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DeLay indicted in campaign finance probe



A Texas grand jury on Wednesday charged Rep. Tom DeLay and two political associates with conspiracy in a campaign finance scheme, forcing the House majority leader to temporarily relinquish his post. DeLay was accused of a criminal conspiracy along with two associates, John Colyandro, former executive director of a Texas political action committee formed by DeLay, and Jim Ellis, who heads DeLay's national political committee.



A Texas grand jury on Wednesday Sept. 28, 2005 charged House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, (R-Texas) and two political associates with conspiracy in a campaign finance scheme, an indictment that has forced him to step down as House majority leader.

"knowingly make a political contribution" in violation of Texas law outlawing corporate contributions. It alleged that DeLay's Texans for a Republican Majority political action committee accepted \$155,000 from companies, including Sears Roebuck, and placed the money in an account.

The PAC then wrote a \$190,000 check to an arm of the Republican National Committee and provided the committee a document with the names of Texas State House candidates and the amounts they were supposed to have received in donations.

The indictment included a copy of the check.

The indictment against the second-ranking, and most assertive Republican leader came on the final day of the grand jury's term. It followed earlier indictments of a state political action committee founded by DeLay and three of his political associates.

Kevin Madden, DeLay's spokesman, dismissed the charge as politically motivated.

"This indictment is nothing more than prosecutorial retribution by a partisan Democrat," Madden said, citing prosecutor Ronnie Earle, a Democrat.

"We regret the people of Texas will once again have their taxpayer dollars wasted on

Ronnie Earle's pursuit of headlines and political paybacks."

The grand jury action is expected to have immediate consequences in the House, where DeLay is largely responsible for winning passage of the Republican legislative program. House Republican Party rules require leaders who are indicted to temporarily step aside from their leadership posts.

However, DeLay retains his seat representing Texas' 22nd congressional district, suburbs southwest of Houston.

DeLay has denied committing any crime and accused the Democratic district attorney leading the investigation, Ronnie Earle, of pursuing the case for political motives.

Democrats have kept up a crescendo of criticism of DeLay's ethics, citing three times last year that the House ethics committee admonished DeLay for his conduct.

Earlier, DeLay attorney Bill White told reporters, "It's a skunky indictment if they have one."

As a sign of loyalty to DeLay after the grand jury returned indictments against three of his associates, House Republicans last November repealed a rule requiring any of their leaders to step aside if indicted. The rule was reinstated in January after lawmakers

returned to Washington from the holidays fearing the repeal might create a backlash from voters.

DeLay, 58, also is the center of an ethics swirl in Washington. The 11-term congressman was admonished last year by the House ethics committee on three separate issues and is the center of a political storm this year over lobbyists paying his and other lawmakers' tabs for expensive travel abroad.

Wednesday's indictment stems from a plan DeLay helped set in motion in 2001 to help Republicans win control of the Texas House in the 2002 elections for the first time since Reconstruction.

A state political action committee he created, Texans for a Republican Majority, was indicted earlier this month on charges of accepting corporate contributions for use in state legislative races. Texas law prohibits corporate money from being used to advocate the election or defeat of candidates; it is allowed only for administrative expenses.

With GOP control of the Texas legislature, DeLay then engineered a redistricting plan that enabled the GOP take six Texas seats in the U.S. House away from Democrats — including one lawmaker switching parties — in 2004 and build its majority in Congress.

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 Simmons 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. (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 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, 7:35 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-Poin. Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

"I have notified the speaker that I will temporarily step aside from my position as majority leader pursuant to rules of the House Republican Conference and the actions of the Travis County district attorney today," DeLay said.

GOP congressional officials said Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., will recommend that Rep. David Dreier (news, bio, voting record) of California step into those duties. Some of the duties may go to the GOP whip, Rep. Roy Blunt (news, bio, voting record) of Missouri. The Republican rank and file may meet as early as Wednesday night to act on Hastert's recommendation.

The charge carries a potential two-year sentence, which forces DeLay to step down under House Republican rules.

"The defendants entered into

an agreement with each other or with TRMPAC (Texans for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee) to make a political contribution in violation of the Texas election code," says the four-page indictment. "The contribution was made directly to the Republican National Committee within 60 days of a general election."

The indictment accused DeLay of a conspiracy to

Many Hurricane Rita victims still awaiting relief

Nearly four days after Hurricane Rita hit, many of the storm's sweetening victims are still waiting for electricity, gasoline, water and other relief. The situation prompted one top emergency official to complain that people are "living like cavemen." In the hard-hit refinery towns of Port Arthur and Beaumont, crews struggled to cross debris-clogged streets to deliver generators and water to people stranded by Rita. They predicted it could be a month before power is restored, and said water and sewer systems could not function until more generators arrived.

Hurricane Rita victims along the rural Texas Gulf Coast are waiting to see whether their complaints about sluggish federal and state aid result in speedier action in the coming days.

Mayor Oscar Ortiz expressed cautious optimism after meeting with Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday, but said he's still relying more on private companies

and individuals than the government as the city struggles to recover.

"I'm just hoping (the government) comes through," Ortiz said. "It seems like the larger towns in the news are the ones getting the help."

Nederland City Manager Andre Wimer said "it's been a terribly frustrating four days" because of problems getting help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"I can appreciate the difficulty in responding to a disaster that was this widespread but at the same time we certainly feel we've not received a level of service that was satisfactory," he said. Perry and President Bush surveyed parts of the damaged region Tuesday, asking for patience while federal and state relief makes it way there.

"There's always going to be those discombobulations, but the fact is everyone is doing everything possible to restore power

back to this area," Perry said.

About 476,000 people remained without electricity in Texas on Tuesday, in addition to around 285,000 in Louisiana. About 15,000 out-of-state utility workers were being brought to the region to help restore power. Ortiz was blocking residents from returning for three to five days because of a lack of services. The estimated 2,000 people who stayed put during the storm, which made landfall Saturday along the Texas-Louisiana border, face an overnight curfew.

After complaining about a sluggish federal response, Port Arthur received 121 small generators Tuesday afternoon. Ortiz planned to give them to emergency personnel first and then to merchants who provide high-demand products such as gasoline, water and food.

"We have been living like cavemen, sleeping in cars, doing bodily functions outside," said

John Owens, emergency management coordinator for Port Arthur. "And meanwhile we're the victims, and we have families here."

In a Port Arthur neighborhood not far from a grocery store that reeked of rotten food, three FEMA trailers delivered ice, ready-to-eat meals and water.

"Without these trucks here, I don't think we would have made it," said Lee Smith, 50. "I've never left before. I thought it wouldn't be too bad. The good Lord spared us."

The White House said complete federal funding for debris removal, emergency protective

measures and direct federal assistance was extended through Oct. 27.

Texas Republican Rep. Kevin Brady (news, bio, voting record), whose district includes some of the counties hit by Rita, said he will be developing legislation to provide relief, especially for towns that took in evacuees from Hurricane Katrina.

