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Obama Takes Potomac Primary

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - U. S. Sen. Barack Obama won big this week over Sen. Hillary Clinton in their contest to win the Democrat nomination to the presidency.

In a clean sweep of

Tuesday's Potomac Primary - Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia - Obama took his number of pledged delegates to 1,215 to Clinton's 1,189.

"This movement won't stop until there's change in Washington. Tonight, we're on our way," declared Obama at a thunderous rally

in Madison, Wis., where he moved ahead to campaign for votes in Wisconsin's Feb. 19 primary. Hawaii will also hold a primary that day.

"This is what change looks like when it happens from the bottom up," he told the Madison crowd in the televised speech. "This is

the new American majority."

Obama's reference to a "movement" not only hits home with African-American voters, but with battle-weary voters of all races. Polls have shown that concern over the war in Iraq and economic issues

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New Report: Black Children Doing Better Than Ever, But Still Trail White Children in Quality of Life

LOUISIANA (NNPA) - Black children are doing better than ever, but still have a long way to go before closing the racial-ethnic gap in quality of life, according to a report released last month, by the Foundation for Child Development (FCD).

The report was the first ever to analyze and com-

pare trends in the well-being of Black, white, and Hispanic children over a span of nearly two decades.

According to the report, all children experienced overall improvements in quality of life between 1985 and 2004. However, because improvements were greater for Black and Hispanic children during

this time span - particularly after 1993 - the gap between them and Whites is narrowing.

But even if trends continue at their current pace, it will take at least an entire generation to fully eliminate these gaps.

"Even if we manage to continue to make progress towards closing the racial-

ethnic gaps in children's well-being at the same rate we have been, it would take another 18 years before Black children essentially caught up with White children," Ruby Takanishi, President/CEO of FCD, said last week. "As a leading world superpower,

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Black Consumer Report Boosts Power of the Black Press

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

LAS VEGAS (NNPA) - Black consumers, with an annual worth of nearly \$750 billion in buying power, are disrespected on a daily basis by merchants across the nation. Now, Black-owned newspapers - which regu-

larly endure discrimination in ad sales and publish weekly news stories of racial profiling, false accusations and disparate arrests of customers in retail stores, shops and businesses - have a new tool by which to empower those local and national reports of injustices by disclosing the worth of

African-American consumers.

"Every time you do a story about a grocer who disrespected a customer and that customer calls and says, 'They do this stuff all the time...And that customer calls and says, 'I want you to write them up because I'm going to sue them,' when you do the story, just put

in, 'According to Target Market News, Black Households in Philadelphia [for example] spent \$25 million on tires, on gasoline, on groceries,' says Ken Smikle, president of Target Market News, which annually releases "The Buying Power of Black America."

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Child Watch®

Making Sure Our Children Know Their History

By Marian Wright Edelman

"Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history." So said Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the scholar and historian who is called "The Father of Black History," and who founded Negro History Week in 1926 to help give this record and inspiration to other Black Americans.

At the time Dr. Woodson was alarmed

because so few people, White or Black, knew anything at all about Black history and Black people's achievements. He would even meet other Black college history professors who had no idea Blacks had made any significant contributions to national or world history. Dr. Woodson understood just how critical it was to claim our rightful place in the history books, and so the national celebration of Black history was born.

This February, Americans of all colors

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Dr. Farrah Gray

Called "Trump Jr." by Good Morning America, 23-year-old celebrity entrepreneur, bestselling author, and magazine publisher Dr. Farrah Gray has been featured in hundreds of other print, magazine, radio, and television media outlets, including 20/20, The Big Idea with Donny Deutsch, The Montel Williams Show, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Post, Essence



Magazine, Ebony Magazine, BET, and NPR. He is a sought-after speaker who packs stadiums when he speaks.

Dr. Gray was named as one of the most influential Black men in America by the National Urban League's Urban Influence Magazine. At 21 years old, he was recognized by Ebony Magazine as an entrepreneurial icon, business mogul and best-selling author. Raised in the

impoverished South side of Chicago, Dr. Gray defied the odds and became a self-made millionaire by the age of 14. At the age of 21, he became Dr. Farrah Gray, receiving an Honorary Doctorate degree of Humane Letters from Allen University. This was in recognition of his ingenious economic mind and distinguished commitment to the development of values such as leadership, integrity and scholarship.

In his rise from poverty to national and international prominence as an entrepreneurial icon and pre-eminent power speaker, Dr. Gray has inspired millions around the world

He is also a syndicated columnist with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) federation of 200 weekly newspapers and more than 15 million readers. As an AOL Money Coach, Dr. Gray gives advice to millions

of AOL subscribers daily. Dr. Gray addresses more than half a million people per year on leadership, personal development, diversity, strategic planning, creativity, business development and financial management. At the age of 23, he has achieved more than many achieve in a lifetime. His recipe for success: attitude, hustle, and an emphatic rejection of the most pervasive lies most of us believe about money and success.

