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People In The News



Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr., 61, leader of 325 United Methodist congregations in North Texas, died late Saturday, Aug. 19, at Baylor Medical Center, Dallas, as a result of complications from neurosurgery. Bishop Moncure had undergone surgery for a brain tumor on August 7. On Sunday morning two church officials, Provost Rev. James Dorff and Cabinet Dean Rev. Pat Beghtel-Mahle announced the bishop's death on behalf of the North Texas Conference. "We are greatly saddened by Bishop Moncure's passing. It is a tremendous loss for our area, and we are grieving with his family, even as we are grateful to God for his tremendous faith that is now fulfilled. Bishop Moncure and his family have been greatly loved by our laity and clergy," they indicated in their statement. Services are pending for Bishop Moncure, who became leader of the North Texas Conference, which includes some 160,000 members, in September 2004. Survivors include his wife, Jewell Lena Wells Moncure; a son, Jason, and daughter-in-law, Patricia, and their two sons, Jason, Jr. and Jackson, of Atlanta, Ga.; daughter, Roxanne, of St. Louis, Mo., and a brother, of Saint Louis.



Award-Winning Vocalist Angela Blair will celebrate the release of her new musical offering, "It's All About Love", on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006 at 7pm at Brooklyn Jazz Cafe, located at 1701 South Lamar Street, in the Southside of Lamar District. "It's All About Love" was released in July, to rave reviews, at the Essence Music Festival in Houston, where Angela performed along with Mary J. Blige, Earth Wind & Fire, LL Cool J, Yolanda Adams, Chris Brown and New Edition. Angela and has been featured in Essence, Ebony, Jet, Today's Black Woman, Family Digest magazines, Dallas Morning News, and many others. She has also performed on the FOX, BET, CBS networks. Angela continues her quest to bring "real love" back to humanity on September 7th. The CD is available online at CdBaby.com, Tower Records, Amazon.com, and many local & national retailers. Angela released her debut CD "Give Me Your Love", a smooth R&B disc, in 2004, charting in top 10's nationally and internationally. Angela Blair is the 2005 Kraft Gospel Talent Search Grand Prize Winner, a national competition sponsored by Kraft Foods, in which Angela bested thousands of hopefuls.



A quirk of fate steered Dr. Guillermo Ameer from electrical to chemical and biomedical engineering, bringing him acclaim and bringing the world a realm of medicine previously unknown. A Collin County Community College (Collin) graduate, Dr. Ameer is one of 10 Illinois recipients to receive stem cell funding this year, and his research may soon alter the way surgeons practice medicine. Dr. Ameer has created a degradable, implantable elastic that can be used to repair small blood vessels or coronary arteries, cartilage, ligaments or even bone tissue. Dr. Ameer is the founder and director of a new venture in progress—the Center for Vascular Bioengineering, which is a collaborative effort between surgeons, engineers and scientists to improve vascular disease with bioengineering. A strong supporter of education, Dr. Ameer feels that he got a great start at Collin. "Collin serves the community. It is an excellent school. I felt prepared to go on to the university. All of my professors were good. Attending Collin worked for me. The price I paid for my education could have been 30 times as expensive," Dr. Ameer said.

One Year Later: Schooling Ourselves On Katrina



By: Hazel Trice Edney NNPA Washington Correspondent A year after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, the public is still learning certain lessons about the damaged communities left behind. The main institutions for learning – the schools – are in disarray. Principals and parents don't know when some of them will re-open, if at all, and know even less about when they will close. A year after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, some citizens are being victimized again. Corey Dew Sr. is waiting. The father of 9-year-old Corey Jr., who will be a fourth grader at Moton Elementary School in New Orleans this fall, has begun shopping for school clothes and conferencing with teachers. But there's one crucial detail left to resolve. Dew has been trying to find out, well, exactly when his son's school will open. "They told me 'some time next week.' I don't

know exactly which day. They don't really know when some of the schools are going to open up. They got certain schools opening up on certain days, you know," Dew explains. "And so, right now, I've got to wait for one teacher to call me back because, she said, the school starts next week 'some time', you know. ...They're kind of slow and not as informative as they need to be. They're still working on it." Sure enough, a list of 56 schools posted on the New Orleans public schools Web site, nolapublicschools.net, shows Moton as one of three schools listed as "status unknown at this time." One year after Hurricane Katrina, the nation's worst natural disaster in history, Dew's predicament is a microcosm of New Orleans' public school system – full of uncertainty about exactly what to expect as the school year approaches while much of the city is still in ruins. One Year Later Page 8

Protesters Label Proposed Ordinances In Farmer's Branch As Racist

By: Paul Hailey In the fight against illegal immigration, the city of Farmers Branch has taken off the gloves. On Monday night, the Farmer's Branch City Council felt the first wave of protest over proposed city legislation making life difficult for illegal immigrants attempting to live in that city. The work session Monday featured the initial discussions regarding proposed city ordinances that would make it illegal for landlords to lease to illegal immigrants; making English the official language of the city; fining businesses that employ illegal immigrants; and discontinuing funding for children of illegal immigrants participating in Summer Funshine and other youth programs offered by the city. Additional measures being proposed include prohibiting the

assembly of day laborer and requesting police demand residency information from individuals involved in traffic stops and accidents. The brain child of Councilman Tim O'Hare, these measures are being labeled as blatantly racist by local activists. The Director of the ACLU of Texas, Will Harrell, promised



Councilman Tim O'Hare Farmer's Branch Page 5

Africa Is Important To The US, Vows Obama

United States Senator Barack Obama, the son of a Kenyan and a rising star in the Democratic Party, started an African trip on Sunday saying the continent would no longer be "the stepchild of US foreign policy". Obama, the only black member of the US Senate, toured South Africa's apartheid-era Robben Island prison near Cape Town and said he was inspired to see the cell where Nelson Mandela was once imprisoned for fighting against white rule. "There is no doubt that Africa is often the stepchild of US foreign policy. The perception is that it hasn't been a major battle ground for larger struggles like the Cold War, so at times it's forgotten," Obama told reporters.



Former Robben Island prisoner Ahmed Kathrada gives Barack Obama, US senator for Illinois, a guided tour of Nelson Mandela's prison cell.

"(But) I think you're starting to see a greater awareness in the United States that the fate of people on the other side of the world has a direct impact on them." Obama, of Illinois, has visited relatives in Kenya before but this marks the first time he has travelled to Africa in an official capacity. Along with South Africa, he will visit Obama In Africa Page 5

Naomi Judd To Headline VISIONS: The Women's Expo

Food, Shopping, Beauty Tips, and More Featured at Southwest's Largest Women's Expo, Aug. 26-27 at Dallas Market Hall Country music superstar Naomi Judd will be the keynote speaker at this weekend's VISIONS: The Women's Expo, the annual two-day event featuring more than 400 exhibitors and sponsors from around the country, spectacular guest speakers, product sampling and more. The event, which is in its 17th year and is the largest women's expo in the Southwest, will be held August 26-27 at Dallas Market Hall, 2200 N. Stemmons Freeway. Admission is \$10 (\$8 for senior citizens or if ordered online at visionsexpo.com and free for children under 12. Visitors who bring their church bulletins will receive \$2 off the admission ticket both days. VISIONS, which attracted more than 12,000 attendees last year, will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days. In addition to Ms. Judd, who will speak at 3 p.m. on Saturday, the event offers entertainment, informative seminars, and unique shopping. VISIONS Page 9

Mentoring Young Boys To Be Men & Leaders!

