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Former President Jimmy Carter criticizes FEMA's role in Katrina relief



Jimmy Carter, former U.S. President, made comments regarding the response to Hurricane Katrina on Tuesday evening at the Carter Center in Atlanta. The Carter Center, in partnership with Emory University, is committed to advancing human rights and alleviating unnecessary human suffering. Founded in 1982 by Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, the Atlanta-based Center has helped to improve the quality of life for people in more than 65 countries.

Jimmy Carter, who as president created the Federal Emergency Management Agency, criticized the agency's response to Hurricane Katrina and what he called its diminished role under the Bush administration.

Top talent lined up for Black Movie Awards

A Celebration of Black Cinema: Past, Present & Future

PRNewswire - A distinguished list of high-profile talent will be on hand for Film Life's 2005 BLACK MOVIE AWARDS - A Celebration of Black Cinema: Past, Present & Future, presented by Turner Network Television (TNT), Cedric "The Entertainer" (Madagascar) will host the gala awards show that recognizes creative achievement by persons of African descent in feature-length motion pictures, both in front of and behind the camera, and honors outstanding films portraying the Black experience. This year's top award nominees include Crash, and Diary of a Mad Black Woman, each of which received six nominations, Hustle & Flow, which received four; and Coach Carter, with three nominations.



Cedric "The Entertainer"

Film Life's 2005 BLACK MOVIE AWARDS, executive produced by Jeff Friday, CEO of Film Life, Inc., and Suzanne de Passe, CEO of de Passe Entertainment, will premiere Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 10 p.m. (ET/PT), exclusively on TNT. Legendary actor, director, producer Sidney Poitier will receive the Distinguished Career Achievement Award, recognizing his trailblazing work as actor/writer/director for such films as *Lilies of the Field*, *In the Heat of the Night*, *Stir Crazy*, *For Love of Ivy*, and *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*.

Rosalynn, hold at The Carter Center.

In 1979, Carter was acting on a request from the National Governors' Association when he merged several federal disaster organizations into one entity - FEMA.

After a spate of hurricanes, earthquakes and other disasters in the 1960s and '70s, governors complained that as many as 19 federal agencies responded to the crises, making relief efforts inefficient.

Carter said he made three promises at the time: to always adequately fund the agency, to make sure its leaders were highly qualified and to ensure it would not become part of a larger agency.

"As you know, all three of those promises have been violated," Carter said.

Carter said that when President Bush made FEMA part of the new Department of Homeland Security in March 2003, it made the agency less efficient.

"This obviously lowered FEMA's stature so they would have to go through four or five levels of bureaucracy to get to the president," he said.

Carter also criticized Bush's

appointment of former FEMA Director Michael Brown, whom he called a political appointee who only got the job "because he was the former director's roommate."

Brown was recalled from the Gulf Coast Sept. 9 after FEMA was criticized for being slow and ineffective and his qualifications were questioned. He resigned three days later.

Carter said the nation should be dedicated to rebuilding flood-ravaged New Orleans, which he called one of his favorite cities and "a precious possession of our country."

He also said federal, state and local officials share the blame for responding too slowly to the aftermath of the storm, saying all should have been better prepared.

The Carters spent much of Tuesday evening's "Conversations at the Carter Center" highlighting the work they and the center have done working to eradicate disease in developing countries and monitoring elections in emerging democracies like Indonesia and Ethiopia.

Carter also defended this week's recommendation by a commission he co-chaired calling for a nationwide requirement that voters show photo identification at the polls.

He called the plan by the Commission on Federal Election Reform would require states to provide photo ID for free to all voters, to recruit new voters and to explain the law.

He called the proposal dramatically different from one passed in his home state of Georgia this year - which eliminated the use of previously accepted forms of identification, including Social Security cards, birth certificates and utility bills.

He called the Georgia law, passed under the first state Legislature controlled by Republicans since Reconstruction "absolutely obnoxious" and said it seems "specifically designed to prevent old people, poor people and African-Americans from voting."

A group of voter and civil rights groups have filed a federal lawsuit challenging the Georgia law, claiming that requiring voters without suitable identification to pay at least \$20 for a state ID card amounts to an illegal poll tax.

Brown Elementary superstars



These three young people are students at Brown Elementary. The young man on left is Diante Mitchell, age 9. Diante was chosen as "Star of the Week". He is the son of Jennifer Mitchell of Lubbock and Dion Mitchell of Lorenzo. The young lady is Ebony Mitchell, age 7. Ebony was chosen as "Best Bison". She is the daughter of Jennifer Mitchell and Dion Mitchell and brother of Diante Mitchell. At right is Xavier Martinez, age 7. Xavier was also chosen as "Best Bison". He is the son of Jessica Coppage and Oscar Martinez Jr. of Lubbock. All three children are active members of the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Crosbyton, participating in the choir, youth, and usher board. Way To Go!!!! God Bless You All.

Mayor takes action to ensure stability for Lubbock after hurricane relief efforts

Mayor Marc McDougal signed a proclamation Tuesday, September 20, 2005 stating that because Texas Governor Rick Perry has taken action declaring the State of Texas, being in a state of disaster, and because the Governor has once again asked the City of Lubbock to possibly house evacuees, this time from the Texas Gulf Coast, that Lubbock also was in a state of disaster because of Hurricane Rita.

The Mayor's proclamation also states that the City of Lubbock's Emergency Management Plan is implemented that the state of disaster shall continue unto such time as the proclamation is rescinded or continued by consent of the City Council not more than seven (7) days from Tuesday (9-20-05), and that expenditures of up to \$650,000 from the General Fund (to be reimbursed by federal emergency funds) are authorized for housing, food, clothing and other emergency items for care of the victims of Hurricane Rita.

The Proclamation takes effect immediately and asks that the information be spread as widely as possible.

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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
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Siremons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm, 1303 East 24th St. (oureach; 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 Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 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.

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Federation of Choirs, which has been in existence for more than 50 years, will meet Sunday afternoon, September 27, 2005, beginning at 2:30 p. m. at the St. John Baptist Church. Host pastor is Rev. Solomon Fields.

The monthly meeting for October 23, 2005, will be held at the Rising Star Baptist Church where Rev. H. Culver is host pastor.

The public is invited to attend three monthly meetings which brings together eleven of our local Black churches. The purpose of the Federation of Choirs is to create a closer relationship between the churches in the community, and produce another method of worship to God in songs.

Sister Bennie Sims is president.

Family Day is set for Monday, September 26, 2005. It is a national effort to bring more family members together at the table and talk about various issues in the community. So, why not use your knife, fork and spoon to communicate around the table in your own home. It is expected at least 10,000,000 families will take part in this effort. Why not do some of this in Chatman Hill.