Tracy Brown

Tracy Brown is known for her experiential workshops and engaging keynotes. She is the author of six books including "Breaking the Barrier of Bias?? and "71 Ways to Demonstrate



Commitment to Diversity?? and is the President of Diversity Trends LLC. Since 1991 her company has helped clients nationwide design successful diversity strategies and develop skills that support inclusion. As a vol-

unteer leader, Tracy has served as a Board member for more than 12 organizations. Most recently she served on the national board of the National Association of African Americans in Human Resources for four years and

recently completed a term as editor of Speaker Magazine for the National Speakers Association.

Tracy's style is relaxed and interactive. Audiences love her . . . and her message. She teaches them to trust them-

selves, and to take personal responsibility on sensitive issues related to diversity in the workplace.

For more information, call (800) 290-5631, or visit her website at www.traceybrown.com.

Ephren W. Taylor II



Ephren W. Taylor II is the youngest African-American CEO of any publicly traded company ever? City Capital Corporation. Described as "walking history" by popular radio show host Tom Joyner, Taylor started his first business venture at age 12, when he began making video games. By age 17, he built a multi-million dollar technology company; GoFerretGo.com. In 2007, at City Capital Corporation, Taylor started the Goshen Energy initiative; which focuses on producing alternative

energy specializing in biofuels. Taylor's commitment to green energy is part of his concept of empowering local communities with both profitable and socially-conscious investing and development. Through his action on green energy and philanthropy, Taylor is leading a new wave of CEO's focusing on corporate social responsibility.

Taylor's diverse business portfolio is quickly transforming him into a household name. He appears weekly on FOX News and has been featured on network shows such as ABC's 20/20 and Montel Williams show. He also has regular appearances in print and radio media including PBS, Black Enterprise, and the Miami Herald.

Beyond his unprecedented accomplishments at an early age

in business, Taylor is an author, inspirational speaker, and real estate mastermind. His first book, "Creating Success from the Inside Out", is published by the world's number one business publisher, Wiley and it

recently ranked as the #1 best seller at CEO Read. The book serves as an expose of the mindset of today's multi-millionaires while defining success as not only attaining wealth, but how to utilize it.

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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

Bush Conservatism Smacks of Deceptive Advertising

John McCain, following his primary victories on Super Tuesday, appeared to solidify his status as the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination. He declared that he was the conservative leader who could unite the party.

President Bush, speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference, urged conservatives to unite behind the presumptive Republican nominee to ensure his election as the successor president.

For many conservatives the main question hanging over John McCain's head at this time is: Is he conservative enough? While he claims that he has always been on the conservative team many hard line conservatives don't consider McCain as being on their team and don't want to be on his team.

McCain has established himself as embracing many of President Bush's disastrous policies. His support of the U.S. military mission in Iraq is a mainstay of his campaign contrary to the wishes of two-thirds of Americans.

While it is difficult to predetermine the validity of campaign promises the conservatism that President Bush campaigned on is not what his administration delivered to the American people. He promised a tax cut, an end to nation-building, smaller government, and an adminis-

tration that would restore honor and integrity to the White House. Those were the recurring themes of his campaigns.

The conservatism that George Bush perpetrated on the American people does not adhere to the principles of democracy and liberty nor did it deliver less government. Under Bush, power has been concentrated in fewer hands in both the government and corporate sectors. It does not matter that the political power that was allocated by the constitution to the executive, legislative, and judicial branches instead of being conferred by a right of birth because Bush conservatism has usurped power and transformed popular elections to the equivalent of third world chicanery. The result is the accumulation and concentration of political and economic power has become a threat to both democracy and liberty.

True conservatives understand that power corrupts. The true conservative are not blind to the corruption in the Bush administration and Republicans are beginning to break ranks with the President as evidenced by his lowest ever approval ratings.

The very words "nation building" were considered derogatory when candidate Bush first ran for the White House. He promised

to end the nation-building policies associated with the Clinton administration.

Now, seven years later, American intervention in Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries are examples of how nation-building and nation-destroying have become the dominant feature of his administration's foreign policy.

The administration would have Americans believe that this policy reversal resulted from the terrorist attacks of September 11. The reality is that the threats of terror preexisted September 11 as did the Bush plans to explicitly control affairs in the Middle East.