The brothers of Alpha Iota Iota graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. partners with the Douglas Center branch of the Boys & Girls Club, Plano, Texas in developing an outstanding program and an empowering experience for young boys ages 6-16. Under the current leadership of chapter Basileus, Brother Norris Bishop, he appointed Brother Earnest Burke to continue the fine tradition of chapter involvement with community youth, in particular, the young boys in Plano, Texas and surrounding communities. The brothers meet monthly with the youth to discuss personal core values of Integrity, Trust, Dependability, Loyalty, Honesty and Friendship and making sound life choices. The young boys also attended the most recent 9th District Que-Lock to experience mentorship with other youth in similar mentor programs in the Dallas community. Many teachable moments were gleaned from top notch speakers on numerous topics. Additionally, in the past, the young boys & Omega continue to build meaningful relation-

ships by attending field trips to events such as the Dallas Maverick basketball games, soccer games, financial institutions,



library, fire stations, police departments and other community service programs. One of which is serving box dinners to the choir at the Sunday night worship program held in memory and in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King. The young men also participate in the annual MLK parade. Mentoring Boys To Men Page 4

National Cowboys Of Color Museum And Hall Of Fame Selects Nine Notable Inductees

The National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas will host its annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Thursday, August 31, 2006 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony salutes outstanding pioneers who contributed to the settling of the early American Western Frontier as well as acknowledge individuals who continue to be trailblazers committed to the legacy of western culture. This year's induction ceremony will be surrounded by a weekend of events to salute the women, men and history of the "Forgotten Old West". The 2006 National Cowboys of Color Inductees will include Patricia Kelly, Ken Pollard, Charley Pride, Rosieleetta



Reed. There will also be posthumous inductions for George Fletcher, Jackson Sundown, Bass Reeves, Knox Simmons and Colonel Juan Seguin. Past HOF inductees include greats like Mel Blount, "Stagecoach" Mary Fields, Bill Pickett, Jerry Diaz and Quanah Cowboys Of Color Page 4

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The Links Inc. Present "A Knock-Out Affair": Black Tie Boxing, Round XIV



The Mid-Cities-Texas Chapter of The Links, Inc.



Attendees during recognition of Links honorees



Title bout at The Links - Black Tie Boxing



(L to R) Links General Chairpersons Audrey Thompson, Brenda Hull Thompson, Audrey Bolling and Chapter President Roslyn Thibodeaux Fitch



(L to R) Beverly Lyle, Bill Bownes and Cheryl Basye



(L to R) Laura Durio Maddox, Nelvia Mitchell and Charde Greene



(L to R) Marilyn Sturns, Brenda Hull Thompson and Fay Powell



Referee declares the winner in the title bout at The Links Black Tie Boxing

Photos By: Ronald Coleman
Mid-Cities-Texas Chapter, The Links, Incorporated held its annual fundraiser "A Knock-Out Affair": Black Tie Boxing, Round XIV on Saturday, August 19,

2006 at the Fairmont Hotel. The evening included live entertainment, dancing, dinner, an auction, as well as the main event, live professional boxing.

The proceed from the event will

benefit the Mid-Cities Texas Chapter's award winning Senior Prescription Assistance Program coordinated through community partners in Irving, Arlington and Grand Prairie to assist mature

adults in securing their prescription medicine, the Sallye Moore Scholarship Fund, the Boys and Girls Club of Grand Prairie, the Circles Club Leadership Program, the North Texas Food Bank and

other community service programs. The event was the 14th year for A Knock-Out Affair: Black Tie Boxing. The General Chairpersons were Audrey Bolling, Audrey Thomas and

Brenda Hull Thompson. The Chapter President is Roslyn Thibodeaux Fitch.

For more pictures of the event visit our website at www.MonTheGazette.com

Urban League Hosts Community & Corporate Leaders At Annual Gala

Over 800 people packed the Hilton Anatole here in Dallas for an evening of tributes to community leaders, dinner and entertainment at the 2006 Urban League Annual Gala.

The evening began with a VIP reception followed by dinner and a presentation of awards to Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, Dr. Vonciel Jones Hill and Countrywide Bank Special Business Awards were also presented to State Farm Insurance Companies and Washington Mutual, title sponsors of the event.

"Our honorees have a history of accomplishments in their businesses, which is exemplary," said Dr. Brooks, "and they continue to set

high standards through their volunteerism, financial contributions and community service."

Kirk received the Whitney M.



(L to R) Soul Vocalist Jeffrey Osborne and Texas State Senator Royce West

Young, Jr. award for his long-time support of the Urban League movement and its mission; Dr. Hill received the

President's Award for her advocacy and leadership on behalf of the less fortunate citizens in the Dallas Community; and Countrywide Financial Corporation received the Buddy J. Minyard Award for their outstanding corporate partnership and support of the Urban League.

The highlight of the evening was a concert by soul vocalist Jeffrey Osborne who delivered an outstanding musical performance with songs including "On The Wings of Love", "Congratulations", "Love Ballad" and "Back in Love Again".

Guests also enjoyed a raffle which featured the following items: airline tickets from American Airlines and Southwest Airlines; Mavericks

Basketball game tickets with parking; Stars Hockey game tickets; Marriott Hotel in Los Colinas; Blockbuster Gift Basket; Republic Beverage Gift



(L to R) Dr. Vonciel Jones Hill; Honoree-Urban League President's Award, Ron Kirk; Honoree-Whitney M. Young Jr. Award and Gwen Jones; Countrywide Bank - Honoree-Buddy M. Minyard Award

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The Collin County Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Drive in McKinney

Free Tenant Legal Workshops are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Douglass Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-473-9089.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.assistanceleague-gcc.org.

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Coit Road, Suite 202. Call 972-267-4452.

A free legal clinic is offered for residents who meet low income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For locations and more information, call 214-928-9303.

The Frisco Housing Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Family Film at the Library at Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road. Every Friday at 11:30 a.m. Bring out the family for fun and relaxation. For more information call 972-208-8000.

Kumaasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. Contact S-Ankh Rasa at 214-298-5858 for more information.

PHASE, The Potters House Singles Ministry would like to invite all singles to join us for our Soul Food events held every 1st & 3rd Friday in the Youth Sanctuary. For more information, contact the PHASE information line at 214-331-0954 x.1954.

Gallery Exhibition Opening: "Rhythms, Reflections, Relations: The Works of Evita Tezeno" through August 26. Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the James E. Kemp Gallery at TBAAL. For more information call 214-743-2440.

Swing Time Magazine presents Friday Night Swing hosted by 94.5's First Lady of Radio Lynne Haze every first Friday at the Castleview Ballroom at the Sterling Hotel in 1055 Regal Road and HWY 183 in Dallas. Admission \$10. Call 972-225-6487 for more information. Swing elegance attire..

August 24
The City of Plano City Council will hold a Neighborhood Roundtable at 7 p.m. at W.O. Haggard Library, 2501 Coit

Road in Plano. The meeting will focus on neighborhood concerns in District 4: North - Spring Creek; South - City's Limit; East - Alma; and to the West, Coit (from Spring Creek to Parker) and Ohio (from Parker to southern City's Limit).

Free Nonprofit Legal Clinic Center for Nonprofit Management, 2902 Floyd Street, 5:30pm-8pm FREE. For more information go to bruenning@cnmdallas.org or call 214-826-3470

August 25
Dallas Regional Minority Enterprise Development Week at the Hyatt Regency. "Mastering the Supply Chain." For details contact Mecompany at 1-866-280-6826.

Tulisaoma: South Dallas Book Fair and Arts Festival featuring Walter Mosley, Alice Randall, Omar Tyree, Rebecca Walker, Alexis Rhone, Kadir Nelson at the African American Museum. Friday to Sunday. More information at www.tulisaoma.com about event times.

