates in many states — according to a study by researchers in Texas and Arizona.

The study, which examined the impact of high-stakes testing in Texas and 24 other states, found "no convincing evidence" that the pressure associated with these tests — such as threatened sanctions for low scores — produced better student achievement than would otherwise have been expected.

"A rapidly growing body of research evidence on the harmful effects of high-stakes testing, along with no reliable evidence of improved performance by students, suggests that we need a moratorium in public education on the use of high-stakes testing," said Sharon L. Nichols of the University of Texas at San Antonio, lead author of the report.

The study, released Tuesday by the Education Policy Studies Laboratory at Arizona State University, was undertaken to gauge the impact of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. States are required under the law to administer standardized tests that are used to hold schools and school districts accountable for student achievement.

Dr. Nichols and the research team reached their conclusions by creating a so-called Pressure Rating Index that ranked states based on how much pressure they put on schools to improve test scores. Texas had the highest index — based on tougher requirements and other factors — and Kentucky had the lowest among the 25 states.

Scores of each state on the National Assessment of Educational Progress were then evaluated against the index to determine whether a higher level of pressure on schools produced higher scores on the national test.

"The theory of action implied by this accountability program is that the pressure of high-stakes testing will increase student achievement," the researchers said. "But this study finds that pressure created by high-stakes testing has had almost no important influence on student academic performance."

Among the key findings of the study, titled "High-Stakes Testing and Student Achievement: Problems for the No Child Left Behind Act," were:

- States with greater proportions of minority students implemented accountability systems that exerted greater pressure on educators and their schools. An unintended consequence is that problems associated with high-stakes testing disproportionately affect minority students.

- Increased testing pressure is related to increased retention and dropout rates. High-stakes testing in some states has increased the number of students — beginning with the eighth grade — who will leave school before their senior year in high school.

- Reading scores on the NAEP — administered in grades four and eight — did not improve as a result of increased testing pressure. That finding was consistent across all ethnic groups. While there was a weak correlation between pressure and fourth-grade math scores, researchers said the connection was more likely the result of "teaching to the test."

Dr. Nichols said Tuesday that while all states fall under the basic mandates of the No Child Left Behind Act, states have discretion in meeting the require-

ments — such as the minimum percentage of students that must pass the state achievement test for the school campus or district to hit annual improvement targets.

In Texas, schools must show "Adequate Yearly Progress" on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Unlike Texas, which puts most of the emphasis on TAKS scores, Kentucky considers other criteria such as teacher evaluations of students, according to Dr. Nichols.

This year, nearly 87 percent of school districts and 77 percent of campuses in Texas made adequate progress under the federal law. Both figures were down sharply from a year ago because of tougher standards that took effect in the 2004-05 school year. For example, more students had to pass the math and reading sections of the TAKS.

Delta Sigma Theta "Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy"

By Jasmine Patrick

Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, the Denton Alumni Chapter and The University of North Texas Zeta Eta Chapter have partnered through the "Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy" to inspire and mentor the young girls of today and help turn them into leading ladies of tomorrow.

The "Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy," founded by Dr. Betty Shabazz herself, wife of the late Medgar Evers, was designed to cultivate the young dreams of girls between the ages of 11-14, through math, science, and technology, and is geared toward under-served African American youth.

Beginning this Saturday, September 24th at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and the subsequent first Saturday of every month for the next 9 months, both chapters will meet at the University of North Texas. Their combined objective will be to enlighten young girls in an informal setting expounding on sisterhood, learning, goal orientation and proper etiquette. The young ladies will also be instructed and exposed to other topics, including college life, fine

dining, museums, plays and concerts. This Saturday will also be an opportunity for parents and guardians to get a feel for the positive activities that will be part of the program and gain their participation in supporting the children.

The theme for the first month is "Absolutely Me", a different theme will be selected for each of the following months.

Chairperson of the committee, Vicki Byrd, says that this will be the organizations first attempt to try and grasp the attention of young girls. She also hopes that many young people will take advantage of this opportunity to stop the cycle of becoming statistics and increase the probability of excellence through education. Ms. Byrd states that group has the girl's

best interests at heart and states "it's going to be a great experience for the girls." Collectively, the alumni chapter has a total of 50 members, with 8 members on the committee for this program.

Both chapters have been charged with the responsibility of being

remodels and mentors to introduce these young girls into a world where the sky's the limit and a future that is not only as high as you set your goals. As a reminder, all events will take place at the UNT-Denton campus for questions or directions call (940) 898-2924.

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October 11, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

DART Board Room, 1401 Pacific Ave., Downtown Dallas
 On September 18, 2005, the DART Board of Directors authorized a call for a Public Hearing to receive comments on proposed bus service modifications planned for implementation on January 23, 2006.

