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People In The News



Dr. Monica "Moe" Anderson is a versatile journalist, author, motivational speaker, and Doctor of Dental Surgery. The Arlington resident will be signing copies of her debut novel, *When A Sistah's Fed Up*, on December 17th at Black Images Book Bazaar from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Her novel is a steamy and suspenseful tale of a prominent politician's struggle to save her career, salvage her marriage, and keep her sanity. The heroine, Faith Henry, is the first African-American mayor of Ulysses, Texas. She's married to her college sweetheart and has two "perfect" children. Refreshingly honest and insightful, *When A Sistah's Fed Up* is a cautionary tale that examines the unpredictable consequences of "spiritual" anorexia.

In 1996, Dr. Anderson became the first African-American columnist for the Arlington Star-Telegram. She was a freelance, weekly columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, a leading Texas newspaper, for eight years. Her editorials have appeared in various newspapers across the country. In 1999, the staff of the Fort Worth Weekly named her "Best Columnist" in Tarrant County.

Dr. Anderson has also authored two non-fiction books: *Black English Vernacular and Mom, Are We There Yet?*

For more info on Dr. Moe or *When A Sistah's Fed Up*, visit <http://www.drmoanderson.com/about.html>.

A local city councilman has been elected to the National League of Cities' board of directors.

Makia Epie, has served on the Cedar Hill City Council for 10 years, he serves in Place 5 on the Council and is up for re-election in 2007. Councilmember Epie works as a Hearing Officer for the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Epie was elected to the National League of Cities' board during the organization's 2005 Congress of Cities Dec. 6 through Dec. 10 in Charlotte, N.C.

Nearly 3,000 local government leaders attended the four-day conference during which city leaders discussed such issues as effective disaster preparedness, economic development challenges and technology as a tool for communicating with constituents.

The National League of Cities is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. Its mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance.

Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues, the National League of Cities serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 18,000 cities, villages, and towns it represents. More than 1,600 municipalities of all sizes pay dues to NLC and actively participate as leaders and voting members in the organization.



On Dec. 6, Terry Bellamy was sworn in as the first African-American and the youngest mayor of Asheville, N.C. The city of 70,000 people, elected the 33-year-old who was in the midst of her second term as city councilwoman. While African Americans only make up about 17 percent of the population of the city, almost 57 percent of the residents voted for Bellamy.

"After (high school) graduation a lot of people left because they couldn't afford to live here. Opportunities were limited and they couldn't afford housing," said Bellamy, who graduated from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. "Instead of leaving, I decided to do something about it."

According to the National Council of Black Mayors there are over 500 black mayors but Bellamy is one of three running a city with more than 50,000 people and less than a 20 percent African-American population.

Married and the mother of two children, she initially became active in her community because she "wanted to make sure the school board members cared about the education of all children."

"Bellamy suggests her community activism may come from having a mother who has helped homeless kids and who has volunteered in prisons for over 20 years. As for her political victory, Bellamy said, "It shows that dreams really do come true. You can come home again."

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Tookie Williams Claimed Innocence Until The End

By: Kim Curtis

Stanley Tookie Williams maintained his innocence right up until his death, even when an admission of guilt may have spared him execution. Even after the courts and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger rejected a flurry of Williams' last-ditch appeals before his execution early Tuesday, his supporters vowed to prove his innocence.

Williams, the Crips gang co-founder whose case stirred a national debate about capital punishment versus the possibility of redemption, was executed Tuesday morning for killing four people in 1979.

Williams, 51, died at 12:35 a.m. Officials at San Quentin State Prison seemed to have trouble injecting the lethal mixture into his muscu-



Protesters of the "Tookie" Williams execution hold vigil outside San Quentin Prison.

lar arm. As they struggled to find a vein, Williams looked up repeatedly and appeared frustrated, shaking his head at supporters and other witnesses.

"You doing that right?" it

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Ground Breaking Comedian Dead At 65



By: Desson Thomson
Richard Pryor, the proudly profane breakthrough movie star and comic, whose influence is heard today in every stand-up who has ever forsaken airplane gags for the truth and a four-letter word, died Saturday of a

heart attack in Encino, California. He was 65, and had coped with multiple sclerosis for nearly 20 years.

Richard Pryor was his own Nero. He fiddled while he burned.

That is to say, he made virtuoso comedy out of his own misery, sadness and, yes, his own burning. On June 9, 1980, when freebasing

cocaine went wrong, the comedian ran screaming down the street outside his house — literally on fire. One thing he learned from that experience, he told his audience later, "when you run down the street on fire, people will move out of your way."

Quips like that were signature Pryor. He made music out of all the terrible things that happened to him (or the things he did to others), like that burning incident (which he later acknowledged was a deranged suicide attempt rather than an accident), growing up black in

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One-Day Flu Clinic Opens In Plano

Through the collaborative efforts of the City of Plano, Collin County Health Care Services and the Collin County Adult Clinic, a "one-day" Flu Clinic will be opened on Saturday, December 17 to provide the influenza vaccine to the public.

The Collin County Adult Clinic at 2520 K Avenue (Suite #100) is the designated site for dispensing the vaccine. Individuals will have the choice of receiving either the Flu Mist at no charge (but is in limited supply), or the flu shot for a nominal fee of \$10 for adult doses and \$5 for children. The Flu Mist is very effective against Influenza A, and is a great option for candidates who prefer alternatives to actually taking shots. The mist will only be administered to persons in good physical health between the ages of 5 and 49 years.

Collin County Health Care Services personnel

will also be on hand to assist anyone needing help with filing for Medicare — the Flu Mist is free and will not need to be filed with Medicare or any other insurance carrier.

The Flu Clinic can be found on the northeast corner of K Avenue and Park Boulevard and open from 9:00am - 12:00pm on Saturday, December 17 only.

For more information about this one-day Flu Clinic in Plano, contact Collin County Health Educator Jamie Nicolay at metro number 972-424-1460, extension #5578.

Katrina Victims Testify On Racism's Role

By: Lara Jakes Jordan

Black survivors of Hurricane Katrina said Tuesday that racism contributed to the slow disaster response, at times likening themselves in emotional congressional testimony to victims of genocide and the Holocaust.

The comparison is inappropriate, according to Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla.

"Not a single person was marched into a gas chamber and killed," Miller told the survivors.

"They died from abject neglect," retorted community activist Leah Hodges. "We left body bags behind."

Angry evacuees described being trapped in



New Orleans community activist Leah Hodges testifies before congress.

temporary shelters where one New Orleans resident said she was "one sunrise from being

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Texas Guard Troops Back After Year In Iraq

By: T.A. Badger

About 3,000 troops from a Texas National Guard unit returned home Saturday after nearly a year in Iraq, rushing into the arms of family members after the largest deployment of state guardsmen since World War II.

Members of the Fort Worth-based 56th Brigade lined up in formation at Baylor University's Floyd Casey Stadium. As they were introduced over the loudspeaker, soldiers ran onto the field like football stars while loud music and applause filled the air.

"Texas just hasn't been the same without you," Gov. Rick

Perry said.

The troops were welcomed by an estimated 20,000 family



Nearly a year after shipping out to Iraq, 3,000 troops from the Texas National Guard's 56th Brigade Combat Team were welcomed home in time for the holidays.

members, friends and other well-wishers. Many of them had been in Iraq since January and initially were not scheduled to return for several more weeks.

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Death Toll In Nigerian Plane Crash At 107



People look at the wreckage of Nigeria's Sosoliso Airlines DC-9 in Port Harcourt, Nigeria

By: Onyema Godwin

Four people died after being pulled from the wreckage of a Nigerian jetliner that crashed while landing in a storm, state television said Sunday, raising the number killed to 107, most of them schoolchildren coming home for Christmas.

The victims included an American aid worker.

Airport officials directed frantic family members to morgues in this southern oil center as a Roman Catholic cleric in Abuja said 71 schoolchildren from that city's Jesuit school died in Saturday's crash

of the Sosoliso Airlines DC-9.

