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People In The News



International poet Josselyn Carr Moore will be in Dallas as part of the Art of the Spoken Word event on Saturday, October 22 at the Sanitex Arts Café Bar.

One of the most anticipated published poets of this generation, Josselyn Carr Moore is making a literary and musical impact on the world that will help define the power of Black music. Here is the young voice that swept the nationally televised It's Showtime at the Apollo's notoriously tough audition of their first, winning record for consecutive weeks with her powerful lyrics. Josselyn Carr Moore made "two-story" and is recognized as an Apollo Legend. Ms. Moore has shared stages and worked with literary and musical artists, George Clinton, Nas, Oscar Davis, Mos Def, Gregory Hines, GoGo Wilson, Anthony Davis, Roy Ayers, Ed Scott, Herbie, Sonja Sanchez, Steve Harvey, Cedric The Entertainer, Patrice Rushen, Nikki Giovanni, The Last Poets and many more. She is one of the rising stars of the new HBO series Russell Simmons presents: Def Poetry Jam and has been featured on BET's NYLA, The Ed Gordon Show, Tim Sumner, and NBC's Today Show. She is featured with ATL's own Big Cat Records rap artist PRT and his debut album, "Preggy" my Pen.

Josselyn Carr Moore will perform at Sanitex Arts Café Bar, 1906-1908 Martin L. King Jr. Blvd, Dallas at 9 p.m. on October 22nd.

Internationally recognized, baritone and SMU alumna, Donnie Ray Albert will perform at the Eisenhower Center, Richardson, on Saturday, October 15th at 8:15 p.m. This special concert, sponsored by "Electric Blue" and the Plano Symphony Orchestra, is a presentation of "Blue Side Story," a symphonic suite. Mr. Albert will be featured in the narrative and baritone solo.

Born in Louisiana, Donnie Ray Albert earned a Bachelor of Music Degree at Louisiana State University and a Master of Music Degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The SMU alumna has traveled the world bringing music to Albert's children and has captivated audiences worldwide.

In past seasons, Mr. Albert has performed with the opera companies of Cincinnati, Dallas, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, Washington, D.C., Houston, Miami, Atlanta, Austin, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Baltimore, Columbus, Omaha, Calgary, Edmonton, Canadian, Montreal, Manitoaba, Vancouver, Berlin, Gelsen, Bordeaux, Köln, Bergamo, Milan, Mannheim and Hamburg.

Mr. Albert has served as a resident artist with the Center for Black Music Research at Chicago's Columbia College. Additionally, he appeared at President Carter's inauguration and in London's Royal Festival Hall.

Concert attendees are invited to the post concert reception honoring Donnie Ray Albert at Café Italia 5809 Preston Rd., #578, Plano.

For ticket information contact the Plano Symphony Orchestra office at 972-473-7262.



Artist Candace Marquette, a native of Atlanta, has taken her love for one-of-a-kind art and created original designs that are decorative, whimsical and bold.

She will exhibit her latest collection of prints, jewelry and dimensional art at an exhibit called "Ward, gallery artist."

Candace Marquette has studied drawing, painting and graphic design at the University of North Texas, and her work has been shown and sold at galleries in McKinney, Dallas and New York. In addition, Candace Marquette Designs have been featured on KTXA UPN 21's morning show "The Daily Buzz," HGTV's "Callers Count to Color," KTVU CBS 13's "Positively Texas" as well as the KTVU CBS 11 News at Four and Dallas Morning News "Style Meter" and Dallas Morning News "Quick."

She calls her style "Futuristic Cubism" and creates vibrant, multi-media art that is a dynamic conversation to music. Her work is meant to be enjoyed, using your color to create a visual dialogue.

For more information about the exhibit, call Stephanie at 214-752-5588 or e-mail: Stephanie@stephmarquette.com.

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Justice Department Probes New Orleans Beating



By: Rachel La. Corte

A retired elementary teacher who was repeatedly punched in the head by police in an incident caught on videotape said Monday he was not drunk, put up no resistance and was baffled by what happened.

Robert Davis said he had returned to New Orleans to check on property his family owns in the storm-ravaged city, and was out looking to buy cigarettes when he was beaten and arrested Saturday night in the French Quarter.

Police have alleged that the 64-year-old Davis was publicly intoxicated, a charge he strongly denied as he stood on the street corner where the incident played out Saturday.

"I haven't had a drink in 25 years," Davis said. He had stitches beneath his left eye, a bandage on his left hand and complained of soreness in his back and aches in his left shoulder.

A federal civil rights investigation was begun in the case. Davis is black, the three city police officers seen on the tape are white.

But Davis, his attorney and police spokesman Marlon Deffillo all said they do not believe race was an issue.

Trial was set at a hearing Monday for Jan. 11. Afterward, officers Lance Schilling, Robert Evangelist and S.M. Smith were released on bond. They left without commenting.

Police Superintendent Warren Riley said any misconduct would be dealt with swiftly. He noted the video showed "a portion of that

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Dallasites Recall Fairness, Character of Harriet Miers

By: Paul Bailey

Dallas native and Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers made impressions on local residents as president of the

chairs have reflected positively on Ms. Miers' character and philosophies.

In 1989, Ms. Miers was part of a Dallas City Council runoff election for an at-large seat. She surprised local leaders by supporting the then controversial 14-1 council representation system. Roy Williams helped file a federal lawsuit to give larger political representation to black and Hispanic voters through the 14-1 system.

"I know she will be an advocate for women and minorities," Mr. Williams says. "I wouldn't label her as a conservative or a liberal. She would be a centrist. That



Dallas Bar Association and Dallas City Councilwoman In the days following her nomination, numerous local minority leaders and politi-

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Texas State NAACP Conference Convenes in Dallas



Gregory Hamilton; Travis County Sheriff, Lape Vides; Dallas County Sheriff, Drip Kaurani; Executive Director, Police Complaint Center, George Curry; NNPA Editor-in-Chief and moderator for panel discuss on racial profiling

By: Gwen Elder
This year's theme for the 69th meeting of the Texas NAACP State Conference was, "NAACP: The Consensus of the Nation." The conference held October 6-8, at the Doubletree Hotel (Midway), featured a college fair, workshops, panel discussions and speakers addressing the concerns of African Americans in Texas, which ultimately affect African Americans across the nation. These issues include health, education, Voting

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Hamilton Park United Methodist Invites The Public To A Health and Wellness Day!

Hamilton Park United Methodist invites the local community to an annual health and wellness fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 22. The fair will be held at the church located at 11881 Schroeder Road in Dallas. The event is free and open to the public.

During the fair, the public will have an opportunity to get their hearing, vision and cholesterol checked along with assistance for other major health issues. Residents will also have a chance to get information about clinical depression, mental health assistance and Cancer prevention. Health professionals will be on hand for HIV testing & Hepatitis C education, Glucose training, stroke screening and assessing stroke risk. Event officials said Podiatry services, breast cancer awareness, mammogram and prostate screenings will also be provided.

While there will be health professionals to service adults, the fair will also provide children immuniza-

tion, flu shots and screenings for Sickle Cell, lead and diabetes.

"For many people, it's very difficult to attend more than one doctor in a day or week," said Don Yancy, the event organizer. "We want to help our community by making health services available for those who need it."

"This event is a chance to celebrate community unity," said Pastor Dangierfield. "With all that families have to endure throughout the month, this is a time to fellowship with each other and also a time to give support for those in need."

For more information about event activities or directions, please call 972-235-4633.

Armstrong Williams Blames Democrats

Conservative commentator Armstrong Williams blames Democrats for exposing a government deal that paid him to promote a federal law using his media business ventures.

"You better believe the Democrats had something to do with this," Williams said. "They probably would like to see me go away."

Williams was the darling of the Republican Party, holding events to help bring blacks into the organization. All of that changed six months ago, when he failed to disclose to the distributors of his weekly column that he was given thousands of dollars to promote the No Child Left Behind law by the Bush Administration's Department of Education.

"They are trying to bankrupt one of my companies," he said during the more than 30-minute wide-ranging telephone interview.

The prominent Republican pundit runs the Washington, D.C.-based Graham Williams Group. Williams co-owns the firm with Stedman Graham, tel-



evision host Oprah Winfrey's boyfriend.

The Government Accountability Office Friday called the payments by the government to Williams a violation of federal propaganda laws.

He said, during the interview, he is currently in negotiations to "possibly" pay some of the money back.

Aid Arrives As Death Toll In Earthquake Nears 40,000

Aid began to flood into Pakistan yesterday as the death toll from the weekend's earthquake continued to spiral and anger over the slow pace of the recovery effort boiled over in remote parts of Kashmir, which have been without supplies for days.

Consignments of food, medical supplies, tents and sniffer dogs were landed in Islamabad as the authorities struggled to get relief to devastated areas. Key highways have been blocked by landslides and many communities have been without water and electricity for days.

In Pakistan, officials said the death toll would reach 40,000 by the end of the week. In Indian-administered Kashmir, the number of dead had passed 800, with more than 10,000

people still missing in the mountainous region in Kupwara district, near the India-Pakistan frontier.

