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People In The News

Mikaylah Simone's poetry has been described as both "the calm before the storm," and "as a breath of fresh air engaging the senses around us." The New York poet brings her extraordinary talent to Dallas on Sunday, September 18th as part of the Neo Soul Spoken Word Showcase.

Mikaylah is an emerging African-American poet whose simple, yet visceral, style brings poetry back to its basics as a social art through her affirmation of cultural identity and personal redemption. Leaving her Texas beginnings, New York soon became the ideal stage for her "one-woman show" of life.

Ms. Simone displays her liberating experimental form in her debut book of poetry *My Manifested English*. This premier work includes chapters of penetrating poetry concerning varying themes and layered meanings of politics, religion, violence, community and the complexity of love; all revealing the fresh insight of this authors journey that is honest, sad, comical and true.

Mikaylah Simone performs September 18th as part of the Neo Soul Spoken Word Showcase which is held at 5th Avenue Soul, 14775 Midway Road, Addison. The Showcase begins at 7:30 p.m. and is hosted by poets supreme Michael Gunter and Nancy Williams. For more info on Mikaylah Simone visit www.mimotone.com.

Renowned motivational speaker, author and television personality, Les Brown will be in Dallas to host the 2005 Celebrating Life Awards luncheon. The event is slated for Saturday, October 8 at the Westin Galleria, located at 13340 Dallas Parkway. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Les Brown has risen to national prominence by delivering a high energy message which tells people how to shake off mediocrity and live up to their greatness. It is a message Les Brown has learned from his own life and one he is helping others apply to their lives.

The Celebrating Life Foundation is one of the leading foundations in the nation that promote breast cancer awareness specifically targeting African American women and women of color.

"The Survivor of the Year Award is a prestigious award that will be presented to a breast cancer survivor who has gone through the struggles of breast cancer and as a result has used her experience to assist and help others within the community," says Debra Hirschbach, facilitator of the Celebrating Life Foundation's breast cancer support group, Victorious Ones.

To be eligible for the Victorious One's "Survivor of the Year" Award, the survivor must be an African American or woman of color, breast cancer survivor. Nominee submissions must be received by September 23, 2005. For nominee requirements and event information call 972-501-9983 or visit www.celebratinglife.org.

Steve Harvey will make his return to the nation's radio airwaves in a brand new show to be carried by Clear Channel.

"I can't wait to get back on the air and back to my fans. I promise a radio show that will be huge," Harvey said of "The Steve Harvey Show," which will originate from WFLS-FM in New York, and will also be carried on WSRB-FM and WYFR-FM Chicago, during the daily morning-drive.

One of the original Kings of Comedy, Harvey's resume includes the films "You Got Served" and "Johnson Family Vacation," his own television series "The Steve Harvey Show" and the serving as the host of "It's Showtime at the Apollo." In 2000, Harvey hosted the #1 radio show in the Los Angeles market, "The Steve Harvey Morning Show" on 100.3 FM "The Beat." His new daily radio show will showcase Steve's natural comedic talents with compelling features, rotating characters and unfettered celebrity access.

"Steve Harvey has demonstrated his ability to produce compelling radio time and again," said Tom Owens, executive vice president of new content development for Clear Channel Radio. "We've excited Steve has chosen Clear Channel and Premiere to partner with him in making this outstanding morning-drive program available nationally."

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Irving Doctor Helps Hurricane Victims, Clinic Target of Vandalism

By: Justin Jones

Not even Oscar Molina's new medical center having recently been the target of repeated vandalism can stop the general and family doctor's determined effort to assist Hurricane Katrina victims.

As a way to help, the owner of Molina Medical — 1901 West Irving Blvd. — has been providing free assistance for any Hurricane Katrina victim who's in need.

"Our doors are open to anybody that's displaced, injured or had losses from Katrina Hurricane," Molina said. "They have set up a headquarters called New Orleans West at Irving City Hall,



and it's been going very good. The Muslim community has stepped up and has really helped out a lot. Hopefully we can get other people to pitch in and help.

"Most people think that they have to show some form of Medicaid. I don't care about that. Just come in and we will take care of you."

Only when they (or anyone for that matter), arrive it won't be hard not to notice the recent destruction in the front of the clinic.

A couple of weeks ago the

North Texas Job Corps Center opens Florence Shapiro High School

The North Texas Job Corps Center celebrated the grand opening of Florence Shapiro High School, honoring Sen. Florence Shapiro for her dedication to the education of all Texans.

"I am honored by this naming and excited by the wonderful, positive opportunities being offered here," Shapiro said. "An educated workforce is the key to a strong, sustainable economy, and with these students in place to be the workforce of tomorrow, our future looks very promising."

The North Texas Job Corps Center selected Shapiro as its honoree because of her legislation, Senate Bill 1395, that allows Job Corps Centers in the State of Texas to open a public secondary school to serve as a diploma granting institution. The North Texas Job Corps Center is the first Job Corps in the State of Texas to open the doors to it's kind, Florence Shapiro High School will focus on serving students who have not been successful in a traditional high school setting, while affording them the opportunity to obtain a vocational skill in process.

"Nothing is more important than education," Shapiro said. "As chair of the Senate Education Committee, my number one priority has been to provide a quality education to all Texas children. These students are



Crying for New Orleans

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist

As I watched the news shows, virtually unable to turn off the suffering of hundreds of thousands on the Gulf Coast, I viewed New Orleans as a microcosm of the problem Black people face in this country. As I watched our brothers and sisters, our mothers and fathers, our grandparents, and our children fight to save themselves and wait for others to come to save them, I wept for all of us in this country, but I wept especially for Black people.

I also remembered another Black man who dearly loves his people and has for years given us the instructions necessary for our survival. I remembered him weeping as well, as he spoke of our predicament in this country; I remembered him singing out of the city of New Orleans as he fought to hold back his tears.

That man, and I do emphasize "Man," was speaking to the congregation that meets at the Greater Christian Church in Los Angeles, where Frederick K.C. Price is the minister. That man's name is Claud Anderson. I remembered Claud discussing the problems Blacks face and offering solutions to those

problems during his two-hour speech that day.

I reviewed his videotape, titled *PowerNomics*, "A Vision Beyond the Dream," and was struck by the issue-postponed against the pain, suffering, shame, and downright insufficiency of what is happening in New Orleans was Anderson's heartfelt message to our people, given some six years prior to the arrival of Hurricane Katrina. Tragically, he spoke of the tragedy known as New Orleans. He wept about the unemployment rate, the crime, the absence of a Black community, in a city where the majority population is Black. He sobbed as he spoke of the abject poverty of our brothers and sisters in New Orleans and how it was a disgrace for them — and us — to accept such

Too Little, Much Too Late At FEMA

By: Paul Halsey

Michael Brown resigned his position as head of FEMA on Tuesday.

He should have been fired two weeks ago.

Better yet, Michael Brown should have never been appointed in the first place.

The appointment of Michael Brown was a travesty, an exercise in government patronage where the citizens of the Gulf Coast ultimately paid the price for his incompetence. Michael Brown needed to be fired, but he is only a visible symptom of a much larger problem within FEMA. The million dollar (or at this point, 50 billion dollar and counting) question is: Why did the President appoint such unqualified man to be chief of a key Federal agency?