At one overwhelmed hospital, bodies were piled together because of a lack of room.

Rescue workers pulled seven survivors from the burning aircraft, but state television reported that four later died. The

plane's twisted, charred wreckage lay in two parts as investigators picked through the pieces.

President Olusegun Obasanjo canceled a visit to Portugal and said he would meet with the country's airline operators to discuss "much-needed reforms in Nigeria's aviation industry," presidential spokeswoman Remi Oyo said in a statement. The crash was the second major air disaster in seven weeks in Africa's most populous nation.

"The president is particularly

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Haggard Library Reopened After 18 Months Of Renovations

By: Annette Nevins

Plano's Haggard Library reopened recently with a new children's area, spacious study rooms and more than twice as many computers.

Construction delays in remodeling had kept library doors closed for 18 months.

"It's like having a whole new library," said Cheri Gross, manager of the 16-year-old library at 2501 Coit Road. "We're so excited about our new space. It's hard to believe we used to be crammed in there for so long."

Construction of a 20,000-



square-foot second floor and remodeling of the first floor began in July 2004. The project was scheduled to take a year, but weather and unforeseen change orders to the \$3.53 million library renovation

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Plano North Metroplex Chapter Of The Links, Inc Holds Annual Christmas Caravan



Link Billie McCalla prepares gift packages for adopted families.



Plano Police department members participated in the caravan through the "Christmas Cop" program.



Members of Plano North Metroplex Texas chapter of The Links, Inc.



America's Attick Christmas Clowns join Links members at the Plano Childrens Medical Center.



Gift recipients at Douglas Community Center.



Donated gifts for the Christmas Caravan.



President Shirley Ware of Plano North Metroplex Texas chapter of The Links, Inc.

By: Paul Hailey

The women of the Plano North Metroplex Chapter of The Links, Inc held their annual Christmas Caravan on Saturday, December 10th.

Each year, Links determines the organizations to be served by the Christmas Caravan and obtains a wish list from each group. Members then set out to obtain donated items to fulfill the wishes. Needs range from hygiene and medical supplies, to food, toys, household items, and clothing.

Through the years, the Links Christmas Caravan has delivered donated items and care packages to a variety of non-profit agencies including local nursing homes, CITY House, Boys & Girls Clubs, Hope's Door, and Plano Children's Medical Clinic.

This year, the chapter presented gifts to Seniors at the Douglas Community Center, patients at the Plano Children Medical Center, and adopted two families in need that were identified through the "Christmas Cop" program of the Plano Police Department.

"We do recognize that Plano is such a wonderful community," said Links member T.J. Johnson, a Plano resident and Links member since 1992. "This little chapter of Links ...

we do enjoy our association and affiliation right here in Plano, and that's why we work so hard to be part of this great city and what's accomplished here. Volunteering is part of the

whole healthy experience. It's the absolute way to stay healthy and young. Get involved in service. I think the more you give, the more comes back to you."

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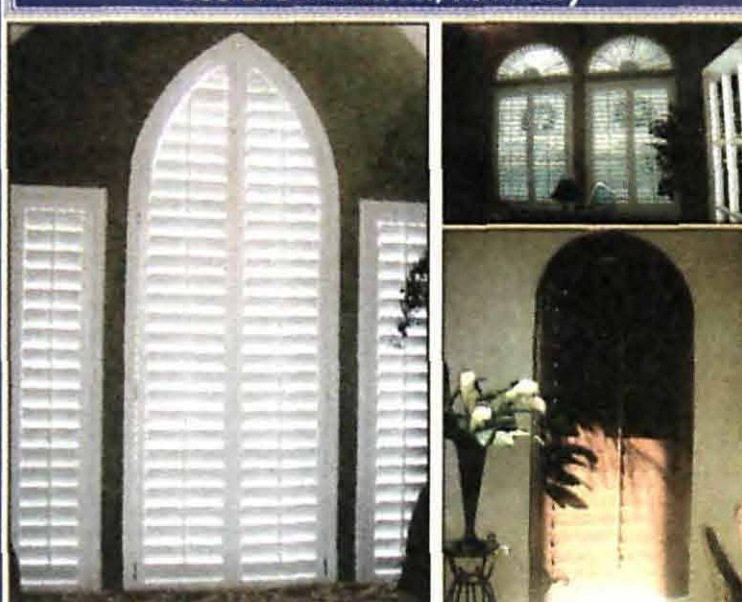
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Plano Parade Replayed On Comcast



Plano Christmas Parade MC's T.J. Johnson and Steve Miller

Just in case you missed it, the 33rd Annual Plano Christmas Parade is being replayed on Comcast Cable at noon on Sundays for the next four weeks. The broadcast features the two tel-

evision emcees, Attorneys T.J. Johnson and Steve Miller.

T.J. Johnson is Chairperson, Plano African American Museum, Director of Live from Plano, Leadership Plano Grad Class VII, Member Plano Multicultural Committee. Steve Miller is President

Elect Plano Youth Leadership, Past President Rotary Club, Leadership Plano Grad Class XVIII, Plano resident since 1983.

The Parade playback is shown on Comcast's Local Origination Channel 14 in Plano and Richardson.

Around The Town

Ongoing

70th SBC Cotton Bowl Classic is accepting applications through December 16. Call 972-230-5655.

Richardson Community Theatre presents, "The Sound of Music", University of Texas at Dallas Theater, 7:30 p.m. December 9-18.

Sanders Family Christmas, a musical comedy produced by Word of Mouth Productions, at the Courtyard Theater in downtown Plano. Call 214-734-7326 for information. December 9-18.

Free Tenants Legal Workshops are offered each Tuesday, Douglass Community Center, 1111 Ave H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174 for information.

Winter Holiday Crafts at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Dr., 4:30 p.m. (Mesquite). December 2-23.

Collin Intervention to Youth (City House) will be offering couples group counseling at City Family Center, 1947 Ave. K. Building A, Ste 100. The six week program addresses how disagreements and other factors affect children. Call 972-424-4626.

Families in Recovery, a lecture series will meet from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Festival Hall at St.

Andrews United Methodist Church, 5801 W. Plano Parkway. Call 214-291-8024 for information.

Six week series for the recently divorced, 6:30 p.m., 5801 W. Plano Parkway. Call 214-291-8017 for information.

Black Nativity, the rousing gospel musical by Langston Hughes, Greater St. Johns Primitive Baptist Church, 3633 Atlanta (Dallas), 7:30 p.m. Call 972 285-0705 for information. December 13-17.

A Christmas Carol at the Dallas Theater Center, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd., Call 214-522-8499 for information. November 25-December 24.

'Yes Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus', Frisco Community Theatre, 7774 Maple St., 8:00 p.m. Call 972-849-0358. Thru December 18.

Christmas at Spring Creek Farm, 1401 E. Lookout Dr. (Richardson), 10:00 am-8:00 p.m. Call 972-235-0192. Dec. 10-24.

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-December 26.

Action Jaxon, Dee Jay on 97.9 The Beat raises money for the homeless shelters, Family Gateway Center, 711 South ST.

Paul St, 2:00 p.m. December 19-21.

December 16

India Arie in concert at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, 650 S. Griffin St. (Naomi Bruton Theater), 7:00 p.m. Call 214-743-2400.

TBAAL and Galaxy Entertainment presents The Christmas Gift Concert & Comedy Show, 7:00 p.m. at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Naomi Bruton Theater, 7:00 p.m. Featured artists are jazz guitarist Wayman Tisdale, New Orleans violinist Michael Ward and comedian A. J. Jamal. Call 817 701-0575 or Ticketmaster 214-373-8000.

African Storytelling will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Fretz Park Branch Library, 6990 Beltline Rd. For information call 214-670-6420.

December 17

The Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627 will meet at the Post, 1040 Hampshire Ln, 6-8:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Information 972-671-8627.

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra plays Music of the Season, 5:30 p.m. Call 972-216-8127 for information.

The 3rd Annual Fundraiser/Gala of the Six Million Dollar Woman's Club featuring an auction and live entertainment, will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. For information visit www.sixmilliondollarwoman.org.

