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Congressional Black Caucus Split Between Clinton and Obama

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief
WASHINGTON (NNPA) – As America prepares for a string of primaries and caucuses to determine who will be its next Democratic and Republican nominees for president, the majority of

the forty-two member Congressional Black Caucus who have chosen to endorse in the race is split 15-15 between CBC member Illinois Sen. Barack Obama and New York Sen. Hillary Clinton. In interviews this week, CBC members

pointed mainly to the candidates' stances on specific issues as the reasons for their endorsements. "He is the most likely to actually produce change in areas that make a difference – home ownership, education, health care, crime policy," says

U. S. Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.), explaining his endorsement of Obama. He adds that he is impressed with Obama's record on health care and the war in Iraq. "He led the charge to get more people health

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Medicare Enrollment Ends December 31st African Americans Encouraged to Adopt-A-Senior Today

Christmas is over but the need for assistance cannot be put aside as easy as used wrapping paper. It is wonderful the manner in which many reach out to senior citizens during the Holiday Season, however their need for aide is on-going throughout the year. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) tried to bring this point home during the recent Adopt-A-



Sherman Hensley & Marla Gibbs Appear in Dallas

Senior program held on December 17th. Actors Sherman Hensley and Marla Gibbs from "The Jeffersons" sitcom; James R. Farris, M.D., Regional Administrator, CMS; and Margaret Turner Carrigan, President, Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc., joined other leaders at Christian Chapel CME and Highland Hills Library to discuss the current enrollment period.

The goal of CMS' Adopt-A-Senior initiative is to encourage African-Americans to take on a caregiver role – to help a loved one or someone they know with Medicare, review their plans for 2008 and make a decision based on cost, coverage and customer service. During CMS' Fall 2007 Open Enrollment Campaign which

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NFL's All-Time Rushing Leader and *Dancing with the Stars* Champion to Help Thousands Celebrate Downtown! Dec. 31 Parade to March from Comerica Bank Tower to American Airlines Center

DALLAS -- Professional football's all-time leading rusher and America's championship dancer will finally have a chance to ride. Comerica Bank today announced that Dallas Cowboys legend and "Dancing with the Stars" champion

Emmitt Smith will serve as grand marshal of the Comerica Bank New Year's Parade on Monday afternoon, Dec. 31, 2007, in Downtown Dallas. "I'm honored to serve as Grand Marshal for an event that celebrates Downtown Dallas, wel-

comes thousands of visitors to the Metroplex, and benefits young people and education," said Emmitt Smith. "The Comerica Bank New Year's Parade will be a great way to help families ring in 2008." "We're pleased to have the National Football

League's all-time leading rusher and member of three Super Bowl winning Dallas Cowboys teams as the grand marshal of the Comerica Bank New Year's Parade," said Ralph Babb, chairman and CEO, Comerica Bank. "We look forward to Emmitt's par-

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Blackonomics

Will Black People Ever Control Major Cities?

By James Clingman
NNPA Columnist

Every time I think of what should be the norm in cities like Atlanta, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Detroit, and several others that have majority Black populations or nearly so, I am grieved. You may think "grieved" is too strong a word, but it is appropriate in this case because of the importance of economic empowerment and control of urban assets by Black people – for a change. Look back at the late 1800's and early 1900's; you will see what I mean. Do you think we will ever return to the days of Black ownership, Black economic and political oversight, and collective Black prosperity in our cities?

Of all of the cities that fall into the above category, Detroit stands out the most. Why? Do you remember the proposed development of a Black-owned economic enclave headed by Dr. Claud Anderson? Some called it Africa Town, although Anderson never officially named it that. Looking back, that name was probably "assigned" to it to strike fear in the hearts of other groups, including some Black Detroiters. Of all the places in this country, Detroit should have been the one city that could and should have built a Black economic enclave, complete with manufacturing, distribution, lodging, restaurants,

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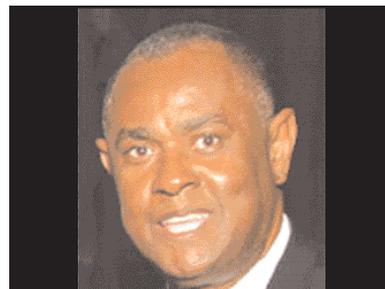
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Dr. Eve Allen, Ph.D.

Dr. Eve Allen, Ph.D. NDC. has a passion for helping others regain and maintain wellness through a balanced, holistic approach to health care. Returning to health means treating the body as a whole - physically, emotionally, and spiritually - rather than simply treating a disease.



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people are participating in their own journey to wellness.” Circle Of Health provides a place where health seekers play an active role in healing themselves, assuming responsibility for their own well-being, and awakening to an alternative and complementary approach to health care.

Dr. Allen enjoys

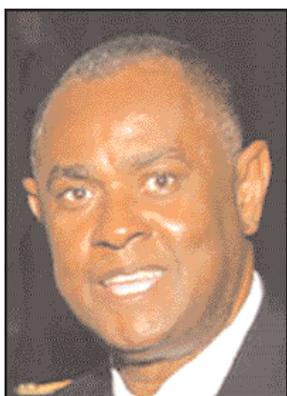
working closely with colleagues in both conventional and alternative medicine, to help her clients select the most effective approach for their individual situation. Dr. Allen treats people of all ages and has special expertise in the spectrum of emotional issues, weight loss and immune system enhancement. Dr. Allen

has over 22 years of Pharmaceutical background working for some of the largest corporations in the country.

For more information contact Dr. Eve, Circle of Health 6399 Wilshire Blvd., Suite PH 4 Los Angeles, CA 90048 - (323) 658-1152 or Dr.Eve@Circle-Of-Health.com.

Melvin P. Foote

Melvin P. Foote is CEO of the Constituency for Africa (CFA), a 12-year-old Washington, D.C. based education and advocacy group, has as its core mission the education and mobilization of Americans to care about Africa. CFA is one of many organizations that has an important role to play and is especially focused on galvanizing the African-American community -



the natural constituency - to play a more active and strategic role in formu-

lating U.S. policy toward Africa. In this regard, CFA organizes town hall meetings, African business roundtables and other educational forums in cities and towns across the United States, to raise awareness and improve understanding about the critical issues affecting Africa and her peoples.

Foote has been active on the African continent since the 1970s, when he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia and

Eritrea. From 1981 to 1984, he was Africare's country representative in Somalia. From 1984 to 1994, he supervised Africare's educational and constituency development programs.

By 1990, it became clear to Foote that building public and private support for Africa in the United States was a vision shared by many, and 40 groups united to form CFA, which grew out of Africare to become an independent

nonprofit organization in 1994. Andrew Young, former Atlanta mayor and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations; David Dinkins, former mayor of New York; and C. Payne Lucas, former Africare president, all have served on the CFA's board of directors.

In the years since its founding, CFA has fostered a number of initiatives to reduce this nation's ignorance about Africa and to build an ongoing base of support

for the continent. CFA now is developing a national advocacy campaign to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic affecting Africa.

Foote was the recipient of the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference's Diggs Award for Foreign Affairs in 2001. He has represented the United States in several fact-finding and trade missions to Africa and observed elections in Gabon.

Dr. Jackie Kimbrough



Dr. Jackie Kimbrough is a research psychologist with 35 years experience in public policy research, program design and program operations.

She is a Founder and Executive Director of The Children's Collective, Inc., one of the most comprehensive child development corporations in Los Angeles, with 13 locations in South Los Angeles. Programs offered include: childcare, pre-school and aftercare programs, adolescent preg-

nancy prevention and responsible parenting, child and family advocacy, case managed family support services, employment training and childcare careers.

The Children's Collective, Inc. serves 12,000 children, youth and adults each year in four major program areas: Child Development; Youth Development; Family Support and Workforce Development. She also worked as research analyst for the Rand Corporation for 11 years.

Civic involvement has included: funding and humanitarian assistance to women and children in refugee camps in Darfur/Chad through the Links, Inc. She coordinated fundraising and volunteers to build a house for a homeless woman and children through Delta Sigma

Theta/Habitat for Humanity.

Dr. Kimbrough was appointed as Commissioner on the Los Angeles City Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families where she

served as Chair of the Child Care Policy Committee. She was the recipient of the Los Angeles County Woman of the Year Award 2005 for her contributions to women, children and families.