The Washington Post's recent report on the rampant cronyism present at FEMA and discovered five of the agency's top eight officials have little or no disaster experience. None of these people appointed themselves.

That FEMA is being led by people with no disaster management

experience is bad. That this occurs in a post-9/11 world where the major concern of our government is domestic terrorism is absurd. And frustrating.

Michael Brown's incompetence became more glaringly obvious at every step in the sequence of events both before and after Hurricane Katrina.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin announced a state of emergency in the first 24 hours upon being informed Katrina was going to hit New Orleans. This should have activated FEMA, however, Mr. Brown chose to wait until the storm made landfall before activating the agency. How many Americans died or suffered due as a result of his delay?

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Brown made two statements during interviews on CNN that merited his firing. The first was that he didn't know thousands of people were being sent to the Louisiana Superdome, in spite of the footage being repeatedly shown on the very network he was appearing. Wasn't it the essence of his job

Minister Louis Farrakhan Rallies Dallas for the Millions More Movement

Minister Louis Farrakhan visits Dallas on his Millions More Movement National Tour, Wednesday September 21, 2005. He will appear live at the St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, 5710 R. L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas, Texas. The doors open at 6:00 P.M., and the program begins at 7:00 P.M. Minister Farrakhan will address the public on the purpose of the Millions More Movement. The movement is intended to unite the leadership of the many organizations serving our communities into developing a strategic plan for a ten year agenda that will empower the masses of our people. The event is free to the public.

The event is sponsored by the Dallas Local Organizing Committee (DLOC) of the Millions More Movement under the directorship of Rev. L. Charles Sovall, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church. The coalition of Community organizations includes: the Nation of Islam, Muhammad Mosque No. 48, Dallas chapter of N'COBRA, MATAH Network, Dallas Local

Organizing Committee, Inc., The Act of Change Inc., All African People's Revolutionary Party, Coalition for the Advancement of Civil Rights, Inner-City Community Development Corporation, School of Community Organizing, New Black Panther Party, Our Time is Now, and others. The coalition meets every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1816 South St., Dallas.

Ten years ago on October 6, 1995, almost two million Black men gathered at the nation's capital in a spirit of atonement and reconciliation. This year marks the anniversary of all the work performed by the various local groups upon their return

Black Leaders Also Failed New Orleans' Poor

By: Earl Ofert Hinchinson

The big guns of mainstream black leadership from the Congressional Black Caucus to the NAACP have royally beat up on President Bush for his bungled, and bungled response to Katrina. Bush deserves their fury for his terrible stumble. But black leaders also deserve blame for their abysmal failure to be an active voice for the black poor. Their failure to loudly speak out on their behalf happened long before Katrina struck, and it tells much about the glaring disconnect between mainstream black leaders and New Orleans and the nation's black poor.

The first warning of that disconnect came in the 1950s. Sociologist E. Franklin Frazier complained that many blacks were becoming what he contemptuously branded a black bourgeoisie that controlled the wealth and power within the black community. Even then, many members of Frazier's black bourgeoisie had begun to distance themselves from the black poor.

The expansion of federal entitlement programs, civil

Black Leaders Also Failed Page 5

John Daniels' Hollywood Enterprises Conducts International Talent Search

Dallas native John "Hollywood" Daniels has finally received his share of the spotlight. It's the return of The International Talent Search in California. Daniels, who in conjunction with his non-profit organization Hollywood Enterprises, have been putting on Talent Showcases, fashion entertainment shows and VIP parties for the past twelve years to support young people in the community regardless of race, creed or color.

Daniels, who showcase was previously based out of Texas, relocated to California in search of expanding his organization into something grand with his view of "If you Think it, You can Dream it, If you can Dream it, You can Achieve it."

The showcase will be filmed and will be used for a national commercial to be aired in New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Miami, on BET, MTV, and VH1.

All ages are welcome to compete in addition to all singers, dancers, comedians, spokespersons and hip-hop artists. The Hollywood Enterprises International

Talent Search 2005 Auditions are as follows: auditions 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday October 8th at the Ontario Convention Center at 2000 Convention Way, Ontario, Calif. and Saturday (s), October 29 and November 19, 2005 at the Marriott Hotel,

The "Grand Finale" talent search will conclude on December 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel Burbank Airport Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way in Burbank, California. For additional information call (909) 988-8912.



(L to R) Paul Sanchez, John "Hollywood" Daniels, and Cornelius Pryddaher, Director of Sales, Hilton

Downtown Los Angeles, 333 South Figueroa Los Angeles, Calif.

Many of the artists who have previously been apart of the talent search, have gone on to appear on national shows including American Idol, Star Search, Jenny Jones, Apollo Theatre, BET Comic View and HBO's Def Comedy Jam.

SBC Mixer To Benefit United Negro College Fund

SBC employees are hosting a United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Scholarship Mixer/Fundraiser on Thursday, September 29th at Che, the 10,000 square foot nightclub and lounge. The event is open to the public and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Donations will be accepted

at the door. Che is located at 10333 Technology Boulevard in Dallas, Texas. Hours of operation are 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. nightly. For more information, please visit www.clubche.com. For reservations, please call Che directly at 214-353-8701.

~ CORRECTION ~

Mesquite NAACP ACT 50 (The Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics) Participants at the National Convention. Emerald Monroe, (who competed in painting and drawing) poses with Denise Dinkens (ACT 50 Chairperson) and Ryan Philip (who competed in poetry). Ms. Monroe was previously incorrectly identified.

Irving Doctor Helpo Victim Page 1 front of the clinic was vandalized three straight nights.

The targets were brightly colored swan ornaments, planters and a facade of a Spanish Colonial mission, among other things, Molina said, noting everything in front is valued at around \$20,000.

"There were a few people who didn't like what they looked like. I guess they thought it was too cultural or too ethnic," Molina, who's Hispanic, added. "Some people have complained to the city of Irving for us to take them down or to change the colors and so forth. That's when I decided to ask for help."

The vandals' attacks have resulted in around \$8,000-10,000 in damages.

"We are in America and this is private property. I just think they should respect each others' individuality, cultural and religious views," Molina said. "Basically just leave my stuff alone. It's mine and I want to share it with the community. If you don't like it fine. But other

people do like it, and that's what it's for. They are there for the community."

Just like Molina Medical, which for the past six years has resided in South Irving, helping those with low incomes.

Aside from general and family practice, Molina Medical also has a dentist, ophthalmologist, pharmacists, optometrists and psychologist on hand.

"The way I offered my artwork to the community is the same way I'm offering myself to everyone who needs medical help," Molina said. "Anyone is more than welcome to come. I will continue to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. We just have to come

together in a time of need."

Molina has nine years of experience in the medical field, having received his education from UT Southwestern Medical Center.

He also has been married to wife Claudia for the past nine years, and has five kids.

In the future the doctor hopes to put Molina Medical centers in other low-income sectors across the Metroplex, providing full medical and dental assistance for those in need.

"I can easily move north. I just think there is a need here," Molina said. "I think I am helping more people here. I want to make a difference, and I feel like I am."