The James Billingsley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the Royal Oaks Country Club, 7915 Greenville, 10:30 a.m. For information call 972-235-3688.

In the Spirit of the holiday season, join Hill Chapel CME Church along with special guest speaker, Ms. Ramona Logan of NBC5 for a time of "Friendship, Fellowship, Fun and Fashion. The Women's Ministry of Hill Chapel is sponsoring a holiday brunch, 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., Glen Eagles Country Club, 5401 W. Park (Plano). For information call 972-423-4090.

Toy Drive 2005 Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m. at the House of Praise Family Church, 5007 Ivy Ln. Call 469-995-2761 for information.

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters Galaxy Entertainment present The Christmas Gift Concert, 7 p.m., 650 S. Griffin St. Call 214-373-8000.

All You Can Eat Pancakes @ Applebee's for only \$5.00, 8:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m., 1905 I-635 (Mesquite) The fund-raiser will benefit the Mesquite NAACP ACT-SO Program. Call 972-288-0281 for information.

Music Under the Dome featuring the band Faces with "A Very Jazzy Christmas", 7:00 p.m., African American Museum, 3536 Grand Ave. in Fair Park. For information call 214-565-9026 ext. 304 or kferguson@aamdallas.org.

"When a Sistah's Fed Up" by Monica Anderson book signing, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Black Images Book Bazaar, 230 Wynnewood Village. Call 214-943-0142 for information.

The Ebony Nutcracker an adaptation of the Nutcracker comes to the Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm St., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Urban Disaster Survival Seminar, Phase 3, sponsored by The Act of Change, Inc., will be held at 3200 S. Lancaster, Suite 320. For information call 214-372-3500 or e-mail actofchange@yahoo.com.

Project Turn Around will host its annual Christmas Toys Giveaway benefiting Dallas area children at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church, 1808 Camp Wisdom Rd., 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Call 972-228-1281 for information.

December 18

5th Avenue Soul Sundays, open mic and featured guests, will begin 8:00 p.m., at 5th Avenue at Abbotsford, 14775 Midway Rd, Addison. For information call 817-937-8301 or www.mikeguinn.com

Tea@3 and sing-along with Emma Rodgers, Co-owner of Black Images Book Bazaar, 11:00 a.m., at Galleria Dallas, 13355 Noel Rd, at the Children's Play Place, level 3 near Saks Fifth Avenue. For information call 972-702-7100 or www.galleriadallas.com.

December 19

Mesquite City Council

meeting, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Galloway.

VA North Texas Healthcare System, Dallas VA Medical Center in collaboration with the City of Dallas will host the 12th Annual homeless stand down from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Dallas Convention Center, Exhibit Hall. Call 214-670-5122 for information.

December 20

Drop off a new unwrapped toy and help a North Texas child this holiday, WFAA Downtown Studios in Dallas, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Comedian Sinbad will perform at the Bass Performance Hall, 4th and Calhoun Streets, Forth Worth. Call 1-877-212-4280 for information.

December 21

The Richardson East Rotary meets at the Richardson Hotel at noon. For information call 972-690-0637.

Kirk Franklin in concert, at the Bass Performance Hall, 4th and Calhoun Streets, 8 p.m. Call 1-877-212-4280 for information.

December 23

Exclusive screening of "The Ringer", 7:30 p.m., Loews Keystone Theater, Spring Valley and Hwy 75 in Richardson. Call 469-231-3716.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Good News Economy Bypasses Most Americans

By: James W. Breedlove

The Bush administration has initiated an aggressive campaign to convince Americans that the sluggish economy is picking up steam. The government recently reported 215,000 new jobs had been created, the unemployment rate was holding steady at 5 percent, third quarter productivity had risen 4.7 percent, and the GDP grew at a 4.3 percent rate in the same period.

But the economic recovery, no matter how rosy sounding the numbers, is far from impressive. Consider jobs, the focal point of the President's PR campaign.

What has not been revealed in the media reports is the new jobs were almost entirely low-income service jobs. Analyzing the composition of those 215,000 jobs shows that the middle class and poor class workers are not able to maintain living standards with these jobs. Approximately 26,000 (13%) of the new jobs are tax-supported government jobs. The remainder that are in the private sector consist mainly of service positions such as food servers, bar tenders, health care workers, retail clerks, transit and contract employees. There were approximately 7,000 construction jobs created but immigrant workers filled most of them.

These jobs do not produce a tradable good or service that can be exported or serve as an offset to help reduce the massive and growing US trade deficit. The robust economy that the President is trumpeting is employing people to sell things, to shuffle people from point A to point B, and to serve them fast food and alcoholic beverages. The items being sold may carry an American brand, but for the most part they are made off shore.

For example, 70% of Wal-Mart's products are made in China. The Department of Commerce's recent trade data report indicated that the U.S.

trade deficit with China is projected to exceed an annualized \$200 billion dollars, almost \$40 billion more than last year.

Dr. Robert Scott, director of international programs at the Washington-based Economic Policy Institute (EPI), a nonprofit nongovernmental research organization that focuses on the economic conditions of lower and middle-income American workers stated that the United States' growing trade deficit with China has had an increasingly negative impact on the U.S. economy, causing the loss of over 1.5 million jobs over the last 14 years including some in the most advanced technologies.

The study noted that China's exports to the United States of sophisticated electronics and communications equipment requiring skilled labor are growing much more quickly than its exports of low-value, labor-intensive products such as textiles and apparel.

Foreign manufacturing competition has hit Detroit's Big Three - General Motors (GM), DaimlerChrysler, and Ford - causing massive layoffs and plant closings. In Michigan and other plant locales the robust economy charade has no substance.

General Motors Corp. will eliminate 30,000 jobs (about 9 percent of its workforce) and close nine North American assembly, stamping and power train plants by 2008 as part of an effort to get production in line with demand. Ford is scheduled to announce its major overhaul plans, including job cuts, in January. Chrysler had previously started implementing its three-year plan to eliminate 26,000 jobs. Considering that US auto factories support seven jobs at other nearby businesses means that the trickle down impact of the Big Three layoffs will be 500,000 jobs. Even Delphi, a major auto parts supplier, is now in bankruptcy and asking workers to accept a 55 percent cut in pay.

There is no economic steam in these numbers.

The result is a vicious cycle: Firms cut jobs to reduce costs, which swells the ranks of pensioned retirees. That, along with costly healthcare benefits, adds to so-called legacy costs that are significantly higher than those of foreign competitors. It's a disadvantage that's taking a toll on America's industrial powerhouses.

This scenario can added to the growing list of failures on Bush's watch. Manufacturing jobs are being decimated, the ranks of the poor and working poor has skyrocketed, healthcare costs are out of control, and the 46 million uninsured is more than we have had in 30 years. President Bush has borrowed more money against our future than any other President.

Outgoing Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has finally stepped up to the plate and cautioned the G-7 conferees at the latest meeting that increasing budget deficits and unsteady trade imbalances may threaten the global economic livelihood in the long run.

The economy may be booming according to labor and commerce department statistics but the reality is that millions of Americans are not benefiting from the administration's deficit increasing tax cuts and irresponsible spending.

Too many of the recently displaced middle class and working poor are suffering from lower real wages, outsourcing, threats of more layoffs, high energy prices, and rising health care costs that continue to keep them in the poor house. Most Americans don't feel good about the economy because it hasn't been good for them. Never mind the glowing G.D.P. numbers: most people are sliding backward on the Administration's Teflon coated economic claims.

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We Can't Help New Orleans? God Help Us

By: Cynthia Tucker

A conservative Congress has drained the nation's treasury — stuffing the Christmas stockings of the rich with tax breaks, handing out corporate welfare to Big Business and sticking to idiotic boondoggles such as the Star Wars missile defense program. Suddenly, though, this spendthrift Congress and its enabler, President Bush, have gotten fiscal religion. It's funny how that didn't happen until the Gulf Coast needed big money for reconstruction.