The United States, which in the first hours of the crisis had



A massive earthquake has devastated northern Pakistan and the disputed territory of Kashmir. About 18,000 people are thought to have been killed in Pakistan, and some 100 people died in India.

apparently offered \$100,000 raised its donation to \$50m) when the scale of the disaster became apparent. Another significant American contribution is the diversion from Afghanistan of eight helicop-

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Millions More Movement Program Focuses On Repair, Rebuilding and Reparations

The countless numbers coming to Washington, D.C., October 15, for the Millions More Movement, the 10th Anniversary commemoration of the Million Man March will experience an unprecedented day long program in thirteen interconnected sections, each with a common thread of repair, rebuilding, reconstruction and renewal of the Black community running throughout its presentation.

"This gathering will probably represent the broadest and most diverse coalition of African Americans and those of African descent throughout the Diaspora since slavery," said Rev. Willie Wilson, National executive director of the Millions More Movement at a press conference October 7 at the National Press Club.

"Many of the national, political, social, civic and religious organizations will be present to commit



Rev. Willie Wilson, Exec. Dir. MMM

their support to the repair, reconstruction and rebuilding of our communities."

The thirteen sections will be featured throughout two major repair, rebuilding and reconstruction focuses, (1) internally, which will speak to what Black people can do for self-repair, and renewal and (2) externally, which will speak to the responsibility of the government based on more than 300 years of chattel slavery,

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City Of Garland Hosts 3rd Annual Neighborhood Leadership Conference

"Building Community from the Inside Out"

The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth Street, Saturday, October 29, 2005 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The conference will be held at The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St., Garland, TX.

The doors will open at 7:45 a.m.

to receive materials and for breakfast sponsored by the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

Neighborhood and homeowner associations, city employees, members of the business community, faith-based organizations and policymakers interested in building and maintaining healthy, vital neighborhoods are invited to spend a half day exploring and learning about topics that impact the

livability of our neighborhoods.

The keynote speaker, Tina Z. Moore, is the owner and chief consultant of the I Am Pleased Development Center, a consulting firm dedicated to developing individuals and organizations to their full potential.

Contact Felisa Conner, Neighborhood Vitality Manager at 972-205-3864 or fconner@icgarland.tx.us for more information.

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Right Reauthorization, 2005 election law changes, economic development and racial profiling.

President of the conference, Gary Bledsoe in his welcome to attendees stated, "Throughout the year, the Texas State Conference has been knee-deep in doing its part to prevent the further erosion of the status of African Americans on a variety of fronts."

According to Bledsoe during the 50th Anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education decision celebrated last year, brought by the NAACP in 1954, "We recognized that the attempt of the 79th Legislature to overhaul the state's school finance system would badly serve minorities without our input."

Because of the NAACP's involvement he feels that this matter will probably be headed for the State Supreme Court. Other involvement by the NAACP included keeping the legislature from watering down the Top Ten Percent Rule, which has been successful in broadening diversity at Texas public colleges and universities; ensuring that equity

remains a primary consideration in factoring how Texas will fund its public schools; and providing aid and assistance to Hurricane Katrina and Rita victims.

While some might label the NAACP as ineffective or outdated one only has to look at their record in Texas and the nation to understand their impact and effectiveness. At their recent national convention, the Texas chapter received the Juanita Jackson Mitchell Award for their involvement in the litigation of the redistricting case and racial profiling seminars they have sponsored.

Also because of their own investigative efforts, beating victim Billy Ray Johnson, of Linden, Texas (September 28, 2003) will finally get justice. The Southern Poverty Law Center has filed a suit on his behalf.

In his closing Bledsoe stated, "This year's convention is a chance for us to take stock of what we've done and to energize ourselves for the struggles that lie ahead."

Throughout the conference several local and national individuals were recognized for their past and present contributions to the libera-

tion of African Americans. The honorees included:

- Ms DeMetris Sampson for her continued humanitarian and philanthropic efforts in making a difference in the community.

- Dr. Arista Thornton for his efforts through Concerned Citizens for the Arts to rename a facility in South Dallas after artist "extraordinaire" Arthello Beck (1941-2004).

- Recipient of the 2005 NAACP Hero Award-Joe Louis Atkins who filed a lawsuit against North Texas State University in 1959 after he was denied admission to the school because of race. A permanent injunction was passed by the U.S. District Court in 1955, Sherman, Texas which abolished segregation and discrimination at the university. Though Atkins did not attend the school then, he later enrolled to work on his master's degree in 1962.

- Recipient of the 2005 Texas Hero Award- Herman Marion Sweat (1912-1982) filed a lawsuit

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Douglass Center Hosts Boys' Teen-Pregnancy Conference

The City of Plano, in coordination with the March of Dimes and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is hosting Project Alpha North 2005 on Saturday, October 15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H.

The day-long program is a male-focused, teen-pregnancy conference targeting 12 to 15

year-old boys but is open to young men up to 18 years of age.

The program emphasizes the social, economic and personal consequences that come with fathering a child. Project Alpha creates a safe environment where young men can learn and explore important life issues.

The conference is free. To register, call the Douglass Community Center at (972) 941-7174. Registration along with a consent form must be received no later than Saturday, October 8, 2005. Consent forms are available at the Douglass Community Center.

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Volunteers for the conference were recognized for their contribution. Each received a copy of the book *Emergence* which was edited by George Curry.



Joe Atkins, 2005 NAACP Hero Award recipient.



Nidia Washington, NAACP ACT-SO national medal finalist, voiced the audience with her vocal renditions.

Around The Town

Ongoing

State Fair of Texas-September 30-October 23. Call 214-670-8400 for more information. Check local papers for discount coupons.

Crowns written and directed by Dallas native Regina Taylor at the Kate Humphrey Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Call 214-522-8499 for ticket information.

The Grand Prairie Arts Council will offer a series of concerts Saturdays in October from 2-4pm, at the Main Street Gazebo, Main and Second streets downtown. For information call 972-642-2787 or www.artsgp.com.

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Book signing of Harvest of Tears, by Betty Pelley Smith of Sherman, Texas. The book is a fictionalized account of the Sherman courthouse burning and racial riots of 1930.

Gloria N. Harris of Fort Worth, author of Angel Chasers and Shelton Williams from Austin author of Washed in Blood will also be on hand to sign their books and participate in the discussion. The signings will take place 6pm, at the Hastings Book Music Video, 2114 Texoma Parkway, Sherman, Texas

(in the Texoma Square Shopping Center). For information call 903-892-8070.

African American Experience with De Cee Cornish at the Kleberg Library and October 15 at the Children's Center inside the Central Library, Dallas.

The John C. Phelps Fall Festival will begin at 6:00pm at 3030 Tips Blvd. Call 214-670-7525 for information.

October 14

The Millions More Movement in Washington, D.C. Call 214-915-9927

Dallas Black Dance Theatre presents Choreographer's Choice Series at the Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm St., 7:30pm. Call 214-871-2376.

The Friends of the Grand Prairie Library will hold their fall book sale Tuesday thru October 16. Call 972-237-5770.

October 9

New Hope Baptist Church Women's Day Celebration, 5002 South Central Expressway, 10:30am. Call 214-421-5296.

United Methodist Church of the Disciple will host a benefit concert for Hurricane Katrina victims Sunday, 5:00pm, 220 S. Cockrell Hill Rd., DeSoto. Call 972-230-5538 or visit online at www.umdscircle.org.

Girls' Night Out at the Fair Way, located at the Pecan

Hollow Club House, 4501 E. 14th St., from 7:00pm-9:30pm. For more information contact Collette Hall at 972-941-7274.

Famed jazz vocalist Cynthia Scott performs at the Black Academy of Art and Letters, 9:00pm at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, corner of Akard and Canton Streets. For ticket information call 214-743-2400 or Ticketmaster, 214-373-8000.

October 15

The City of Plano hosts the Fall Masquerade Mother and Son Camp-out and Lock-in. This is the 3rd Annual Mother-Son Dance. Call 972-941-7250 or www.planoparks.org.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation presents the 23rd Dallas Race For The Cure, Saturday, NorthPark Center, 214-750-7223. Register online at www.komen-dallas.org.

Robert Hastings presents UFOS: The Hidden History at Eastfield College Performance Hall at 7:00pm. Call 972-860-7185.

2005 Archaeology Fair at Haggard Park, 9:00am-5:00pm. Call 972-423-5480.

Join the March of Dimes and the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for the Project Alpha North 2005, Saturday, Frederick Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano.

This is a male-focused teen pregnancy conference. For registration and consent forms call 972-230-6473 or 972-941-7174. The forms are due Saturday, October 8.

A meeting of the NAACP Garland Youth Council begins at 12:30pm at Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Rd., Garland. Call 972-381-5044 for information.

October 16

Black College Alumni Day at Texas Stadium with the Dallas Cowboys vs New York Giants 12 Noon.

Richardson Community Band begins 4th season of concerts at 7:30pm at the Eisenman Center.

Movie passes for the movie Dreamer may be picked up 9am-5pm at the Dallas.com office. For information call 214-827-7977 or visit www.dreamer.dreamworks.com.