In Afghanistan and Iraq the Bush administration in its ego driven quest for power has found itself enmeshed in the daily workings of failed states and has taken on responsibilities as far ranging as protecting government leaders, repairing infrastructure, and serving as a de-facto police force to a predominantly hostile citizenry. The American presence has resulted in the loss of thousands of American lives, cost billions of dollars, and directly contradicted how candidate Bush said he would govern as president.

The highly touted Bush tax cuts are in reality smoke and mirrors. In essence he deferred sending Americans their tax

bills by increasing the national debt. He also redistributed a significant portion of the tax burden from the wealthiest Americans to the middle class.

Government cannot make a real tax cut without either decreasing spending or securing additional money from other sources. Bush has replaced a \$236 billion surplus in 2000 with a 2008 deficit of \$410 billion by borrowing money that puts the country in unprecedented debt. Is this fiscal conservatism? Bush promised a tax cut both to get votes and to redistribute the tax burden from the wealthy to the middle class.

Real conservatives want smaller government and were duped by Bush promises. Instead of delivering on this promise Bush is loading up the bureaucracy and peeking in our windows while simultaneously telling Americans that law-abiding citizens have nothing to fear from increased domestic surveillance and disappearing civil liberties.

If this is the Bush conservative formula that John McCain intends to follow then conservatives, independents, evangelicals, and disillusioned Republicans need to question party loyalty and look elsewhere for leadership.

James W. Breedlove
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Former Mugabe Minister to Challenge Mugabe in Polls

(NNPA) – A senior member of Robert Mugabe's Zanu-PF has broken with the president and will challenge him in elections scheduled for next month.

Speaking to the press, the 57-year-old Simba Makoni said:

"Following very extensive and intensive consultations ... I hereby advise the people of Zimbabwe that I offer myself as candidate for the office of president...Let me confirm that I share the agony

and anguish of all citizens over the extreme hardships that we all have endured for nearly 10 years now," added Makoni, who lost his finance minister's job in 2002 over policy differences with Mr. Mugabe.

"I also share the widely held view that these hardships are a result of failure of national leadership and that change at that level is a prerequisite for change at other levels of national endeavour."

Mugabe is seeking a sixth term in office in presidential elections on March 29.

Makoni's bid emerged after the opposition Movement for Democratic Change failed to agree on a candidate to take on 83-year-old Mugabe.

Zimbabwe's economy now has an annual inflation rate of more than 26,000 percent, the highest in the world. Only an estimated one adult in five has a job.

Mandela's Wife Warns Against "Ethnic Chaos"

(NNPA) – Former first lady of Mozambique and South Africa, Graca Machel, urged Kenyans to avoid the slippery slope toward ethnic chaos.

"Do not let your country go the ethnic way, because if you do, you are going to boil each other. Then there is going to be no country to speak of," she cautioned.

Wife of former president Nelson Mandela, Machel is part of the mediation team that includes former Secy Gen. Kofi Annan, among others. She herself took part in armed struggle in pre-independence Mozambique through her active participation in the

Mozambican Liberation Front (Frelimo).

"Our anger should be against injustice and the inability to recognize our rights. Anger is being thrown towards the wrong direction which can throw the country into an ocean of bloodshed," she said.

Addressing a group of women leaders, she lamented the absence of more women at the negotiation table. Saida Ali, head of the Young Women's Leadership Institute, echoed her concern. "Where have the women been since the madness began? Why did we wait so long for women and children to die before we

could step in to help?" she said.

"As women," said Mrs. Machel, "we are the ones who carry the child in our wombs, who give birth, who go through the same pain. We know that all the children we give birth to are born equal, (despite ethnic origin). That is why it is up to us to demand that the children of this nation be treated equally. That should be the voice of women in bringing peace in this country," said Mrs. Machel.

About 1,000 people have died and up to 300,000 have been displaced since the disputed re-election of Mwai Kibaki on Dec. 30.

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America can do and should do better than this."

The report is entitled "Racial-Ethnic Inequality in Child Well-Being from 1985-2004: Gaps Narrowing but Persist." The researchers pulled data from several years of the FCD Child Well-Being Index (CWI) - an annual analysis of the quality of life for all American children. It found that the gap in the overall quality of life separating Black children from White children narrowed by 26 percent - a change driven largely by promising improvements in safety, economic security and health for children of color.

A few other key findings of the report include:

- Education is stagnant: While Black children have made progress in many areas, substantial gaps in education between White and Black children have shown little improvement. The Black disadvantage in preschool enrollment has been eliminated, but the gaps in reading and math indicators have barely changed, and the same is true of the Black-White gap in completing a Bachelor's

degree.

- Black children have seen the biggest improvement in their likelihood to commit a violent crime.

- While the likelihood of all youth voting is up, Black youth are now more likely to vote than ever before, and the likelihood of Black youth voting is improving faster than it is for White children.