This is far from what the president pledged in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, making 10 trips to the devastated Gulf Coast in the span of six weeks. Standing before TV cameras in New Orleans' historic Jackson Square, he promised "one of the largest reconstruction efforts the world has ever seen." But that's just a distant dream now. Suddenly, the richest country in the world cannot afford to spend billions to restore the Gulf Coast. The same country that has laid out \$20 billion so far for the reconstruction of Iraq.

How is it that the Gulf Coast has disappeared so easily from the list of priorities for public spending? Why is it that American citizens who suffered from a devastating act of God find so little support from their elected representatives?

The entire tone of the conversation about the coastal region, especially New Orleans, has shifted. Much of the dialogue — especially by the conservative pundits who act as the echo chamber for the GOP — has painted a picture not of victims of a hurricane but rather of shiftless do-nothings who don't deserve aid. That's what happens when any group of people falls out of

favor with the ruling Republican Party: They are portrayed as lazy and worthless losers who would be worse off if the government lifted a hand to help them. It's funny how that philosophy has taken hold in America, allowing us to comfortably escape responsibility for our fellow citizens.

I don't have any doubt that some of the residents of the Gulf Coast are slackers who haven't tried very hard to rebuild their lives, relying on government support or the kindness of strangers. But many, many more are working folks whose lives have been turned upside down through no fault of their own. Though they had worked hard all their adult lives, they never earned enough to build up emergency nest eggs to take them through this sort of crisis.



Cynthia Tucker

Countless taxi drivers, singers, piano players, chefs and owners of mom-and-pop restaurants — the sort of souls who were the cultural backbone of New Orleans — are without savings and have not been able to find jobs to replace those they had. Many were homeowners who didn't carry enough insurance, or carried none at all. They will need help to rebuild. What makes them shiftless? What makes them worthy of contempt?

It's true that countless charitable groups, including many church organizations, have pitched in. Families have volunteered to take in the newly homeless, even some who were complete strangers; job fairs have been organized; schools have made room for children without books or records.

But the enormous job of rebuilding cities and towns is a responsibility only the federal government has the means to tackle. Never before in the history of this country has an entire metropolitan area been rendered uninhabitable for months, as New Orleans was. In addition, several smaller towns along the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts will need massive infusions of capital and environmental and construction expertise to get going again.

Besides, some of New Orleans' woes are directly attributable to federal failings. Design of the levees — whose failure allowed floodwaters to pour in and swamp the city — was the responsibility of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and early reports by investigators strongly suggest that the levees relied on a faulty design and were poorly built. If the federal government pledges to rebuild the levees properly, private businesses will be more likely to take the chance on moving back to the city.

The fate of the Gulf Coast — especially the nation's most distinctive city, New Orleans — will tell us a lot about who we are as a nation, as a people. If we are the compassionate, can-do people we say we are, then we can help the Gulf Coast rebuild. If we can't do that, then America has become a different and disturbing place.

Pryor's Flawed Legacy



Stanley Crouch

This past Saturday Richard Pryor left this life and bequeathed to our culture as much darkness as he did the light his extraordinary talent made possible.

When we look at the remarkable descent this culture has made into smut, contempt, vulgarity and the pornographic, those of us who are not willing to drink the Kool-Aid marked "all's well," will have to address the fact that it was the combination of confusion and comic genius that made Pryor a much more negative influence than a positive one.

I do not mean positive in the way Bill Cosby was when his television show redefined situation comedy by turning away from all of the stereotypes of disorder and incompetence that were then and still are the basic renditions of black American life in our mass media.

Richard Pryor was not that kind of a man. His was a different story.

Pryor was troubled and he had seen things that so haunted him that the comedian found it impossible to perform and ignore the lower-class shadow worlds he had known so well, filled with pimps, prostitutes, winos and abusive types of one sort or another.

The vulgarity of his material, and the idea a "real" black person was a foul-mouthed type was his greatest influence. It was the result of seeing the breaking

of "white" convention as a form of "authentic" definition.

Pryor reached for anything that would make white America uncomfortable and would prop up a smug belief among black Americans that they were always "more cool" and more ready to "face life" than the members of majority culture.

Along the way, Pryor made too many people feel that the N word was open currency and was more accurate than any other word used to describe or address a black person.

In the dung piles of pimp and gangster rap we hear from slime meisters like Snoop Dogg and 50 Cent, the worst of Pryor's influence has been turned into an aspect of the new minstrelsy in which millions of dollars are made by "normalizing" demeaning imagery and misogyny.

What is so unfortunate is that the heaviest of Pryor's gifts was largely ignored by so many of those who praised the man when he was alive and are now in the middle of deifying him.

The pathos and the frailty of the human soul alone in the world or insecure or looking for something of meaning in a chaotic environment was a bit too deep for all of the simple-minded clowns like Andrew Dice Clay or those who thought that mere ethnicity was enough to define one as funny, like the painfully square work of Paul Rodriguez.

Of course, Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam is the ultimate coon show update of human cesspools, where "cutting edge" has come to mean traveling ever more downward in the sewer.

In essence, Pryor stunned with his timing, his rhythm, his ability to stand alone and fill the stage with three-dimensional characters through his remarkably imaginative gift for an epic sweep of mimicry.

That nuanced mimicry crossed ethnic lines, stretched from young to old, and gave poignancy to the comedian's revelations about the hurts and the terrors of life.

The idea of "laughing to keep from crying" was central to his work and has been diligently avoided by those who claim to owe so much to him.

As he revealed in his last performance films, Pryor understood the prison he had built for himself and the shallow definitions that smothered his audience's understanding of the humanity behind his work.

But, as they say, once the barn door has been opened, you cannot get all of the animals to return by whistling. So we need to understand the terrible mistakes this man of comic genius made and never settle for a standard that is less than what he did at his very best, which was as good as it has ever gotten.

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Richland Collegiate High School Approved

Next year, area 11th-graders can begin earning high school diplomas and associate's degrees simultaneously at the first dual-diploma charter high school on a Texas college campus.

The State Board of Education approved Richland College's application to open Richland Collegiate High School in fall 2006. Richland College is on Abrams Road in Dallas and is part of the Dallas County Community College District.

"I was in Austin with Richland's chairman of the board, and when they said 'yes,' he just slapped me on the arm and said, 'Congratulations,'" said Richland vice president David Canine, who conceived the charter plan. "For a year everybody said, 'This is a great idea, you know you're going to be approved.' I said, 'No I don't.' So it was such a relief."

The school will enroll up to 200 juniors for 2006-07 and 200

more the next year. The curriculum will focus on math, science and engineering with Richland faculty teaching the college-level classes. The high school students will attend classes with college students. In addition, students can participate in extracurricular activities — such as band, athletics and student government — with the college students.

Charter schools are public schools that receive state funding but operate separately from school districts. Attendance is tuition-free and admission requirements must be the same as at any public high school in the state.

Richland officials applied for the charter in February and answered questions about the application at a September hearing. The proposal was reviewed by the school board's planning committee on Monday and approved by the board Tuesday morning.

"That is a unique concept," said Texas Education Agency spokes-

woman DeEtta Culbertson. "It's exciting to think about something this innovative coming on line, and it will be interesting to see how it progresses."

Texas has about 275 charter schools, many of which offer dual-credit classes but none of which confer dual diplomas.

Students can also receive dual credit at non-charter public and private high schools, a few of which are on college campuses, but none of those offer dual diplomas either.

Only 60 or so strictly dual-credit and dual-diploma high schools similar to Richland's planned campus exist in about 25 states. Most are designed to attract minority and economically disadvantaged students. Mr. Canine said officials want to reach a different demographic: high-achieving students of all backgrounds who are more likely to be bored during their last two years of high school.

More Black Families Home Schooling

By: Zinie Chen Sampson

Denise Armstrong decided to home school her daughter and two sons because she thought she could do a better job of instilling her values in her children than a public school could. And while she once found herself the lone black parent at home-education gatherings that usually were dominated by white Christian evangelicals, she's noticed more black parents joining the ranks.