The Collin County "Helping to Heal Concert" benefiting hurricane relief efforts will be held at the Pizza Hut Park, located on the northeast corner of the North Dallas Parkway and F.M.-720 Main St. Gates open at 5:00pm, concert starts at 7:00pm. For information call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700.

Holiday Helper Job Fair sponsored by Career and Employment Services at Tarrant County College, located off Highway 360 on the south side of Interstate 20. The

fair will be held from 9:00am-2:00pm. Call 817-515-3592.

October 18

Tarrant County offers flu shots Tuesday, 9am, Birdville Coliseum, 6108 Broadway, Haltom City.

Maya Angelou will speak at the 2005 Texas Conference for Women at the Austin Convention Center. Call 512-432-1785

Baylor Health Care System Foundation honors the 2005 Circle of Care Recipients at luncheon benefiting the W.H. and Peggy Smith Baylor Sammons Breast Center at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, Dallas. For information call 214-820-6138.

Receive a free mammogram from 8:30am-3:30pm at Saver's Cost Plus, 504 N. O'Connor Rd. Women must be 35 to 64, not have insurance or funds to pay. To make an appointment, call 214-584-2323.

National Finals Rodeo- Over 300 African American, Hispanic and Native American cowboys and cowgirls compete, Saturday, 8pm, Mesquite Championship Resistol Arena, 1635 LBJ Freeway at Military Pkwy. Call 972-285-8777.

Houston-Tillotson University, Austin celebrates 130 year anniversary with the following activities:

October 26, 11:30 am, Agard-Lovinggood Lecture Hall. Author Nina Foxx discusses her

latest book, "Marrying Up." Foxx originally from Jamaica, New York, currently resides in Austin.

October 27, 11:30 am will be a fall symposium entitled, "The Civil Rights Movement and the Church: Impact and Reform," featuring W. Astor Kirk, at Agard-Lovinggood Lecture Hall. Kirk is a former HT professor and author of Desegregation of the Methodist Church Polity; Reform Movements That Ended Racial Segregation.

October 28, Charter Day Convocation, 10:00am at the King-Seabrook Chapel, represents the official designation celebration of the signing of the Charter of Incorporation that established Houston-Tillotson College on October 24, 1952.

October 28

Golden State Mutual Presents 80th Anniversary Celebration. Keynote speaker will be Johnnie Cochran, Sr. Call 214-339-3355 for information.

October 29

City of Garland hosts the 3rd Annual Neighborhood Leadership Conference, "Building Community from the Inside Out, at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth Street, 8:00am-1:30pm.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Public Education Is Regressing To Apartheid

By: James W. Broedlove
Almost half a century after the U.S. Supreme Court concluded that school segregation was unconstitutional and "inherently unequal," research indicates that racial and ethnic resegregation in the public schools is growing at an alarming rate not seen in three decades.

Despite the nation's growing diversity, especially the rapid expansion of the Latino student population, resegregation is contributing to a widening gap in quality between schools being attended by white students and those serving the majority of minority students.

The stark reality of the dire predicament of the underclass exposed by Katrina's floodwaters is the focus of Jonathan Kozol's book: "THE SHAME OF THE NATION: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America." Kozol argues that our public schools are just one manifestation of abandonment and reversal of the integration success that was briefly achieved by the last generation. This "other America" that exists in the unbridgeable chasm between the haves and the have-nots and has been deliberately hidden from public view is now undeniably confirmed not only to Americans but also to the world.

Through his personal visits to numerous schools across the country over the last five years and his examination of the considerable research about school populations, Kozol has confirmed that our schools are more segregated now than in years following Brown v. Board of Education. In cities like Houston, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Detroit, and Chicago, fewer than 10 percent of public school students are white.

Apartheid schools educate 17 percent of the nation's black students and 25 percent of black students in the Northeast and Midwest. Twelve percent of Latino students attend schools

where at least 99 percent of the student body is minority. With these numbers the concept of integration loses all meaning.

Kozol demonstrates in his book that apartheid schooling is never equal. Suburban school districts around the country spend two to three times as much per pupil as urban schools. This spending pyramid needs to be inverted.

The real impact of the funding gap between rich suburban and poor urban schools is only partially evident if only the visible facilities and materials are compared. School budgets are dominated by salaries and the ability to attract and retain better, more experienced teachers is directly related to what schools can pay. The poorer urban schools cannot compete in the bidding wars for highly qualified teachers.

Perhaps the most disturbing part of the apartheid argument is the way the urban public schools are organized and what is accepted as instruction in them. High-stakes testing, as mandated in the No Child Left Behind legislation, has become the sole determinant for student promotion and for a school's exemption from being penalized for low performance.

The national testing policies that dominate NCLB doctrine originated in Houston during the regime of Superintendent Rod Paige prior to his appointment as Bush's Secretary of Education. During Paige's tenure in Houston the school district was acclaimed for dramatic increases in student test performance.

We now know these advances were the result of teaching to the test or in many cases cooked books and outright cheating. Yet the Houston model became the basis for our punitive NCLB education policy.

Rice University education researcher Linda McNeil has pointed out that test preparation has become the curriculum in many schools serving low-income students. While privileged communities have well-rounded curriculums that include life enrichment, inner-

city children get an endless diet of test prep that only widens the education gap.

Students in many schools may never encounter students from other backgrounds as the resegregation virus takes over more districts. Kozol notes that students in inner-city schools in addition to being educationally short-changed are suffering emotionally from the coercive culture of fear and control that exists in their schools. The regressive education system sends minority and poor children to inferior schools then punishes them for their inferior performance.

President Bush in one of his reelection speeches said, "I went to Washington to challenge the soft bigotry of low expectations. It's working. It's making a difference." But this is one of those deadly lies that through the sheer force of repetition goes unchallenged by a large number of Americans. It is not only an untruth but it is also not an innocent misstatement of the facts. It is a devious placebo given to appease the hopeful but confused parents of the black, brown and poor, and if this carefully orchestrated system is not forcefully resisted the nation will have written its own prescription for failure.

The bottom line is an education system based on reform rhetoric and false promises of improvement. While the education decision makers waste time debating whether the issue is education inequity or disparate financing the time is long overdue for Americans to start the process of changing a system that is not working.

If it takes people marching in the streets, in front of legislative houses, in front of White Houses or voting inept elected officials out of office then these are prices we should be prepared to pay.

Our children deserve better than apartheid schools that leave them unprepared to function productively in the real world.

Send Comments to: Editor@MonTheGazette.com

Is Bill Bennett an Idiot?

By: Paul Holey

"The faith, dear Brums, is not in our stars, but in ourselves..." Julius Caesar

Former Education Secretary Bill Bennett recently made some ridiculous comments on his radio show about hypothetically reducing the crime rate by aborting every black baby in the country.

Last week everyone from the NCTE to the Congressional Black Caucus to Jesse Jackson demanded that Mr. Bennett apologize for his comments. The thought process was that Mr. Bennett had offended an entire race of people and immediate action was necessary. The CBC even introduced legislation to have the FCC sanction Bennett's radio program.

Once again, we have become victims in a game of diversion. Are we really surprised by Bennett's comments? Why do we want him to apologize? It doesn't matter if Bennett apologizes or if he is removed from the airwaves. That will not change the way people think about us, we will be no better or worse off if he apologizes. Like the old folks used to say, it doesn't matter what white people say and think about us, it's how we act that matters.

Bill Bennett may very well be a racist. He may be an idiot, or at best, an insensitive doolt. Bill Bennett may have made the mistake of actually articulating what is in the heads of conservatives throughout this country. But that is not our problem. The questions for black people are why should we care at all about what Bill Bennett said, and what are the real issues that should merit our outrage?

After a great deal of contemplation and research on this issue, I have come up with two words that adequately sum up the proper response of black people to the

statements made by Bill Bennett:

So what?
Our challenge is to respond rationally instead of reacting emotionally. The tendency is to get emotional about race issues and not look at them from purely logical standpoint.

Just for a moment, let's look at Bennett's hypothetical statistically, removing all the emotion:

1. Blacks are 12% of the population, black males about 6% of the population.

2. For whatever reasons, black males commit a disproportionate number of crimes relative to their percentage of the population. Those reasons cannot and should not be discounted. They include bias in the criminal justice system, racial profiling by police, targeted prosecution, etc. Our outrage should be at the statistics found on the Bureau of Justice website, not at some predictable comments made by a white conservative talk show host.

3. If you abort black babies, (as reprehensible and unthinkable as that is), then the crime rate does go down. The statement doesn't sound very nice, but it is true.

It is also true that, males in general are more violent. If you abort male babies of any color, then the violence crime rate goes down. Statistically, that is a fact. Morally, the concept is absurd, but that doesn't make it untrue statistically. Bennett wasn't saying abort black babies, he was saying what would happen if you did. He's an idiot, but we box ourselves in as a people when we get distraught over comments that do not do anything to us for one way or another. Bill Bennett may be a racist based on a lot of things he's said-but statistics aren't racist.

At some point, we need to understand that most of our interests are not the same interests as liberal Democrats, conservative Repub-

licans, or those in the media. If black poverty, black crime, black unemployment, all magically disappeared tomorrow-would either party even care about black people? What reason would they have to court us? Politically, we are pawns because we allow it. The leadership in both parties loves to exploit poor, uneducated black folks to emphasize the need for whatever agenda they are pushing. And we let them.

