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## Obama, Clinton Head for Democratic Showdown in South Carolina Jan 26

By Hazel Trice Edney  
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**WASHINGTON (NNPA)** – The score is now one to one.

Sen. Hillary Clinton with her 39 percent to 37

percent win in New Hampshire Tuesday night and Sen. Barack Obama with his 39 percent to her 29 percent win in Iowa Jan. 3 are now headed for a rematch in South Carolina Jan. 26 where

the more than 40 percent Black Democratic voters will decide what happens next.

Obama says voter turnout will be the key.

“What will help me to get elected is making sure

the people turn out to vote and that they recognize the opportunity that we have to - for the first time in a long time - really change our politics...And that’s true,

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## Kenya is Breaking my Heart

By Harry C. Alford  
NNPA Columnist

Beyond The Rhetoric

I have been to Kenya three times and each time my love for this land and its people grows stronger and stronger. The lush green highlands and the robust savannahs have no

rival. The view of Fern Valley from the mountainsides is absolutely astonishing. One can get “high” from watching a sunset before Mount Kilimanjaro.

Millions of animals in their natural habitat replete with the stoic Masai warriors walking amongst the wildlife with no fear at all. The city of Nairobi with its

impressive skyline is indeed cosmopolitan. The people have the friendliest and most genuine smiles. They are good folks.

The current state of affairs of this nation cannot be considered a shock to me because I have been watching it “brew” for sometime. The rioting on television brings back the

memory of the Rwanda Horror. Hopefully, it will cease soon but the possibility is causing me to lose sleep. I have made good friends and we have great plans for the future. Right now, my main concern is their safety.

Kenya is in its third presidential regime. The

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## Senator West Praises Auto Replacement Program

**DALLAS** -- State Senator Royce West (D-Dallas) praised the implementation of a plan to remove older, polluting automobiles from Texas roads. The accelerated vehicle replacement plan will pay up to \$3,500 to auto owners in various parts of the state as part of an overall plan

to improve air quality, particularly in Texas’ urban centers.

“This is how Texas can say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to thousands of drivers who own older vehicles,” said Senator West. “While the assistance program is not available to everyone, it’s a great opportunity

that amounts to a substantial down payment on a new or late model car that lower-income Texans should hurry to take advantage of.”

The program is part of a six-year-old emissions plan by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

administered by the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Single auto owners who live in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Austin and their surrounding counties who earn up to \$30,630 are eligible to apply for assistance. For

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# Educating Tomorrow's Workforce



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Blackonomics

## Big Oil Mission Creep Accomplished

Have you had enough yet? Are you convinced yet? Now that oil has hit that magical price of \$100.00 per barrel, are you finally ready to respond with a strategy that makes sense this time? Or, do you want to call for another Gas Out Day? Been there, done that, right? Although we missed a great opportunity back in 2002 to show the oil thieves we would not take being ripped-off lying down, now that we are paying through the nose, and every other orifice, for gasoline and related oil products, maybe now we are ready to strike back.

Bush, Cheney, Rice, and their international crew of

oil thieves have slowly but surely secured their futures and that of their families with their shady deals and secret meetings with the oil barons. Under the guise of developing an energy policy for the United States, “Darth” Cheney, the guy who has given new meaning to the “Vice” in Vice President, convened his boys and girls and has yet to divulge what went on in those meetings. He also, as former Chairman and CEO of Halliburton, negotiated pipeline deals for Chevron and, if you connect the dots, you will see why he was and still is so adamant about maintaining the wars

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## People In The News...



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## Anthony Neil Moss

Anthony Neil Moss, 34, portrays Staff Sergeant Worthy in the award winning short film *The Grass Grows Green* is one of his greatest accomplishments to date. The Dallas resident and single father has spent a lifetime pursuing his dream as an



actor and made his first trip to the 2007 Sundance Film Festival as a co-star of the selected short film. Originally from the San Francisco area, Moss grew up in Sacramento where he realized his dream of one day being an actor.

Shortly after high school graduation,

Moss joined the United States Air Force and spent his military career as a military police officer. Upon completion of his tour, Moss left the military and returned to life as a civilian.

At 26 years old, Moss attended a casting call for the Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence comedy

*LIFE*, where he had his first film break. Following the advice of a colleague on the set, Moss decided that to be a successful actor, he needed to prepare himself appropriately to follow his dream.

Through much determination and tenacity he has secured roles in sever-

al commercials and print advertisements as well as co-starred in motion pictures. *The Shadowlands* featuring Academy Award Nominee Gary Busey is a Gamma Film Production, and many others. Look for Moss in 2008 in an upcoming advertisement for the Texas State Lotto.

## Dawn Carter

Dawn Carter serves as President and founder of Donlyn Productions, Inc. and has worked in the entertainment industry for more than a decade as a writer and producer.

Dawn is currently working in the FOX Diversity Development Department where she is training as a studio representative for 20th Century



Fox/New Regency Films. She served as the Producer Liaison

for such films as *First Daughter*, *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*, *And Date Movie*. Dawn previously worked with FOX Channels Group as a field producer for the FOX/TV cable shows "Track Side Live," featuring 24-hour horseracing.

In 2001, Carter's company created with FOX Diversity, The Fox Journey to Excellence Mentoring Program, an on-going monthly education

program which helps foster academic, social and personal development for economically disadvantaged and high-risk students by introducing them to leaders in various fields of interest.

Carter has produced several Public Service Announcements for The Magic Johnson Foundation's annual fundraising event "Midsummer Nights," along with the

National PSA "African American Jockeys," For Black History Month. Magic Johnson Entertainment has also served as executive producers on several of Dawn's television projects including a one-hour episodic TV series (pilot) crime drama, and a family sitcom co-created with Andrea Wiley executive producer of "The Parkers." Carter also joined Wiley in 2006

as co-producer of "Soulmate".

In 2006, DonLyn optioned *I've Got Five On It*, a documentary about top African American Women in Congress created by author Vanessa Morman.

2007 brought Carter's first indie film to the big screen, *Contradictions of the Heart* starring LisaRaye, Clifton Powell, Wendy Raquel Robinson and others.

## Carmin Coutee



Carmin Coutee, president of Magnolia Custom Homes, is one of the few woman-run custom home developers in the Chicago metropolitan area. The unique combination of Coutee's educational background, business acumen, Southern upbringing and motherly sensibilities gives Magnolia Custom Homes a distinctive edge in a cookie-cutter-homebuilder market.

Coutee founded Magnolia Homes out of frustration over the poor workmanship and uninteresting floor plans she discovered when searching for her family's home. After designing her home and acting as her own general contractor, she decided to put her MBA and business experience to work creating livable, unique homes that combined a woman's

pragmatism with the grand, essential elements of Southern homes, such as roomy front porches to watch children play and visit with friends and neighbors, French Quarter-style gas lanterns that adorn the entries, abundant floor-to-ceiling windows, lavishly detailed kitchens, vintage bathrooms, three-car garages, and sweeping staircases.