"I've been delighted to be running into people in the African-American home-schooling community," Armstrong said.

Home-school advocates say the apparent increase in black families opting to educate their children at home reflects a wider desire among families of all races to guide their children's moral upbringing, along with growing concerns about issues such as sub-par school conditions and preserving cultural heritage.

"About 10 years ago, we started seeing more and more black families showing up at conferences and it's been steadily increasing since then," said Michael Smith, president of the Home School Legal Defense Association, a national advocacy group.

Nationwide, about 1.1 million children were home schooled in 2003, or 2.2 percent of the school-age population. That was up from about 850,000, or 1.7 percent, in 1999, according to the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. A racial breakdown of home-schooled students isn't yet available, the center said.

However, the Home School Legal Defense Association says

the percentage of black home-schooling families has increased, though hard numbers weren't available.

The numbers are still very low because most black families lack the time or economic resources to devote to home schooling, said Michael Apple, an education pro-

Richmond area.

She said she also was concerned that schools wrongly label some black boys as learning-disabled while white children with similar behavior are not.

To help guide black home-schooling families, Joyce and Eric Burges started the National Black Home Educators Resource Association in 2000. She said many families were dissatisfied with their public schools but weren't aware that home schooling was legal.

Joyce Burges, of the Baton Rouge, La., area, says she and other black home schoolers have been likened to traitors by people who think they've turned their backs on the struggle to gain equal access to public education. But she feels that when schools don't teach children to read, or fail to provide a safe place to learn, children should come first.

"You do what you have to do that your children get an excellent education," she said. "Don't leave it up to the system."

Apple, the Wisconsin professor, said improving public education for the greatest number of students depends on mass mobilization by concerned parents, but he raises a cautionary note.

"They're trying as hard as they possibly can to protect their children, and for that they must be applauded," Apple said. "But in the long run, protecting their own children may even lead to worse conditions for the vast majority of students who stay in public schools, and that's a horrible dilemma."



Denise Armstrong helps her son, Timothy, 8, pick out a book in a local library in Richmond, Va. Armstrong decided to home school her children feeling she could do a better job instilling her values in her children than the public school system could.

fessor at the University of Wisconsin who tracks home schooling. He said much of the increase is seen in cities with histories of racial tensions and where black people feel alienated and marginalized.

Some families decide to do it because public schools don't adequately teach African-American history and culture, some want to protect their children from school violence, "and for some, it's all of this and religion," Apple said.

Armstrong said she wants her children — ages 12, 10 and 7 — to have a "moral Judeo-Christian foundation" that public schools can't provide.

"I felt that my husband and I would be able to give more of a tutorial, individual learning situation than a teacher trying to address 40 kids at one time," said Armstrong, who lives in the

Two University Of North Texas Faculty Members Have Been Awarded Fulbright Scholar Grants

Timothy L. Jackson, a professor in the College of Music, and Erika Martina Nelson, assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, received the grant for the 2005-2006 academic year, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Jackson will continue to serve as a Fulbright lecturer at Hanyang University in Seoul, Korea, until January 2006. He has been teaching the history and practice of Schenkerian analysis at Hanyang University since August 2005.

Nelson participated in the Fulbright German Studies

Seminar in Berlin at the Commission for Educational Exchange this past June and July.

Jackson and Nelson are two of approximately 850 U.S. faculty and professionals have travel abroad to some 150 countries for the 2005-2006 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program aims to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

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Savoy Magazine Bids Farewell To Newsstands...Again

By: K. Terrell Reed

Savoy magazine takes a third bow, signaling another closed act on the newsstand. The black lifestyle title that became a hit when first launched in 1999 by now-defunct Vanguard Media Inc., has been put on hiatus by its new owner, Chicago publisher Hermene Hartman.



Hermene Hartman

Hartman decided to temporarily stop publishing the magazine in mid-November. The publisher put out four issues since re-launching the title in February. The June/July 2005 issue was Savoy's last edition.

Advertiser support and circulation were both strong, she says, as many of the magazine's early sponsors returned and its subscriber base was up to

about 200,000. The debut issue featured Barack Obama and wife Michelle. But that wasn't enough to overcome the challenge that befell Savoy's previous publisher's lack of investment backing. "Great magazine, good audience, good advertising base, but an expensive proposition," Hartman said in an interview.

While frank about the fact that money was tight, she would not disclose how much cash she had raised so far or how much she needed to resume publication.

Hartman, who also publishes N'Digo, a weekly magazine about Chicago's black community, bought Savoy following a chain of events that began with Vanguard's demise in late 2003. Vanguard was founded by publishing wunderkind Keith Clinkscales and backed for a time by entrepreneur Robert L. Johnson. Once Vanguard folded in bankruptcy, another publisher, New York's Jungle Media Group bought Savoy at auction for \$375,000. Hartman stepped in and bought it from Jungle Media for \$600,000, with plans to publish 10 times a year.

Savoy isn't the only former Vanguard title to find new life after the company's sudden

demise. Jungle Media still publishes Savoy Professional, which the two companies had published jointly. Baltimore entrepreneur Edwin Avent bought Heart & Soul, a women's health and fitness magazine out of the bankruptcy auction and has published one issue. A second is scheduled for early next year, and Avent plans to publish bi-monthly afterwards.

Of Vanguard's three former consumer titles, only Honey, aimed at black female teens and young adults, has not yet re-launched. In the meantime, Hartman plans to publish Savoy monthly online beginning in December with hopes to re-launch it in print again after a new round of fundraising.



Hilton Hotels To Manage The Dallas Anatole

Hilton Hotels Corp. has won the management contract for the Anatole Hotel in Dallas.

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. The Anatole, which is owned by Dallas-based Crow Holdings, currently operates under the Wyndham brand name.

The 1,606-room hotel will be reflagged as a Hilton in January and will undergo \$30 million in renovations over the next two years.

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Area Gasoline Prices Begin Inching Up

After eight consecutive weeks of falling gas prices, the retail price of gasoline appears to be finally bottoming out.

Dallas drivers can expect to pay \$2.08 per gallon of regular, self-serve gasoline -- an increase of more than 2 cents from last week. Fort Worth motorists are paying \$2.07 a gallon, an increase of nearly 2 cents from last week, according to AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch.

The statewide average is \$2.08 a gallon, up 2 cents from last week. Beaumont has the most expensive gas in the state at \$2.10, despite a 3-cent decrease from last week.

Corpus Christi has the least expensive gas at \$1.96, up nearly 8 cents from last week.

"This slow-down in the rate at which prices are falling could be signaling gasoline prices are about to stabilize in advance of the year-end holiday," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "If so, the statewide average price may not fall below \$2 a gallon by the end of the year as expected."

The national average for regular self-serve gasoline is \$2.15 a gallon -- a penny higher than last week's average

Smith, senior vice president for Hilton/Doubletree Mountain/Central Operations for Hilton Hotels.

The Anatole, built in 1978, has 129 suites, four presidential suites, six grand presidential suites, 15 garden hospitality suites, 50 executive conference center suites and 54 tower suites.

The hotel also has eight restaurants or bars, 10 hotel

boutiques, an 80,000-square-foot health club and spa, three pools and a private seven-acre park.

Beverly Hills, Calif.-based Hilton Hotels Corp. (NYSE: HLT) owns, develops, manages or franchises about 2,300 hotels, resorts and vacation ownership properties.

Crow Holdings is a group of diversified investment companies.

American To Start Service From Love Field

American Airlines and American Eagle said Tuesday they will begin service out of Dallas Love Field March 2.

The announcement comes on the heels of Dallas-based Southwest Airlines (NYSE: LUV) on Tuesday beginning four flights a day out of Love Field to both St. Louis and Kansas City.

American said it will operate 16 flights a day out of city-owned Love Field, including four flights to St. Louis, three flights to Kansas City, four flights to San Antonio and five flights to Austin.

Southwest gained the right to fly from Love Field to Missouri last month when President Bush signed a transportation appropriations bill that included a provision exempting Missouri from Wright Amendment restrictions.