"While we think much of our help can come through traditional disaster relief programs, we know there will be expenses above and beyond that," Brady said. "We don't want those smaller communities to have sacrificed and not come out whole."

Historical portrait unveiling for first African-American elected to U.S. House of Representatives



Joseph H. Rainey

WASHINGTON, D.C., (PR Newswire) - Over 300 portraits currently hang in the United States Capitol Complex. These works of art honor various men

and women who helped shape the history of America. 135 years after taking office, Joseph H. Rainey, received long-overdue recognition for his place in history as the first African-American elected to the United States House of Representatives.

"In both symbol and substance, African American representation in the U.S. Congress is a continuing milestone towards a more perfect union. By acknowledging the legacy of Joseph Rainey, as the first elected African American to the U.S. House of Representatives, we encourage future generations to serve," said Congressman Chaka Fattah (D-PA) who led the effort to commission the portrait.

The portrait was unveiled at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C. on September 21.

The distinct service of Congressman Rainey, who represented Georgetown, SC, is being honored with this portrait.

Congressman Rainey served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1870-1878. The presenters were Congressman Chaka Fattah and Congressman Robert Ney, Chairman of the Fine Arts Board.



Serious talk about taking responsibility

Courtesy of Jet Magazine
Students listen as entertainer Bill Cosby talks to them after his town hall forum in Milwaukee. In the first of three forums, Cosby, who also holds a doctorate degree in education,

talked to students and parents about taking responsibility for their actions and to fight against violence in the city where homicides are up more than 50 percent from 2004.

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Perhaps many, if not all of the Rita Hurricane evacuees have apparently gone back to their various communities, including Houston and Galveston. It was a true pleasure for this writer to volunteer at the Reese Center last weekend. When you are blessed to have a warm bed and a hot meal to eat, and you are volunteering to help others, it just makes you think of how blessed you are. Those of us who live in Lubbock have a lot to be thankful for. It would have been great, however, if there had been more of us from the Black community to serve as volunteers. Maybe next time, that is, if there will be a next time, more of us will volunteer. Last weekend, it was them and next time it could be us.

It was just good to have an opportunity to participate in an effort helping others. May they all find their families and homes in a positive posture when they return.

The celebration of Pastor B. E. Moton and First Family of New Hope Baptist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, November 6, 2005. More on this celebration in the future.

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, 2002 Birch Avenue, where Rev. B. E. Moton is pastor. It is the "Church Where The People

Rejoice." If you are looking for a church home, then visit New Hope.

Service began last Sunday morning, September 25, 2005, with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team did a marvelous job singing God's praises. Minister C. Wilson read the morning scripture, and Minister S. Mcintosh offered the morning prayer. The New Hope Choir sang two selections: "I Can Take It" and "I Can Stand It."

Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was: "Keep Praying Until You See Your Answer." His scripture text was 1 Kings 18:41-46.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Brenda Gipson, and Sister Lottie Barrow welcomed all visitors.

A visitor to the "Holy City" last weekend was Tim Moore, a former resident of Lubbock and Estacado High School graduate. At present time, she is a businesswoman in Houston where she is a consultant for profit and non-profit endeavors. She attended her former church, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, last Sunday morning. She left Houston because of the Rita Hurricane. She is the sister of Rodney and Robert Moore.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in.

in our minds. James, in our community. Sometimes when one becomes sick or shut-in, we forget about those persons. One citizen comes to mind. She is Sister Odessa Long, who is a retired educator and was the owner and operator of a Beauty Culture School on Avenue A. She is a patient in a local nursing home. Let's not forget her as well as others.

Also, Brother Clarence Ervin who is recuperating nicely at home according to his wife, Sister Joan V. Ervin. "We thank God for all the prayers and concerns about him. God is able," says Sister Ervin.

Brother Tommy Cage is home from the hospital and is doing much better. Brother George Scott is still getting around at this report. He, too, is doing much better.

If you know of those in the community who is either sick or shut-in, please advise this column. Today, it is those on the sick list, and tomorrow, it could be one of us.

Sunday afternoon, October 9, 2005, will be a great day at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, J.C. Clark is The Shepherd. It will be the 80th Church Anniversary of the church. Service will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ruth Roggenbore is chairperson of the celebration. The public is invited to attend.

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In Remembrance

Willie Eugene Brown, Jr.

Funeral services were held for a Lubbock native, Willie Eugene Brown, Jr., Saturday afternoon, September 17, 2005, at the Ebenezer Memorial Baptist Church with Willie James Brown officiating. The eulogy was given by Rev. Eddie Brown.



Willie Eugene Brown, Jr.

Interment was held in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Golden Gate Funeral Home of Dallas.

He was born May 10, 1975, which was Mother's Day, to Willie Eugene Brown, Sr. and Sandra Brown in Lubbock. He was the second child of four siblings. He attended Alderson Junior High School in Lubbock for a short period of his life. His parents moved to Virginia where he attended and graduated from Hayfield High School in Fairfax, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. He was very active in football, baseball, and basketball which led him to playing semi-pro baseball in 1992-1993.

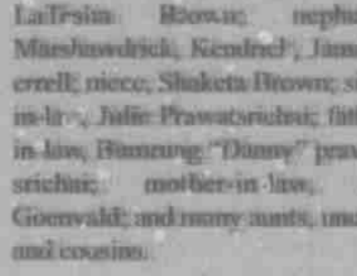
March 30, 1997, he was united in marriage to Jennifer Prawaschni, and they were parents of four children: Kylee, Jasmine, Sandra, and Jalee. In 1997, they moved to Dallas where they began a life as adults and raising their children.

He passed away Thursday, September 8, 2005.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer A. Brown; four chil-

Sherina Renee Williams-Butler

Funeral services for Sherina Renee Williams-Butler were held Saturday, September 10, 2005, at the Bethesda Baptist Church, 3208 Wilber Street, Dr. B. R. Daniels, pastor, and the Rev. C. L. Arnette, eulogist.



Sherina Renee Williams-Butler

Burial was held in the Rose Garden of Laurel Land Memorial Park under the direction of Gregory W. Spencer Funeral Directors, Inc. of Fort Worth.

She was a technical writer for Washington Mutual Bank in Las Colinas, Texas, and was 32 years of age. She passed away Monday, September 5, 2005 in Plano.

She was born in Fort Worth on August 30, 1973 to Johnny Harvey Williams and Bonnie Goodspeed Wilkins. At three years of age, she became the adopted daughter of her aunt, Johnnie Derrough, and was raised in Lubbock.

She was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, under the pastorage of Reverend N. C. Nash. Sherina attended Christ the King Catholic School for four years, and later attended the public schools in Lubbock. She graduated from Monterey High School in 1991. She was a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she graduated with honors and a degree in Technical Writing. She is a Zeta Phi Beta Sorority member.

In 1993, Sherina met and married Corey Latron Butler.

Survivors left to mourn her passing are her loving husband, Corey Butler; her mother, Jolinnie Derrough; grandmothers, Doris Williams and Myrtle Scott; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Freddie and Bobbie Butler; sisters-in-law, Ashley Douglas; and other relatives and many friends.

