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People In The News



Eastfield College and the Dallas County Community College District Board of Trustees recently announced the hiring of Dr. Joy Gates Black for the position of Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management.

Dr. Gates Black comes to Eastfield from San Antonio College, where she served as dean of Student Affairs. In that capacity she was responsible for ensuring that students were able to effectively navigate through the admissions and registration process and that students are provided with the support services they need in order to be successful. Dr. Gates Black was also the college liaison for a Lumina Foundation grant through the National Articulation and Transfer Network which focuses on streamlining the transfer process from community colleges to four year institutions.

"I'm excited to be here at Eastfield," says Dr. Gates Black, "Eastfield is poised to have a terrific impact on the community with the new centers that are going to be built."

The Dayton, Texas, native has an Ed.D. from Pepperdine University and a M.Ed. and bachelor's degree from Cambridge College in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

On Thursday, August 24, 2006, former NFL cornerback and CBS Sports commentator, Deion L. Sanders donated football equipment and accessories to the Paul Quinn College football team. Mr. Sanders made the donation on behalf of the Baltimore Ravens to Paul Quinn.

Instrumental in securing this donation, Mr. Ron Price, alumnus and Board of Trustee for the Dallas Independent School District, joined Mr. Sanders as he made the presentation to the College.

"I live in Dallas," stated Sanders in response to the oddity of a Raven nesting and nurturing in Cowboy country. "It's not only something that's done from the heart; it's something that's done in response to a great need. Anytime you can fulfill a need in your community; in your family...I think it's special."

Athletic Director and Football Coach Archie "Gun Slinger" Cooley was excited about this gift as the team prepares for its first game against Jackson State University on September 2 in Jackson, Mississippi.

"Our football team and the entire Paul Quinn Community would like to express our sincere appreciation to Mr. Sanders, the Baltimore Ravens and Mr. Ron Price for their needed support," stated Coach Cooley.



McDonald's announced the 25 "Stars" selected from its first-ever online Global Casting Call and Paula Glenn of Dallas, Texas was chosen to be one of the new faces featured on McDonald's packaging. Glenn, a Dallas mother was one of 25 winners in the Global Casting Call. Paula will appear on bags and cups beginning in March/April of 2007.

Paula Glenn's entry on her passion for being a volunteer traffic mom was selected from 13,000 entries from more than 100 countries. Consumers from all corners of the world submitted online personal stories of what they love in 100 words or less along with a digital photo capturing the essence of their stories.

McDonald's is treating the 25 selected "Stars" to an all-expense paid trip for them and a guest to London, England. A main focus of the trip is an individual photo session with each of the "Stars". The photos capture the "Stars" demonstrating their passions. In 2007, these images will be featured on McDonald's most prominent packaging – cups and bags – and seen by millions of customers each day worldwide for more than a year.

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Bush Says Katrina Recovery Just Starting



Monday, Aug. 28, 2006 in Biloxi, Miss. President Bush on Monday marked the anniversary of the hurricane that still haunts his presidency with worries that a new tropical storm could bring the first test of his promise that the botched post-Katrina response will not be repeated.

AP President Bush said Monday the huge job of rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina was just beginning a year after the massive storm but expressed hope that the \$110 billion of help sent from Washington would be enough.

Trying to erase the black mark left on his presidency by the administration's sluggish response to Katrina, Bush returned to the first scene he saw a year ago of the storm's devastation.

Standing on a vacant lot in a working class neighborhood where trailers and gutted buildings stand next to newly built homes, Bush pledged the federal government would stand with the region as it rebuilds. It's a promise viewed with skepticism by victims still reeling

from the storm. "A year ago, I committed our federal government to help you," Bush said. "I said, 'We have a duty to help the local people recover and rebuild,' and I meant what I said."

Of the \$110 billion in hurricane aid approved by Congress, just \$44 billion has been spent. Overall, the administration has released \$77 billion to the states, reserving the rest for future needs.

"Hopefully that'll work. Hopefully that's enough," Bush said after visiting a company that has restarted its business of building and repairing boats. "It's certainly enough to get us through the next period of time."

Bush focused on the positive, but acknowledged that much remains to be done.

"It's an anniversary, but it's not an end," Bush said. "Frankly it's just the beginning."

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Citizens Aid Plano Police In Innovative Program Debuting September 1

Dan Hay, a 33-year Plano resident, wanted to give back to his community. He found his niche after his participation in Plano's Citizens Police Academy fueled an interest in becoming part of the law enforcement process in Plano, as a citizen volunteer.

"I've lived here for a long time and I think the Plano Police Department has done a fantastic job," he stated. "I don't see Plano as being a high-crime area at all, but I think there are a lot of things that we, as citizens, can do."

This sentiment is strongly echoed by the Plano Police, who will debut their new program, Citizens Assisting Plano Police (CAPP),

Friday, September 1, 2006.

Complete with designated marked vehicles and uniforms, CAPP has an initial team of approximately 60 citizens, all graduates of the Citizens Police Academy, in line to undertake a number of volunteer positions to assist in Police field and internal activities.

"There will be more people on the street, more eyes on the street, to release some officers to

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CBC Looking To Expand Power

By: Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Washington Correspondent

For years, members of the Congressional Black Caucus have introduced key economic, civil rights, criminal justice and health care bills that have been discussed at length at CBC Annual Legislative Weekends rather than on the House or Senate floors.

The racial profiling, reparations and felony disenfranchisement bills of Congressman John Conyers (D-Mich.); the predatory lending bill of Congressman Mel Watt (D-N.C.); the mandatory minimum sentence bill of Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-Calif.); the minimum wage bill of Congressman Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.) and the health care disparities and anti-AIDS bills of Donna Christian Christiansen are just a few introduced legislations that have been largely ignored on the House or Senate floors because of Black lawmakers' inability to arrange fair committee hearings.

That could soon change. If Democrats win a majority during November's mid-term elections, Black Caucus members could seize chairmanships of at least four major congressional committees, 15 subcommittees and the post of majority whip, giving CBC members unprecedented control over committee agendas, the ability to forward legislation never fully entertained by Congress and

extra incentive to celebrate during the 36th Annual ALC Sept. 6-9. The ALC is considered to be the premier Black conference to



Congresswoman Maxine Waters

air policy issues.

"The CBC has very dynamic leadership right now. And I think that a lot of the cheer you're going to see in this CBC weekend is going to be attribute to the hopefulness of having more of the people that the CBC wants to see elected," says Hilary Shelton, who works closely with the CBC

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Plano Balloon Festival Seeking Crews Members And Volunteers

It's an amazing sight as the skies over Plano fill with colorful hot air balloons and specialty shapes during the nationally-recognized ViewPoint Bank Plano Balloon Festival!

Held September 22, 23 and 24, 2006, this year's Festival again promises to be a feast for the eyes and the skies as thousands of persons congregate in Plano to view the Balloons and ground activities throughout the three-day event.

Volunteers are needed to assist as crews for the launch and chase of the various balloons, which promises a front and center up close view of the center few can experience. Volunteers who qualify for crew membership are on a first-come basis, with limited openings. There are two flights daily starting with Friday



morning. Volunteer crews help with any combination of launch, chase and pack-up, but will not be flying with the pilots. Young adults who meet the age and parental permission requirements may be accepted.

All volunteers must participate in training sessions which are taught by pilots from the Plano Ballooning Association. There are two sessions: Thursday, September 7, 2006, 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Harrington Library, 1501 18th Street, Plano, and same

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US Data Shows One In Four African Americans In Poverty

In the world's biggest economy one in eight Americans and almost one in four blacks lived in poverty last year, the U.S. Census Bureau said on Tuesday, releasing a figure virtually unchanged from 2004.

The survey also showed 15.9 percent of the population, or 46.6 million, had no health insurance, up from 15.6 percent in 2004 and the fifth increase in a row.

It was the first year since President George W. Bush took office in 2001 that the poverty rate did not increase. As in past years, the figures showed poverty especially concentrated among blacks and Hispanics.

In all, some 37 million Americans lived below the poverty line, defined as having an annual income below around



\$10,000 for an individual or \$20,000 for a family of four.

The last decline in poverty was in 2000, the final year of Bill Clinton's presidency, when it fell to 11.3 percent.

"It shows that we are spending more money than ever on anti-poverty programs and we haven't done anything to reduce poverty," said Michael Tanner of CATO Institute, a free market think tank in Washington.

