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People In The News



Quia Querisma is a young lady who is determined to follow her dreams in spite of any roadblocks in her path. Those dreams and passion have driven the 27 year-old single mother and marketing specialist to assume yet another title: magazine publisher. Ms. Querisma decided last July to launch Y.L. Magazine, aimed at urban African-American girls.

"It's been a dream of mine, and I tend to go after my dreams and keep them," she says.

Quia is intent on providing positive images for young black teen girls in Y.L. (short for Young Ladies), which she describes as a combination of Teen Vogue, Essence and Seventeen.

"For now, it's (the magazine) is all about the girls. Things are changing for them all the time...Images and messages comes almost exclusively from hip-hop and rap and that's not good. Those songs can be so brash and demeaning to women. I don't want my daughter to grow up with the negatives and the stereotypes," she offered.

Positive images abound in the content of Y.L. Magazine; the premiere issue touts articles such as "Being an A student," "Respect: You deserve better," in conjunction with Fashion Craze and an article on Destiny's Child.

For more information on Y.L. Magazine subscriptions or to contact Quia Querisma visit www.yl-mag.com or call 214-317-4844.

Mable Ngalende-Fuller, used her battles with domestic abuse to inspire others. The youngest of seven children, born in Malawi, Central Africa, Fuller is "no stranger to struggle and perseverance. Her parents divorced when she was seven. The family faced starvation due to famine and she had to walk miles just to attend school. But, through it all she believed that with God's love she could overcome and achieve anything.



The first time author appeared at Black Images Book Bazaar to speak candidly about her journey and the physical and verbal abuse she suffered during her marriage. Fuller's story of abuse is one that resonates around the world. But, she wants to serve as an example for anyone who is and has been abused that you can rise up and soar, if you just believe.

Her book entitled, "You Can Destroy Your Defiant Giant" outlines how she found the courage to leave an abusive relationship and go on to achieve her Master's Degree in eight months, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

Fuller describes herself as an activist, evangelist, visionary and motivational speaker. She offers encouragement to others by saying, "You have survived life. You have made it! Celebrate yourself! Let go of yesterday! Believe, hope and dream again."

Fuller may be contacted at 1-888-280-7715 or visit mablengalendefuller.com.



Sherel Riley covers a lot of ground in a typical week.

She works as a human resources trainer for Countrywide Mortgage in Plano, and on the weekend, her alter ego appears. The "other" Sherel can be found belting out jazz standards at local restaurants and venues.

Sherel's next performance connects her jazzy talents with her church-based roots, as Ms. Riley

is the featured vocalist at "Jazz, Java & Jesus," a free evening of music and ministry sponsored by Bethel Bible Fellowship. The event will be held on Saturday, November 12th, at 7:00 pm. The location is 1944 Hebron Parkway, Dallas.

Singing jazz in a church is hardly a new experience for Sherel; in fact, she started singing at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship (OCBF) since the age of four. "I've never known a moment in my life without singing," says Ms. Riley.

Sherel Riley's accompanist for her regular gig at Crayton's Restaurant in Deep Ellum is local jazz legend Roger Boykin.

Ms. Riley is focused on reaching people, regardless of the venue.

"I always feel that I can inspire someone through music. Even if it's not in church, you can always have church."

For more information about "Jazz, Java & Jesus," call 972-492-4300. The event is cosponsored by Righteous Music Coffeehouse, which is dedicated to nontraditional methods of worship and evangelism.

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Dallas Urban League Young Professionals Conference Prepares Future Leaders

By: Justin Jones

There was a lot of teaching, inspiring and networking going on when many young, minority professionals gathered at Nortel on Nov. 5 for the Dallas Urban League Young Professionals' second annual Minorities Corporate America Leaders conference.

And with a theme of Emerging Leadership: Reinvented, it's Lincoln Stephens' hope that everything learned will be put to good use.

"This means absolutely nothing if people go away and don't do anything. People should get involved in events like this, not only because it's important from a professional standpoint, but for their personal development as well," the MICA Committee Chairman said. "If you take everything that you learned here and combine that all, then the possibilities are completely



Participants in the Minorities In Corporate America Conference discuss leadership characteristics

endless. And this is a good forum for that to happen."

The conference started with a inspirational greeting from Dr. Wright Lassiter—a El Centro and Urban League executive board

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Stronger Mayor Fails; Gay-Marriage Ban, Homeless Shelter Approved By Voters

Texans voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to bolster the state's ban on same-sex marriage by writing it into the state constitution, rejecting concerns that the broadly worded amendment could go much further than intended.

The measure swept most of the state's major urban counties, including Dallas and Tarrant. Overall, the amendment, Proposition 2 on the statewide ballot, prevailed by about a 3-to-1 ratio as voters decided nine amendments.

Dallas County voters on Tuesday approved the use of \$23.8 million in bond money for the construction of a 24-hour homeless shelter to replace the overcrowded Day Resource Center.

The proposed downtown center would provide shelter, restrooms, showers, job

training and mental health treatment for the homeless.

The proposition passed by a 59 percent to 41 percent margin in complete, unofficial results.

For the second time in six months, Dallas voters on Tuesday rejected a proposal to give more power to the city's mayor.

By a margin of 54 percent to 46 percent, with all precincts reporting, voters rejected a proposal that would give the mayor the authority to hire and fire the city manager as well as to

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Obama Says Bush 'Wasted An Opportunity' With Choice For High Court

By: James Wright

Special to the NNPA from Afro Newspapers
President Bush's nomination of Judge Samuel A. Alito of the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals to be an associate justice to the U.S. Supreme Court has drawn a respectful but unenthusiastic response from members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Bush's first selection, White House Counsel Harriett Miers, dropped out because of concerns regarding White House documents being turned over to the Senate and the lack of support she had among conservative Republicans.

The only CBC member who will vote on Alito's nomination, Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), said: "Though I will reserve judgment on how I will vote on Judge Alito's nomination until after



the hearings, I am concerned that President Bush has wasted an opportunity to appoint a consensus nominee in the mold

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Town Hall Meeting for National Agenda

The Dallas Local Organizing Committee for the Millions More Movement hosts the first community town hall meeting, Saturday, November 12, 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1816 Routh Street, Dallas.

The meeting is organized to follow up, stimulate and encourage community dialogue on the National Agenda of the Millions More Movement. Members of the community are asked to come and lend their voices to the issues that impact our families and communities, in an effort to assist in the development of a ten year plan of Freedom, Justice, & Equality for People of Color. The objective of the meeting is to network and build unity among community lead-

ers, activists, elected officials and others committed to the ideas presented in the Millions More Movement which began on October 14, 2005 in Washington D.C.

Minister Farrakhan stated, "It is time for us, as leaders, to come together and begin to think, plan, and act on behalf of the whole of our people." The town hall meeting is the commencement. To learn more about the town hall meeting, call the Millions More Mobilization Office at (214) 915-9927.

National Donor Sabbath Events Raise Organ Donation Awareness



Liver transplant recipient and elementary school principal Verna Mitchell

By: Paul Hailey
What would you do if one of your organs stopped working and you needed a transplant? Would someone you know be willing to donate one of their organs to you? Would you be willing to donate one of your

organs to keep a loved one alive?

These are questions that most of us hope we never have to answer, but for an increasing number of African-Americans those questions are

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French Hoping Curfews Bring End To Unrest



Firefighters extinguish a fire in a burning car in Gentilly, south of Paris, early Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005. French President Jacques Chirac promised arrest, trials and punishment Sunday for those sowing 'violence or fear' across France

By: Christine Ollivier
President Jacques Chirac declared a state of emergency Tuesday, paving the way for curfews to be imposed on riot-hit cities and towns in an extraordinary measure to halt France's worst civil unrest in decades after 12 nights of violence.