Jolinnie Derrough would like to thank all the many friends of Lubbock for the cards and flowers that were sent in remembrance of Sherina Williams-Butler. God Bless You!

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Dirk West exhibit opens at TTU Museum



The character of Raider Red, mascot for Texas Tech University was drawn by Dirk West, who became famous as a cartoonist. West often drew characters for other schools in the Southwest Conference.

His quick wit and humor were evident to all that read his cartoons, published twice weekly in the *Avalanche Journal*, which followed the Southwest Conference throughout the football season. In addition, his opinion-page articles, whose subject matter ranged from discussing his self-proclaimed, world famous chili recipe to memories from his childhood, could evoke great laughter or tears from almost any reader. His love for Lubbock was evident during his public service as both a city councilman and mayor. Dirk West's influence is still seen and felt throughout the area.

This exhibit will feature Dirk West's drawing table, numerous paintings and sculptures of his Southwest conference mascots, and reproductions of his Lubbock *Avalanche Journal* cartoons. Free to the public, The Dirk West Exhibit will be at the Museum of TTU until January 8, 2006.

The Nitezen of TTU Association is a nonprofit organization that serves as a group of community volunteers offering unique and broad support of the Museum and staff. With current membership of over 700, the Association has assisted with various projects and programs that have enhanced, updated and expanded the collections, services, programs and construction of the Museum.

Located inside the Museum of TTU, the Museum Shop is proud to carry Dirk West posters, cards and other items. For more information, please call the Museum Association offices at (742) 2443.

On Thursday, September 29, the family of Dirk West, Raider Red, the Masked Rider, and others joined in celebration of the late Dirk West, a true West Texas legend. Sponsored by the Museum of TTU Association, the Dirk West Exhibit Opening took place at the Museum of Texas Tech.

Dirk West is most often remembered as the creator of the Yosemite Slim (the mascot for Texas Tech University, Raider Red). However, during his life-

time he accomplished much more. He hosted a children's television program, ran his own advertising agency, wrote articles and drew cartoons for the Lubbock *Avalanche Journal*, served two terms on the Lubbock City Council and served on terms as the mayor of Lubbock.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus The flood of love

Written by Evangelist Billy Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus is always

Ecclesiastes 1:2 - The thing that has been, it is that which shall be, and that which is done is that which shall be done, and there is no new thing under the sun.

America is a very proud country. She boast and brags on what she has done. She doesn't give God His glory and praise, and that is ever so wrong!!

Isaiah 1:4A - The Lord said, ah sinful nation, a people with iniquity, a seed of evil doers. Children who are corrupted. They have forsaken the Lord.

(America can go to the moon; do heart and kidney transplants; clone a person; make a baby without a man being present. She thinks she's God!!)

Jeremiah 9:23 - The Lord said, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom. Neither the mighty man in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glory, glory in this, that he understands and knows me. For I am the Lord which exercises loving kindness in the earth. Or in these things I delight.

When the Lord sent Evangelist Katrina to speak to America the other day, America went to higher grounds, but she did get down on her knees and pray!!

Isaiah 55:6-7 - Seek the Lord while He may be found, call you upon Him while He is

near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him abundantly pardon.

America went out of her way to show how she could show her love, but before the water was off the streets, she was back to ways of blood!!

Isaiah 5:20-22 - The Lord said, woe (cursed) unto them that call evil good, and good evil, that put darkness for light, and light for darkness, that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter. Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink.

God said, he is a good and loving God, but He is also a very jealous God, and He will not share His blessing and praises with any man's made gods.

Exodus 20:5 - The Lord said, you shall not bow down yourselves to them, nor serve them, for the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me.

***** Can You Hear God Speaking? *****

(Man made himself gods, husbands, wives, children, homes, dogs, cats, lands, jobs, diamonds, boats, gold, 401-ks, 60 inch TVs, and many more things. America loves more than

the true God ** But had to leave many to fear the only true God! ***)

America went back to doing the things that she did before the flood, but God had to send her back on to her knees to show her His love.

John 3:17 - Jesus said, for God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through Him, might be saved.

After Evangelist Katrina left town, America went back to her old sinful ways. God had to send in Evangelist Rita to tell America it's time again. You need to pray!

Psalm 103:8-9 - The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenty of mercy. He will not always chide (plead); neither will He keep His anger forever.

God showed his love and mercy, even unto the atheist and the ungodly man. He, too, had to pray as He left heading north, from the southern flooded lands!!

Psalm 29:1-4 - Give unto the Lord, O' You Mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. The God of glory thunders. The Lord is upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful. The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith A wake-up call

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita has served as an awoken call to all Americans. Conservatives, moderates, liberals and all in between have come face to face through a national disaster with the great racial and economic divide in America.

Many Americans as seen by many accounts through the media were of the opinion the masses of Americans of all ethnic groups were living from moderately well to very well economically. Katrina removed the scab that was covering a rotten racial, political and economic sore. Katrina opened America's eyes to the "haves and have nots." Many white Americans were overcome with paralyzing astonishment so many African Americans were living in a third world country environs in the 21st century. Katrina opened a putrid social sore that propped up a morally corrupt economic theory of the old Dixiecratic South wearing Republican clothing in a new era. Katrina proved "compassionate conservatism" to be a bold face lie as it related to the poor and black Americans.

Katrina also opened the eyes of all who want to see, the weaknesses that are apparent in America. The great divide, that exist between the rich and the poor, black and white, have to be dealt with immediately or this country will face an economic and social cessation that would be far greater than the fall of the Roman Empire. It is not a question as to "if" but "when" America will fall if she keeps her present course.

How can we talk turning the world into our democratic way of thinking when America is living a lie. The whole world can see that we have a "caste system."

The two Great Commandments of God are first to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." The second is "to

love your neighbor as your self." Katrina and Rita serve as a warning to all Americans, that our destiny is not controlled by our hands or with our feet or the economic or political power that we have obtained. The storms serve as a reminder of our state of weakness. We are reminded by Katrina and Rita of our finiteness. The levees we built in life with self impose power will ultimately fail. Blacks and whites alike must come to grip with the fact that when we mistreat each other there is a price to be paid.

Our country has let the smart neo-conservatives economists get us in serious trouble economically because of greed. We have given over to Baal and kissed his sainted donkey. We have sold our souls to countries such as China, Japan, and Korea by living a lifestyle dictated by the rich and powerful by borrowing beyond our ability to pay. We have violated the first commandment: "Thou shall not have no other Gods before me." Yet, we bow, because of greed and incompetent leadership. We bow because as Americans we do not have the will to stand up against the enemy from within. We are bowing by commission to the gods of China, Japan and Korea.