Around a quarter of blacks

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Nigeria Freeing 10,000 Inmates Jailed Without Trial

Nigeria is releasing 10,000 inmates who have spent up to a decade in jail awaiting trial, in a first step towards cleaning up one of the worst blots on its human rights record, the justice minister said on Thursday.

More than 25,000 Nigerian inmates, or 65 percent of the total prison population, have never been convicted of a crime but remained jailed because of delays in the justice system, missing police files, absent witnesses and prison mismanagement.

"We have embarked on a massive decongestion of prisons and 10,000 prisoners have been cleared for release. Some are already out, some are in the process of being freed," Justice Minister and Attorney General



Bayo Ojo told Reuters.

He said those being freed included thousands who were accused of minor crimes and had spent longer in jail awaiting trial than they would have served if convicted.

The average waiting time for a trial is five to 10 years.

Ojo spoke on the sidelines of an event to launch a \$64 million (33.9 million pounds) fundraising campaign for prison reform that would be

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Omega's Adopt Plano Seniors

The brothers of Alpha Iota Iota graduate chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has adopted the residents of Forest Green Manor Seniors Center as family.

Under the leadership of Chapter Basileus, Bro. Norris Bishop and the Social Action Chairman, Bro. Ken Burrow, the brothers continue to work in support of mandated community service programs. For the past 7 years, the residents are visited monthly to share life experiences, share in a fun game of bingo, billiards, and

chat with the young men from our B2M program.



Occasionally, the brothers treat the residents with cook-outs, and faithfully serve Thanksgiving & Christmas luncheons.

During these events, the residents are provided love gifts and

prizes. This special mentoring relationship with the residents has brothers establishing life long friendships and the opportunity to learn from those who have blazed life's trail and build bridges for others to follow.

One of the residents, Mr. Robert Cooper, made this comment: "We applaud the work and dedication of the Omega men throughout the years. This organization has benefited the community and senior citizens of the retirement home. We would like to give them a "Big Thanks" for all the

work and support they have done.



As Brother Ken Burrow sums it up, it's indeed a pleasure to be involved in the service of brotherhood and with the residents of Forest Green Manor Seniors Center.

TAFI And 97.9 The Beat Host Job Fair For The Formerly Incarcerated

Photos By: Ronald Coleman
The Texas Alliance for the Formerly Incarcerated (TAFI) and radio station 97.9 The Beat hosted a job fair targeting individ-

uals who have been formerly incarcerated or have a prior criminal record. The job fair was held on August 23rd at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center, Dallas.

Curtis Wilbert, TAFI Vice President expressed, "It's all about creating an opportunity for a group of individuals that are disenfranchised. Most formerly

incarcerated persons are great people, hardworking and dependable. They simply need a chance to prove they can be excellent employees."



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Cheryl Jackson, MON-The Gazette publicist with Gospel artist Kirk Franklin at the GMWA Convention
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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.assistance-league-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 31

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September 1

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featuring: W.A.R., Zapp and A. J. Jamal
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6 pm 817-624-7117

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September 2

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Doors open 1 hour before show time (1 p.m. and 7 p.m.)

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September 4

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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.

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For more information call 214-520-0023 or visit www.awesomearts.org or www.bigthought.org.

Kiwanis Club of Garland 54th Annual Pancake Day, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. First United Methodist Church 801 West Avenue B, downtown Garland.

September 6

Back to School, Back to Work Job Fair, Tarrant County College Southeast Campus, Arlington. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Call 817-516-3592

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 dannnb0506@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

October 21

Irving NAACP 6th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

7:00 P.M.
Sheraton Grand Hotel - DFW Airport
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Paul Hailey

Could you survive on an annual income of \$10,000? Would you be able to provide food, clothing and shelter for a family of four with an annual income of \$20,000?

For 37 million people in this country those questions are not up for debate. Instead, they are part of the daily reality of survival. An article on the front page of this newspaper reports new U.S. Census data which estimates that one in four blacks in America live below the poverty line, a figure virtually unchanged from 2004.

One in four? That means if it's not me, then on average, one of three other black people are getting by on \$10,000 or less? Can that really be true in the country with the world's richest economy?

The one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina was well documented this week. The images of tens of thousands of desperate black people crying for help outside the Superdome and the New Orleans Convention Center are forever burned into my memory, as they should be for all of us. However, one of the sharpest views on what was happening really happening in New Orleans last year came from Illinois Senator Barack Obama on the floor of the senate: "I hope we realize that the people of New Orleans weren't just abandoned during the hurricane. They were abandoned long ago to murder and mayhem in the streets, to substandard schools, to dilapidated housing, to inadequate health care, to a pervasive sense of hopelessness."

What the Senator described, is a functional definition of poverty in the United States.

For a moment, forget all of the controversy about what happened to black folks in the

How Much Is Too Little?

aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; forget how the government continues to fail hurricane victims and think about why most of those victims were impoverished in the first place.

We can start with the government of the Bush administration. This is the first year since President Bush took office in 2001 that the poverty rate did not increase.

The President's policies that have cut education and basic anti-poverty programs in favor of tax cuts for the wealthy have aggravated the differences in job opportunities for white and black workers. Real wages in relation to the cost of living are at an all time low.

According to a report from the Labor Research Association: "The administration can help black youths enter college and end a long-standing cycle of poverty or leave them to fall into the ranks of the chronically unemployed or underemployed. Republican support for the budget cuts indicates that the Bush administration and its allies prefer to leave young black people stuck in a desperate situation while tax cuts for the rich continue."

We should also take a long look at ourselves and our leadership when evaluating poverty in the black community.

NPR correspondent Juan Williams talks about how black leadership has failed in his new book *Enough: The Phony*

Leaders, Dead-End Movements and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America and What We Can Do About It.

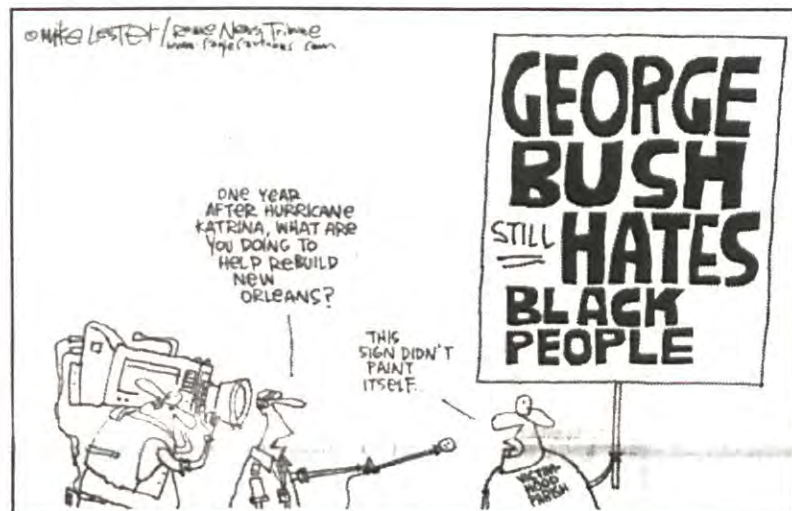
"We are facing a series of crises in the black community today," he says. "A century's worth of progress seems suddenly in peril. The lessons and values that carried an oppressed people from slavery to freedom seem in danger of being forgotten. Hard-won victories seem in danger of being squandered."

Ultimately, the responsibility is individual. Each of us must be accountable to ourselves, our children and our community in becoming better economically.

Black people have a longer history of doing more with less than anyone in this country. We all see single mothers, grandmothers and hard-working black folks that are trying to improve the quality life for themselves and their children on a daily basis.

I have a good friend who just went back to school so she can become more highly qualified for opportunities in the job market. She is a working, single mother with five children, who is determined to achieve. I admire her resolve and her ambition. Hers is the type of resolve that we need to show as a people if we are going to turn the tide on black poverty in America.

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Not Much Has Changed

President Bush made some bold promises to help the Gulf Coast's poor after Katrina. Too bad he hasn't kept them.

By: Michael Eric Dyson

Aug. 25, 2006 - A year after one of the worst disasters in the nation's history, New Orleans remains a shameful symbol of the Bush administration's neglect and its antigovernment philosophy. The condition of the black poor has barely changed since Katrina struck.

In the aftermath of the tragedy, Katrina's violent winds and killing waters swept into the mainstream a stark realization: the nation's poor had been abandoned by society and its institutions long before the storm. Since then, we have failed to acknowledge that grinding poverty is fueled by social choices and public-policy decisions that directly impact how many people are poor and how long they remain that way. There were 37 million people living in poverty in the United States in 2004, the last year for which U.S. Census Bureau figures are available, and 1.1 million of those fell below the poverty line entirely. Some of the poorest folk in the nation have been largely ignored, rendered invisible, officially forgotten, FEMA and other parts of government left them dangling precipitously on rooftops and in attics because of bureaucratic bumbling. Homeland Security failed miserably in mobilizing resources to rescue Katrina survivors without food, water or shelter.