One of our own, Minister Zairreus Patterson, delivered an

annual address for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at Texas A&M University last Sunday morning in College Station, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University, and now resides in Orange County, California.

Happy Birthday to the members of the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church as they prepare to celebrate the 80th Church Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, October 9, 2005, beginning at 3:00 p. m. J. C. Clark is The Shepherd, and Mrs. Ruth Roquemore is chairperson of the occasion. The public is invited to attend.

Let us support the upcoming variety show and Talent Show For Young adults, Youth and Children on October 22, 2005, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, from 5:30 p. m. until 7:30 p. m. The theme is "Be Proud Of What You Can Do." This event is being sponsored by the Lincoln/Douglass Committee.

For more information, call Emma Jackson at (806) 762-3350.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Today, it is them, and it could be one of us tomorrow. Among those shut in this week include Brother Tommy Cage who is at

his residence. Sister Linda Nash-Robinson had surgery last Monday morning, September 19, 2005, at Highland Hospital.

At the same time, let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them include Sister Sarah Bunton who lost her mother in Galveston, Texas, Sister Jewel Arceneaux. Her funeral was held on Saturday, September 10, 2005. Also, the step-father of Sister B. B. Adams, Brother John Henderson, was buried.

Congratulations to the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church for their successful Annual Youth Day Celebration last Sunday, September 18, 2005. Special guest speaker was Minister Dirrectrick Fennell of the Brookhollow Baptist Church of Houston, Texas. Dr. Ralph Douglas West is pastor.

All Grandparents are invited to attend Sunday School at New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday morning, September 25, 2005. A special tribute will be offered to all Grandparents during the children's promotion hour, from 9:4 a. m. until 10:45 a. m. Brother Ernest Swain is Sunday School Superintendent.

The Pastor and First Family, Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Moton, will be shown appreciation for their many efforts on Sunday afternoon, November 6, 2005. More on this in the near future.

In Remembrance

Jewel Arceneaux

Galveston (Special) - Funeral services for Mrs. Jewel Arceneaux were held Saturday afternoon, September 10, 2005, at the Live Oak Baptist Church with Pastor Vernon Baines officiating. Interment was held in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Wynn Funeral Home of Galveston.

Active pallbearers were Cedric Brooks, Richard Jones, Patrick Jefferson, James Gilbert, Jr., Christopher Gilbert and Dennis Martin.

Honorary pallbearers were Derrick Batiste, Hayman A. Jahi, Jr., Daharai Collins, Corey Gilbert, Marcus Bunton, Paul Jefferson, Walter Jefferson, Jr., Henry Batiste, Jr., Andre Jefferson and Isai'ah Collins.

Mrs. Arceneaux passed away in her home with her family around her Wednesday, August 31, 2005, after a lengthy illness.

She was born December 24, 1925, in Manning, Louisiana to James and Sarah Daniels. The family moved to Galveston where she attended Central High school, and graduated with the Class of 1944. After the completion of her education, she met and married Mr. Hymon Gilbert, and eight children were born to this union. Later, she married Mr. Bobbie Arceneaux, and they were blessed with two children.

She was a faithful member of the Live Oak Baptist Church where she was a faithful member for over 50 years. She was a take-charge type member, and served on many committees at the church. She served as a member of the Pastor's Support Group Committee, and the Usher Board. Over the years, she was employed by Shrines Burn Institute, Falstaff Brewery and the Galveston County Parks Department, where she retired.

She was active in political and social organizations in Galveston. Among them included was the Cedar Terrace Housing Authority where she was president. She was recognized and received many community awards including from such organizations as the League City Lions Club, Galveston County Beach Park Board, College of the Mainland, and the Galveston Isle Chapter of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TOP). She was elected as "Mother of the Year" by the Zeta Phi Beta Organization in 1997.

She is survived by her sons, Haymon T. Jahi (Aminah) of San Jose, California; James L. Gilbert of Galveston, Texas, and Bobbie Arceneaux, Jr. of Phoenix, Arizona; daughters: Sandra Batiste of LaMarque, Texas, Delores Martin, Joyce East (Lonzo) of Texas City, Texas, Sarah Bunton (Leon (deceased) of Lubbock, Texas, Marilyn Doty of Galveston, Texas, Dr. Dorie J. Gilbert Hess (Peter) of Austin, Texas, and Barbara J. Collins (James) of Kingsville, Texas; 24 grandchild-

ren; 33 great-grandchildren; and a host of family and devoted friends.

Bessie Lee Walker

Funeral services for Bessie Lee Walker were held Thursday morning, September 15, 2005, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.



Walker

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

She passed away Saturday, September 10, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center.

Robert Charles Williams

A former resident of Lubbock, Texas, Robert Charles Williams passed away. He was born May 27, 1948 in Cameron, Texas. His parents and a sister preceded him in death.



Williams

He moved to Lubbock in 1954, and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1967. He was a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. He was a resident of San Diego, California.

He leaves to mourn his passing: a son, Robert C. Williams, Jr.; six sisters; five brothers, a host of other relatives and friends.

FASHION FUN

with Shirley Roberson

What to look for this fall

Fashions this fall will be different, yet the same - a lot of the same, with different twist. So, expect:

- the basics. How great is that?
- Jackets, a "Bill" thoset, a little shawllet
- Tunic's, a. Beberman chic
- Jeans, beads and more beads
- sporting - sliding touches!
- Broomstick skirts, colorful, lightweight, lots of movement
- 3.5-in. crew tailored by women
- Bling bling & shoes, a brilliant idea
- Detailed deluxe denim, lots of
- lace, thin stripes and
- lattice, not so!

FASHION TIP: Bling, bling, a little FASHION - just for the fun of it!

Poetry contest to help victims of Hurricane Katrina

Poetry.com and The International Library of Poetry announced that they will donate one dollar (\$1.00) to the American Red Cross for every poem they receive during the month of September.

All poetry received will be entered into the International Open Amateur Poetry Contest, where over \$1,000,000.00 has been awarded to amateur poets. Poetry.com accepts all types of poetry.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19925, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem must be 24 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top

of the page. Entries must be post-marked or sent via email via the Internet by September 30, 2005. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com.

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1986, is the largest amateur poetry publisher and membership organization in the world.

Scholarship fund to be formed from upcoming variety & talent show

With the theme, "Be Proud of What You Can Do," the Lincoln/Douglass Committee will sponsor a Variety and Talent Show for Young Adults, Youth and Children, ages 2 thru 21, at Mae Simmons Community Center on October 22, 2005, from 5:30 p. m. until 7:30 p. m.