- The poverty gap between White children and Black children is closing. While rates of poverty are decreasing for all racial/ethnic groups, they are decreasing more rapidly for Black children than they are for White children.

- Gaps in family economic well-being narrowed for both Black and Hispanic children as parental employment and health insurance coverage increased.

- Obesity rates rose less for Black and Hispanic children, although they remain higher than for Whites.

- Both Black children and Hispanic children were advantaged compared to White children in the emotional/spiritual domain.

"With the possibility of an

economic recession, policies should aim to protect the economic security of American families, as well as key programs in health and education that support the largest number of children, especially those whose families earn below the median family income," said Don Hernandez, researcher and author of the report. "A number of the positive changes outlined in this report can be attributed to smart policies and an active community. If we want to continue to improve our children's lives, we must continue push for this kind of smart policy."

The FCD Child Well Being Index CWI is an annual analysis of the quality of life for American children. It measures how well or poorly they are doing in seven areas: Health, Poverty, Education, Safety and Behavioral Concerns, Social Relationships, Community Connectedness and Emotional/Spiritual Well-Being, and then compares how well our children are doing today with how they have done in the past - to give an overall sense of whether their quality of life is improving over time.

Texas Health Care Association Urges Wide-Ranging Debate on Medicaid Financing Issues in 2008 State, Federal Elections

New Eldercare Reform Plan Released in Washington D.C. Serves as Excellent Vehicle to Drive Policy Discussion

AUSTIN, Texas -- Saying it is time for the state of Texas to have a major public policy discussion of eldercare financing issues in the 2008 state and federal elections, the Texas Health Care Association (THCA) praised the release in Washington, D.C. today of a new long term and post acute care reform proposal that strengthens the financial underpinnings of the nation's Medicaid program with private sector investment, and ensures seniors now and in the years to come will have maximum choice and quality across the spectrum of long term care settings and services.

"With demand for long term care across the range of care settings growing, we encourage Texas' consumers, providers, regulators and lawmakers to have an intelligent, far-reaching policy discussion about strengthening the financial underpinnings of Medicaid - vital to so many of our most vulnerable citizens," stated Tim Graves, President of THCA. "With Medicaid financing a joint state-federal

responsibility, we sincerely hope our Austin and Washington-based lawmakers can help address the fact Texas ranks toward the very bottom nationally in terms of the average Medicaid reimbursement rate. The plan released today has the potential to help drive a necessary debate about strengthening Medicaid at a time when demographic challenges are mounting."

Graves said a THCA compilation of the most recently available Medicaid payment rate data by the national accounting firm BDO Seidman, and the Lancaster Group, finds the average daily Texas Medicaid rate at \$106.59 - 49th in the nation. The national average rate is \$153.83, according to the data. Comparably for the region, the New Mexico ranks 30th nationally, at \$137.24; Oklahoma ranks 44th, at \$116.84; Arkansas ranks 47th, at \$111.76; and Louisiana ranks 45th, at \$115.00.

The reform plan - prepared with the assistance of Avalere Health, LLC and released jointly at a National Press

Club policy briefing by the American Health Care Association (AHCA), National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) and Alliance for Quality Nursing Home Care - features a restructuring of the Medicaid financing system based partly on more private sector involvement. Medicaid, established in 1965, and which currently finances the lion's share of long-term care in America, remains a literal lifeline for Texas' less fortunate elderly. The THCA President said Medicaid must be reformed in a manner that ensures consistent care and services, adequate financing and payment stability, and that helps relieve the financial pressures on state government.

Concluded Graves, "It is a positive development that we've seen so much talk on the presidential campaign trail about improving Americans' access to health care, but we must also hear far more throughout 2008 about strengthening our long term care system so every Texan will have access to quality care when they need it."

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are fueling the swelling support for Democratic candidates after eight years of the Bush administration.

Meanwhile, Sen. Clinton is scheduled to kick off her campaign in Wisconsin on Saturday. She is scheduled to attend a Democratic Dinner in Milwaukee.

With 2,025 delegates needed to win the nomination, it is still far from final who will come out the Democratic nominee. There are 18 more primaries to go with 1,375 more delegates up for grabs.

The next primaries are: Feb. 19: Hawaii and Wisconsin; March 4: Ohio, Rhode Island, Texas and Vermont; March 8: Wyoming; March 11: Mississippi; April 22: Pennsylvania; May 3: Guam; May 6: Indiana and North Carolina; May 13: West Virginia; May 20: Kentucky and Oregon; June 3: Montana and South Dakota; June 7: Puerto Rico.

Much debate is taking place over super delegates, Democratic Party leaders, who could break a tie if the race between Obama and Clinton are too close to call

by the Aug. 25-28 Democratic Convention. Clinton currently has 261 super delegates to Obama's 178.