NET IP Social Event: Business Card Exchange (BCE) network throughout the night at FUSE, a Guidelive pick, with a great scenery (including an outdoor patio) as you will have an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

Meet & greet at 7:30pm, bce @ 9:30pm 214-742-3873 www.netip-dallas.org/home.htm

August 26
Rep. Yvonne Davis' District 111 Community Day, Concord Miss. Baptist Church, 6808 Pastor Bailey Dr. Dallas, Texas 75232 This event will provide constituents the opportunity to gather at one location and register for services offered by various state agencies, participate in health screenings, and speak with representatives from utility companies regarding provider services. Numerous health screenings will be offered including blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, diabetes, mammograms, sickle cell, Hepatitis C, and prostate. Mammograms are free to

those who qualify. For more information contact 214 941-3895.

United Nations Association Dallas Chapter presents a social program on Darfur at 165 Inwood Village, Lovers Lane at 6 p.m. Call 972-480-5236 for more information.

Lifting Individuals Through Education (L.I.T.E.) School Supply Drive, 8:30 a.m. Special Appearance to support L.I.T.E by: Legendary Dallas Cowboy, Tony Dorsett Remnant Ministries will be providing drinks for attendees. 20+ SMU athletes will be assisting in handing out supplies to students and parents. Remnant Ministries is inviting nesting students and parents from Forest Ln Academy, Aikin Elementary, and Forest Meadow Jr. High to receive donated school supplies for the 2006-2007 School year. (must show proof of address to receive supplies)

Conversations about The Horn of Africa. Discussions about this region's great potential at the Sheraton Hotel, 1-35 & Mockingbird Lane and at UT Arlington's The Africa Program 1 pm - 4 pm \$25.

17th Annual VISIONS: The Women's Expo at Dallas Market Hall from 10 am to 6 pm. on Saturday and Sunday. Benefits Dallas Habitat for Humanity Women Build Program. Special appearance by Naomi Judd. For more information call 972-504-6358 or visit www.visionsexpo.com.

Taste of Africa an evening of exotic food, music, dance, apparel and enriching fellowship at Dallas Christian College, 2700 Christian Parkway in Dallas, TX 75234

Dallas International Fellowship 6pm \$15.00 dallasfellowship@sbcbglobal.net 817-455-2355

August 27
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1816 Routh St., in downtown Dallas, culminates its 133rd anniversary with

Celebration Sunday on August 27. The public is invited to attend. Guest speaker for the afternoon service will be the Rev. Harold Dangerfield, senior pastor of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church. The theme for the month is Celebrating our Oneness: One Family, One God, One Great Joy. Call (214) 922-0000 for more information. The Rev. Elzie Oldom is the senior pastor.

August 29
I am Poetry, part of Rickey Smiley Poetry, Comedy and Karaoke Revival Event, New Orleans poets, and others remembering the anniversary of the Katrina hurricane at Maxwell's, 3885 Beltline Rd. Addison, Texas 75001
Contact brenda.fox@citigroup.com 817-791-7357

August 30
High Tech and Security Clearance Career Fair, 11am to 3pm. Plano Centre

2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads. Admission is free. For more information contact Targeted Job Fairs at 513.251.1400 or visit www.targetedjobfairs.com

August 31
Tom Joyner's Family Reunion, August 31 - September 6. Join the whole Tom Joyner Morning Show Family from across the country along with top entertainment for an incredible weekend created and customized just for you and your family! Labor Day weekend will be packed with family fun: hilarious comedy shows, fabulous musical entertainment for the whole family, The Family Reunion Health Fair and Expo, The Family BBQ (no family reunion would be complete without a BBQ)

September 4
National Baptist Convention at the Dallas Convention Center through Friday. For more information call 1-866-531-3054 or long onto www.nationalbaptist.org.

Awesome Arts Family Festival '06

The Big Thought's Awesome Arts Family Festival is an event featuring Young Audiences' children programs, interactive performances and hands-on activities in music, dance, visual art and theater. Other activities include:

10:00 am Educators' Workshops - "Integrating the Arts into Your Classroom" and "Arts Funding for Your School: A grant writing workshop"

5:00 pm Live Concert - a one-hour show with interactive children's performance.

Bring the whole family...there's something for everyone! Admission and parking are free. Sponsored by: Darden Restaurants, WB 33 News and the Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration at Dallas.

Plano Centre 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway
For more information call 214-520-0023 or log online at www.awesomearts.org or www.bighought.org.

September 9
The Black Writers' Guild of Irving will meet for a writers' critique session promptly from 10 am until 12pm. Please join us at the Heritage Building in downtown Irving. The address is 217 S. Main St. Irving, Texas. This event is free; however, reading privileges are limited to Guild members only. To RSVP send an email to D. Bethune at dannyb0506@yahoo.com. You must RSVP your attendance by September 6th. Visit www.blackwritersguildofirving.com.

September 15
Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Singles Conference, through September 16th. 1808 W Camp Wisdom Rd. Dallas, Texas 75232, 972-228-1281 x 2350. Visit www.ocbchurch.org to register.

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Paul Hailey

A Matter Of Identity

An article in last week's New York Times opened a can of worms that I really hadn't thought about: an increasing number of white couples in the U.S. are adopting black children.

I went through a series of reactions to this information, all of which forced me to do what has become an enjoyable by-product of writing this column. Read all that I could find on the subject and develop an intelligent, rational, informed opinion.

According to the data I found, 26 percent of black children adopted from foster care in 2004 were adopted by whites. That's about 4,200 kids, which is up from approximately 2,200 kids in 1998 according to information from the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect.

My first reaction to these numbers was why? Why is the rate of adoptions of black kids by white couples increasing? Does it have something to do with the erosion of cultural barriers? Or has it suddenly become chic to adopt black kids? Have Brad and Angelina started a trend among white folks?

The answers are varied. While Brad and Angelina may have influenced some couples, the reality is that healthy white infants have become hard to find and expensive to adopt. To adopt children internationally involves a long wait and anywhere from \$15,000 to \$35,000. Congress passed a law called the Multiethnic Placement Act which prohibits federally financed agencies from denying adoption based on rights, a sort of adoption civil rights act. Additionally, the foster care system now includes financial incentives for finding more adoptive fam-

ilies. The Times article quotes Rita Simon, a sociologist at American University who said "It is getting easier, bureaucratically and socially. With so many people going overseas, people are increasingly saying, Wait a minute, there are children here who need to be adopted too."

So... rationally, the next logical question is what's wrong with this new trend by white adoptive parents?

For obvious cultural reasons, transracial adoptions have had many critics within the black community. In 1972 the National Association of Black Social Workers passed a resolution against the adoption of black children by white parents. That resolution is still in effect today. They and other groups have argued that transracial adoptions are detrimental to black heritage and hurt in the preservation of black culture.

The first thing that struck me as wrong with the new trend are the questions that were not being asked or answered in the Times article. Questions like why are so many children of color available for adoption in the first place, what are the long-term effects on children of color and their communities, and how does transracial adoption ultimately impact the role of the birth parents later in the child's life?

These are the types of questions that are addressed in the book "Outsiders Within: Writing on Transracial Adoption, where black children give first hand accounts on how being adopted by white parents has affected them. The book makes it painfully clear that the biggest problem with transracial adoptions is the subsequent problems with self-image experienced by the children.

Here's how one child described her feelings: "I lean over the sink so my nose is almost touching the glass and mouth to the ugly girl staring

back, you look like an ugly African bush girl, over and over until my breath clouds over my face. I start to write 'jungle bunny' in the steam but I am crying too hard to finish. Why hadn't anyone told me I was so ugly? I don't even look like a real girl."

