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Days after disaster, anger fades and determined citizens move forward

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In the days since last week's destructive hurricane, the Gulf Coast residents have begun to pick up the pieces and decide what to do next with their lives.

In Lubbock, hundreds of evacuees have been housed at the former Air Force base, now called Reese Technology Center. A job fair has been scheduled for Friday, September 9. Friday's job fair is designed only for the evacuees, so members of the community should not attend this fair. A larger city-wide job fair will be held in November for everyone else interested in finding employment.

Anyone who has questions about the job fairs should call Danny Solis at (806) 777-0292.

The low cost of living in Lubbock and the mild climate have been attractive characteristics for residents and will likely prompt many evacuees to stay in the Hub City. One adjustment for some will be the change in humidity from New Orleans to Lubbock. Many people who move to Lubbock are often in need of lotions and creams to help their skin hold its moisture in Lubbock's drier climate.

This job fair, in direct response to the increased number of citizens in Lubbock will hope-

accompany her to New Orleans and the rest of the Gulf Coast that was affected by the hurricane. The program showed on television on September 6, but details of the visit and the ongoing efforts are posted on her website at www.oprah.com.

Among those who joined Oprah's efforts and accompanied her to the coastal region were Dr. Mehmet Oz who spent a majority of time at the New Orleans airport comforting families and helping those who have not received medical attention. The airport had turned into an emergency hospital, with thousands who still waited patiently for treatment.

Other notable figures also joined Oprah's effort in various locales, including Matthew McConaughey in Zachary, Louisiana, Faith Hill in Gulfport, Mississippi, Lisa Ling and Nate Berkus in New Orleans and Jamie Foxx in Dallas. As always, Oprah was in the middle of it all, rallying the troops, offering hugs and comfort and showing her support for all that the people have lost. Oprah started at the Superdome in New Orleans before heading on to other affected areas. Berkus is an interior designer and often appears on Oprah's show. Last Christmas, he narrowly survived

Chris Rock, Julia Roberts, John Travolta, Matthew McConaughey, Gayle King, and Lisa Marie Presley joined Oprah in Mississippi.

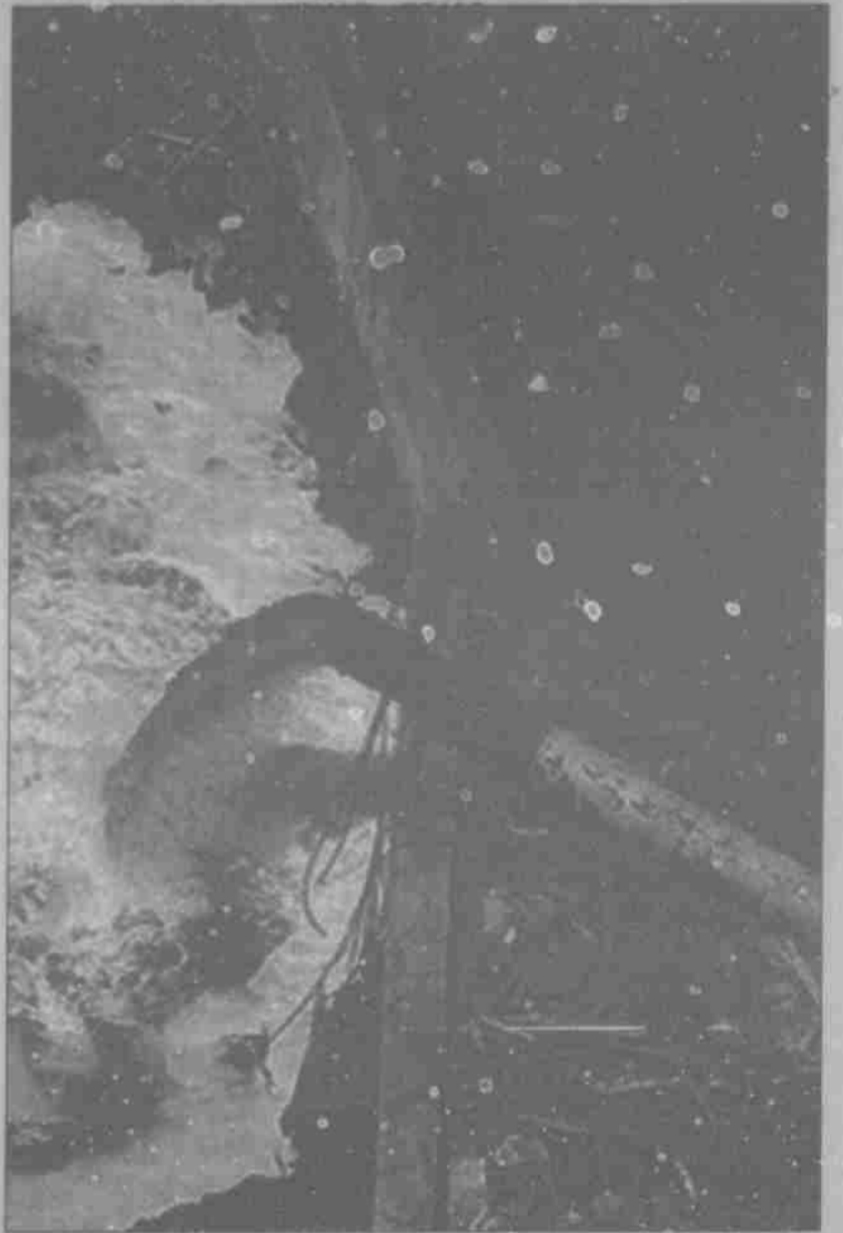
Celebrities have lent powerful voices to the effort. On Friday, September 3, rapper Kanye West went on an unscripted rampage during a live television event on NBC. West's comments dealt with race and economic status and startled NBC executives who had not been prepared. NBC has denounced West's comments, which included criticism of President Bush.

Amid all of the destruction, the human spirit is beginning to show its true colors. People who have lost everything are beginning to see hope, even if it's a faint glimmer on the horizon. New Orleans mayor, Ray Nagin gave an impassioned interview last week; swearing and frustrated, he eventually broke down in tears at the end of the interview.

Nagin has emerged as a champion of the people of New Orleans, and given a strong voice to those who were left stranded. On a brighter note, there is progress being made in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast. One week after the disaster, pumping stations in New Orleans have begun to function, the biggest levee break has been sealed, and waters are beginning to very slowly recede. Mayor Nagin estimates that it will take three weeks to completely drain the city.

On Tuesday, a forced evacuation was being enforced after officials confirmed that the floodwaters were toxic, full of e.coli, gas, oil and other toxic and flammable materials. The health concern for people left behind was so severe that it overrode the desire of locals to stay in their homes. No one seems to be talking about it, but they are sure that there are bodies in the water.