Police, meanwhile, said overnight unrest Monday-Tuesday, was still widespread and destructive but not as violent as previous nights.

"The intensity of this violence is on the way down," National Police Chief Michel Gaudin

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Salute To Plano Veteran: Colonel Carolyn Hamilton-Evans

For more than 30 years, Plano resident Carolyn Hamilton-Evans served her country as a member of the United States Air Force. The retired Air Force Colonel has battled through both potential racism and sexism to perform with excellence in every position she has held.

Colonel Hamilton-Evans received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington, and her Master's degree from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA. She held numerous positions during her career in the military, her last position as Assistant Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff for the Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia.

The Colonel, who grew up in Shreveport, said joining



the Air Force was a natural progression in her life because she had been groomed from childhood to excel.

"To be in the armed forces is to be associated with the best America has to offer," she said. "The profession of arms is a unique profession.

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Writer's Block Presents 2nd Annual Writer's Conference



(L to R) Writers Block Organizers Toyette Dowdell, Janice Hollins, Ann Fields and Jacqueline Duffey.

By: Gwen Elder
The Writer's Block, Inc. held its 2nd Annual Writer's Conference, Saturday, November 5, at the Court Reporting Institute of Dallas.

The purpose of the conference was to provide a forum for writers and those aspiring to be writers an opportunity for discussion and networking with established writers, agents and editors. This was accomplished by having several workshops and panels that focused on topics such as the Basics of Non-Fiction, Poetry Tract, Fiction Tract, Agents and Editors Panel, Authors Panel and Media Panel.

In addition to the participation of authors the conference presented a Media Panel led by Paul Hailey, Editor of MON: The Gazette. Other Panelists

were Cheryl Smith, Editor of Dallas Weekly, Denise Bunkley, Executive Producer of Positively Texas and Public Affairs Producer for CBS 11 KTVT/UPN and Robert Ashley News Director and talk show host at KHVN AM. They discussed how writers can access the media to promote their books and how to do freelance writing for publications.

In addition to instruction writers, the organization also offers scholarships to college juniors and seniors. This year's recipients are Venetta Lynne Davis, a student at the University of Texas at



Elaine Flowers presents scholarship to Venetta Lynne Davis a student at the University of Texas At Arlington

Arlington and Sha' Day Mekol Jackson, a student at Tuskegee. Both students each received \$200 scholarships.

To learn more about The Writer's Block, Inc. visit www.writersblockinc.org.



(L to R) Paul Hailey, Editor of MON: The Gazette, Cheryl Smith, Editor, Dallas Weekly, Katherine "Kat" Smith, author of the Book Seller's List, Denise Bunkley, Executive Producer of Positively Texas and Public Affairs Producer for CBS11-KTVT/UPN21 and Nigel Wheeler, NBC News, Channel 5.

.....And She's Nice!

Say what you will about people who have achieved celebrity status. They have it, star quality that brings them legions of fans. Former supermodel Iman definitely has it. And she brought it with her when she was in Dallas last week to promote her new book on beauty at Black Images Book Bazaar.



Iman



Iman thanks Emma Rodgers of Black Images Books

Mary Lois Sweatt Receives Lifetime Contribution Award In Dance



Ms. Sweatt address the audience upon receiving the Mary McLarry Bywaters Award for Lifetime Contribution to Dance.

By: Gwen Elder

The Hudson name in Dallas is synonymous with strength, dignity, perseverance, courage and fortitude. The family has been quietly waging their own brand of fighting injustices for years. Mr. Samuel Hudson fought to break down racial barriers so that his children could benefit from the many activities that would help them succeed in life. He passed away this May at the age of ninety-four. But, his legacy, as well as his wife's, Ella Lois continues in the ongoing successes and achievements of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

On Friday, November 5, Mary Lois Hudson Sweatt was honored, for her lifetime and artistic contributions to dance. She received the Mary Bywaters Award for Lifetime Achievement at the 8th Annual Dance Council Legacy Awards Ceremony, held at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 8787 Greenville Avenue.

Her accomplishments and achievements are many. She has served on the faculty of Hockaday School, taught at the Ursuline Academy and was a Resource Specialist and lecturer



(L to R) Alisa Lois, (daughter), Dr. James L. Sweatt (husband), Ms. Sweatt (center), Ana Cristina (daughter-in-law and wife of Dr. William Sweatt), Dr. William Sweatt (Son). In front are Katarina (left) and Cristina (right), grandchildren.

for Black Liturgical Dance at the Perkins School of Theology at SMU. She has been featured in the "High Profile" section of the Dallas Morning News and the "Heroes Among Us" Channel 8 -WFAA-TV. She was also honored by the 1991 Black Legislative Council. Her students have earned scholarships to attend many prestigious dance schools around the country.

They include Interlochen Performing Arts Camp, Alvin Ailey Summer Intensive Programs and others.

On this special occasion as Ms. Sweatt accepted the award she was as most great people are humble and she gave thanks graciously and abundantly to all the people who have helped and supported her along the way.

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Around The Town

November 7-18

Collin County Community College and the Arts presents, "The Music of Nature and the Nature of Music, a photographic interpretation by Barry L. Schoenholz. The exhibition and reception will be held in the main Atrium at Collin's Spring Creek Campus. For information call 972-881-5873.

November 10

The Quick Response Group will host a housing fair to assist Hurricane Katrina/Rita evacuees find permanent housing, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Concord Baptist Church, 6808 Pastor Bailey Drive (Formerly Boulder Drive) (Dallas). Call 214-331-8522 or 469-867-6788 for information.

November 11

The SPCA of Texas is waiving its adoption fees on Veteran's Day for military personnel, active or veterans who are interested in adopting a pet from one of three shelters. Call 214-651-9611 for information.

November 11-

December 26

The SPCA celebrating its 15th year in NorthPark with adoptable animals and merchandise at its all new Paws and Presents storefront on the upper level between Neiman

Marcus and Nordstrom, next to Santa's Workshop, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Mon-Sat. For information call 214-651-9611, ext 118 or ext. 143.

November 11-12

South Dallas Cultural Center Presents 5th Annual Dance Festival, 8:00 p.m., James Madison High School, 3000 Martin Luther King Blvd. Call 214-559-3993 for information.

November 11-20

In celebration of World's Children's Day, the Ronald McDonald House Charities ask that you purchase a "paper hand" available at all McDonalds. Money raise will support the RMHC and RMHC of North Texas which provides grants to local children's charities and scholarships to local youth. Call 214-252-1747 or 214-252-1738 for information.

November 11-13

Texas Stampede Rodeo, American Airlines Center. For more info visit www.texasstampede.org

Black Academy of Arts and Letters presents, "Willie and Esther", Dallas Convention Center, Theatre and Complex, corner of Akard and Canton, 8:00 p.m.

November 11 and 12

Willie and Esther", starring Ella Joyce with Michael Broughton, 8:00 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Café, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex. Call 214-743-2400 for information.

November 11

Networking Dollars, featuring eight Chamber of Commerce's and over 1000 business professionals and 70 vendors, 5:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m., Charles W. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr. (Richardson). Call 972-517-4483 for information.

November 12

Step Show: High School Stomp Wars: Volume I, featuring high from the DFW and surrounding areas, Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr. (Richardson), 7:00p.m. Call 972-744-4650 for information.

The 2006 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Steering Committee will meet 8:45 a.m., Kaiser Street Missionary Baptist Church, 517 Kaiser St. (Garland) The event will take place January 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. For information call 972-381-5044.

Finding Your Inner Scribe writing workshops, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Participants will be encouraged to relax, reflect and let their writing flow. For information call 214-331-2677 or manelock@sbcglobal.net.