By focusing the attention on the "benevolence" of the white adoptive parents, we run the risk of overlooking the feelings of the child being adopted. A risk adult adoptee Shannon Gibney pointedly describes.

"Once again, the focus is all on the white adoptive parents and their pain. Once again, the adoptees are presented as objects, as children who apparently never grow up, and therefore do not have the capacity to analyze the geopolitical issues that have shaped their identities. Once again, we don't hear the voices of the birth parents or the adult adoptees. As this article presents it, the only people who are really affected by adoption are white adoptive parents and agencies."

The issue of cultural heritage also looms large for these children. How do they view themselves?

White adoptive parents have tended to minimize or ignore the racial identity of their children.

A study of 30 adolescent black children adopted by white parents, only 10 of them identified themselves as black; six said they were "mixed," and the rest tried to avoid a racial identity altogether by saying they were "human" or "American."

It doesn't matter what I think about this topic, what matters most are the children involved.

As with all things, there are costs to transracial adoption. I wonder who is adding up the costs for the children that are being adopted. For them, it is more than adoption-it is a matter of identity.

Paul Hailey can be reached at editor@MonTheGazette.com

Where, Oh Where, Is Black Leadership

By: Les Payne

Who indeed are the black leaders these days? Two pretenders to the throne were to enlighten the National Association of Black Journalists last week in Indianapolis. The Rev. Jesse Jackson thought better of his appearance and left the defense to his erstwhile protégé.

Proving that he is as immune to irony as he is to shame, the Rev. Al Sharpton strutted onto the stage as a panelist for the annual W.E.B. DuBois Lecture. That most vital American scholar of the last century would likely have viewed the Rev. Al Sharpton as a noisy answer for which there is no known question.

Luckily for the impressionable in the hall, a panel of journalists preceded Sharpton and broadened the beam of candidates. The clouds were salted with such names as Colin Powell, Harold Ford, Barack Obama, Corey Booker and even influential rappers. Rochelle Riley, a columnist for the Detroit Free Press, looked locally. She emphasized the need for daily leaders, especially among the young - and she dismissed the headline-grabbing methods of messieurs Jackson and Sharpton.

Sandwiched in-between a local Republican councilman and a Democratic Party operative, Sharpton said that the single black national leader, "a messiah," was an undesirable media concept that never has occurred in America. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., he reminded quite accurately, had Malcolm

X, Whitney Young, Fannie Lou Hamer and other national rivals, and DuBois in his day had Booker T. Washington.

No one disputes Sharpton's skills as a talker, and he was in fine form, even as his own qualities as a black leader stood wanting and in sharp relief to the occasion of the DuBois Lecture.

Sharpton took "the Jackson model of black politics to a new low," Juan Williams writes in his new book about "phony black leaders," titled "Enough." Williams' Sharpton indictment centers on his 2004 presidential run when, for some financial aid, the reverend reportedly leased some control of his Democratic campaign to Republican operative Roger Stone.

Sharpton's campaign double-dealing - the latest in a career peppered with such treachery - was first reported in the Village Voice and other places. Williams, a Washington broadcast pundit, recirculates the published findings that reveal Sharpton as a bought-and-paid-for GOP "mole inside the Democratic primary." In this, the stump preacher resembles Williams' D.C. buddy Armstrong Williams, who, despite his U.S. Department of Education kick-back scandal, continues his deception as a black voice of reason in print, on stage and over the air waves.

Journalists entertained by the Sharpton sideshow left the hall needing to enlighten themselves elsewhere on the question of black leadership.

A good start would have been the 37-volume works of DuBois, edited by his friend and protégé Herbert Aptheker. Perhaps best known for his book "The Souls of Black Folks," DuBois was a prodigious scholar and social activist who even lapsed occasionally into journalism. His methodical research of urban racial conditions, published in the book "The Philadelphia Negro," was the first such scientific study and earned his reputation as one of the fathers of social science.

DuBois knew a thing or two about leadership, as his rival Booker T. Washington discovered. A founder of the NAACP, DuBois created and edited its Crisis magazine and was a visionary, pan-African activist against European colonialism. DuBois died in Accra, Ghana, on the very day of the 1963 civil rights march on Washington, D.C. However, his life's work did not escape the attention of King.

"History cannot ignore W.E.B. DuBois," King wrote, "because history has to reflect truth, and Dr. DuBois was a tireless explorer and a gifted discoverer of social truths. His singular greatness lay in his quest for truth about his own people."

It is not known what King would have made of Sharpton, but we know what the martyred civil rights leader thought of Sharpton's mentor, Jesse Jackson. Not much.

Les Payne is a columnist at newsday.com.

Ambassador Andrew Young And The Los Angeles Sentinel Interview: A Perspective From Someone In The Room

By: John Hope Bryant - Founder, chairman and chief executive officer of HOPE

It is unfortunate that Ambassador Andrew Young is caught in a storm of misconceptions based on some remarks he made that were grossly misinterpreted. Ambassador Andrew Young is not anti-Semitic.

You see, I was in that room with Ambassador Young when he did that interview with Yussuf Simmonds of the Los Angeles Sentinel, and I know first hand that what appeared in the newspaper today did not reflect the underlying concerns Ambassador Young has for the people of the urban inner-cities. 75 years on this planet, and more than 50 of those years in selfless public service should tell us that.

Here are the facts, from someone who was there, first hand;

Ambassador Andrew Young was asked whether Wal-Mart was, in his opinion, helping to close down mom and pop businesses in urban, inner-city neighborhoods. His response, placed in the historical context of how these communities have evolved over time, really since the civil rights movement, tried to say in one sentence that which really required a three-hour or more substantive conversation. Ambassador Young suggested that these were in many cases some of the same businesses that "have been charging higher prices, and selling stale bread with bad service in our communities for years," and that enough was enough.

That in his opinion companies like Wal-Mart had simply introduced some much needed competition in our inner-city communities; helping to level the playing field for poor people with limited buying power and limited choice. He suggested that businesses ripping off poor people in this way were not doing anyone a favor. Frankly, on this point I agree with him. What rational person wouldn't? Truth in fact, I experienced it firsthand.

I grew up in Compton, California and South Central Los Angeles, and my family took its business to the only local source for toiletries, groceries, detergents, and other small household items around - the corner liquor and convenience store. And yes, what they sold was higher priced, and generally beyond the suggested "use by" date too. But what choice did we have in Compton, California in 1980? There were no competitively priced grocery stores in the neighborhood, and a Wal-Mart or Cosco or Target Store was no where to be found. And by the way, the owner of my local corner liquor and convenience store was not Jewish, or Arab or Korean for that matter, he was black. A brother, just like me. A very nice man for sure, but I would have preferred the lower prices and higher quality merchandise.

It is an economic distinction which is extremely important to the wider debate on this issue. It used to be race, it is now economics. We cannot forget this.

He did not mean to hurt, he meant to heal, by bringing much needed attention to the issues of the poor he cares so much about. I mean, if we are going to have a character conversation about Andrew Young and what he said, after the apology let's try to get beyond the unfortunate and regrettable statements themselves, which does not reflect the substance of the man nor his sentiments towards others, nor his legacy, and have a real conversation around the substance of the message itself. A message I might add, that in the end benefits all groups.

In the final analysis, he did not pick on our Jewish brothers, or our Arab brothers, or our Korean brothers, any more than he has historically picked on our fellow black brothers. What he was picking on, so to speak, was our "crooked brothers," and countless examples of all kinds of folk unfortunately not treating poor people right.