The city of New Orleans is battered, but certainly not broken. On Tuesday, New Orleans native, Harry Connick, Jr. once again toured the city by boat and emerged in chest-high waders to rescue people still in the city. He took his t-shirt off and gave it to an old man, and carried him in his arms to the boat. He called the man a "tough old man" and said that the situation was bigger than



Water is pumped out to the Metairie Outfall Canal after repairs were made to the levee were completed. Engineers pumped corpse-strewn floodwaters out of New Orleans, revealing more of Hurricane Katrina's horrors and prompting Mayor Ray Nagin to warn of even grimmer scenes to follow. (AFP/David J. Phillip)

him, bigger than his music, but it's not bigger than the spirit of the people who were affected.

Connick said with a laugh, "We passed by this bar in Bourbon Street that was open. 'People were at the bar, drinking. Man, if this isn't a sign of New Orleans returning to its former state, then I mean, come on man. They got helicopters circling around and the people are drinkin'."

In Lubbock, we hope to open our arms, our churches and our hearts to those in need. Lubbock is said to have more churches than gas stations, and many have extended invitations to anyone who needs a little bit of spiritual healing, human contact and love of their neighbors.

The Red Cross in Lubbock is still asking for volunteers to help with the rescue and recovery

efforts. Please call today and volunteer. Donate blood, money, time and prayers. Your fellow humans and Americans need your support. No matter how small the donation, every little bit is appreciated. You can visit the South Plains chapter of the Red Cross at <http://southplainsregional.redcross.org/> or phone them at (806) 765-8534. Volunteers are asked NOT to go directly to Reese, but to go through the Red Cross office. This will expedite the efforts and reduce confusion at the shelter sites.

In the end, the strength of the hurricane survivors is a crucial part of the recovery effort. Prayers, love and warmth cannot be given often enough. No matter what your religion or beliefs, please add the victims to your prayers.



Harry Connick, Jr. is shown here in video from the Today Show as he carries a "tough old man" to his waiting boat in New Orleans. Connick gave the man his shirt so that he would be covered when he went for medical help.

fully help some of the displaced hurricane victims to earn some money and gain some stability while in the city.

Meanwhile, Oprah Winfrey emerged from her summer break to rally a group of people to

last year's tsunami, and lost his dearest friend who was washed away in the deadly tidal wave. In the coming days, other celebrities will be making their presence known with Oprah as they tour other locales. On Wednesday,

TWC creates worker and employer disaster response hotlines

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has created two toll-free hotlines, one to assist displaced Louisiana workers filing Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) claims and another to serve as a central number for employers who wish to hire people displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Louisiana workers who have lost their jobs due to Hurricane Katrina may apply for DUA by calling 1-800-818-7811. This toll-free number is exclusively for use by displaced Louisiana workers. The best time to call for faster service is from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time. Claims takers will take calls from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time on weekdays.

TWC helped 10,500 workers file claims through Labor Day, with almost 5,000 of those over the long weekend. The agency expects the number to increase sharply.

Due to an overwhelming response from employers offering

jobs to storm victims, TWC has established a central toll-free number, 1-800-695-6879, to take calls from employers wishing to hire displaced Louisiana workers. The hotline is exclusively for employers wishing to hire displaced workers and will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Once a job order is taken, TWC staff will contact local workforce development professionals in the area where the job is located to begin the process of matching the employer with a qualified applicant. Additionally, the agency will be compiling contact information for employers whose businesses operate in both Louisiana and other states and can re-hire workers from

affected areas to work in other locations.

In addition, employers are encouraged to contact their local workforce development boards. Texas workforce development boards act as the state with large numbers of Louisiana evacuees are establishing on-site workforce centers at evacuation shelters.

TWC continues to work in concert with Governor Rick Perry, Texas state and local

agencies, and other states to provide aid and support to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org



Women's Protective Services offers volunteer training

Women's Protective Services is having free volunteer training September 12-15 from 6-9 pm at the First Christian Church Family Life Center located at 1306 13th St.

Volunteers will learn about Women's Protective Services and how to assist in areas such as com-

munity education, social referral, crisis intervention, children's programs, developing and handwriting. Volunteers will also learn how to help meet the basic needs of WPS clients and how to be an advocate to victims of domestic violence and their children.

Everyone is welcome to

attend. There is no experience necessary, however all volunteers will be subject to a background check. If prospective volunteers are unable to attend the scheduled training, other arrangements can be made. For more information, please contact Ruth Griffin at 748-5292.

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The Southwest Digest

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.



Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- Fast Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Strmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTC Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Ma.hattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Nineteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will sponsor the Twelve Tribes of Israel on Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2005, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Various church members will serve as tribe leaders. Those tribes and leaders are: Judah, Rev. Eddie Everline, Jr.; Issachar, Sister Anne Britt; Zebulun, Sister Ruby Phenix; Reuben, Brother T. J. Patterson; Simeon, Brother & Sister Benny Jordan; Gad, Brother & Sister E. J. Donaldson; Ephraim, Sister Linda DeVaughn; Manasseh, Brother & Sister Alvin Davis; Benjamin, Brother Hillary Hutchinson; Dan, Sister Pat Walker; and Asher & Naphtali, Sister Elurd Devenport.

Sister Devenport is chairperson; Sister Ruby Donaldson, co-chairperson; and Rev. Eddie Everline, Jr. is pastor.

The public is invited to attend.

The Lubbock Area Client Council (LACC) will be meeting on Saturday afternoon, September 10, 2005, at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 1:00 p. m. City Councilman Floyd Price will be guest

speaker. Ms. Rose Wilson is local president.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in in our community. There are many among us who are on this list. Among them include Brother Tommy Coge, a patient at the University Medical Center. Sister Bobbie Brown is a patient at Covenant Health System. Brother George Scott is still recuperating nicely at home.

Our prayers go out to those families who have lost loved ones over the past week. Among them is the family of Sister Ruby Mae Anderson who had services last Saturday afternoon, September 3, 2005, at the Central Lubbock Church of Christ. Dr. Gaylon P. Foreman of the Carver Park Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas. Also, the family of Margaret Louise White and funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, September 3, 2005, at the First Progressive Baptist Church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jewel Arceneaux of Galveston, Texas will be held Saturday afternoon, September 10, 2005, at the

Live Oak Baptist Church. She is the mother of Ms. Sarah Bunton of Lubbock.

Since school has begun for the new year, if you have any news about your school, organization or your church, let us hear from you so we can advise the community what you are into this year. Let us hear from you, by calling (806) 762-3612. Or you may write to us: The Chatman Hill Corner, Southwest Digest, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

This column is receiving many calls and inquires about the when are the meetings of the Lubbock Branch, NAACP being held. It appears as though there are those who want to become a member. If there is someone who has the meeting date and where the meeting is being held, please advise this column. If ever there is a time for the Lubbock NAACP, the time is now.

Keep driving carefully in the community as our young people have gone back to school, and they are still excited about their summer experiences, and will forget where they are walking. After all, these are our young people. Drive carefully!

FASHION FUN

with Shi-Joy Robinson

Designer Hats

It is called that fashion-forward and this time around my mind is hats. Recycled, elegant, designer hats, and they are making such powerful statements.