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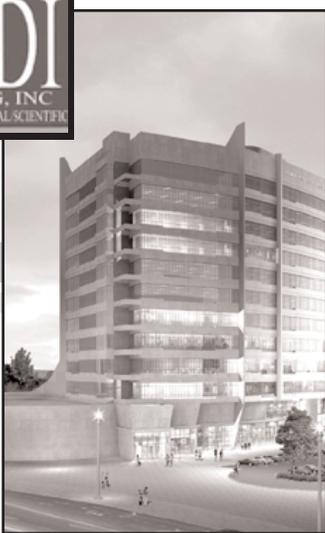
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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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

The North Dallas Gazette formally Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

THE TRUTH CLINIC

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

No religious or secular celebration dominates America's culture as thoroughly as Christmas. For at least two months of the year we find ourselves swept up in all the trappings of the season: Christmas cards, Christmas music, Christmas trees, Christmas lights, Christmas shopping, Christmas feasts, Christmas parties, Christmas travel and mounds of Christmas debt.

The entire Christian community and even some non-Christians look forward to December 25th mainly for its fun and festivity. Nativity scenes depicting the birth of Jesus are placed in yards and images of Santa Claus are everywhere during the seasonal selling blitz put on by retail and commercial institutions.

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving in America, marks the beginning of the traditional Christmas shopping season. Initial reports indicate that 2007 will follow the customary pattern.

Store aisles are jammed. Retailers often decorate for the Christmas season weeks beforehand. Many open their doors before dawn and offer price busting deals and loss leader specials to lure people to their stores. Despite an uncertain economy and a housing meltdown comparable to that during the great depression customers are

induced by sophisticated marketers to participate in frenzied buying sprees.

The very survival of many retail stores depends on the Christmas buying season. Christmas today is predominately secular with a fleeting moment of its religious connection squeezed in. The Greeting Card Assn. says that 30% of customers choose Christmas cards with religious messages. This means that 70% of people who send Christmas cards choose the politically correct path and not communicate anything about the real nature of Christmas.

If you approach someone today and mention the name Jesus, you will more than likely get strange looks and a reaction reserved especially for the weird. We tend to focus more on the material aspects of the holiday. But is the real joy of Christmas the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, turkey dinners with family and friends, stockings hanging in the living room, and greetings of "Merry Christmas"?

The true meaning of Christmas seems to be forever in danger of being obscured by all the commotion and promotion of the season. The search for the true meaning is a recurring one and the question is raised anew each year. Answers abound and have

become an integral part of our traditions. We are made to feel warm and comfortable with "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus", the "spirit of giving", the importance of family, or the beauty of a fresh snow covered "silent night". But these are not the reasons for the season.

While Christmas should be a time of great joy it is a time of depressing sorrow for many people. They don't have money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends. Many are sad, lonely, and despondent at Christmastime because circumstances have made it impossible to be near loved ones. Turkey dinner may be only a wish and not a reality for some.

The Prince of Peace would probably be thoroughly dismayed at the gross materialism that drives Christmas as an orchestrated commercial show more than a spiritual celebration.

Yet, in the midst of the confusion, dismay, and sorrow caused by our focus on Christmas consumer worship there is an enlightening and uplifting truth in the scriptures that should open our eyes to the real meaning of Christmas.

The nativity narratives in both Matthew and Luke tell us that: amid the struggle of His people God revealed Himself in a way that totally identified himself with them, as human beings. In

the most unlikely of circumstances, in a most unlikely place, God through Jesus Christ became a human being for the purpose of reconciling all humanity to Himself.

Jesus was born so that the price could be paid for the things we have done that are wrong. The Bible says that all have sinned. Jesus came so He could be sacrificed for ALL of our sins. He has promised to be with His people, with the church, and with us individually if we open our hearts and let Him in.

We can truly be happy at Christmas! No matter what may be happening in our lives we can know that we are His children. It is this God that we celebrate at Christmas. And we can do so with a confidence born, not of our own designs and desires, but from the birth of a little baby over 2,000 years ago who is the Son of God!

Look at Christmas in a new way this year. The joy and peace you receive from a Christ based Christmas will last all year and not leave you empty and wanting as do the gilded offerings of a commercialized Christmas.

Merry Christmas and remember that: Jesus is the REASON for this SEASON!

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad!

James W. Breedlove
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truth-clinic.com

Ex-Revolutionary Could Be Next Kenyan President

(GIN) – A former professor and one-time democracy activist, Raila Amolo Odinga is poised to become Kenya's fourth president after the Dec. 27 general election.

Born in 1945, Odinga left a teaching job at the University of Nairobi to agitate for political pluralism. Arrested in 1982, he spent 6 years in jail without charges.

After his father, veteran opposition leader Odinga Odinga, died in 1994, Odinga emerged from the shadows to become a fierce political player with his eye firmly set on the presidency.

To young post-independent Kenyans, Odinga symbolises a generational and structural change, while the incumbent president, 76 year old Mwai Kibaki, is a



relic of the old order.

Odinga casts himself as the champion of Kenya's poor majority, drives a Hummer and is a gifted orator. Both candidates are counting on support from their ethnic groups: Odinga

is a Luo, while Kibaki is a Kikuyu.

The third top candidate, who trails in the polls but hopes to be a kingmaker, is Kalonzo Musyoka, a 53-year-old born again Christian.

Hundreds Board 'Slave Ship' Docked in Freetown

(GIN) – A 19th century "slave ship" docked in the Sierra Leonean port of Freetown drew a crowd of hundreds when it opened to the public this past weekend.

It was the first stop for Freedom Schooner Amistad, a replica of the Amistad slave ship, which has been retracing the 14,000 mile slave trade route to mark the 200th anniversary since slaving was abolished in the British empire.

The history of the ship is deep-rooted in Sierra Leone's history, as hundreds of Sierra Leoneans were taken to Cuba as slaves.

In 1839, led by Sengbeh Pieh, the slaves revolted on the Amistad, killing many of the crew. They ended up imprisoned in the United States where their case was taken up by several abolitionists.

Today, Pieh's image can be

found on local currency and a luxury beach resort also carries his name. AMISTAD America, a not-for-profit U.S. charity, is sponsoring the historic trip. Meanwhile, visiting

representatives from New Haven, which is Freetown's 'twin' city in the U.S., received a proposal to bring engineers from New Haven to Freetown to re-build roads.

Bush and Nigerian Leader to Review Ties

(GIN) - Nigerian President Umaru Yar'Adua, criticized for "seriously flawed" elections that brought him to power, will meet with Pres. George Bush this week. Regional issues and Nigerian oil are on the agenda.

"The two leaders will discuss electoral reform, energy and the situation in the Niger Delta," Bush's spokesperson

Dana Perino said in a statement last week. "They will also discuss Somalia and Darfur," she said.

Washington was "profoundly disappointed" by the flawed elections last April, noted US assistant secretary of state for African affairs Jendayi Frazer but she called for "a new phase in relations between the two coun-

tries", adding "now is the time to build a robust US-Nigeria partnership. It is no secret that Nigeria is a significant part of US energy security and the fifth-largest source of our oil imports." Washington also hopes to win over Yar'Adua's on the basing of a new US military command in Nigeria. Yar'Adua has rejected the idea.

Stop Smoking Tips for the New Year

If you're among the 18 percent of adult Texans who smoke, odds are good that "stop smoking" appears high on your list of New Year's resolutions. The Department of State Health Services has some tips for turning that resolution into a reality.

"Smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death in our state," says Dr. David Lakey, the state's health commissioner. "A person under 50 who stops smoking today cuts their risk of dying in the next 15 years in half. No one thinks it's easy to quit smoking, but the health benefits will make that effort worthwhile."

"Nicotine is a powerfully addictive drug so you should think about how you're going to cope with withdrawal symptoms," Dr. Lakey says. "Different strategies work for different people. The important thing is to have options that will help you get over the craving to smoke."

Many people benefit from using medications or nicotine replacement products, such as a nicotine patch or gum. Studies have found that smokers who use pre-

scription medications or nicotine replacement products when they try to stop smoking double their chances of success.

The Department of State Health Services offers these tips for dealing with the side effects of nicotine withdrawal:

Irritability or anxiety: Cut down on caffeine. Take deep breaths. Go for a stroll.

Trouble sleeping: Take a warm bath. Drink herbal tea or warm milk. Read.

Trouble concentrating: Simplify your schedule for a few days. Make a "to do" list. Take a break.

Increased appetite: Drink more water, especially out of a sip bottle. Eat slowly. Snack on carrots, pickles, grapes or rice cakes.

Fatigue: Take a nap. Go to bed early. Try not to push yourself for two to four weeks.

"Remember that a withdrawal symptom or craving usually only lasts for a short time," Dr. Lakey says. "That feeling is going to pass in about 20 minutes whether you smoke or not."