Being the granddaughter of a builder, actively investing in real estate for over 10 years, and holding an Illinois Real Estate Broker's license gives Coutee the experience to create a successful venture by carving out a niche that serves those who desire upscale well-constructed, classic homes in great communities.

Prior to starting Magnolia Homes, Coutee founded and led a marketing and e-business strategy consulting firm that built its success by listening to its clients and their customers. That same customer focus still drives Magnolia Custom Homes as a key tenet for delivering distinctive homes and delighting homeowners.

Coutee holds an MBA from Northwestern University's prestigious J.L. Kellogg School of Management, a Master of Science degree with highest distinction from DePaul University,

and a Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Additionally, Coutee is a member of the Northern Illinois Home Builders Association, the National Association of Realtors, and the Realtor Association of West/South Suburban Chicagoland. She is also active in many philanthropic and social

organizations such as Junior League and Jack and Jill Inc.

Coutee, 33, currently resides in Naperville, Ill., with her husband Winston and four children, ages 10, 6, 4 and 2, as they await the completion of their Magnolia Custom Home. For more information on Magnolia Custom Homes, call 630.868.8434 or visit [www.MagnoliaCustomHomes.com](http://www.MagnoliaCustomHomes.com).

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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

Something unique and perhaps even providential happened in Iowa last Thursday.

Barack Obama became the first black candidate to win a presidential caucus or primary in over 230 years of America's history.

The fact that rural Iowa, 95 per cent white, elderly and the epitome of conservative convention, voted for a black man should cause voters in the two immediate primaries in New Hampshire and South Carolina and then the February 5th cluster of primaries to pause and think seriously about the profound statement made by Iowans.

Obama, 46, the son of a black Kenyan father and a white American mother from Kansas is a Harvard Law School graduate who launched his political career by organizing black churches on the industrial South Side of Chicago. He was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1997. He was thrust into the national spotlight when he was chosen as the keynote speaker for the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Elected to the U.S. Senate just four months later he became only the third black U.S. senator since Reconstruction.

The first-term Illinois senator gained momentum at

just the right time. An influx of new caucus-goers and independents helped to propel Obama past Hillary Clinton, the well funded and well known front-runner. "We came together as Democrats, as Republicans and independents, to stand up and say we are one nation, we are one people and our time for change has come," Obama said as he spoke to the delirious crowd of happy supporters.

Obama received 38 percent of the caucus vote, John Edwards 30%, while the preordained invincible Clinton came in third with 29%.

Iowans didn't vote for Obama because of his eloquent oratory or his Kennedy like charisma.

They embraced his opposition to the Iraq war, his mission to clean up the corruption and special interests that control Washington, his promise of universal health care, and the enthusiasm for political change generated by his grass roots organization. His army of volunteers and professionals turned out a massive number of first time caucus participants estimated at over 320,000. The enormity of this accomplishment can only be realized by comparing it to the 125,000 that turned out in 2003 and the 59,000 in 2000.

Obama campaigned aggressively on a promise to change Washington. Clinton had cast doubt on Obama's ability to bring about the change he advocated and accused him of being naive and inexperienced while touting her decades of Washington experience.

Iowans questioned the ability of the "experienced" candidates, who are bound hand and foot to the party playbook, to bring about needed change and voted accordingly.

A victorious Barack Obama portrayed his decisive first-place finish in the Iowa Democratic caucuses as a "defining moment" that he said would lead the way to change in Washington and an end to the war in Iraq. Throughout his campaign he has encouraged voters to set aside the cynicism, doubt, and fear that has become the focus of American politics and set a course for change rooted in new hope and a new destiny that we the people create.

Race remains a bitterly divisive issue in the US, and the Iowan moment could change dramatically as the radical elements that thrive on divisiveness, racism and fear begin their stealth campaigns to retain the status quo.

For all of Thursday night's drama, the

startling results in Iowa do not preclude a tight race going into New Hampshire and South Carolina. Hillary Clinton has raised plenty of money and assembled a sophisticated and tough politically savvy field organization.

While the momentous and magnificent moment of Obama's win in Iowa may be just a fleeting aberration and may never to be seen again for a long time it must be savored and appreciated like a rare vintage wine by those who witnessed it.

Obama described the moment this way, "But sometimes, just sometimes, there are nights like this, a night that, years from now, when we've made the changes we believe in, when more families can afford to see a doctor, when our children inherit a planet that's a little cleaner and safer, when the world sees America differently, and America sees itself as a nation less divided and more united, you'll be able to look back with pride and say that this was the moment when it all began."

His vision is now one step closer to reality thanks to that enigmatic happening in Iowa.

James W. Breedlove

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first was led by their liberator Jomo Kenyatta. His term was long but necessary as they transitioned from colonialism to revolution to democracy. Arap Moi was an interesting leader as he led by tribal coalition versus the Kikuyu dominance of the Kenyatta regime. The current president is Kibaki who is Kikuyu but is constantly reminded that the other tribes, especially the Luo, have their place in government and power as well. Personally, I feel the fault of Kibaki's leadership is not tribal based but due to down-right personal greed. Whenever I note a conflict of interest in commercial matters there appears to be a direct relative of the President involved. It's not coincidental and of course any relative of Kibaki would have to be Kikuyu. One should not get the impression that there is an official tribal conspiracy.

We once spent a lovely evening with a cabinet member enjoying libation while looking out over his personal farm – palatial estate. He told us that President Kibaki had recently sent a military helicopter over his land to assess its beauty and value. Later, the President informed him that he was considering annexing (eminent domain) his land. I asked, "How did you respond"? He retorted, "I told him if he tried I will personally kill him".

Confrontation between a President and a cabinet member can become very serious hard ball.

Such disputes and mysterious deaths (often reported by the press) becomes a way of life in Kenyan politics and it makes us appreciate our style of democracy.

Another indicator that something bad was about to happen was the recent elections held by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We learned that our first contact and good friend, Laban, had won the vote. We later learned that he could not be inaugurated because the incumbent was refusing to relinquish the office. It was going to court and that may take years. Laban is Luo and his rival is Kikuyu and the opposing sides were starting to assemble in like fashion. Such is the case in the current national presidential elections. They (Kikuyu's) want to tie it up in court which would give Kibaki years of continued reign. The courts in Kenya move at a snail's pace. Thus, there is conflict in the streets.

In Kenya, one would think the tribal deal was all over by now. Every Kenyan is fluent in three languages. English is taught in the schools; each has his own tribal tongue (37 tribal dialects); and finally Swahili are the three forms of communication. Swahili is a regional language developed

for commercial communication over 1,000 years ago. It is spoken from the Congo, Uganda and Southern Sudan down through Tanzania and Malawi. It is truly a "Lingua Franca".

Basically, the Kenyans are united. They tolerate many religions and honor all cultures. It is this political/power thing that is causing the friction. It doesn't help that the United States and Britain, the colonial oppressor for over a century, have been rather silent on this election issue. The US is always poking its "nose" in foreign elections but, for some reason Jimmy Carter and others weren't around for this last election.