People are upset over Bill Bennett because the media and white liberals have told them they should be. Economist Steven Levitt made similar arguments as Bennett in his best-seller, "Freakonomics." However, there's been no media firestorm demanding an apology from him. We must develop to a point where we can think rationally about the issues affecting us as a race of people. Without emotion, whether we like the facts or not.

Is what Bill Bennett said really that different than what Bill Cosby said?

Black people DO commit a disproportionate amount of crime. We DO have the highest rate of abortion among ethnic groups. We DO have a higher incidence of teenage pregnancies and homes with single mothers. Those are facts. We don't like them, but they're still facts. And there are a lot of complex reasons for those facts, starting with racism and poverty.

Our opinions become easily marginalized by the mainstream when they are purely emotional-it becomes easier to dismiss our concerns as being cliché. We can develop and mentor our youth to change statistics. Only then, can we start taking hard looks at the faults within ourselves and focus on what we can do to advance our race.

It's Doesn't Matter Whether Bush Loves Us

By: Phil Wilson

Post-Katrina, everyone's obsessed with whether George Bush cares about the people. Kanye West thinks he doesn't, Laura Bush insists he does. After all, the first lady said, "I live with him. I know what he believes."

Maybe Laura is right. Maybe W loves him some Black folk. But who cares? It's the one question. The president is not our father. The role of the government is not to be our friend. It doesn't matter if they care about us. What matters is their competence. Are they capable, for example, of mounting an immediate and effective response to a natural disaster that hit Black folk especially hard? In the case of Katrina, the answer is a resounding no.

Dying people were left stranded and worse. With guns blazing, the police in Gretna, La., actually forced hungry, thirsty, and desperate people back into the flooding city. Most of these people were Black.

So what matters is not whether W loves us or hates us. What matters is that he didn't deliver. As former President Clinton said in an ABC interview, "This is a matter of public policy and whether it's race-based or not, if you give your tax cuts to the rich and hope everything works out all right, and poverty goes up, and it disproportionately affects Black and Brown people, that's a consequence of the action made."

The Bush administration has announced an estimated \$500 billion in post-Katrina reconstruction plans. How does the president propose to pay for it? Canceling some of the tax cuts for the rich? Nope. Rethinking the \$5 billion a month we're spending in Iraq? Wrong again. Instead, he wants Congress to

cut spending, which means further shredding the already threadbare safety net.

The reconstruction plan also keeps continuity with the administration's scorched earth attack on the healthcare safety net.

The budget currently before Congress would strip \$10 billion from Medicaid over the next five years anyway. Medicaid is one of the few resources that would drastically restrict what services are available to the poor Black folks, and cut comprehensive sex education that has proven effective at slowing the epidemic, in favor of unproven abstinence-only curricula—which forbids any discussion of how to use a condom or avoid STDs.

We can spend all day speculating about whether these measures are being implemented out of some racist intent. That'd be a mistake. If you go to a car mechanic who disconnects your brakes and you are killed in an accident, you are any less dead if he did it because he didn't "care" about you or if he was just plain incompetent.

Natural disaster or public health disaster, mechanic or president, we need someone who can deliver. Competence matters!

Phil Wilson is founder and Executive Director of the Black AIDS Institute in Los Angeles. He has participated in numerous international conferences on AIDS and was selected by the Ford Foundation in 2001 as one of "Twenty Leaders for a Changing World." Wilson has been living with HIV for 23 years. He can be reached at Phil@BlackAIDS.org.

The stats are now familiar to everyone except the White House: There are more people living with HIV/AIDS today than ever before, and nearly half of them are Black.

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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.

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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The First Six Weeks "The Quiet Before The Storm"

By: David Tyson, Jr.
School districts throughout North Dallas County and Collin County started the school year as usual in early to mid August. The first week carried with it a lot of energy from kindergartners to six graders, the excitement of going to junior high and high school, new uniforms for some districts, and the opening of a new elementary school in the Richardson ISD. Although it was still HOT, the excitement of football, band and school spirit was in the air.

The second called special session of the 79th Texas Legislature ended without a new school finance plan being passed. Gov. Rick Perry has not announced if he will call a third special session. If a special session does not occur this fall, many in the capitol arena believe the Governor would be wise to wait until after the March primaries before calling legislators back to Austin to pass a tax bill.

With no new funding public school districts continue to educate our children, and school boards



RISD Board Trustee, David Tyson, Jr.

have to consider which reserves to pull from if needed. With the high mandates of NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND, and the growing population of children from diverse back-

grounds, especially in North Dallas, districts are in need of assistance. I'm not just talking about financial assistance, but assistance regarding limited minority parent involvement, and male volunteerism in the majority of North Dallas and Collin County public schools. If you are concerned that you don't have what it takes to assist in the school your children attend, or volunteer, don't worry about it, volunteer anyway. Schools need volunteers from diverse backgrounds and are waiting on you to show up and participate!

When the news reports began to surface that Katrina evacuees may be coming to the area, the need to provide an education for the children would follow. So, the quiet is over and the storm began. In RISD first reports were that we would be receiving about 90 children, then 300, and now it is over 1000 evacuee students joining a district with approximately 34,000 pre-Katrina students, the largest percentage-

wise in the metroplex. Other northern metroplex districts like Garland ISD and Plano ISD have reported numbers in the hundreds. That brings me right back to the need for volunteerism—we need to add community-based organizations, male role models, mentoring groups, and our FAITH based communities to this effort. Public education is a vital part of the success of any society.

Our challenge now is to make sure we continue to reach out to ALL students. Barriers such as race, income, and housing still exist and too often divide communities and schools. I call upon you to "do the right thing" and make a difference in a child's life. They are our future.

WOW, what a first six weeks!

David Tyson, Jr. is a member of the Richardson Independent School District Board of Trustees. If you are interested in being a school volunteer contact your local school district office or their web site. If you are not sure about your school district you may e-mail, "North Dallas Responds" at mentoring@northdallasresponds.net

College Scholarship Available Through Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

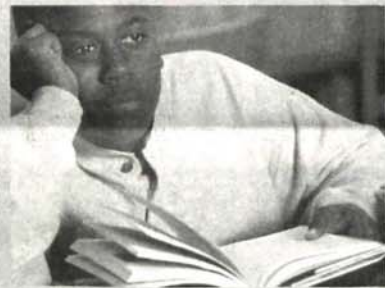
The North Texas Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation invites students to apply for a college scholarship valued up to \$10,000 per year over a four year period, to be used towards tuition, books, fees and on-campus room and board. In order to be eligible, applicants must have lost a parent to breast cancer, live in Collin, Denton, or Grayson Counties, exhibit financial need and plan to attend a state-supported college. The application deadline is November 15, 2005. The selection criteria for the Komen College Scholarship Award includes scholastic achievement, community service and participation, financial need, and demonstrated leadership potential.

The Susan G. Komen Breast

Cancer Foundation is fighting to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease and the Foundation believes it is important to provide support to the families of breast cancer patients. The Komen College Scholarship Award is one way the Foundation addresses the spectrum of issues that impacts breast cancer patients and their families. The program is donor-funded and administered by the Foundation through its local Affiliate network.

For more information on The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation College Scholarship Award, students are urged to see their school counselor or contact the North Texas Affiliate of the Komen Foundation at 972-378-4808 or www.komennorthtexas.org.

MARIJUANA COULD THREATEN YOUR TEEN'S SUCCESS.



The high school years are some of the most important in your son's or daughter's life. This is the time when poor academic performance can compromise a teen's future because low grades and test scores limit options after graduation. As teens enter high school they are at an increased risk for drug use and drinking. While overall drug use among teens is down in recent years, be sure your teen remains drug-free during these critical learning years.

Marijuana can limit your teen's academic achievement.

- Marijuana can hinder a teen's ability to learn. Heavy marijuana use impairs young people's ability to concentrate and retain information!
- Marijuana use is linked to poorer grades. A teen with a "D" average is 4 times more likely to have used marijuana than a teen with an "A" average!
- Some frequent, long-term marijuana users show signs of lack of motivation (amotivational syndrome). Lack of motivation or concern about the future can lead to poor performance in school.
- Marijuana and underage drinking are linked to higher dropout rates. Students who drink or use drugs frequently are up to five times more likely than their peers to drop out of high school! A teenage marijuana user's odds of dropping out are more than twice that of a non-user!

Signed,

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Many parents still don't understand that marijuana is harmful. But research shows it's a stronger drug than it used to be and kids are starting to experiment at younger ages. Know the facts and share them with your teen. The rules you set and enforce today can make all the difference in your teen's life tomorrow.

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Office of National Drug Control Policy

HUD Grants Awarded For Dallas Metroplex

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnston today announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the City of Dallas and Dallas County with more than \$36 million dollars in Federal Grants.

"These HUD grants fund programs vitally important to the people of Dallas and all of Dallas County," Congressman Johnston said. "They provide an important source of support for economic development, housing and shelter for the homeless. The City of Dallas has used these funds effectively to meet critical needs for many populations within the greater Dallas community."