It's also good to know what triggers your

desire for a cigarette. For some people it's drinking coffee, driving or watching television. Try avoiding the activities or places that trigger your desire to smoke.

You can also replace your smoking habit with a healthy alternative, such as walking, drinking more water or eating more vegetables. The healthy activities will help you cope with nicotine withdrawal in addition to providing other benefits.

"One of the most important things to remember is to be patient," Dr. Lakey says. "Most people make several attempts to stop smoking before they are successful."

Dr. Lakey also recommends finding a supportive friend or family member who can help you through the cravings.

The Department of State Health Services sponsors the American Cancer Society's Quitline, which provides free counseling, support and information. Call 1-877-937-7848 or visit www.yesquit.com for more tips and resources to help you stop smoking.

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HAPPY KWANZAA 2007



North Dallas Gazette & Stephanie Ward Gallery Celebrate Kwanzaa



Vendors at recent Holiday Bazaar hosted by the Gallery

(Plano) The North Dallas Gazette and Stephanie Ward Gallery are celebrating creativity during our Kwanzaa celebration December 30, 2007 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at 920 18th St Plano, TX

steppers singers and comedians," said Stephanie Ward. "This is a great event for the entire family."

Dallas spoken word artist, Seneka will host the event that celebrates creativity. Each act will perform for 3-15 minutes. So, the following acts have agreed to perform at the event, Hollywood Steppers, Poet Reshawn, Poet B Randall, Singer Lauryn Ashley, Comedian John Lewis, All That The Band, Mime and others.

"We have a variety of talent that is planning to perform, said Stephanie Ward, owner of

Stephanie Ward Gallery. "We still have space for unique and interesting performers during our celebration of creativity"

Kwanzaa is a week-long Cultural Celebration created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1965. The Cultural Celebration highlights seven principal of Kwanzaa during the seven days following the Christmas Holiday. Kwanzaa is observed from December 26 to January 1 each year. Stephanie Ward Gallery celebrates Kuumba (Creativity) on the six night of Kwanzaa.

"This is going to be an

exciting evening and everyone is welcome to come to celebrate the outstanding talent in this community," said Stephanie Ward. "The gallery is the perfect place for this, since we are a business that is inspired by creativity."

Everyone is asked to bring a dish or something to share in keeping with the spirit of Kwanzaa.

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Grant from TG™ Public Benefit Grant Program Creates Excitement about Going to College for Black Male Youth in the Dallas Metroplex

DALLAS – The Texas Association of Developing Colleges (TADC) is the recipient of a one-year grant for \$136,313 from the TG Public Benefit Grant Program. Under the “Black Male Youth Accessing Higher Education With E’s” program, TADC in partnership with the Dallas Housing Authority will conduct a college access program for 50 Black male youth and their families which will take these young men through a 10-12-month program to prepare them for successfully accessing a postsecondary education.

“The parental support has been overwhelming,” says Barbara Hawkins, Executive Director of TADC. The real recipients of this grant are the 50 Black male youth currently living in Dallas Housing Authority’s public housing and/or Section 8 who, up until now, possibly did not see college as a part of their future. “Our communities are filled with young Black men who are smart and talented, and are potential community, corporate and sports leaders for whom college is within reach. We want to provide the educa-

tional support, life skills, mentoring and exposure for these young Black men to redirect their thought processes and efforts toward pursuing a college education” says Hawkins.

The “Black Male Youth Accessing Higher Education With E’s” program is designed to encourage, expose, engage, embrace, elevate, empower and ensure that at least 50 cohorts of Black male youth are equipped with the guidance, tools and resources necessary to pursue a postsecondary education. “DHA is excited to partner with TADC as I believe education is critical to breaking the cycle of poverty in our communities,” said Ann Lott, DHA president and CEO.

The 12-month program will consist of virtual and physical college tours, financial aid workshops, educational trips, exposure to business and other personalities, SAT/ACT and math and science assistance as required, high school to college transition counseling, male mentorship, team

building and other workshops and activities that prepare them to enter and be successful college students.

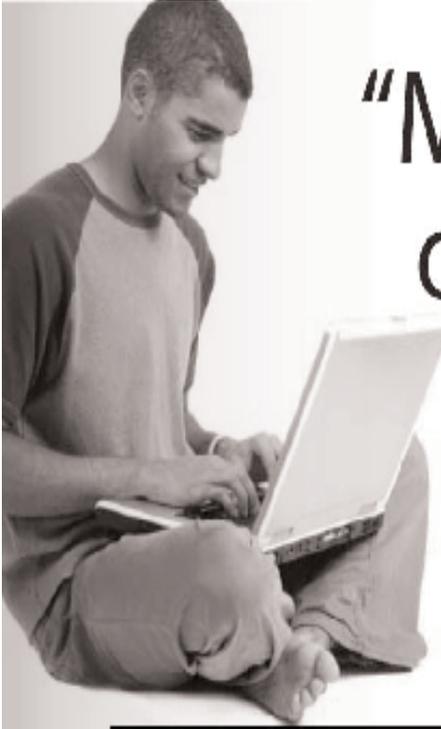
The men of The Theta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have volunteered and committed to a mentoring and support partnership with the young men throughout the period of the program. Laptop computers will be provided to ensure computer access for assignments. Another partner and contributor to this program is Paul Quinn College who will be providing ongoing educational and programmatic support and they will host the cohorts in a special program specifically designed for them during the summer.

Verizon Wireless has generously contributed wireless cards and wireless services for all of the laptops for the entire period of the program, which ends

on September 30, 2008, thus enabling the

cohorts to access the internet without geo-

graphic limitations. At See Grant, Page 12



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St. Andrew Methodist Church & Rent-A-Center Build Habitat House in Plano



Larry Schroeder, St. Andrew UMC
(presents keys to Terry Randall)

In the Douglass Community of east Plano at 803 13th, the collaboration between St. Andrew United Methodist Church and

Rent-A-Center resulted in a new home the Randall family.

This Randalls, former Katrina evacuees, attend Shiloh Missionary Baptist



Rev. Kevin Veasy, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
(conducts home blessing)

Church, located just 30 yards from their new home. Terry and Jervon have two daughters Terri Lynn, age 11, and Terrion who is 10 months old.

Terry works for Aerocare Home Medical Equipment. The Randall family received the keys to their new home in early November.



Randall Family (Jervon, TerriLynn & Terry)

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry which partners with low-income families and area volunteers to con-

struct affordable, quality housing. Families then purchase the home at cost with a 0% mortgage. Both of sponsors have built with HfHSCC in the past.

Coca-Cola Supports “Feed the Hungry” Campaign For Third Year \$19,500 Donated to the Dallas and Tarrant Counties Union Gospel Missions

DALLAS — The “Feed the Hungry” campaign benefiting the Union Gospel Missions of Dallas and Tarrant counties has been a giant success in its third year. In Dallas and Fort Worth alone, \$19,500 has been donated and will go toward the purchase of many of the Missions, staple items.

The four-week campaign has generated donations from Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas, Sams Club, and 96.7 The Texas Twister radio station. During the campaign, Coca-Cola donated a portion of the proceeds generated from all Coca-Cola product sales in 21 metroplex Sams Club stores. In addition, a phone back, and live donations, was set up by local radio station 96.7 The Texas Twister.

Sams Club filled a



Mayor of Dallas, Tom Leppert, extends a warm hand to greet 3-year-old Elijah Hart in front of the Union Gospel Mission's Center of Hope. Photo by Mike Stone

truck with many of the staple items the Union Gospel Missions of Tarrant and Dallas counties need. The supplies were delivered to the Tarrant County location on December 14, 2007,

making a special holiday delivery to the more than 100 residents of both the Dallas and Tarrant counties Union Gospel Missions. In addition to his taking part in the \$19,500 check

presentation, Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert was the first to unload some of the much-needed supplies.

The “Feed The Hungry” campaign is in its third successful year in North Texas

and has raised over \$83,000 for the Union Gospel Missions of Dallas and Tarrant County.

Jay Long, Public Affairs Manager of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North

Texas said, “We are pleased to partner for a third year with Sams Club in North Texas and are delighted to include 96.7 The Texas Twister on this important project. Coca-Cola is excited about the growth of this program and is pleased to donate a significant amount to the Union Gospel Missions of Tarrant and Dallas counties. The work that the Missions do for the community helps so many people help themselves. We are pleased to be part of supporting their mission.”

The Union Gospel Missions of Dallas and Tarrant counties are dedicated to providing food, clothing, overnight shelter, and other services. Coca-Cola continues to remain committed to the community and to enhancing the lives of those in need.