The service changes proposed include: Routes 4, 11, 31, 35, 36, 46, 59, 60, 155, 183, 184, 202, 207, 234, 247, 281, 301, 302, 304, 305, 306, 309, 310, 350, 360, 385, 404, 412, 486, 567, 568, 534, 551, 560, 564, 565, 567, 568, 571, 569, 571, 760, Richardson On Call.

Pre-Public Hearing Community Meetings

Monday, September 26, 2005

6:30 p.m.
 Irving City Hall (Council Chambers)
 825 W. Irving Blvd.
 Irving, Mapped: 318-W

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

6:30 p.m.
 Highland Hills Public Library
 8624 Singleton Street Road
 Dallas, Mapped: 66-P

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

6:30 p.m.
 Elmore Lundy Recreation Center
 1229 Sabine St.
 Dallas, Mapped: 45-X

Thursday, September 29, 2005

6:30 p.m.
 Garland City Hall
 200 N. 5th St.
 Garland, Mapped: 19-V

Thursday, September 29, 2005

6:30 p.m.
 Richardson Civic Center
 (Highlands Room)
 411 W. Argoshe Road
 Richardson, Mapped: 7-X

Monday, October 3, 2005

6:30 p.m.
 Audin Road Branch Library
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 Park Elementary School Auditorium
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 Catholic Charities of Dallas Marillac Social Center
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Thursday, October 6, 2005

6:30 p.m.
 Addison Conference Center
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Monday, October 10, 2005

12 p.m.
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Process for receiving comments

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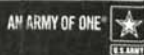
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Gospel Singer Clark-Cole In Solo Bloom On 'Rose'

The legacy of beloved choir director/composer Dr. Mattie Moss Clark is alive and well these days on her daughter's new album.

Dorinda Clark-Cole learned from her mother how to write a compelling song and move an audience with a spirit-filled performance. She displays those gifts on "The Rose of Gospel" (GospoCentric/Zomba Gospel), recorded live at St. Agnes Church in Houston early this year.

"The last album seemed to fit everybody, every age bracket from the youngest to the oldest," she says of her self-titled solo debut. On this one, she says, "I didn't really change that much. If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

"The Rose of Gospel" went on sale August 30 and debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard Top Gospel Albums chart. It was recorded the night after the annual Stellar Awards, with Clark-Cole attracting a celebri-

ty-filled audience that included Donnie McClurkin, Missy Elliott, Mary Mary, Kurt Carr, Richard Smallwood and Israel Houghton.

"They came to support me and embrace me on that night,"



she says. "It was a phenomenal experience. Missy Elliott flew in just for the record because she says she grew up on my music. That was such a blessing."

Many have grown up on the Clark family's music. Clark-Cole and her sisters Karen Clark Sheard, Jacky Clark-Chisholm

and Twinkle Clark are well known for their powerhouse performances as a group, with Clark-Cole earning a reputation as "the jazzy one" based on her signature scats and vocal runs. She also has been dubbed "the Rose of Gospel" for her penchant for handing roses to audience members.

She and her sisters have individual careers but plan to do occasional performances together in coming months and are talking about a reunion album. In the meantime, Clark-Cole is touring solo, working on an upcoming spoken-word preaching album and serving as VP of the music division of the Church of God in Christ, where her mother served for many years.

"I want to convey that God has so much in store for his people," she says, "and not just for his people, but those that have yet to know him... God has given me a message through song that he still works miracles."

Toni Braxton Returns To Music Limelight

Multiple platinum and Grammy winning superstar Toni Braxton is as eager as her fans to release her sixth studio album *Libra*, on the Blackground/Universal banner, on September 27th. Joined by star producers such as Scott Storch and Vincent Herbert, the highly anticipated disc faithfully embodies the trademark sense of style and soulfulness that has sparked critics across the globe to cast Toni Braxton in the upper echelon of music divas. "Trippin'", one of the gems from her new album is scheduled to be delivered to multiple radio formats on Sept. 20th. The new song, vibing with a 'classic Toni' temperature, is just one of the many hits on *Libra*.

The six-time Grammy winner Toni can be seen this week and in upcoming weeks as a co-host on the Tenth Annual Soul Train Lady Of Soul Awards, in a performance on the Oxygen network "custom concert" special and on Live With Regis and Kelly.

Toni Braxton first exploded on the music scene in 1993 with her multi-platinum, self-titled smash debut album. Toni Braxton won 3 Grammys, netting Toni the Best New Artist statue, and selling more than 10 million copies worldwide, propelling the elegant singer into the R&B and pop stratosphere. Her follow-up album, 1996's *Secrets* sold 12 million copies worldwide, garnered two Grammys, and established the husky-voiced songstress as one of the music world's most hypnotic vocal divas. Three more hit albums followed, placing her in the ranks of legendary female vocalists such as Chaka Khan, Anita Baker, and Whitney Houston among others.