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Around The Town

On Going

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

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

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

"Moneyville Exhibition" from September 24, 2005, through January 8, 2006. The exhibition is sponsored by Chase and The State Fair of Texas. Moneyville uses the fascinating subject of money to build math skills and promote economic literacy in a fun, immersive setting. For more information, or for volunteer opportunities,

call the Museum at (214) 421-DINO (3466), ext. 200 or visit the Museum's website at www.dallasdino.org

Floetry Friday's, every Friday night at Tiki's Restaurant, 408 S. Harwood (Downtown Dallas near the Farmers Market) doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m.

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

September 17

The Women's International Network will host their 3rd networking meeting of 2005 at the Homewood Suites at 2601 W. George Bush Turnpike in Plano from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Special guest inspirational speaker Mary Hughes will be there to help uplift and empower. The cost will be \$9.00 per person and includes a full breakfast buffet (served from 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.). Call 972-881-3339.

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

ID card.

The NAACP Garland Branch Freedom Fund Banquet, will be held at the Atrium at the Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Street, Downtown Garland. Silent Auction 6:00 p.m. Banquet at 7:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks and President-Dallas Urban League. For tickets, 972-381-5044, voice box #5

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

The City of Mesquite will hold an "Evening of Ethnic Expression" on Saturday, September 17, 2005, at the Mesquite Recreation Center Park, beginning at 6:00 p.m. There is no cost. The purpose of the event is to celebrate diversity and promote cultural understanding. Groups interested in performing at the event should contact Gina Mendez at 346-5295.

Through September 18

The Couples Praise & Worship Urban Marriage Retreat "Married to Destiny, One Mind, One Flesh, One Purpose", Friday Sept. 16 at 8:00 a.m.- Sunday. The event will take place at Christ for the Nations Conference Center, Conway and Kiest Blvd. in Dallas. Tickets are \$45 per person presale, \$50 at the door. Contact Mark Harry @ (972) 814-8339.

September 22

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

September 23

Evans Seniors Dance-Adults 50 and over enjoy live music, dancing and light refreshments at Evans Recreation Center from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Located at 1116 Hillcrest in Mesquite. Admission is \$4 per person. Contact 972-285-6761. The City of Irving will crown its 2005 Ms. Mature Irving during a special pageant at 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23, at Carpenter Performance Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Participants must be 60 or older and have lived in Irving for at least two years. Advance tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets the day of the pageant are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Tickets can be purchased through the Irving Arts Center by calling (972) 252-ARTS. Box office hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call the Heritage Senior Center at (972) 721-2496.

September 24

Bowl for Kids' Sake, is about having fun, while raising money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas! Located at Plano Super Bowl, 2421 Avenue K at 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Form a team of five people. Each bowler is asked to raise \$100 in sponsorships. Bowlers enjoy two FREE games of bowling with shoes/ball provided, plus food and drinks, event T-shirts, souvenir team photos, prizes, games and lots of FUN! Lunch will be provided by On the Border. You don't need to be a good bowler to participate-everyone wins when helping kids! For more information contact Natalie at 817-277-1145, x205 or nwira@bbbsnt.org, at 972-423-9559 or rhooftagle@bbbsnt.org.

September 30

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October 8

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

Through October 26

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

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Mr. President, WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME?

By James W. Breedlove

The age-old adage that there are two certainties—death and taxes—must now be modified to include a third certainty. Every time the Bush administration stumbles into an untenable situation that demands an explanation of its questionable decisions the certain response will be “Now Is Not The Time.”

This standard operational procedure, honed and refined since 9/11, has been used repeatedly as a smoke screen to divert the American people's attention away from the administration's true deviant intentions and the extent of its bureaucratic ineptitude.

Even after the tragedy of 9/11 the administration deftly rolled out its best foot-dragging act to delay the investigation into the causes of the unbelievable security breach.

But the 9/11 widows, known as the “Jersey Girls,” undeterred by the administration's obstacles banded together and demanded an independent investigation and an assessment of accountability for the attacks that killed their husbands and nearly 3,000 others. During their national campaign they forced the media spotlight on the cover-ups, political cowardice, deception and the callous indifference that a despotic government will impose on citizens who dare to question ineane government actions.

There is an eerie similarity to the shortsighted 9/11 anti-terrorism budget cuts of the administration and the pre Katrina Southeast Louisiana Flood Control Project budgets cuts. Both resulted in catastrophic disasters.

Is this the right time to ask if America is prepared to take care of its governmental obligations in the face of a terrorist attack or a devastating natural disaster? Billions of dollars are being spent each year on national security and homeland security yet each time a disaster occurs, even when forewarned, America is woefully unprepared to mount a unified

local, state and federal response.

However, the administration always seems to be prepared to respond with its well-organized “Now Is Not The Time” plan. Surrogates are pre-positioned in the congress, the corporations, the media, and in the pulpits fully empowered to pounce on any person or organization that would dare question the reasonableness of even imbecilic administration actions. The critics are immediately vilified as un-American, unpatriotic, divisive, and misusing the questionable situation for political gain. Just ask the Dixie Chicks.

Is it time to ask questions about why our brave soldiers were not getting armored Humvees or protective body armor two years into a war that has no strategy for winning? In many cases soldiers or their families had to buy critical personal armor directly from the suppliers because the Army was sending them into battle without it. Even after Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld made the claim that the pentagon was “breaking its neck” to get armored vehicles and body armor as quickly as possible, company spokespersons said Rumsfeld's statement was not true and their companies had been waiting for months for the pentagon to release purchase orders.

Instead of taking immediate steps to correct the problem the administration's stealth team attempted to cloak the issue by demanding that the body armor supplier stop selling the equipment to the public. A company spokesman stated, “The military people don't want to advertise the fact that there are people doing this [buying body armor] on their own.”

Eventually, after hundreds of soldiers have been killed and thousands maimed because of procurement negligence, contracts will be awarded and the supplies will arrive but now is not the time—according to the administration—to discuss the bureaucratic bungling.

Is it time, Mr. President, to talk

about the \$9 billion dollars that suddenly disappeared when the coalition team led by L. Paul Bremer turned control over to the interim Iraq government last year? This money was to have been used for humanitarian aid and reconstruction for Iraq. Nine billion lost and the American people hear little about what happened to the money, how did it get lost, and who is trying to find it. The money could have helped evacuate thousands out of the Katrina disaster zone but the Bush administration has shown no interest in finding the missing funds.

Suspending the Davis-Bacon Act is another indicator of the callous and despicable action this administration is willing to take to further its selfish interests. Already, Halliburton (where we heard that name before) is one of the first recipients of clean up contracts and instead of the locals receiving prevailing wages they will be paid less. Bush's convoluted thinking is that construction costs will be reduced thus permitting the hiring of thousands of additional workers.

Mr. Bush, if you really wanted to help the victims your executive order should have put a temporary premium on wages to help victims make up for their devastating losses instead of putting more profits into the construction contractor's pockets. But keeping Katrina victims in a state of poverty is beyond your sphere of concern.

Katrina like so many other disastrous events that seem to constantly surprise the Bush administration indicates that no one is minding the store. Billions of dollars are being wasted by government agencies whose only achievement is functioning like highly paid keystone cops. The response to Katrina is just the latest debacle in a long list of mishaps.