Ambassador Young did not pick on any one ethnic group in his interview; he rightly picked

on all of us. And sensitive or not, if you are a bad guy, you don't get a pass because you were an ethnic minority, just like you don't get a pass if you are black. There are no excuses.

At the end of the day, the answer must be justice, and not just us.

And finally, all of this now points precisely to why Ambassador Andrew Young was interested in the Wal-Mart fight in the first place, beyond the fact that Wal-Mart has a basic right to exist.

Ambassador Young believes that this is a continuation of the civil rights movement, around issues of social and economic justice. He believes that we should have an active and positive discussion with the CEO of the largest retailer in the world, Wal-Mart, and as well the largest employer of African-Americans in the nation, no different than the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. talked and walked with just about everyone who could help his cause of "advancing the least of these."

Today's conversation is more and more an economic one, and Ambassador Young believes that just as we integrated the lunch counter during the 1960's, today we must focus on integrating the dollar.

Ambassador Young believes that capitalism succeeded in creating a middle class in America, but that capitalism and the free enterprise system has yet to prove that it can be made to work for poor people. That poverty is the issue of the 21st century, both here and abroad.

In short, Ambassador Young's real client in my opinion, respectfully stated, was not really Wal-Mart. It was, and always has been the poor. Check his record, over 50 years of consistent public service. It speaks for itself.

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

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Congresswoman Johnson Encourages African American Students To Apply For Available Scholarships

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson urges students and parents of eligible college prospects to apply for available scholarships.

A large amount of scholarship money that has been set aside by companies for deserving students are either collecting dust or being returned to businesses because of a lack of interest.

"In just a few weeks, college campuses across the state will open their doors to thousands of new and returning students. In return, those students will have to open their wallets a little bit wider. While federal aid is most common, some campus administrators feel that students should also look elsewhere for extra help with college costs," Congresswoman Johnson said. "The number of students who take the time and energy to apply is minimal to the amount of need that's out there. A lot of students assume they're not going to be eligible, so they don't bother. But there are scholarships that look at many different factors, not just financial need."

Congresswoman Johnson

said there were "many, many students" in the Dallas area who deserve the extra money, and scholarship deadlines don't always occur before the semester begins.

The following is a list of scholarships and their Web addresses:

1) **Bell Labs Fellowships for under-represented minorities**

www.bell-labs.com

2) **Student Inventors Scholarships**

www.invent.org

3) **Student Video Scholarships**

www.christophers.org

4) **Coca-Cola Two-Year College Scholarships**

www.coca-colascholars.org

5) **Holocaust Remembrance Scholarships**

holocaust.hklaw.com

6) **Ayn Rand Essay Scholarships**

www.aynrand.org

7) **Brand Essay Competition**

www.instituteforbrandleadership.org

8) **Gates Millennium Scholarships**

www.gmsp.org

9) **Xerox Scholarships for Students**

www2.xerox.com

10) **Sports Scholarships and Internships**

www.ncaa.org

11) **National Assoc. of Black Journalists Scholarships (NABJ)**

www.nabj.org

12) **Saul T. Wilson Scholarships (Veterinary)**

www.aphis.usda.gov

13) **Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund**

www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org

14) **Fin Aid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid Scholarships**

www.finaid.org

15) **Presidential Freedom Scholarships**

www.nationalservice.org

16) **Microsoft Scholarship Program**

www.microsoft.com

17) **Wired Scholar Free Scholarship Search**

www.wiredscholar.com

18) **Hope Scholarships & Lifetime Credits**

www.ed.gov

19) **William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students**

www.apsanet.org

20) **Multiple List of Minority Scholarships**

www.gehon.ir.miami.edu

21) **Guaranteed Scholarships**

www.guaranteed-scholarships.com

22) **BOEING Scholarships**

www.boeing.com

23) **Easley National Scholarship Program**

www.naas.org

24) **Historically Black College & University Scholarships**

www.iesabroad.org

25) **Actuarial Scholarships for Minority Students**

www.beanactuary.org

26) **International Students Scholarships & Aid Help**

www.iefaf.org

27) **College Board Scholarship Search**

www.cbweb10p.college-board.org

28) **Burger King Scholarship Program**

www.bkscholars.csfa.org

29) **Siemens Westinghouse Competition**

www.siemens-foundation.org

30) **GE and LuLac Scholarship Funds**

www.lulac.org

31) **CollegeNet's Scholarship Database**

www.mach25.collegenet.com

32) **Union Sponsored Scholarships and Aid**

www.afcio.org

33) **Federal Scholarships & Aid Gateways**

www.blackexcel.org

34) **Scholarship Links (Ed Financial Aid Help)**

www.blackexcel.org

35) **Scholarship Links (Ed Financial Aid Help)**

www.efg.net

36) **FAFSA On The Web**

www.fafsa.ed.gov

37) **Aid & Resources For Re-Entry Students**

www.back2college.com

38) **Scholarships and Fellowships**

www.osc.cuny.edu

39) **Scholarships for Study in Paralegal Studies**

www.paralegals.org

40) **HBCU Packard Sit Abroad Scholarships**

www.sit.edu

41) **Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities**

ccmi.uchicago.edu

42) **INROADS internships**

www.inroads.org

43) **ACT-SO "Olympics of the Mind" Scholarships**

www.naacp.org

44) **Black Alliance for Educational Options Scholarships**

www.baeo.org

45) **ScienceNet Scholarship Listing**

www.sciencenet.emory.edu

46) **Graduate Fellowships For Minorities Nationwide**

www.cuinfo.cornell.edu

47) **Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford**

www.rhodescholar.org

48) **The Roothbert Scholarship Fund**

www.roothbertfund.com

www.beaactuary.org

www.nationalservice.org

www.microsoft.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.ed.gov

www.bkscholars.csfa.org

www.siemens-foundation.org

www.lulac.org

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UTD Offers Fixed Tuition For Collin Students

It is a good time to be a student at Collin. More specifically, it is a good time to be a Collin student bound for The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD).

Beginning in the 2007-08 academic year, UTD will offer a significant departure in tuition structure, designed to assist families in long-term planning for college education costs.

First-time UTD students entering in the 2007-08 academic year are guaranteed fixed tuition and academic fees for four years. This is particularly helpful for students at Collin,

because Collin has a special partnership agreement with UTD. Students who sign up for the Collin-UTD partnership program are essentially signing up for two colleges at once.

What this means is that students entering Collin in 2007-08 on a co-enrollment plan with UTD, having formally declared their intentions to transfer to the university and having met all UTD's academic requirements,

are eligible for UTD's guaranteed fixed tuition and academic fees through 2011-12. Thus, a freshman student in the program entering the college in 2007 would pay Collin tuition

their first two years (a little more than \$1,000 a year for a full-time student), and then get a fixed tuition rate entering their last two years at UTD.

UTD draws many of its transfer students - about 600 annually - from Collin. UTD is the number one transfer destination for Collin students.

According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, UTD is the only public university in Texas with a tuition freeze.

Collin and UTD are working together more closely than ever to keep college affordable and to shorten the time to graduation.

For example, UTD recently

offered \$175,000 in scholarships to Collin transfer students who plan to study science, technology, engineering or math. Both colleges collaborate in the High Technology Education Coalition of Collin County. Both colleges participate in the Science, Math, Advanced Research, Technology (SMART) educational initiative, and Collin students frequently receive Redman Scholarships, the most prestigious award available to transfer students at UTD.

For more information, call the Office for Undergraduate Education at 972.883.6706.