The Grants are broken down into several initiatives and include the highly coveted Community Development Block Grant, which will have a significant impact on the greater Dallas area. The total CDBG grant award for the City of Dallas is \$20,475,66. Dallas County has been awarded

\$2,359,986. The Community Development Block Grant is awarded to cities and counties in need of developing viable urban communities and to revitalize neighborhoods. The grant helps to provide decent housing for



U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnston, D.-TX

low-income and moderate-income residents as well as to expand economic opportunities.

Other HUD Grants include: The American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI): a program that helps first-time homebuyers with the biggest hurdle to homeownership—downpay-

ment and closing costs. Dallas: \$39,401

Dallas County: \$27,675 Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME): a program often in partnership with local non-profit groups, to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income residents.

Dallas: \$8,471,506 Dallas County: \$705,165 Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG): provides homeless persons with basic shelter and essential supportive services. ESG also provides short-term homeless prevention assistance to persons at imminent risk of losing their own housing due to eviction, foreclosure, or utility shutoffs.

Dallas: \$774,810 Dallas County: \$82,369 Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids Program (HOPWA): established by HUD to address the specific needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Dallas: \$3,867,000

Building Capacity, Building Communities Training Program

The Foundation for Community Empowerment (FCE) announces that applications are now being accepted for the Building Capacity, Building Communities program, designed to teach community-based organizations (CBO) and faith-based organizations (FBO) in low-income neighborhoods how to be more effective and increase their ability to compete for private and public resources. Up to 25 organizations will be accepted into the 2006 training course, which kicks off in January. Applications are now available and must be submitted online at www.fcedallas.org. The application deadline is Nov. 15, 2005. Information sessions will be held on Tues., Nov. 1, at 4 p.m. and Tues., Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. at the Center for Community Cooperation, Oak Corner Room, located at 2900 Live Oak

Street, Dallas, TX 75204.

FCE funds the Building Capacity, Building Communities program with its third and final year of funding from the Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration grant it received in 2003 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. To date, 96 Dallas organizations have participated in the training and received over \$900,000 in grants.

Eligible organizations must be FBOs or CBOs that focus on serving low-income populations in the city of Dallas and address a high priority area, such as affordable housing, child development, health, homelessness, job training, prison re-entry into society, at-risk youth, substance abuse, the elderly, transition from welfare to work, and healthy marriages.

The six half-day workshops will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13, 2006. The workshop topics are "Capacity Assessment," "Asset-based Strategic Planning," "Outcomes Tracking and Measurement," "Financial Management," "Board Composition and Development," and "Funds Development" (see attached descriptions). Consistent attendance from senior-level staff, including the chief executive of the organization (president, executive director, senior pastor, chair, etc.), is required at each workshop.

Organizations selected to participate in the program will be notified by December 21. For more information, visit the Foundation for Community Empowerment website at www.fcedallas.org or call 469-221-0720.

Texas Gets More Than \$350M In Disaster Assistance From FEMA

The Bush administration has approved more than \$351.8 million in disaster assistance programs in Texas for areas hit by Hurricane Rita.

Officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, say federal and state disaster recovery personnel as well as hundreds of volunteers continue to provide food and water, install generators, operate shelters and care for animals throughout Texas.

Disaster recovery centers were set up for Hurricane Rita and Katrina victims at the Dallas Convention Center and

the Amon Carter Exhibition Hall in Fort Worth.

So far, 327,221 Texas residents have applied for disaster assistance since President Bush declared parts of the state eligible for aid on Sept. 24.

Families can apply for grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other expenses not paid for by insurance. The government also is offering low-interest disaster loans from the Small Business Administration to cover residential and business losses not covered by insurance.

Since Hurricane Rita hit

Southeast Texas, emergency management officials have shipped in 2.7 million 8-pound bags of ice, 10.8 million liters of water and prepared 5.8 million meals.

There are also 22 disaster recovery centers, including four designated for families with special needs, operating in Texas. In addition, more than 250 FEMA and state community relations specialists are conducting door-to-door outreach in storm-damaged neighborhoods.

Displaced families and business owners can call 1-800-621-FEMA to request assistance.

Earthquake Page 1

ters to airlift survivors from the disaster zone. The helicopters arrived from Kabul yesterday and the gesture will score a public relations coup for America in Pakistan. "The terrorists make us out as the infidels, but this is not true and we hope this mission will show that," US military spokesperson Sgt Marina Evans told the Associated Press news agency.

In a rare sign of cross-border cooperation, India is sending tents, food and medicine and other aid for earthquake-hit areas in the Pakistani portion of Kashmir on a "very urgent basis." The neighbors, who

have fought three wars over Kashmir, have set aside their rivalry following the earthquake.

But people are still forced to dig with little more than their bare hands in an often vain attempt to release relatives and friends entombed in the rubble.

In Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistani Kashmir, where more than 11,000 were killed, frustration turned into sporadic looting. Masood-ur Rehman, assistant commissioner of the city, said 90% of buildings, and all of its government and educational institutions, were destroyed.

"Bodies are scattered in the city," he said. "Ninety percent of

victims are still buried under the debris. We are facing problems in the rescue operation as the roads are blocked. We are helpless. The city is out of order."

With potentially millions homeless, many victims remain beyond help's reach in remote villages in the foothills of the Himalaya, Karakoram and Hindu Kush mountain ranges.

International rescue teams were continuing to arrive last night, bringing specialist equipment to excavate the rubble and hospitals were being set up to cope with the injured.

In an upmarket suburb of Islamabad, where a 10-storey apartment block collapsed, a

Minority Firms Getting Few Katrina Contracts

By Hope Yen

Minority-owned businesses say they're paying the price for the decision by Congress and the Bush administration to waive certain rules for Hurricane Katrina recovery contracts. About 1.5 percent of the \$1.6 billion awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency has gone to minority businesses, less than a third of the 5 percent normally required.

On Tuesday, Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, and Rep. Donald A. Manzullo, R-Ill., asked the Government Accountability Office to investigate whether small and minority-owned businesses have been given a fair opportunity to compete for Katrina contracts. Andrew Jenkins doesn't think so.

Once Katrina's destructive waters receded, he began making calls in hopes of a winning government contract for his Mississippi construction company.

Jenkins, who is black, says he watched in frustration as the contracts went to others, many of them larger, white-owned companies with political ties to Washington.

"That just doesn't smell right," said Jenkins, president of AJA Management and Technical Services Inc. of Jackson, Miss., noting the region has a higher percentage of blacks and minority-owned businesses than other areas of the country.

To speed aid, many requirements normally attached to government contracting were waived by Congress and the administration. The result has been far more no-bid contracts going to businesses that have an existing relationship with the government.

There also was an easing of affirmative action rules for contractors and a suspension of a "prevailing wage" law that black lawmakers and business people believe will hurt the disproportionately large number of black hourly workers in the region.

It sends a bad message," said Harry Alford, president of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. "What they're basically saying to the minority in New Orleans is, 'We'll make it harder for you to find a job. And if you do, we'll make sure you get paid less.'"

The Department of Homeland Security, whose FEMA division handles most of the contracts, said it is committed to hiring smaller, disadvantaged firms. But many of the no-bid awards were given out to known players who could quickly provide help in an emergency situation, spokesman Larry Orlikus said.

It was about saving lives, protecting property, and going to who you go to, to get what you need," he said.

The Labor Department also has said its decision to temporarily suspend affirmative action rules for first-time government contractors doing Katrina work was motivated by a need to reduce paperwork to speed emergency aid.

The Army Corps of Engineers has a better record on minority contracts, with roughly 16 per-

cent of the \$637 million in Katrina contracts going to minority-owned companies, according to agency records.

Businesses with more than 50 employees typically must have a written affirmative action plan if they are awarded contracts of more than \$50,000. But the Bush administration removed that requirement for three months, saying basic anti-discrimination laws would provide adequate protection.

At a recent meeting in Mississippi for minority busi-



nesspeople with federal contracting officials, Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., said many of the 100 owners walked out in anger when told their best chance of getting work was to seek smaller subcontracts from the larger companies.

The larger companies include Kellogg, Brown & Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton, which Vice President Dick Cheney headed from 1995 to 2000; and AshBritt Inc., a Florida company with ties to Mississippi's governor, Haley Barbour, the former chairman of the Republican National Committee.

"The president has talked

about small businesses being the engine of our economy, but when the time for sound bites is over his administration still uses the same backroom deals to take care of their friends," said Thompson, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The situation has exacerbated racial sensitivities that already were heightened by the slow initial federal response to the New Orleans flood. Many poor black residents didn't get help for days.

President Bush has met privately with NAACP President Bruce Gordon to discuss the racial component of the disaster. And Alford said he will get a meeting with Bush sometime soon to talk about improving opportunities for minority contractors.

With billions of dollars of new contracts still yet to be awarded, minority leaders say they remain hopeful the Bush administration will begin to provide the same types of opportunities given to large-scale contractors.

In the meantime, Willie Nelson of 33-year-old Nelson Plumbing Inc., continues to wait. He says white-owned firms scurry with work in Mississippi, while his Jackson business sits idle.