Mr. President, when we can't take care of our own, the time for change is NOW.

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U.S. Poverty Rate Rises To 12.7 Percent, Census Says

By Jennifer G. Kerr

The nation's poverty rate rose to 12.7 percent of the population last year, the fourth consecutive annual increase, the Census Bureau said Tuesday. The percentage of people without health insurance did not change. Overall, there were 37 million people living in poverty up 1.1 million people from 2003.

Asians were the only ethnic group to show a decline in poverty - from 11.8 percent in 2003 to 9.8 percent last year. The poverty rate among the elderly declined as well from 10.2 percent in 2003 to 9.8 percent last year. The last decline in overall poverty was in 2000, when 31.1 million people lived under the threshold, 11.3 percent of the population.

The number of people without health insurance grew from 45 million to 45.8 million. At the same time, the number of people with health insurance coverage grew by 2 million last year.

Charles Nelson, an assistant director at the Census Bureau, said the percentage of uninsured remained steady because of an increase in government coverage, notably Medicaid and the state children's

health insurance program, that offset a decline in employment-based coverage.

The median household income, meanwhile, stood at \$44,389, unchanged from 2003. Among racial and ethnic groups blacks had the lowest median income and Asians the highest. Median income refers to the points at which half of households earn more and half earn less.

Regionally, income declined only in the Midwest, down 2.8 percent to \$44,657. The South was the poorest region and the Northeast and the West had the highest median income.

The increase in poverty came despite strong economic growth, which helped create 2.2 million jobs last year.

“I guess what happened last year was kind of similar to what happened in the early 1990s where you had a recession that was officially over and then you had several years after that of rising poverty,” Nelson said. “... These numbers do reflect changes between 2003 and 2004. They don't reflect any improvements in the economy in 2005.”

Tim Smeeding, an economics professor at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, says the nation

has experienced a shift from earnings income to capital income and capital gains, which aren't reflected in the Census Bureau's latest numbers.

“Most of that growth in the economy over the last couple of years has gone to higher income people and has taken the form of capital income - interest, rents, dividends,” Smeeding said.

The poverty threshold differs by the size and makeup of a household. For instance, a family of four with two children was considered living in poverty if income was \$19,157 or less. For a family of two with no children, it was \$12,649. For a person 65 and over living alone, it was 9,060.

The estimates on poverty, uninsured and income are based on supplements to the bureau's Current Population Survey, and are conducted over three months, beginning in February, at about 100,000 households nationwide.

The only city with a million or more residents that exhibited a significant change in poverty level last year was New York City, which saw the rate increase from 19 percent to 20.3 percent.

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function to know that was going on at the disaster site?

His second statement was there was no way FEMA could have anticipated both the extent of the damage or the number of residents requiring evacuation (a statement parroted by the Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and the President).

Isn't the agency called the Federal EMERGENCY Management Agency? An emergency is defined as a serious situation or occurrence that happens unexpectedly and demands immediate action. Exactly what kind of emergency were they anticipating? What types of terrorist attacks were they anticipating?

Following this bit of madness, Mr. Brown participated with the rest of the administration in blaming

local and state officials for the debacle that followed the hurricane. They were the ones that were unprepared. This premise is repulsive and ridiculous.

Let me get this straight. The federal government couldn't anticipate the extent of the damage or the number of residents requiring evacuation, but the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana were expected to? Mayor Nagin didn't do a particularly good or bad job, he did the best he could with what he had. He called Governor Blanco and federal officials for help. Perhaps he should have called earlier-but he called. It is, however, idiotic to blame Mayor Nagin or any state official. That would be analogous to Franklin Roosevelt blaming the Governor of Hawaii for being ill-prepared for Pearl Harbor. The concept defies logic.

Would 7000 National Guard Troops in the Gulf Coast have made a difference? No one can definitively say one way or another but they sure couldn't have hurt. We are ostensibly in Iraq to make us more prepared here-we are now less prepared here because we are in Iraq.

69% of Americans say the federal government should have been better prepared to cope with aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. One can assume the same folks agree with the comments of Jefferson Parish president Aaron Broussard on CBS.

“Take whatever idiot they have at the top of whatever agency and give me a better idiot. Give me a caring idiot. Give me a sensitive idiot. Just don't give me the same idiot.”

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a situation. And, more importantly, he gave solutions to the problems.

Yes, after and during the speeches by the public officials, after the photo-opportunities by our President, after his empty platitudes and misplaced gratitude for FEMA, after his lack of action that made a mockery of his “No Child Left Behind” policy, after the politicians and the preachers, and after watching all of the other camera-seeking, self-absorbed celebrities do their thing, I thought of Claud Anderson and the tears he shed for New Orleans long before Katrina blew in.

So let this column, this week, and this time, be about us. Let it be about Black people. Let it be written in Black people, about Black people, and for Black people, like it has never been written before in its 12-year history. Let it be serious enough and sobering enough to hit us so hard that it awakens us from our comatose state and spurs us to action.

Nothing in our feeble power could have prevented Katrina. Nothing we could have done would have stopped its rushing waves and torrid winds from tearing up everything in its path. Men cannot compete with such a force, but we certainly can be better prepared. Just as Noah warned the people, and

just as they did not listen, Anderson warned the folks in New Orleans and other cities that if we do not build and sustain our own communities, we will suffer greatly for not having done so. This time that suffering came as a hurricane and flooding. Other times, as we have seen in our various cities, it comes as uprooting and displacement of Black families, massive layoffs of Black employees, economic apartheid by city officials, discrimination by banks and finance companies; it comes in the form of a criminal “injustice” system bent on using Black men as new millennium slaves.

Can't you see, having watched the horror of New Orleans, the stark, ominous, dreaded truth of our situation in this country? We do not have communities, and because we fail to build them and claim them, as others do, Black people and poor people will always be left behind. Black people will not have the resources we need to pack up and flee the onslaught of a raging hurricane. Black people will not have the internal resources, even in cities where we are the majority population, to provide jobs, proper education for our children, transportation, and even enough food and water to survive for a few days.

It took an unprecedented catastrophe to bring our “leaders” and celebrities out of the woodwork to decry the “conservative compassion” of George Bush, the incompetence of FEMA, the short-sightedness of Homeland Security, and the eagerness of various news anchors to concentrate on the less than one-percent who “stole” from stores rather than the 99.5 percent who faced death as they waited to be rescued in conditions not fit for a vulture. But this ain't about White folks; it's about us. This is about our preparation, our accountability, our resolve, and our future.

This is about our failure to act on the very real truth that screams at us every real truth: Black people are not doing the things that must be done to protect ourselves in a country that cares very little about us. (Didn't we know that before Kanye West spoke out?) We are not conducting ourselves as a nation within a nation. We are not taking care of our physical health, our mental health, and we are certainly not seeing to our economic health. No, we could not stop the storms in our lives, but we can prepare ourselves for the economic onslaughts that will surely come during and after those storms, by working together and building Black communities.



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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north—Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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Black MBAs Create Relief Fund for Displaced Students

The National Black MBA Association Inc. announced today the formation of a student relief fund to provide emergency grants to college students displaced by the Hurricane Katrina disaster.