There are no restrictions, and that's what exciting about the hats this fall. The designs are relaxed, unconstructive, extremely attractive, and the size of the hat depend totally on the woman wearing it.

In selecting your hats, pay

close attention to the small details. Every hat is certainly not for everyone, find out which type of hat looks best on you.

The crown of a hat is very important. A high crown gives the illusion of additional height, as well as less boxed crowns giving the appearance of regular stature.

If nothing else ladies remember - the brim of a hat is the heart of a hat, and the brim of a hat usually makes the hat. This reason there are wide brims, narrow brims, floppy brims, square brims, small, medium, large and extra large brims. You have the choice of one sided brims, up brims, down brims, lamp shade brims and off the shoulder brims.

simple, plain, embellished and heavily embellished brims.

When it comes to hats its all about the brim. In the West Texas area hats are more frequently worn to church and all church functions. So simply your fashion decisions, brims and soles are designed together to give you a totally complete matched outfit.

Patterns and designer hats are also topping the fashion list, so hats are rapidly emerging outside of church. For the fashionista in us all, get ready, get dressed, and by all means get a hat.

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile! FASHION - J.C. for the fun of it!

In Remembrance

Pauline Adams

Funeral services for Pauline Adams were held last Saturday morning, September 3, 2005, at the Hope Deliverance Temple Church.



Adams

Burial was held at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Ruby Mae Anderson

Funeral services were held for Ruby Mae Anderson last Saturday afternoon, September 3, 2005, at the Central of Lubbock Church of Christ with Dr. Gaylon P. Foreman, pastor of Carver Park Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, officiating.



Anderson

Minister Gerald Jackson is host pastor.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were El Juane Cooper, Steve Spence, Curtis Draper, Adam Brarracuss, Steve Sanders and Marcus Brown.

Honorary pallbearers were Otha Chaffier, B. T. Ross, Rock Sanders, and Robert Johnson.

She passed away Saturday, August 27, 2005, at Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas after an illness. She was born November 15, 1934 to Henry and Fannie Gibson. She moved to Lubbock in 1942.

In 1960, she married Willie Anderson, and to this union seven children were born. She was employed by the Lubbock State School for 10 years, and worked at the Lakeside Nursing

Home as a Nurse's assistant for 10 years.

Three brothers preceded her in death: I. W., Henry and Roy Gibson.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her children: Walter Pearson, Nicole (B. T.) Ross, Tonya Anderson and Luella Anderson, all of Fort Worth, Texas, Tony Bernard Anderson and Timothy Anderson, both of Lubbock, Texas and Fannie Anderson of Waco, Texas; her sisters: Norma (J. P.) Patterson, Jessie Mae (E. A.) Blocker of Lubbock, Texas, and Florence (James) Gilbert of Wichita, Kansas; a brother, Ivory Gibson; 22 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Jewel Arceneaux

The funeral services for the mother of Ms. Sarah Bunton, Mrs. Arceneaux of Galveston, Texas, will be held at the Live Oak Baptist Church, 1029 32nd Street, in Galveston, Texas on Saturday afternoon, September 10, 2005, beginning at 1:00 p. m. Rev. Vernon Baines, pastor, will officiate the services.

Wynn's Funeral Home of Galveston is in charge of arrangements.

A wake is set for Friday night, September 9, 2005, at the church from 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. For more information, call (409) 765-7166.

Ms. Bunton is president of the City Wide Ushers in Lubbock.

Melvin Brown

Funeral services for Melvin Brown were held Tuesday afternoon, September 6, 2005, at Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of

Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Mr. Brown passed away Wednesday, August 31, 2005.

Connie Coleman

Funeral services for Connie Coleman were held Wednesday morning, September 7, 2005, at Holy Tabernacle of Praise in Lubbock.

White

Ms. Coleman died Saturday, September 3, 2005, at Southwest Regional Medical Complex.

Margaret Louise White

Funeral services for Margaret Louise White were held last Saturday afternoon, September 3, 2005, at the First Progressive Baptist Church.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas with arrangements under the direction of Griffin

White

Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at the University Medical Center.

Gloria Virginia Wilson

Services for Gloria Virginia Wilson were held Tuesday morning, September 6, 2005, at the First Progressive Baptist Church.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Ms. Wilson passed away Monday, August 29, 2005.

That was then, this is now

By Horace Cooper

Next week the Senate Judiciary Committee will convene formal hearings on Judge Roberts' nomination to the United States Supreme Court. Unfortunately, partisans are organizing in the Senate and in the press to see to it that Judge Roberts is pressed to reveal his views on the pressing policy and legal issues of the day.

But if history is a guide Chairman Specter and the rest of the committee should agree that no one should try to force Judge Roberts to pre-judge cases or offer advance rulings on cases likely to come before him on the Supreme Court.

As far back as 1864, this principle was acknowledged by President Lincoln, when he said of his nominee to the Supreme Court, Salmon P. Chase, "We can not ask a man what he will do, and if we should, and he should answer us, we should despise him for it."

What's at stake here? It's the authority and prestige of the court as a neutral arbiter of the law. And if the Senators are unable to restrain themselves, Judge Roberts must refuse to go along.

Although it is well settled that judges must not give forecasts of the rulings they would make if they were appointed, some are trying to pretend that such a principle doesn't exist, or if it does it should be discarded.

But we don't have to go back a 100 years to find this practice. As recently as Thurgood Marshall's nomination to the Supreme Court in 1967, we see it. Even under the threat of a filibuster by pro-segregation Democrats, Marshall refused to give any hints as to how he'd rule saying repeatedly "My difficulty is that, from all of the hearings I have ever read about, I has been considered and recognized as improper for a nominee to a judgeship to comment on cases that he will have to pass on." And the then junior Senator from Massachusetts, Ted Kennedy sided with him vigorously reminding his colleagues that Marshall "Se other judges should not have to answer questions regarding how he'd rule."

Furthermore, the American Bar Association's Model Code of Judicial Conduct now enshrines this practice as one its canons (mandating

judges that they "shall not with respect to cases, controversies, or issues that are likely to come before the court, make pledges, promises, or commitments that are inconsistent with the impartial performance of the adjudicative duties of the office."

And just over a decade ago another DC Circuit Court of Appeals judge was nominated to the United States Supreme Court. That judge, now Justice Ruth Ginsberg was faced with circumstances similar to Judge Roberts. Like Judge Roberts, prior to joining the Court of Appeals, Judge Ginsberg had a fairly prominent public career. In her case it included serving as the general counsel to one of the nation's most influential leftist organizations, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

In addition to her personal writings and lectures as well as her tenure with the ACLU she was prominently associated with many fairly controversial policy views - opposition to a ban on gays in the military, sharp critiques of the institution of marriage as patently unfair to women, advocacy of a federally funded nationwide day care program, expanded combat roles for women in the military, and lowering the age of consent for sexual behavior for boys and girls as young as 12.