Under the 1979 federal law, flights out of Dallas Love Field were limited to short-haul flights to a few surrounding states. Southwest, last year, began a campaign to have the amendment repealed. Dallas/ Worth International Airport, and American (NYSE: AMR), the fortress carrier at D/FW Airport, have opposed a repeal of the amendment, saying Southwest should move some of its operations to D/FW Airport if it wants to fly to Wright restricted states.

"We have not, and will not, abandon our efforts in support of the Wright Amendment and all those in North Texas who want to keep D/FW International Airport strong, vibrant and growing," said Dan Garton, American's executive vice president of Marketing.

"D/FW is the region's greatest economic engine and was always intended to be the home for all commercial air service in Dallas-Fort Worth. American remains intensely devoted to that principle. However, we have made it clear for many years that if Love Field were opened to longer-haul service, American must

compete at Love Field in order to retain the large number of American Airlines customers who live closer to Love Field than to D/FW."

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John Legend Ends Incredible Year

John Legend's first solo album, "Get Lifted" (on Getting Out Our Dreams Music/Sony Urban Music/Columbia Records), dropped three days after Christmas 2004 and struck the resonant opening chord for a year that's just reached a dizzying crescendo with 8 Grammy nominations.

I never dreamed I'd have so many Grammy nominations," said John Legend. "It's overwhelming in the best possible way. The Song Of The Year nomination comes as a real honor. 'Ordinary People' is a special song — because it comes from a real place and connects with people in a real way — and it means a lot to me."

The scope of John's nominations — Song Of The Year, Best

New Artist, Best R&B Song, Best R&B Album, Best Male R&B Vocal Performance, Best Traditional R&B Performance, Best R&B Performance By A



Duo Or Group With Vocal, and Best Rap/Sung Collaboration — illustrate the breathtaking range of this emerging superstar.

2005's been a year of highlights for John Legend, among them the realization of a long-standing dream when he recorded a duet

remix of his song, "So High," with hip-hop superstar Lauryn Hill. The Cloud 9 remix of "So High" marked Ms. Hill's first recorded appearance since 2002's MTV Unplugged 2.0 and earned John Legend a Grammy nomination for Best R&B Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocals.

Get Lifted debuted at #7 on the Billboard Top 200 album chart and #1 on the R&B Album sales chart has since gone on to achieve RIAA gold and platinum status. Legend hit the road twice in 2005, first as the heralded opening act for Alicia Keys and then as the star of his very first headline tour. He's off to tour South Africa in the new year and is working on the successor to "Get Lifted."

Mariah, Kanye, Legend Lead Grammy Nods With 8 Each:

Mariah Carey's successful comeback year was capped last week with eight Grammy award nominations, including album of the year for "The Emancipation of Mimi" and song and record of the year for her No. 1 smash, "We Belong Together."

Carey's eight nods tied with Kanye West, who is up for album of the year for "Late Registration" and song of the year for "Gold Digger"; and John Legend, who will battle Ciara in the best new artist category.

Nominations for the 48th annual Grammy Awards were announced Thursday morning in New York with the live ceremony scheduled for Feb. 8 in Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, according to published reports, Mr. West couldn't even wait for the Grammy noms to come out on Thursday before well ... doing what he does ... talkin' smack.

"If I don't win album of the year, I'm gonna really have a problem with that," he told MTV this week, responding to predictions that his mouth would cost him a victory.

"I don't care if I jumped up and down right now on the couch like Tom Cruise ... I don't care how much I stunt—you can never take away from the amount of work I put into it."

And Kanye wasn't done: "I said I was the face of the Grammys last year. I'm 10 times that [this year] ... Two things: Do not let me get on that stage and do not let me get on that stage. Either way, we going crazy!"

Here is a partial list of nominees: (For the full 108 categories, visit www.Grammy.com.)

• Record of the Year: "We Belong Together," Mariah

Carey; "Feel Good Inc.," Gorillaz featuring De La Soul; "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," Green Day; "Hollaback Girl," Gwen Stefani; "Gold Digger," Kanye West.

• Album of the Year: "The Emancipation of Mimi," Mariah



Ciara

Carey; "Chaos and Creation in the Backyard," Paul McCartney; "Love. Angel. Music. Baby.," Gwen Stefani; "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb," U2; "Late Registration," Kanye West.

• Song of the Year: "Bless the Broken Road," Bobby Boyd, Jeff Hanna & Marcus Hummon, (Rascal Flatts); "Devils & Dust," Bruce Springsteen, (Bruce Springsteen); "Ordinary People," W. Adams & J. Stephens, (John Legend); "Sometimes You Can't Make It on Your Own," U2; "We Belong Together," J. Austin, M. Carey, J. Dupri & M. Seal, (D.

Bristol, K. Edmonds, S. Johnson, P. Moten, S. Sully & B. Womack) (Mariah Carey).

• New Artist: Ciara, Fall Out Boy, Keane, John Legend, SugarLand.

• Female Pop Vocal Performance: "It's Like That," Mariah Carey; "Since U Been Gone," Kelly Clarkson; "Good Is Good," Sheryl Crow; "I Will Not Be Broken," Bonnie Raitt; "Hollaback Girl," Gwen Stefani.

• Female R&B Vocal Performance: "1 Thing," Amerie; "Wishing on a Star," Beyonce; "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey; "Free Yourself," Fantasia; "Unbreakable," Alicia Keys.

• Male R&B Vocal Performance: "Creepin'," Jamie Foxx; "Ordinary People," John Legend; "Let Me Love You," Mario; "Superstar," Usher; "So What the Fuss," Stevie Wonder.

• R&B Performance by a Duo or Group With Vocals: "So Amazing," Beyonce & Stevie Wonder; "Cater 2 U," Destiny's Child; "If This World Were Mine," Alicia Keys featuring Jermaine Paul; "So High," John Legend featuring Lauryn Hill; "How Will I Know," Stevie Wonder featuring Aisha Morris.

• Traditional R&B Vocal Performance: "Mine Again," Mariah Carey; "Summertime," Fantasia; "A House Is Not a Home," Aretha Franklin; "If I Was Your Woman," Alicia Keys; "Stay With You," John Legend.

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Prince Signs Deal To Release New Album

Prince, who has put out most of his music on his own record label over the past decade, is aligning himself with a major label once again. The 47-year-old superstar has signed a deal with Universal Records to release his upcoming album, "3121," early next year. A press conference was scheduled Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Prince had a similar deal with Columbia Records in 2003; that label distributed his acclaimed comeback album, "Musicology,"

for NPG Records, Prince's label.

Also Tuesday, VH1 and its affiliated networks, including Tempo and VH1 Soul, are scheduled to premiere the singer's new video, "Te Amo Corazon (I Love You Sweetheart)," directed by Salma Hayek.

"Salma heard the song and came up with the original concept," Prince said of the actress in a statement. "Salma is the most thoughtful, attentive director I have ever worked with. An absolute joy."

VH1 will also make the song available on its Vspot broadband channel and VH1 Mobile.



Comedy Central To Show Dave Chappelle Sketches

By: Frazier Moore

Dave Chappelle is back on Comedy Central - well, kind of. The wildly popular comedian, who last spring walked off his show just weeks before its season premiere, will be on view in four episodes' worth of sketches he filmed before his startling exit, the cable channel announced Monday.

The four half-hours of "Chappelle's Show" will premiere in weekly showings next April, May or June, the network said. A 2 1/2-minute preview of this never-before-seen footage will be included in "Comedy Central's Last Laugh '05" special, which premieres Sunday, 9 p.m. EST.

Still to be determined is how the sketches will be packaged, since Chappelle's on-stage introductions were never produced. A full season would have been between 10 and 13 episodes.

"It's great material, and we think our audience is hungry for it," said Comedy Central President Doug Herzog, noting that the last original episode of "Chappelle's Show" aired in May

2004. "Chappelle's Show," a raw, satirical comedy show that was both a critical and popular hit, was one of the network's most valuable properties.