NBMBA President, CEO, Barbara Thomas

Keeping in line with its vision to lead in the creation of intellectual and economic wealth in the African American community, the country's largest black professional organization pledged to raise \$1 million from its corporate partners, 39 chapters and individuals for the National Black MBA Student Empowerment Relief Fund. The money will be used to provide emergency assistance to students forced away from their colleges due to the hurricane and flooding in the Gulf coast region, the group said. "We are saddened by the tremendous devastation suffered by so many communities, families and individuals," said NBMBA Chairman Alvin Brown.

Tuesday after meeting with other national black political and civic leaders including Texas Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and Dallas-based spiritual leader Bishop T.D. Jakes.

"The NBMBA Student Empowerment Relief Fund is one way that we can directly impact students who were affected by the disaster and help them continue their education," Brown said. The NBMBA 39 chapters from across the U.S. along with the National Headquarters office, located in Chicago, IL have come together with an initial contribution of more than \$50,000. Together we will rally our corporate partners and others to join this cause. Distribution of the funds will be coordinated through the schools that have accepted displaced students.

Jakes' Potter House Ministries announced it would be making a \$25,000 contribution to the fund. "We believe the NBMBA's intention to help displaced students is laudable and welcome other corporate and business support," said Bishop Jakes.

The Chicago-based NBMBA is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. The group had planned to hold its annual conference in New Orleans at the Morial Convention Center next month. Its conference will now be relocated to San Diego, California on Oct. 11th - 16th. A major

fundraiser will be held at the conference in support of the fund that week as well, said Barbara Thomas, NBMBA president and CEO.

"While we offer our deepest condolences to those who lost their family members, friends and property," Thomas said, "We also pledge support as well as Godspeed to our friend, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin."

Mayor Nagin, Xavier University President, Dr. Norman Francis and Dan Packer, President & CEO of Entergy of New Orleans had been scheduled to be this year's conference co-chairmen. Xavier, along with New Orleans-based Dillard University, Tulane University and Loyola University are all colleges that were ravaged by the storm and whose students will be eligible for assistance.

For more information about making contributions to the NBMBA Student Empowerment Relief Fund, please visit our website at <http://www.nbmbar.org>.



T.D. Jakes

Dallas County Community Colleges Open Doors, Classes to Students Displaced by Katrina

College students who are fleeing the ravages of Hurricane Katrina will be welcomed by the Dallas County Community Colleges to attend classes this fall.

Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon, DCCC chancellor, announced today that the system is marshalling its resources to support students from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina. Members of the DCCC board of trustees approved the in-district tuition rate today during the group's regular monthly meeting.

DCCC's package of support includes:

- in-district tuition;
- financial assistance through the Student Emergency Fund;
- online classes, weekend courses, special sections to meet students' needs;
- response teams of DCCC employees who can assist community colleges in affected states who request help as they rebuild their institutions; and
- community-based efforts organized by DCCC students to help storm victims.

"These students need our help, and they need it today. We want to help displaced students who have suffered through the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina and who had plans to enroll in or return to college this fall," said Carreon. "This system has special ties to the Louisiana community and technical college system because Dr. Walter Bumphus, who leads that statewide system, was a former president at Brookhaven College, which is part of DCCC. We also send our condolences to victims in Mississippi and Alabama."

Although fall semester classes started on Mon., Aug. 29, displaced students coming from Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama can enroll in classes that have a later start date, a Friday/Saturday schedule, distance learning courses; and, in some instances, special sections of courses such as English, history, government or mathematics that may be created at a later date, based on demand.

Evacuees from the states affected by Hurricane Katrina who wish to enroll in courses at DCCC and who do not have the funds are eligible for assistance from the Student Emergency Fund administered by the DCCC Foundation. Bethery Reid, executive director of the foundation, is working with area donors to provide additional money for the DCCC Student Emergency Fund, and the system's employees and current students also can make donations directly to the foundation to help those prospective students seeking refuge in Dallas County.

Area residents interested in donating to the Student Emergency Fund can visit the DCCC Foundation's website at www.foundation.dccc.edu, or they can send

a check made payable to "DCCC Foundation Student Emergency Fund" and mail it to: Dallas County Community Colleges Foundation, 701 Elm St., Suite 700, Dallas TX 75202.

After community colleges in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama assess their needs, DCCC officials and employees may travel to that state as system support teams to assist with recovery efforts.

For more information, contact Dr. Andrew Jones, DCCC vice chancellor for educational affairs, at (214) 860-2129; or Bob Brown, vice chancellor for business affairs. For details about donations to the DCCC Student Emergency Fund, contact Reid at (214) 860-2053.

United Negro College Fund Member Universities Xavier and Dillard Devastated by Hurricane Katrina, Seek Public's Help

UNCF President, Quincy Jones, Andrew Young and More Fledge Support to Aid Students, Faculty and Staff.

New Orleans-based Xavier and Dillard University students, faculty and campuses suffered mightily at the hands of Hurricane Katrina on Aug. 29. Michael L. Lomas, Ph.D., president and CEO of UNCF, pledged his organization's support to helping displaced students continue their education and assist the schools' re-building process, which will cost hundreds of millions of dollars and could take years to complete.

Dr. Lomas and his staff are working hand-in-hand with each school's leadership to find education solutions for every affected student. Both universities are UNCF members and are historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). UNCF-member school Tougaloo College, based in Tougaloo, Miss., also was affected by the hurricane. The presidents of each of UNCF's member institutions have pledged their full support to the stricken campuses and the students and faculty they serve.

Xavier University is a four-year, private, liberal arts institution affiliated with the Catholic Church founded in 1915 by Saint Katherine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Xavier is well-known for sending some 100 African-American students to medical school each year, more than any other university in the country. "As president of Xavier University for nearly 40 years, I've seen many miracles," said Norman Francis, Ph.D., president of Xavier University. "Now, perhaps more than ever, we are in need of another miracle. UNCF is a great friend to our university and now we will work together to overcome this great tragedy."

Dillard University is a private college in New Orleans, La. Founded in 1869 and historically African-American, Dillard is ranked no. 14 in the 2006 U.S. News & World Report's "Southern Comprehensive Colleges" category. Dillard is affiliated with the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church. "Our university, its students and fac-

ulty have a proud history, and we have no intention of backing down in the face of adversity," said Marvalene Hughes, Ph.D., president of Dillard University. "We are proud to be a UNCF member university and appreciate the help they are providing us in these trying times."

Both universities are located in the heart of New Orleans where damage has been the most severe. The true extent of damage is not yet known.

"Our prayers are with all those whose homes and families were ravaged by Hurricane Katrina," said Dr. Lomas. "Two UNCF member schools in New Orleans - Xavier and Dillard Universities - were hit hard by the hurricane. These colleges need help, and they need it now. We have established a special emergency scholarship fund to help these hurricane-ravaged schools and hope the public will support us in helping these students continue their dream of achieving a college education."

Primary Focus on Safety of Students, Faculty

UNCF's primary concern is for the safety and well-being of all Xavier and Dillard's students, faculty and staff. To date, all on-campus students and university staff members have been evacuated from both Xavier and Dillard's campuses.