The majority firms are all over the place," Nelson said. "We just want an equal opportunity. But it's been very difficult. They seem to be more interested in taking care of their own while we try to just get a foot in the door."

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Dallas Black Dance Theaters Choreographer's Choice Series Opens

Target has contributed \$10,000 as Headline Sponsor for Dallas Black Dance Theatre's (DBDT) Choreographer's Choice Series at the Majestic Theatre October 14-15, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre will express dance in Dallas at its best

Sneed's...And Now Marvin, the signature work of Dallas Black Dance Theatre. Additionally, the professional company will share the stage with DBDT II, reviving On The Other Side by DBDT II Director Chantel Marrow Adams. Audiences will also have an opportunity

to hear from the choreographers during a panel discussion at intermission.



with performances that will have audiences jumping to their feet. The show will feature audience favorites like the explosive male-ensemble work Snails, Snails and Puppy Dog Tails by Chicago artist Kirby Reed as well as Darryl II.

The highlight of this series will be the grand processional of Dallas Black Dance Theatre, DBDT II and citywide drummers through the

Patti LaBelle Presented Honorary Doctorate

Patti LaBelle was recently presented the Doctor of Humane Letters Degree by the University of North Texas in Denton. During the event the Patti LaBelle Scholarship was established in honor of Ms. LaBelle. Ms. LaBelle's son attended UNT in the late 70's and early 80's.

Patti LaBelle provided an inspirational message for hurricane evacuees and community members. To the pleasure of the audience, she also sang several songs with Angie Fisher, who is a back-up singer for American Idol winners. Ms.

Fisher recently completed a tour with Clay Aiken.

The Grammy-award winning LaBelle is well-known as an inspirational speaker who shares a powerful message of hope. She has become well-known for her support of social causes as well as for her chart-topping music. In recent years, she's worked tirelessly to raise awareness about AIDS, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, cancer and foster care. She is also the author of



Patti LaBelle and Cassandra Berry, UNT Associate Vice President of Equity and Diversity.

"Don't Block the Blessings," a book that chronicles her personal story of emotional survival following traumatic family events and losses.

Dallas Theater Center Presents Regina Taylor's Crowns

An unforgettable theatrical experience of music, dance and spirituality, Crowns kicks off Dallas Theater Center's 2005-06 season with style. Dallas-native Regina Taylor directs her hit play

Crowns for the first time in Dallas at the Kalita Humphreys Theater.

The women of Crowns know that with the right attitude, any hat can be a crown and its wearer a queen. Inspired by their reminiscences and soaring gospel hymns, a young girl from Brooklyn learns the meaning of faith and family, love and loss, from this group of powerful churchgoing women who keep the traditions of the past alive in one small South Carolina town.

Today, African-American women continue the age-old ritual of adorning their head for worship — often with fabulously fashionable hats. Crowns delights in depicting these church "hat queens," employing traditional African rhythms, classical American jazz, hip-hop and gospel music to tell their stories.

Dallas Theater Center's production of this distinctive work marks a homecoming for Crowns playwright and director Regina Taylor. Taylor, who began developing the piece almost seven years ago, has directed Crowns to sold-out houses at some of the biggest theaters in the country, but never in her hometown.

"It's a great pleasure to be able to bring Crowns to Dallas, Texas where I was born," Taylor said. "It is very much dedicated to my mother, to the women in my family, to the women in my community and in my church."

Taylor is perhaps best known for her work as an actor, notably portraying Lily Harper on NBC's "I'll Fly Away."

The accomplished Crowns ensemble cast includes: Miche Braden (Michele Shaw); Roz Beauty Davis (Yolanda); M.

Denise Lee (Velma); Liz Mikel (Mabel); Wayne W. Pretlow (Man); Prosha Storey (Jeanette) and Vickie Washington (Wanda).

All performances of Crowns will be held at the Kalita Humphreys Theater located at 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. at Blackburn St. and will run Oct. 5-30, 2005. Preview performances are Oct. 5-9. Opening night is Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Performance times are Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m.; and select Sunday



Liz Mikel (L), Miche Braden and M. Denise Lee in Dallas Theater Center's Crowns, on stage at the Kalita Humphreys Theater.

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National Black MBAs To Award Students \$300K In Scholarships During San Diego Conference

High school and college students eager to jumpstart their educational and career goals will have plenty of opportunities during this year's National Black MBA Association (NBMAA) annual conference and career expo to be held October 11th - 16th at the San Diego Convention Center.

The 27th annual event, "Leading with Passion, Purpose and Power" is billed as the largest gathering of minority professionals in the country, with more than 11,000 people expected to attend.

A highlight of the weeklong business conference will be the awarding of more than \$300,000 in scholarships and gifts to Ph.D., MBA, undergraduate and high school students who participate in the association's fellowship, scholar-

ship and Leaders of Tomorrow programs which, through the NBMAA's 39 local chapters, offer resources, mentoring and tutoring.

"This year's conference will offer our members and our young people a unique opportunity to network with leaders of business and commerce from around the country so that might gain valuable insights toward gaining valuable insights toward achieving success," said NBMAA president and CEO Barbara Thomas.

Scholarship money as well as employment opportunities will be on the line for teams of MBA students who will participate in this year's Case Competition. Students from more than 35 universities across the country will showcase their analytical, problem solving and demonstration

skills as they present a case analysis to a panel of corporate judges who are able to observe firsthand a potential employee's ability to solve business problems thereby improving employment opportunities.

Another key conference attraction for many will be the annual Career Fair and Expo which attracts representatives from more than 350 corporations and top business schools. Besides the numerous opportunities for on-site career networking, there will also be career development opportunities where attendees can have their resumes and interview skills critiqued by professional career coaches and a conference Job Match targeted recruitment service which allows recruiters and job seekers to post or review available positions online and schedule interviews in

advance of the conference. Some 1600 interviews were handled through Job Match in 2004.

This year's NBMAA conference was originally scheduled to be held in New Orleans but was relocated to San Diego in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The organization, in an effort to assist students who have been displaced by the storm, has established a Student Empowerment Relief Fund with a goal of raising \$1 million to assist Gulf Coast college students with miscellaneous costs associated with continuing their education.

"As an organization committed to education, it is only fitting that we assist those students whose lives and schoolwork has been put on hold by this disaster," Thomas said. "We are reaching out to our corporate sponsors and our members to help these students return

to their studies as soon as possible."

Celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, the National Black MBA Association, which is headquartered in Chicago, is dedicat-

ed to creating partnerships that result in intellectual and economic wealth in the black community. With more than 7,500 members, the association represents 100,000 MBA graduates.

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she was a Republican didn't stand in the way of fair play and her being fair minded."

Ms. Miers basically sacrificed her at-large seat on the council, arguing for adoption of the 14-1 system in order to improve minority representation.

It was political suicide. That was unheard of in Dallas politics. I will always admire her for taking that stance," said Williams. "Her big thing was moving Dallas into the 21st century in terms of race relations and policies that affect housing and public service," Mr. Williams said. "She was an advocate for the people."

Ms. Miers understood the impact of literal and symbolic political segregation on the city.

"Institutionalizing the character of all the southern districts as black and all the northern districts as Anglo ... is very unhealthy for this community," Ms. Miers

said. "We should stop saying we're trying to pull Dallas together when the entire minority community is behind one proposal and then we vote against it."

Diane Ragsdale served on the city council with Harriet Miers and commented on the uniqueness of her approach. "Harriet Miers, unlike many others, would approach me and ask, 'How can I help your constituents?' That indicated a sense of fairness and a sense of willingness to help," said Ms. Ragsdale. "She was thorough, highly intelligent and fair. I think she's a good appointee."

Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill was a young lawyer when Ms. Miers nominated him to his first city board, which oversaw cable access television. He also spoke of her fairness.

"She'll look at every side of an issue, and I think she'll be in the tradition of a Sandra Day O'Connor," Mr. Hill said. "There was a lot of dis-

cussion at one time about her running for mayor. She really empathizes with a lot of aspects of society. You would describe her as a moderate—a person of moderate political, social views, a person who would rule from the center."

Attorney DeMetris Sampson was appointed by

Ms. Miers to the DART Board.

"I respect her sense of fairness and legal ability. I take issue with those critics who say she does not have the legal qualifications. She is immensely qualified and has a brilliant legal mind," Ms. Sampson commented.

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Know the Real Walter Abrams: He's Still Picking Winners

(FSN) Statistics show that the majority of people that bet on sporting events lose their money. The main reason for this is that most individuals think that because they know the game, the players and watch all of the sports programs, they can choose the winners of these games. In reality, this couldn't be farther from the truth. The art of predicting winners and losers involves research in what wins and loses ball games. Take the National Football League (NFL) for example.

Many professional handicappers use the NFL injury report to assist in picking the winners. Each team releases their evaluations on the health of their players, which is then disseminated to the world. By knowing which key players are completely healthy and playing at their greatest potential helps in analyzing the match-ups in the game. This, however, is only one aspect to be considered. The motivation of the team and their past performance

ances should also be factored into the picks.