"A Dallas Agenda-Towards Building a Movement", sponsored by the Millions More Movement, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., St Paul United Methodist Church (UMC), 1816 Routh St. (Dallas). Call 214-922-0000 for information.

November 13

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters present the highly

acclaimed comedy stage play:

Jammin@the center is an open mic jam session for jazz lovers. Bring your songs and horns and join the house band. Singers and poets are welcome to perform. The event takes place 1409 S. Lamar St., 7:30 p.m. Information 214-939-2787.

November 14

94.5 K-Soul and Central Dallas - Ministries present Gladys Knight at the Morton H. Myerson Symphony Center, 8 p.m. Tickets at Ticketweb.com

The Dallas Women Executives cordially invite you to a breakfast to kick-off 2006 National Woman's Heart Day Campaign, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., Arlington Hall at Lee Park, 3333 Turtle Creek (Dallas). Please RSVP by November 11 to 214-871-0783.

November 15

DFW International Leadership and Business Forum, presents "Stand and Be Counted"

11:45 a.m., May Dragon Restaurant, 4848 Beltline Rd. (Addison). Contact dfwinternational.org for information.

November 17

The Senior Source of Greater Dallas announces senior support meetings. The subject for this meeting is "The Follow-up Factor", 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 1215 Skiles St. RSVP at 214-823-5700.

November 18

Black Tie & Boots benefit for State Representative Yvonne Davis Featuring Jerry "The Ice

Man" Butler, Eddie Deen's Ranch, 944 S. Lamar St. (Dallas), 8:00 p.m. For information call 214-946-8808

Jammin@the Center, late night jam session, 12 a.m.-3:00 a.m., 1409 S. Lamar St. Call 214-670-0315 for information.

Marriage Workshop, 7:00 p.m., Mount Olive Church of Plano. 740 Avenue F. The speaker will be Rev. Marilyn Giles. For information call 214-850-6775 or 972-396-9651.

November 18-19

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters Presents "Dallas Sings, An Evening of Opera", 8:00 p.m., Clarence Muse Café Theater. Call 214-743-2400 for information.

November 19

Garland NAACP Youth Council meeting, 12 noon, South Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. For information call 972-381-5044.

Rev. Cecil Smith, Sr. and Ms. Janice Manous will be honored at the 4th Annual Scholarship Banquet, 1:00 p.m., Covenant Church Wedding Chapel, 2644 E. Trinity Mills Rd., Carrollton. For information call 972-242-0933.

Author Jervey Tervalon will read and sign his books 7:30 p.m., at Paperbacks Plus, 6115 La Vista (Dallas). For information call 214-828-1715.

The Real Estate Council Honors "Dreamers, Doers and Unsung Heroes" at the 14th Annual Fall Gala, Gaylord Texas (Grapevine), 6 p.m. Call 214-

692-3600 for information.

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Christian Expo, 9:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. Infomart, 1950 Stemmons Freeway. Call 972-293-9719 for information.

November 20

Richardson Community Band concludes Fourth Season of Concerts, 2:00 p.m. at the Eisemann Center.

9th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration Awards Night, 5:00 p.m., Sterling Hotel. Call 214-325-1916 for information.

November 22

Plano Senior High's Jazz ensemble will feature "A Night at Club Cat, We Got That Swing", 7:30 p.m., in the PSHS cafeteria. For information call 972-867-5334.

The Imax Experience comes to Omni Theatre with the presentation of the Polar Bear Express, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. For information call 817-255-9411 for information.

December 1

Mark your calendar for the City's annual Christmas on the Square and Parade of Lights. (Garland).

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

The Willie Lynch Syndrome—Fact Or Fiction

By: James W. Breedlove

The legend of Willie Lynch has been a recurring enigma confronting black Americans for many years. Willie Lynch was purported to be a British plantation owner from the West Indies who came to Virginia in 1712 and spoke to local slave holders gathered on the banks of the James River about methods for keeping their slaves disunited and under control.

"In my bag here, I have a foolproof method for controlling your black slaves. I guarantee every one of you that if installed correctly, it will control the slaves for at least 300 years."

Lynch argued the old should be pitted against the young, the dark against the light, and the male against the female. Slave families must be ripped apart and isolated so the children are raised only by the mothers. Slaves should be encouraged to fight amongst each other over differences such as skin color, intelligence, sex, and origin. "Fear, distrust and envy are the primary tools for control purposes," he said.

Withholding education was also critical, Lynch warned. "If you teach him all about your language, he will know all your secrets, and be a slave no more."

Relying on schools and dubious historical accounts to educate black children actually falls within the parameters of the "Willie Lynch School of Thought". Too often we make the mistake of expecting schools and media to raise our children and teach them their history despite repeated proof that this will never be done to any substantial degree.

Lynch's speech and slave control instructions have been widely circulated on the Internet and quoted by many, including Minister Louis Farrakhan during the first

Million Man March in 1995 and again during the Million More March in 2005. Farrakhan's extensive reference to the Willie Lynch speech inspired the term "Willie Lynch Syndrome" that denotes the speech's insidious and destructive impact.

One of the first documented internet postings is traced to Ms. Anne Taylor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis who obtained a print copy published in the St. Louis Black Pages in 1993. However, since its appearance historians have investigated the speech's authenticity and found a number of references that are questionable and add fuel to the fact or fiction controversy.

For example, in the first paragraph, Lynch promises that "Ancient Rome would envy us if my program is implemented," but the word "program" did not enter the English language with this connotation until 1837. The use of the words "outline for action" is also suspect since it did not convey its present meaning until 1759 and "fool-proof" is date stamped 1902.

Even more damning is his use of the terms "indoctrination" and "self-refueling" in describing long term effects of his control system. Indoctrination was not used in that manner until 1832 and refueling did not surface until the early 20th century. Lynch uses the word "Black" to describe African Americans more than two centuries before the word came to be applied as an ethnic identifier.

It is also difficult to imagine why the author introduces the theme of "James... our illustrious king". James died in 1625 and Queen Anne was the ruling English monarch in 1712. These are but a few of the many anomalies that suggest the speech was not written in 1712 but in the late 1900's.

African Americans need to understand that whether the

Willie Lynch speech is fact or fiction the theories espoused in the Lynch writings accurately describe measures still being used by institutions to control black Americans. All of the initiatives implemented in modern social engineered programs that foster distrust, envy and conflict within the Black Community are the substance of Willie Lynch doctrine?

The Willie Lynch syndrome affects Blacks all across America. It saps hope. It steals success. It promotes the drudgery and despair that spawns self-loathing, low self-esteem, and self-destructive behavior guaranteed by Lynch.

Generations of subsidized housing complexes and the family disruptive Aid to Dependent Children have nurtured neighborhoods of concentrated poverty in which single mothers raise the vast majority of the children.

Rampant illegitimacy has been sanctioned by an inner-city culture in which some consider it a sign of manhood to father numerous children by different women - a page right out of the Lynch playbook.

And Willie Lynch would be absolutely elated at the way those living in these neighborhoods fight among themselves. The white master no longer has to instigate the neighbor against neighbor altercations. "As long as they fight themselves", Lynch said, "they won't fight the system". And, as the ghost of Willie Lynch promised, it is self-replicating. One lost generation leading into the next.

All black Americans - particularly those confined to America's toughest neighborhoods need to become fed up with being the modern day puppets still dancing to and being controlled by the mythical 300-year-old Willie Lynch slave tune.

Email Comments to Politics@MonTheGazette.com

NBA Dress Code: Racism or Business?

By: Paul Hailey

One week into the NBA's new "business casual" dress code for players and no class-action suits for workplace discrimination have been filed by the players. There have been no investigations of the league by the United States Justice Department for potential civil rights violations.

In short, all has been calm in the land of millionaires.