The announcement resolves - well, kind of - Chappelle's dangling status at Comedy Central, with whom he signed a deal in August 2004 reportedly worth \$50 million for a third and fourth season. But last May, with the premiere date looming for that third season, Chappelle stunned his fans by ditching the show in mid-production.

His disappearance - announced

by Comedy Central on May 4 - spurred reports that he had mental or drug problems, but Chappelle later said he was unhappy with the show's creative direction.

"I'm definitely stressed out," he told Time magazine a few days after Comedy Central announced the show was indefinitely postponed. "I'm not crazy, I'm not smoking crack."

He spent two weeks in South Africa before returning home to his farm near Yellow Springs, about 75 miles north-east of Cincinnati. Chappelle, now 32, has since resumed performing live standup.

In the meantime, "Chappelle's Show" has hung in limbo.

"We had reached out several times to Dave's camp and asked, 'What would you like to do?'" Herzog said. "But we never received a definitive response. ... We thought it was time to start unearthing the material we had." He laughed. "It's kind of like Bob Dylan's 'Basement Tapes.'"

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Celebrating Kwanzaa

Dr. Maulana Karenga, a professor in the Department of Black Studies at California State University, founded Kwanzaa in 1966. Karenga states, "The celebration brings a cultural message which speak to the best of what it means to be African and human in the fullest sense."

The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa (Nguzo Saba) represent seven qualities which add to the spiritual, social and economic strength of the family. The celebration starts December 26 and ends on January 1.

Habari Gana? (What's the news?)

First day of Kwanzaa

Umoja (Unity) To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

Second day of Kwanzaa- Kujichagulia (Self-determination) To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

Third day of Kwanzaa- Ujima (Collective work and responsibility) To build and maintain our community together and to make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems and to solve them together.

Fourth day of Kwanzaa- Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) To build and maintain our own stores, shops and

other businesses and to profit together from them.

Fifth day of Kwanzaa-Nia (Purpose) To make as our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Sixth day of Kwanzaa- Kuumba (Creativity) To do always as much as we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than when we inherited it.

Seventh day of Kwanzaa- Imani (Faith) To believe with all our hearts in our parents, our teachers, our leaders, our people and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

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sounded as if he asked one of the men with a needle.

After he was declared dead, his supporters shouted in unison: "The state of California just killed an innocent man," as they walked out of the chamber.

Williams' case became one of the nation's biggest death-row cause celebres in decades, with Hollywood stars and capital punishment foes arguing that Williams' sentence should be commuted to life in prison because he had made amends by writing children's books about the dangers of gangs and violence.

Williams became the 12th person executed in California since lawmakers reinstated the death penalty in 1977.

In the days leading up to the execution, state and federal courts refused to reopen his case. Monday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger denied Williams' request for clemency, suggesting that his supposed change of heart was not genuine because he had not shown any real remorse for the killings committed by the Crips.

"Is Williams' redemption complete and sincere, or is it

just a hollow promise?" Schwarzenegger wrote. "Without an apology and atonement for these senseless and brutal killings, there can be no redemption."

Williams was condemned in 1981 for gunning down convenience store clerk Albert Owens, 26, at a 7-Eleven in Whittier and killing Yen-I Yang, 76, Tsai-Shai Chen Yang, 63, and the couple's daughter Yu-Chin Yang Lin, 43, at the Los Angeles motel they owned. Williams claimed he was innocent.

Williams was led into the death chamber at midnight, shackled and handcuffed. He declined to give a formal final statement.

Williams was described as "complacent, quiet and thoughtful," by Corrections Department spokeswoman Terry Thornton in the hours before the execution. He declined to have a last meal as he waited in the holding cell, drinking milk instead. Prison officials said he spent his last hours reading mail, watching television and visiting with his lawyers and friends.

Among the celebrities who took up Williams' cause were Jamie Foxx, who played the gang leader in a cable movie about

Williams; rapper Snoop Dogg, himself a former Crip; Sister Helen Prejean, the nun depicted in "Dead Man Walking"; and Bianca Jagger. During Williams' 24 years on death row, a Swiss legislator, college professors and others nominated him for the Nobel Prizes in peace and literature.

Williams founded the Crips gang with a friend in 1971 and managed stay out of trouble for years despite his claims that he was a drug-fueled thug who robbed, beat and shot at people.

Williams never wavered from his claim of innocence and said he refused to confess to crimes he did not commit, even if doing so would save his life. He said he redeemed himself while in prison and apologized for starting the Crips.

"There is no part of me that existed then that exists now," Williams said recently during several hours of interviews with The Associated Press. He said that while he wanted to live and continue his work with children, he was prepared to die.

"I haven't had a lot of joy in my life. But in here," he says, pointing to his heart, "I'm happy. I am peaceful in here. I am joyful in here."

confirming it had occurred and saying "most of the passengers might have lost their lives." Nigerian airports have come under criticism in recent

months following a string of near-misses and an incident in which an Air France passenger jet crashed into a herd of cows on the runway at Port Harcourt.

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Peoria, Ill., getting wrongly arrested, getting rightly arrested (for tax evasion, assault and drug possession), or a wife leaving because he beat her. Then there was his career-long addiction to cocaine and other drugs, and finally, the multiple sclerosis diagnosed in 1986 that all but muted him.

For Pryor, it wasn't just about being funny, it was about doing it right, doing it his way, in his language. And if foul language was part of it, then foul language was going to have to be spit into the microphone. He instinctively knew this -- as he said in his autobiography "Pryor Convictions and Other Life Sentences" -- in September 1967 when he stepped onto the stage at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas and to a sellout, mainstream audience said, "What the [bleep] am I doing here?" and left.

From then on, he became Richard Pryor, a man who was not afraid to be himself and made his experiences universal.

He didn't just break down barriers, he influenced generations of other comedians, black and white, including Eddie Murphy, Robin Williams, Chris Rock, Richard Belzer and Dave Chappelle. He used the N-word to confront racism with the buffer of humor. He said he wanted to take the sting out of that word, "as if saying it over and over again would numb me and everybody else to its wretchedness."

He officially renounced the N-word after a trip to Africa where, as he related in his autobiography, he watched the Africans in his hotel lobby in wonder. "The people here, they still have their self-respect, their pride. . . There are no niggers here."

A few years later, he declared there were none at all.

But if anyone's got a chance of forgiveness by raising an almighty roar, it's gotta be him.

Maybe he could tell the Big Man the story of when his mother gave him \$20 for an errand and he lost it. Sitting down on

the sidewalk, he began crying. When a stranger asked him what was wrong, young Richard told the story. The stranger was so touched, Pryor said, he gave him the money. After a pause -- allowing the audience to feel the poignancy -- Pryor concluded with this: "[bleep], I was out there every day," playing the same scam.

If anyone has a shot at getting God to laugh, it has to be Richard Franklin Lennox Thomas Pryor III, who once said, if it wasn't for comedy, "I could be in Peoria parking cars."

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Sister Tarpley

I received this by email and asked to share it with at least four people. I thought it is worth sharing with our readers. This is Part 1.

I sat with two friends at a restaurant off the corner of the town-square. As we talked, our attention (as well as others around us) was drawn outside. Walking into town was a man who appeared to be carrying all his worldly goods on his back with a well-worn sign that read, "I will work for food." My heart sank. As we focused on him our heads moved in a mixture of sadness and disbelief.

Finishing our meal we went our separate ways. I quickly set out to accomplish my errands. I glanced toward the town square; halfheartedly looking for the stranger; fearful that seeing him again would call for some response from me. I drove through town but didn't see him.

After making some purchases at a store and getting into my car, the Spirit of God said to me, "Don't go back to the office until you've at least driven once more around the square."

Hesitantly, I headed back into town; and turning the square's third corner, I saw the stranger on the steps of the store-front church,

To Meet Such A Man

going through his sack.

I stopped and looked; feeling both compelled to speak to him, yet wanting to drive on. The empty parking space on the corner seemed to be a sign from God: an invitation to park. I pulled in, got out and approached the town's newest visitor.