There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. A scholarship fund will be established through this event.

For more information contact Emma Jackson at 762-3350; Joan, 762-8063, Gloria, 441-3679 or Hillary Huichinson, 747-6591.

Mother of former Lubbock pastor passes

Mrs. Elizabeth Poe, mother of Rev. Danny R. Poe who was the former pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, passed away in her hometown, Smithville, Texas, last week.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Pendergrass-People Mortuary in Smithville. Services will be held at the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in Smithville on Saturday, September 24, 2005.

Mt. Vernon UMC to celebrate 80th Anniversary

The public is invited to attend the 80th Church Anniversary celebration of the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church set for Sunday afternoon, October 9, 2005, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The afternoon sermon will be delivered by Rev. V. L. Brown, pastor of the Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church.

Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church is the "Servant Church of Northwest Texas since 1925." Those in attendance will observe a historic fellowship of churches that has perpetuated for nearly 80. As it has been written, "The fields are ripe unto the harvest but the laborers are few."

J. C. Clark is The Shepherd, and Mrs. Ruth Roquemore is chairperson.

Community Dental Programs to benefit from golf tournament

South Plains District Dental Society will host its Second annual "Swings for Smiles" golf tournament Friday, Sept. 23 at Shadow Hills Golf Club. Check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. and tee off will follow at 8:30 a.m.

The tournament is open to the public and the entry fees for a four-person team are \$340. These entry fees include green fees, cart fee, range balls and lunch. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Community Outreach Dental Programs of Covenant Health System.

South Plains District Dental Society's mission is to increase awareness of the importance of oral health and raise awareness of unmet needs in the South Plains area. This golf tournament is one way to help make sure this mission is accomplished.

For more information or to register please contact Dr. William Parker at (806) 725-5820 or by e-mail at wparker@covhs.org.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Jesus is the answer

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

Psalm 2:1-2 - Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The Kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and His anointed.

I used to lie down at night, couldn't get no kind of good nights rest. My mind was so frustrated, and I had so much on it. It keeps me depressed.

Psalm 13:2 - How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

I was so worried about the TV news. It's trouble on the world's situation. There is trouble everywhere, and it is crippling this whole nation!

Matthew 24:6-8 - Jesus said, you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you be not troubled. For all these things must come to pass but the end is not yet. For nations shall rise against nations, and kingdoms against kingdoms, and there shall be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

There are drug wars in our neighborhoods, and on our main streets. There are so many killings, even cycle-king, and it's called air piracy.

Jeremiah 51:46 - The Lord said, lest your heart be lifted, and you fear for the rumor that shall be heard in the land. A rumor shall both come one year and after that in another year shall come a rumor, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

(That Devil's TV brings so much bad news. The wording for news is: NOT-EVEN-WORTH-SAYING!!!)

When I finish watching all the world's troubles on the 10:00 p. m. news, I toss and turn all night, because I am sleeping with other people's blues!

Isaiah 14:3a - It shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give rest from your sorrow and from your tear.

We've tried the lying Democrats, and we have tried the lying Republican man, and there is yet trouble everywhere. It's more that mankind can ever stand!

John 14:6 - Jesus said, I am

way, the truth and the life. No man comes unto the Father, but by me.

The world's smart doctors and the analyst can't get the sin problem licked. There are suicide and family murders, girl friend killings. This world is sick!!

Isaiah 30:1 - woe (cursed) to the rebellious children, said the Lord, that take counsel. But not of me, and that covers with a coveting but not of my spirit that they may add sin to sin.

But I know that I trust in the Lord, and now my whole life is so complete. He has given me the power of the Holy Spirit to keep the Devil under my feet!

Matthew 11:28-30 - Jesus said, come unto me all you that labor (weary) and are heavy laden (oppressed), and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (The Bible) upon you, and learn of me. For I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**** Today, I'm Free At Last. Free At Last! Thank God For Jesus, I'm Free At Last! ****



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Has the treatment of Black Americans changed in Louisiana?

As a black male growing up in East Texas, we were always taught not to go to jail in Louisiana. We were taught that we must always keep our hand clear and visible and preferably the steering wheel of our automobile if we were stopped by a backwood East Texas policeman and most so in Louisiana.

Those of us who were college students were made aware that we should speak the language of the land. We were made aware that most of the police had a level of education that ranged from 1st to 6th grade. In addition, those who were graduates of institution of higher education, IQ level still equal to an inadequate high school. Their methodology in criminal behavior was the night-stick and boots with steel cap toes.

Tales usually told, were the police that were hired allegedly had the strength and speak expressions of primates. They could carry two bales of hay or two sacks of 100 pounds rice under each arm. They could pick up the front or rear of a Volkswagen. They usually chewed tobacco and on the stalks of ribbon cane. Their diet included Boudin (Blood Sausage). The chemistry of their body odor was unique.

I was under the impression that a different species had evolved and things were changing in this part of the United States. It appears for black Americans especially and poor Americans things are the same with a new twist. For instance, the Associated Press reported in Kenner, Louisiana, a church deaconess, who had never been in trouble with the law, spent two weeks

among hardened criminals with a \$50,000 bail for allegedly stealing sausages.

The police say this 73-year-old diabetic looted \$63.50 in goods from a deli in Kenner after the day Katrina struck. Eyewitness and relatives stated an innocent woman who had gone to her car to retrieve a piece of sausage from the cooler and who had planned to grill it so she could eat was wrongfully arrested.

An officer who works in traffic enforcement neighboring New Orleans police stated "There were people looting, but she wasn't one of them. Instead of chasing after people who were looting they (white police) grabbed the aged senior citizen who was walking." The storeowner did not want to press charges.

The attorney for the old black lady said, "She has slipped through the cracks and the wheels of justice have stopped turning." And had it not been for her story in the Associated Press (Thank God for the 1st Amendment to the U. S. Constitution and the ASP) this old black lady would be still behind bars.

It is of worth to note that the old black lady's bail of \$50,000 was 100 times the \$500 maximum the state law for minor thefts. It is also important to note despite intervention from the nation's largest senior lobby-AARP, volunteer lawyers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and a private attorney, it took 16 days before another Louisiana judge would let her be united with her 80-year-old husband. This old black lady still has to face the looting charge at a court hearing in October.