President Kibaki is letting his lust for money (by way of power) get in the way of the democratic process. I say to him: It is time to go to Switzerland and count all the money you already have. The "party" has come to an end.

In the name of Jomo Kenyatta, let freedom ring loud in your great nation. Allow an accurate, transparent and honest vote tally to occur. Kenya is greater than you and freedom has no patience.

My beloved Kenya, I pray for your safety and peace.

*Harry Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Website: www.nationalbcc.org.*

## Ravenell named recipient of grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**DALLAS** – Dr. Joseph Ravenell, assistant professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center, has received a Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The \$416,558 award supports his research for the next four years.

The Harold Amos award was created to increase the number of academic medicine faculty from historically disadvantaged ethnic, financial or educational backgrounds. The awards identify researchers who have excelled in their education and who have completed or are completing formal clinical training. Recipients are committed to pursuing academic careers, serving as role models for students and fellow faculty, decreasing health disparities, and improving the health and well-being of the underserved.

A native of New Jersey, Dr. Ravenell completed medical school at the University of Chicago, where he first became interested in academic medicine and in treating underserved patients.

"I had the opportunity to work on a black men's health project where we did focus groups with underserved patients," said Dr.



Dr. Joseph Ravenell

Ravenell, who completed his residency at the University of Pennsylvania and a clinical epidemiology fellowship at Cornell University Medical Center.

"The results of that study were used to get funding to start a black men's health clinic."

He was recruited to UT Southwestern in 2005 by Dr. Ronald Victor, professor of internal medicine and principal investigator of the Barbershop Project, a barber-run program aimed at improving diagnosis and treatment of hypertension in black men. Dr. Ravenell said the Barbershop Project is key in linking clinical work and research designed to benefit underserved patients.

Dr. Ravenell said funding from the Harold Amos award will allow him to study a phenomenon known as "physician inertia," where doctors may be

reluctant to aggressively treat hypertension in African-American men.

"I'm interested in studying reasons why doctors may not be more aggressive in initiating or intensifying therapy for high blood pressure," he said. "Poorly controlled hypertension in patients can have severe and devastating consequences."

The award was named in honor of Dr. Harold Amos, who was the first African-American to chair a department, now the Department of Microbiology and Medical Genetics, at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Ravenell is the seventh UT Southwestern researcher to win this prestigious grant. Other UT Southwestern winners and the years grants were received include: Dr. Richard King, assistant professor of neurology (2006); Dr. Ohwofiemu Nwariaku, associate professor of surgery (2002); former faculty members Dr. Edsel Arce-Hernandez (1999), Dr. Carmela Morales (1996) and Dr. Ivor Benjamin (1985); and former fellow Dr. David Wilkes (1992).

Visit <http://www.ut-southwestern.org/patient-care/medicalservices/hlv.html> to learn more about UT Southwestern's clinical services in hypertension.

## Clean Hands are Key to Fighting Cold, Flu Germs

With the cold and flu season now upon us, it's time for health-minded individuals to pay particular attention to washing their hands on a regular basis because, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), cleaning our hands is the single most important measure people can take to keep from getting a cold or the flu.

"Studies have shown that 40 percent of women and 58 percent of men do not routinely wash their hands-including after using restroom facilities," says Adam

Siegel, a certified hygiene program manager at UniFirst, which provides safety apparel and facility cleanliness products to companies throughout North America.

Health studies have shown that cold and flu germs are able to survive on and be transferred from many commonly touched surfaces for up to 48 hours. Some are obvious, like door handles, phones, and computer keyboards. But others tend to be less apparent, like elevator buttons, cafeteria tables,

and debit card keypads.

When soap and water are not available, medical experts recommend that waterless hand sanitizing gels or wipes, such as Purell(R) products, be used as they can kill 99.9 percent of the most common germs that cause illness.

For hand washing to be truly effective, the CDC says it must be done for at least 20 seconds and involve a thorough cleaning of the front and back of the hands, as well as the areas between fingers and under the nails. And

since damp faucets can provide inviting homes for cold and flu germs, cleanliness experts generally recommend turning knobs with paper towels and, similarly, activating blow dryers with paper or even elbows.

As experts at the Mayo Clinic point out, hand washing doesn't take much time or effort, but it certainly offers great rewards in terms of preventing illness-particularly, they would likely add, when it comes to enjoying a sneeze-free cold and flu season!

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N2NE (In Tune) Youth Intervention/Prevention program is designed for youth between the ages of 12-21. The program is held on Monday's and Wednesday's, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the clubhouse at Indigo on Forest Apartments, 9569 Forest Lane, Dallas TX 75243.

**\*\*Additional locations in Plano and Allen coming soon\*\*.** We are actively seeking volunteers for these locations. For more information, please forward your resume to rich\_eita@n2ne-ym.com or penn@n2ne-ym.com or call Rich Eita Weathershes (972-223-2618) or Penny Francis (214-298-1178)

## Plano Gallery Uses Jazz Night To Raise Funds For Nonprofit Organizations

**Plano TX** - Stephanie Ward Gallery is turning Jazz Friday into a fundraising opportunity for local groups in need of money. The gallery at 920 18th St. in Plano, is has created a talented line up of local musicians that will perform during the monthly Jazz Friday event where musicians sing while patrons view art and enjoy hot food from local restaurants.

All That the Band featuring Mahogany will perform at the next Jazz Friday January 18, 2008 7-

9:30 p.m. The group plays a mixture of old school R&B and smooth jazz.

"This group is one of the Jazz Friday favorite," said Ms Ward. "They have the crowd dancing, singing and snapping their fingers."

The gallery has signed on with a number of local organizations to use Jazz Friday as a fundraiser. Under the new non-profit program, organizations are allowed to keep the lion's share of the money they receive from selling tickets to the monthly event. The

gallery provides, the music, food, and takes care of other cost related to the event.

"I have a commitment to the community I do business in and this is a way to give back," said Stephanie Ward, gallery owner. "Jazz Friday is a huge success for the gallery and I wanted to create a way for others to profit from the success of these events."

"We ask for them to give us a small amount from e-ticket sales and we handle the rest," said Ms.

Ward. The non-profit is allowed to also solicit donations during the event.

The first organization to take advantage of the new program is the Foster Kidd Foundation in Dallas/Fort Worth. The organization provides funding for minorities and disadvantaged youth who are interested in learning how to play golf. The Foundation partners with other organizations to teach children life's skills, such as honesty, sportsmanship and integrity in addition to put-

ting, pitching, chipping and driving.

The group's Board Chairman, Russ Cuffee, an avid golfer is passionate about the game of golf and introducing the game to youth from disadvantaged communities. He says he hopes partnering with the gallery will help generate the funds needed to continue the organization's legacy of giving.

Jazz Friday is the third Friday of each month from 7- 9 p.m. at Stephanie Ward Gallery in Plano.