Toni took a temporary hiatus

from the limelight to enjoy motherhood (she has two sons with musician Keri Lewis) and to explore creative avenues outside of the recording arena. The versa-

tile performer starred in the Broadway musical hit *Aida* in 2003, (in 1998 she starred as Belle in Broadway's *Beauty and the Beast*) but her own brush with a heart ailment (Pericarditis) while she was on stage, led the singer to take a break from most of her entertainment duties. Braxton, now fully recovered, has recently become a spokesperson for the American Heart Association, joining their efforts to educate women about heart disease.

Excited about her return to recording and performing, the charismatic Toni is also rumored to be preparing for a return to live concert venues, a reward to her loyal fans who eagerly await the September 27th release of *Libra*.



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Dave Chappelle Prefers Stand Up: Happier Working Small Crowds

After walking away from his gig on Comedy Central, comedian Dave Chappelle has been working the club circuit, and says he's perfectly content to do so.

"I like that particular kind of attention. People don't know what it's like standing



up there on stage, when you have a wall of people smiling at you," Chappelle told *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

"Most people don't know what it's like to stand up there and speak their mind. I have a venue to do that. I get paid to do that. It's not like I'm doing heavy lifting up there. It's not like I'm solving the world's problems. It's like I'm hanging out with a bunch of people and it's cool," he said.

Chappelle, who recently sold out 10 shows at a northern Kentucky club, threw the suits at Comedy Central off guard when he abruptly left his series "Chappelle's Show" during pre-production for the third season. He took a trip to South Africa for a "spiritual retreat," then returned two weeks later to his 65-acre farm near Yellow Springs, Ohio,

about 75 miles northeast of Cincinnati. He's been on the standup circuit ever since. Last week, he played the 325-seat Funny Bone Comedy Club at Newport on the Levee.

Chappelle's rumored breakdown has surely made it into his standup routine. Reports of mental and drug problems plagued the entertainer during his visit to South Africa; reports he has denied.

"It was a little weird," he told the newspaper of the rumors. "It felt like some of the stuff was real tabloid, like raw speculation."

"It was like stuff I would normally buy and believe," he added, laughing. "I just took it as a learning experience. It was like becoming a public person and learning all the responsibility that comes with that."

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By: R.J. Greer
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Obama Says Page 1

has not been tapped to supervise the rebuilding.

In an address at Harvard Law School's "Celebration of Black Alumni," Obama said Democrats shared responsibility for failing to make a larger issue of poverty in the United States. But he said it was the opposition party's duty to hold the White House accountable for fixing problems exposed by Hurricane Katrina.

"We should trust although we

should verify," said Obama. "We should actively reach out to him and say, 'Mr. President, we believe, in fact, that those differences were as disturbing to you as they were disturbing to us.'"

A majority of the hurricane victims in the squalid shelters of New Orleans were black, a fact that touched off a debate about whether racism had a role in the sluggish rescue efforts. Obama, the only African-American in the U.S. Senate, said he does not believe the administration was racist.

As a huge federal reconstruction project begins, and political debate about it intensifies,

Obama urged Democrats to look forward rather than criticizing the government's leadership and response to the hurricane.

"There is a certain danger of smugness and self-satisfaction on the part of those who didn't vote for George W. Bush. There is a certain sense of 'I told you so,' Obama said.

"I share the anger and I share the outrage," he added. "But what I also want to do is accept some responsibility. The truth is that we haven't been entirely on the case either. We've been a little complacent."

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." James 1:2-3 (KJV)

There was a young girl hospitalized for appendicitis. Her roommate was a young girl that was injured when a car hit the bicycle that she was riding. The young girl's legs had been badly broken and the doctors performed several surgeries. The young girl faced the strong possibility that she would never walk again. She became depressed and uncooperative; she cried a great deal. She only seemed to perk up when the morning mail arrived. Most of her gifts were books, games, and stuffed animals - all appropriate gifts for a bedridden child.

One day a different sort of gift came, this one from a saint far away. When the young girl opened the package, she found a pair of shiny, black-patent-leather shoes. The nurses in the room mumbled something about "People who don't use their hands," but the young girl didn't seem to hear them. She was busy putting her hands in the shoes and "walking" them up and down her blanket. From that day on, her attitude changed. She began conversing with the nursing staff and soon she was in therapy. One day the other young girl heard that her roommate had left the hospital. She had walked out, wearing her shiny new shoes.

Sometimes the only motivation a person needs to change their attitude and get moving is to know that someone else believes they can. People can learn more of your faith during the

Motivated To Move

had times when they can during the good times.