Currently, Dr. Lomas and UNCF staff are coordinating with school officials to ensure all Xavier and Dillard students are able to continue their education, and have committed to help cover the utmost financial need, which may exist after a student relocates to another UNCF-member school. Additionally, scholarship support will be available to students from the Gulf Coast who attend other UNCF schools and have suffered losses from the hurricane.

Due to the turmoil surrounding the New Orleans recovery efforts, UNCF is asking all Xavier and Dillard students, faculty and staff to contact them to facilitate the assistance process. UNCF urges all affected individuals to visit the <http://www.uncf.org> Web site for information about their university. If individuals do not have Internet access, they should call 1-800-527-5222 for general information; the information hotline will be active

beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7.

UNCF has created the UNCF Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund to provide emergency scholarship support to re-enroll students temporarily at other UNCF colleges and to assist Dillard and Xavier University as they support students already enrolled whose families have lost their homes and jobs because of the hurricane. The organization is asking for financial help; anyone can contribute by:

- Visiting UNCF's Web site: <http://www.uncf.org/>
- Calling 1-800-332-UNCF

The following are available to discuss the importance of supporting UNCF and supporting Xavier and Dillard Universities. Quincy Jones and Andrew Young are long-time friends to UNCF and are committed to helping Xavier and Dillard Universities, and their students, overcome this great tragedy.

- Dr. Michael Lomas, president and CEO of UNCF
- Legendary musician and producer Quincy Jones
- Former U.S. Congressman, former mayor of Atlanta, former U.S.

Ambassador to the United Nations, and Dillard University student Andrew Young

About the United Negro College Fund

As the nation's oldest and most successful minority higher education assistance organization, the United Negro College Fund's mission is to provide financial support to its 39 member institutions and increase minority degree attainment by reducing financial barriers to college. UNCF institutions and other historically black colleges and universities are highly effective, awarding 25 percent of African American baccalaureate degrees. UNCF administers nearly 450 programs, including scholarship, internship and fellowship programs, mentoring, summer enrichment, and curriculum and faculty development programs. Today, UNCF supports more than 65,000 students at over 900 colleges and universities across the country. For more information visit <http://www.uncf.org>

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Denton Holds Annual Blues Festival

The 8th Annual Denton Blues Festival will be held on Saturday, September 17th at the Denton County Fairgrounds. This year's festival features Floyd Taylor (son of legendary blues man Johnnie Taylor), Vick Allen, Pops Carter and the Funkmonsters, the Up All Night Blues Band, Pinkie and the Snake Shakers and Carla Norris.

The festivities begin with a Youth Talent Show which will run from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., with the first blues performance beginning at 5:00 p.m. The festival will feature food and drinks, and a raffle for cash prizes of \$100 following each act, and a raffle for \$250 following the main act at 11:30 p.m.

The Denton Blues Festival will be hosted by D. Ellis, Comedian, who has appeared on BET

Comic View and MOCA Comedy Club of Arlington, Texas.

Tickets for the Denton Blues Festival are \$10 per person, parking is free. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Young Minority Entrepreneurs Institute Inc. (YMEI).

Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged, outside food and drinks are prohibited.

Tickets can be purchased at Inwood Bank-Sharon McClellan, 2220 San Jacinto Blvd. Suite 100, Denton, 940-565-0233, Lone Star Car Wash, 900 Dallas Drive, Denton, 940-565-9274 or Kerry Goree State Farm Insurance, 525 Ft. Worth Dr. Suite 301, 940-382-9100.

For more information call 940-565-9015, John Baines or 972-347-3252, Elihu Gillespie or visit www.dentonblackchamber.com.

Garland NAACP Holds Freedom Fund Banquet

The Garland Branch of the NAACP will be holding its 15th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, September 17th. The Freedom Fund Banquet will be held at The Atrium at the Arts Center, 330 North 5th Street, Garland, Texas.

The Garland NAACP and its President, B.J.

Williams present Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks (President and CEO of the Dallas Urban League) as the keynote speaker for the banquet.

The event will begin with a Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m. and the banquet will start at 7:00 p.m. For tickets and information, please call the NAACP Garland Branch at 972-381-5044.



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Aretha Franklin Steals the Show at Lady of Soul Awards

Mariah Carey, Destiny's Child, Alicia Keys and Missy Elliott were the big winners at the 2005 Lady of Soul Awards, but because none of the performers attended the ceremony, Aretha Franklin stole the show.

The legendary singer received the Lena Horne Award for outstanding career achievements and gave two rousing performances - "Until You Come Back to Me" with Stevie Wonder on piano and a pumped-up version of her hit "Respect."

Sweating and clapping her thigh, Franklin pounded out high and low notes, holding her microphone out to the audience on the song's famous chorus.

"I don't think I can carry it, but I am absolutely thrilled to be receiving this award," she said.

Carey won awards for best solo single and album for "The Emancipation of Mimi."

"I've got a great place on the mantle, so call me Mariah," joked presenter and "Charmed" star Dorian Gregory, who accepted the best single award on Carey's behalf.

Destiny's Child nabbed awards for best group single for "Soldier" and best album for "Destiny Fulfilled." Keys won best song of the year for "If I Ain't Got You," while Elliott won best music video for "Lose Control," featuring Ciara and Fat Man Scoop.

Ciara, Brian McKnight and Toni Braxton hosted the ceremony.

at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, which will be syndicated for broadcast later this month. Winners were decided by 1,600 voters, including artists and radio station representatives.

For the first time, Franklin presented the Aretha Franklin Award for entertainer of the year in person. The winner was America, whose bouncy song "I Thing"



became a summertime hit.

America said she had trouble sleeping for weeks thinking about Franklin presenting her the award. She thanked her parents, her sister and longtime "Soul Train" host Don Cornelius for "supporting me throughout my brief career, which will hopefully become a long one."

Earlier, she performed "I Thing" dressed in black lace with a bevy of dancers.

Ciara won awards for best new

artist and dance cut for her thumping "1, 2 Step." The crunk-and-R&B-influenced singer changed from a sleek black pantsuit to a bra-skimming top and again to a modest blue sweater during the show.

"It's such a blessing just to be acknowledged as an artist," she said. "We didn't get any sleep on this video, so thank you."

Even as they honored musical accomplishments, guests and award recipients said their thoughts were with victims of Hurricane Katrina. Winner, in a patchwork blue jacket, touched his chest and said "my heart is heavy" for Katrina survivors.

"I've been asked by a few networks to give back. More than anything, I want to devote time," Ciara said. "You can feel the hurt, but you can't feel it really unless you're there."

An emotional visual tribute was also made to famed R&B singer Luther Vandross, who died July 1 two years after suffering from a stroke.

Braxton started the night with a sexy performance, wearing a floor-sweeping white fur coat, which she dropped to reveal a slinky white one-piece bathing suit underneath.

Dorothy Norwood clapped and danced her way to the stage to accept the best gospel award. This is my first major win, to be on national television. I'm just overwhelmed. I thank God for this," Norwood said.

Master P Question's Kanye's Telethon Rant

Rapper Master P has questioned Kanye West's controversial Hurricane Katrina telethon comments, because he fears the Jesus Walks hitmaker was merely hyping his new album.

New Orleans, Louisiana, native Master P - real name Percy Miller - has lost family in the disaster and urges celebrities making passionate speeches about the tragedy to be sincere, because it's the wrong time to promote albums and movies.