The hardest-hit regions in the Gulf States had already been drowning in extreme poverty. More than 90,000 people in each of the areas stormed by Katrina in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama made less than \$10,000 a year. Black folk in these areas were strapped by incomes that were 40 percent less than those earned by whites. Before the storm, New Orleans, with a 67.9 percent black population, had more than 103,000 poor people. That means the Crescent City had a poverty rate of 23 percent, nearly double the national average of 13.1 percent.

It's apparent that Katrina's survivors lived in concentrated poverty—they lived in poor neighborhoods, attended poor schools and had poor-paying jobs that reflected and reinforced a distressing pattern of rigid segregation. To be sure,

concentrated poverty is the product of decades of public policies and political measures that isolate black households in neighborhoods plagued by severe segregation and economic hardship. But the policies of the Bush administration have only made things worse. Ironically, Bush's first nationally televised speech after the disaster offered hope that his administration might finally get the gist of the problem. Bush stated that the "deep, persistent poverty" of the Gulf Coast "has roots in a history of racial discrimination, which has cut off generations from the opportunity of America," and that we must "rise above the legacy of inequality."

Since then the president has completely backed off such bold analysis. He has failed to foster public policy and legislation that helps the poor to escape their plight. Instead, he remains intent on slashing tens of billions from social programs that help the poor combat such a vicious legacy. Neither has the president offered creative solutions to a prime source of poverty: the nation's failing public schools. Bush's No Child Left Behind act promised to bolster the nation's crumbling educational infrastructure, but instead has only exacerbated the problems: underperforming schools, low reading levels, and wide racial and class disparities. Bush has even failed to sufficiently fund his own mandate, reinforcing class and educational inequality.

The health crisis of black America, which Bush has largely ignored, is made worse by extreme poverty. When Katrina swept waves of mostly poor and black folk into global view, it also graphically uncovered their poor health. Before the storm hit, more than 83,000 citizens, or 18.8 percent of the population in New Orleans, lacked health insurance (the national average is 15.5 percent); the numbers for black women doubled those of white women. Nationally, there are nearly 40 million people without health insurance, many of them black and poor. They resort to the emergency ward for health maintenance. Their survival is compromised because serious diseases are spotted later than need be. If President Bush is the compassionate conservative he says he is, then he must help fix a healthcare system that favors the wealthy and the solidly

employed.

The sad truth is that under Bush's presidency black poverty has increased, black unemployment has risen, and affirmative action has been viciously assaulted. The Bush administration has disseminated what the Government Accountability Office called "covert propaganda" by paying conservative black commentator Armstrong Williams to say good things about educational policies that hurt black folk. By giving tax breaks to the wealthy, and by keeping the minimum wage at \$5.15 an hour, Bush has undermined the fragile prospects of the working poor and the black working class. By seeking to cut the Food Stamp budget by \$1.1 billion over the next decade, Bush will douse even further the fortunes of the black poor.

The problem is that an anti-government administration cannot develop policy that actually improves poor people's lives. Armed with a political philosophy that has no faith in government, these leaders prove that their beliefs undercut effective governance. As the ideological children of Ronald Reagan, Bush and his administration have thrived on tax cuts, downsizing, the neglect of civic infrastructure, the shredding of the safety net, the will to privatization, the degrading of the public sector, and advocating Reagan's idea that government is the enemy of the people. The Bush administration's incompetence in Katrina was the most devastating indictment of such a philosophy. If it continues down that path, the plight of the poor will only get worse. But if the administration turned its back on the poor when the world was watching, what will it do now that the country has turned its eyes away? We must be even more vigilant about pressing the case for the vulnerable to an attention-deficient nation more interested in charity than justice—and to an administration more interested in covering its tracks than in relieving the suffering of the poor.

Michael Eric Dyson, a University of Pennsylvania professor who won the 2006 NAACP Image Award for "Is Bill Cosby Right?", is the author most recently of "Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster."

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

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

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

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How Can The Oil Companies Be Making All This Money?

By: Bill Fletcher Jr.
NNPA Columnist

I am old enough to have noticed something. Since the 1973 oil crisis there is this interesting pattern. The price of gas jumps (with the price of a barrel of oil). There is outrage expressed and popular exasperation with this circumstance. The situation gets worse and it is then revealed that the oil companies are making a mint in profits. Demands are raised in Congress for investigations into price gauging. IF these investigations take place at all, they generally find the oil companies are as pure as the driven snow. This is then followed by a demand on and in Congress for a so-called wind-fall profits tax on the oil companies in order to lessen the price of gas for the average person. Over a period of days, this demand collapses and everyone accommodates themselves to paying more at the pump.

It is not exaggeration to say that this pattern has repeated itself time and again in major and minor oil crises. Yet each time, we, the public, get use to paying more for gas. We complain. We do what we can to resist. We pay.

It is obscene that the oil companies can make billions of dollars in profits, blame the oil producing countries, and shift the entire burden onto the average person. This is made even worse by our dependency on cars and oil. The decisions that were made at the end of World War II to suburbanize the USA—particularly for white people—led to the demand for cars, highways, and cheap oil. Most of us did not care how the oil was kept cheap (usually by the USA and Britain supporting puppet rulers in oil producing countries repressing their citizens), or about the impact of suburbanization on the environment. It was happening, and it often meant affordable homes in nice environs.

Oil is no longer cheap. Many of the puppet rulers have been ousted and oil producing countries want to make sure that their nations and peoples gain the benefits of possessing this critical natural resource. More importantly, the major oil companies have us in a head lock. So little difference in price. Added to this, we are fast approaching the point where the amount of oil in the

ground amounts to less than has been extracted. To put it more simply, we are going to eventually run out of oil.

There is no energy policy in the USA. No, actually I am wrong. There is an energy policy: support the oil companies and give them all the benefits imaginable. The Bush administration made this fairly clear in the early moments of their administration when Vice President Cheney had closed door meetings with leaders of the energy industries and would reveal nothing to the general public of its content.

So, we pay higher prices for gas; little attention is paid to the development of alternative energy sources; the oil companies are permitted to rip us off and reap major profits; and the environment worsens. What is wrong with this picture?

We absolutely need a wind-fall profits tax. We need to take some of those billions to accomplish several things at the same time. There is a need for immediate relief for the public on the price of gas. This, however, is very short-term. A true national and

First Lassiter/BKM Scholarship Recipient Announced By DCCCD Foundation

Tony L. Coats II, a resident of Rowlett, was named the first recipient of the Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr. BKM Scholarship during a higher education technology conference held in Dallas on Aug. 17. The scholarship, administered by the Dallas County Community College District Foundation, was established recently and announced during the conference by BKM Total Office of Texas -- a Dallas-based office furnishings company -- to honor DCCCD's new chancellor; Lassiter previously

served as president of El Centro College, located in downtown Dallas.

Coats, 2006-2007 recipient of the \$2,200 scholarship, is a graduate of Rowlett High School; he will attend El Centro College beginning this fall, where he plans to earn an associate's degree and then transfer to the University of Texas at Dallas to earn a bachelor's degree in technology.

In addition to the scholarship, BKM made arrangements with Frank Vitale, a digital artist based in Phoenix, Ariz., to serve as a

mentor for Coats as he advances through college and earns his degrees from ECC and UTD.

"I am honored to accept this scholarship gift on behalf of DCCCD and all of our students, especially Tony Coats, our first recipient," Lassiter told conference attendees. "Our partnerships with area businesses like



Scholarship winner -- Tony Coats (far right), 2006-2007 recipient of the Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr. BKM Scholarship, receives a check from Carlene Wilson, BKM vice president of sales and marketing; Lassiter, DCCCD's chancellor; and Carol Roehrig, president of BKM, during a special program in Dallas.

BKM provide students with critical resources they need to pursue a career and to lead productive lives."

"We are pleased to honor Dr. Lassiter with this scholarship gift, which enables us to help DCCCD students like Tony Coats and also to recognize the chancellor's integrity and leadership in higher education," said Carol Roehrig, BKM's president.

Carlene Wilson, vice president of sales for BKM, helped make arrangements for Vitale to mentor Coats. "We wanted to do something extra to help Tony and enhance his college experience. Frank will be an indispensable resource, and we are grateful for his involvement and willingness to serve as a mentor."