However, one super delegate, Jason Roe, appearing on CNN Tuesday night, predicted that a winner will be clear by the Pennsylvania primary April 22.

The big Potomac win comes after a weekend sweep also to Obama's favor. He won handily in primaries held in Nebraska, Louisiana and Washington State.

The Clinton campaign appears to be taking Obama's big wins in stride, anticipating comebacks with big primaries such as Texas with 228 delegates and Ohio with 161, both on March 4. Pennsylvania on April 22 with 188 delegates and North Carolina on May 6 with 134 delegates are also among the big prizes.

Obama's weekend and Tuesday wins came as no surprise. Polls have long shown him as favored in those states.

Working for Obama's favor in conservative Virginia were Richmond Mayor L. Douglas Wilder, who was elected there in 1989 as the nation's first Black governor; the endorsements of U.

S. Rep. Bobby Scott and Gov. Tim Kaine also helped. In Maryland, Rep. Elijah Cummings has long campaigned for Obama. In D. C., Mayor Adrian Fenty has supported Obama. Also, amidst the excitement of this week's primary, another key Obama endorsement was announced.

D. C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton announced her endorsement of Obama.

"Barack will be an exceptional president," she said in a statement. "He is the president that our country, our party and this city needs at this turning point in our history."

As a super delegate for the convention, Holmes said she had expected to make her endorsement closer to the general election. However, she explained that she felt the need to announce her choice in order to commit her super delegate vote to Obama if it is needed in a tie.

Despite what appears to be an Obama craze of sorts sweeping the country, even he realizes the race is not nearly over.

He told the cheering Wisconsin crowd, "We have much further to go."

Black History Events

Every Tuesday in February

Paul Quinn's Tuesdays in February, will consist of a black history month lecture series. Speakers include: Senior Pastor and University President Rev. Dr. Floyd Flake, Dallas Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., R&B Artist Angie Stone, ESPN Magazine Columnist Chris Broussard and WFAA Channel 8 Reporter Darla Miles. The series takes place every Tuesday (Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26) at Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Street, Dallas, Texas 75218. The event is free and open to all. For more information, call 214-302-3577.

February 16

KHVN Heaven 97 AM Gospel Celebration at the African American Museum in honor of Black History Month. The Gospel Celebration will feature dance, music, drama and spoken word performances all afternoon from 12:00

noon to 4:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided. This special performance will be located at the African American Museum Black History at 3536 Grand Avenue, Fair Park Dallas, Texas 75315-0157. For further information please call 214-565-9026.

February 21

University of Dallas Black History Celebration Please join the Black Student Association and Sports and Entertainment Management Program, along with the University of Dallas as it celebrates the 4th Annual Black History Celebration. The event will include a wonderful African Fashion show with the latest attire from several African countries, a dynamic guest speaker (Ms. Shay Moore) from KISS FM 105.7, and exciting door prizes. This event is open to the gener-

al public and will last from approximately 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on a unique celebration at 1845 E. Northgate Drive, at the Irving Main Campus Art History Auditorium in Irving. Please RSVP to Ms. Kathryn Simms by Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at ksims@gsm.udallas.edu or 972-721-4079.

February 21

Black History Month Event: Aids in the Hood Dona Gassaway Mitchell Productions presents: AIDS in the Hood, a moving drama which includes poetry and dance, as well as a strong message to the community. The program, which lasts from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., is free and open to the public. The performance will be located at the African American Museum Black History at 3536 Grand Avenue, Fair Park Dallas, Texas 75315-0157. For further information please call 214-565-9026.

The Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt

The North Dallas graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity announced its 17th Annual Talent Hunt Competition scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Plaza Theatre, which is located at 521 West State Street in Garland, Texas 75040. Admission to the talent hunt is free.

The purpose of this event is to search for that special talent that our youth possess. We want to showcase these talents that they have worked diligently through extensive study and practice and to encourage them to perform in a competitive environment.

Competition in the Talent Hunt Contest is open for the following forms of art: music (vocal and instrumental, classical, gospel, jazz and contemporary), interpretive movement to music (ballet, modern dance and tap), and speech (poetry, orations, and monologues).

The Talent Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 01, 2008 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Plaza Theatre 521 West State



Adrienne Scruggs, Talent Hunt winner, placed 3rd District meeting in Monroe, LA and escort, Ryan Hamilton

Street, Garland, Texas 75040. Prizes in each category are as follows: 1st Place winner receives a Trophy and \$300.00. 2nd Place contestant receives a Trophy and \$100.00, while the 3rd Place runner up receives a Trophy and \$50.00.