Community Calendar

Ongoing

381 Days The Montgomery Bus Boycott ongoing through January 13, 2008 This exhibition commemorates the 1955 bus boycott that began when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white patron. The exhibition explores the many challenges faced by African Americans fighting a segregated system that was demeaning and humiliating, as they continued to endure harassment by local law enforcement. Further the exhibition captures the unfailing commitment and relentless determination of a Black community in its efforts to oppose and change laws that allowed them to be treated as second-class citizens. The African American Museum in Fair Park, 3536 Grand Avenue, Dallas For more information call: 214 565-9026

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting held monthly every second Thursday, from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. The general public is welcome. McKinney Housing Authority - 1200 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney 75069 for general information call 469-424-0120.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce Monthly Lunch & Learn a great opportunity to meet other business owners, as well as key decision makers from various organizations around the metroplex. Join us every third Thursday to gain valuable information present-

ed by featured guest speakers to help your business grow. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm, Ralph and Kacoos - 401 S. Central Expy, Allen. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

DFW Financially Empowered Women a group for women interested in taking charge of their financial security. We meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For more information call 469-952-0809 or visit www.meetup.com/378

First Friday- Music Under the Dome Tired of crowded bars, night clubs just don't fit for you anymore, weary of networking happy hours, looking for a place to meet exciting people in a relaxed environment, the African American Museum has just the right mix for you. Every month a local band performs jazz, rhythm, and blues in the rotunda. Seating is cabaret style. Visitors are also able to tour the galleries. The Program is an innovative series that provides a fun and energized social environment for the community to enjoy local blues and jazz musicians in an intimate setting in the Museum's Rotunda. For more information contact the Museum 214.565.9026, ext. 315

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch Have lunch, promote your business, bring lots of business cards and a friend 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023

Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

Teen First Fridays held in collaboration with St. Philip's School and Community Center, Project Still I Rise Inc. and the Dallas Leadership Foundation. 5:45pm - 8:45pm at St. Philip's Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania, Dallas 75215. Includes motivational speakers, food, live entertainment, youth and spoken word performances. For more information contact Tiffany Kirby, Community Center Director at 214-421-5221 or Kevin Mondy, President, Project Still I Rise at 1-877-380-6413.

December 28 Citywide Kwanzaa: Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility) is being celebrated at the Desoto Town Center, Atrium 211 E. Pleasant Run in Desoto. The celebration starts at 7:00 p.m. Call the Town Center at 972-298-6001, for more information.

December 31 New Year's Eve Under the Dome Bring in the New Year with Roger Boykin and his band at the African American Museum's New Year's Eve Under the Dome Party. Enjoy dining and dancing, view the museum exhibitions and ring in the New Year. 8:00pm - 1:00am Tickets are \$ 60.00 For more information contact the Museum 214.565.9026, ext. 315

Sandaga's New Year's Eve Bash The champagne will flow, the hors d'oeuvres will be hot and the music, pure jazz in the heart

of the design district. The \$50-per-person party starts at 9 p.m. and will continue long past midnight. This is a reservation-only event, limited to 100 individuals. The Sandaga Market is located at 1325 E. Levee Street. For reservations to the New Year's Eve Jazz Bash at Sandaga Market, or additional information, please call 214-616-0802

January 2 Songs of South Africa sung at the Hampton-Illinois Branch Library, 2951 South Hampton Road. The fun begins at 11:00 a.m. and admission is FREE. For further information please call the library at 214-670-7646.

January 3 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group will be meeting at the Audelia Road Branch Library, 10045 Audelia Road at 11:30 a.m. Admission to the meeting is FREE and open to the public. For further information please call 214-670-1350.

January 4 The Women Praying for Christ Ministries "A Call for the Wailing Women" Prayer Shut-In Fellowship 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight, after which, the doors will be locked and the prayer will continue through 6:00 a.m. FREE admission; requires an open heart, an open mind, and early registration. Open Bible Fellowship Church 2701 Briarwood Drive, Plano Texas, 75074. To register, call 214-450-7634, or email info@womenpraying-forchrist.org. For further information contact Women Praying for Christ Ministries, Inc. 972-422-

4248.

January 4 and 5 "NO MORE!" a Two-Day Biblically-Based Personal Success Seminar will be held at the DeSoto Library Assembly Hall, 211 E. Pleasant Run, DeSoto 75115. The conference focuses on maximizing our God-given abilities in order to be successful. Friday (the 4th) from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and Saturday (the 5th) from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Registration \$50.00. Request registration information at successinchristministries@gmail.com

January 5 The Civil Rights Series Symposium: Education and the Civil Rights Movement in Dallas. African American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue 12noon-2:00 p.m. For further information call 214-565-9026.

January 5 and 6 The Velveteen Rabbit auditions 1:00p.m at the Garland Civic Theatre. 20 available spots for actors between 8 and 18. Actors should bring a headshot and a resume, but no experience is required. The rehearsal, which must be scheduled online at www.garlandcivictheatre.org, will consist of cold readings from the script at the Garland Civic Theatre rehearsal hall 108 North 6th Street in downtown Garland, Texas. For more information call GCT at 972-485-8884.

January 8 Poetry Night at Pleasant Grove Share your poetry with other aspiring poets. This event is for poets and poetry lovers of all ages.

Refreshments are available. Come to the Pleasant Grove Branch Library, 1125 South Buckner Boulevard at 7:00 p.m. For further information please call 214-670-0965

January 9, 10 & 16 African Drumming with Leo Hassan Leo shares ancient folktales, songs, and dances. Come experience the magic of music at the Forest Green Branch Library, 9015 Forest Lane. The fun begins at 10:30 a.m. and admission is FREE. For additional information please call the library at 214-670-1335.

January 12 I Have a Dream: Martin Luther King Celebrate the life and story of Martin Luther King. Write a poem or story about your dream to share. The presentation is being held at the Audelia Road Branch Library, 10045 Audelia Road, starting at 2:00 p.m. Admission is FREE and open to the public. Call the library at 214-670-8403 for more information.

January 12 and 13 "Are You Being Served?" auditions 1:00pm at the Garland Civic Theatre. There are 12 roles available, four female (age 20-70) and eight male (age 20-70). Actors should bring a headshot and a resume. The rehearsal, which must be scheduled online at www.garlandcivictheatre.org, will consist of cold readings from the script at the Garland Civic Theatre rehearsal hall 108 North 6th Street in downtown Garland, Texas. For more information call GCT at 972-485-8884.

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Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce A Legacy in the Making

By Jacquinette D. Murphy

The Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce (CCBCC) is the first known business bridge for minority-owned small businesses and corporations in the Collin County area. The 501(c) 6 certified chamber organization has built its infrastructure and is now more equipped to externally support its growing membership.

Mary Jane Smith, an experienced leader and the current chairman of the Board of Directors is the principal architect whose commitment to building a flagship chamber has led to the swift growth of the chamber's membership and increasing list of partners.

"We have pulled together 60 percent of the slate of officers and doubled our membership since September," began Smith. "We now have people calling us and wanting to serve and be a part of the chamber."

The CCBCC recently hosted the Member's Salute Gala at Ralph & Kacoos Restaurant located at 401 South Central Expressway in Allen, as a way to