Everyone is welcomed and interested parties can purchase tickets by calling the gallery at 469 229-0024 or they can call the Foster Kidd Foundation at (214) 533-1927 or logon to [www.fosterkiddfoundation.com](http://www.fosterkiddfoundation.com).

Other non-profit organizations interested in using the Jazz Friday as a fundraiser should call the gallery at 469 229-0024 or e-mail us at [stephanie-gallery@aol.com](mailto:stephanie-gallery@aol.com) or log onto [www.stephaniewardgallery.com](http://www.stephaniewardgallery.com).

## Rover Dramawerks To Present An Infinite Ache

Rover Dramawerks will present An Infinite Ache by David Schulner at the Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 H Avenue in Plano (next to the Courtyard Theater). Performances are January 17 - February 9, 2008, with shows on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., with an additional matinee performance on Saturday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Even on a blind date, there is always a little "what if...?" moment when you imagine all the possibilities of your future with this person, from the first kiss to sitting on the porch surrounded by grandchildren. How do you know when you've met "the one"? Hope (played by Debbie Cheng of Plano) and Charles (Clayton Shane Farris of Dallas) are two twentysomethings about to end a supremely uninteresting first date

when all of the possibilities of their future shared lives rush to meet them at breathtaking speed. An Infinite Ache is a love story about time and the infinite directions in which two lives can travel. What if...?

Playwright David Schulner is best known as a writer and producer for the popular TV series, Desperate Housewives and the highly anticipated new series on FOX, The Oaks. He has also written for several other successful series, including Once and Again on Lifetime, Everwood on The WB, and Tell Me You Love Me on HBO. An Infinite Ache was one of three plays that Mr. Schulner produced during the 2001-2002 season; the others included Isaac, based on the Biblical story of Abraham and Isaac, and This Thing of Darkness.

Lisa Devine of Dallas directs with Joslyn

Justus of Dallas as Assistant Director/Stage Manager. Clint Alan Ray of Plano is set designer, with Michelle Burdeaux of Plano as lighting designer. Jason Rice of Plano is sound designer, Tish Mussey-Hitt of Garland is properties designer, and Robin Coulonge of Allen is costume designer. Ande Bewley of Plano is light and sound board operator.

Tickets for Surviving Grace are \$15.00 on Thursdays and matinees and \$18.00 on Fridays and Saturdays. Thursday, January 17 is Preview Night, and all seats are "pay-what-you-can."

Tickets may be ordered online at [www.roverdramawerks.com](http://www.roverdramawerks.com), and season tickets are also available for the remaining five shows in Rove Dramawerks' 2007-08 Season. For more information, please call 972-849-0358.



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## Collin County African American Republican Club Meeting on MLK's Birthday January 15th

The next meeting of the African American Republican Club is Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 pm at the New Republican Headquar-

ters. It will be Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday and information will be shared regarding Dr. King being a Republican

along with other information. The address of the new headquarters is 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney, TX.

## Full Scholarship from Tom Joyner Foundation

Deadline is January 18, 2008

The Tom Joyner Foundation Full Ride Scholarship is this organization's most prestigious scholarship award to date. One scholarship will be awarded to a freshman entering a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the United States in the fall of 2008. The scholarship recognizes academic distinction as well as strong character and personal qualities.

The recipient of the Full Ride Scholarship will receive full tuition waivers and stipends to cover room and board (on campus only) and books. The scholarship recipient will have to maintain a required 3.0 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) and 15 credit hours per semester -the scholarship award will be renewed each semester up to ten (10) semesters.

### Eligibility

1.) United States Citizen

2.) Current high school seniors attending school in the United States (applicant must be anticipating completion of high school in the Spring of 2008).

3.) Minimum high school grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.00 grade scale, excluding home school studies) and Minimum SAT score of 1300 (math and verbal only)/ or ACT score of 28.

4.) Applicants must have applied and been accepted into an HBCU by July 1, 2008.

5.) Applicants must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities.

### Selection Criteria

Students will be selected as finalists based on their academic accomplishments, intellectual and creative distinctions,

extracurricular activities, letters of reference, and original essays. Finalists will be invited for a required interview with members of the Full Scholarship Selection Committee. Interviews will occur on or around March 15, 2008.

### Application Deadline

The application must be typed and may be accessed at [www.blackamericaweb.com](http://www.blackamericaweb.com). The application, together with ALL related documentation must be postmarked no later than January 18, 2008. Please place your name on all materials. Do not staple items together.

Send the original and one copy of everything to: The Tom Joyner Foundation, Attn: Full Ride Scholarship Committee, PO Box 630495 Irving, Texas 75063. Address questions to the TJF Full Ride Program.

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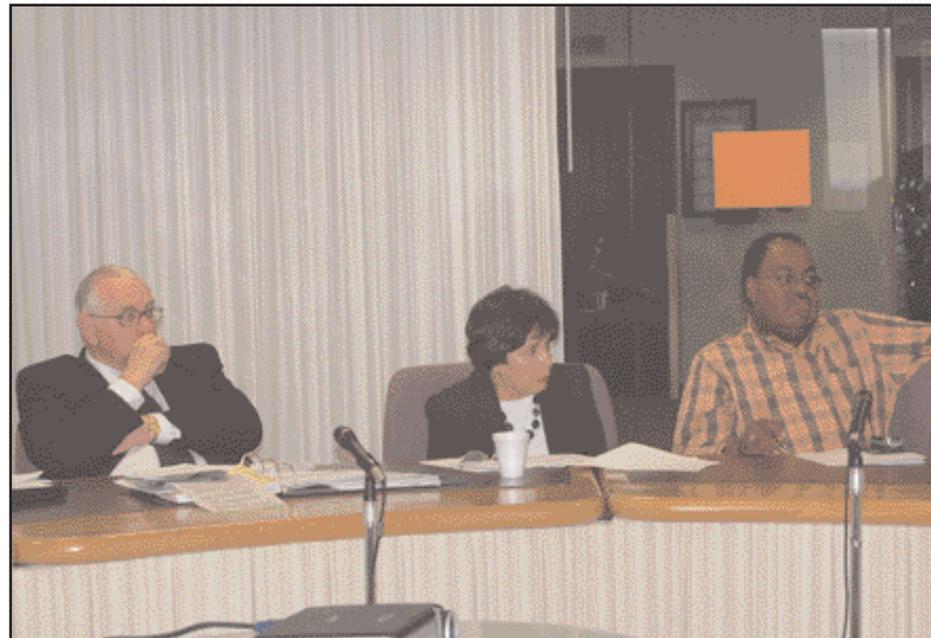

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# Mayor's Human Relations Advisory Council City of Irving



*Rolanda Medina, Sharon Barbosa-Crain, Colvin Gibson,  
Members of Irving Human Rights Committee Meeting*



*Jack Singley, Superintendent of Irving ISD, Sharon Barbosa-Crain, Colvin Gibson,  
Members of Irving Human Rights Committee Meeting*

The Mayor of Irving, Herbert A. Gears, formed the Mayor's Human Relations Advisory Council (MHRAC) in April 2007 to seek solutions on diversity issues in the community by engaging in solution-based dialogue. The goal of the eighteen-member

MHRAC is to assist the Mayor in building public awareness of the diversity in the city by advocating respect for the differences that makes human beings unique through inclusion, education, and opportunity. The MHRAC serves as a resource, identifying var-

ious opportunities the city should pursue to promote, value, and respect diversity in the community.