This story would not be checked me as much if I had not personally experience in the mid-80s negative behavior from the State of Louisiana fine... I was returning from New Orleans from a national meeting of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to my pastoral charge of St. Paul in Beaumont, Texas. Somewhere along Interstate 10, in the midst of swampland, a Louisiana State Trooper stopped me. He walked up to my new Thunderbird and said, "Get out of the car BOY." He unbuckled the strap to his pistol. He said, "Didn't you see that car you pulled in front off (There was no car in front or to the side of me, I dared not dispute him or call him a lie for fear of him throwing me to the alligators and him sexual assaulting my wife. I was driving 55mph in the right hand lane of the freeway because I did not want to happen to me what was I was experiencing)? The policeman was large as the hairy primates in Planet of the Apes. He wanted to know whose car I had stolen and if not, who car it was - among other things. Fearing harm if I told him it was my vehicle; I referred to it as Mr. Kinsel's (The owner of the Ford Dealership in Beaumont). He told me, "Boy, take care of Mr. Kinsel's car..." Considering myself lucky, I could not help but stop at the nearest rest stop to pull myself together for I still had to pass through Vidor, Texas.

This is the 21st Century and it appears that time has stood still in some parts of Louisiana as to the treatment of black Americans. They are still living up to the euphemism they so proudly place on souvenirs and the like: "Coon-A**"

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The lesson continues from last week, which was taught by Sister Ernestine Fraizer. Her subject was: "How Long Before Christ's Return?"

"For the good that I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man; but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:19-24 KJV)

A prophecy of Jesus Christ: "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24:13-14 KJV)

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only." (Matthew 24:36 KJV)

The Wages of Sin

Jesus Christ knew that He was the Messiah, the "Lamb of God" (John 1:29). He asked The Father to relieve Him of the need to actually go through with it. Ironically, He prayed so hard that "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44 KJV). He asked three

times, in deep and sorrowful prayer, but God's answer was that it must be carried through. Why? Why did Jesus have to actually shed His blood as a sacrifice for humanity?

The Wages Of Sin Is Death

When humans became sinners, they became subject to the penalty of sin, which is death:

"Behold, he man is become as one of us, o know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever; Therefore The Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken." (Genesis 3:22-23 KJV)

"For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Genesis 3:19 KJV) "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23 KJV). Jesus Christ paid the death penalty for all humanity, by His shed blood."

"But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you" (I Peter 1:19-20 KJV)

"For this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28 KJV)

Satan's Greatest Fear

Despite the horrendous evil that he is still inflicting upon humanity, Satan has already been defeated; he just hasn't been removed yet. The Return of Jesus Christ will mark the end of Satan's rule and influence on earth. He will soon get

all that's coming to him, and he knows it.

"But woe unto you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" (Revelation 12:12 RSV)

Labour To Those That Rest

"Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest"

God doesn't get tired; He doesn't need to rest in the way that humans do. His rest was when He "ended his work which he had made."

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." (Hebrews 4:1-11 KJV)

Thanks again, Sister Fraizer. Please come and be with us again in the near future. You are an inspiration for all of us.

A thought: "One nation under God, how can man being so small challenge a name such as our Great "God". He's Jehovah El Shaddai. He's our supplier. Jehovah Rapha, God My Healer.

More Next Week! Thanks for reading, Saints!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Buresou, vice president; Sister Elmore Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, September 18, 2005, was another great day in the Lord at the St. Matthew

Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Sunday School began at 10:15 a. m. with the superintendent and teachers at their post of duty. Sister Nina Davis taught the morning lesson. It was

reviewed by Rev. Monte Smith. It was another outstanding lesson.

The morning devotion was led by Deacon Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson. The members of the senior Choir were at their post of duty, and sang out of their hearts and souls.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Monte Smith. His subject was "Press!" His

scripture text was Hebrews 12:1-8 and St. Matthew 26:36-40. It was very heart filling for everyone who was in attendance.

Our pastor and wife were out-of-town last week. All members missed Pastor and Sister Canady last Sunday morning.

Thought For The Week: "When it's time to breathe a prayer of thanks, don't hold your breath

Covenant to sponsor weekly grief support group

The Spiritual Care Department of Covenant Health System will sponsor a weekly grief support group at St. John's Methodist Church, at 15th Street and University Avenue. The meetings will be held every Monday from 7-8 p.m., and began on September 12. Parking is free and all are welcome to attend.

Rev. Joyce Bromm, Chaplain at Joe Arrington Cancer Center, will lead the weekly meetings. "Part of our ministry is to not

only help people when they are in the hospital, but to help them outside of the hospital, too. We heard consistent requests of families that have lost loved ones ones need for another grief support group in the community," Bromm said.

The sessions will consist of a speaker for 15 minutes, followed by an open forum for peo-

ple to share their stories and needs with others. The topics will rotate on 8-week cycles, although in November and December, the sessions will focus mainly on getting through the holidays.

For more information, contact Rev. Joyce Bromm in the Spiritual Care Department at (806) 725-6946.

Wilson, Brown, Cavanaugh family reunion

The second family reunion of the Brown-Wilson-Cavanaughs was held over the Labor Day weekend. What a glorious time we had! They came from all over: Washington, D.C., Mesa, Arizona, Norfolk, Virginia and Silver Springs, Maryland. We

also have relatives here in Lubbock, including grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sons and daughters-in-law. Oh, what a time we had! It was held in the home of Rev. and Mrs. James Cavanaugh. All are looking forward to the next one!

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Conversation: A dialogue on racism

(Editor's Note: This is the continuation of an Internet conversation between two African-American men, John Wiseman of Lubbock, Texas and David Wilson of Chicago, Ill., who are both members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. This conversation apparently came about because of the Katrina Hurricane.)

John Wiseman - It's really sad that people read and see what they want to instead of comprehending what was really communicated. If nothing else, I am teaching my kids to not be ignorant to the FACT that racism exist. Now-a-days when someone raises the flag on racism, people want to dismiss that it exists and say "Here we go again with the Race Card." Again, America has

not overcome 400 years of racial injustice toward people of color in the last 45 years. The year I was born, 1960, African-Americans still were not allowed to vote, so don't get on some high horse and tell me not to make my kids aware that it exists. I, as most African-Americans born during that time, attempt to teach our kids that they must perform "a rite of." We tell them that they need to know that the playing field is not level and they must give their best every time, because the margin of error for them is not the same. My parents taught me that and because of it, the foundation of my work ethic was established early. Comments, like that of Squishy and Wolf2, again confirm the arrogance and ignorance of the declining majority. Thanks for

the suggestion on how our kids should be taught, however, you can't speak on something you don't attempt to try to understand. First rule of sales or negotiations is to acknowledge the concern, or the obvious and Racism is still alive and kicking in America. The mere fact that the KKK has survived this long is evidence of how deep it runs in this country. Is it getting better? Yes, however, don't pretend that it doesn't exist and don't tell me to not inform my kids of the challenges they will face because of it. In all my posts, specific to Katrina, I merely said that the delay in rescue could be related to RACE and to not acknowledge that possibility would be crazy and from that go to my comments (among others) are crippling our African-

American kids and I am a racist. Wake up, man, and think outside the box, because knowledge is power.