Even Allen Iverson, whose usual style violates every tenet of the new dress code was ok with new rules on attire.

"I don't have a problem with it," Iverson said. "I'll do it for the rest of the season."

That statement is in stark contrast to the sentiments expressed by some players when the league unveiled the new dress code at the end of the preseason. Players criticized the new rules for being unfair, unnecessary, an attack on hip-hop culture and racist.

The new dress code bans sports apparel including jerseys, headphones, head gear, sunglasses worn indoors and flashy jewelry by players while on league or team business.

Player comments have ranged from absurd to hilarious, while indicating how out of touch with everyday reality NBA players have become.

Stephen Jackson of the Indiana Pacers voiced no opposition to the bulk of the "business casual" demands in the NBA's new dress code, but he described the jewelry ban as "attacking young black males."

"I think it's a racist statement because a lot of the guys who are wearing chains are my age and are

black," said Jackson, 27. "I wore all my jewelry today to let it be known that I'm upset with it."

This is the same Stephen Jackson who served a 30 game suspension last November for going into the stands with teammate Ron Artest in Detroit during a brawl and fighting with fans.

The sad point is that some of these guys just don't get it.

As Stern has said: "There is nothing we do that doesn't affect several hundred young African-American men," referring to the high percentage of blacks in the league.

Millions of people in this country go to work everyday in clothes that conform to rules set down by their employer. Postal workers, UPS delivery persons, office workers-no one is in corporate America is allowed to show up for work in a do-rag, throwback jersey, platinum chains, headphones and sunglasses. The guy working fries at McDonalds can't refuse to wear the uniform because it is an "attack on young black males". Well actually, he can refuse-he'll also be able to talk about extensively while he is at home wondering why he was terminated.

There are rules in business. These rules aren't racist, they aren't fair, and they are not made in a democratic fashion. They are rules designed to govern the image the business, to ensure it continues to make money.

And money is what this is all about. The majority of the 450 players in the NBA are black. The majority of the patrons of the NBA, (the folks buying the tickets) are white. White patrons are not going to continue to pay to see young black men play basketball if those same

young men look like thugs. Even if they will, David Stern is smart enough to not give them the opportunity. That's not racist, it's good business.

The league has no choice but to distance itself from the "thug" aspects of the hip-hop culture. It has to protect itself and its image. At the end of the day, all the league has to market is the game and its image.

When the players refuse to maintain a certain image, then the league has no choice but to step in and regulate. It hasn't been done previously because it wasn't necessary. Players like Dr. J, Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan never had to be told to not wear a do-rag to an interview. There has been a glamorization of hip-hop culture ethos which says "I can do whatever I want, whenever I want and nobody can tell me what to do". That attitude is not only dangerous, but it sends a self-destructive message to millions of young black males who idolize NBA players.

Some of the older players do seem to understand, at least Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning.

"What Stern is trying to do is improve the image of the league; he is not trying to run anybody's life," Mourning said.

At the NBA draft each year, none of the draftees has a problem wearing a suit and tie when they come up on stage to shake David Stern's hand. Once they receive the contract and all the trappings that come with it, they should want to show up for work every day looking the same way.

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Ghetto Cracker: The Hip Hop 'Sell Out'

By: Anthony B. Bradley

What does it mean for a black person to "sell out"? Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, Tiger Woods and many more, are often branded as "sell outs" or accused of "acting white" because they speak understandable English, pursue learning and have racially integrated lives. What is overlooked, however, is that much of the hip-hop and rap world represents a different form of "acting white" and "selling out." That is, hip hop culture can be traced to the urbanization of the southern "redneck," or to use the more socially offensive term, "cracker" culture of the past.

Thomas Sowell, in his latest book, *Black Rednecks and White Liberals*, reminds us that what is often construed as urban black culture has striking similarities to the cracker culture of the old South. This cracker culture emerged in the American South through the immigration of culturally lowbrow English immigrants. In the antebellum era, about 90 percent of U.S. blacks were immersed in this expression of southern living. When blacks migrated into major northern cities, beginning in the early twentieth century, Sowell argues that they brought redneck culture with them.

The dominant social, moral, and cultural values among Southern rednecks that Sowell highlights, and that have been explained in works such as Grady McWhiney's *Cracker Culture: Celtic Ways in the Old South*, include aversion to work, proclivity for violence, contentment with little to no education, sexual promiscuity, short-term thinking, drunkenness, an anti-entrepreneurial spirit, reckless pursuit of excitement, and wild music and dance. Rednecks had touchy

pride, what you might call today a "bling-bling" vanity, a boastfully dramatized sense of self, and little self-control.

This "cracker" ethos of the past has been baptized into the hip-hop world with reckless abandon. When black kids call studious blacks "white," or when black kids scold other black kids for sounding "white," they have adopted a ghetto cracker mentality. Only a ghetto cracker would ridicule the pursuit of education, the speaking of correct English, and working hard. They boast of violent activities, sexual promiscuity, and "gettin' high and drunk," "acting a fool up in da' club," or bumping and grinding on the dance floor. The ghetto cracker celebrates being out of control and spending money instead of saving and investing.

Being a ghetto cracker, regardless of race, is the pursuit of a lifestyle of self-sabotage that undermines human dignity and despises the morality that undergirds civil society. Selling out one's dignity and future to regressive moral standards is the way of the ghetto cracker.

Hip hop magazines like *Vibe*, *The Source*, and *XXL* celebrate the ghetto cracker. In the July issue of *Vibe*, we find celebration of the strip-club lifestyle of rappers the Ying Yang Twins, affirmation of fighting to display toughness, and a picture of rapper Pitbul holding his toddler son while standing in front of two naked women painted red, not to mention a repugnant set of advertisements that would make all of our grandmothers gasp.

There is, however, an alternative vision of black American culture that recognizes the dual values of moral and economic responsibility. The July issue of *Black Enterprise* magazine does

not promote misleading racial dichotomies but celebrates living wisely. The pages are filled with articles about investment strategies, starting businesses, homeownership, and a profile of black astrophysicist Neil Tyson, who received a PhD from Columbia University in 1991. There are ads featuring the Harlem Book Fair, the American Black Film Festival, and Morehouse College. Hard work, pursuing education, the virtues of prudence, integrity, self-discipline, humility, and the advantages of marriage and family are all part of the fabric that supports the activities celebrated in this alternative expression of the black community.

This is not "selling out"; it is "buying in." Buying in to the fact that authentic blackness is not being a ghetto cracker. Buying in embraces a worldview that understands our common human nature and what it means to live in a way that is truly fulfilling—a worldview that promotes dignity, work, marriage, family, and healthy community. The real sell-out is the one who urbanizes counterproductive moral values and behaviors. They are people like Russell Simons, Puff Daddy, 50 Cent, the Ying Yang Twins, and others who encourage minorities to adopt the attitudes of the Southern, redneck cracker culture of the past while claiming authentic blackness. Being a chocolate covered antebellum redneck of the past is not being "black"; it is simply "selling out" disguised as hip hop.

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said, citing fewer attacks on public buildings and fewer direct clashes between youths and police. He said rioting was reported in 226 towns across France, compared with nearly 300 the night before.

The mayhem sweeping the neglected and impoverished neighborhoods with large African and Arab communities is forcing France to confront anger building for decades among residents who complain of discrimination and unemployment. Although many of the French-born children of

Arab and black African immigrants are Muslim, police say the violence is not being driven by Islamic groups.