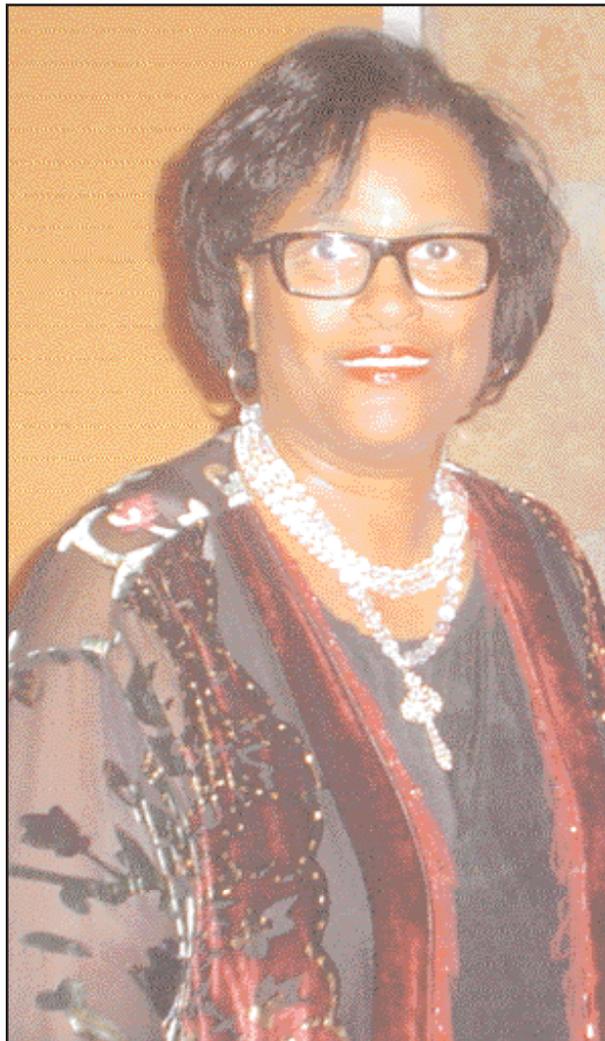
show its appreciation to its bustling membership. The event also served as the platform to announce its new executive board members and to donate food items and toys to the less fortunate. Approximately 105 people attended the event and it was held in partnership with Chase Bank at Redbud in McKinney, the McKinney Housing Authority and the host restaurant. CCBCC charter member St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Senior Pastor Charles Wattley, received the donated goods. Also in attendance were Herbert Miller of the City of Allen; Carol and Humberto Rodriguez of the Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; political hopefuls, Marta Gore and Victor Manuel both seeking a seat on the McKinney City Council and the Collin County Commissioners Court respectively.

The 2008 Board of Directors include: Keevin Dailey (Founder Emeritus), Jamal Murray (Founder Emeritus), Mary Jane Smith (Chairman), Horace Sattisfield (Vice-

Chairman), Terri Thomas (Treasurer), Beth Bentley, and Tarsha Polk. The Executive Board Members include: Lu

(Director of Youth Programs).

With its executive leadership now more firmly in place, the chamber can now



Smith president of CCBCC

Vorse Dahlman (President), Denise Huggins (Secretary), Marcia Donaldson (Treasurer). Committee Chairpersons include: Ramona Giddings (Director of Membership), Karen Griggsby (Director of Community Relations), Juan Piggee (Director of Technology) and Caroline Liddell

function as a business connector. "We want to touch the community in a close way." stated Smith. The CCBCC, as is other chambers, is often beneficial to the small business owner, the entrepreneur, and "big business" organizations from virtually any industry.

According to Smith, the chamber in essence, works for the small business

owner. "We are the advocate for small businesses. We act and speak on their behalf. We are out there networking with leaders and directors."

Currently, its popular Lunch and Learn luncheons bring together business professionals, general community members and chamber members to network, to gain access to various contract opportunities and to increase business exposure.

The chamber will continue to offer business and professional training in addition to gaining valuable insight on successfully doing business in Collin County.

"We recently hosted a minority certification seminar in conjunction with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. We are also planning professional development seminars to help professionals craft their 60 second elevator pitch, learn to sell themselves, and to acquaint them with the types of contracts that they need." Smith informed, "Membership has its benefits."

Bobby Marek, a general manager of Ralph & Kacoos has

experienced the benefit of being a chamber partner, "We recently joined to encourage a good relationship and to become more involved. They have definitely given us consistent and increased business."

Amongst other benefits, the CCBCC members also receive spotlight and promotional opportunities at general meetings, free general listing in on-line and print directories, discounts to chamber events, advertising and sponsorship opportunities via website, newsletter and events, valuable business referrals, member discount card, and free access to workshops and seminars on business development.

Please visit www.ccblackchamber.org for more information on this historical organization. To become a part of the CCBCC contact Ramona Giddings, Director Membership via email at rgiddings@ccblackchamber.org or phone at 469-424-0120 ext. 703. The annual membership fees are follows: Chamber supporters (\$40), Individual (\$100), business membership range from \$150 - \$300.

Sandaga's New Year's Eve Bash

Jazz lovers can scat and snap their way into the New Year with exciting live musical performances at Sandaga Market in Dallas. Owner Darryl Thomas is transforming his spacious African art gallery into a cool jazz club for one special night: Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve. The champagne will flow, the hors d'oeuvres will be hot and the music, pure jazz in the heart of the design district. The \$50-per-person party starts at 9 p.m. and will continue long past midnight. This is a reservation-only event, limited to 100 individuals. To prevent overcrowding, walk-ins won't be allowed. The Carla Norris Quintet -- the evening's featured band -- is sure to give Sandaga revelers an improvised take on Auld Lang Syne, they won't soon forget. "We'll have

one of the better jazz bands out there," Thomas boasts. "Carla is a very good interpreter of jazz. She really feels the music she sings. You listen to her vocals and you know that it's real." Complementing Norris' vocals are saxophonist Jason Davis, with Benny Medina on drums, Yuka Tadano playing bass and pianist Chris Villanueva. Although it is Thomas' first New Year's Eve party at Sandaga Market, it's not a huge leap for this African-art-dealing entrepreneur. He has been hosting periodic jazz jam sessions at Sandaga's for about eight years. Like many of his patrons, Thomas is passionate about good music and his musical influences are as vast and varied as the African Diaspora.

"I kind of missed the type of jazz I grew up

with in New York," he says, explaining why he began using his Dallas space as an occasional jazz venue. Born in Brooklyn, Thomas "tried playing trumpet" in his youth, which gave him an even greater appreciation for truly gifted jazz musicians. In his childhood home, his father adored jazz legends Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald while his mother worshipped gospel great Mahalia Jackson.

"What we do at Sandaga is straight-ahead jazz," Thomas explains. Such serious taste has drawn some serious jazz fans and musicians to his place, including trumpeter and composer Wynton Marsalis in September when Marchel Ivery, the late tenor-saxophonist, led the house band. Ivery last played at Sandaga's in October, when he and the

Duke Ellington Legacy Band got the joint jumping. Meanwhile, saxophonist Shelley Carrol and bass player Jonathan Fisher frequently play as part of the house band. Seated in a room surrounded by art, regulars say they like the creative atmosphere, and the relaxed vibrations.

While the first Friday of every month is reserved for African drumming and dancing at Sandaga's, jazz jam sessions are usually on the third Sunday of each month. Thomas, however, is postponing this month's Sunday jazz jam to prepare for his upscale New Year's Eve event. The Sandaga Market is located at 1325 E. Levee Street. For reservations to the New Year's Eve Jazz Bash at Sandaga Market, or additional information, please call 214-616-0802.

A Treasure that Treats the Family

By Randon D. Knighten

Hollywood gives moviegoers with a reason to get the family away from the TV. Despite the mixed reviews of critics nationwide, National Treasure: Book of Secrets delivers an entertaining adventure. The cast returns for yet another thrilling adventure of discovery, lead by Nicolas Cage as Benjamin Franklin Gates and Jon Voight as his father Patrick. The Gates family probes through the United States cherished historical documents in search of family esteem and glory.

Ed Harris plays on the other side of the ball in search of fortune. While Ben is presenting new information about John Wilkes Booth and the 18 pages missing from Booth's diary, Harris stands up and presents a missing page of John Wilkes Booth's diary implicating Gates as a conspirator. Harris as the cunning Mitch Wilkinson advises Gates that their lineage was a threat to the North's victory during the Civil War. He provides proof that their Great-

Grandfather was an assailant in the murder of President Lincoln. When this information hits the fan, the Gates' credibility is questioned and the fate of the beloved family name is again tainted. They encounter the FBI, the police, and scoundrels along their path to finding the truth.

Diane Kruger plays Cages ex-girlfriend Abigail Chase, an expert in antiquities and collectibles of the post-colonial era. Riley Poole, played by Justin Bartha, is the comical whiz kid that accompanies Ben Gates. Poole hacks into government agency security and guides Gates beyond tightly guarded passages. This allows Gates to find puzzles and clues left by 19th Century Masons after the war. Ben believes the answers will allow him to unravel the events that lead to the death of The Great Emancipator.

National Treasure is a chest of excitement and keeps your interest throughout the whole film. A definite must see for history buffs and all of those who excelled in 8th grade history.

Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, Slices Its Way into Dallas

The national tour of John Doyle's recent Tony Award-winning Broadway production of Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's SWEENEY TODD, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, will play The Majestic Theatre in Dallas January 15-20, 2008. The touring production of Doyle's revolutionary re-imagining of the musical -- considered to be Sondheim's masterpiece -- will star Judy Kaye (The Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia!) as Mrs. Lovett and David Hess as the demon barber himself, Sweeney Todd. SWEENEY TODD is part of the Dallas Summer Musicals' Broadway Contemporary Series, presented by Comerica Bank.