For more information about the scholarship, contact Ella Shaw, scholarship coordinator for the DCCCD Foundation, at (214) 860-2149.

Black Scholars Call For Nat'l Discussion Of Inequality, Poverty

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"What Hurricane Katrina did was sweep into our consciousness those people we have tried to force into obliv-

ion," said University of Pennsylvania professor Michael Eric Dyson, one of five panel members at a forum on the



Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. and film director Spike Lee

resort island of Martha's Vineyard on Wednesday.

Harvard law professor Lani Guinier said society needs to connect with rather than move away from its poor and underprivileged.

"When are we going to link our fate to the fate of the people who were dispossessed in New Orleans?"

The scholars viewed the third episode of Lee's four-hour Katrina documentary, "When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts," which first aired this week on HBO after a premiere in New Orleans last week. The film will

be shown in its entirety on HBO on Aug. 29.

Part Three focuses on the dispersal of homeless Gulf Coast residents around the country after the storm, and the dilemma of how to bring blacks back into New Orleans.

In one scene a woman holds up a small picture of a young daughter who drowned in the flooding. In another a woman says her problems have led her to contemplate suicide.

"Would that George Bush and Dick Cheney be forced to watch this extraordinarily moving film," said Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Before the event, Gates called

the government's response to Katrina a "tragedy of race and class."

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that if this happened in Martha's Vineyard, their response would have been completely different," Gates said.

Before the screening, Lee, who has a home in nearby Oak Bluffs and brought his family to the event, urged the hundreds of audience members to think of New Orleans residents even as they are living "high on the hog."

Stanford professor Lawrence Bobo said the anniversary of the storm marks "a national disgrace."

Many in the poor, black com-

munities in New Orleans did not receive federal attention until days after the storm hit, and criticism of the government response to the hurricane continues.

About a half dozen reports on the Katrina recovery are being released to coincide with the storm anniversary, and nearly all criticize the sluggish pace of the response.

The reports document a host of problems, from the still-unfinished levees to the plight of small businesses and the continuing racial divide.

The panel was moderated by Harvard law professor Charles Ogletree.

Hoblitzelle Foundation Awards \$100,000 Grant To UNT

The Hoblitzelle Foundation of Dallas has awarded the University of North Texas a \$100,000 grant to refurbish and equip the Bill J. Priest Center for Community College Education, which prepares leaders and teachers for careers in community colleges.

The grant will be used to move the center to a facility equipped with state-of-the-art technology in the Mean Green Village, the former Liberty Christian School property on Bonnie Brae Street. The center, expected to move to the new location this fall, is currently housed at Kendall Hall.

"The Hoblitzelle Foundation has been a great friend to the university in providing support for significant pro-

grams," said Dr. Edward H. Pauley, director of development for the Bill J. Priest Center. "The foundation is helping us address a great need for preparing future leaders in the community colleges in this area and nationally. One-half of all administrators are scheduled to retire in the next 10 years. There will be an enormous level of turnover requiring a large number of people to be prepared to become administrators in the community colleges in order to fill those slots."

The grant will also be used to refurbish a library and a small conference room in the facility. Videoconferencing equipment will be installed in two distance education rooms -- one in the Bill J. Priest

Center board room and the other in the conference room -- allowing for two-way, real-time communication between the Bill J. Priest Center and area community colleges.

The center, part of the UNT College of Education, was named in honor of Dr. Bill J. Priest, the founding chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District.

In 2005, the Hoblitzelle Foundation gave UNT a \$500,000 gift to build state-of-the-art technological infrastructure at the future UNT at Dallas building. The UNT Dallas Campus will move to the new building on the 264-acre campus in January 2007. It is expected to become the city's first public university in 2009.

Collin, UTD To Sign Agreement On Associate Degrees

Collin County Community College District (Collin) and The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) will sign an agreement this week offering students the ability to earn their associate degree from Collin while studying at UTD.

Once the student has earned 60 or more credit hours and finished the required courses for an associate's degree, UTD will forward the student's transcript to Collin, which will award the associate degree retroactively.

"This agreement is a great benefit for the students," Collin President Cary Israel said. "Student success is important for both Collin and UTD, and the ability to retroactively earn an associate's degree allows students to include two degrees on their resumes."

More Collin students transfer to UTD than any other university in

Texas.

"U.T. Dallas is proud to expand its relationship with Collin with this unique degree agreement," said Dr. David Daniel, UTD president. "We are committed to making the transfer process as streamlined and rewarding as possible for all students, and we believe this arrangement will help accomplish that goal."

Collin signed a similar agreement with Texas Tech University in May.

Collin County Community College District serves more than 40,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. In addition, Collin is a partner to business,

government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.

The University of Texas at Dallas, located at the convergence of Richardson, Plano and Dallas in the heart of the complex of major multinational technology corporations known as the Telecom Corridor®, enrolls nearly 14,500 students. The school's freshman class traditionally stands at the forefront of Texas state universities in terms of average SAT scores. The university offers a broad assortment of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs. For additional information about UTD, please visit the university's web site at www.utdallas.edu.

Harley-Davidson Presents \$10,000 Donation To Tom Joyner Foundation

Broadcasting live from Constitution Hall in Washington D.C., popular syndicated radio and television personality, Tom Joyner, accepts a \$10,000 check from Harley-Davidson Motor Company benefiting the Tom Joyner Foundation's efforts to support educational programs at Historical Black Colleges and Universities. -- To date,

Harley-Davidson has donated a total of \$40,000 to the effort. Each month a different university benefits from the donation. Morgan State University, located in Baltimore Maryland, was the designated college for the month of August. Presenting the check on behalf of Harley-Davidson was David Bozeman, General Manager, Capitol Drive Powertrain Operations.



(R-L): Tom Joyner, Founder, Tom Joyner Foundation; David Bozeman, General Manager, Capitol Drive Powertrain Operations, Harley-Davidson; Cynthia Slaughter; Maurice Slaughter, President, Harley-Davidson MS Family Dealerships; Steve Knowlton, General Manager, Harley-Davidson of Washington D.C.; Bob Dehaven, Owner, Patriot Harley-Davidson.

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Dallas Independent School District (East Dallas campuses: Bryan Adams, Skyline, W.W. Samuell, and H. Grady Spruce)

Wednesday, September 13, 2006
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Eastfield College Gymnasium

For more information, contact Maria Arocha, Enrollment Management Director, at 972-860-7025 or visit www.eastfield-college.com.

Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.

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Dr. Linda Clark spent years working as a medical director at a company before she'd decided she needed a change. She loved being in occupational medicine but she wanted more autonomy, and she had an interest in business.

So she started her own practice: Linda L. Clark M.D., M.S., P.C. Occupational Medicine Services.

"It wasn't until five years ago that I caught the business bug," said Clark, who received her medical degree from the University of Virginia. "My decision had to do with control over my own lifestyle and control over the use of my own life."

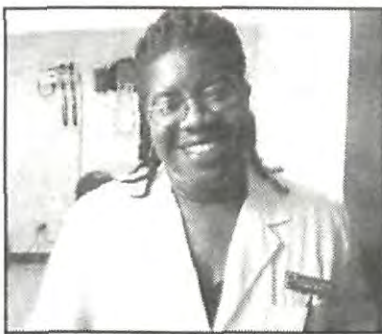
She is part of a national trend that has been growing

since the late 1990s, which shows that more women — African-American women in particular — are trading corporate life for entrepreneurship.

African-American women are launching companies for many of the same reasons spurring other women. They've gained corporate experience, but a glass ceiling keeps them from rising to the CEO's office. They're better educated. Self-employment offers more flexibility to care for children and aging parents.

Linda Terrell, a former director of the Rochester Black Business Association, said she believes the number

of businesses owned by African-American women is growing locally.



Dr. Linda Clark started her own practice - which now has two full-time and two part-time workers - after working as medical director for a corporation.

With larger companies' layoffs, affected workers, including

African-American women, are deciding to go into business for themselves, she said.

"I think women can see their way clear that there are a lot of organizations to help start a business and get support for that business as well," Terrell said.

A new study shows that women drove much of the growth in black entrepreneurship.

African-American women owned 547,341 companies in 2002, up 75 percent from five years before, when the Census Bureau last counted, said the study by economist Ying Lowrey in the SBA's Office of

Economic Research.

It is a trend that seems like it is here to stay, says Florence Worden, small business advisor with the State University College at Brockport. Small

Business Development Center, which offers counseling and services to startups and small businesses.