"Looking for the pastor?" I asked. "Not really," he replied, "just resting." "Have you eaten today?" I ate

unusual. His face was slightly weathered from his 38 years. His dark eyes were clear, and he spoke with an eloquence and articulation that was startling. Removing his jacket, I saw a bright red T-shirt that read, "Jesus is The Never Ending Story."

Daniel's story began to unfold; he had seen rough times early in life. He'd made some wrong choices and reaped the consequences. Fourteen years earlier backpacking across the country, he stopped on the beach in Daytona and was hired to help put up a large tent and some equipment. A concert, he thought. But the tent housed a Revival Service, and in those services he gave his life to God. "Nothing's been the same since," he said, "I felt the Lord telling me to keep walking, so I did, some 14 years now."

"Ever think of stopping?" I asked. "Once in a while, but God has given me this calling. I give out Bibles; that's what's in my sack. I work to buy food and Bibles to give when His Spirit leads me."

I sat amazed. My homeless friend was not homeless. He was on a mission and lived this way by choice.

Next week, Part 2, "To Meet Such A Man."

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(L to R) Muslim Lorraine Thomas, Delaware, with Native Americans, Chief Ernie Longwalker and wife, Warrior Woman, at the Million More Movement in Washington D.C.

something early this morning," he said. "Would you like to have lunch with me?" "Do you have some work I can do?" He asked. "No work," I replied. "I commute here to work from the city, but I would like to take you to lunch." "Sure," he replied with a smile. As he began to gather his things, I asked, "Where're you headed?" "St. Louis." "Where're you from?" "All over; mostly Florida." "How long have you been walking?" "Fourteen years," came the reply.

I knew that I had met someone

Haggard Library Opens Page 1

tion delayed the construction six months.

During reconstruction, books were stored in the library's basement or relocated to the city's four other libraries.

Some of Haggard's 24 full-time and 15 part-time employees had been working at Plano's other libraries.

New color schemes incorporating a circus theme dominate the newly refurbished first

floor, which has been converted into a children's area and a teen zone. A new 900-square-foot reading area will accommodate story-time events and other summer reading programs.

Modular furniture has replaced the old circulation counter. And fun, contemporary furniture and games, along with study areas, have been added to the teen zone. The library now has 39 computer stations, more than twice as many as before.

"We want to make reading and coming to the library fun, relaxing and enjoyable," said Joyce Baumbach, director of Plano libraries.

All adult reading materials, including reference and periodicals, have been moved to the upstairs addition. Also upstairs are study rooms and a 900-square-foot quiet room where patrons can read without distracting computers and cell-phones.

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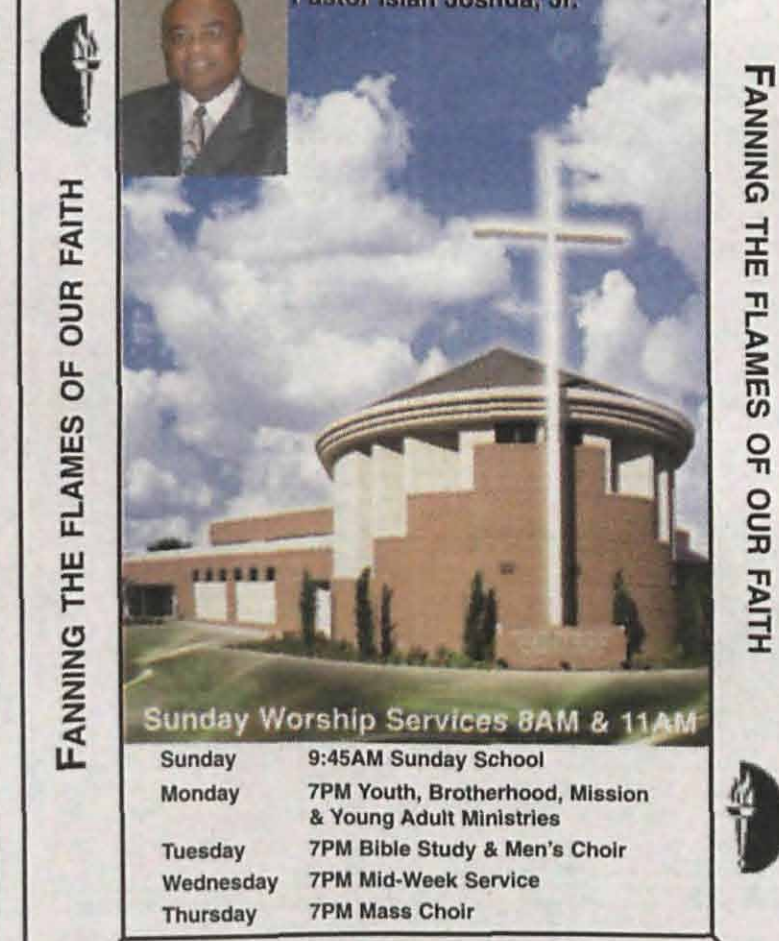
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Pre-Katrina Arrestees Languish In System

By: Doug Simpson

Hundreds of people arrested for minor crimes just before Hurricane Katrina washed away New Orleans' court system remain behind bars more than three months later.

A team of volunteer defense lawyers has filed motions to have the arrestees set free. Some have never had a court appearance or been assigned a lawyer, said Rachel Jones, one of the volunteers.

One New Orleans judge has been hearing the cases in a Baton Rouge courtroom, because New Orleans' courthouse is closed indefinitely. Judge Calvin Johnson ordered dozens of the prisoners released, including one man who was arrested for public drunkenness Aug. 24 and

given a 10-day sentence.

More than 8,000 inmates were evacuated from southeast Louisiana jails before and after Katrina struck Aug. 29, the majority from the New Orleans jail, which was severely flooded.

Many of those prisoners had been convicted and belong behind bars, but defense lawyer Julie Kilborn said roughly 30 percent were incarcerated for misdemeanors and should have been released long ago. Others were sentenced to drug rehabilitation programs, but New Orleans' rehab operations have been out of commission since the storm, so they remain behind bars, she said.

Some people arrested immediately after Katrina also faced prolonged jail time.

Three days after the storm,

Tammy Williams said she and her two teenage daughters took the advice of New Orleans police officers and got out of the city by catching a ride with a couple driving a U.S. Postal Service vehicle. But when they made it to neighboring Jefferson Parish, they were arrested and accused of stealing the postal truck, she said.

Williams, 46, said the charges against them were eventually dropped, but only after they spent 'a miserable 46 days' in three different lockups.

Fontenot said the state is still housing over 4,500 prisoners who were evacuated from New Orleans and Jefferson, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes, plus people arrested in those parishes immediately after the storm.

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consumed by maggots and flies." Another woman said military troops focused machine gun laser targets on her granddaughter's forehead. Others said their families were called racial epithets by police.

"No one is going to tell me it wasn't a race issue," said New Orleans evacuee Patricia Thompson, 53, who is now living in College Station, Texas. "Yes, it was an issue of race. Because of one thing: when the city had pretty much been evacuated, the people that were left there mostly was black."

Not all lawmakers seemed persuaded.

"I don't want to be offensive when you've gone through such

incredible challenges," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn. But referring to some of the victims' charges, like the gun pointed at the girl, Shays said: "I just don't frankly believe it."

"You believe what you want," Thompson said.

The hearing was held by a special House committee, chaired by Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., investigating the government's preparations and response to Katrina. It was requested by Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., a member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

"Racism is something we don't like to talk about, but we have to acknowledge it," McKinney said. "And the world

saw the effects of American-style racism in the drama as it was outplayed by the Katrina survivors."

The five white and two black lawmakers who attended the hearing mostly sat quietly during two and a half hours of testimony. But tempers flared when evacuees were asked by Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., to not compare shelter conditions to a concentration camp.

"I'm going to call it what it is," said Hodges. "That is the only thing I could compare what we went through to."

Of five black evacuees who testified, only one said he believed the sluggish response was the product of bad government planning for poor residents - not racism.

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