As Black Americans that are God fearing, we should rise from our state of apathy of letting our white brother fight the fight against his weak brother Esau who would sell America for a bowl full with green economic soup. We need to rise up and join the fight against the enemy. Most of us know why we as African Americans do not express our feeling. We have yet to overcome that slave mentality fear. We fear retribution if we expose the lack of knowledge of Jacob about his rich, cunning and heartless brother. An example is the "runaway and out of control" United States House of Representatives leader: "The Sugarland Express." Does

his push down the throat of Congressional Pedestrating in Texas pass the smell test of using other means of trying to by-pass the Voting Rights Act?

Black Americans should stand up NOW and take a leadership role lest our country go "down the tube", so to speak. Our future survival does not depend on whether we are Democrat or Republican. Our survival depends on us working hand in hand with our enfeebled white brother to make America strong. We must help our white brother to understand that the "outsourcing of America" is not a fiscal policy that is healthy for our long-term good. We must help our white brother to understand that breaking the law by hiring illegal aliens by corporate America is not good for the American economy and will not be tolerated by black Americans. We must remind them that America was built on the backs of black Africans and poor whites slave labor. We must continue to be bold in rejecting changing Social Security to any private accounts. We must remind our white brothers that they must get a rein in and hand on these smart briches that graduate from these elite universities with their high-powered hypotheses. These intellectual misfits are playing the hypotheses game with our livelihood. Remember the adage: "A fool and his money will soon depart." Of course, many fools do not have any money. They simply mishandled others.

Katrina and Rita should be the catalyst to bring the poor and middle class Americans together for a more stronger and fiscal responsible America. Together we can turn America around so that the world will once again respect us as "one nation under God" even if it is not said in the "Pledge of Allegiance." The heart of the American people and America's action is what really matters.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, October 1, 2005, beginning at 9:00 a. m. in the home of Sister Christene Burleson, 2407 East 9th Street.

"God Expect Us To Live In The Promised Land: Joshua 3

The Promised Land, the land, as God promised, was flowing with milk and honey. We know from the Bible that Israel sent out 12 spies, one from each of the 12 tribes. They came back and said, "The land is flowing with milk and honey. Just like the Lord said, but there are giants in the land. There are high mountains and we look like grasshoppers in our own eyes. We cannot take it." As a result of that negative report, the unbelievers hindered the whole nation from receiving God's blessings. They wandered 40 years in the wilderness. Most of the adults died there. Only the little children and those who had not chimed in with the unbelievers

remained

Read Joshua 3:7 - I think we can apply that verse to everybody in the body of Christ. God is not a respecter of person. We believe He will promote us, after all, the Bible says Promotion cometh, from the Lord, and there is a way to be promoted in God. You can try to promote yourself and you will have the applause of a few men for a little while, but it is really something to be promoted by God. I believe God is saying to us today, arise and go over. Go over the rubbles and debris of the past. Put it under your feet. Joshua 3:4-5.

As He was with Moses so will He be with us. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given you.

"Tread" means to walk. God said, every place that you walk on, I have given to you. He did not say I'm thinking about giving it to you, "or I am contemplating giving it to you," or if everything works out I might do

it. He said I have (past tense) given it to you. It is the same for us! Just as the Israelites had to put their feet on the Promise Land, we have to do something to enter into our Promise Land. We are going to have to walk by Faith. **II Corinthians 5:7** - "For we walk by Faith, not by sight." And sure there are giants in the land just like Israel had to face giants, but remember God said, "I have given you the land." God would not give them the land without he corresponding ability to possess it. Likewise, we should look the giant in the eye and say "In the name of Jesus, mountain move out of my way!"

Thanks for reading, Saints! **Thought:** "America has broken down God's hedge of protection, what else could she expect?"

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosiana Henderson, secretary.

Be a part of a child's life today and make a difference

Guadalupe/Parkway Neighborhood Center has set up training dates for volunteers interested in helping children with homework, mentoring or just playing board games with the children.

The dates are September 27, 29 and October 4, 13 and 20 at 5:15 p.m. Please call if will be interested

in attending any of these dates.

Please call Rachel Clark at 763-3963 for location and if you will be attending. There are two centers: Parkway Neighborhood Center, located at 405 N. MLK Blvd, Jr. and Guadalupe Neighborhood Center, located at 123 N. Ash Avenue.

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, September 25, 2005, was another exciting day in the Lord at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services begun with Sunday School at 10:15 a. m. with Pastor Canady teaching the morning lesson and giving the review. The subject of the morning lesson was "Power To Be Bold."

Deacon Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson led the morning devotion. Again, the St. Matthew Baptist Choir sung out of their hearts and souls.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "The Pullies In The World." His scripture text was I Samuel 1:1; 8-10. This message was a challenge for all of us.

Let us not forget to pray for and

visit those who are sick and shut-in. Among them who are shut-in include Sister Louise Timmons and Sister Lola Byrd.

Thought For The Week: "True freedom is no in having your own way, but to yielding in God's way."

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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 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Another young African-American, Robert Davis, joined in on the interesting conversation. This conversation apparently came about because of the Katrina Hurricane.)

John Wiseman - I clearly understand what you are saying, however, don't be like Bill Cosby and condemn one based on circumstance and surrounding, and don't generalize as you have. For some, the 'Race Card' has played a part however, we must teach them to perform in spite of. Use their disadvantage to their advantage. Focus on "I Can" instead of "shoulda, coulda, woulda." I am simply saying that one can overcome insurmountable odds when one focuses on the desired end

result and being aware of the realities of the world.

Robert Davis - Why not focus your attention on making the children see he success that so many minorities have achieved. How have so many of them become doctors, lawyers, businessmen and politicians helping to run our country? Because they worked hard for it. They wanted it and set their mind to getting what they wanted. The kids need not be reminded of injustices but need to focus their attention on the future and going for what they want. They need to be taught that they can be whatever they want to be if they want it bad enough. So many have achieved success. You said yourself that things are getting better. Show the kids by your actions that people of all races need to respect one another. I taught my kids to treat others as they would want to be treated. The future will continue to improve and as the successes continue so will the self esteem and self worth of

our youth. They don't need these feelings of animosity about others not of their race obscuring their minds. The inequalities of the past are disappearing thank heaven. Let's move forward and not remind ourselves of what things weren't so good for all.

David Wilson - I hear you loud and clear and this all sounds good and positive. I like that, and I hope for that. I just see so much of the opposite/the negative, and I want that to change. It gets tiring seeing it being so often, and when I got here, and started reading some of this stuff and after hearing some of it today from some kids, I just went off. I appreciate you both. Your comments are appreciated, and yes, it's absolutely wonderful to see all walks of life reaching out to one another.

Robert Davis - I am just afraid that some kids will get the idea that there is no use in trying to succeed because they have gotten the impression that

some have it out for them, so why bother. They may try and then quit at the first obstacle because they feel they can't win anything. And that would be so sad and untrue. What they need to hear is encouragement to go for their dreams. I think you are so right on things changing for the better. I believe the vast majority of those who have treated some unjustly are dying and aging and there is a brand new generation that sees people of all races succeeding and with that a brand new respect for one another. It would be so better for all to put the differences aside. Something we can all strive for.