The Talent Hunt Committee has the option of inviting the 1st Place winner (10th, 11th, or 12th grader) to compete at the District Level Competition scheduled on Friday, March 21, 2008, at the Carver Cultural Arts Performance Center, San

Antonio, Texas, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The first, second, and third place winners at the District Competition will receive \$1,500.00, \$1,000.00, and \$500.00, respectively.

All competitors should return the entry form, no later than February 20, 2008 to Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt, Wayne Powe, 291 Oakwood Trail, Fairview, Texas 75069. Forms can also be emailed to waynepowe@cs.com or faxed to 972-612-9948. For more information you can contact Wayne A. Powe at 214-906-9079.

MOCOP Is Church of the Week

In Sunday Morning Worship Services, Pastor Sam Fenceroy and Mt. Olive Church of Plano (MOCOP) were presented a certificate designating them as "Church of The Week" by The Word 100.7FM, a Christian Talk Radio Station. Ms. Billie Taylor of the radio station presented Pastors Sam, Gloria and the church with the Certificate. It read: The Word 100.7FM Christian Talk Radio gives God the Glory for Pastor Sam Fenceroy and Mt. Olive Church of Plano this certificate as our Church of The Week for February 10, 2008 - February 16, 2008 for your Dedicated Ministry to



Pastors Sam and Gloria, and Ms. Billie Taylor from The Word 100.7FM; as she presents Mt. Olive Church of Plano with a certificate designating them as Church of The Week.

the Dallas/Fort Worth Christian Community. It was signed by Pete Thomson, General Manager, 100.7 The

Word FM.

North Dallas Gazette congratulates Pastor Sam and MOCOP.

MAN-UP... Plano's First Youth Male Summit!

The City of Plano and Collin College unveiled a new citywide mentoring initiative. Phase I of MAN-UP... Plano's First Youth Male Summit kick-off was held Wednesday, February 13 in the City of Plano Council Chambers. Phase II of the Summit will be held Wednesday, February 20 at Collin College, Spring Creek Campus Conference Center from 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

The Citywide initiative was launched during Plano's 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. observance by City of Plano Youth Leaders Terrance Wright and Alvis Alexander, Greg Thomas, Plano PISD, Kirk Lee, Collin

College and Lawrence Mann, Plano ISD Mentor and State Appointed Official. The Man-Up bi-annual summit will be operated by The City of Plano.

The initiative will foster, develop and support teens in our community to meet the challenges and prepare for the transition from adolescence to adulthood. "This will be a critical investment in our youth," said Lawrence Mann "A fundamental part of our forefather's vision was to ensure that all children, regardless of race or class, be provided the same opportunities to succeed in life. This program will go a long way toward advancing that vision".

The youth of today are seeking guidance for the future and we are attempting to provide them with the tools to do so", said Terrance Wright City of Plano.

The Man-Up committee will work with private organizations and individuals to pair volunteer mentors with young teenage students who are currently in Plano ISD. The program is voluntary for the youth and will include optional mentor support groups and resources for mentors.

The Summit is free and open to males in grades 6th – 12th. For additional information, contact Alvis Alexander 972-941-7174.

11th Annual Trailblazer Awards

Over the last eleven years, forty-three men and women received the Harriet Tubman Trailblazer Honor. Annually, during Black History Month, the Saint Mark Baptist Church of McKinney has recognized African-Americans throughout Collin County for their exemplary achievements and outstand-

ing service to the community. Sunday February 10th, Hattie Kelly and Thurman R. Jones were named recipients of the 2008 Harriet Tubman Trailblazer Award. The theme of this year's event was "A Celebration of Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: Celebrating the History of African-American

Greeks."

Senior Pastor Charles S. Wattley, began the celebration with a prayer, followed by the Negro National Anthem, "Life Every Voice." The event ended with the presentation of the 2008 Harriet Tubman Trailblazer Tribute Awards. Ms. Kelly was acknowledged for her

devotion to her Farmersville based company, Power Pages Publishing. Mr. Thurman Jones was memorialized for the long years of hard work put into building his well-known, Plano-based newspaper, (I'll give you a hint, you're reading it at this very moment...) The North Dallas Gazette, formerly MON The

Gazette. "I'm honored that Saint Mark thinks enough of my community involvement to recognize it," Mr. Jones shared.

The honorees were praised as distinguished, extraordinary citizens, and commendable members of the community. Saint Mark's own passionate choir handled

the musical score with grace and ease. Following the presentation, Michael Sorrell, Paul Quinn College President, made a special guest appearance. Mr. Sorrell provided the keynote speech of the night focusing on leadership, after which, Pastor Charles Wattley closed the ceremony with a blessing.

Scholarship Money is Available – But it Takes Work!