David Wilson - Racism IS alive and kicking - and let's acknowledge that it goes in more than one direction. (This coming from an African-American.) But to even suggest that in a time of crisis we are not trying to get through this together, with as little loss as possible, is to be a weak link. We should all be pulling together. I understand what you are saying 100%, for us to not be naive, but why not live by faith in our fellow man? Faith in one another as brothers and sisters of all colors, and not even pull out that same ol' song and dance. Why not believe in one another, at least for a day? Why even suggest

it when it produces no positives. I see these kids on a daily basis trying to use their race as an out, as the reason they are being cheated, and as a reason they are not being successful. Am I saying that all black children are not successful? No... but the ones that struggle, the ones that are in trouble regularly, are ALWAYS trying to throw the race card into the mix.

John Wiseman - How can you make such a broad general statement as, "And yes, the more children hear this sort of talk, this crap that African-Americans are treated with less affection, care, and worth by their own government and local officials, they inadvertently are being taught to pull that "race card" as others like

to put it. Now racism is the reason, the excuse, the culprit, for the problem at hand, and all their future problems as well." The only people I see that use the "race card" are mistaken people like you. We as African-Americans don't hold the race card; we are the face on the card. Again, you continue to show you have no knowledge on what you are speaking of. I will give you this that in this time of despair people from all walks of life are reaching out to help and support their brother man when you make broad general statements about the probability of a generation, it confirms the existence of the subject matter in discussion.

(Continued Next Week!)

Simple test can save your eyesight: African-Americans at special risk

Sports legend Willie Mays and actress Diahann Carroll share a common interest: educating the African-American community of the risks of glaucoma through a national video campaign called "Glaucoma and You."

Joining the campaign is M. Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S., president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, who also was named as the national spokesperson of the project.

Wilson said more than half a million African-Americans are diagnosed with glaucoma, and an additional quarter million may have it and not be aware because of the lack of symptoms.

"Glaucoma and You" is a 30-minute educational video developed to increase glaucoma awareness, diagnosis and treatment among African-Americans. Wilson said the goal of the project is to ignite a call to action within the community that encourages African-Americans to visit eye care professionals earlier in life and get screened for glaucoma before serious damage from the disease can occur.

"Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in African-

Americans," Wilson said. "It normally progresses so slowly that there are no warning signs before permanent damage have occurred to the eye. Educating the African-American community of the importance of having a yearly eye exam could detect glaucoma and prevent vision loss."

Although glaucoma can affect everyone, Wilson said African-Americans are more susceptible to the disease, according to the Glaucoma Research Foundation, glaucoma is three to four times more common in African-Americans than in Caucasians.

Wilson added that African-Americans ages 45 to 65 are seven times more likely to go blind from glaucoma than Caucasians with glaucoma in the same age group.

"African-Americans need to understand the risks of this devastating disease and realize that the earlier it is diagnosed, the better chance they have of protecting their eyes and preserving their sight," Wilson said.

Glaucoma is a disease of the optic nerve, which is the nerve that connects the eye to the brain. Wilson said when the natural fluid

inside the eye does not drain properly, pressure within the eye can increase, damaging the optic nerve and leading to loss of vision.

Wilson adds that treatment options focus on reducing eye pressure. Ophthalmologists may prescribe daily eye drops, which have been shown to reduce the development of glaucoma in people with elevated eye pressure by almost 50 percent. Other options in people with glaucoma may include surgery, either laser or conventional, to help fluid drain

more effectively to relieve eye pressure.

Wilson, an internationally recognized glaucoma researcher and ophthalmologist, was recently inducted into the American Ophthalmological Society, the oldest subspecialty society in the country. He also was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in October 2003.

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Rawls Golf Course receives accolades

Texas Tech University's Jerry S. Rawls Golf Course was picked as the editor's choice for best golf courses by Texas Co-op Power magazine.

The magazine, with a circulation of 1 million, announced the winners of its "Best of Co-Op Country 2005" in its September issue. The award was the result of the 2005 "Best in Co-op Country" contest sponsored by the magazine.

"We are very proud to have been chosen by South Plains Electric Cooperative as the best course in Texas," said Jack North, managing director for the course. "This adds to numerous accolades we already have received over the short time we've been open."

In 2003, it was named in Golf Magazine's list of top ten new courses. In 2004, it was listed by the magazine as one of the Top 50 golf courses in the nation where golfers can play for under \$50. It also was listed among Golf Digest's 100 greatest courses and as the third best university courses in the United States by Golfweek. Additionally, it has enjoyed features in publications including Golf Travel and Leisure Magazine and the Dallas Morning News.

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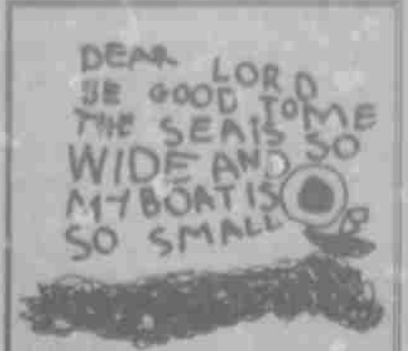


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Take a look at who was left behind by Katrina

By Marian Wright Edelman

The Children's Defense Fund's logo illustrated by 7-year-old Marin Cote is a drawing of a bright sun shining on a small boat with a tiny sail adrift on a very wide sea. Above the drawing, in Maria's handwriting, is the ancient traditional fisherman's prayer: "Dear Lord, be good to me. The sea is so wide and my boat is so small."



LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND

These words have a poignant and tragic resonance today with so many American children, adults, and families adrift and in need. Across the Gulf Coast region, Hurricane Katrina left waves of devastation so wide and deep it is hard for any of us to bear but especially already fragile children and families.

So many questions have risen about what should have been done differently in the days leading up to the hurricane and just after the storm struck. In New Orleans particularly, where so much of the most dramatic suffering happened after the hurricane, there is no question about two of the major causes behind the city's tragedy. The chronic quiet twin tsunamis of poverty and race that have been snuffing out the lives and hopes of millions of American children were laid bare there.