Think of this scenario. You have a fight with your spouse or significant other, as may be the case. The house is full of tension. You're not speaking and you're stressed. The stress is wearing down your body and you do not feel good about yourself. This is the same kind of stress that can happen to

kids who may feel others do not care about them. They are young, with brains not fully developed and may think some others think of them as lesser people...They may feel too stressed to try or give up too easily. Now you have made up with your spouse. You're happy again as things are returning to normal. You're feeling mighty darn good and feel. Kids' psyches are all too vulnerable. We need to be positive in our words and actions around them. We would do better not to remind them of past transgressions made against their race and make them wonder if they are not as good as another. We can tell them they are equal but if they keep hearing stuff will they

wonder??? They are NOT, they are human beings who deserve every chance as the next guy does. Mistreating others is a whole stressor in itself and can be counter productive in achieving success. There are more people who want to help their fellow mankind no matter what their race or religion is. Just turn on the TV and watch the Hurricane relief efforts going on.

Yep, the racial tension, can't go away completely overnight but let's not add to them. I see light at the end of the tunnel. Throw away them cards!

Peace and happiness and continued success to all!

(Continued Next Week)

Aspiring stars ages 18 - 28 could get a shot on BET

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 /PRNewswire/ — So do you really think you've got what it takes to be a television show host on BET? Here's your chance to prove it. For the first time in its history, BET will tour major cities throughout the nation in search of not one, or two, but a slew of new faces and fresh talent. The search kicks off with open auditions in New York City on October 3; high-tails it down to Atlanta on October 5; stirs up some dust in Houston on October 7; breezes

through the "Windy City" of Chicago on October 10; and shakes things up in Los Angeles on October 12. The mission is a simple one - discover new talent to support the many new programs being added to the network.

Final audition locations will be announced in each city at a later date, with additional information being posted at www.bet.com. Auditions will be open to all male and female non-professionals ages 18 - 28. BET will also televise high-

lights from this national talent search as part of its new Fall '05 season.

"If you think you've got it, then here's your chance to bring it - literally," said Reginald Hudlin, President of Entertainment at BET. "We want the network to reflect what America looks like. We're looking to add some of the freshest, undiscovered faces to the outstanding hosts already on board. When it comes to infusing new energy into television programming, there's no better

way than by adding hot new talent to your arsenal."

East Lubbock residents invited to attend meeting

If you have applied for a loan through a bank, and you were denied, or if you have thought of applying for a loan through a local bank and have a fear that you might be turned down or denied. Then, please come to a meeting at the Bobbie Gean & T.J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, Monday evening, October 10, 2005,

beginning at 7:00 p. m.

By attending this important meeting, it would very well determine if East Lubbock has

hope of new businesses and jobs in the East Lubbock community.

Will you come and bring someone with you?

Genealogical Society Conference

The 2005 Texas State Genealogical Society Conference will be held October 21-22 in Lubbock, Texas at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 3201 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79423. Eighteen mini-sessions will be held over the two day conference and those who attend may enroll for Friday only, Saturday only, or both days.

Topics will include material for those interested in beginning, intermediate, or advanced family history: Searching Vietnam Records, Tracing Texas Rangers, Dating Old Photographs, Printing a Family History, Civil War Medicine, Digital Restoration of Pictures, Gliders in World War II, Scanners and Printers, and DNA in Genealogy.

For more information contact the TSGS website or District XVII Representative Judy Woreck, 2710 59th, Lubbock, TX 79413, (806)-792-6606

Gasoline shortage not an issue

There have been many rumors that there will be a gasoline shortage in Lubbock. The City of Lubbock has contacted many distributors and would like to assure our citizens that this not a problem. This is strictly a rumor at this point that has been unfounded. We urge citizen's not to over react to this in order not to cause chaos at stations and traffic jams. Mark Griffin who is the President of Rip Griffin Companies has quoted, "There is no problem. All indicators are that there are no shortages of gasoline in Lubbock and in the surrounding areas."

For further information, contact Dixon Platt at 789-1301.

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'Wrap Up' Your Tailgate Menu

Score with saucy wrap sandwiches at tailgate parties. Friends, food and football draw us to stadium parking lots hours before kick-off. What keeps us coming year after year? For some fans, it's the friendships developed over years of Saturdays or Sundays. More often than not, those friendships grew in gatherings around the barbecue grill.



You might want to give more playing time to a new flavor this autumn - "Hot Wings" Chicken Wraps.

Spicy wings with bones obviously can't go on a sandwich, but you can enjoy the same flavor with chicken breasts and a classic wing sauce. Pair it with the usual Buffalo wing sides - blue cheese or ranch dressing with celery, and you're guaranteed to score.

The barbecue sauce is a friend's family recipe that uses white sauce," said Pioneer Brand home economist Belinda Ellis. "I simplified it using our gravy mix."

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For more recipes, visit www.pioneerbrand.com.

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1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

'Hot Wings' Chicken:
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
1 1/2 pound boneless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch strips
1/2 cup hot wings sauce
1/2 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup honey

into boiling water. Whisk until thickened. Stir in blue cheese crumbles until melted. Refrigerate until completely cool. Stir in Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, and fresh parsley.

To make Buffalo Chicken: Preheat grill to low heat. Combine mayonnaise and seasoning in small bowl. Coat chicken strips with seasonings. Grill three minutes on each side or until chicken is no longer pink. Combine hot wings sauce, lemon juice, and honey. Toss cooked chicken in sauce.

To assemble wrap: Spoon about 1/4 cup of the spread over a flour tortilla. Top with some of the chicken and diced celery. Fold in ends. Roll up from one side to the other.

Makes 10 wraps.