Paying for college can be a huge financial strain for some families. However, that should not deter you from reaching your goals. The information in this section will highlight scholarship programs and available resources.

Are you a high school student seeking money for college? If so, here is a list of scholarship programs and opportunities for you to consider.

The websites below are posted on our website (www.northdallasgazette.com) this week, please visit, click and apply!

Actuarial Scholarships for Minority Students
http://www.beanctuary.org/minority/scholarships.htm

Aid & Resources for Re-Entry Students
http://www.back2college.com/

Ayn Rand Essay Scholarships
http://www.aynrand.org/contests/

Black Alliance for Educational Options Scholarships
http://www.baeo.org/options/privatelyfinanced.jsp

Brand Essay Competition
http://www.instituteforbrandleadership.org/IBLEssayContest-2002Rules.htm

Coca-Cola Two Year College Scholarships
http://www.coca-colascholars.org

College Board Scholarship Search
http://cbweb10p.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/fundfind01.html

CollegeNet's Scholarship Database

http://collegenet.com
Easley National Scholarship Program
http://www.naas.org/senior.htm

Federal Scholarships & Aid Gateways 25 Scholarship Gateways from Black Excel
http://www.blackexcel.org/25scholarships.htm

FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid scholarships
http://www.finaid.org/

Free Application for Federal Student Aid on the web (Your Key Aid Form & Info)
http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/

Holocaust Remembrance Scholarships
http://holocaust.hklaw.com/

Hope Scholarships & Lifetime Credits

http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/PPI/HOPE/index.html

IES Minority Scholarships
http://www.iesabroad.org/info/hbcu.htm

Inroads
http://www.inroads.org/

International Students Scholarships & Aid Help
http://www.iefaf.org/

Jacki Tuckfield Memorial Graduate Business Scholarship
http://www.jackituckfield.org/

Gates Millennium Scholarships
http://www.gmsp.org

GE and LuLac Scholarship Funds
http://www.lulac.org/Programs/Scholar.html

Guaranteed

Scholarships
http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com/

Maryland Artists Scholarships
http://www.maef.org/

National Association of Black Journalists
http://www.nabj.org

Presidential Freedom Scholarships
http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships/

Rhodes Scholars Program
http://www.rhodesscholar.org/info.html

ScienceNet Scholarship Listing
http://www.sciencenetemory.edu/undergrad/scholarships.html

Scholarships and Financial Aid Help
http://www.blackexcel.org/fin-sch.htm

Sports Scholarships and Internships
http://www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships.html

Student Inventors Scholarships
http://www.invent.org/collegiate

Student Video Scholarships
http://www.christophers.org/vidcon2k.html

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund
http://www.thurgood-marshallfund.org

William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students
http://www.apsanet.org/PS/grants/aspen3.cfm

Wired Scholar Free Scholarship Search
http://www.wiredscholar.com/paying/scholarship_search/pay_scholarship

Historically Black College and University Tour

CETours invites you to take a test-drive at each of the country's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). Historically Black Schools include Texas Southern University, Prairie View A & M University, Dillard University, Xavier

University, Tuskegee University, Alabama State University, Tougaloo College, Alcorn State University, and Grambling State University. CETours, who sponsor myriad college tours, educational trips, and team travel, are providing college bound students with the chance

to preview each of their potential schools, in person for one low cost! The trip includes four nights and five days hotel accommodations at 3 – 4 star hotels, nine campus visits, roundtrip motor coach transportation, overnight hotel security, and a full time CE Tour Director.

The HBCU College Tour is March 17 – 21 and cost is \$519.00 per student. This once in a lifetime opportunity will help to ensure students are in the right school to pursue their dreams. Space is limited so register today by calling 972-437-5630, or visiting www.cetours.com.

Garland Youth Council Applications Being Accepted

The Garland City Council wants to hear from the city's youth and invites young people to apply to serve on the Garland Youth Council. The Youth Council's mission is to provide a forum, which educates Garland's youth to the various workings of City business, and allows youth to voice ideas and concerns. Garland residents who will be juniors in high

school in the 2008-09 school year are eligible to apply. Each applicant should submit a completed standard Boards and Commissions application, two letters of reference, and an essay explaining why he or she wants to be a part of the Youth Council. All applications should be submitted by May 16, 2008 to Dorothy White, Public & Media Affairs Manager, 200 N


Fifth Street, Garland, TX 75040. Applicants should plan to attend at least one Youth Council meeting. Regular meetings are set for the first Tuesday of each month, with committee meetings scheduled by the committee members themselves. Meeting agendas and locations are available at www.garlandyouthcouncil.org. The Mayor and each of Garland's

eight City Council members will select one applicant to serve a one-year term. Applications are available in your high school office or at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street, in the City Secretary's office and www.garlandyouthcouncil.org. For additional information, contact Dorothy White at 972-205-2879 or dwhite@ci.garland.tx.us.