Many Americans were shocked that thousands of people trapped in New Orleans weren't able to leave the city during the "mandatory evacuation" because they did not have cars, credit cards,

or the money to find another way out of the city. Who exactly was left behind? The television cameras have already shown us the plain truth: most of the residents left behind were Black, many were poor, and many were families with children. Let's look at the facts:

One out of every three children in New Orleans lived in a household that didn't own a vehicle, and nearly all of those children were Black. More than 98 percent of children in car-less households lived in minority households and 56 percent of them lived in Black households. Almost two out of five Black children in New Orleans lived in a household without a car compared to fewer than 4 percent of White children.

Not surprisingly, families who didn't own vehicles were also more likely to be poor. Over half of all poor households and nearly 60 percent of poor Black households in New Orleans didn't own a car. Without transportation of their own, these families had few choices to get out of New Orleans safely before the hurricane. In a city where almost two in five children lives in poverty, bus or train tickets would have been just as unaffordable for many families as a car note or gas money. So many of these children and families were forced to stay and try to ride out the storm as best they could. These were the people stranded on the roofs of their homes, on the exit ramps of highways, or in the unspeakable conditions at the city's "shelters of last resort." And as we know, there wasn't just one child left behind in New Orleans during the "mandatory evacuation," or just a few, but thousands and thousands.

The whole world was horrified by the images of all of the desperate people left behind in the hurricane. But they are the same poor children and adults America has left behind for decades to weather social and economic storms - faceless and voiceless - without help

and just treatment in our rich nation. Now that the veil of neglect and inequality has been torn off showing that the American empire and emperor have no clothes, it is time to act. Not to know it had. To know and to do nothing is inexcusable. It is time to reset our nation's moral and political compass.

We must work together not only in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, but throughout the country to help working families hanging on the precarious razor's edge poverty creates. Crumbling schools, lack of health care, and loss of food stamps, after-school programs, and childcare are daily hardships for millions of children across the nation. We don't want to send the thousands of dislocated people who deal with extreme hardships every day back to the same life that they had before the hurricane. They need decent paying jobs and job training. They need a safe, stable place to live. They need good schools to send their children to. They need quality childcare and after-school programs when they work. They need safe and healthy communities. This time when God has troubled the waters, as our slave forebears sung, can and must become a time of hope and action to ensure access to opportunity for the 37 million poor Americans including 13 million children.

We must keep this story alive after the water recedes until the needs of our children and families are met. We must not forget the anguished faces when they no longer occupy the front pages of the newspapers. And we must say over and over again now to our political leaders in Congress: stop the tax cuts for the rich and budget cuts for poor children and families.

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 Good Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.*

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THIS 'N' THAT

WE ALL SHOULD HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING! THIS N THAT is hoping all of us, no matter our station in life, all learned something from HURRICANE KATRINA. This disaster took many lives and destroyed properties belonging to the rich and poor. **THIS N THAT** would hope the lesson learned from all of this is that **WE NEED EACH OTHER.** We should all remember that and carry it over into our daily lives, regardless of our station in life. None of us can make it all by ourselves, and it goes for all of us, regardless of our economic posture in the world. Just think, 40% of those caught in the hurricane in New Orleans didn't have transportation, but were in the same posture as a person with a BMW or Mercedes. The point is, all were in the same situation, regardless of what we thought we owned or had as our possession. Just think of what happened to those of us who were residents of Lubbock on **MAY 11, 1970.** We were in the same boat and had to get along together. The same thing is true today. **WE NEED EACH OTHER,** no matter what part of Lubbock we live in. And we hope **WE ALL LEARNED SOMETHING** from what happened in the Gulf Coast Region of the United States. It was called HURRICANE KATRINA, but **THIS N THAT** calls it a **WAKE UP CALL FOR AMERICA!** **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS:** "If a BAT-

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unwittingly to reach this goal by **JANUARY, 2006!** When you see her going to and fro in the community, let's continue to encourage her, as she has a worthwhile program. There is no doubt about it, all of this comes from her teachings by a couple who gave Lubbock, Texas **35 YEARS OF THEIR DEDICATED LIVES!** So let's help her with this goal, and when she accomplishes her feat, all of us will benefit. Yes, Sister Struggs we hear you, and many will help you. **BERT MCWILLIAMS IS GOOD SELECTION! THIS N THAT** is glad the Board of Directors of the **THEODORE PHEA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** chose **BERT MCWILLIAMS** as the new executive director. He brings much experience, and is a living testimony of what can happen in life if you work hard attempting it. **THEODORE PHEA,** the person that the club is named after, was a man of positive ideas who touched the lives of many young people in Lubbock. If **BERT MCWILLIAMS** implements some of the principles taught to him while a student at the club, then many boys and girls will benefit. **CONGRATULATIONS, BERT MCWILLIAMS!** You'll do well for our young people! Keep in mind, this newspaper will be looking for some positive news from these boys and girls, and we know... without any doubt, the boys will keep their pants pulled up!



Think About It! It's too late to stop now!

by Eddie P. Richardson

So long has our long denied communities been overlooked, by passed and ignored, but finally, after many, many years of struggles, begging and crying for help, along comes the North and East Lubbock Development Corporation. It is a corporation which did a massive feasibility study to find out what will work, how and why. John Hall was hired as its executive director. All of this was done after several trips to the Dallas Metroplex to observe a similar situation. He was hired to be the quarterback of this economic development team.

At the beginning, the support was great, but as time has gone by, it appears as though some support has diminished. This is what always happens when a positive project is new. The support is tremendous, but as time goes by, the support slowly fades away.

In order to be successful, one has to find a project or program and stick with it - through thick and thin - until the end. That is how and only how you will win the game. The only way to win a game, in this writer's opinion, is to just start tall. Over the many years, we have jumped on many wagons, only to jump off before we reach the destination. You must keep on keeping on, regardless of the difficulties.

In this writer's opinion, we have

apparently allowed Crown on, the North and East Lubbock Plan. It appears as though John Hall needs our help (Citizens) and support more than ever before. There is no doubt about it: we have people in position who can help the program. We have a few people in position who could be a valuable asset to the project, but has never supported the program. Not only have they not supported this program, but nothing that was designed to move the minority or depressed communities ahead.

Too long, we have sit around on our behinds and waited for someone else to do for us what we should and could do for ourselves. For our long denied communities to become the competitive marketplaces with its goods and services, the leadership must come and should come from us within the community. This must be done with the support and help of others who want to see us become a part of the tax rolls and off the relief rolls.

In order to be an example for our young people, we have to be seen in the community in positive roles and as positive role models, such as Black plumbers, electricians, police, firemen, management, laborers, and teachers - especially males in elementary schools so our young people can see some positive male role models tolerate.