Richland College & UTD Sign Arts & Tech, Multimedia Transfer Agreements

Officials from Richland College (RLC) and The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) recently signed a transfer agreement for the acceptance of Associate in Arts with an Emphasis in Arts and Technology from RLC into UTD's Bachelor of Arts and

Technology degree.

A second agreement also was signed that will create a seamless transfer from RLC's multimedia associate's degrees and certificates into UTD's Arts and Technology degree. RLC offers a Web Design Associates in Applied Science degree, Visual Design (Level I and

Level II) Certificates, Internet Communications (Level I and Level II) Certificates, Multimedia Developer (Level I and Level II) Certificates and Multimedia Animator (Level II) Certificate.

The transfer agreements, also called articulation agreements, are the third and fourth such agree-

ments RLC and UTD have reached in the past two years. In February 2004, RLC and UTD signed a transfer agreement for students pursuing a degree in electrical engineering. In December 2004, the institutions signed a transfer agreement for students in journalism/communications.

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Parker, to name a few.

The weekend extravaganza will begin on Thursday, August 31st with the annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet at the Fort Worth Convention Center. A special feature of the event is that entertainment will be provided by Country Music Hall of Fame Inductee and legend Charley Pride.

On Friday, September 1st, an evening concert will be held at the infamous Billy Bob's Texas

in Fort Worth to benefit the National Cowboys of Color Museum. The concert will feature War the Band, Zapp and comedian A.J. Jamal. Tickets for this eclectic evening are \$25 General Admission and \$35/\$45 for reserved seating and can be purchased at Billy Bob's and at www.cowboysofcolor.org. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, September 2nd, the 11th Annual Cowboys of Color Invitational Rodeo will be held at the Will Rogers Coliseum.

This family event is packed with fun beginning with the

The National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization founded in 2001 to give recognition to outstanding pioneers who contributed to the settling of the early American Western Frontier as well as acknowledge individuals who continue to be trailblazers committed to the legacy of western culture. The Museum and Hall of Fame tells the stories of the contributions that many history

books left out and presents excellent examples of American Heroes of the past, present and future. The museum's regular operation hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

For more information on the 2006 National Cowboys of Color Museum Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and weekend celebration activities, including sponsorship opportunities and tickets, please call the museum's business office at (817) 922-9999 or visit www.cowboysofcolor.org.

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Douglas Center Branch Director Mrs. Karen Johnson has this to say: "For the past, the B2M, co-sponsored with Omega, has empowered the young men to sustain meaningful relationships with others,

develop a positive self image, and respect their own and other cultural identities. The program has also helped the young men be able to engage in positive behavior, set personal goals and develop the competencies to live successfully as self-sufficient adults.

Some have fallen, but they will get up again because of the teaching and mentoring that was given by the men of Omega.

Brother Earnest Burke, program chair, has a wide smile when seeing the young boys excel and give thanks to the

brothers who have ongoing & active mentor relationships with the young men. A special thanks to the Douglass branch of the Boys and Girls Club director, Mrs. Karen Johnson, for this outstanding community service partnership!

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Newly Built Retirement Home Hosts Texas Publishers Association Meeting

By: Delonte Harrod
On August 5, 2006, the Texas Publishers Association hosted one of their monthly meetings at the Village of Stonebrook, a senior citizen home located in McKinney, TX. In attendance were publishers and sales agents from various African-American Newspapers such as The

Dallas Weekly, The Mon Gazette, The Heritage, Metroplex South Star and The Dallas Examiner located in Downtown Dallas. The breakfast and lunch were both catered by the members and staff of the Village of Stonebrook, while the members of the T.P.A discussed concerns within their respective publica-

tions. When the official meeting was over at 12:00 pm the members of T.P.A where greeted with a homemade lunch prepared by some of the staff at the Village of Stonebrook. After lunch Katrina McPherson who is a part of the staff at the Village of Stonebrook gave a short presentation, commenting on the

facility. "The Village Stonebrooke is new, we opened April 6, 2006 and the first resident moved in the 1st week of May," she said. The T.P.A members were than led on a 30 min tour around the new facility, which consists of an Internet center, media room, conference rooms, gathering rooms for friends and

families. While on the tour some of the members of T.P.A expressed intimate interest in the newly built facility, asking more in depth questions about living space, rent, activities and diversity. Michael Caesar asked, "Are their any minorities here and are their any initiative that are taken to reach out to them?"

Mrs. McPherson replied that they have taken the initiative to advertise in The Dallas Morning News and The Mon Gazette. Mrs. McPherson further expressed her interest in advertising in more African-American newspapers to draw in more diversity among the tenants at the Village of Stonebrook.

Black Wallstreet's 85-Year Historic Anniversary!



After fifteen years of protecting the marvelous legacy of Black Wallstreet... Celebrated

Author/Researcher/Film-maker, Jay Jay Wilson releases his most prolific work yet!" Black Wallstreet was the most successful Black Business District and Community (prototype/model) in American history. There was an abundance of highly successful black doctors, lawyers, educators, oilmen, entrepreneurs and business owners who operated this thriving black business district on Greenwood Avenue in North Tulsa, Oklahoma. Over 600 booming business made up an approximate 36-square block

section of Greenwood; operating totally self-sufficient and independent, from local and state government. On May 31, 1921 an all-out "Race War" broke out between whites and blacks and ultimately, the entire Black Business District was "bombed from the air" and burned to the ground. All blacks were arrested and taken to Concentration Camps. Dead bodies were dumped into the Arkansas River - which runs through Tulsa. This was an American Holocaust that was covered-up and kept from the

American Public. In 1990 Jay Jay Wilson and his business partner Ron Wallace risked their lives - and the lives of their families for this legacy. They went underground in Tulsa, Oklahoma to research and investigate what turned out to be "Oklahoma's Ugliest Little Secret", The 1921 Tulsa Race Riot. They broke this story worldwide with their first book, "Black Wallstreet - A Lost Dream" in 1992 and created a National Book Tour and Black Wallstreet Town Hall Meeting Tour in Urban Communities -

all over the country. Wilson's newest book is Black City of Gold, The Legend of

Black Wall Street. For more info visit www.ablackcityofgold.com

The Apprentice's Randal Pinkett And Kwame Jackson Highlight African American Men's Empowerment Weekend

This October, Randal Pinkett and Kwame Jackson will join a group of national business experts that have answered the call to share their experiences, winning tactics and advice during the 2006 Securing Your Legacy - African American Men's Empowerment Weekend (AAMEW).

This event marks the first time that Randal Pinkett, winner of the 2005 season of NBC's "The Apprentice" and Kwame Jackson, the first runner up of the show's first season, will serve on a panel together. "Pinkett and Jackson have demonstrated that African American men can compete and succeed against America's best," said Theresa Royal, CMP, president of Royal Events, LLC (a minority woman owned and operated event management-company and AAMEW organizer).

However, according to Royal, this weekend is about more than Pinkett and Jackson's success. "It's about [African American] men being among the very best. But, we're

not focused just on individual self-improvement; we are discussing building a tradition of achievement that will benefit future generations."

A Men of Distinction (MOD) Dinner is being hosted to honor



Randal D. Pinkett, PhD, MBA, President and CEO of BCT Partners & the Winner of NBC's "The Apprentice" with Donald Trump will be one of the featured panelists during the 2006 Securing Your Legacy: African American Men's Weekend.

men that embody this Royal notion of legacy building. Among this year's nominees are Dr. Randal Pinkett (President

and CEO of BCT Partners), Kwame Jackson (Chairman and Co-Founder of Legacy Holdings LLC), Earl Graves, Sr. (publisher "Black Enterprise" Magazine), Donnie Simpson (Radio Personality, Infinity



Kwame Jackson, MBA, Chairman and Co-Founder of Legacy Holdings LLC, Finalist in NBC's Season 1 of "The Apprentice" with Donald Trump, will be one of the featured panelists during the 2006 Securing Your Legacy: African American Men's Weekend.