This exciting and innovative new production features a multi-talented ensemble of ten talented actors/musicians, five from the 2006 Tony Award winning Broadway company. SWEENEY TODD is based on the 19th

century legend of a London barber driven to a life of crime after a malevolent judge takes his wife and child from him. Sweeney's plan for revenge includes a cutthroat partnership with Mrs. Lovett -- an enterprising businesswoman -- who is soon producing the tastiest meat pies in London.

Directed and designed by Doyle, who won the 2006 Tony®, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for this production, SWEENEY TODD features music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler from an adaptation by Christopher Bond, and music supervision and orchestrations by Sarah Travis, who won a 2006 Tony® Award for SWEENEY TODD. The creative team includes lighting designer Richard Jones, and sound designer Dan Moses Schreier.

A Dreamworks Pictures version of SWEENEY

TODD, directed by Tim Burton and starring Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter, opened in Dallas in December.

All performances will be at The Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street in Dallas. The schedule is Tuesday, January 15th - Sunday, January 20th nightly at 8PM, with a 2PM matinee on the weekend.

Single tickets for SWEENEY TODD, priced from \$16-\$62, are on sale now at The Box Office, 542 Preston Royal Shopping Center, and all Ticketmaster outlets including The Majestic Theatre. Tickets are also available by calling 214-631-ARTS (2787) or online at www.ticketmaster.com. For groups of 20 or more, please call 214-426-GROUP.

For more information about Dallas Summer Musicals, visit their website at www.dallassummermusicals.org or call 214-421-5678.

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Secretary Wilson Praises Research in Motion, Ltd. Headquarter Relocation to Texas

Irving – Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson joined state and local officials, as well as business leaders from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, announced the relocation of Research in Motion, Ltd.'s U.S. headquarters to Irving, Texas.

Research in Motion, (RIM), widely known for its activities in the research and development of the BlackBerry wireless platform, has remained a leader in the wireless communications market since 1984. Its new headquarters in Irving is expected to generate 1,000 new jobs to the region and make a powerful impact on the local and state economy.

"Research in Motion is a company that not only does business well themselves, but enables others to do business better through their innovative wireless communications solutions," stated Wilson. "For more than 20 years, they have led the way to a more efficient and more connected workplace and I am confident that RIM will continue to flourish as it moves

its headquarters to Irving."

As Secretary of State and the governor's designee to the Texas Enterprise Fund and Emerging Technology Fund, Wilson has aggressively worked to promote economic development and job creation throughout the state of Texas. He has played a significant role in several record-breaking job creation projects over the past several years and has led the state's efforts to support the commercialization of new, emerging technologies throughout Texas.

"For the past several years, Texas has made a big deal about attracting new companies, creating well-paying jobs and promoting emerging technologies throughout the Lone Star State," Wilson continued. "Research in Motion supports these three goals as they bring their U.S. headquarters to Irving. RIM has remained on the cutting edge of wireless communications since 1984 and will make a powerful impact in this community and our state for many years to come.

Medicare, Page 1

ends December 31st, people with Medicare can select health and drug coverage for 2008. It is critical beneficiaries assess their health needs, review their current health and drug coverage, compare it to other area plans, and choose a plan that is best for them. Individuals with limited incomes and resources may qualify for extra help to pay for prescription drug costs. The CMS enhanced their website (www.medicare.gov) to include Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder. The Plan Finder provides beneficiaries with more information and greater clarity on available drug plans, including estimated out-of-pocket costs.

Participating in the Adopt-A-Senior program is simple:

1. By December 31st, contact a loved one or someone you know of who needs help.
2. Gather their current medications.

3. Go to www.medicare.gov to find and compare Medicare health and prescription drug plans or call 1-800-MEDICARE. The telephone

lines are open 24 hours a day during enrollment.

No one is required to change their plan, but beneficiaries can use this time to review and make adjustments to their current Medicare coverage. Enroll as soon as possible to avoid any inconvenience at the pharmacy counter in January.

The Internet and the various brochures and books received can be overwhelming for some elderly community members. In addition, the CMS has warned that sadly there are scammers preying on seniors during this process. Examples of fraud include calling and pretending they are with the CMS offices and asking for social security numbers to use for identity theft. However, it is important to note Medicare is not calling beneficiaries, and would never ask for your social security number.

So, give a final gift in 2007 by Adopting-A-Senior. The gratitude of the assisted senior citizen and the knowledge that you are helping them manage their healthcare - priceless.

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Black Caucus, Page 1

insurance in the Illinois legislature. He also had the strength of character and courage to stand up against the Iraqi war."

U. S. Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Texas), who has announced her endorsement of Clinton, says she believes Clinton's long record of service to children shows where her heart really is.

She says she is especially impressed that Clinton, as a young lawyer, served as a staff attorney for Marian Wright Edelman's Children's Defense Fund during her post graduate studies and that she served as a consultant to the Carnegie Council on Children.

"This is a very important election and I do think that as people begin to know Sen. Clinton and they know her personally and they know her story, she has an enormously convincing story of someone who has empathy and out of empathy, one can act upon the pain of others and the joy of others," says Jackson-Lee.

While Scott says his endorsement of Obama has nothing to do with the fact that he is Black, Jackson-Lee made no bones about what she sees as an opportunity to raise the ceiling for women in America.

John Edwards, a former North Carolina senator, has three endorsements from CBC members.

"Too many women are not getting the health care they need," said U. S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas) in a statement posted on the Edwards campaign web-

site. "John Edwards is the only candidate to outline a specific plan to provide universal coverage and I'm proud to be part of a campaign—the only campaign—with a detailed plan to cover all Americans."

Eight CBC members had not made public endorsements by NNPA deadline.

The 15-15 Clinton-Obama split among the CBC members closely reflects the dividing lines among Black voters, according to polls.

A poll taken between Oct. 5 and Nov. 2 by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies showed Clinton with 83 percent of Black votes, compared to Obama, who then had 74 percent.

About 10 percent of those surveyed viewed them both negatively.

The split between the all-Democratic members of the CBC is as follows:

Endorsing Hillary Clinton are Lee, Stephanie Tubbs Jones of Ohio; Kendrick Meek, Corrine Brown and Alcee Hastings of Florida; Yvette Clarke, Charles Rangel, Gregory Meeks and Edolphus Towns of New York; Emanuel Cleaver of Missouri; Dianne Watson and Laura Richardson of California; David Scott and John Lewis of Georgia; and Donna Christian-Christensen (V.I.).

Endorsing Barack Obama are Scott, Danny Davis, Bobby Rush and Jesse Jackson Jr. of Illinois; Barbara Lee of California; Artur Davis of Alabama; Gwen Moore of Wisconsin; Lacy Clay of Missouri; Elijah Cummings of Maryland; Sanford Bishop and Hank

Johnson of Georgia; John Conyers of Michigan; Keith Ellison of Minnesota; Chaka Fattah of Pennsylvania; and Al Green of Texas.

Endorsing John Edwards are: Johnson of Texas; Mel Watt and G. K. Butterfield of North Carolina.

Those who had not endorsed by NNPA deadline were: Eleanor Holmes Norton of D.C.; Jim Clyburn of South Carolina; Bennie Thompson of Mississippi; Al Wynn of Maryland; William Jefferson of Louisiana; Donald Payne of New Jersey; Maxine Waters of California and CBC Chairwoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick of Michigan.

The Clinton-Obama choice is complicated by questions over whether America will really elect Clinton as its first woman or Obama as its first African-American president while both race and gender – specifically the Black race and the female gender - have historically been excuses for prejudice and discrimination in America. However, poll readings show both Democratic front-runners as being well ahead of their Republican opponents.

Scott says he believes Obama could win a general election despite racial prejudices.

"If he wins Iowa, he would be favored in New Hampshire and if he wins New Hampshire, he'll have a lock on South Carolina, which would put him well-postured to compete on Super Tuesday and he'll have enough money," Scott says.

The Abandoned House Around the Corner

By. Bill Fletcher Jr.
NNPA Columnist

I found it strange that this big house was being constructed around the corner from me on a fairly major street. While it was not surprising to see another house, this one seemed a bit out of place.

The house stands on a corner, right near a major intersection. There is nothing next to it. Behind it, however, are homes situated in my development. It certainly looked—looks—like a nice house, but such a strange location. Noise abounded, and construction workers moved in and out working on the building day after day.

And then one day, a few months ago, complete and total silence. The work stopped. It was eerie. Everything was left as if to say "...to be continued..." The portable latrine used by the construction workers still stands there. The house has not been finished and there is no sign that it will ever be.