The role of the MHRAC is to assess problems, issues, and concerns plaguing the minority populations; recommend alternative

solutions for resolving problems; prepare a fact sheet of information that can be used in shaping public policy and local initiatives; improve cultural understanding and communications between ethnic communities and the community at large through publications,

special projects, community forums; encourage civic participation at all levels through educational programs and community awareness programs and assist city departments in establishing a mechanism for communicating with linguistically isolated communities.

The MHRAC meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30p.m. – 6:30p.m. in the Civic Center Complex, Council Conference Room, 825 W. Irving Blvd. For additional information, please call 972-721-2600.

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not just for Black folks, but for all people who've been locked out of the process," Obama said in a telephone interview with the NNPA News Service Tuesday. "But, there's no doubt that my candidacy builds on the sacrifices and work of those who came earlier, people who were willing to go to jail and march and sit in and heroes like Dr. King who were willing to sacrifice their lives so that a future generation could have the opportunities that I have."

Arizona Sen. John McCain led the New Hampshire Primary ahead of former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who won in Iowa. African-American voters sparingly support Republican candidates, usually about 10 percent.

It takes 2,162 delegates to win the Democratic nomination.

Pundits predict that between South Carolina and Super Tuesday Feb. 5, when 22 states will go to the polls, the obvious Democratic nominee will emerge.

Several factors indicate that anything could happen. The members of the Congressional Black Caucus who have chosen to endorse have now tipped 15-16 in favor of Clinton. The score was tied until New Jersey Rep. Donald Payne endorsed Clinton last week.

The day after Clinton's Iowa loss to both Obama and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, who got 30 percent of the vote, she told NNPA that she was not intimidated by Obama's momentum, even in South

Carolina, where polls indicate he will be favored among Black voters.

"I do not see myself as being disadvantaged. I have a very long record of working with and producing results for African-Americans, for poor people, for hard-working people, for kids. And I'll put that record up against anyone. And if you want to know what kind of changes any of us will make, look at what we've already done. That's the best predictor of what we will do in the future," says Clinton in the interview.

As Obama prepares to take his message into South Carolina, polls show him with a double-digit lead over his opponents. Then they will compete in the 22 states where large Black turnouts are expected to

go to the polls on Super Tuesday, Feb. 5. Clinton said in the interview that she will fight back with issues.

"I have a long history of fighting to expand civil rights and improving our public schools and giving every child a chance to go to college. I'm going to crack down on predatory lenders and put homeownership back in reach for middle income and low income Americans. I'm finally going to be able to deliver on health care because I think the plan I have is not only totally universal to cover everybody, but it's politically doable. And we'll be doing more to address the high rates in which African-Americans suffer from chronic diseases like diabetes. I will continue the work I've done to expand access to capital

and technical assistance for minority entrepreneurs and small business owners. And I have paid particular attention to the economic vitality of both, our inner cities, and our rural areas."

Obama said in the interview that he too will stress his issues platform. He says education, more money and health care are the three most essential issues for Black America.

"Number one has to be education. And that means education from the day a child is born until the day they graduate from college. So, we have proposed an additional \$18 billion a year in education spending," he said.

He stressed the need for early childhood education, raising teachers' salaries, offering more professional development for teachers, changing

parts of Bush's "No Child Left Behind" so that schools that are already behind get resources that they need and granting a \$4,000 a year tuition credit for every college student.

Secondly, "We need to put more money into the pockets of our community," he said. He said tax breaks for middle and low income people, including mortgage deductions would be a part of his economic plan.

Finally, a universal health care system would be his third priority, he says, "Making sure that everybody has a health care plan that is at least as good as the health care plan that I have as a member of Congress."

South Carolina has the nation's largest contingency of Black Democrats.

## 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

**African American Republican Club of Collin County** meets 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm, Collin County Republican Party Headquarters. For more info, please call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or email him at fred@tes.com.

**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

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**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](http://www.meetup.com/378)

**First Friday- Music Under the Dome** Tired of crowded bars, night clubs just don't for it 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

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### January 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 11

**A&R Entertainment Group** hosts its debut Laugh Out Loud (L.O.L.) at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters. This comedy show features BET's Cocoa Brown (of Comic View), Alvin Mitchell (of Coming to the Stage), and host Alex Thomas (from the Jamie Fox Show). Admission is \$25 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster or TBAAL's Box Office. This show is sure to keep you laughing out loud, so come by TBAAL's Naomi Bruton Theatre on the corner of Canton and Akard Streets. For further information call 214-743-2400.

### 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** have been scheduled for the Garland Civic Theatre Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The rehearsal, which must be scheduled online at [www.garland-civictheatre.org](http://www.garland-civictheatre.org), will consist of cold readings from the script at the Garland Civic Theatre rehearsal hall 108 North 6th Street in downtown Garland, Texas. There are 12 roles available, four female (age 20-70) and eight male (age 20-70). Actors should bring a headshot and a resume. For more information please call GCT at 972-485-8884.

### January 14

**Elite News Martin Luther King Day Parade and Festival** at the Automobile Building at Fair Park, 3800 Parry Avenue. The fun lasts all day from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For further information call 214-744-1428, or email [admin@thefocus-group.us](mailto:admin@thefocus-group.us).

### January 18

**TBAAL Black Academy: Comedy Night at the Muse feat. Leon Rogers** January 18 and 19 at the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex starting at 9:00 p.m. Admission to the event is \$15. For more information, please call 214-943-2442

### January 19

**Meet International Artist Annie Lee** in Lobby of the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex Free to Public Artwork can be purchased and signed by the artist

**Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday** honored by the city of Dallas in its 26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Awards Banquet, featuring keynote speaker, the honorable Craig Watkins, Dallas County District Attorney at the Adam's Mark Hotel 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, 6:30 pm. Individual tickets \$65, Community Tables \$650, and Sponsor Tables \$1,000. RSVP no later than December 28, 2007, or for any additional information to 214-670-8438 or 214-670-8418.

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society** Support group meetings for African Americans dealing with multiple sclerosis. This meeting located at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library, 2922 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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will get free T-shirts. For additional information or questions, call Igor at 214-448-5924.

### January 20

**Black Music and Civil Rights Movement Concert:** A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. presented at the Black Academy of Arts & Letters, 650 South Griffin Street. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and admission is \$25. Don't miss a show commemorating a visionary leader like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For more information on the show call TBAAL at 214-743-2400.