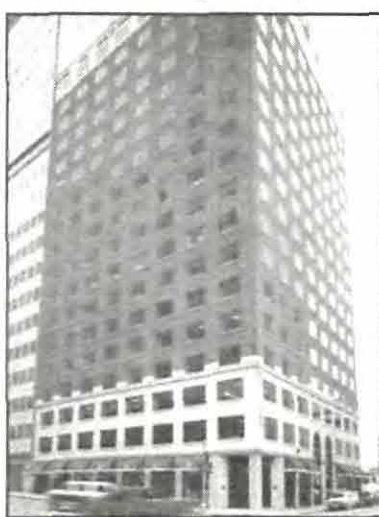
Nationwide, vandals burned 1,173 cars overnight, compared with 1,408 vehicles Sunday-Monday, police said. A total of 330 people were arrested, down from 395 the night before.

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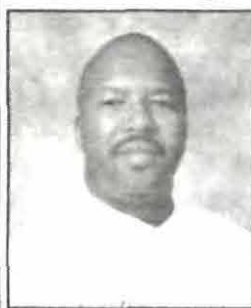
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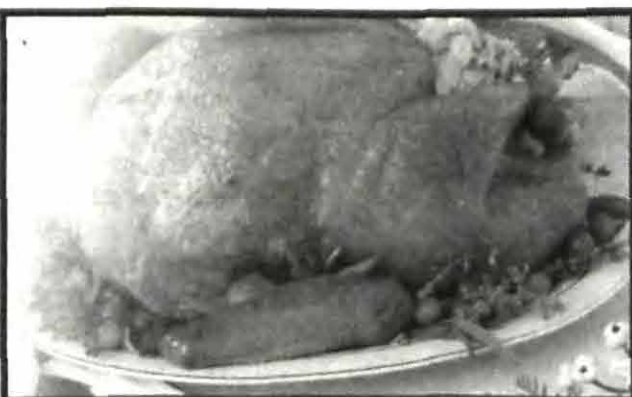


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Boondocks: Aaron McGruder Defends Use Of N-Word

The N-word and its heavy presence in last night's debut of "The Boondocks" on Cartoon Network sits at the root of a new protest from Los Angeles community activist Najee Ali.

The half-hour series, based on Aaron McGruder's controversial cartoon strip, premiered at 11 p.m. during the channel's three-hour Adult Swim block reserved for folks over 18. Ali points out that McGruder, 31, featured the divisive word 15 times in the first episode, and laments the fact that the Chicago native plans to use the word in every single show during its run this season.

In fact, if McGruder had his way, it would appear more often in the comic strip, which is currently syndicated in about 350 newspapers across the country.

"We use asterisks sometimes or 'profanotype,' but, I've used it extensively in the strip," McGruder told us. "I try to use it more and more. It's tough in newspapers. They're not really thrilled about it, but I keep trying to push them."

The word continues to push African Americans toward one of two sides — those who see zero value in its use and view it as an epithet, whether it's spelled with five letters or six; and those who embrace the looser pronunciation of the word as a term of endearment, turning the original definition on its ear.

"I think it makes the show sincere," McGruder says, defending his use of the term. "I just think that at a certain point, we all have to realize that sometimes we use bad language. And the 'N word' is used so commonly, by not only myself, but by a lot of people I know, that it feels

fake to write around it and to avoid using it."

The N-word is just the latest in a long line of controversial issues surrounding the cartoon, which features two city kids — the revolutionary Huey Freeman and his hip hop-loving younger brother Riley — who live with their grandfather in a white middle class suburb and pontificate on issues of the



day; from George Bush and politics, to racism, to the problems the shortcomings of BET.

Actress Regina King voices both brothers in the TV version, which has among its 15 episode run a show about the resurrection of Martin Luther King Jr., whose turn-the-other-cheek philosophy is ridiculed in today's post-Sept. 11 world. In another episode, Robert "Granddad" Freeman, voiced by John Witherspoon, has no idea that the younger woman he has been dating is a prostitute, which leads Huey and Riley to discuss whether or not all women are "hoes."

The strip, created by McGruder in 1997 while attending the University of Maryland, was pulled from newspapers temporarily in 2001 for its scathing attacks against the war in Iraq. The cartoon has also been pulled for its use of the N word.

Additionally, McGruder says he often runs across the celebri-

ties he has skewered within the panels of the strip.

"One of two things either happen," begins McGruder. "They either call the syndicate looking for me; then there's when you bump into them, and that's particularly unpleasant because normally people are incredibly nice and gracious, and then you just feel like a big jerk."

"Jesse Jackson called the syndicate once when I was doing the 'Barbershop' thing. And I still haven't talked to him. Will Smith was very nice. Mario Van Peebles was nice. I had a long talk with Michael Mann about why I didn't like 'Ali,' and he was great. You know, it happens, and I'm always kind of taken by surprise. There was a while I was ducking Vivica Fox because I really thought she wanted to beat me up."

Reginald Hudlin, a producer on the show's pilot, has since become the president of entertainment at one of McGruder's favorite targets, BET. But the cartoonist affirms that he'll have "absolutely no problems with continuing shots at BET."

"It's obvious that it's our culture's own fault in using this negative word," says Ali. "Now other animated cartoons such as 'South Park' will feel they have license to do so. We only have ourselves to blame."

When asked if he is concerned with tossing the word around so liberally during Cartoon Network's Adult Swim, whose demographic consists mostly of 18- to 34-year-old white males, McGruder says: "I think 15, 16 years after the advent of gangster rap, young white kids have heard the word 'nigger' before. And they've said it maybe a few times. I'm not sure. So if they start saying it all of a sudden on [November 7], I refuse to take responsibility."

Neo-Soul Duo Floetry Back In The Flow

Two years have elapsed since the release of Floetry's live album, "Floacism," and three years since debut "Floetic." That seems like an eternity considering the industry's prevailing what's-next attitude. But the London duo welcomed the respite.

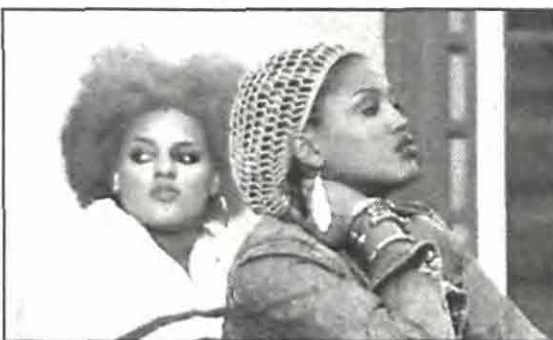
"You can't keep turning it out," declares Natalie Stewart (aka the Floacist). "You've got to live a bit, or you'll just keep on writing the same song over and over again."

So after spending the last two years on the road — including playing this summer's Essence Festival in New Orleans and taking part in the national Sugar Water Festival (with Jill Scott, Queen Latifah and Erykah Badu) — Stewart and partner Marsha Ambrosius (the Songstress) finally were able to book some studio time. The result is the Nov. 8 release "Flo'Ology" (Erving Wonder/Geffen/Interscope).

Romantic love is at the heart of

this third album, which once again centers on the unique pairing of Stewart's lilting spoken word with Ambrosius' sensual vocals. Providing the musical backdrop is the duo's signature, smooth blend of soul and funk.

"This album is utterly self-centered," Stewart says. "It's about breaking ourselves down, knocking ourselves off our pedestals, building up again and getting



knocked off again. It's about articulating your feelings."

The album's first single, "Supastar," featuring Geffen rapper Common, is one of two contributions from producer Scott Storch. It's No. 57 on the Billboard Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart.

Floetry's relationship with Storch dates back to the duo's early days in Philadelphia; Storch, then-keyboardist for the Roots, and Floetry gigged around town as part of a new soul movement whose crusaders included Jill Scott and Musiq.