We need to re-evaluate our standards for role models. That person doesn't have to be a professional athlete, show person, musician, entertainer or any kind of a celebrity. It could be a parent, teacher, school-teacher, community leader, janitor, street sweeper or any community person with good moral character, good citizenship. A role model should not, must not be a pimp, dope dealer, hustler or any kind of a fug.

From a national point of view, how and why should Halliburton receive the contract for the construction of the infrastructure in Iraq, with price gouging and now it appears they will have some kind of a contract for the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast area of this country. Why? The word is they (Halliburton) have and had the contracts before the bidding begun. Is it because of the Vice President's connection? It will be interesting to see who ends up with the rebuilding contract.

Closing Thought: "Never apologize for showing feelings. When you do so, you apologize for the truth." (Benjamin Disraeli)

Slow the heck down and stay off the cell phone in school zones or stand a chance of going to jail for hitting or killing a child. Stay off the damn cell phone in school zones! Nuf Sed! Why Not!

Commentary from Red Cross Volunteer

The following was written by a dedicated citizen of Lubbock who volunteered hours and days and weeks of time to the Red Cross and the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina who came to our city. Bill Curnow has shown himself to be an astute and caring person, and has also been recognized by leaders of the recovery cause for his efforts.

The letter shown here was also published in another local newspaper, but we're including more context surrounding the letter. We hope you can enjoy this and be proud of the volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to help strangers in need. We will publish more of Mr. Curnow's comments in coming issues. The crisis may have been dealt with, but the goodness of people should never be forgotten. Please keep in mind that this was written in past weeks, and the calls for volunteers is an old issue. However, with Hurricane Rita set to send us a new group of evacuees, the call for volunteers is likely to be renewed.

You Lubbock!
Tuesday, September 6
Yes, they're still looking for volunteers, although this morning we had plenty. Around 4:00 am we looked up and there were nine fresh faces asking us what we needed done. Apparently as different sections shut down for the night they sent their helpers, mostly Tech students, over to the shelter.

The real fun came around 6:00 am. We'd been operating with eight nursing students for most of the evening but a bus must have arrived at dawn. We looked up and 30-35 students in Raider Red scrubs came walking in. Looked like an invasion.

Some numbers: we received 408 people on Saturday. Around 350 are at Reese with the rest at either UMC or the Salvation Army (they're wheelchair friendlier than an old airbase). Since they've arrived, around 50 have

either left to be with family or will leave in the next few days.

When I left yesterday around noon the shelter was still pretty much a shelter: a couple of tables and a whole lot of beds. When I returned last night it had turned into more of a home. A playroom had been set up as well as a couple of TVs and a Playstation. We'd found a couple of basketball hoops, dug out a bunch of chairs, and some of the girls had set up a hopscootch "thing" with some tape.

Anyway, if you'd like to help out, you can call the Red Cross at 765-8534 and the Salvation Army at 765-9434.



In Cinque by Renetta Howard



As time progresses, we find the chasm between the young and old becoming wider and wider. Older individuals are living longer and stronger and can see how the moral fiber of this country has a lot to be desired. Our young people just do not seem to be concerned about morality.

It was precarious enough before the California legislature passed a bill to make the so-called gay marriages legal, but things have really gotten out of hand when our youth, not yet old enough to vote, outwardly admit that they are 'gay' or homosexual. To admit the status of their feelings and actions is one thing, but when they attempt to force others to join their ranks, that is another thing.

Just as the so-called 'straight' people, heterosexual individuals, have not been successful in showing the 'gay' people the disadvantage of their lifestyles, and how it deviates from the norm, no person has a right to attempt to force another individual into a devious way of life, especially at a youthful age. This is criminal. It fits into the same category as rape. No high school attendance day should be disrupted by any kind of initiation of sexual or social leanings.

People are born with certain sexual identifications and much of the social leanings are learned, especially those that deviate from the normal acceptance of society. It is this learned behavior when forced on others, which borders on the criminal. Parents know a child when it is born, what the child is, and what they expect it to be. Abnormal leanings are too often learned behavior, which is learned outside the home. If it becomes rampant, chances are,

parents are not paying close enough attention to what their children are doing and with whom they associate.

Parents need to know their children's mends, their backgrounds and as much of their life intentions as possible before permitting a long continuous association with them. Peer pressure is too often stronger than family approval. It does not mean that parents should give up on their children. It means that they should fight harder to keep their children on the straight and narrow, to help them fulfill their dreams. It means that parents should make their children more accountable for their actions, while making sure they, the parents, are also accountable. The buck stops at home or at the police precinct. We need to get 'in cinque' and pay more attention to our children and try to understand them and teach them right from wrong, at HOME, at SCHOOL and at CHURCH.

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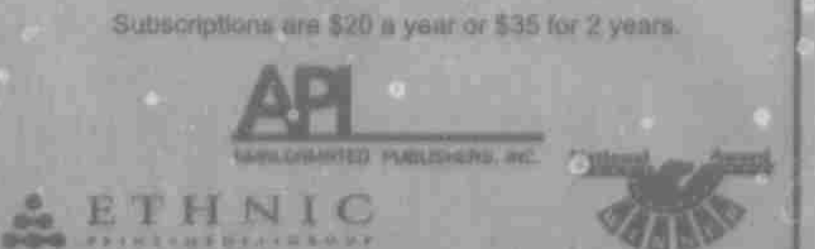
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Katrina exposes the "Invisible Poor"

By Theodore M. Shaw, Director-Counsel and President NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Even before Katrina ripped a path of destruction through the Gulf Coast, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) and other civil and human rights advocates were advocating for more enlightened policies affecting class and race. In Georgia, for example, LDF was opposing a new voter identification program requiring government-issued picture I.D. on the ground that it would disfranchise eligible poor and minority voters. Many poor people do not have drivers' licenses, the burden of traveling to a government office, sometimes in another county, and paying a fee for an I.D. card would dissuade some voters from registering. Many proponents scoffed at that notion, unable or unwilling, to comprehend that such a seemingly innocuous requirement could prevent anyone from registering to vote.

Then came Katrina. The nation watched as New Orleans was evacuated - or so we thought. Those who could left by the tens and hundreds of thousands. Those who could not - the "invisible" poor, stayed. As the hurricane hit, most people thought that a relatively small number of people who could not or would not leave were safely ensconced in the Superdome to ride out the storm. The ugly reality, that those who were too poor to own cars and who had no place and no means to go numbered in the hundreds of thousands, only became apparent as New Orleans descended into a hellish nightmare that most Americans like to think could happen anywhere

but here. Yet it did. As the faces of the "invisible" poor were revealed, they were overwhelmingly black. Once again, race exploded openly into the national conscience. The issue of race is always a major sub-text in American life, but we like to deny it or treat it as if it were one of those nineteenth century diseases that had been largely eradicated by twentieth century medicine. Periodically there might be an isolated case or two among the unsocialized, but for the most part, the disease had been wiped out.