West shocked America last week when he used a live telethon to attack President George W. Bush and call him a racist for failing to react quickly

to help stranded African-Americans in the worst hit areas.

And Master P only hopes West meant what he said.

"I hope the comments that KanyeWest made is sincere and this is not a promotional thing to sell records," Master P said.

"I know he's got a new album out right now."

Miller accepts West has a right to speak his mind, but he wants Americans to come together to help the hurricane victims and not pick racial fights.

"We gotta save peo-

ple. We need George Bush, we need the Mayor (of New Orleans), we need the (Louisiana) Governor," Master P said. "I've lost people, I know how real it is. This ain't about a promotional thing with me. I've got loved ones out there missing."



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Rosie L. McGee, Retired Senior E6 Petty Officer, was born in the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois to Pastor Lloyd and Mrs. Rosie L. McGee. She is the eleventh child of twelve children (six males and six females.) Rosie is proud to profess her love for her three daughters and eight grandchildren: Joseph; Galen; Robert; Isaiah; Aldesha; Alvin, Jr.; Stephanie; and Allyson. Rosie says that she is naked (honest with God).

Rosie graduated from Livingston University in London, England with a Bachelor in Science Degree in Business Management while actively serving in the United States Navy. She retired from the U.S. Navy in 2002, and resided in San Diego, California before moving to Texas.

While in the U.S. Navy, Rosie served in the Logistics Department. She maintained the Operational Target and served as a buyer for many U.S. Naval commands, while leading over 500 military service men and women into excellent; she is a doctor in her field of study.

Rosie became a Naval Instructor as a secondary task, erected military libraries, and conducted multiple educational plans. She served on a military board, which evaluates "Core Values" within the military services.

After retirement, Rosie soon discovered that, "Retirement didn't work for me because I was accustomed to military training, which entailed finding work, and remaining active throughout each day." She also believes that an active body usually accompanies a strong mind.

"Life is not living until you are free to admit that

you have made mistakes, made good on your mistakes, and forgive those who have had a negative impact on your life, by making mistakes," she said. "This is what Next Generation calls, 'Getting Naked.'"

The founder of a non-profit organization called "New Next Generation PD," Rosie's goals, are geared toward saving youth from the jaws of negative environments; or pulling them into safety. Her purpose in life is to uncover the real reasons why many relationships don't work. She illustrates her thoughts through stage plays, using her own experiences. Rosie has thrown caution to the wind and is "bearing it all" just for her readers in her writings and stage plays.

Rosie will be directing one

of her stage play, "Oh, My Child:" on Friday, September 23, 2005 at the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street in Downtown Dallas, 75202. The Amateur Moment and Fashion Show will start at 7:00 pm and the Stage Play Show time is 8:00 - 9:45 pm. For more information and tickets, call 972-989-7718.



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Hurricane Katrina Presence Will Be Felt At CBC Weekend

By: Hazel Trice Edney

The normally glib parties during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference will be scaled back this year out of respect for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina, say CBC and CBC Foundation leaders. On the other hand, because of the hurricane tragedy along the Gulf coast, issues forums are expected to heat up.

"It's very difficult to talk about having major black tie events at a time when people are suffering, so one of the first things we decided to do was rather than have our annual gala be black tie and gowns, we're going to allow people to come and wear whatever they want to wear, suit and tie, no tie. We felt that would give a more somber tone to the event. We're not trying to make this thing gala," says CBC President and Chief Executive Don Tharpe.

On the other hand, the economic and social equity agenda of the CBC has been illuminated by the devastation to the mostly Black hurricane victims. Therefore, many of the string of issues forums and brain trusts at the 55th ALC will incorporate the hurricane tragedy, including up discussions, says CBC Chairman Mel Watt (D-N.C.).

"One of the things that Katrina demonstrated more substantially than anything was that poor people - who happened to be disproportionately African-American - were not able to, because of their financial condition, get out of the way of the storm; whereas other

people who were higher income were able to get out of the way of it," says Watt. "So, there are aspects to this that reinforces what a number of our forums were dealing with anyway."

For example, the National Town Hall meeting on Thursday, is themed "Eradicating Poverty: Removing the Disparities vs. the Inmate Drive for Survival and Success," according to the preprinted schedule.

Among a number of forums on the labor crisis, economics and the Black community, other issues forums will include discussions on voting and civil rights, the Black Church and politics, the elimination of the spread of HIV/AIDS, child welfare, re-entry for prisoners, national health care, reparations and Black women in politics.

On the other hand, Pop star Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds, originally scheduled to entertain at the annual awards dinner, will be replaced by what Watt describes as a "more religious-oriented kind of entertainment format." The new entertainer had not been disclosed at press time. And the prayer breakfast will be dedicated almost exclusively to the hurricane tragedy, Watt says.

Neither Watt nor Tharpe were sure yet whether any of the 300 New Orleans hurricane victims staying at the Washington, D.C. National Guard Armory would be invited to attend any events. "I'm sure we'll get a minister from one of the affected areas to speak," says Watt.

All members of the CBC have

been asked to either cancel their parties and receptions and ask corporate sponsors to divert the money to hurricane survivor assistance or hold the event, but donate the proceeds to a hurricane fund or ask guests to make donations over and above their admission fees, Watt says.

Advance paid registration for this year's ALC is already approaching 8,000 people, Tharpe says. Collectively, there is usually about 30,000 during the week of the event, he says.

With parrying being the tradition of the ALC, no one will guarantee that loud parties won't be heard anywhere, says Tharpe.

"It's one of those things where we can't control everybody. I'm sure there will be somebody who will have a party," he says. "But in the main, I think some people will leave this event, saying that they tried, they had an attitude of [respect]."

This is not the first time that the CBC has scaled back on the party tone of the ALC. In 2001, only days after Sept. 11, the group decided to change most of its music to patriotic themes and the party after the Awards Dinner was cut. But, this is the first time that the CBC has called for all parties to shut down or at least cool down.

"On Sept. 11, I don't believe we had to see dead bodies floating in the water. Sept. 11, we didn't get to see stray animals walking the street. We weren't plucking people off the roofs on Sept. 11. There were people jumping out of buildings, but it was sporadic," Tharpe says. "Here, you saw over four or five days, 24-

7 on CNN and other channels, the devastation. ... Sept. 11, we saw the buildings crumble, we saw people were dusty and dirty. This one we saw families being pulled apart, we saw people hungry, people dying on the streets. This, I think made such a big impact on the community, much more so than Sept. 11. I think the other thing is seeing people being taken away from their homes, so that would be the way I would summarize it."

Tharpe estimates that tens of thousands of dollars could be collected for hurricane victims if money is diverted from high-profile parties. But participants won't be losing anything, he stresses. "We don't want the people to think they're going to get less of or a different kind of value for their dollar. That's not what we're talking about. We're just having a different look, a different feel, people thinking about the greater good, thinking about their brothers and sisters."