On October 7, 2005, Morgan Creek Productions is set to release the dramatic thriller, "Two For the Money" starring Al Pacino and Matthew McConaughey. The movie chronicles the wheeling and dealings of the fast paced hand-cappers in the sports consulting business. McConaughey plays character Brandon Lang, a former college football star whose ability to predict the outcome of games introduces him to a new profession when his football career is sidelined by injury. Lang goes to work for the greatest handicapper alive, Walter Abrams (Pacino).

The real Walter Abrams is still picking the winners every Sunday. The real Walter Abrams lives and breathes in the world-class handicapping, Stu Feiner. Feiner's current employee Brandon Lane (with an 'e' rather than a 'g') wrote the treatment to the movie. "Funny thing - they changed my name to Brandon 'Lang' for 'artistic' purposes. It's still for no

matter how they spell the last name!" Lane said. "The movie captured the essence of the sports betting industry. Having my life portrayed by Matthew McConaughey is the thrill of a lifetime."

Feiner was absolutely not disappointed with the choice of Al Pacino to portray him either.

Stu Feiner has been picking winners for the last 24 years. Though many tout and complain about his unwavering confidence, he has one of the best winning percentages in the business. Those who complain about Feiner have not had the luxury of an Oscar-winning actor portraying their lives in a motion picture. If additional proof is necessary, visit www.stufiner.com and watch his winning percentage grow!

Whether you choose to believe in Feiner's success, Hollywood bet big money on the fact that America will love his story. Odds are, "Two For the Money" will be a blockbuster!

Johnny Carino's Restaurant Sponsors Opening Reception of Texas NAACP Conference

Johnny Carino's Restaurants proudly sponsored the 2005 Opening Reception of the Texas NAACP Annual Conference along with the Dallas NAACP host chapter on October 6, 2005. This event signified the 69th Annual Convention of the Texas Statewide Conference of NAACP Branches and was held at the Doubletree Hotel.

Rodney Morris, Sr. VP of Human Resources for Johnny Carino's welcomed the group to the reception. The NAACP Dallas Branch President, Mr. Bob Lydia, presented Carino's Restaurant and Mr. Johnnie King, President of The King Group with a special award. Mr. King has recently agreed to join the Board of Directors of Johnny Carino's, he will be the first African American director for the

chain. The parent company of Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurants, Fired Up, Inc. has contractual agreements for 490 Johnny Carino's to be developed by 21 franchise partners throughout the United States and the Middle East over the next 15 years. Fired Up Inc., intends to expand

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For more information regarding this event, please contact The King Group, Inc., at (214) 720-9046.



(L to R): Mr. Bob Lydia (NAACP Dallas Branch President), Mr. Rodney Morris (Johnny Carino's Sr. VP of Human Resources), and Mr. Johnnie King (President of The King Group, Inc.)

New Innovation in Hair Replacement

Many Trek to New Delhi for New and Innovative Procedure

(FSN) Baldness is often a result of aging, a foe none of us can successfully defeat. There are many men, however, plagued by genetics and baldness attacks at an early age. The premature loss of hair can severely lower the self-esteem in these men. For this reason, medical procedures have been created to assist in restoring these hair follicles and re-establishing the natural hairline. Early procedural solutions were extremely painful, involving scalpels and sometimes stitches and staples.

As time progressed, many less invasive techniques were discovered. Most involved transplanting hair from the donor site of the scalp directly to the balding area. Though this procedure is practical, it is not always effective since the hair being used is subject to the same baldness gene. Dr. Arvind Powal realized this dilemma and created a revolutionary procedure called FUSE. This stands for follicular unit separation extraction. What makes this procedure so revolutionary is

that the donor site does not have to be from the scalp but from anywhere on the body.

"Since most people consider body hair to be excess hair, it is the perfect place to harvest hair follicles," states Dr. Powal. "Body hair transplant is a means of getting a fuller head of hair while at the same time getting rid of unwanted hair." In his office in New Delhi, India, Dr. Arvind Powal has invented the tools and the methods that enable him to do exactly this type of transplant. In utilizing his groundbreaking procedure, Dr. Powal has become a pioneer in the practice of hair transplant.

The booming medical technology successes occurring in India is not a new phenomenon. CBS's "60 Minutes" recently dedicated a portion of their program to the popularity of the world's re-occurring voyages to India to take advantage of these constantly multiplying innovations. It is a growing trend not only because of the groundbreaking procedure but also because they can

have these procedures performed at a fraction of the cost charged in the western world.

Dr. Powal's superior techniques have made him one of those facilitating the world's migration to India's medical breakthroughs. Statistics show that his FUSE procedure is less invasive and leaves no visible linear scarring. The donor sites that can be used for the procedure include the abdomen, back, chest, thighs, legs, armpits, pubic and forearm. The FUSE procedure promises extraordinary results at eight (8) months.

Dr. A (as he is called in his practice), can also offer repair for past, wrongly performed hair restoration procedures, including wrongly placed/directed plug grafts or scalp reductions resulting in extensive scarring. Though the technical aspects of this procedure are extremely complicated, Dr. Powal offers detailed information regarding this procedure at www.fusehair.com.

Our Ally Against Terror

By Dr. Richard L. Benkin

Far from the battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan, from bombings in New York and London, the Muslim nation of Bangladesh is successfully fighting terrorists who want to turn that nation of 144 million souls into a Taliban state. In August, these same terrorists set off hundreds of explosives, as a "warning" of what will come if the government does not make Muslim law, Sharia, the law of the land.

But as Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia told US officials during her September trip to the United States, Bangladeshis have no intention of caving into the terrorists. They have arrested 288 radicals in connection with the bombings and are investigating their foreign sources of support. Their actions are part of a

multi-pronged effort to defeat homegrown and foreign terrorists.

The first is military. Under State Minister for Home Affairs, Lutfuzzaman Babar, the Bangladesh government's Rapid Action Battalion has moved aggressively against terrorists, arresting over 600 during its first year in operation and burning four organizations that advocate terror as a legitimate tactic for achieving their goals.

The second is political. While the ruling Bangladesh National Party could hold a majority itself, its leaders instead formed a coalition with fundamentalist parties. "Religious fundamentalists influence several democracies," one source told me. "It can work here." That Bangladesh theory of inclusive government seems to be working. Allegations of Korean desecration at

Guantanamo caused deadly riots elsewhere in the Muslim world but not in Bangladesh, which Babar attributes to the coalition. "If they are not brought into the democratic process, they have nowhere to go but the streets."

The third is economic. This month, President Bush told the UN that trade, especially free trade, and a higher standard of living was the best defense against terrorism. While Bangladesh remains poor, its citizens are slowly becoming less so. Poverty rates are dropping, development is proceeding, and Bangladesh is developing greater trade relationships with the United States.

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Plano Community Forum And Smokin' Kevan Browning Prepare For Annual Awards Banquet

The Plano Community Forum presents, "A Legacy of Service and Education" at its 23rd Annual Awards Banquet, Saturday, October 22, 2005 at The Southfork Hotel in Plano. The Silent Auction begins at 6:30pm with dinner and awards at 7:15pm. Guest choice is 94.5 KSOUL radio personality Smokin' Kevan Browning with musical performances by The Cedric "The Real Entertainer" Barrett Band.

The Plano Community Forum Awards Banquet, which is the organization's major fundraiser event of the year, will recognize the 2005 Martin Luther King Scholarship recipients and award honorees for their outstanding contributions in the Plano community. The Business Award will be presented to Personalizing IT, Inc. owned by Leo Bell. The Youth Award honors go to Mr. Kevin Dillon of Clark High School and the Educator Award recipient is Mrs. R. Ann Gray of Memorial Elementary.

The Special Recognition Award will be presented to Ms. E. Roschelle Brown, Community Affairs Director and executive producer of the KDFW-TV FOX 4 magazine news show "Insights" entering its 25th year of programming to the community. \$10,000 in scholarship awards were allotted for \$1,250. Beryl Davis

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100 years of Jim Crow lynchings and 50 years of governmental abuse to Black people, leaders and organizations.

Each section of the program will be based upon systemized approaches to bring about healing and wholeness of the Black community, first and foremost, and for all other oppressed people throughout this country.

A major highlight of the program will be the section dedicated to the victims and survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita that has made visible to the world much that has been invisible in America, classism, racism and injustice.

"We will start the Millions More Movement program with the first national Memorial Service for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and their families. This will be the first opportunity for survivors of the hurricane along with elected officials from the affected states, to gather together to commemorate those whose lives were changed by this national tragedy. But more

(Southern University) and Preston (University of Oklahoma). Samantha Clark (University of North Texas), Ashley Thomas (Delafield (Dillard University), Brittany Gilenwater (University of Michigan), and Charles Little (University of Chicago). \$750 - Marcia Adams (Baylor University) and Fran Gela (Texas A&M University). \$500 - Lauren Jones (Hampton University), Courtney Lloyd (University of Mississippi), Camila Novoa-Espinosa (Texas A&M University), and Debora Teniera (Brookhaven College).

The Plano Community Forum is a 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to raise money to provide scholarships for minority Plano high school graduating seniors. "Over the past 20 plus years, we have awarded approximately \$118,500 to 161 students."