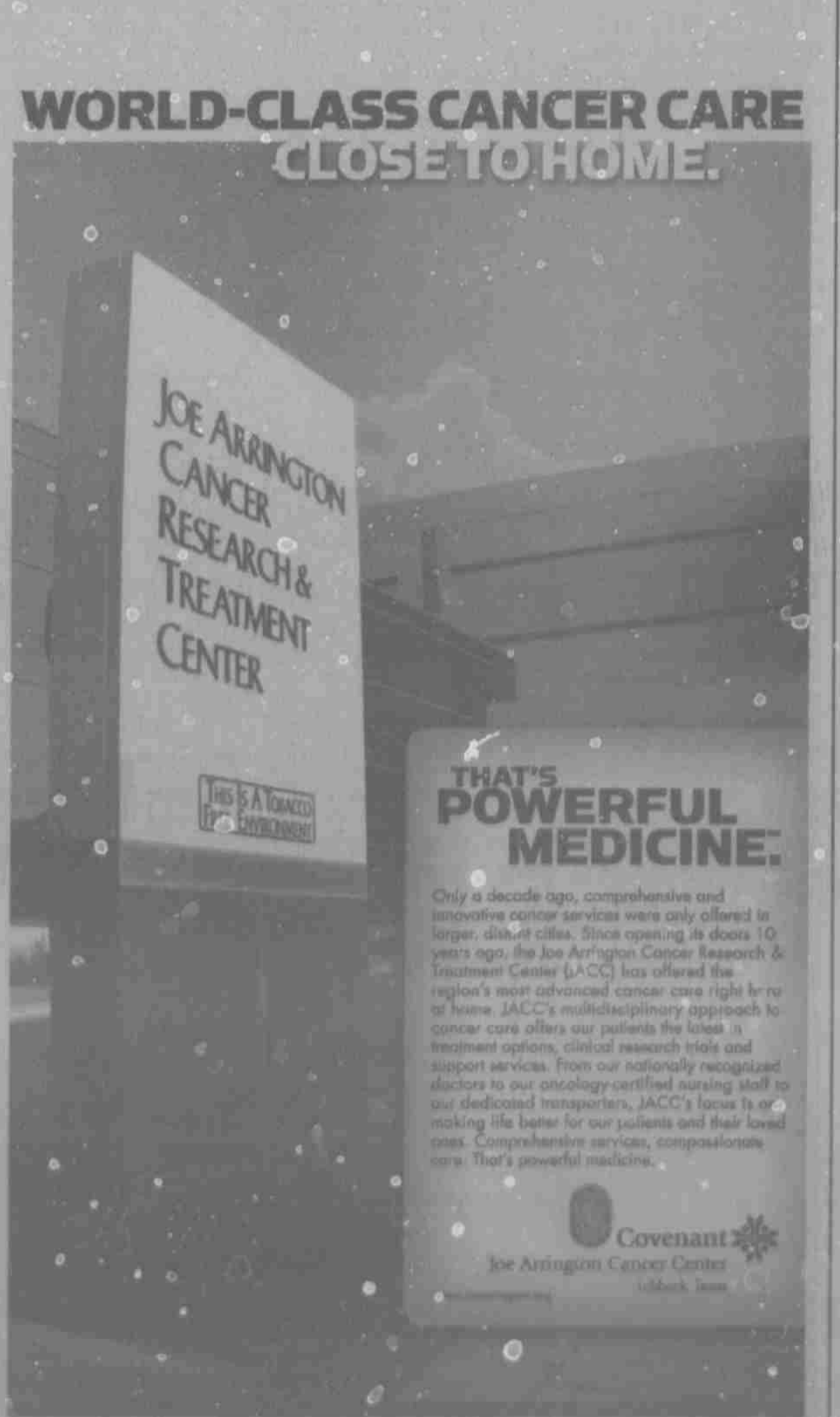
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Oprah announces "Oprah's Katrina Homes" online initiative



Oprah is shown here volunteering in the Gulf Region after Hurricane Katrina struck.

ally today committing \$10 million of my own money toward the rebuilding of people's lives," said Oprah.

Oprah added, "Not everybody can give \$10 million and I understand that. I want everybody to give at the level you can. Put your money where your heart is and give." People who want to help in their own way can go online and log on to www.oprah.com/katrinahomes and choose from several options:

- **Make a House a Home:** Furnish a house by purchasing household necessities online through Oprah's Angel Network's Katrina Home Registry, which includes hundreds of items for kitchens, living rooms, bathrooms and bedrooms as well as household appliances.
- **Sponsor a House:** Give a family a new start through Oprah's Angel Network's contribution to Habitat for Humanity®.
- **Corporate Participation:** Provide



a way for corporations to donate cash, goods or services towards Oprah's Angel Network's Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

- **Make a Monetary Donation:** Contribute any denomination of funds towards Oprah's Angel Network's Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts via credit card.
- **Prior to this announcement,** in the immediate wake of Hurricane Katrina, Oprah's Angel Network gave \$1 million to America's Second Harvest to provide food, water and household supplies to thousands of displaced people.

Oprah's Angel Network, a public charity formed in 1998, encourages people to use their lives to make a difference in the lives of others. It supports charitable projects and provides grants to non-profit organizations across the globe that inspire individuals to create opportunities that help people rise to their own potential. With 100 percent of all funds from individual donations, celebrity contributions and corporate sponsors

going to the charity's programs, the organization has raised more than \$30 million to date. The Oprah Winfrey Show has remained the number one talk show for 19 consecutive seasons, winning every sweep since its debut in 1986.* It is produced in Chicago by Harpo Productions, Inc. and syndicated to 215 domestic markets by King World and to 117 countries by CBS Paramount International Television.

CHICAGO, IL - On today's 29th Anniversary Season Premiere, Oprah announced her plans to continue to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina by creating the "Oprah's Katrina Homes"

initiative to build and furnish homes for those who need them in the wake of devastation. "I pledged to the survivors of Katrina that I would not forget them and I'm keeping my promise. I am personally

Author Frances Berry details the life of Callie House and her struggle for ex-slave reparations

"My face is black is true but its not my fault but I love my name and my honest in dealing with my fellow man."

-Callie House (1899)

In her groundbreaking new book, *My Face Is Black Is True*, historian Mary Frances Berry resurrects the forgotten life of Callie House (1861-1928), ex-slave, widowed Nashville washerwoman and mother of five who, seventy years before the civil rights movement, headed a demand for ex-slave reparations.

House was born into slavery in 1861 and sought African-American pensions based on those offered Union soldiers. In a brilliant and daring move, House targeted \$68 million in taxes on seized rebel cotton (over \$1.2 billion in 2005 dollars) and demanded it as repayment for centuries of unpaid labor.

Dr. Berry tells how the Justice Department, persuaded by the postmaster general, banned the activities of Callie House's town organizers, violated her constitutional rights to assembly and to petition Congress, and falsely accused her of mail fraud; the federal officials had the post office open the mail of almost all African-Americans, denying delivery on the smallest pretext. Berry shows how African-American newspapers, most of which preached meekness toward whites, systematically ignored or derided Mrs. House's movement, which was essentially a poor person's movement. Despite being denied mail service and support from the African-American establishment of the day, Mrs. House's

Ex-Slave Association flourished until she was imprisoned by the Justice Department for violating the postal laws of the United States; suddenly deprived of her spirit, leadership and ferocity, the first national grassroots African-American movement fell apart.

Callie House, so long forgotten that her grave has been lost, emerges as a courageous pioneering activist, a forerunner of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. *My Face Is Black Is True* is a fascinating book of original scholarship that

reclaims a magnificent heroine. Mary Frances Berry was born in Nashville, Tennessee. She received a bachelor's and master's degree at Howard University, a doctorate in history from the University of Michigan, and a juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Dr. Berry has received many awards for her public service and



Berry

scholarly activities, among them the NAACP's Roy Wilkins Award and Image Award, the Rosa Parks Award of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Ebony Magazine Black Achievement Award.

In addition to having been the chairperson of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission for eleven years, Dr. Berry is the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania, where she teaches history of American law. She lives in Washington, D.C.