"I think if they see opportunity out there in their own target area ... they start thinking they can fulfill those needs," she said.

Plano Chamber Excellence In Business Luncheon

The Plano Chamber of Commerce has announced its annual Excellence in Business Luncheon to be held on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 11:30 a.m.

This year's luncheon celebration includes recognition

- Plano Economic Development Board Gazelle and Corporate Citizen of the Year

• Fred Moses Minority Business Development Award

• Business Executive of the Year

• Athena Award

• Small Business Person of the Year

The Master of Ceremonies for the event is Tim Ryan, Anchor, Fox 4 News Good Day

The luncheon will be held at Collin County Community College * Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Conference Center AA 135, Plano, Texas.



Tim Ryan, Anchor, Fox 4 News

Black Enterprise To Debut Tv Series Hosted By Ed Gordon

Our World With Black Enterprise, a new, half-hour, nationally syndicated television series that spotlights the contemporary African American experience, will bring more diversity to weekly, talk TV when it debuts next month.

Premiering on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, Our World With Black Enterprise, hosted by acclaimed broadcast journalist Ed Gordon, will feature news, entertainment, roundtable discussions, and special interest stories about African Americans from all walks of life—from Hollywood to the corporate suite and everyone



in between.

Black Enterprise (BE) magazine, now in its 36th year, is the

No. 1 business and investing resource for African Americans with a readership of 3.9 million. A multimedia company with print, radio, television, and Web properties, BE will partner with Central City Productions (CCP), a Chicago-based production, sales, and distribution firm, to produce the new lifestyle show.

"We are extremely excited to announce the launch of a weekly news and entertainment show dedicated to our core audience," says BE president and CEO Earl "Butch" Graves. "For more than three decades, Black Enterprise has distinguished itself as a unique and independent

voice for African Americans. Through Our World, BE will showcase the best of our society and offer viable solutions to the challenges we face."

Ed Gordon, host of Our World With Black Enterprise, says, "I am delighted to be part of a new program that will showcase the world of news, sports, and entertainment from a black perspective, and give voice to some of today's brightest minds and best talent. I look forward to bringing the rich conversation of the black community to the forefront, and presenting our culture, our people, and our perspective each week."

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enforcement action, rather than doing "administrative teams," said Sergeant Frank McElligott, Neighborhood Patrol Officer and staff liaison to both the Citizens Police Academy and CAPP. "It is always better to have more people on the streets than less. The Academy gives citizens the opportunity to learn what the Police Department does and doesn't do and why we do some things and don't do some things. Graduates are given the opportunity to assist us in various activities through the Academy's alumni association, but if they really want to get more involved we now have the CAPP program which increases their training and expands their scope of service."

Held each spring and fall, the free Citizens Police Academy is led by the Plano Crime Prevention Unit, with all lectures and activities taught by Police Officers whose current assignments are directly involved in policing activities covered in their segment of the 13-week Academy. Participants must be over 18 and out of high school, possess a valid Texas driver's license and successfully complete a background investigation to attend. Graduates may then join the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

CAPP volunteers will not be involved in enforcement duties. A sampling of the aid they will provide officers includes special enforcement requests, such as investigating speeding in school zones (relaying information to the traffic division). They will assist in lost children/adult location, will continue to monitor the SkyWatch program (sky towers set up in shopping areas to deter auto theft and parking lot security). They will aid in crime scene assistance (setting up barricades and outer perimeter help), festival/parade patrols, assist in officer shuttles (such as between the station, an accident scene or hospital), inspect the perimeter integrity of identified homeland security sites, work as "victims" in various training and

emergency management scenarios and aid in a variety of administrative situations such as front desk assistance at the central police station.

"They will continue to do warrant calls," said Sergeant McElligott. "Last year we probably cleared \$230,000 in outstanding warrants using volunteers who used their time in making those calls." Another major project will be continuing to work in the Open Garage Door Program through neighborhood patrol and citizen education. "I've personally been involved in this program and found that a lot of garage doors have been left open," said Mr. Hay. "I've had neighbors on both sides of me who had things taken from the garage just because they left the door open while they went around to the front of the house, so I'm very interested in working with this program and assisting the citizens in any way we can."

CAPP volunteers will ideally have completed the Citizens Police Academy, followed by successful completion of a background check before assigned to patrol. Designated trucks and

uniforms clearly set CAPP members apart from sworn officers. Vehicles are supplied with all needed equipment and materials. No weapons are carried by CAPP volunteers who will not engage in confrontational situations, such as domestic disputes, etc.

"Our training is basically that we are to assist citizens in any non-confrontational way that we can," said Mr. Hay. "The markings on our vehicles and uniforms are clearly not to be confused with the Police Department. Our

purpose is to use the radio in the event we observe a crime in progress or need assistance."

Volunteers receive specialty training in their field of interest, rather than being generalists in all areas and can choose from a variety of shift duties and hours.

To gain more information about CAPP and/or the free Citizens Police Academy contact Sergeant Jeremy Watney or Sergeant Frank McElligott, Crime Prevention Unit at 972-941-2432.

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Race To Respectability

Gill's Magic Numbers: Turning Around 1-10 Buffalo Program

By: Mike Kern

And now there are a handful: Tyrone Willingham at Washington, Karl Dorrell at UCLA, Sylvester Croom at Mississippi State, Ron Prince at Kansas State, and Turner Gill at Buffalo.

Of the 119 Division I-A college football programs, that's how many are being run by someone who also happens to be African-American.

How's that for a fraternity?

Gill, who was one of best quarterbacks to ever run the option at Nebraska, is obviously aware of the numbers. But he can't really focus on that at the moment. In his first season as a head coach, he has his plate full trying to transform a program that has gone 10-69 since moving up to I-A in 1999. In his 16 seasons as a player and assistant coach with the Cornhuskers, they lost 33 times. Some reality check.

You think maybe losing is oblivious to skin color?

"It's gratifying to have this opportunity," said Gill, whose Bulls (1-10 a year ago) open up at home against Temple (0-11 in 2005) and its new head guy, Al Golden, tomorrow night. "I think the media makes a little bit more of [the

race issue] than what it is. I also know that from being African-American, you always see things from a different standpoint.



Tyrone Willingham, University of Washington head football coach

"Just like a non-African-American person would. We know that there's people of African-American descent who have a great intelligence and mind for sports. And football particularly, too. I don't put more pressure on myself than what I already do. I answer to God. And that's my higher calling. I try to do things the right way, do the best I can."

Which, of course, should be sufficient.

Gill spent last season with the Green Bay Packers, his only year in the pro game, as their player development director/offensive assistant. From 1992 to 2004 he served in a variety of capacities at Nebraska, including assistant head coach. In 1991, the Texas native started his sideline career at Southern Methodist, working

with the wide receivers. The Mustangs went 1-10 that year. So he has seen the other side, too.

What do people think of first, when they hear his name? Great athlete, or black coach?

"I think probably a combination of both," Gill said. "In any walk of life, you're only going to hire the people that you feel comfortable with, and feel good about. We have to get into the realm of knowing the people who are doing the hiring. That's the biggest thing. We have to understand each other."

"Cultures, obviously, are different, in the way we all grew up. It doesn't mean one culture's better than any other. It just means we have to educate



Ron Prince, Kansas State University head football coach

ourselves, and understand the differences. Whether you're white or black shouldn't matter, if you're capable of doing the job."

"The people making those decisions have to trust and believe in you. If you go out and win, be successful, you're going to get notoriety. If a black head coach won the national championship, then people would say, 'Hm. Maybe we should look at so and so, since he did.' Again, it still comes down to who people know, and who they trust."

Buffalo is one of 11 Division I-A schools that has a black athletic director. Warde Manuel, the former Michigan defensive end, was hired last year. Its basketball coach is also African-American. Reggie Witherspoon has been on the job since 1999, and has a 59-35 record the last three seasons.

Once, African-American basketball coaches at the highest level also were nearly impossible to find. But these days, nobody seems to even notice. At some point, perhaps it will be the same in football. In the meantime, Gill wants to fix what's directly in front of him.

"I haven't said a whole lot about winning," Gill said. "We're measuring them by their effort, on every single play.

That's the mentality we're putting into them. The average play's about 6 seconds long."



Sylvester Croom, Mississippi State University head football coach

You go hard, you get a 30-second break, then you go again. That's how you play the game of football."

"There are things that have to take place, things you can control. You do them now, and also for the future. It's simple, but it's hard to do. We have to make sure these people have a higher expectation of what needs to get done. We're not going to lower our standards. If they don't reach that, they need to find someplace else to go. It's just the mentality."