Despite this extensive public record, Judge Ginsberg refused to answer questions about any of these issues. She wasn't chided for this. In fact, during the hearing, one senator, Joe Biden of Delaware went out of his way to remind the judge that she shouldn't answer the questions that were being put to her because in all likelihood these questions would eventually come before her at some point in her tenure on the Supreme Court.

And Judge Ginsburg accepted this advice reminding the few Senators who asked questions that she would provide "no hints, no forecasts, no previews" of her philosophy or views on legal issues. And she didn't. Confirmed 96-3 Justice Ginsberg was never dredged in her confirmation hearing to weigh in on gay rights, abortions, gun control or any of the many topics she had written or advocated in other contexts.

Another example of this principle of judicial independence was Senator Hatch's admonition to Judge Souter during his confirmation hearing in 1990, that a judge

should only be expected to answer questions relating to his "ethics, competence, legal ability, general view of the role of the Supreme Court... and the Senate should not probe into the particular views of the nominee on particular issues or public policy..."

Time and time Senators and judicial nominees have understood the importance of refusing to make political commitments with regard to their rulings, instead relying on the legal arguments in the cases before them to be the basis for their decision. This is a privilege that every litigant in American courts rightly deserve.

Members of the Judiciary Committee would well serve themselves and Judge Roberts if they chose to protect the integrity and independence of the Court rather than violate this principle solely as a means to satisfy special interest groups. But if they adopt a "that was then, this is now" mentality, then Judge Roberts must simply refuse to answer.

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Never Go Home Again: A novel by Shannon Holmes



Shannon Holmes, Essence bestselling author of B-More Careful and Bad Girlz return with a dramatic novel about a young man who discovers that the price of making bad choices is higher than he imagined.

Audacious and Authentic. An author at the forefront of the growing urban fiction trend, Shannon Holmes has already proven himself

to be a favorite of the genre with his two previous books. In his latest novel, NEVER GO HOME AGAIN (Atria Books, an imprint of Simon and Schuster; December 28, 2004; \$23.95; Hardcover; Fiction), Holmes again demonstrates his skill for revealing the harsh realities of inner-city street life and the pain and disappointments that can spring from bad decisions.

Never Go Home Again is the story of Corey Dixon, a young man whose father tries as best he can to steer him away from the lure of the streets and the promise of the lucrative drug trade. But like many fathers and sons, Corey and his father never really see eye-to-eye. Finally, in response to an ultimatum to either shape up or move out, Corey abandons home for the streets, and by the time he is sixteen, he is sent to lock-down.

Despite the "sheer brutality and violence of prison," Corey meets few kind souls who mean

him well, including Mr. Fisher a teacher who encourages Corey to get out of prison and make something of himself. Mr. Fischer also gives Corey life-saving advice by telling him to not go home again—a statement that the homesick Corey does not immediately understand, but he eventually realizes the wisdom in his mentor's words.

Hear Shannon's testimony about what life is like on the wrong side of the law, and what it takes to build a new life.

Unflinching and riveting, this coming of age story offers a fascinating firsthand account of the gritty, unforgiving inner-city streets and prison life, as well as a difficult lesson in accepting responsibility and building a new life.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus The wrath of God is upon America, part 1

Written by Evangelist Billy "R.C." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always

Revelation 2:7a - Jesus said, he that heareth these things, let him hear, and the spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 8:67 - The Lord said, I listened and heard, but they speak not aright; No man replanted him of his wickedness, saying, what have I done? Every turned to his course, as a horse runneth into battle. Yes, the stars in the heaven know her appointed times, and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming. But my people know not the judgment of the Lord.

America was founded on the word of God, and it was her only guideline. The people wanted their rights, like Adam in the garden. He didn't want mine!!

John 8:31-34 - Jesus said, if you continue in my word, then are my disciples truly and shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

When the churches went out from God's word, and followed the dream of man, that is where all the troubles started, and it is all over America's Land!!

Jeremiah 23:25-28 - The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets say, that they prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have a dream, I have a dream. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets of that prophesy lies. Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, which think to cause my people

to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Ba'al. The prophet that have a dream, let him tell a dream, and he that have my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the church to the to the world?

(America's rights from the Devil: Criminal Rights, Marching Rights, Abortion Rights, Kill The Abortion Doctor Rights, No Spanking Rights, Drugs In School Rights, Kill The Students And Teachers Rights, Customs In Kindergarten Rights, Drive By Shooting Rights, KKK Rights, Bomb The Federal Building Rights, Black Suicide Rights, White Rights, No Prayer In School Rights, Run Away Rights, Gay Rights, Black Rights, Kill The Neighbor Rights, Cloning Rights, Road Rage Rights, Killing Rights, Lotto Rights, and more of the Devil!!)

Isaiah 1:4a - Yes, a sinful nation: (America) a people laden with iniquity. A seed of evildoers, children that are corrupted. They have forsaken the Lord.

The Church got weak like Samson, and started playing around with the Devil, and the word of God - tells of the sin of mankind, who will not get into heaven.

*** Yes, The Churches

Robbed God!! *** (America has become very, very proud. She can go to the moon. Give heart, kidney and eye transplants, clone a person. She thinks she is God!!)

All this trouble in America, and then we want to go teach the foreign man. America is a hypocrite! When she knows that she is the worse in the land!!

Micah 7:2-3a - The good man is praised out of the earth, and there is none upright among men. They will lie in wait for blood. They hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly

God had to send Evangelist Katrina to bring America to her proud knees. God is saying, I'm a jealous God. And all things in heaven and earth belongs to me.

*** God Is Saying: America Can You Hear Me Now? ***

God allowed the Devil to destroy with Katrina to get America to pray. America has been brought low, and God knew this would make America pray!!

If Chronicles 7:14 - The Lord said, if my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal their land.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Black male looters & shooters

Our hearts goes out to those persons of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana who are undergoing one of the most trying times of their lives. Words we know cannot express their anguish. Hospitals have not been able to assist those who were at the point of death because there has been no electricity. Hospital personnel have been robbed at gunpoint and the National Guard who have surrounded some hospitals had to be pulled out in order to help with the prisoner uprising. The situation has been desperate.

Vast stretches of properties along the Mississippi coast have been literally flattened by Hurricane Katrina. Search and rescue efforts have been difficult. There is the health hazard and people have to watch out for snakes and alligators.

The Superdome in New Orleans where those who were not able to leave because of dire circumstances before Katrina were packed with over 25,000 people. Fights and trash fires broke out at the stinking Superdome and anger and unrest broke out across the whole of New Orleans. National Guardsmen in armored vehicles poured in to help restore law and order among increasingly lawlessness and desperation.

The part of the whole scene of devastation that truly disturbed this writer was young black males committing criminal acts like this is a Third World Country without any fear of punishment while the city of New Orleans continued to sink in despair. Like, the city could not hold out

Katrina, it could not hold out these black male hoodlums who took advantage of an overwhelmed police force and helped themselves to anything that could be carried, wheeled or floated away, including food, water, shoes, television sets, sporting goods and firearms.