Floetry had relocated to Philadelphia by way of London. Initially meeting as rivals on London's basketball courts, Stewart and Ambrosius formally teamed up as Floetry in 1997. The duo notched its biggest R&B hit so far in 2003 with the Grammy Award-nominated ballad "Say Yes" from "Floetic." That album has sold 792,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

As songwriters, the members of Floetry have penned tracks for Michael Jackson, Scott, Glenn Lewis and Bilal. Recent outside projects include a song on Earth, Wind & Fire's new "Illumination" set as well as Ambrosius' cameos on albums by the Game and Styles P.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre Returns To Vienna For Fourth Annual Black Dance Festival

Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) returns to Vienna to participate in the Fourth Annual Black Dance Festival. In addition to the public performance November 6, 2005, DBDT dancers Nycole Ray and William Gill will offer master classes in modern dance. This year's appearance will be the prelude to the return of the full company for next year's 5th Anniversary of the Black Dance Festival.

This season's festival features soloists and duets—more intimate than the past seasons where full companies from around the world have been featured, including DBDT serving as the feature company in 2003. This season, DBDT will perform Elisa Monte's Absolute Rule, Asadata Dafora's Awassa

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DBDT dancer Nycole Ray

Steiner, the initiator, director and producer of the Black Dance Festival, "This festival is

looked at as an invitation to discover an unknown world and get in touch with it. Moreover, it is an attempt to build a multi-cultural bridge across the continents." Mr. Steiner is also the owner of the Move On Dance Center, which is the host dance company.

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For more information, visit www.blackdancefestival.com, www.moveon.at and www.dbdt.com.

Texas to the polls Page 1

work on the budget along with the manager. The City Council would have been able to fire the city manager with a simple majority.

The proposition was presented as an alternative to the strong mayor proposal defeated soundly in May. That proposal would have shifted the balance of power from 14 city council members to the mayor.

Voters in White Settlement, named 160 years ago after white settlers moved into a mostly Indian area, emphatically rejected a proposal to change the town's name to

West Settlement. Some civic leaders felt the traditional name should be changed to lure business investment; nearly 92 percent of voters disagreed.

"Texas is a huge conservative state and they've spoken on this issue," said Rep. Warren Chisum, the Pampa Republican who authored the amendment. "They're very family-oriented, and given the opportunity, they'll vote conservative. They still have a lot of moral values."

Opponents, who knew they faced certain defeat, said they had planted the seed for a political movement and pre-

dicted that the amendment would be the subject of lawsuits over legal arrangements that gay couples make short of marriage.

"The litigation will begin," said gay-rights activist Glen Maxey, leader of the effort to defeat the amendment. "There could be some bad outcomes."

Supporters of the proposal, such as Gov. Rick Perry, said their main goal was to defend marriage as a vital societal institution that should not be changed. They also pitched the amendment as a guarantee that state courts wouldn't be able to force Texas to recognize gay unions.



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Verna Mitchell received a liver transplant in 1994. The former elementary school principal was diagnosed in September and received a liver transplant the following June.

Realizing that she was fortunate in receiving a timely transplant, Ms. Mitchell has dedicated her time and efforts

to educating African-Americans on the importance of organ donation. A member of the Links, Inc., Ms. Mitchell is a Board Member of Southwest Transplant Alliance, and a Baylor Hospital volunteer who works tirelessly in the area of donor awareness.

"Blacks die in higher numbers from not receiving transplants than any other group," she said. "We need to encourage African Americans to be donors. So many lives could be saved if we increase donors by eliminating apprehensions about organ donation through education and awareness."

In the African American community, the need for organ donation has reached crisis proportions. While Blacks comprise 13% of the U.S. population, they represent 27% of individuals on the national transplant waiting list and 35% of patients waiting for a kidney transplant.

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of Sandra Day O'Connor and has instead made a selection to appease the far right-wing of the Republican Party."

Alito is known as a solid conservative and is believed to be in the same mode as Associate Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in terms of intellect, writing ability and judicial reasoning. Alito received an associate bachelor's from Princeton University in 1972 and a law degree from Yale University in 1975.

Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) said: "I am disappointed, but not surprised that President Bush has

missed the opportunity to nominate a candidate who would command a wide public support to fill Sandra Day O'Connor's seat on the Supreme Court. Judge Alito's record on issues such as discrimination, civil rights, a woman's right to choose and basic labor protections, just to name a few, is far removed

from the mainstream and is profoundly troubling.

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member — before symposium participants had the opportunity to attend breakout sessions that covered a barrage of topics.

"I felt like it wasn't just me that was going through some of these issues, that there are even people at upper levels that are dealing with the same issues," Dallas resident Rochell White said about what the conference covered. "So that was very powerful to know that there are other people I can identify with."

Among the sessions included were Mentor-Fine One/Be One (John Berry, Nortel), Branding Yourself (Reginald Perry, Nortel), Wealth Building Strategies (Wells Fargo representative) and Office Politics (Ted Teng).

Other conference breakout sessions included How One Emerges as a Leader (Robert Holmes, Nortel), Team Building/Team

Player (Vanessa Terry, Frito Lay), Entrepreneurship/Networking Techniques (Percy McAdoo, Leverage Group Partnering).

Ending the conference was Ron White, Managing Partner of Adorno Yoss White & Wiggins, who stressed that although times have changed over the past couple of decades, problems do still exist in the work world for minorities.

However, he firmly stated there is no reason why minorities can't be successful, especially if one has good leadership skills and strategic alliances and partnerships.

"A lot of times young professionals are wanting change and are asking for changes, but they are not being a part of the change," DULYP president Tiffany Hunter said. "That's why it's important for everybody to be here and for us to work together as a group. We are the next generation of leaders, entrepreneurs and civil servants."

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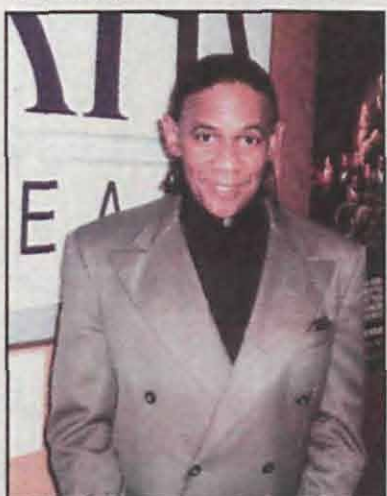
With so many disasters happening world-wide today, I see and hear of people all stressed out. There was Hurricane Katrina, then Rita, storms, floods, mudslides, earthquakes, etc. With each disaster folks have lost jobs, homes, loved ones, and sometime even their faith. I heard on the Joe Bagby Morning Show, KHVN 97AM that members at a certain church in Waco, TX were questioning God about their pastor being electrocuted while doing His work.

I begin to think, why some people seem to survive a disaster better than others? How can people minimize the stress in their lives from an unforeseen set of circumstances? I read the biography of a man that overcame his disappointments and trials to become a successful individual. At 16 years old with \$3 in his pocket, he moved to New York City. He slept on a rooftop until he got a job as a dishwasher. He applied for a job that was listed in an ad but he wasn't a good reader, therefore he didn't get the job. He was disappointed but he didn't let that stop him from striving to reach his goals in life. He was determined to succeed; determined to fulfill his ambition. That man is Sidney Poitier. Not only is he one of the best actors in the world, he was the first Black actor to win an Oscar.

There are people that continue to live useful lives in spite of their disappointments and trials. The Morning News on 11-8-05 published a story on Kristin Armstrong titled, "Life after Lance" detailing what she has done to bounce back from her divorce from Lance Armstrong, the world's

In Times Of Stress

most famous cyclist. When some people find themselves in tough circumstances, they bravely overcome them. When they are struck down by illness and catastrophe, assailed by grief and failure, when they are treated unfairly or betrayed, they not only survive, they confront their stresses and sorrows in ways that deepen their lives. They go on with grace, distinction and courage. It



Picture Of The Week
Robert Ashley, Gospel Radio Host, KHVN 97AM; participant at the Joe Bagby, Sr. 50 Years in Radio Celebration Luncheon.

is essential to remember that trials of life are far less important than how one deal with them. By adopting a special outlook on life, others can learn to be a survivor.