The truth is that race has always been and continues to be this nation's great affliction, and we know it. We choose to live in denial about the truth of race precisely because our nation's history of racism still holds so much power and explosiveness that we think we are better off if we make race the "third rail" in American life. Even, even if we acknowledge the continued realities of race and racism - we are tired, bone weary tired of it. So we live in this carefully constructed denial of race and racism in which we prefer to soothe ourselves with the pabulum of fictional color-blindness.

Katrina exposed the issue of race once again, as it did the issue of class. While the news cycle is short and this momentary candor is already fading, the underlying realities of race and class remain.

The Legal Defense Fund is bringing its expertise and resources to post-Katrina relief. First response needs of Katrina victims obviously are basic and immediate concerns involving saving lives, and providing food, shelter and medical care. Second wave issues will include a thicket of legal questions, civil and criminal, of staggering proportion. LDF has reached out to lawyers across the nation in civil rights organizations, bar associations and law

firms in order to begin coordination of pro bono legal services. And we are moving to represent New Orleans residents facing various criminal charges, including looking 'beby clothes' for their one year old child. Black elected officials from Louisiana are seeking LDF's assistance in legal matters that they see on the horizon affecting the African-American community. LDF had clients in various cases pending when Katrina hit; we are finding our clients and ascertaining next steps on their behalf. And we are examining a range of legislative and regulatory issues that Congress and federal agencies must address.

Katrina has brought out the best and the worst in people in New Orleans, the Gulf Coast region, and around the nation. Just as it is true on an individual level adversity tests character, it is true for our nation. We believe that this is a time to articulate and pursue a better vision of our nation. This is not a time for Congress to further cut programs that provide health care for poor people, or to enact further tax cuts for the wealthy. It is time for a "paradigm shift", in which we as a nation commit ourselves to the adoption of priorities and policies which leave no person in this nation behind, mired in poverty and shackled by racism. What happened in New Orleans after Katrina was a warning that we ignore at our deepest peril.

MDA Telethon raises \$54.9 million, assists in hurricane relief

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Sept. 5, 2005 - A nationwide outpouring of support for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon brought \$54,921,586 to the Association in contributions and pledges.



Legendary entertainer Jerry Lewis concludes his 40th annual Labor Day Telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Monday by singing his signature song, "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Special appeals during the Telethon were expected to raise about \$1 million for relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. These contributions were funneled to the Salvation Army's program, along with a \$1 million donation from MDA.

Last year's Telethon raised \$59.4 million to fund muscular dystrophy research and services. "I'm overjoyed that we were able to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina and at the same time continue our 40-year tradition of helping 'cry kids,'" Lewis said. "Of course, I'm not surprised. The American people have never let me down."

The 21½-hour Telethon originated from the International Ballroom of The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif., beginning Sunday night, and was broadcast nationwide and in Canada on nearly 200 TV stations in MDA's "Love Network."

A highlight of the show was the presentation to Lewis of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences' Governors Award, in recognition of his work for MDA, especially through the Telethon. The special Emmy also will be presented during Sunday's Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards.

In addition to the tote board figure, which reflects pledges and donations, a number of MDA sponsors presented checks representing their year-round fund-raising efforts for MDA. Leading this group was the International Association of Fire Fighters with a record contribution of \$21 million.

MDA Board member Ed McMahon returned as the Telethon's anchor, while Jan Carl from "Entertainment Tonight," TV personality Cynthia Garrett and

comedian Norm Crosby assisted Lewis as co-hosts.

In addition to hosting the Telethon's youth segments, award-winning teen singer and MDA National Youth Chairman Billy Gilman performed songs from his latest album, "Everything and More."

Among those appearing on the show were Celine Dion, Elton John, Barry Manilow, the Back Street Boys, Richard Marx, George Clinton, Big Boi, Voodoo Daddy, Tony Orlando and dozens more.

Profiled and interviewed on the Telethon were several families who are living with neuromuscular diseases.

MDA National Goodwill Ambassador Morgan Fritz, 6, of St. Peters, Mo., who has spinal muscular atrophy, charmed the audience with her spunk and intelligence. She was accompanied by her parents, Pat and Susan.

Jeni Stepanek, the mother of the late Mattie J.T. Stepanek, also appeared live on the show.

The Telethon drew international viewers via its live Webcast at www.mdaua.org through streaming media provided by Real Networks.

"This remarkably successful effort will mean a lot to the tens of thousands of individuals and families who are fighting neuromuscular diseases," Lewis said. "I'd like to thank everyone involved in making this really terrific show one of the best Telethons ever."

Symphony season opens this weekend

On September 23rd and 24th, the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, in partnership with PlainsCapital Bank, will kick off the "Season of the Maestro" with Music Director candidate, Timothy Hankewich. Maestro Hankewich has recently completed his fifth season as Associate Conductor of the Kansas City Symphony and was promoted to Resident Conductor. The featured guest artist is American pianist, Jeremy Denk. Mr. Denk was the winner of the 1995 piano concerto at Juilliard, and is one of today's most compelling young artists. His performances have been broadcasted on National Public Radio. He will be performing Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No. 1*. The orchestra will also be

performing Beethoven's *Egmont Overture* and Dvorak's *Symphony No. 7*. Tickets for the concert start at \$17 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Symphony office at 762-1688, or visiting the LSO office at 1313 Broadway, Suite 2 (the LP&L Plaza Annex located on Broadway and Avenue M). You can also purchase tickets at our new website, www.lubbocksymphony.org. MasterWorks series subscriptions are also still available. For as little as \$75 (\$50 if you are a student) you can join us for a season of outstanding music and brilliant performances. For more information, please call 762-1688.

United Supermarkets' hurricane relief effort tops \$300,000, enters final days

United Supermarkets' hurricane relief effort enters its final days having raised more than \$300,000 for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The promotion, which allows customers to add a donation to their grocery bill when they check out, will officially come to an end at the close of business this Saturday (Sept. 24).

All proceeds are being divided equally between the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army.

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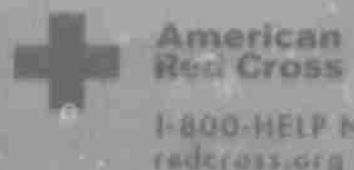
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