When God says "Wait"

Most of us don't like to wait, but what about waiting on God? The psalmist grew weary of crying and waiting (Psalm 69:3). Add to that the uncertainty of not knowing what is ahead and frustration sets in.

Waiting involves faith and trust.

Waiting on God can strengthen our faith.



Picture of The Week

Sister Lloyd Avery with her granddaughter, Ms. Carlin, a student at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. Ms. Carlin is the daughter of Ms. Denise Avery.

faith, especially when we realize that God's timetable is different from ours. He sometimes rearranges our schedules. "The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently for the salvation for the Lord" (Lamentations 3:25-26).

What can we do to less the tension as we wait? We can realize that waiting

and worshiping are related. We trust and praise God as we wait. Think of waiting as anticipation rather than anxious fear. Place expectations on God's character rather than your need. Remember that God is faithful and much wiser than you. Remember that Abraham waited for some twenty-five years before Isaac was born. "Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield." (Psalm 33:20). "Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary." Isaiah 40:31.

God Rules

God was, is and forever will be. He is not held by time. He's eternity. He's the Father of all creation. With Him there's nothing that can't be done. He's ever present, so you cannot run.

In His love there is always forgiveness. If you ask, see, and knock you will find. Open your heart so that you are no longer blind. God wants us to know Him more each day. He always hears us when we pray. He doesn't want to occasionally be surprised. He wants every step to be on solid ground.

It doesn't matter if problems are big or small, hand them to Him and He will take care of them all. He can't love you more and won't leave you less. He can't be with you more and won't be with you less. He can't go wrong obeying His voice; He is the truth, the way, and the only wise choice.

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By Pastor Mary Williams, and for those married for 6 plus years by Lady Paula Pope, both classes theme will be "One Day, One Step." Mother Varnell Tarpley will minister to senior women with the theme of "Keep On Keeping On;" and at 12 Noon, Dr. Nancy Parks from Dallas, TX with be the guest Speaker with the theme "Faith on the Move."

October 30, 4:00 pm

You don't want to miss the conclusion of our Women's Conference 2005 with Overseer Lisa Tarpley speaking on "Faith Under Pressure." See you at the conference!

Community World Outreach International Ministry Overseer Lisa Tarpley, Servant 526 Compton Avenue Irving, TX 75061 972-986-5552 1-888-9-Outreach (Prayer Line)

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.

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NEW LIGHT CHURCH

September 22, 7:00 pm

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September 24,

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Dr. Sheila M. Bailey from Concord Baptist Church in Dallas will be our Luncheon speaker. Sis. Annette Oni from Girl's Inc. will be our speaker for the Young Women Workshop, ages 9 to 18.

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The Garland Branch of the NAACP presented the 15th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, September 17, 2005. The honoree for the evening was Branch President, B.J. Williams.



Freedom Fund Banquet Honoree, President B.J. Williams

Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President & CEO of the Dallas Urban League, Inc. gave the keynote address. In her remarks, Dr. Brooks said, "We are the seed that will produce the followers. We are those seeds of leadership and unity whether we are appointed or anointed, selected or elected or self proclaimed we are the seeds that will produce the forest. You will feel like the

willing lead by the unknowing to do the impossible for the ungrateful. We are those seeds of leadership that will produce the forest. And yet armed with the right attitude and the seed of a transformed leader you can rise armed with competent and capable people to lead with substance and ability."

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Keynote speaker, Dallas Urban League President and CEO Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks.

Heart Surgery Outcome May Be Worse In Blacks-Study

The short-term rates of death or heart attack after heart surgery are comparable for blacks and whites, but there is trend toward worse long-term outcomes in blacks, researchers report in the European Heart Journal.

However, the investigators point out that various study design issues, such as a lack of long-term follow-up or small sample sizes, may have limited the ability of studies to reach firm conclusions.

Diabetes was more common among blacks than whites. Black

patients also were less likely to have previously undergone a heart procedure, the authors report. PCI was more likely to be urgent in blacks than in whites, but the use of a stent, a device inserted to prop open a blood vessel and prevent re-blockage, was comparable in each group.

Most short-term outcomes, including having a successful procedure and 30-day rates of death or heart attack, were similar for the two groups. The one exception was bleeding around the time of surgery, with a 45-percent higher risk in

blacks. At one-year, the rate of death or heart attack was higher in blacks than in whites, but the difference was not statistically significant, the investigators point out.

The findings, when interpreted in the context of lower procedure rates among African Americans, suggest that continued efforts to optimize the appropriate use of invasive procedures among African Americans with heart disease are warranted.

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NEW LIGHT CHURCH

September 25, 3:00 pm

Our speaker for the conclusion of our Annual Women's Day will be Rev. Regina Burrell from Praise Temple Evangelistic Church in Dallas

New Light Church

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