It is questionable whether are not these warty excrescences should have ever been allowed to enter the gene pool. These creatures have brought shame to the black males who try so hard to bring dignity, respect and worth of being to black men in America. These young black males thugs were seen committing lawless acts the world over via television and the Internet. Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida surely see America's law enforcement as a "paper tiger."

Their criminal acts were of such that the President of the United States: George W. Bush urged a crackdown on lawlessness. President Bush said, "I think there ought to be zero tolerance of people breaking the law during an emergency such as this—whether it be looting, or price gouging at the gasoline pump, or taking advantage of charitable giving or insurance fraud. I've made that clear to our attorney general. The citizens ought to be working together." As such, the Department of Homeland Security has taken over local authorities to bring law into an area where hundreds have died from Katrina.

The former New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial, now president of the Urban League, said on NBC's "Today" show,

"We need an effort of 9-11 proportions. So many of the people who did not evacuate, could not evacuate for whatever reason. They are people who are African-American mostly but not completely, and people who were of little or limited economic means. They are the folks; we've got to get them out of there."

"A great American city is fighting for its life, he added. "We must rebuild New Orleans, the city that gave us jazz, and music, and multiculturalism."

Again, this writer would like to thank those who are helping the evacuees escaping a city that has been gripped by chaos as young black male looters run wild, and water supplies dwindled, and bodies floats in the floodwaters.

Remember these people in your prayers for this could have been you among the rising toll of victims killed, injured or homeless and jobless. It could have been you among possible epidemics, overwhelmed hospitals and sanitation facilities, lost communications and transportation systems and almost any nightmare that foolish, ignorant, happy-go-lucky young black males which the Mexican stamps issued by the Mexican government have alluded to as half humans and half monkeys have voodoo up.

Also, remember to tell the young black males that if a natural disaster should happen in our city or area (and we pray that it does not) and such acts are committed like those in New Orleans, they are going down HARD!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like to remind each of you of their scriptures: II Chronicles 7:12-14:

And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him. I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.

If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command he locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Mark 11:22-26: And Jesus answering saith unto them, have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Therefore, I say unto you, what things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against anyone that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

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against anyone???

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"If you can't talk the word, then 'cool it!"

"Best thing you can do for good health is to walk in Love!"

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will be meeting in the home of sister Christene Burleson, vice president, 2407 East 9th Street, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there, and thanks for reading. Hope you had a blessed holiday. God made it!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elvora Jones, Teacher; and sister Rosiana Henderson, secretary.

Tom Joyner establishes relief fund for families, friends to assist hurricane Katrina victims

DALLAS, Sept. 1 /PRNewswire/ — Tom Joyner, the top ranked nationally syndicated radio personality and entrepreneur, announced today the creation of the BlackAmericaWeb.com Relief Fund. The organization, formed in association with his online community,

BlackAmericaWeb.com, The Tom Joyner Morning Show, and parent company REACH Media, will assist people who are helping those displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

"Hurricane Katrina hit the heart and soul of Black America," says Joyner, whose four-hour, drive-time radio show is aired on 115 markets reaching 8 million listeners. "This is our tsunami and we want to take care of those people who now may have family or friends who are going to be in their homes for an extended period of time. We know it's hard and we want to make it a little easier on everybody."

The BlackAmericaWeb.com Relief Fund will accept donations to provide relief in the form of gift cards to support families who are housing those displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The Fund will support individual families who have opened their homes to

displaced families and loved ones to supplement their households as relief efforts continue. Relief assistance will be given directly to the families who need assistance.

Taking a grassroots relief approach, the relief fund will partner with local churches throughout affected regions. The churches will serve as effective conduits in both identifying and assisting households in need. In addition to localized efforts, the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show has suspended the popular "TJMS Cash Call" contest and will donate the contest money directly to relief efforts. This action alone donates more than \$75,000 to the fund. Motivational speaker and personality, Tavis Smiley, Tom Joyner Morning Show personalities Sybil Wilkes and J Anthony Brown have each pledged \$1,000 this morning.

More information about how the BlackAmericaWeb.com Relief Fund will provide relief to families helping families, you can go to their website at BlackAmericaWeb.com and reg-

ister for more information. Additional information will be released today via email to BlackAmericaWeb.com members and at www.blackamerica-web.com/relief.

The BlackAmericaWeb.com Relief Fund will accept donations at www.blackamerica-web.com and by mail at: BlackAmericaWeb.com Relief Fund, PO Box 803209, Dallas, TX 75240.

For those in need of assistance, BlackAmericaWeb.com Relief Fund assistance request

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, September 4, 2005, was another great day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

The morning services begun with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis, and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The morning subject was "Encountering The Spirit." It was a wonderful lesson.

The morning worship hour begun at 11:15 a.m. The devotional services were led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Vincent Bailey.

The Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls again. It is just good to hear God's in songs and hymns.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject

was "Do You Believe?" His scripture text was John 11:21-26. Praise God for the message and the messenger!

Our sick and shut-in list include Sister Oretta Moore and Sister Katy Bolder. Let us pay for all of the sick throughout the land and country.

Thought For The Week: "True repentance turns from the wrong and returns to the right."

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FEMA chief sent help only when storm ended



Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Michael Brown testifies on Capitol Hill in this May 18, 2005 file photo. Brown, President Bush's point man on disaster relief, reflects a beleaguered federal government scrambling in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. He asserts that refugees are getting help despite apocalyptic images from New Orleans and his own admission that a lack of communication has hampered efforts.

The top U.S. disaster official waited hours after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast before he proposed to his boss sending at least 1,000 Homeland Security workers into the region to support rescuers, internal documents show.

Part of the mission, according to the documents obtained by The Associated Press, was to "convey a positive image" about the government's response for victims.

Acknowledging that such a

move would take two days, Michael Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, sought its approval from Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff roughly five hours after Katrina made landfall on Aug. 29.

Before then, FEMA had positioned smaller rescue and communications teams across the Gulf Coast. But officials acknowledged the first department-wide appeal for help came only as the storm raged.

Brown's memo to Chertoff described Katrina as "this near-catastrophic event" but otherwise lacked any urgent language. The memo politely ended, "Thank you for your consideration in helping us to meet our responsibilities."

The initial responses of the government and Brown came under escalating criticism as the breadth of destruction and death grew. President Bush and Congress on Tuesday pledged separate investigations into the federal response to Katrina. "Governments at all levels failed," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said Brown had positioned front-line rescue teams and Coast Guard helicopters before the storm. Brown's memo on Aug. 29 aimed to assemble the necessary federal work force to support the rescues, establish communications, and coordinate with victims and community groups, Knocke said.

Instead of rescuing people or recovering bodies, these employees would focus on helping victims find the help they needed, he said.

"There will be plenty of time to assess what worked and what didn't work," Knocke said. "Clearly there will be time for blame to be assigned and to learn from some of the successful efforts."

Brown's memo told employees that among their duties, they would be expected to "convey a positive image of disaster operations to government officials, community organizations and the general public."