CBC Chairman, Mel Watt

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October 1, 9:00 am
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October 25 - 28, 7:30 pm
The public is invited to our Women Conference with a week of powerful preaching, awesome teachers, and great psalmists. Our theme is "Faith Under Pressure" featuring Pastor Yvonne Bennett from Arlington, TX; Prophet A'Bea Hodge from Fort Worth, TX; Dr. Sarah King from Memphis, TN; Apostle and Adella Spencer from West Palm Beach, FL.

October 29, 2005
Join us for our spirit-filled and soul-stirring "Faith on the Move" classes. Evangelist Chelyon Brown will minister young ladies up to 22 years old with a theme of "Stand." Dr. Regina Woods minister single ladies with a theme of "Don't Give Up." There will be classes for ladies that have been married 5 years and less by Pastor Mary Williams, and for those married for 6 plus years by Lady Paula Pope, both classes theme will be "One Day, One Step." Mother Varnell Tarpley will minister to senior women with the theme of "Keep On Keeping On," and at 12 Noon, Dr. Nancy Parks from Dallas, TX with be the guest Speaker with the theme "Faith on the Move."

October 30, 4:00 pm
You don't want to miss the conclusion of our Women's Conference 2005 with Overseer Lisa Tarpley speaking on "Faith Under Pressure." See you at the conference!

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Sister Tarpley

There's an old saying that goes, "It needs more skill than I can tell, to play the second fiddle well."

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General Robert E. Lee was a man who knew the value of playing second fiddle. This great general never stepped being a true southern gentleman. Once, while riding on a train to Richmond, he was seated at the rear of the car and all the other seats were filled with officers and soldiers. A poorly-dressed elderly woman boarded the coach at a rural station. When no seat was offered to her, she trudged down the aisle toward the back of the car. Immediately, General Lee stood up and offered her his place. One after another of the men then arose and offered the general his seat. "No, gentlemen," he replied, "If there is none for this lady, there can be none for me."

To Realize
To realize the value of a sister or a brother, ask someone who doesn't have one. To realize the value of four years, ask a graduate. To realize the value of one year, ask a student who has failed a final exam. To realize the value of nine months, ask a mother. To realize the

Respecting Others

value of one month, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby. To realize the value of one week, ask an editor of a weekly newspaper. To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who has missed the train, bus, or plane. To realize the value of one second, ask a person who has survived an accident.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.

It Isn't Enough
"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (KJV)



Picture of The Week
Sister Tarpley's fourth grandchild, Deven Jaquane Tarpley

It isn't enough to say in our hearts that we like a man for his ways. It isn't enough that we fill our minds with poems of silent praise; nor is it enough that we honor a man as our confidence upward mounts. It's going right up to the man himself, and telling him so that counts! If a man does a work you really admire, don't leave a kind word unsaid, in fear that to do so might

make him vain and cause him to "lose his head." But reach out your hand and tell him, "Well done," and see how his gratitude swells; it isn't the flowers we strew on the grave, it's the word to the living that tells.

—Anonymous

Belief
Those who believe in hope, progress, and success will have them. When we believe that there are good and positive things in life, we will find them. Allowing ourselves to be positive thinkers ensures we will not become mired in the swamp of negativity. Believe in yourself and your vision of self-fulfillment so that you can begin to attain them.

Something to think about: For lack of praise, many think that others have drawn negative conclusions about them. We can actually wound people by withholding our appreciation, thanks, and praise. Please don't forget to let our military men and women know that you think well of them today. What a difference your words can make! Call Sister Tarpley at 972-516-4191; your encouragement is needed now, more than ever. Genuine humility is what prompts us to give heartfelt thanks and to favor others over ourselves. The two most important words: "Thank You." The most important word: "We." The least important word: "I."

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September 25, 3:00 pm
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Rev. Calvin O. Butts, III of The Abyssinian Baptist Church Sends Open Letter to President Bush Questioning 'Katrina' Debacle

The following is an open letter from Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Pastor of The Abyssinian Baptist Church in the City of New York to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States of America.

September 7, 2005
The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the
United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500
Mr. President:

Today is a gray day in our land. Now that the wind, rain and storm surges have passed, now that an untold number of Gulf Coast citizens are dead, dying, or recovering, now that the world is mobilizing on behalf of the victims of one of this country's worst natural disasters - I can write you this letter.

The Abyssinian Baptist Church in the City of New York, where I'm privileged to serve as pastor, is the oldest African-American Baptist church in New York State and among the five oldest in the United States. Our mission is to serve human beings and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, transform them into instruments of God's will and purpose.

Only God knows the true meaning of the past week of devastating death and destruction in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. God created humankind, male and female, in His image and He blessed them. All human beings are equal in God's sight.

But, with our sense of values and purpose have changed everything. We have slipped into a "survival of the fittest" mentality that pervades all of our thinking, actions, and institutions. Our way of thinking blocks us from nurturing each other as God's children. And, ultimately, this leads us to leave Black, poor and powerless people to fend for themselves in a drowning city.

Those of us, especially public servants, who are privileged by gender, race and money, bear a special burden of service. However we, through our arrogance, have taken our privilege as an indication of inherent superiority and, as a consequence, we've lost sight of our special responsibility to safeguard and serve those who are most vulnerable.



Your expression of personal dissatisfaction with failures in (a) the protective infrastructure, (b) timely evacuation and (c) emergency backup procedures by the federal government including Homeland Security, FEMA, and the White House during this tragedy and national scandal would meet the approval of all patriotic Americans. It certainly would meet mine.

Racism, discrimination and other patterns of disparate treatment by the federal government that originally delimited life chances among Blacks in our country were evidenced by our founding fathers in the 3/5 Compromise of Article I Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. Today, these same patterns of abominable treatment still hold true throughout our society and, now, even engulf poor Whites, the elderly, the infirmed, immigrants and other unprotected segments of our population.

Fortunately, in 1979, responding to the debilitating fallout from these dark patterns, the United States Surgeon

General-through Healthy People-set the government on a prudent course to: (1) help individuals of all ages increase life expectancy and improve their quality of life and (2) eliminate health disparities among different segments of the population.

Americans may debate party politics, government policy and the efficacy of rescue procedures, but we should all present a united front in matters affecting the equality of opportunity for defenseless citizens trying to live a good life. So, let justice run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

It is in this spirit that I propose we treat the federal government's failure in preparedness, response and early results in the Gulf Coast disaster as criminally negligent behavior and bring to justice those public servants who looted the life chances of so many of our beloved citizens while they, themselves, remain unaccountably privileged.

Numbers of your fellow Americans are comparing and contrasting your rapid response in appointing Judge Roberts as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to replace Chief Justice William Rehnquist even before Justice Rehnquist was funeralized. In stark contrast while people were drowning, were hungry, were thirsty, were homeless, were displaced, were dying and crying out for help in apportioning pictures that were seen all around the world, our government did not respond in the same manner. Two of the questions that a criminal investigation must answer is, "What did the federal government do to prevent the break in levees in New Orleans?" and "What was done in the critical days prior to and after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans?" The whole world awaits your response.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

Pastor

The Abyssinian Baptist Church

in the City of New York

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NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP IN RICHARDSON

September 24, 7:30 pm

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

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Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church,
Dr. Tony Evans, Senior Pastor
1808 W. Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, TX 75232
972-228-1281

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Wednesday Night: 7:30 P.M.
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A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17

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Tuesday
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Wednesday
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