### January 21

**Greater Fort Worth MLK Jr Holiday Committee:** Vickie Winans Martin Luther King JR. Holiday Celebration at the Bass Performance Hall, 330 East 4th St in Fort Worth. The parade will start at 7:00 p.m. admission is in between \$15.00 - \$45.00. For further information please call 817-212-4309, or email [tyronlane22@sbc-global.net](mailto:tyronlane22@sbc-global.net)

### January 25

**Ladies Night Out featuring Keith Sweat with Special Guests Bell Biv DeVoe, Guy with Aaron Hall and Toni Tony Tone** 7:30 PM NOKIA Theatre Grand Prairie 1001 NextStage Drive Grand Prairie 75050 Box Office: 972.854.5111 Ticketmaster online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or by phone at 214.373.8000, metro 972.647.5700. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

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# Dr. Marcus Martin - President and CEO of Education is Freedom

## *Educating Tomorrow's Workforce*

By **Jacquinette D. Murphy**

Investing in the educational future of the next generation is the focus of Dr. Marcus Martin, the newly appointed President and CEO of Education Is Freedom (EIF). The organization is a national non-profit organization headquartered in Dallas, Texas that provides access to higher education for high school and college students across the United States of America. The main goal of EIF is to remove the economic obstacles to higher education through the awarding of scholarships to students outside the traditional scholarship program criteria.

Dr. Martin is an accomplished research scholar and was initially connected to EIF through his role as the director of the J. McDonald Williams Institute, the research arm of the Foundation for Community Empowerment.

"Education Is Freedom asked me to perform a measurement evaluation on the organization's success and it took about 14 months," stated Martin. Two days prior to the close of the research project and the presentation of the major report, the chief executive officer informed Martin of her departure. Thus, he was soon appointed as the

successor.

"The organization was having great success in helping kids go to college and I was excited to have the opportunity to help," said Martin.

Helping youth to excel in education is something dear to Martin whose own rocky start in the educational arena serves as the memorable link to the children he now prepares to become the success stories of the next generation.

"In the experience of the kids that we serve, I see my experience. I was a bad student," Martin informed. "I was placed in special education in the third grade and I flunked the sixth grade," he shared. Martin eventually graduated from high school and attended college on a football scholarship.

It was while in college that he experienced a personal turning point that became the launch pad for his academic and career success. "I was an education major and was planning to become a teacher and a coach. During my junior year, my best friend was killed by a police officer, my brother was in prison and my younger brother was on his way to prison. My friends were dead or struggling," he recalled. Martin soon had a deeper understanding of his opportunity for higher education and its necessity to obtain eco-

nomic mobility.

Martin pressed forward amidst these circumstances and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and continued to achieve a master's degree in criminal justice from Northeast Louisiana University. He also obtained a PhD in Applied Statistics and Urban Sociology from Howard University and a Master of Public Health degree with concentrations in epidemiology and community health from the University of North Texas Health Science Center of Public Health.

Now, instead of being a casualty of the educational system, Martin is spearheading a catalytic organization aimed at increasing the knowledge of our nation's future workforce. "The number one way to increase the potential of economic mobility is through education," said Martin.

While there are other programs similar to EIF that offer scholarships to high school students and college students, its 2003 launch of the pre-college school incubation project, The Dallas Model, brought a new meaning to the term "college preparatory" in the Dallas Independent School District.

The program currently serves about 1,200 at-risk students from three Dallas-area



Smith president of CCBCC

high schools and is styled as an in-school resource center that is dedicated to helping at-risk high school students graduate and embrace a higher education with the essential tools to perform well during in their college years.

"The program efforts are intensive and extensive. We get kids in academic shape." Per Martin, it was understood that sometimes the obstacle to obtaining a higher education is not solely due to a lack of finances.

"Those kids suffer from cumulative disadvantages. In order to be fundamentally effective, you have to catch them in their environment. We have a high school adviser at the school that works to make changes in the

kids in the school. The greatest advantage is to work with them in their environment." Martin explained. "I know that it works because I was one of those kids."

EIF also assists with the navigating of the college admissions processes and serves as a financial bridge to "close the gap" in tuition scholarship funds.

The Dallas Model is currently available at only three schools in Dallas ISD and will expand to more campuses in the next year. Ultimately, this local model is being developed as a pilot for an educational revitalization program that can be utilized in other disadvantaged urban school districts nationwide.

During the last five

years, over \$5 million dollars have been awarded and of the 161 seniors in the program, Martin stated 145 are attending college.

"Our kids performed better on every academic measure than those that are not in the program. We recruit at the freshman level so we are making an eight year investment."

An investment that has not gone unnoticed by Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert. During a visit to James A. Madison High School, he recently committed \$200,000 of mayoral salary for the next four years to help fund college scholarships for those in the Education Is Freedom high school program.

EIF can benefit from more mentors to help the students build relationships with positive adults and applauds the organization's partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Junior League of Dallas and the 7-11-Corporation. To volunteer, obtain scholarship criteria or to be a partner of EIF, please visit the organization's website [www.educationisfreedom.org](http://www.educationisfreedom.org) or call the toll free number 1-866-EIF-EDUCATE.

"The end result is to give every young person a chance to achieve a higher education. For every kid that we send to college, we have impacted five or six generations," concluded Martin.

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DCHHS has not received any reports regarding the purchase or consumption of the suspect products. The USDA confiscated approximately 20 pounds of the beef products from the Chicken Shack in the 6000 block of South Lamar Street.

DCHHS reminds local retail food establishments, including restaurants, caterers, grocers, as well as private citizens, to be aware of Texas Food Establishment Rules as they relate to the purchase and sale of food from approved sources. "Retail food establishments and the general public should make sure that any vendor they use is permitted and in compliance with local and State regulations to ensure the health and safety of the public," said Tony Jenkins, DCHHS Assistant Director of Environmental Health.

The consumer products subject to this public health alert include:

- 2-pound approximate weight packages of "73/27 GROUND BEEF" bearing a sell-by date of "12.30.07"

- 2-pound approximate weight packages of "80/20 GROUND BEEF CHUCK" bearing a sell-by date of "12.31.07"

- 1-pound approximate weight packages of "85/15 GROUND BEEF ROUND" bearing a sell-by date of "12.31.07"

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Each package label bears the establishment number "EST. 13116" inside the USDA mark of inspection and the company name "American Fresh Foods, Ft. Worth, TX 76102" below the nutrition information.

Each package has a net weight of approximately 1 to 2 pounds. Bulk product also subject to this health alert includes:

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- 260-pound "net wt." combo bin of "CHUCK 100% GROUND BEEF; REWORK MAP"

- 370-pound "net wt." combo bin of "SIRLOIN 100% GROUND BEEF; REWORK"

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Consumers and food retailers should check for these products in their homes and establishments. The products should NOT be eaten. Anyone with any knowledge of these products or who may have these products in their possession should immediately contact the company at their consumer toll-free hotline at 1-800-724-1136.

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membership contract and documentation indicating the amount paid to Morly's Wellness, Inc. pursuant to the membership contract to Office of the Secretary of State, Statutory Documents Section, P.O. Box 12887, Austin, TX 78711-2887.