Survivors learn to: **Make happiness a habit.** They enjoy life even when troubles spring up. They take one day at a time. They learn to accept large and small victories. It has been said that no one is born happy. With God's help, everyone makes his own happiness. They **accept change.** They realize that change and problems will come whether we want them or not. They

learn from the problems in their life. At times what looks like a disaster may turn out to be the best thing that happened to them. They **don't give up.** Survivors do what has to be done, no matter how overwhelming the odds are.

Survivors **reach out to others.** They cherish involvement with others. They are givers. Duke University researchers found that one of the best predictors of health, happiness and long life is the tendency to reach out to people. Survivors **live in the present.**

"Life lies in letting go, in giving up your grievances," writes Mildred Newman and Bernard Berkowitz in *How To Be Your Own Best Friend*. They warn that if we spend our energies being angry with the people who once disappointed us, we won't have any energy left for what we need. "Not one of us can bring back yesterday or shape tomorrow," adds Fredrick Buechner in *The Hangering Dark*. "Only today is ours and it will not be ours for long; once it is gone, it will never in all time be ours again."

Survivors are **not afraid to dream.** People go about their tasks without weariness if they have a goal and a belief in what they are doing. They have a purpose, a dream.

It is not easy to be a survivor, but it is always worth the effort. This longing to beat the odds, to conquer our own weakness, has carried humanity through its long history. It is the cry of the heroic in all of us.

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Philippians 4:13 which says: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me."

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interest. "It's the ultimate leadership challenge because it requires getting things done through people," she said. "As a leader, we make our greatest contributions through effective supervision of people."

"I believe one should always strive to be and do their best because the best is yet to come," she said. "I believe in facing new obstacles with energy and conviction and I live by the scripture

Church Happenings

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November 12, 7:00 pm

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November 19, 1:00 pm

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This Sunday, November 13, 3:00 pm

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For further information contact Pastor Deborah Jackson @ 214-938-0307, contact Elder Erica Jackson, National Secretary @ 214-405-3173, or Minister Dana Blair @ 214-575-8224.

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For more information, please call 972-671-1096

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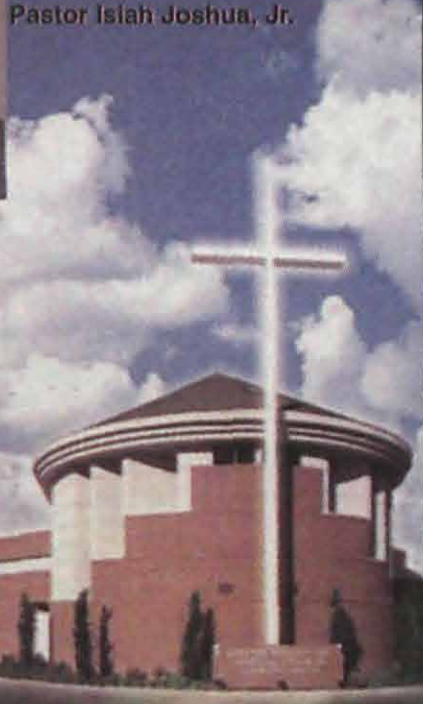
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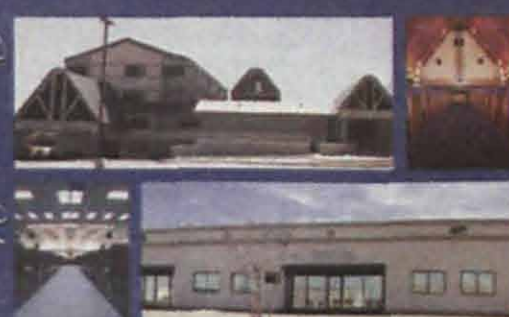
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Marchers Protest Blockade Of Evacuees After Katrina

By: Matthew Brown

Activists from New Orleans and throughout the country marched across the Crescent City Connection on Monday to protest the blocking of the bridge after Hurricane Katrina. It had been blocked by West Bank law enforcement agencies who viewed fleeing New Orleans residents as potentially dangerous looters.

Singing the civil rights anthem "We Shall Overcome," about 80 activists crossed the bridge to the West Bank under police escort after a rally in front of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, where thousands of displaced city residents languished for days after the hurricane with little food or water.

"What happened here showed the old way of doing business in the state of Louisiana is alive and well," said protester Malik Rahim of Algiers, 58, a former Black Panther and co-founder of the New Orleans social justice group Common Ground. "The world needs to know what happened."

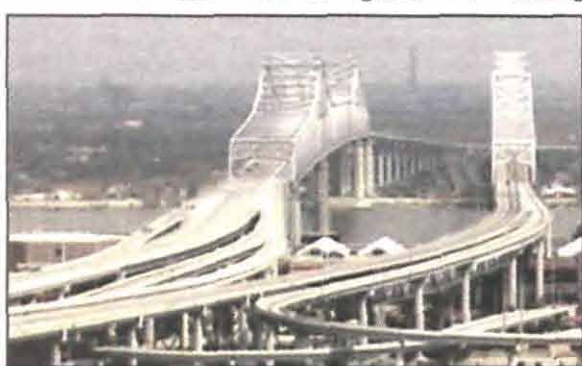
Several days after the storm, crowds began to cross the Mississippi River bridge after New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin promised that buses were waiting on the West Bank.

But many people were turned back. Reacting to reports of widespread looting and violence in the city, police from Gretna, the Crescent City Connection

and the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office blocked the bridge and fired warning shots over the heads of those who resisted.

Most of those fleeing were African-American. That roiled political activists who view the violence and despair seen at the Superdome and Convention Center as a consequence of social and racial disparities.

Officials who instigated the



blocking of the bridge contend that charges of racism are overblown and off the mark.

And in the chaos that pervaded the metropolitan region in those first days after the storm — a New Orleans police officer had been shot in the head near the West Bank entry to the bridge, and two days later the Oakwood Center mall was set on fire by looters — they say extreme measures were justified.

"I had no food and water for them. We barely had enough food and water ourselves," said Chief Mike Helmsstetter of the Crescent City Connection Bridge Police. "Things were getting out of hand. The Oakwood mall was being burned; we were taking shots from the Fischer housing project."

Monday's marchers represented myriad groups, from the Washington-based racial equality organization Hip Hop Caucus to the feminist group National Organization for Women.

Also present was U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Atlanta, who equated blocking the Crescent City Connection with violence that swept the South during the civil rights era. "We cannot go back to that America," McKinney said.

Police from New Orleans and the Crescent City Connection initially vowed that protesters faced arrest Monday if they stepped onto the bridge. But with about two dozen newspaper, radio and television

reporters on hand, authorities soon relented.

Alan Levasseur, executive director of the Crescent City Connection, a division of the state Department of Transportation and Development, said he wanted to avoid a confrontation.

"It was in the best interest of the public to allow the march to occur," Levasseur said.

Joe Leonard Jr., executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Black Leadership Forum, declared the capitulation by bridge authorities a victory.

"It's an acknowledgment of the poor decisions that were made during the catastrophe of Katrina, and, I hope, it's an extension of a hand in peace," Leonard said.

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NEW PILGRIM REST
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

November 16 - 18, 6:30 pm

V & B Ministries, Inc. will conduct classes for youth and adults. Special Guest Evangelist is Dr. Frank E. Ray, Sr., Pastor of New Salem MBC in Memphis, TN. The General Assembly Instructor will be Dr. Timothy Winters, Pastor of Bayview MBC in San Diego, CA.