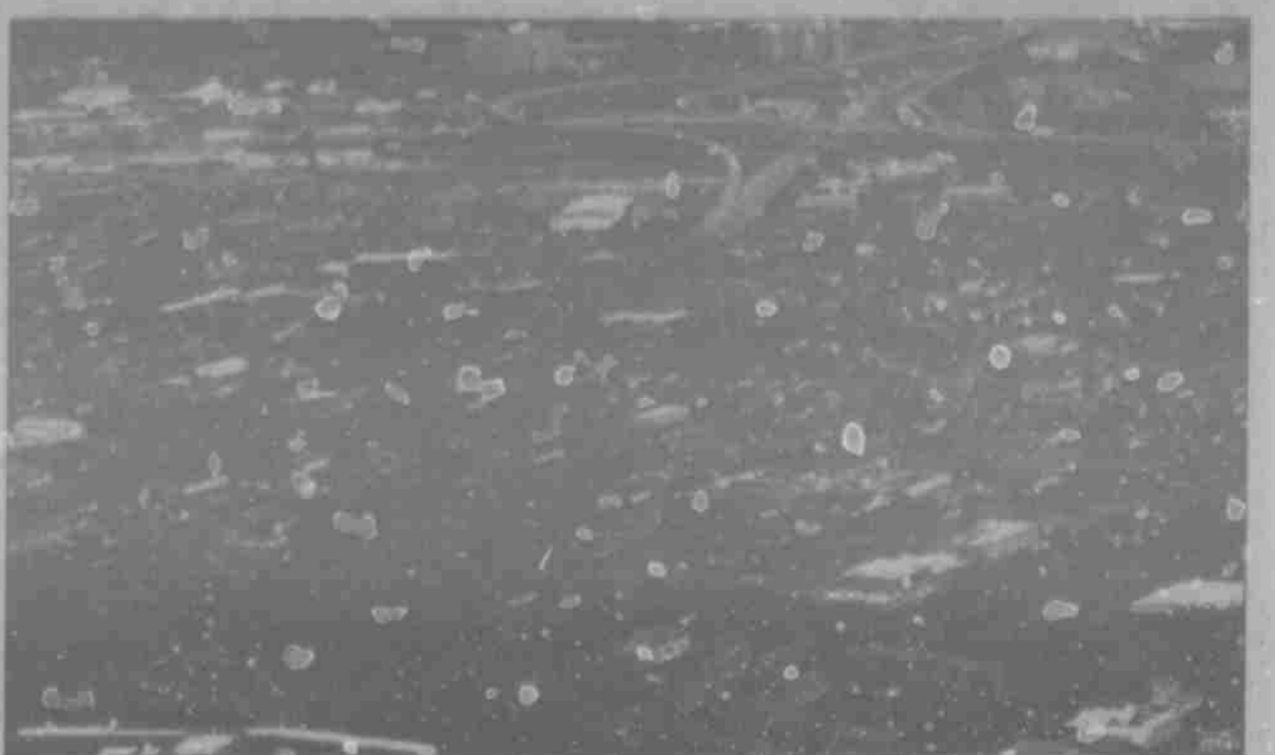
"FEMA response and recovery operations are a top priority of the department and as we know, one of yours," Brown wrote Chertoff. He proposed sending 1,000 Homeland Security Department employees within 48 hours and 2,000 within seven days.

Knocke said the 48-hour period indicated for the Homeland employees was to ensure they had adequate training. "They were training to help the lifesavers," Knocke said.

Employees required a supervisor's approval and at least 24 hours of disaster training in Maryland, Florida or Georgia. "You must be physically able to work in a disaster area without refrigeration for medications and have the ability to work in the outdoors all day," Brown wrote.

The same day Brown wrote Chertoff, Brown also urged local fire and rescue departments outside Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi not to send trucks or emergency workers into disaster areas without an explicit request for help from state or local governments. Brown said it was vital to coordinate fire and rescue efforts.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., said Tuesday that Brown should resign.



General view of downtown New Orleans, Louisiana. While the historic districts of New Orleans may still be saved, experts say much of the famed jazz capital should be razed and redeveloped after the destructive floods unleashed by Hurricane Katrina (AFP/Omar Torres)

After a senators-only briefing by Chertoff and other Cabinet members, Sen. Charles Schumer said lawmakers weren't getting their questions answered.

"What people up there want to know, Democrats and Republicans, is what is the challenge ahead, how are you handling that and what did you do wrong in the past," said Schumer, D-N.Y.

Meanwhile, the airline industry said the government's request for help evacuating storm victims didn't come until late Thursday afternoon. The president of the Air Transport Association, James May, said the Homeland Security Department called then to ask whether the group could participate in an airlift for refugees.

On the Net:
Federal Emergency Management Agency:
<http://www.fema.gov>
Homeland Security Department:
<http://www.dhs.gov>

The memo from FEMA Director Mike Brown to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is available at:
<http://wd.ap.org/documents/dhskatrina.pdf>

Kanye West's comments create stir at concert

Diddy says rapper said 'what a lot of people feel'

It was just a week ago that Hurricane Katrina reared through the Gulf Coast causing untold damage and misery.

The week of horror that followed has been brightened only by the overwhelming aid pouring in from people across the country.

Over the weekend, Hollywood continued to do its part to help at various telethons, including "A Concert for Hurricane Relief," benefit that aired on NBC and other networks Friday night. However, the focus took an unexpected turn thanks to the comments of Kanye West.

"I hate the way they portray us in the media," Kanye said to the

cameras during the live broadcast. "If you see a black family, it says they're looting. If you see a white family, they're looking for food."

The off-outspoken rapper then added, "George Bush doesn't care about black people."

Access Hollywood's Tim Vincent was at the benefit to get the stars' reaction to Kanye's comments.

"I think he spoke from his heart," Diddy told Tim. "He spoke what a lot of people feel."

"I think what Mr. West said provided one extreme that we should examine," Harry Connick Jr. said. "I think a lot of things were said that needed to be said and we raised the money. That's why we were here simply to raise money and we did."



Kanye West, shown with Mike Myers, left, went off the prompter and became the talk of Friday night's benefit concert for Katrina victims.

NBC's live event has already raised \$18 million to aid the victims of Katrina. But it was West's final comment that caused the

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At each home game, fans will get their "Lucky 7 Club" card stamped for a chance at winning prizes. Prize drawings will occur at the end of the football season in two categories: one for fans that attend all seven home games and another for fans that attend four or more home games. "Lucky 7 Club" cards will be collected at the Oklahoma football game on Nov. 19th. Winners will be notified by the Texas Tech Athletic Department the week of Nov. 21st.