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STAND TALL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT! THIS N THAT was glad to learn that the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** of the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation has taken a **STAND TALL POSITION** in finding a solution on the **PROPOSED OILWELL DEVELOPMENT SITE**. The committee has decided to **SUSPEND DEVELOPMENT TEMPORARILY**, until a surface agreement can be executed. This relates to a problem on the **KING'S DOMINION** site where homes are in the process of being constructed. And because of this problem, it has shifted the work from infrastructure back in to **PRE-DEVELOPMENT PHASE**. And the committee is willing to continue to **STAND TALL** until this situation is back to a positive posture. **THIS N THAT** has learned that once things have been completed, a re-plot will be filed with the City of Lubbock, and the development will proceed in a positive direction. There's no doubt about it, the Board of Directors for the North & East Lubbock CDC remains committed to increase **ROOFTOPS** in this area.

WHY IS O.L. SLATON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BEING TARGETED? THIS N THAT heard on Monday afternoon, from a concerned Lubbock Independent School Board of Trustee, **VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES**, that she was opposed to the eminent closing of O. L. Slaton Junior High School. Mrs. Woods-Holmes is vice president, and represents District Two. O.L. Slaton has been slated for

use as a proposed performing arts center. Her argument is that this school is an operating campus. Along with Mrs. Woods-Holmes, another school board member feels the same about closing the school for that use. **KAREN SLAY** states that the reconfiguration of O. L. Slaton could **NEGATIVELY IMPACT FUTURE BOND ELECTIONS**. According to Ms. Slay, in last year's bond package of **\$98.8 MILLION**, the band hall was to have been expanded next year. Not only have these two school board members spoken, but the president of the O. L. Slaton PTA, **KIMBERLY KENNEDY** is **VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED** to the closing, and she says she will have an organized opposition plan when she appears before the public hearing on October 11th at 6:00 p.m. So the question being asked these days, **"WHY O. L. SLATON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL?"** Many of you may recall this same kind of a question was being asked about the closing of schools in East Lubbock several years ago.

PAUL QUINN REACHING OUT TO HELP EVACUEES! THIS N THAT who attended the Board of Trustee meeting of Paul Quinn College in Dallas last week, learned that the college made preparations to receive evacuees from the recent **HURRICANES KATRINA & RITA**. They prepared for 100, but received 41 students. Just think about it... here is Paul Quinn College with all of its problems, and they still reached out and helped others. It's just good to see this kind of a spirit. Now

there is a lesson for all of us to learn from this.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "As a race of people, it is most important that **WE (BLACK PEOPLE)** don't forget from when we've come, and those who made it possible for all of US!"

A WELL-NEEDED DIRECTORY! THIS N THAT has been advised of a joint effort by the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc. and the Lubbock Area African American Chamber of Commerce. A new publication, which is offering free listings for All African-American Businesses is in the works. **"LUBBOCK BLACK BUSINESS DIRECTORY** is important so that everyone can be aware of each other and support your brothers and sisters in business. You can get your listing added, by contacting them at: **Lubbock Black Business Directory, P. O. Box 98136, Lubbock, Texas 79499 or Fax (806) 788-0487**. No doubt about it this is a well-needed directory. **THIS N THAT** supports this special effort so if you are a Black businessperson get your info in today!

SUPPORT LINCOLN/DOUGLASS COMMITTEE! THIS N THAT encourages all of you to **SUPPORT** the upcoming Variety Show & Talent Show For Young Adults, Youth and Children set for October 22, 2005. The show is going to be at the Mae Simmons Community Center. From 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The **LINCOLN/DOUGLASS COMMITTEE** sponsors this event. This year's theme is **"BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU CAN DO."**

Katrina didn't create racial divide

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson, BlackNews.com Columnist

Add Katrina to these names, O.J Simpson, Mike Tyson, and Kobe Bryant. They all got the tongues of pollsters and the public wagging about the great racial divide. But that was inevitable. In the days since the storm slammed the Gulf Coast, and Bush by his own admission badly bungled the federal response to the disaster, race has inched closer to the surface in the national debate over what went wrong and why. In his nationally televised address, Bush even sought to ease the concerns of many blacks that there was a racial double standard in the anemic response to Katrina.

The first tip that race would be rammed into that debate was a cartoon on Yahoo news, and widely circulated on black web sites. It showed a white and a black man carting off stolen goods down a flooded New Orleans street. The caption under the black man read, "looting." The one under the white man read, "finding." The obvious message was that when distraught whites in New Orleans stole they did it to survive. They deserve public pity, sympathy, and support. When distraught blacks in the city stole they did it because they were thieves, thugs, and opportunists. They deserve condemnation, denunciation, and shoot to kill orders.

But it didn't really take a cartoon to stir the race cauldron. Bush, as the man in the command post, insured that blacks would see a hidden racial hand behind the glacial federal relief response to Katrina. From the moment he grabbed the White House in 2000, he's been the man that blacks have loved to hate. His much-publicized court of black

evangelists, high profile appointments of Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell, and his race tinged faith based initiative has done little to temper black hostility toward him. The over-whelming majority of blacks relentlessly slam him as callous, insensitive, and mean-spirited. It was a no-brainer that they would blame him for the forced flight, misery and suffering Katrina inflicted on mostly poor, blacks.

There's no proof that Bush deliberately fumbled and bungled the relief effort out of cold, calculated racial design. The bumbles were nothing more than a classic case of a big, unyielding government bureaucracy hopelessly ensnared in red tape, inertia, and mismanagement.

But intense dislike of Bush is only part of the reason many blacks shouted race about Katrina. The government has long been a favored target of black suspicions. It has done much to deserve that suspicion. It has spied on, harassed, and intimidated black leaders and organizations, conducted the barbaric Tuskegee syphilis experiments on black men in Alabama in the 1930s, targeted black elected officials with corruption probes, and the FBI and government spy agencies waged a blatantly illegal campaign of spying, threats, and black bag dirty tricks against Martin Luther King, Jr. Earlier this year a RAND study found that huge numbers of blacks still believe that the AIDS epidemic in black communities is a genocidal plot to wipe out blacks.

It was also no surprise that the majority of whites bought Bush's public assertion that "Coast Guard choppers didn't check the color of a person's skin when they pulled people off roofs." That was his way of defending himself against the charge of racial foul play. It is inconceivable, even painful for many whites to think that the federal government, their government, would cold-bloodedly leave Americans to die, even if most of them were black and poor. That

would shatter the fervent belief that the country has come far in ridding itself of the hideous blight of racism, and that America is well along on the path to becoming a color-blind society, where equal opportunity is a reality.

In a Harvard poll in 2002, the majority of whites said they believed that blacks and whites have attained racial and economic equality. And why wouldn't they? They no longer see "whites only signs" and redneck Southern cops unleashing police dogs, turning fire hoses on, and beating hapless black demonstrators.