For more information, directions, or registration, please call 214-637-1019. Childcare will be provided for children that are 3 years and younger.

New Pilgrim Rest MBC

Dr. Billy L. Bell, Sr.

Pastor/Teacher

1930 Gallagher Street

Dallas, TX 75212

214-637-1019

NEW NEXT GENERATION

November 27, 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

We are hosting a dinner and play at the Carrollton Library located at the Joyce Ranch Lake on Keller Springs Road in Carrollton, TX. Our great and dramatic play "Oh, My Child" which has now been shown in California and Mesquite, TX, is now moving across Texas. The meal and play is free for ticket holders of "Oh, My Child." For additional information and to RSVP, email: newnextgen2@msn.com.

New Next Generation

Ms. Rosie McGee Founder/CEO

18452 North Dallas Parkway

Suite 136-217

Dallas, TX 75287

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE

FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

On-Going Mentor Program

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

For more details about this wonderful project, please contact Juanita Lee, Administrative Assistant at 972-437-3801 or call Toll Free at 1-800-370-0333 (376-2747).

North Dallas Community Bible

Fellowship in Richardson

Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor

1010-1020 South Sherman Street

Richardson, TX 75081

972-437-3493

OASIS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

December 10, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

The public is invited to join Women's International Network (WIN) as they present a Special Holiday Meeting and Auction which will include a full buffet breakfast with special speaker Evelina Ruth. Benefits from the auction will go to Hartman House that promotes better education for disadvantaged children in the U.S. and Haiti. There will also be time for you to introduce your business or organization. Men are invited! Dr. Charles Hughes will share information on launching Men's International Network of Dallas (MIND).

For more information, registration, or donations call 214-289-4802 or 214-924-0177.

Oasis International Church
Doctors Charles & Vera Hughes,
Founders/Overseers
P.O. Box 941192
Plano, TX 75093
469-467-6797

PILLAR OF TRUTH CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

November 11 - 12, 6:30 pm

The public is invited to a FREE "Raise the Praise Radio Show" that will include a Gospel Expo, featuring a Gospel Concert; a Gospel Star Search Talent Show, Job Fair, Entrepreneur Fair, Job Fair, and a Hair Style Show. There will be FREE food and a prize including cash to the winners of the Talent Search.

The Gospel Expo will be at the Radisson Hotel in the King George Ballroom, 2330 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX 75220. For more information, please call Ron @ 972-572-8284.

November 27, 6:30 pm

The public is invited as we host a Thanksgiving Concert featuring the Pillar of Truth Praise Singers.

Pillar of Truth Church International

Pastors C. R. & Malinda Scott

Founders/Overseers

Service Location: Southfork Hotel

1600 E. Central Expwy (Hwy 75)

Plano, TX 75074

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 452141

Garland, TX 75045

972-675-4231

RHEMA LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

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

Rhema Life Fellowship Church

Reverend James W. Thomas, Pastor

3801 Avenue K

Plano, TX 75074

469-467-7575

SANCTUARY OF PRAISE

FELLOWSHIP OF ALLEN

November 18, 7:30 pm

The public is invited to our Youth Night featuring Meleka Lewis and the Anointed Sanctuary of Praise Dancers.

November 19, 7:00 pm

Please join us at an Anniversary Banquet being held at the Southfork Hotel, 1600 E. Central Expwy (Hwy 75) Plano, TX 75074 with guest speaker Elder Benjamin Nickerson of the Hospitality COGIC.

November 20, 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

Dr. J.O. Robinson of Word in Truth Ministries, Memphis, TN will be the guest speaker. Dr. Timothy J. Wilbert and the members of the Bibleway Baptist Church, Irving, TX will be our guest at 3:00 pm; the public is invited.

Sanctuary of Praise Fellowship

Rev. John Wilson, III, Pastor

100 East Main Street

Allen, TX 75002

469-853-2380

SIXTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Tonight, November 10, 7:00 pm

Please join us for our Friends and Family Night. Our theme: "Then and Now!"

November 13, 3:00 pm

Everyone is invited to our 101st Church Anniversary. Our theme is "Then and Now!" Special guests include First Independent Baptist Church, New Cornerstone Baptist Church, and Shekinah Tabernacle Baptist Church in Dallas.

Sixth Avenue Baptist Church

Bishop K. D. Davis, Sr., Overseer

125 South 5th Street

Corsicana, TX 75110

903-874-4873

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Dr. Rickie G. Rush, Pastor

7710 South Westmoreland

Dallas, TX 75237

972-572-IBOC (4262)

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Trinity Prayer Chapel

Rev. Reynolds Wood, Senior Pastor

P.O. Box 650

Dallas, TX 75251

Service Location is:

406 N. Tennessee

McKinney, TX 75069

214-544-1886

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V & B Ministries, Inc.

Dr. V. K. Jones, President

Pastor Billy L. Bell

Founder & Vice President

P.O. Box 462144

Garland, TX 75046

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Church Happenings. Deadlines are Fridays before publication date. (MON-The Gazette is published each Thursday.)

Faithway Fellowship

Baptist Church

8219 Bunche Dr. Dallas, TX 75243

Church Office: (972) 792-0239

Pastor's Office: (972) 792-0240

Service Times

Sunday School: 9:45AM

Morning Worship: 11:00AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00PM



Pastor Derrick L. Bowman, Sr.

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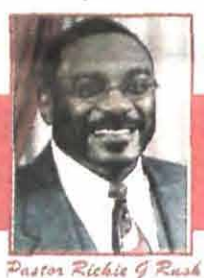
Dallas Texas 75237

Phone: 972-572-4262 Fax: 972-709-3888

Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 pm.

Monday School: 7pm

Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00pm



Pastor Rickie G. Rush

Website: www.ibocjoy.org

BETHANY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Youth Activities



Rev. A.K. Haynes, Sr.

Senior Pastor

6710 Webster Avenue • Dallas, TX 75209

214-352-3552 (Phone) • 214-352-6793 (Fax)

abethany@sbglobal.net (Email)

Hill Chapel

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

1113 Ave. I, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4090

Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr., Pastor



Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr.

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.

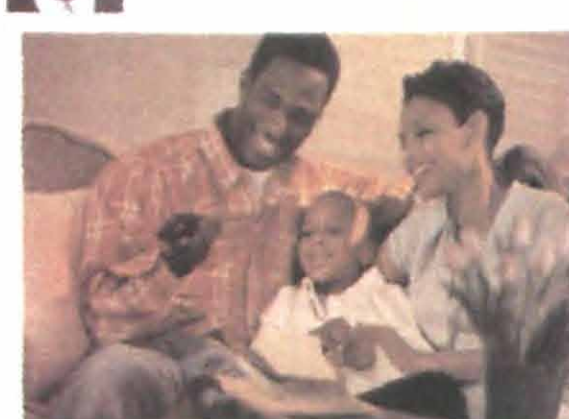
Wednesday Night-Community Bible Class: 7:30 P.M.



Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church

1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX

Pastor Charles S. Wattley



Sunday

Education Ministries... 9:30 a.m.

Worship Celebration... 11:00 am.

- Nursery Facilities Available -

Wednesday

Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

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For More Information Call

972.542.6178

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Sunday School..... 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am

Sunday Night Service 6:30 pm

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Pastor Louis E. Laurent

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Email: thewordcuts@yahoo.com

New Life Fellowship Church

New Worship Location:

Wyndham Garden Hotel-Park Central

8051 LBJ Freeway • Dallas, TX 75251

Bishop Miller E. Johnson Jr., Senior Pastor

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 940466 • Plano, TX 75094-0466

972-671-1096 (Church)



Bishop Miller E. Johnson Jr.

A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17

Sunday Life Bible School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Life Worship Service 10:00 a.m.