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WELCOME TO LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT wants to take this opportunity and welcome all the evacuees to our city LUBBOCK, TEXAS USA, and may you receive all that is due you. All of those here and other places have been through so much, and we wish you the very best! With God on each of your sides, nothing but good will come out of your new locations in America. THIS N THAT is happy that LUBBOCK, TEXAS is your new residence. Hopefully, while you are in Lubbock, many of you will visit our local churches, as there are local citizens who will welcome you there. There is going to be a job fair for those of you who are looking for employment while in Lubbock. If things go well for many of you, maybe you will make LUBBOCK, TEXAS your new home - at least for the time being. Anyway... WELCOME! NEED TO LOOK AHEAD! THIS N THAT is hoping that the disaster in the GULF COAST REGION OF AMERICA will make us take a close look at ourselves and work as hard as we can for each of us. This KATRINA HURRICANE has gotten the attention of all of

us, but we should all be thankful. Things will come together for all of us. All of us need to look ahead and thank God for the many blessings we all have. Sure, we haven't arrived as to where we should be, but at least we are moving in the right direction. Things will happen for all of us!

KEEP SUPPORTING THE NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT! THIS N THAT is still asking that we continue to support the efforts of the **NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**. There are so many opportunities for many of us, so it is a must that we continue to **SUPPORT** this effort. It's just good to see this kind of a movement in the area. If you want to help, just give **JOHN HALL**, Executive Director of the project, a call and let him know you are standing ready to help him at 775-3000. Get involved today, and help us move forward down the road of success.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE BEGINNING really is not the answer, it is the **END** which really counts, and this depends on how sincere we are about

reaching our goals in life."

LET'S CONTINUE TO VISIT OUR SCHOOLS! THIS N THAT is still advising that schools have opened their doors once again, and as many of us who can, should visit the **PUBLIC SCHOOLS** in your neighborhood. Our young people really need us today. You'd be surprised on what each of us can contribute just by visiting a school campus, and if you have time, stay a while and have lunch with these young people. Oh, yes, you need to advise the school administration that you are coming and what you want to do while on that campus. There is so much talent in our communities and these young people need to know what we have to offer. So are you going to join **THIS N THAT** this year?? Hope so!

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Think About It! Time out for blame

by Eddie P. Richardson

We are in some negative times these days with the Gulf Coast in disarray, especially New Orleans. It is a damn shame as the New Orleans Mayor said, and this is a bitter second the motion.

The blame game should cease now, and move on with the job at hand of total rescue, and then take care of those deceased citizens. One hard thing that was hard to realize was the lack of resources getting into the areas with the necessary military civil engineers when the national

media outlets was there setting up their necessary equipments for operation and was on time without missing a beat. Our hope is that the Gulf Coast area will be given very close sincerity and evaluation will never happen in America again. With all our resources and technology, we must be prepared for these kinds of situations especially for Emergencies such as natural disasters as well.

We found out that at least one Black Church in Lubbock has

made a special effort with financial support. It was the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in their plea last Sunday morning, September 4, 2005. Good word! God bless your effort.

This article is short this week, because there has been too much said already. Now is the time for answers. Everyone knows there is enough blame to go around. It's time to leave the blame game and find some very positive solutions. Nuf Said! Why not!

Criminalizing children - A failed policy in effect abroad and at home

by Marian Wright Edelman

"Age is not a determining factor in detention...age does not necessarily diminish the threat." An unidentified Pentagon spokesperson was quoted saying this in an interview with the New York Times to explain, if not justify, the detention of children in United States facilities in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. It seems like the same logic may also reflect the thinking of many state and federal legislators when it comes to the detention of children here at home.

Although juvenile crime, like crime in general, has steadily declined in the United States over the past decade, there still seem to be more and more calls for zero tolerance when it comes to children, for harsher penalties, and most disturbingly, for more transfer of accused children from the juvenile justice system to the adult criminal system. At the federal level, there is a bill pending in the Senate—S.155, the Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act of 2005—that would increase the number of children tried as adults and presumably subject the children found guilty to the federal prison system. Because this system is more geographically dispersed, this means a youth convicted and sentenced for

robbing a post office in New York could serve his time in Leavenworth, Kansas, or Marion, Ohio, hundreds of miles from home. The House version of this bill has already been passed.

Children and youths are being criminalized at younger and younger ages and often for behavior that used to be handled in the principal's office. Many Americans assume that only young thugs who commit the most violent of crimes are at risk of being tried as adults and incarcerated with adult prisoners. This is just not the reality: 90% of youths transferred to the adult criminal system nationwide are there because of a lowered age of adulthood in 13 states that forces the transfer even if the local prosecutor does not believe the transfer to be in the best interest of either the state or the child.

Studies show prosecuting young people as adults increases rather than reduces youth crime. Compared to young people prosecuted as juveniles, young people prosecuted as adults are more likely to commit a greater number of crimes upon release; commit more violent crimes upon release; and commit crimes sooner upon release. Young people incarcerated with adults are also five times as

likely to be sexually assaulted by other inmates; twice as likely to be beaten by staff; 50% more likely to be assaulted with a weapon; and eight times as likely to commit suicide.

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Treating child detainees like adults, even if they are suspected terrorists, has been declared a U.S. failure and human rights violation in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Cuba. Following the same policy in the United States is even more disturbing and unacceptable. The only universally guaranteed child right in the U.S. is a detention or prison cell after they get into trouble. Our values should demand better here at home and abroad.

Marian Wright Edelman is CEO and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose mission is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.



In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



The Christian world has changed. The change has come about based on what we Americans value most; the almighty dollar. This became evident while I was attending an annual church meeting of the Christian denomination to which I am a member and was there to represent my local church.

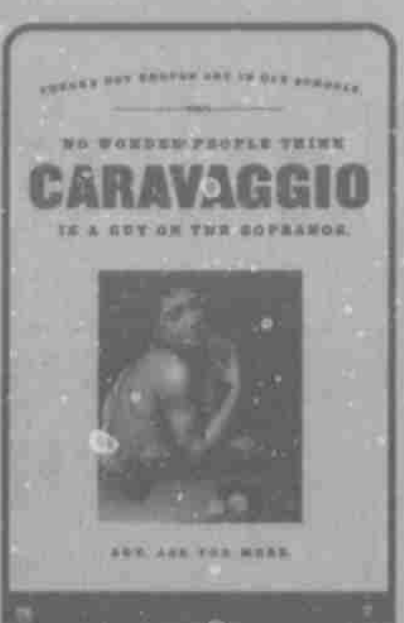
One church in the city which was the site of the church conference was designated the host for the conference which spans members from several states. The attendance was so great until a larger church of the same denomination had to be designated to accommodate the conference and there still had to be chairs placed along the pews for members to sit and a few still had to remain standing. The overwhelming crowd of a denomination whose membership is low compared to other Christian denominations, by the end of the conference, had raised over \$82,000.00 for the

Church in a few days. On the last day of the conference, it was noted that the hurricane, Katrina, was about to strike the city of New Orleans and the Mississippi / Louisiana Gulf Coast. The Bishop inquired of the number of members attending this conference who would need to remain in the city because of evacuation procedures in the place where they resided and about thirty individuals were identified. After a long pause, a collection to help the stranded was taken. One member resident in the city where the convention was taking place volunteered to take a refugee into their home.