In many ways, he sounds a lot like Golden. When you're building from the bottom, is there any other way to sound? Not surprisingly, much of Gill's philosophy can be traced to his former coach, Tom Osborne. Whether it's on the field or the way he conducts his life. The two still talk regularly. About

many subjects.

"He prepared me for how to handle people," Gill said. "How to communicate with them, with respect and dignity. And also to teach them what their value is, whether it's the secretary or the equipment manager, whether he's the starting quarterback or a third-team defensive lineman. He taught me to show people their worth. That was really something I value."

"Obviously, the X's and O's are something I got from him, too. But more importantly... we're on this earth to build relationships. We all know no one's perfect. As human beings, how do we handle adversity? That's what it's all about. That's what we're trying to do with these players. We needed to change parts of it, things that haven't been done in the past."

For better or worse, welcome to his brave new world.

"When you lose hope, it's over," Gill told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram earlier this month. "We're going to be realistic... [But] I'm a competitor. I'm going to dislike losing tremendously. I'll never be OK with it."

"There is no fear. I'm preparing for this. This is who I am."

It's a perspective to build upon. Hopefully, not just for him. But for more like him to follow.

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carried out by the government and Nigerian NGOs with help from the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime.

The funds would be used to renovate six pilot jails, train prison staff, improve data management and introduce rehabilitation programmes for prisoners, among other measures.

Speakers at the event, including former political prisoner President Olusegun Obasanjo,

described Nigerian jails as violent, overcrowded, filthy, rife with diseases and unable to provide decent food to inmates.

They said that in most cases, prisoners were being hardened by their experiences behind bars because of the harsh conditions and a dearth of rehabilitation opportunities.

"HALFWAY HOUSES"

Ojo said he expected the 10,000 to be free by the end of this year, after which the cases of

the remaining 15,000 prisoners awaiting trial would be considered.

"These cases are more complex because most of those 15,000 are armed robbery suspects so you can't let them out onto the streets just like that," he said.

The strategy would be to bring the suspects to trial as quickly as possible. However, thousands of them cannot be tried because their police files have been lost.

Ojo said those suspects would be released to "halfway houses" where they would spend two years in rehabilitation and professional training before gaining their freedom.

Six halfway houses are due to be created, one in each of Nigeria's geo-political zones.

A government-commissioned survey published last September

found that in four out of 10 cases, prisoners awaiting trial were ordered to be jailed indefinitely by magistrates under a "holding charge". Yet such a charge does not exist in any of Nigeria's legal codes.

Ojo said a new Administration of Criminal Justice bill going through parliament would address this problem by explicitly

banning indefinite detention without trial.

He also said the government was working on a police reform programme that would help improve Nigeria's poorly trained, badly paid police who are more often found extorting money from drivers at illegal roadblocks than investigating crimes.

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time and place on Wednesday, September 13. Volunteers must first register to attend a session.

Online registration is avail-

able, as well as detailed information on the Festival itself. Other volunteer opportunities are available for the Festival as well, with information contained on the Festival website. To check

out your eligibility to become a member of the volunteer "Chase Crews," visit www.planoballoonfest.org or to explore other volunteer opportunities click on "Volunteers."

Katrina Recovery Page 1

Asked how long the rebuilding would take, Bush said: "I would say years, not months. On the other hand, the progress in one year's time has been remarkable."

The welcome Bush received in Biloxi was warmer than the one he is expected to get in Louisiana, where recovery efforts have moved much more slowly. The president ended the day in New Orleans, dining at Mother's Restaurant, a local institution known for its po'boys and red beans and rice, with Mayor Ray Nagin, Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco and other local leaders.

On Tuesday, the actual anniversary of Katrina, Bush has a half-day of events in New Orleans.

When Katrina struck Biloxi, 100-mph-plus winds and a wall of water obliterated a bridge and splintered houses like matchsticks. Water topped rooftops. Entire neighborhoods were washed away.

Today, seven of the city's gambling emporiums, which employed 15,000 people before Katrina, have reopened or are close to doing so. Still, just blocks away from the gambling resorts, rebuilding is sparse. It's a city where buildings still carry spray-painted messages appealing for help from insurance companies.

Nationwide polls give Bush low marks on Katrina. An AP-Ipsos poll earlier this month showed 67 percent disapproved of his handling of the disaster.

With Hurricane Ernesto

bearing down on Florida, Democrats have been coordinating a political assault on the Bush administration's Katrina response, hoping to sway voters to cast ballots against Republicans in the upcoming congressional elections and beyond.

House Democrats on Monday toured devastated areas of New Orleans and decried the slow pace of recovery. "I think the

American public is going to be very, very surprised to know this recovery is way, way behind what their expectations would have been," Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., said after a tour that took more than a dozen Democratic members of Congress through the heavily hit Ninth Ward.

"It's hard to believe this is the United States," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md.

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Tracey Edmonds Tells Stories: Film/TV Exec Heads Production Company

Producer Tracey Edmonds, the woman behind BET reality shows "College Hill" and "Lil' Kim: Countdown to Lockdown," has been named president and chief operating officer of Our Stories Films, the production company launched last month by BET founder Robert Johnson's RLJ Cos. and the Weinstein Co. to create family-friendly features for urban audiences.

In the new gig, Edmonds will be responsible for acquiring new projects and shepherding them through development and production. As previously reported, Our Stories plans to release features — mainly in the \$10 million-\$15 million budget range — via Weinstein Co.'s genre arm Dimension Films and on DVD through the company's Genius Product partnership.

"For a long time, the African-American creative community has wanted to have a studio where greenlight

authority rests with an African-American," Johnson said. "I'm happy that Harvey and Bob (Weinstein) have joined me in making this vision a reality."

Films are to begin production "around the end of this year or the beginning of next," said Johnson, who plans to start with two pictures a year, increasing to three and possibly four eventually.

"I'm not necessarily looking for 'positive' or 'negative' type movies," Johnson told Variety. "I'm looking for funny — that's it," simply because comedies are cheaper to produce and usually make more money than dramas. To keep production costs low, Johnson plans on asking top talent like Denzel Washington or Danny Glover to accept backend payment deals.

Edmonds' resume as a film producer goes back to the 1997 movie "Soul Food," which she later turned into a successful television series for Showtime. Through her film production



company e2 Filmworks, Edmonds produced Patrik-Ian Polk's "Punks" and executive produced Christopher Scott Cherot's "Hav Plenty."

"When looking for someone to lead Our Stories, we identified an executive who has a track record of innovation and success, the respect of the industry and a strong understanding of, and relationships with, both business and talent," Harvey Weinstein said.

Tyler Perry's 'House Of Payne' Sold To Tbs And Fox

Tyler Perry's television show "House of Payne," which was taken out for a test drive this summer in such cities as Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago and Dallas, has inked distribution deals with TBS and Fox reported to be worth about \$200 million.

The Lionsgate's Debmarm Mercury sitcom sold 100 episodes to cable's TBS, which will get exclusive rights to the show starting in June 2007. Beginning September 2008, four Fox-owned stations will have syndication rights for the series. Seventy-five episodes will be available to TBS by June, with 25

additional episodes to be ready



by the time the Fox deal kicks in for fall 2008.

Perry decided to circumvent the five main networks by using his own money to produce a two-week test run of the sitcom in 10 major markets. The filmmaker decided to go this route after realizing that a network deal would mean he'd have to give up control.

The ratings success of the test episodes allowed Debmarm Mercury to sign up TBS and WCIU-TV in Chicago for the first run, and News Corp.-owned Fox stations in New York, Houston, Dallas, and Washington D.C. for syndication.

Alicia Keys Looks Out For Teen Girls

Singer Alicia Keys may not be Lyfe Jennings, but she has her own "S.E.X." message to bestow upon young ladies who may fall for the lines boys use to avoid practicing safe sex.

A staunch supporter of HIV/AIDS awareness among youth, the artist has some words of wisdom for teen girls whose partners whine against condom use because it impedes sensation.

"That 'doesn't feel the same' thing is garbage," Keys says, according to FemaleFirst.com. "Just don't have sex then because then he doesn't know

what he is doing and you don't need to have sex with him."



Anyone who says a condom doesn't feel the same is lying."

Keys, who recently told Sister 2 Sister magazine that she made her boyfriend/business partner Kerry 'Krucial' Brothers wait a year for sex, says the sheer variety of condoms on the market renders the complaint ineffective.

She adds, "There are so many different types of condoms and so many things and ways."