Broadcasting), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Howard University. By creating a forum for such

an uncommon blend of professional, social and financial health for African American men, Royal Events, LLC hopes to achieve one overall mission, "bolstering African American men's ability to compete, succeed and create a lasting trail for others to follow."

Included in this year's Securing Your Legacy Weekend:

- Leveraged to the Hilt - William Keating, MBA, aka Professor Bill, motivational speaker and author
- Moving From Ideal Days to an Ideal Life - Terrell Whitener, MA, Productive Workforce Development, LLC
- The Organizational Game Revealed - Harvey Coleman, MBA, Coleman Management Consultants
- Giving Back Golf Tournament with partial proceeds benefiting youth achievement programming

The 2006 Securing Your Legacy - African American Men's Empowerment weekend will be hosted October 19-22, 2006 at the Marriott Westfields in Chantilly, VA. Visit www.royalevents.com or call 301-262-3472.

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legal action against Farmer's Branch if the ordinances were passed.

"We definitely are going to engage this one," he commented. "It's painfully unconstitutional, hateful and grotesquely poor public policy. Hopefully, City Council reason will prevail. If not, we will meet them squarely in the courtroom."

Lawsuits are also being threatened against Farmer's Branch by representatives of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

While there is no national legislation restricting the activities of illegal immigrants, several municipalities around the country, most notably Hazelton, Pa., have passed legislation similar to that under consideration by Farmer's Branch.

Those in attendance at the Council's Monday work session

were largely against the measures.

"We wouldn't want to do business with a city that is so racist," said local restaurant owner Elizabeth Villafranca.

Councilmen O'Hare and Charlie Bird support the measures, and are joined in support by Mayor Pro Tem Ben Robinson who suggested some of the most restrictive measures.

Although no action was taken by the council in Monday's meeting, Mayor Bob Phelps ensured action will happen at some point in the future.

"It's going to happen," he said. "I don't know when, but it will happen."

The proposed ordinances on the hot button issue of immigration have already garnered national attention. Future actions will have a lot to do with perceptions of the city and the region as being racist against illegal immigrants.

terly criticised the South African government's response to the epidemic.

Democrats have promoted the 44-year-old Obama as a new face for the party that can appeal across racial lines - making him one of the party's rising political stars.

Obama's father met his African mother while an exchange student in Hawaii. His father left the family when Barack was two years old and returned to Kenya, where he worked as an economist for the government. He died in a car crash in 1982.

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These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on September 30, 2006. You have until March 29, 2007, to redeem any tickets for these games:

Game #566, \$2
Weekly Grand
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Game #610, \$1
Jacks in the Box
Overall Odds are 1 in 4.65

Game #568, \$2
Instant Bingo
Overall Odds are 1 in 4.28

Game #611, \$5
Big Money Doubler
Overall Odds are 1 in 3.44

Game #574, \$5
Poker Showdown
Overall Odds are 1 in 3.61

Game #652, \$10
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The Meadows Foundation Gives \$884,000 For Dallas Black Dance Theatre's Capital Campaign

Largest individual gift for Dance Company's future home

The Meadows Foundation has made a new gift of \$634,000 to support renovation of Dallas Black Dance Theatre's (DBDT) permanent Arts District home, the former Moorland YMCA building. This gift, added to previous support from The Meadows Foundation, makes it the largest individual gift to-date to the dance company's Capital Campaign.

The Meadows Foundation made an initial gift of \$250,000 in 1999 to help with the acquisition of the property. Their contribution assures that DBDT can begin its renovations this fall.

"The Board of Directors of The Meadows Foundation joins me in expressing our gratitude to the Dallas Black Dance Theatre for the valuable contributions they make to our community," states Linda Evans, President and CEO of

The Meadows Foundation. "We appreciate the opportunity to assist them to establish their permanent residence in the Arts District."

"We are grateful to The Meadows Foundation for mak-



Ann Williams

ing an important leadership gift early in the campaign; and this additional gift committed for the beginning of construction is another demonstration of the partnership that the Foundation has had with DBDT in every strategic step the company has

taken during its 30-year history," states Ann Williams, DBDT Founder and Artistic Director.

DBDT purchased the former Moorland YMCA building in downtown Dallas' Arts District in 1999 and the company retired the mortgage debt in December 2004 with gifts from Belo Corp., The Texas Instruments Foundation and the Harold Simmons Foundation. Other major gifts for acquisition at the \$500,000 level and above include The Eugene McDermott Foundation and Dr. Cordell Adams. The building, located at 2700 Flora Street, will serve as the permanent home for Dallas Black Dance Theatre's rehearsal studios, training classrooms and administrative offices. The Homecoming Campaign is DBDT's first major gifts fund drive in the company's 30-year history.

To support The Homecoming Campaign or for more information, contact Zenetta S. Drew, Executive Director at (214) 871-2376.

COMMON, RZA, And T.I., Join Cast Of Crime Drama About Drug Kingpin Frank Lucas.

Rappers Common, RZA and T.I. have been added to the cast of director Ridley Scott's "American Gangster," which stars Denzel Washington in the story of real-life drug kingpin-turned-informant Frank Lucas.

Russell Crowe is also in the 1970s-set film as lawyer Richie Roberts, who eventually brought Lucas to justice. The two then join forces to expose crooked cops and foreign nationals.

Chiwetel Ejiofor, who

worked with Washington in Spike Lee's "Inside Man," has also joined the ensemble cast to play Lucas' brother. RZA, a member of the Wu Tang Clan, will play one of Crowe's partners who specializes in surveillance. T.I. and Common will play members of Washington's drug empire.

Frank Lucas made headlines three decades ago by shipping heroin to the U.S. in the coffins of soldiers killed in Vietnam.

The Universal Pictures film is

currently shooting in New York.



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With only 56 of an original 128 schools to reopen - because of flood and wind damage - and about 30,000 of the pre-Katrina 60,000 elementary, middle and high school students expected to return, school officials are scrambling to provide enough classrooms and teachers in a safe, clean and learning-conducive environment.

"It is a horribly frustrating process and we're trying to open up 56 schools," says Meg Casper, spokeswoman for the Louisiana Department of Education, which took over the New Orleans public schools after the hurricane, calling it the Recovery District.

But, even after opening, beyond the walls lie other serious issues that concern parents and school officials. They include potential environmental hazards in the schools, which were shut down for months with no air conditioning in often 98-degree heat with 100 percent humidity. As construction engineers are working feverishly to meet the Sept. 7 opening of most city schools, other problems are being uncovered, causing opening dates and plans to change.

Particularly the older schools, some of which were built decades ago, have been found to have lead-based paint, termites and asbestos problems that may have been pre-existing, but are now worsened or exposed because of the flood damage and reconstruction, school officials say.

In their caution, city and state officials have not set dates for all schools to reopen simultaneously. Eight opened on August 8, giving 4,000 students a new summer agenda. Forty-eight others are scheduled to open by mid-September with most in the Recovery District scheduled to open Sept. 7.

School construction and environmental safety are far from the only problems.

"One of the biggest concerns we have right now is we don't know how many children are coming and we are not sure whether or not we have enough teachers to meet the need if more children come than has been anticipated," says Louella Givins, who represents New Orleans on the 11-member Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (LBESE).