Taking strangers into your home is not the safest thing to do in this day and age, but we are talking about people who are acquainted, worship together, mix and mingle in social gatherings and claim to be Christians, who in a time of need would rather donate money to an individual than provide them with shelter. I personally had anticipated having at least two refugee families at my home when I returned, as I had accommodated them during the last disaster on the Louisiana Gulf Coast and was certain that still another would be there, whom had not come before. This, in my opinion is God's work,

God's will and God's way. Giving money instead of service is reflective of the way children are being raised today by their parents. They will buy or pay for whatever their children want, rather than lead them physically, mentally and spiritually to achieve a given goal. It takes time and effort to help someone. You must be involved to help. Money helps, but not like people help. We must get 'in cinque' and become more involved in rearing our children to begin to think people instead of dollars.

Pray for the victims of Katrina



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have teamed up to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. A major online sports auction will highlight the effort, with one hundred percent of the proceeds going directly to Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that builds homes for low incomes families.

The organization's website AllCoachesCare.com has been created to provide more information on to give coaches a place where they can make their contribution to the online auction.

"This is something that all coaches, male and female at every level must get involved with," says Virginia Tech men's basketball coach Seth Greenberg who is heading up the effort among coaches. "As coaches we always talk about the team concept. If we are going to make any impact on the hurricane relief efforts, we need to come together as a team to assist all those who desperately need our help."

Greenberg is the organizing chairman of the committee, which is made up primarily of college coaches, but the Virginia

Tech coach is stressing that all coaches need to be involved.

"I can't stress that point enough. Everyone should be involved. As coaches, we are always rebuilding our own programs. 'Coaches Care' was created to help and now we have an opportunity to help rebuild the Gulf Coast of the United States working with the great folks at Habitat for Humanity."

Others on the committee include John Brady (Louisiana State University), Brian Cleary (University of Cincinnati), Joe Dwyer (AllCoachNetwork.com), Orlando Early (University of Louisiana-Monroe), Tim Floyd (USC), Frank Haith (University of Miami), Angela Lento (AllCoachNetwork.com), Rick Stansbury (Mississippi State University), John Thompson III (Georgetown University) and Willis Wilson (Rice University).

The organizing committee has already confirmed partici-

COACHES ACROSS AMERICA CARE

tion from many high profile coaches, including Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech), Tom Izzo (Michigan State), Mike Krzyzewski (Duke), Lute Olson (Arizona) and Texas Tech head coach Bob Knight.

"America has the greatest reputation in the world for helping others whenever and wherever disaster strikes," says Knight. "Now, more than ever, it's important for us to contribute to those who are in need. Your assistance is really beneficial and will be greatly welcomed and appreciated."

Knight has donated a Big 12 tournament. Experience to the online auction. This package encompasses the Red Raiders travel to Dallas for the 2006 Big 12 Championship (March 9-12). The package will include hotel room (6am hotel) for two and two tickets to the Phillips Big 12 Championship (seat location TBD).

The goal of the organizers is to raise money through an online auction and cash donations. AllCoachNetwork.com will administer the auction in conjunction with Snappy Auctions eBay Drop-Off Stores. SnappyAuctions.com will handle all of the listing and shipping of items for the auction, which will begin on Sept. 14 on eBay.

"We are so pleased to have the opportunity to help raise money for the eventual reconstruction of New Orleans and the entire Gulf coast through Habitat for Humanity. Snappy Auctions' online presence on eBay, combined with the efforts of the coaches and AllCoachNetwork.com, will provide people another way to contribute to this unprecedented initiative."

Coaches can make their contribution to the online auction by going to www.allcoachescare.com and clicking on "Submit Your Item." This website will also act as information source for all things related to the effort.

All money raised through the auction will go directly to Habitat for Humanity, which will be administered by MissionFish.org, the official non-profit liaison for eBay. Coaches interested in making monetary donations can make checks payable to "Coaches Care / Habitat for Humanity." Checks should be sent to: AllCoachNetwork.com

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Sometime in late September, AllCoachNetwork.com will announce the total amount raised through "Coaches Care" to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

"There are no words to describe what has happened in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi," says Angela Lento who is the co-founder of AllCoachNetwork.com. "As Americans we are always the first to help those around the world in

need. Now it's time to help our own. It's important to understand that everyone can help to make a difference and that every little bit counts. It is great to see the coaching community doing its part, but it's important that everyone continues to help."

TAKS High Achievers

The following African American students were commended on the Spring 2005 TAKS and presented a certificate of accomplishment and a gift certificate for each category. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

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Brittany Ann Taylor	Reading		
Daria Geneva McKelvey	ELA	Science	Social Studies
Emilia D Patrick	ELA		
Gerald Barker	Reading		
Jazzlynn Jackson	Reading		
Namanda Musoke	Reading	Writing	
Jonathan Webb	Reading	Writing	Math
Denisha Cheeks	Reading	Math	
Kashif Garland	Reading	Math	
Latia Green	Reading		
Lydia Palmer	Reading		
Ibrahim Pratt	Reading		
Gabriel Watts	Reading		
Kestia Rae Blackwell	Reading		
Lewis Palmer III	Math	Science	
Keiana A. Powell	Reading	Math	
Ashlei Renee Robins	Science		
Jacob Matthan Noah Webb	Math		
Shaquella K. Winn	Math		
Mark Steven Anthony	Reading	Math	
Alexandra Claire Fleming	Reading		
Marquis Lamont Godfrey	Reading	Math	
Twain Michael Henry	Reading	Math	
Princella Laverne Langs	Reading		
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Timothy Antonio Merrill	Reading	Math	
Cody Aaron Sloan	Reading		
Nathanael Elias Webb	Reading		
Janayia Deneise Anderson-McGrew	Writing	Reading	
Adam C. Hood	Writing	Reading	Math
Hannah E. McCoy	Writing	Reading	Math
Robert Barker	Reading		
D'Maujeric F. Tucker	Writing	Math	
Alexis S. Bragg	Math		
Eden Christian Henry	Reading	Math	
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Dimitri Vaughn Evans	Reading		
Forrest Xavier Lockhart	Writing		
Darryl Keith O'Quinn	Writing		
ShyAna R. Bolton-Johnson	Reading	Math	



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Henderson named to Walker watch list

LUBBOCK, Texas - Texas Tech senior RB **Taurean Henderson** (Gatesville, Texas) has been named to the field of candidates for 2005 Doak Walker Award, issued annually to the nation's top running back. Former Tech backs Byron Morris (1993) and Byron Hanspard (1996) picked up the honor during their careers.

Henderson is living proof that Texas Tech has a running game.

The versatile back has 2,369 career rushing yards and ranks eighth among this year's returning rushers nationally. Henderson's career total ranks seventh on the Tech career rushing list. Additionally, Henderson was named the country's No. 14 running back by *The Sporting News*.

In just three seasons as a Red Raider, Henderson has joined an elite list of collegiate football players with 1,000 rushing and

1,000 receiving yards during his career. Henderson joins former Tech All-American Donny Anderson (1963-65) on the list of 34 collegiate athletes throughout history who have done so. Henderson is the only active player on the list.

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