Meanwhile, Jennings' current single, "S.E.X.," offers his own cautionary message to young ladies through lyrics about a teen girl and the men who try to seduce her.

Terrence Howard Hosts 'Independent Lens'

Terrence Howard, an Oscar nominee for his performance in "Hustle & Flow," will host PBS' "Independent Lens," which celebrates its fifth anniversary this fall.

The new season begins Oct. 24 with "The World According to Sesame Street," which looks at the challenges and complexities behind producing international versions of the popular children's TV program. Other films on the schedule include "Wild Parrots of

Telegraph Hill" and "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room."

"In this season alone, our filmmakers take us from Ethiopia to Cuba to small-town USA, with portraits of people as diverse as the jazz genius Billy Strayhorn, the people behind the Enron scandal, and a man who saves a flock of wild parrots — even teenage beauty queens who skin muskrats for their talent competition," said Howard, 37, in a statement Thursday.

Previous hosts include Edie Falco, Angela Bassett, Don Cheadle and Susan Sarandon.



Angela Simmons New Executive Editor Of Word Up! Launching New Teen Publication

By: Chris Richburg

Angela Simmons, daughter of rap pioneer Joseph "Rev. Run" Simmons, has hooked up with Word Up! magazine to launch a new magazine for teens.

The monthly publication, titled Angela's Rundown, will target youths age 14-18 and cover teen issues, style, music and fashion while offering fashion tips and in-depth celebrity interviews.

Among those featured in the first issue will be Kimora Lee Simmons, Chris Brown, Ne-Yo

and she'll be a teen that owns a teen magazine. And you don't see many 18-year-olds who have their own magazine and taking on all this responsibility," said Rev. Run, who believes the magazine will fill the void left by recently defunct publication Teen People.

"First of all, I believe that Angela has a mindset that would service her community better than anyone," Rev. Run said. "I don't think that there's anyone that can talk to teens better than teens, but I don't think people understood that...for somebody to invest this type of money into a young kid says a lot about this kid. In the state of magazines right now, it also says something. So we're very excited over here. Me and my brother and the family. It's just pretty unbelievable to us that we can have this going on."

In addition to Angela, Rev. Run revealed that her brother Diggy will step into the world of journalism with his own Word Up! column, titled "Diggy's Doin' It."

Despite pulling double duty as executive editor of Word Up! and publisher of Angela's Rundown,

Angela is up for the challenge.

"Yes, it's definitely going to be a task, but I know that I have a lot of help there at the same time," she admitted. "It doesn't all fall on me because I have a team there working with me. It probably will be a little bit of a challenge, but I'm up for it. It's worth it."

The premier issue of Angela's Rundown hits newsstands next week.

The creation of Angela's Rundown comes on the heels of MTV's recent decision to renew Run's House for a third season.

Taping for the new season begins Sept. 26, stated Rev. Run, who added that the new episodes will be preceded by a Christmas special.

"It was a big deal," Rev. Run told AllHipHop.com about the renewal. "We jumped up and down because it's not easy to get this type of show, especially on MTV, the type of show that we have. It's like a sore thumb. Everything else looks totally different from our show on MTV. MTV has one look. Run's House has another. So how it fits there is really pretty amazing. It's God." Submit News!



and Bow Wow.

"It feels good. I feel empowered. I'm happy with it," Angela Simmons told AllHipHop.com. "It's a great opportunity for me. It connects back to what I like to do, which is fashion and I want to be a fashion designer. So everything that's in the magazine is what I love."

Angela's Rundown is the end result of Angela's desire to start her own full-fledged magazine, after distributing a newsletter/mini-version of the publication at her school.

Viewers got a chance to witness the magazine's creation on MTV's show Run's House. The first seven issues of the publication will be packaged and sold with Word Up! as part of an agreement between Angela, Rev. Run and Word Up! founder Scott Figman.

Once the magazine gains acceptance, it will spin off as it's own full-fledged publication, according to Figman.

Additionally, Angela will become the new executive editor of Word Up!, said Figman, who embraced the opportunity to work with the young businesswoman.

"Angela showed me a lot of enthusiasm, a lot of creative ability and the willingness to work hard and join forces with us. And I was very impressed with her. She's going to have a nice long career," Figman said.

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global policy of energy production and usage must be put in place. This will be very difficult for most people in the USA to accept because it will mean that we must live differently. We must have greater access to public transportation rather than tearing up farmland to produce more houses and more highways. Tele-commuting needs to be expanded where it is possible so that there are fewer commuters on the road, or so that commuters are on staggered hours. And we must concentrate on redeveloping the cities, not in the form of gentrification, but a reconstruction effort to make them hospitable for working people.

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as director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP. "It means the sensibilities and sensitivities that they hold and the concerns of our communities would be more front and center as they chair these very strategic and important committees. Indeed, they will be the gatekeepers. They will be the ones who will largely determine which bills will get a hearing and which will be marked up."

Political maneuvering could win Caucus members even more clout, but by seniority alone, a Democratic majority would likely mean Rangel as chair of the Ways and Means Committee, which oversees key fiscal matters, such as tax hikes, the minimum wage and military spending; Conyers as chair of the Judiciary Committee, which oversees judicial and civil rights matters; Congressman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) as chair of the Homeland Security Committee, which oversees emergency preparedness, attack prevention and investigations among other security matters; and Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-Calif.) as chair of the Administration Committee, which oversees the Library of Congress. It could also mean Congressman Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) as majority whip, who assists the House Speaker and the Majority Leader to garner support for proposed legislation.

As the ALC begins this year with the theme, "Changing Course, Confronting Crises, Continuing the Legacy", the 43-member CBC already has a major reason to celebrate. Political spectators have credited Watt and his leadership for the fight and successful passage of the Voting Rights Act renewal, signed by President Bush July 28. Watt had been empowered by Conyers to negotiate with Republican leaders, mainly Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) to advocate the bill's passage with no amendments. But even with the bi-partisanship of that bill, other key issues in the Black community have perished in Republican hands, many relegated to subcommittees without ever getting a hearing. It could be different after Election Day Nov. 7.

"The GOP's agenda is narrowly tailored to the haves and not the have-nots. In a Democratic controlled Congress, African-Americans will not only have a seat at the table, but a strong voice in setting public policy," says Democratic activist and former

The Bush administration shows absolutely no interest in such an approach. Their adage seems to draw from the French King Louis XV whose words "...after me the flood..." preceded by no more than two decades the French Revolution. In Bush's case, it seems to be something like after me, global collapse. What will the next two decades look like in our case?

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Gore campaign manager Donna Brazile,

But first there are major hurdles. The Democrats must win at least 15 seats in the House in order to take control and at least six in the Senate. The House provides the best opportunity for a Democratic victory.

Some Democrats think they can win by underscoring anti-war sentiments, mismanagement of and the Katrina tragedy and issues involving the poor and elderly.

"The country has grown sour on the Congress," says University of Maryland Political Scientist Ron Walters. "As the presidential ratings are low, so are the attitudes toward the Congress that's in the hands of Republicans...There's a tremendous impact that particularly the war has had on public opinion."

But, Walters warns that neither the CBC nor a Democratic majority Congress can do very much with a Republican president still in the White House. Just as Bush exercised his veto power on recent stem cell legislation, he could do it on other issues.

"I think you could see a number of vetoes from him if the Democrats were in control of the Congress," Walters says. "Everything would have to be negotiated." The Constitution allows Congress to override a presidential veto with two-thirds of both Houses of Congress.

While most negotiations with Republicans for pro-Black legislation in the recent past have failed, Shelton points out that the CBC doesn't always agree with Democrats either. He cited the recent minimum wage bill that passed the House, but failed the Senate was not supported by the CBC.

That's because the bill that was forwarded by the House 230 to 180, with 34 Democrats joining Republicans, to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15, where it has stood for nine years, to \$7.25 an hour would not have applied to people who receive tips, such as restaurant services. The bill desired by the CBC was one that would have raised the minimum wage and also include restaurant servers and others who receive tips. Additionally, the bill was linked to further tax relief for the wealthy.

It may be easier, but CBC members would still have to fight even while in power, says Brazile:

"As long as African-Americans and other minorities suffer disproportionately in areas such as wealth, savings, and home ownership, we cannot join any coalition with those who oppose our interest in having a piece of the American dream."