We do not know, for sure, what happened, but our guess is that either the developer or the contractor went, financially speaking,

belly up. This is happening around the country. Not only are home owners facing unprecedented foreclosures, but this trickles down to the home builders. Someone does not get paid at all or in time and all of a sudden, the business that they had dangling by a string snaps and collapses altogether.

It is not just the sub-prime market, which we have been hearing so much about, that is facing trouble. Yes, those individuals who were in precarious financial shape and borrowed under questionable terms are indeed facing serious challenges. Loans that should never have been made, coupled with the lack of government oversight, has undermined the ability of thousands of families to enjoy this holiday season, not to mention, to enjoy what may have been the home of their dreams.

In addition to the sub-prime borrowers, however, there were many others who were hoodwinked into dubious loans. I received countless calls every day asking me to refinance my home, often

with variable rate mortgages or interest-only mortgages. These offers sounded great, but as the saying goes, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

So, the house around the corner stands as a monument to an economy gone mad; an economy that pays little attention to the working person who wants to enjoy a good life. We were suckered during the housing boom into believing that home values would continue to increase and that we could all make a mint either on the sale of our home or on the equity. Rather than preaching caution, we were bombarded with advertisements and infomercials that suggested that nothing could go wrong.

I keep wondering who asked to have that house built around the corner and what they lost along with their dream.

Bill Fletcher, Jr. is a labor and international writer and activist. He is the immediate past president of TransAfrica Forum and can be reached at papaq54@hotmail.com

Child DNA Saliva Kit Campaign

The Plano North Metroplex Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, has teamed with Washington Enterprises to implement the "Child DNA Saliva Kit" Campaign. The objective of the campaign is to assist families, and the professionals who serve them, in the prevention of child abduction.

The Chapter distributed 3,600 free kits to attendees at KwanzaaFest, which was held at Fair Park in Dallas on December 8-9, 2007. More than 40,000 people from Dallas and surrounding suburbs attended the celebration. The weekend festival marks the African-American "first fruits" celebrations of the 7 principles of classical African cultures.

The kits come with easy to follow directions and two cotton swabs.

DNA Samples are obtained by rubbing cotton swabs inside of the child's mouth on the cheeks. The swabs are placed on wax paper, put into the supplied Saliva DNA Freezer Storage Envelope, and then placed in the freezer. The kits also contain safety tips and information from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. The Chapter plans to distribute an additional 7,000 kits at area malls and day care centers.

"Our objective is to help protect children from abduction through education. If an abduction occurs, the parent has a DNA sample they can provide to law enforcement to assist in locating the missing child", said Shari K. Lamb, Esq., President of the Plano North Metroplex Chapter, The Links,

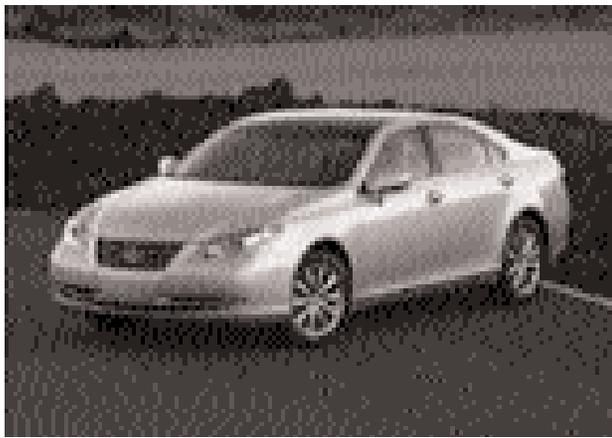
Incorporated. In October, the chapter distributed more than 600 kits to parents at Florence Parsons Pre-K School in Garland, Texas, where Chapter member Bonnie Barrett serves as Principal. "Parents are anxious to do everything they can to protect their children. They have welcomed the opportunity to be an active participant in their children's safety by embracing the DNA Saliva kits. I am left with a deep sense of fulfillment to know that we have touched so many lives with these kits", said Bernice J. Washington, a member of the Chapter and President of Washington Enterprises who donated the 12,000 kits.

For additional details, please contact Shari K. Lamb, Esq. at skllaw@flash.net or (972) 867-7581.

2008 Lexus

By Stu Livingston

The 2008 Lexus ES 350 is an entry-level luxury sedan that comes in a single, well-equipped trim level. The unique exterior is the latest example of the Lexus' L-finesse design theme of a long hood, sweptback cabin and short rear overhang. The cabin of the ES 350 is where the luxury begins, with all the materials, be they plastic, leather, metal or wood, being of the finest quality. The 2008 ES 350 comes standard with numerous features that include, a sunroof, 10-way power front seats, keyless entry and starting, a power tilt/telescoping steering wheel, a trip computer, dual-zone automatic climate control, one-touch up/down windows and an eight-speaker audio system with a six-disc, in-dash CD changer and an



auxiliary audio jack. There are a number of optional packages that can make the ES350 even more luxurious. Highlights include leather seating, park assist, heated/ventilated front seats, Bluetooth connectivity, a front seat memory system, a navigation system (with voice activation), a premium Mark Levinson surround-sound audio and video system, satellite radio, and chrome wheels. The ES 350 has a 3.5-liter

V6 that develops 272 hp and 254 pound-feet of torque. This power is sent to the front wheels through a six-speed automatic transmission with manual shift capability. In testing, the powertrain was found to whisk the ES350 to 60 mph in around 7 seconds. The ride should also be quiet and smooth with redesigned engine mounts and laminated glass composed of three layers instead of two. EPA fuel

economy estimates, at 19 mpg city and 27 mpg highway, are above average for a 2008 midsize luxury sedan. In government crash tests, the ES 350 scored five stars (the highest possible) in the frontal-impact category for both driver and passenger. Standard safety equipment included on the Lexus are antilock disc brakes and a full array of airbags. The stability control and Traction Control systems on the ES uses throttle and brake intervention to keep the car pointed in the right direction. Overall, the 2008 Lexus ES 350 stands tall as just about the ideal entry-luxury sedan. New car buyers in 2008 can expect to see a MSRP around \$33,000 which includes a basic 4 yr. / 50,000 mi warranty program from Lexus.

WMS Unlimited Launches The No Limit Network

WMS Unlimited, communication and project management specialists have launched a new business and social networking organization, The No Limit Network. The No Limit Network was established to pro-

vide a wide range of solutions and resources to businesses and individuals, and to provide a forum to network and share ideas. The goals of the organization are to help promote business events, provide educational seminars,

and networking opportunities, to keep consumers informed on the latest news. The No Limit Network hosts luncheons every Thursday at 11:30 am at Texas Land and Cattle Steak House at 3945 N. Central

Expressway in Plano, Texas. Anyone is welcome to attend, but all attendees must R.S.V.P. at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com. For further information about The No Limit Network, call (972)898-5882.

UNT System given Urban Design "Dream Study" Award by Greater Dallas Planning Council

The Dream Study Award category of the Urban Design Awards is presented for plans that exhibit a positive urban design vision. The UNT System Downtown Master Plan is a comprehensive concept that includes education in the arts, economic development, technology and the UNT College of Law.

The plan was lauded for the academic and administrative concepts developed through the



strong collaboration between the UNT System and the City of Dallas. UNT Board of Regents members Dr. Charles D. Mitchell of

Oak Cliff and Jack A. Wall of Dallas accepted the award with UNT System Chancellor Lee F. Jackson.

Four other area proj-

ects were given awards and the Council's Kessler Award was presented to Willis C. Winters, AIA, assistant director of the City of Dallas Parks and Recreation Department.

Receiving the Urban Design Award in the Built category were One Arts Plaza, Kessler Woods, and a joint project, the Plano Courtyard Theater and Cox School. The other Dream Study category winner was The Trinity Strand project.

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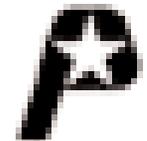
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Church Happenings

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December 31, 9 pm

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Call 972-781-8225 for information about the above events.
Abundant Life Fellowship Church
Elder Daniel Richard, Senior Pastor
2601 E. George Bush Turnpike (Service Location Only)
Plano, TX 75074
972-781-8225

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

December 30, 11 am

Our 11:00 am Morning Worship Service will be held @ Story Elementary School, 1550 Edelweiss in Allen, TX. Children's Church and the Nursery will also be available @ the school during this time. For more information call the church @ 972-359-9956.