After the winds subsided and the rains ceased 24 hours after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans August 29, all seemed calm. Though thousands had evacuated, many residents stayed in their homes and braved the storm, thinking that damage was not as bad as had been predicted.

Then news slowly circulated about broken and damaged levees built to restrain the Pontchartrain Lake. Water on the ground mysteriously began to rise. More than 60,000 adults, children and babies, including mostly poor residents from the Ninth Ward, frantically took refuge at the Superdome, on bridges, rooftops or wherever there was dry ground. They were seen on television around the world begging for emergency aid three days before it came. There was no running water, electricity, or air conditioning as fights and some of those who had been robbed of normal living

conditions were robbed a second time by thugs seeking to exploit the situation.

Before it was over, 80 percent of the city was flooded, more than 1,339 had died in Louisiana, 786,372 citizens were displaced, 18,752 businesses lost. A year later as the most often used words for the recovery are "slow" and "frustrating", mental health offices are now flooding, this time with people. The emotional and psychological stress of the tragedy affected adults and children alike.

"We're talking about people who have no homes and who have no jobs...These are children who were rescued from roof tops by helicopters. Yes, they are having some mental issues," Casper says. "We have school counselors in every one of the schools that we open. We are also staffing with social workers in all of our schools. We also have contracts with a group called the Louisiana Spirit that provides mental health evaluation for students as well as faculty and staff."

Freda Jones says her daughter and son, in the fourth and sixth grades, are adjusting well, partly because have been journaling their Katrina experiences. But by reading what they've written, she is learning about their hidden thoughts and feelings.

"They've adjusted, but this is not the community that they had. Just like my son said in his letter that he's got this big beautiful brand new house, but he doesn't have any neighbors," she recounts. "He said it's 'creepy' because we don't have any neighbors."

Some parents are choosing to send children to private and charter schools to avoid the potential crowds of the Recovery School District.

Chanda Augustine's biggest concern is transportation - she has chosen to keep her 7-year-old son in a private Catholic school that he entered before the public schools began reconstruction. She has to drive him 15 miles to the school bus stop every day. He is a former student at the Silver Forest Public School, which is one of the schools not immediately reopening. With all the changes that have jostled his life, Augustine says she will drive the miles simply to maintain stability in his life.

"He's doing pretty good," she says. "He thought Katrina was fun. As far as emotional disturbances or depression, I don't have any problems with him."

A healthy atmosphere for every individual involved will be crucial for the educational process on every level, says Givens.

"For the babies, it's important that they get a good start, that the environment is conducive to them learning and that the environment is a welcoming and nurturing environment," she says. "For the older children, their lives have been so badly disrupted."

Givens says she believes that most teenagers are suffering from some level of disassociation from past friends and loved ones from whom they may have been separated in the flood either by death or by moving away.

"First they were torn away from some friends and family. Then, they were put in new environments with new children. And teenagers are cliquish. They were outsiders and they were not always accepted. Then they were brought back to New Orleans with their families, but not necessarily to their homes, not necessarily to their schools and not necessarily to their friends and the city is still a mess," she says.

"And so nothing is familiar. There's no normalcy in this at all. Teenagers need stability. I'm worried that they get back to normal as quickly as possible so they can go on with their lives."

Normally, high school students have sports and other extracurricular activities to offset social stress and the pressures of education. But even that may be vastly absent as the school year begins.

"There will be no middle school and secondary athletic programs, period," Givens says. "In most of the schools, there will be no football, basketball."

Casper confirmed that while all schools will have physical education classes, athletics will start from scratch because of new enrollments.

"Many of the schools are opening with completely different student populations," Casper explains. "They will have to reapply with the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. As soon as those applications have been processed, the schools will be able to have athletic programs."

We are starting from scratch and must focus our priority on academics first, but our desire is to have a full array as soon as possible."

Givens says athletics should have been prioritized.

"Those are the kinds of things you look forward to in high school. I don't understand why the children continue to suffer. And I don't understand why the children continue to pay the price. You can't give a 17-year-old this year back," says Givens.

She is backed by community sentiment.

"Many of the responses have been 'We'll have these programs next year,'" says Vincent Sylvain, a New Orleans activist who, for years, has been in the thick of political and social activism. "And I'm saying that next year may be too late because the drug dealers on the corner may capture these youths. And we need these programs in the schools to try to prevent those things from happening."

Meanwhile, it appears that

New Orleansians have simply grown accustomed to waiting.

After Katrina, Dew evacuated his home with Corey Jr. and moved to Houston, then returned to a New Orleans apartment. Now living in a FEMA trailer, he awaits the renovation of his house that soaked under five feet of water.

"Now, I've got to wait on them so they can tell me what day the school starts," Dew says. "I guess they're still cleaning it up because people had to use it as a shelter."

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Nagin Blames Delays On Racism, Red Tape

AP
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin on Friday blamed racism and government bureaucracy for hamstrung his city's ability to weather Hurricane Katrina and recover from the disaster that struck the Gulf Coast nearly a year ago.

In remarks to the annual meeting of the National Association of Black Journalists, Nagin said the hurricane "exposed the soft underbelly of America

as it relates to dealing with race and class."
"And I, to this day, believe that if that would have happened in Orange County, California, if that would have happened in South Beach, Miami, it would have been a different response," Nagin said.

New Orleans was 60 percent black before Katrina struck Aug. 29. Early this year the mayor called on fellow blacks to again make New Orleans a "chocolate"

city, but he later apologized. On Friday, Nagin condemned federal regulations that discourage rebuilding in the largely black and low-lying Ninth Ward.

While tens of billions of dollars in federal aid have flowed to Louisiana and other states devastated by Katrina, much of it has gone to developers and contractors, Nagin said. "Very little of those dol-

lars have gotten to the local governments or to the people themselves," Nagin said.



Katrina dispersed three-quarters of New Orleans'

pre-hurricane population of about 460,000 people, and today it's a city of about 250,000. Nagin suggested that Louisiana and federal officials would prefer the city remain smaller.

He said the city is struggling to deliver services and rebuild with a quarter of its former municipal budget. The federal and state aid the city has received is inadequate and comes with too many rules, he said.

"We are being strangled, and they're using the money to set local policies to try to take control of the city to do things that they had in mind all along, and that's to shrink the footprint, get a bunch of developers in the city, and try to do things in a different way," Nagin said.

"We're not going to let that happen. They're going to give us our money, and we're going to rebuild this city."

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began to turn and Sisters of Savings was created. Their meetings will feature products that they have purchased

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what were the great deals they have found.

These bubbly sisters are excited about sharing their information with the community. Each month, Mon The Gazette will feature articles from the Sisters on money saving tips. The Sisters of Savings has a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month, the next meeting is September 7th.

This meeting is a high energy, educational seminar to show you how hands on how

to save money. The cost to attend is \$14.99 (\$5.00 will be donated to their charity). This month the Sisters have over \$1,000.00. They donate their grocery overages to stock their local charity, The Touch Ministry.

Please visit www.sistersofsavings.com to get additional information. Seats are limited. Call to schedule an interview or email Cheryl Jackson at cjackson@sistersofsavings.com if you need additional information. (214) 734-2552.



Cheryl Jackson (on left) and Lynette Shofner (on right) with Good Morning Texas Anchors Amy Vanderoef and Gary Cogill

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10:15 a.m. Worship Experience

Tuesday
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Wednesday
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7:00 p.m. Church School

Thursday
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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a youth worship experience

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Sunday, August 20, 2006
10:00am

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Sunday Life Bible School 9:30 a.m.
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Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

Schedule of Services:
Sunday
Early Morning Worship
8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday
Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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