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

I had a conversation with a friend and was asked what I thought it meant to be a friend, my column last week, gave some insight into what I thought a friend was. About the same time, I thought about individuals that have been in my life one time or another. Many are now deceased, some moved away and we stopped communicating, and others, we just drifted apart. Each played an important part in my life. A "Reason" or a "Season" individual was hard to let go of, at times; but let go, I finally did. Think about individuals that have come into your life and the part that they were there for you. This is something to think about; this I believe!

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When you figure out which one it is, you will know what to do for each person.

When someone is in your life for a REASON—it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually. They seem like a godsend, and they are! They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on your part, or at an inconvenient time, the relationship comes to an end.

At times they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. Sometimes they die. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our

Are You A Reason, A Season, Or A Lifetime?

desire fulfilled, their work is done. Your need has been answered; now it is time to move on.

When people come into your life for a SEASON it is because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn. They bring you an experience of peace, or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you



Picture of The Week

Sister Tarpley with celebrated and local, Author/Researcher/Film-Maker/Director, Jay Jay Wilson @ a Thursday Night Taping of "The Yundae Show" in Lewisville.

an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real! But, only for a season!

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons; things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person, and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love

is blind but friendship is clairvoyant. Thank God for each person being a part of your life. —Author Unknown

You Are Blessed!

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive this week.

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If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep; you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch. You are blessed in ways you may never even know.

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Let *MON-TH* The Gazette help your church accomplish the Prayer of James, "Enlarge our territory to expand opportunities that may impact in such a way that we touch more lives for God's glory. Let us do more for Him."

The figures contained wide regional variations, ranging from a median household income of \$61,672 in New Jersey to \$32,938 for Mississippi.

Major cities with the highest proportions of poor people included Cleveland with 32.4 percent and Detroit with 31.4 percent under the poverty line.

blacks also suffer disproportionately from poor education and lower quality jobs.

Black median income, at \$30,858, was only 61 percent of the median for whites.

Some 17.6 percent of children under 18 and one in five of those under 6 were in poverty, higher than for any other age group.

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and 21.8 percent of Hispanics were living in poverty. Among whites, the rate edged down to 8.3 percent from 8.7 percent in 2004.

"Among African Americans the problem correlates primarily to the inner-city and single mothers," said Tanner, adding that

Church Happenings

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS MINISTRIES (FOBCC)

Tonight August 31 through September 2, 7:30 pm

The public is invited to a "Youth Extravaganza 2006" at the Greater Fellowship Church, 825 Murdoch Road, Dallas, TX 75217; Rev. George Dawson, Senior Pastor. Guest speakers include Minister Karen Tolbert from New York City, NY; Minister Rudolph Urquhart, Now Ministries in Lewisville, TX, and Pastor Debra Jackson from FOBCC. Our theme: "The Next Generation Summoned by God," 1 Peter 2:9.

September 1-2, 2006

Please join us for our 1st Annual Christian/Gospel Talent Search @ Waxahachie Bible Church, 6214 N. Grand, Waxahachie, TX 75165. There will be a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prize winner. Professional Christians and Gospel Music Industry judges in attendance!

September 8 - 10, 2006

We cordially invite all Pastors and Congregations to worship with us during the 4th Annual Appreciation Service for Bishop Gregory D. Crawford. Guest speakers are: September 8th @ 7:30 pm, Bishop D. C. Thompson from Miracle Temple Church of Deliverance in Dallas, TX; September 9th @ 6:30 pm, Pastor Lorenzo Price, MT. from Mt. Olive M.B.C. in Galion, IA; and Sunday, September 10th @ 3:30 pm, Bishop William Harrell, Jr. from The Greater Outreach Gospel Deliverance Ministries in Brooklyn, NY.

All services will be held @ the Words of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 5010 S. Denley Dr. in Oak Cliff, Dallas, TX.

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September 15, 7 pm

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All seats are free for Pastors, spouses and five members of their leadership team; however, pre-registration is REQUIRED. This workshop will be held @ Engranted Word Empowerment Church, 1819 Everman Pkwy, Everman, TX with host Pastor Ricardo Miller.

September 15 - 17, 7 pm

Bishop "I Feel God" James Brown, Pastor Linda G. Brown, and Victory International Church invite you to three days of Revival Services with special guest speakers Pastors Marcus and Beverly Williams. There will be special music and prayer for the sick, bound and tormented.

September 22 - 24, 7 pm

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By: Anita Wadhvani
Special to MON-The Gazette
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Black Churches Face Gospel Generation Gap

In many black churches now, you're more likely to hear the choir sing from the gospel Top 40 list than sing old-time "spirituals" or traditional hymns.

Ministers say there's been a musical shift in black churches over the past two decades as contemporary gospel music with a beat (and drums, saxophones, electric guitars and keyboards) has edged out soulfully sung spirituals such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

While church leaders welcome newer music as a fresh expression of faith that engages young people, others say it's unthinkable that a generation is growing up not knowing songs like "Amazing Grace."

Rooted in struggle

"The music of our ancestors... has value, it was born out of struggle," says James Scandrick, director of the Institute on Black Church Sacred Music and

Worship at American Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn. In July the group held a national conference of church music staff and pastors concerned about preserving such music.

"I'm not saying we shouldn't have new expressions of faith, but let's not turn our backs on (traditional music). Let's not be about entertainment. Let's pass on the legacy to our children. Most churches don't even have hymnals anymore, and the hymnal used to be second only to the Bible in black churches."

The roots of black church music date back to the 17th century, when slaves would repeat, in call-and-response fashion, hymns and songs sung by service leaders. Slaves used the same musical patterns in plantation fields, and that music evolved into spirituals. Today's gospel music sprang from

that tradition in the 1920s.

Anthem, spirituals and hymns — including "This Little Light of Mine" and "Oh, the Blood of Jesus" — have been sung in black



Sharon Manning (left) and Cynthia Galbreath sing modern tunes with the choir at Born Again Church in Nashville, Tenn.

churches since then.

Scandrick says the songs had provided a bedrock of strength and faith during trying times for black Americans — through the years of segregation and the civil rights movement.

But in the past two decades, a

thriving industry of contemporary black Christian music has emerged, and churches like the Born Again Church in north Nashville are embracing modern "praise and worship" music and Christian rap and hip-hop at their services.

It's a way to engage young people, to get up and move in the pews and to express the exuberance of God's love, says Denise Owens, 46, director of worship services at Born Again Church.

How old is 'old'?

She grew up in a Baptist church, where traditional songs were sung, and had little experience with contemporary gospel music until 1994.

But now, she says, "when young folks get up and do their stuff with Christian rap, we're all with them. I just surrender to the beat."

Services do include older songs, she says, citing "Stomp!" a gospel

hit. "That's a pretty old song," Owens says. "It's at least three or four years old."

But many music directors and ministers at last month's conference cited that song as an example of the problem.

"Why do I want to stomp in church?" asks Lady Corder Chapman, 62, a church musician. "I can't find any biblical references for stomp. Personally, me and 'Stomp!' just don't get along."

She says the beauty and simplicity of hymns like "Blessed Assurance" convey far more in their lyrics and traditional a cappella delivery.

"It's pure, clean, unadulterated," Chapman says. "That music came from the heart. It's still good."

Little interest from youth

She and her brother have begun teaching workshops on old-time gospel music and hymns in churches in an effort to preserve the music. But when she performs

traditional hymns, few young people attend.

"The older folks, they're starved for this music," she says. "It reaches a need far down inside of you that this contemporary music doesn't. The contemporary music isn't about struggle. It's pretty, it's got a beat. But it's more commercial. It's about the almighty dollar, not the Almighty."

Shelvie Henry, 42, a music minister from a Baptist church in East St. Louis, Ill., also attended last month's conference. He says he'd like to teach the 200 singers and musicians at his church to perform old-time songs like "Walk With Me." But they meet with mixed results.

"The older people were really responsive. The younger people weren't negative. They just didn't know it."

The challenge, he said, is that many musicians in his church don't read music. They learn by listening to CDs, and the older songs are hard to find, he says.

12th Annual Gospel Choice Awards- Gladys Knight And 10 Distinguished Pastors Are Among Honorees

On September 18 at the Georgia International Convention Center-Ballroom Kroger & Pepsi will recognize this year's eight Gospel Choice Award winners and honor ten of Atlanta's most distinguished Pastors at The 12th Annual Atlanta Gospel Choice Awards. The theme is "A Vision for Gospel's Future."

Hosted by Atlanta's own radio personality Reggie Gay of WCLK 91.9 FM and Sheryl Lee Ralph (Actress / Singer), eight awards will be handed out at the black tie affair will in the following categories: Who will win the titles of: Best Choir/Director, Best

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