December 31, 2007

Please join us for a New Year's Eve Celebration @ the Hilton Garden Inn, 705 Central

Expressway S. in Allen, TX

January 2008 & On Going

Our Education Department in partnership with the Collin County Economic Development Center (CCEDC) is sponsoring three FREE courses: English as a Second Language, Spanish as a Second Language and Basic PC. We will have FREE childcare for children that are 12 years and younger. To register for any or all of these three FREE courses or more information, please contact the church @ 972-359-9956. Classes will be taught at the church.

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972-359-9956

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Wednesdays, 2 pm - 6 m;
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972-235-4235

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39727 West LBJ Freeway
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December 31, 10 pm

You are invited to join us as we close-out 2007 and welcome-in 2008 as we worship and praise God for all of His blessings.

Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church (The Mount) - Garland
Rev. Leonard O. Leach, Pastor
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NEW NEXT GENERATION

January 26, 5:30 pm

You don't want to miss our "2008 Gospel Explosion" being held @ Friendship West Baptist Church, 2020 W. Wheatland Road (Off of I-20), Dallas, TX in Oak Cliff. The doors will open at 4:30 pm. World renowned Pastor Shirley Caesar, Bishop Walter Hawkins, and Doug & Melvin of the Williams Brothers will be in concert. There will also be a surprise special guest and a local artist in concert. Don't forget to bring extra money for pictures, vendors, and souvenirs. This going to be a great time in the Lord to start the New Year!

Tickets can be purchased NOW! Get your tickets @ Friendship West Baptist church, 972-228-5200, by calling 214-523-9537 or 214-523-9538, in person @ our office, 3500 Oak Lawn Avenue, Dallas TX 75219, 4th Floor, or on line @ www.newnextgen.net.

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SAINT MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 31, 10 pm

Please join us in our Praise Party 2007. We will praise God for Year 2007 and for the arrival of Year 2008.

January 12, 2008, Noon - 2 pm

Senior Saints (ages 55 and above) please join us for lunch, bingo and prizes during the "Double Nickel Luncheon" @ Newsome Homes Community Center, 230 Amcott Street, McKinney, TX 75069. FREE home delivery available to house-bound seniors within the city only. Please call 972-542-6178 no later than Friday, January 11th with your name, phone number, address, and the number of meals desired.

Saint Mark Baptist Church
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January 5, 2008, 9 am

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January 4, 2008, 11 pm Thru January 5, 2008, 6 am

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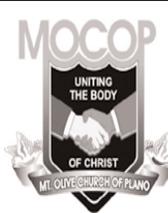
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Sister Tarpley

From the New Year, 2008 and the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder and Senior Pastor:



Picture of The Week: Sister Tarpley and Jarrell Edwin Tarpley, Happy Birthday to My First-Born and Only Son, December 30th.

Secret sin on earth is open scandal in Heaven. **Ephesians 5:12.** The wicked win; then God judges them. **Psalms 37:12-13.** It is easy finding reasons why other folk should be patient. **Matthew 7:3.** Live the gospel first, tell others about it afterward. **1 Thessalonians 1:7.** Faith keeps the sails of our lives filled with the breath of Heaven. **Matthews 8:26.**

Courage and strength are available to those who depend on God each day! **Isaiah 40:28-30.** Praying for leaders makes the public business of the nation the private business of the Christians. **Romans 13:12-3.** Something happens behind closed doors when we pray with hearts open to God.

Scriptures For January 2008

Mark 11:36. God who prepares the answers to our prayers also prompts the asking. **1 Timothy 2:1.** Profession without the possession is like having the label without the contents; and the clouds without the rain. **Titus 1:16.** No enemy can come so near that God is

burdens into blessings. **Acts. 16:25; Hebrews 13:5.**

With all eternity before us let us be meek, alert, serious, and joyous. **Matthew 5:5; Romans 12:11.** Do you have a burden for the lost or have your lost your burden? **Matthews 9:36.** To cure a sick soul, put it back into its native element of prayer and communion with Christ. **1 Corinthians 10:16.** Praying frequently helps us to pray fervently. **1 Thessalonians 5:17.** God can turn winds of adversity into showers of blessings. **Genesis 50:20.** Let God's love fill your cup and you will find no difficulty of letting it overflow to others. **Psalms 16:11.** No sin is so small it can be overlooked, or so large it cannot be forgiven. **Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23.** Who loves Me follows Me. **John 10:4-5.** The folly of one man is the fortune of another. **Proverbs 10:1, 14, 18.** He that contemplates on his bed has a day without a night. **Psalms 36:4.** The kiss of God's forgiveness can change a prodigal son into a profitable one. **Luke 15:20.** God can use me more effectively when I rely on Him for strength and courage. **Joshua 1:6-7.**

Next Tuesday is the beginning of a New Year and it's good to remember: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. God's Love never ends.

Happy New Year! May God Continue His blessings to You and Yours in the New Year and Beyond.

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participation in this family friendly event and invite the community to join us in greeting him along the parade route through downtown Dallas."

During his 14-year NFL career, Smith rushed for 18,355 yards -- 1,500 more than anyone else in league history. He led the NFL in rushing four times, won three Super Bowl titles with the Dallas Cowboys, League MVP honors in 1993, the Super Bowl MVP Award, and was selected to the Pro Bowl eight times. He was added to the Cowboys Ring of Honor in September 2005.

Smith is currently an ana-

lyst for ESPN on the network's NFL Countdown and Monday Night Countdown shows. He and his dance partner, Cheryl Burke, were crowned champions of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" in November of 2006.

The Comerica Bank New Year's Parade will feature some 3,500

participants, including the University of Arkansas Razorback Marching Band and Spirit Squad, "Marching Mizzou" and the University of Missouri Spirit Squad, the world-famous Kilgore College Rangerettes, high school drill teams, 16 high school

bands from across the country, equestrian units, floats, and specialty entries celebrating North Texas organizations and attractions. The 1.5-mile parade route will start at the Comerica Bank Tower at Ervay and Elm and will continue down Main, Lamar, and Houston Streets before ending at the American Airlines Center.

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Thursday, January 17
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7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 19

12 Noon – 4:00 p.m.
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commercial space, and entertainment. Mind you, there is no problem with Black folks having entertainment, but it must be entertainment only; it cannot include production and other infrastructure necessary for real economic empowerment. As long as Black folks are kept singing, dancing, and telling jokes, no one has a problem. Is that the best we can do for ourselves?

To highlight the sadness of the absence of a Black economic engine in Detroit, read the following quote from one of Detroit's icons, Albert Cleage:

What is now happening in Detroit, I

think, is typical in at least one way of black communities throughout America: it represents the determination of the Black people to control their own community. This marks a new day for Black people. The Black community is growing increasingly determined that it must control its own destiny. In the simplest terms this means political control of all areas in which Black people are a majority - control of community services, police services, and all the things that go to make up a community.

Politics is only one aspect, however. It is also necessary for Blacks to have economic control of their community. In

Detroit we are trying to invent strategies for this, such as the development of co-op retail stores, co-op buying clubs, co-op light manufacturing, co-op education, and similar undertakings that can become possible when large numbers of people with a sense of unity and a sense of cause can put together small individual amounts of money to create enough total capital to establish businesses with some degree of security and possibility of success. These ventures will give Black people a sense of their economic possibilities and a realization of their need for economic training.

This is where Black people are today

in Detroit. Black people throughout the country are concerned about whether we will be able to do it in Detroit. We have the organizational structure, we have the leadership, we have all of the things that should make it possible.

Those words were spoken in 1968 and still Detroit, held up by Cleage as the city that would lead the way for the rest of us, the city that now has an 85 percent Black population, and the city that now has Black political control, has no Black Town to go along with its Mexican Town, Greek Town, Korea Town, Arab Town, and all the other enclaves in that city of Black folks. Cleage and Coleman

Young must be kicking themselves right about now.

Does politics keep us behind, even though it is supposed to move us ahead? When we elect Black folks to political offices, are they not supposed to do what they can to empower Black folks, the ones who elected them? In cities that are majority Black, shouldn't there be some evidence to show that the benefits of political control are accruing to Black constituents? Are Black politicians so desperate to be validated by other groups that they are willing to give away assets to whites and others rather than to Black folks? Are Black politicians so easily

swayed by the trappings of corporate greed, and are they so accessible to bribes and money schemes that they end up neglecting their own people - even when they are in charge?

Detroit, recently named as "the poorest city in America," has virtually all Black public officials in charge of Detroit's tremendous economic assets; it also has the highest overall unemployment rate among large cities, at 7.8 percent, and we all know that probably means five times that number for Black people. So what's the problem? Why do those staggering statistics exist? Detroit is a Black city, run by Black folks. Or is it?

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