Our group is unique in that we have awarded more scholarships to African American students than any other organization in Plano. We award scholarships to other minority students as well," says Brenda McDonald, Plano Community Forum President.

The event is open to the public. For ticket information call 972.260.4208 (voice mail) or 214.682.8364.

important, we are determined not to allow the lives of those lost to have been lost in vain," said Dr. Benjamin Chavis, President/CEO of the Hip Hop Summit Action Network.

In this section of the program, united after the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "From Chaos to Community," special moments of remembrance, dedication and protest will be highlighted through speeches, video images, and a 1000 voice choir.

The Millions More Movement is challenging all of us to rise above the things that have kept us divided in the past, by focusing us on the agenda of the Millions More Movement to see how all of us, with all of our varied differences, can come together and direct our energy, not at each other, but at the condition of the reality of the suffering of our people; that we might use all of our skills, gifts, and talents to create a better world for ourselves, our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren," declared The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan.

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Sister Tarpley

With so many disastrous things going on everywhere in our world today, with people looking for answers to explain what has happened and why. With people needing help everywhere you turn. We must not forget that God is still in control. It is now time for us to be real with God. You can put on a "front" for everybody but God. God can't be fooled. He knows what is in our hearts and minds. He said, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14. It doesn't matter if you give "little" or "much" (remember the story of the widow's two mites Mark 12:41-44) to the hurricanes victims, God is submitting the one that is going to give you credit for what you do for others. Let me also remind you that, only what you give for Christ will last.

I received this in my email long ago:

You can know all the scriptures, have all the Bibles that you can reach, but when push comes to shove, do you practice what you preach? Anyone can go to church and collapse on the floor, but when Judgment Day comes, will you be at Heaven's door?

You can have the biggest of fits

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"The actions that were observed on this video are certainly unacceptable by this department," Riley said.

Stephen Kodak, an FBI spokesman in Washington, said none of its agents had been disciplined. He said the FBI was taking part in the Justice Department's civil rights probe.

Davis said he had been walking in the French Quarter and approached a mounted police officer to ask about the curfew in the

Something To Think About

and say the Holy Ghost passed through, but is that really reflected in the things you do? You can yell far and wide proclaiming your love for Christ, but what have you given Him when for you He gave His life. You can lecture others about the wrong things that they do, but before you look at others, you need to look at you.

You can damn all the sinners, tell them that they are headed south, but



Picture Of The Week
Elder Lloyd (Director of the Music Ministry) & Sister Anwarah. Spence with their daughter, Anwarah at a morning service at Mt. Olive Church of Plano, Rev. Sam Fencovsky is the pastor.

what have you done lately besides run your mouth. You can call yourself a Christian, spend all your days at church, but while you are praising His name, have you been doing the Lord's work? You can boast of good deeds to show us the Spirit is within, but why show us it? Show it to Him.

city when another officer interrupted.

"This other guy interfered and I said he shouldn't," Davis said. "I started to cross the street and - bam - I got it ... All I know is this guy attacked me and said, 'I will kick your ...' and they proceeded to do it."

The confrontation came as the New Orleans Police Department - long plagued by allegations of brutality and corruption - struggles with the aftermath of Katrina.

Davis was kneed and pushed to the sidewalk with blood streaming down

You can memorize the Bible; know it from front to back, but don't use it to regulate others, regulate how you act. Take a good look at yourself, not at what others do, because when He comes to get His children, will YOU go too? - Author Unknown

Some encouraging verses from Psalms, Scriptures of Praise: In trouble times, remember, "The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Psalms 118:27. He alone is my rock, and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken. Psalms 62:6. The Heavens declare the Glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Psalms 19:1. The Lord rejoices, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound and all that is in it. Psalms 96:10-11. If I rise on the wings of the dove, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me; Your right hand will hold me fast. Psalms 139:9-10. Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea - the Lord on high is mighty. Psalms 93:4. Psalms 63:1. Commit your ways to the Lord; trust in Him and He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn ... Psalms 37:5-6. Your love, O Lord, reaches to the ends of the earth; Your faithfulness to the skies. Psalms 36:5.

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his arm and into the gutter. The officers accused of striking Davis were identified as Schilling and Evangelist.

During the arrest, another officer, identified as Smith, ordered APTN producer Rich Matthews and a cameraman to stop recording. When Matthews held up his credentials, the officer grabbed the producer, leaned him backward over a car, jabbed him in the stomach and unleashed a profanity-laced tirade.

Police said Davis was booked on public intoxication, resisting arrest, battery on a police officer and public intimidation.

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BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

October 25, 4:00 pm
Please join us for our Lay Women soul-stirring "Preach Feet" featuring 10 powerful Lay Women of God.
October 25 - 26, 7:30 pm
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October 28, 2005
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COMMUNITY WORLD OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

October 15, 10:00 am - 12 Noon
You are invited to join Pastor Tarpley as she conducts a Women's Session for the Fellowship of Believers International Church Association's Holy Convocation 2005 @ 3911 S. Lancaster Road, Dallas, TX 75216, in Oak Cliff. The theme: It's Only The Beginning/The Best Is Yet To Come. It is found in 1 Corinthians 2:9. For further info and registration fees for Saturday's sessions, contact Elder Erica Jackson, National Secretary for Fellowship of Believers International

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Our Saturday Day Time Sessions will be taught by Sis. Diane Clark from Fellowship of Believers Ministries in Dallas, TX; Pastor Lisa Tarpley, Overseer for Community World Outreach International Ministry in Irving, TX; Pastor Mancel Carroll from Gilead on The Mount in Mesquite, TX; and Minister Williams Davis from St. Mark MBC in Dallas, TX.

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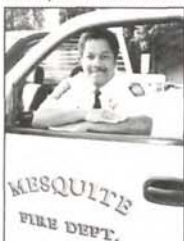
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New Fire Marshal Making Plans To Update Department

By Jackie Larson
There's new firepower in Mesquite, where Alfred Paster Jr. has been named fire marshal. Marshal Paster started working with the Mesquite Fire Department in 1986 as a firefighter. After six years, he moved up to driver engineer, eventually becoming a captain at Station 1. Before his new post, he was deputy fire chief.
He was named fire marshal on Sept. 1 after two months of training with Gary Gilliam, who retired from the job.
Marshal Paster's department conducts arson investigations and does annual inspections of businesses. It includes five inspectors and three investigators, and Marshal Paster has plans for bringing it into the 21st century.
"My goal is to continue updating and automating the fire prevention division and to help

maintain the city of Mesquite as a safe place to live and work," he said. "I want to computerize the whole fire prevention division so that inspections are all done on



laptop computers." The fire marshal's office also handles fire safety education. On average, each year about 20,000 children and adults attend safety and prevention programs con-

ducted through the fire marshal's office.

"Marshal Paster and his wife, Stephanie, are from Louisiana, where he received a degree in industrial arts technology from Grambling State University. The move to Mesquite suited them both, and they have raised their two children here. "My wife loves Mesquite," he said.

Marshal Paster said he found his calling shortly after his college graduation.
"Once I became a firefighter, I just loved it," he said.

Like many firefighters, he has been in life-threatening situations that summoned all his courage and life-saving skills.
"When you're carrying somebody out of a burning house, there's no time to really think about it. You just leave it up to your past training and get it done. I did the job and we got the person out."

Strayhorn Looks To Refund \$80 Million In Unclaimed Property

Texas Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn said the state is seeking to refund about \$80 million in unclaimed wages, dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks and other unclaimed property.
Starting Oct. 16, the state will publish a list of more than 182,000 Texans who have money owed to them, but have not claimed it. The list will be published in daily newspapers throughout the state.
"The list published in the newspapers includes the names of Texans with property valued

at \$100 or more that was reported to the state within the last year," Strayhorn said Monday. "When you include people who have less than \$100 and the millions of dollars that remain unclaimed from previous years, our total unclaimed property is \$1.3 billion that belongs in the pockets of hardworking Texans."

This year, the state has \$27.5 million in unclaimed wages, \$8.9 million from dormant bank accounts, \$4.9 million in uncashed checks from the state, \$12.8 million in insurance proceeds, \$2.6 million in utility

refunds, \$4.8 million in mineral royalties and \$11.8 million in other assets.
Banks and businesses are required by law to turn in unclaimed cash, safe deposit box contents and other assets to the state if the rightful owners cannot be found.

The comptroller's office also maintains an unclaimed property database on its Web site (www.window.state.tx.us/up/). Individuals can claim their money by calling 1-800-654-3463.

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Monday School: 7pm
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SUNDAY ACTIVITIES
8:30 am - Sunday School • 10:00 am - Worship Services
MONDAY
6:30 pm - Missions • 7:00 pm - Brotherhood
WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm - Teacher's Meeting
7:00 pm - Prayer & Midweek Lesson
SATURDAY
10:00 am thru 1:00 pm
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A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17

Sunday Morning Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship (Apogee Hour) First Sunday 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.

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SERVICE TIMES
Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 am
Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Sunday Services
9:00 am - Prayer Ministry
9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Morning Worship & Children's Church
Tuesday Service
7:00 pm - Bible Study

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Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

Schedule of Services:
Sunday
Early Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes 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 Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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