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Condi, as she is affectionately called by George, gave up her seat on the Chevron Board in 2001 when she was named National Security Advisor, and Chevron changed the name of its oil tanker from the "Condoleezza Rice" to the "Altair Voyager." Maybe that's why Rice was so supportive of the war as well.

George W.? Well we all know his deal. He is just the puppet that keeps us all laughing. He is the stringed marionette that dances across the world stage, keeping us diverted from reality.

Among the three of these characters and, of course, more second-string players, such as Ken Lay (Is he still dead? Did he really die?), Daddy Bush and James Baker with the Carlyle Group, and others, there must be billions of dollars hidden in some international pipeline somewhere.

The stage was set even before Bush, Jr. became President, and now the die has been cast. Think back to 1999; oil was below \$20.00 per barrel, and it was only after Saddam

Hussein halted production late in 1999 that it went to \$27.00 per barrel. Then about a year later, around October 2000, Saddam decided he would take euros for his country's oil rather than the vaunted "petrodollar." Uh Oh! All of a sudden, "Houston, we have a problem."

Now, what do we do? Having tried one-day boycotts and protests of big oil companies, as if that would hurt them — they would billions of dollars per quarter and pay their executives hundreds of millions annually — it's not likely that a one-day refusal to buy gas would do anything but make them irritated to the point of raising prices, the way they did on the last "Gas Out Day."

I reiterate what I wrote in my last book, "Black Empowerment with an Attitude." It's not good enough simply to complain; heck, you can see how much good that has done. We must "restrain and sustain." Restrain ourselves from frivolous driving; carpool, walk, scooter, or bicycle when and where possible; and stop buying those gas-guzzling behemoths that car manufacturers have convinced us we need to have.

How stupid are we as consumers? Is there no limit to how much money these thieves can steal from us, and how many times they can do it before we wake up and decide to respond in kind? That's where the "sustain" part of the strategy comes into play.

On a local level, we must refuse to purchase gasoline from a selected few stations and sustain that effort until either their prices fall or they go out of business. I can hear some of you now. "Jim, that's not fair to the local dealer."

When prices escalate the way they have since Bush and company took, and I do mean "took" office, when the mere threat of a hurricane can cause the price to rise even more, and when every station in your area gets the same call to raise their price to the same amount at the same time, you have to know there is some stuff in the game.

When stations start to close we will see a change. That's it; bottom-line. If we are unwilling to make the sacrifices necessary to respond to the thievery of the oil barons, we simply need to shut-up! Or, develop a good relationship with Hugo Chavez.

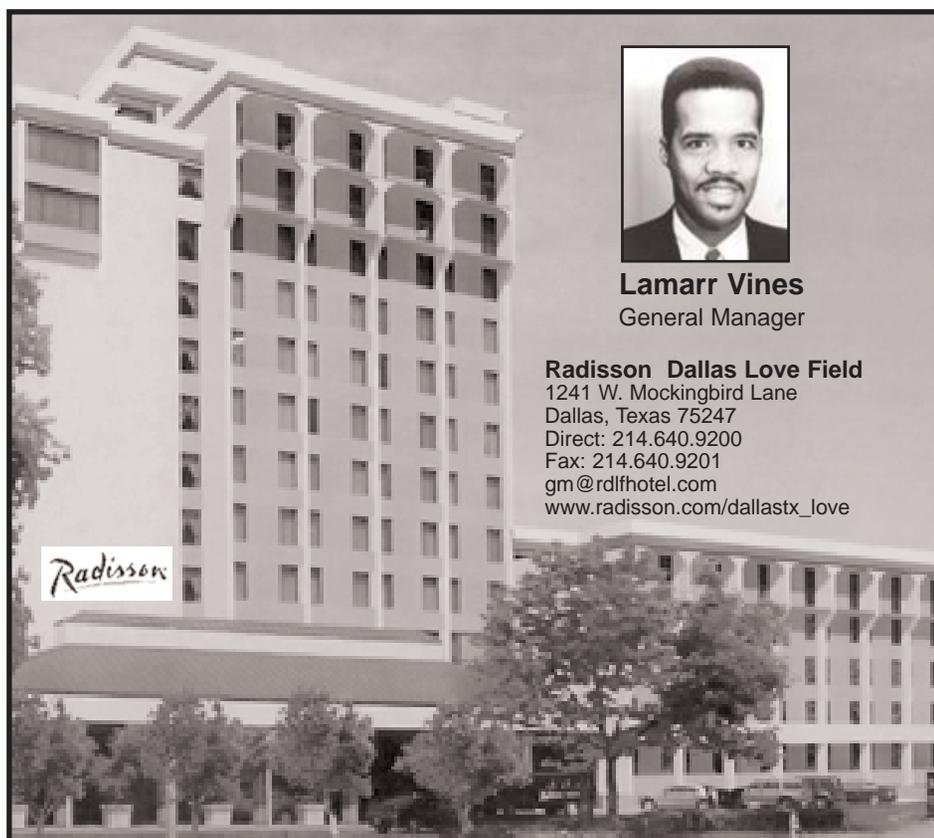
## 08 Hummer H3

The H3 is Hummer's midsize SUV and the third model in the vehicle lineup. The H3 is designed to deliver authentic HUMMER style and off-road capability in a smaller, more fuel-efficient package. Ever since it debuted for the 2006 model year, Hummer's H3 has been one of the toughest-looking SUVs around with its bulging fenders, short side windows and massive tires. The exterior is all Hummer with the chrome seven-slot grille, flanked by round headlights within square openings. For 2008 Hummer added the H3 Alpha edition that comes with 16-inch chrome wheels, Alpha badging and chrome door handles and mirrors. On the inside of the Hummer H3, the driver faces a perforated leather-wrapped steering wheel and brightly accented instruments. Sporty bucket seats up front and a 60/40-split folding rear bench accommodate up to five occupants. Cloth upholstery is standard; heated leather seats are optional. There is 29.5-cubic-foot cargo area behind the H3's rear seats



and folding the backseat provides a maximum of 55.7 cubic feet of space. The base H3 is powered by a 242-horsepower, 3.7-liter inline-five-cylinder engine that makes 242 pounds-feet of torque, while the Alpha's 5.3-liter V-8 generates 300 hp and 320 pounds-feet of torque. Hummer says the Alpha can accelerate from zero to 60 mph in about 8 seconds, which isn't bad when you consider the SUV's near 5,000-pound curb weight. The V-8 gets an estimated 13/16 mpg (city/highway); in comparison, the inline-five with the automatic transmission gets 14/18 mpg. Regular H3's are rated to tow up to 4,500 pounds, but the Alpha can pull a hefty 6,000 pounds when properly equipped. Hummer says the smaller, more

fuel-efficient H3 is about the same length as a typical midsize sedan — and therefore is able to maneuver through urban traffic. When necessary, however, the H3 can demonstrate Hummer's famous crawling and climbing abilities. The H3 can ford 16 inches of water at 20 mph or up to 2 feet if it slows to 5 mph. It can also climb 16-inch vertical steps and rocks. For 2008 a number of safety equipment is now standard, including side curtain and dual front airbags, four-wheel antilock brakes with traction control, electronic stability control system and a tire pressure monitoring system. The 2008 Hummer H3 can be a satisfying vehicle to own, especially for those drawn to its distinctive styling and macho image.