They turn on their TVs and see legions of black newscasters and talk show hosts, topped by TV's richest and most popular, Oprah Winfrey. They see mega-rich black entertainers and athletes pampered and fawned over by a dotting media and adoring public. They see TV commercials that picture blacks living in trendy integrated suburban homes, sending their kids to integrated schools, and driving expensive cars. They see Rice and other prominent blacks in top policy-making positions in the Bush administration. They see dozens of black congresspersons, state legislators, and mayors. They see blacks heading corporations, and universities. Racial problems, then, are a thing of America's bygone past, and if blacks incessantly scream racism whenever disaster strikes, then chalk it up to their racial paranoia.

Though Mother Nature is race neutral, and so is government bungling, the Katrina racial divide is not just another bad case of racial paranoia run amok by blacks, or a blind circle the wagon racial denial by whites. It's yet another case of far too many Americans ready and willing to drag race into every disaster in America, even the ones that nature wreak.

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In Cinque
by Renetta Howard

Long before Black students in the South were allowed to attend public school, home school by a generous member of a reading family was the way Black children learned to read, write, spell, and do arithmetic. In states where Negroes were free, they were attending public schools and college before the Civil War. John Russwurm is recorded as the first Black man to graduate from a college. He graduated from Bowdoin in 1826. As time went on, during the era of Reconstruction, religious groups or missionary societies established schools in Southern states for minority students. As early as 1861 The American Missionary Association, often referred to as 'Aunt Mary' was in the forefront of the establishment of many of the historically Black colleges, as well as The New England Freedman's Aid Society (*From*

Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans, John Hope Franklin.) Churches are responsible for two historically Black colleges which are still functioning today; Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and Wilberforce University in Ohio (*Black History: A Reappraisal*, Edited by Melvin Drimmer.) Lincoln University was founded by the Presbyterian Church and Wilberforce University by the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Land Grant Colleges were established by the states under the 1862 Morrill Land Grant Act. Alcorn University of Mississippi was the first such college for Black students in Mississippi when Hiram Revels, an A. M. E. minister and one of the first two men of color to serve in the United States Senate, was appointed its first president in 1871. By 1878, it was renamed Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College with emphasis in those two areas. By 1974, it was renamed Alcorn State University (*Alcorn State University Mini Catalog, 2002-*

2004.) As churches and church organizations played a great role in the establishment of minority schools in the South, it would appear that churches have lost their touch. There is something in the way, which is keeping the churches from supporting some of the schools that they had a hand in establishing. Most historically Black colleges are now integrated and accepting students of all races. Why are the churches *not supporting* their own? Every year, many of the well-known historically Black schools are closing their doors because the churches are not supporting them. It is time for our churches to get 'in cinque' and re-evaluate their programs. We sing the songs and pray the prayers but we are not 'walking the walk' when it comes to supporting youth education, and we wonder why they do not attend church.

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Leaders, survivors address African-American prostate cancer

WASHINGTON - Recently, the first national summit of healthcare stakeholders, researchers, and cancer survivors focused on tackling prostate cancer in African American men convened on Capitol Hill. Here, experts called for national focus on the alarming prostate cancer disparity crisis: African American men suffer the highest rate of prostate cancer in the world and the lowest rate of survival.

This year, more than 220,000 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and 30,000 will die, according to American Cancer Society. African American men are twice as likely (2.4 times) to die from prostate cancer than men of any other racial or ethnic group. However, according to medical experts, prostate cancer is curable with early detection and the proper treatment.

"This marks the first time

that such a prostate cancer initiative targeting African American men will take place at the national level," said Senator John Kerry (D-MA), a prostate cancer survivor and the Summit.

"My office is committed to helping gain Congressional support for solutions to this often overlooked health crisis."

The summit, hosted by the Prostate Health Education Network (PHEN) - a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing prostate health education and awareness among African American men - gathered representatives from the National Cancer Institute, the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the U.S. Army's Prostate Cancer Research Program, Johns Hopkins and Howard University Cancer Centers, and Therion Biologies - which is in clinical trials with a prostate cancer vaccine - to

share their findings and insights into improving prevention and care for African American men.

"The power of this summit is that it will connect leaders within the black community, medical field, and government, each of whom are crucial in working towards eliminating the healthcare disparity that threatens the well-being of so many black men," said Thomas A. Farrington, PHEN president and founder, and also a prostate cancer survivor.

Numerous studies have been underway to learn whether diet, cultural habits, poverty or possibly more aggressive disease is to blame for the disparities in prostate cancer between African American and white men in the U.S. The PHEN summit focused on learning from groundbreaking research, treatments, and technologies; national programs; and grassroots efforts making headway

in reducing this gap.

Statistics show that prostate cancer is curable with early detection and the proper treatment. In addition to highlighting research and national prostate cancer programs at work, PHEN organized black churches across the country in holding prayers for a prostate cancer cure, and a special prayer service was held at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, September 18.

"Prostate cancer strikes the African American community at disproportionately high rates," said Congressman Meeks. "This summit will help establish the visibility and foundation to increase prostate cancer education and awareness within our communities for this treatable and often curable disease."

PHEN was established to help save lives and reduce the prostate cancer mortality dis-

parity for African American

men. It has successfully implemented a model that formed a unique partnership among prostate cancer survivors, the community, health organizations, and the Dana-Farber

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For more information about the African American Prostate Cancer Disparity Summit and PHEN's education and awareness activities, visit www.prostatehealth.org.

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City of Lubbock alerts public about Hepatitis A in restaurant

The City of Lubbock Health Department reports that a food handler possibly may have infected customers with hepatitis A between September 9 and September 11. The food handler had no symptoms during those dates but was potentially infectious and could have exposed people to the disease.

Persons who ate at Angelita's Kitchen, 5401 South Avenue A Drive, on September 9 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., on September 10 between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and 4 a.m., and on September 11 between 7 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. may have been exposed. No specific treatment for hepatitis A has been shown to be effective, but an injection of

Immune Globulin (IG) given within 14 days of exposure may lessen the severity or prevent the disease from developing.

Hepatitis A is a viral infection of the liver. The hepatitis A virus is spread by unwashed hands after bathroom use. Unwashed or improperly washed hands can spread the virus when food is handled. The virus and contaminated food must be swallowed in order for someone to become infected.

While the risk of transmission of hepatitis A at the restaurant is determined to be low, persons who ate at the restaurant during the specific times, should watch for signs and symptoms of the disease.

Symptoms of hepatitis A can begin from 15 days to 50 days (average of 30 days) following exposure. Symptoms of hepatitis A include fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle aches and fatigue. For most persons, hepatitis A lasts for several weeks. In general, severity increases with age, but complete recovery without recurrences is the general rule.

The general public as well as the food industry is reminded to observe good sanitation and personal hygiene, with special emphasis on careful hand-washing and sanitary disposal of feces.

The Health Department reports two additional cases of

Hepatitis A for the past month, both of which were household contacts to the current index case.

Persons with questions about receiving Immune Globulin (IG) or Hepatitis A Vaccine should contact the Health Department after hours at 766-5747 or during business hours at 775-2935, or their doctor to determine if IG or Hepatitis A vaccine is necessary or recommended.

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