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The parade will start on Jamestown Street (behind Carrollton City Hall) and will proceed West to Josey Lane; South on Josey to Keller Springs; East on Keller Springs to Kelly Blvd; South on Kelly Blvd to Ted Polk Middle School @ 2001 Kelly

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**January 13, 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.

**January 25-27, 2008**

First Lady Tasha Stafford and the Women Justified by Faith Ministry will have our annual Women's Conference @ the Hilton Garden Inn, 705 Central Expressway, Allen, TX 75013. Our theme: "My Soul Says Yes."

**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

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**January and On-Going**  
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**First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park (First Church)**  
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**Rev. Anthony Foster, Pastor**  
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### **NEW NEXT GENERATION**

**January 26, 5:30 pm**

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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](http://www.newnextgen.net).  
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**Noon - 2 pm**

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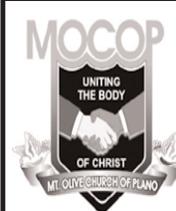


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**Sister Tarpley**

## WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Black community and churches.

On December 31, 2007 I received a call from a cousin of mine about "Watch Night Services." She asked me why we celebrate them. She also

I told her that it is my belief, from my ancestor's view point, and the tradition they passed down to their heirs, was that "Watch Night Services" had more to do with my family and church thanking God for His blessings in

tion of our discussion. I am going to research "Watch Night Services" and how they came about. In fact, my prayers are that many of my readers will give me some feed-back on this annual event in many African American churches and communities. I am asking you if you attend "Watch Night Services" now, or did you grow up attending them and for some reason stop attending them. Moreover, I am going to call some pastors that I know and ask them to give me their input; I will print their information in a future column. I will start with part of my column last year on this subject.

Excerpts from Sister Tarpley's Column, December 28, 2006

2006 will end with "Watch Night Services" at various churches in America in three days. For 100 years or more my ancestors celebrated "Night Watch Services." Later, I did the same and taught my children to do the same, not knowing why this was a tradition in my family.

This tradition brings warm memories to me. My parents, my siblings and I would often visit both sets of grandparents in Mexia, TX during the summer and the Christmas Holidays. At Deacon & Mother Demus' home, every Sunday morning everybody in the house would gathered in the living room; got on their knees and prayed prior to eating breakfast and going to church; this seemed to strengthen "family unity and love." **To be continued January 17, 2008.**

*God is Still Great in 2008!*

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a family of four, the figure is \$61,950. Other requirements include that the vehicle must have been registered within a participating county for the previous 12 months and have passed inspection within the past 15 months. The car or truck must be at least 10 years old. Officials say the program may remove as many as 40,000 older vehicles from the road.

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Brochures on the vehicle replacement program can be found at authorized vehicle inspection locations. Money is also available for minor vehicle repairs if a car fails inspection. If eligible, a voucher of up to \$3,000 for gasoline-powered vehicles and \$3,500 for

hybrids will be issued and can be redeemed by participating auto dealers. The payments can go toward the purchase of a new car or truck, or a one to a two-year-old vehicle worth up to \$25,000. The program will go into effect this month.

Applications may be obtained online at [www.driveacleanmachine.org](http://www.driveacleanmachine.org) or by calling the North Central Texas Council of Governments at 1-800-898-9103 or visiting their website at [www.nctcog.org/aircheck-texas](http://www.nctcog.org/aircheck-texas)



Picture of The Week: Sister Tarpley with two Senior Pastors @ Banks of Dallas Ministries' Male Forum: Bishop Miller Johnson, Jr., New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett (left) and Rev. W.L. Stafford, Sr., M.Div, Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen.

said that the reason for her inquiry was because she had talked to a pastor of a church asking her when their "Watch Night Services" would start that night and what the program would consist of because she was thinking of attending their services. The pastor told my cousin that "Watch Night Services" were started by slaves and that her church did not follow the tradition of celebrating "Watch Night Services." That started my cousin to thinking about the tradition of "Watch Night Services," and why we celebrate them.

I told her that my last column in 2006 told the common theory of why "Watch Night Services" has been celebrated throughout the years in the

the past year and for His blessings in the New Year. We can't control what trials or tribulations are going to come our way in the future; however, we can ask God to continue blessing us and asking Him for His peace and strength for the New Year.

I also believe that after my cousin's discussion about this event with the pastor she was discouraged and had second thoughts about attending services on the last night in 2007. This brought sadness to me because attending "Watch Night Services" has been a long-time tradition in our family. My cousin told me that she was just going to stay at home that night.

This column and the next two columns will be a reflec-

## Plano MLK Celebration 2008

The Plano MLK Celebration Committee, a volunteer community service organization, is planning a number of events for the upcoming 2008 MLK holiday. This year's celebration begins Saturday morning January 19th with a Parade in Downtown Plano. Immediately following the parade a Program will be held at Plano City Hall. At noon a Health Fair and a Free Luncheon will be held at the Douglass Community Center in East Plano. On Sunday evening a Mass Choir performs at Saint Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano. On Monday a Leadership

Breakfast is held at Collin College followed by a Youth Program. On Thursday January 24th, Plano ISD hosts an MLK Tribute Event at the Plano Centre. All of the events are free and open to the public.

Log on to [www.planom-](http://www.planom-)

lk.org for further details on the upcoming Plano MLK events. Anyone interested in participating in the planning or being a part of this celebration should contact Committee Chairman Earl Simpkins at 972 422-0012 x 128 or email at [earl@tes.com](mailto:earl@tes.com)

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**Tuesday**

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**Wednesday**

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Saturday: Intercessory Prayer @ 7:00 am  
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**Dr. Creflo A. Dollar Book signing for "8 Steps to Create the Life You Want: The Anatomy of a Successful Life"**

Dr. Creflo A. Dollar, a native of College Park Georgia, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Oral Roberts University in 1998. Dollar is known for his teachings of prosperity theology which has netted him two Rolls-Royces, three private jets, a million-dollar home in Fayetteville, and a \$2.5 million apartment in Manhattan. Dollar's message: that religious faithfulness will be rewarded by



material wealth. He is the publisher of CHANGE magazine, a quarterly international publication with nearly 100,000 subscribers, and The Max, a bimonthly resource newsletter for ministers and ministry leaders. His award-winning Changing Your World television broadcast reaches nearly one billion homes in practically every country in the world. A much sought-after conference speaker and best-selling author,

Dr. Dollar is known for his practical approach to the Bible and has encouraged thousands to pursue a personal relationship with God. Dr. Dollar and his wife, Taffi, have five children and live in Atlanta.

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If you'd like to meet world famous televangelist Dr. Dollar,

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Evening Worship .....	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Class .....	7:00 pm

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