American Republican Club February 19th Meeting

The African American Republican Club will host a Candidates' Forum at our monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 19th. The meeting will be at the Collin County Republican Headquarters, at

8416 Stacy Road, McKinney, Tx. All of the candidates in contested races for the County and State Offices have been invited to participate in our Forum. The doors will open at 6:30pm and the Forum will be at 7:00pm.



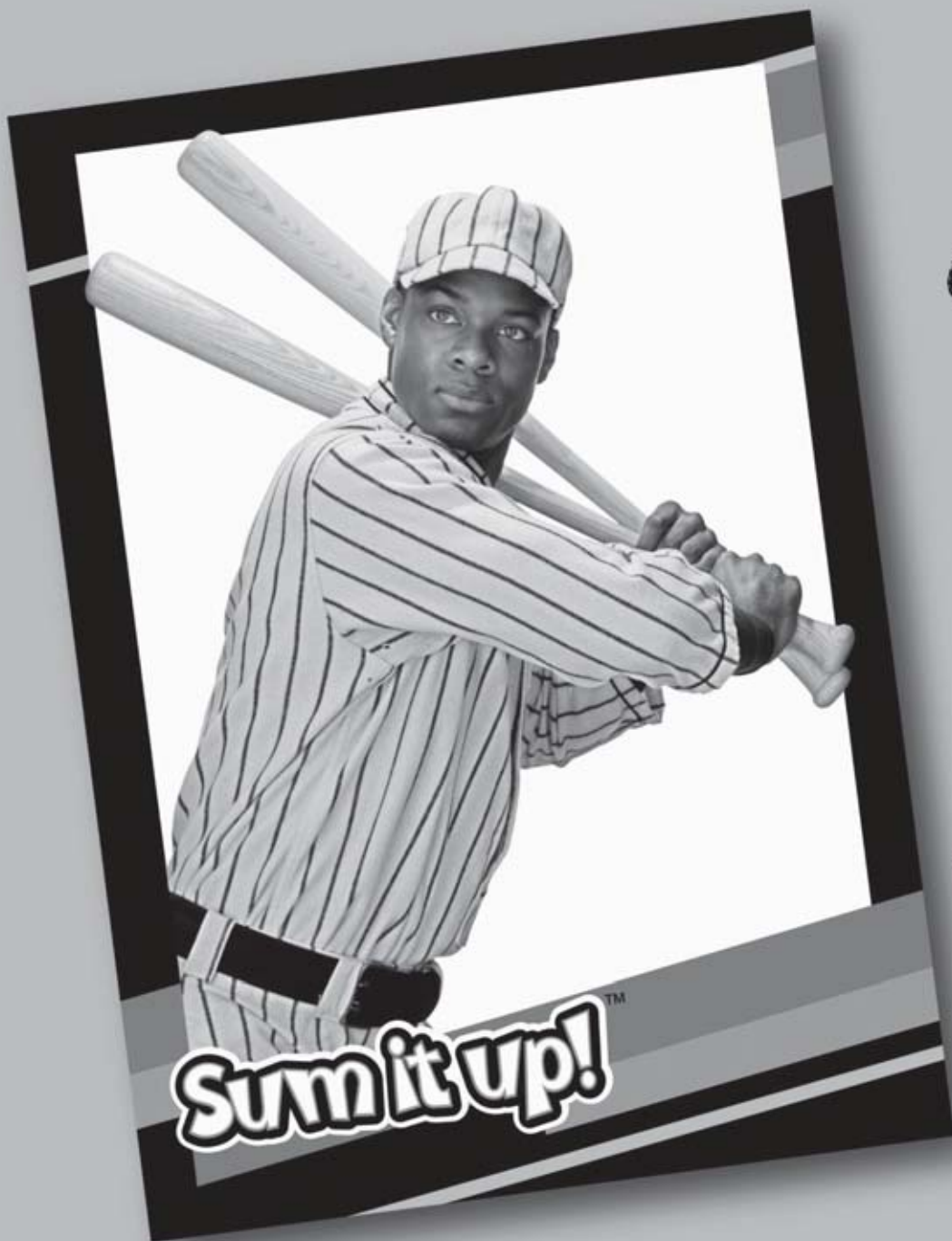
"Focus on your future and believe in your dreams."

The program is held on Tuesday's and Thursday's, from 6:00 – 7:15 pm, in the clubhouse at Indigo On Forest Apartments, 9669 Forest Lane, Dallas TX 75243.

Topics Discussed: Family Values, Juvenile Homes & Prisons, Alcoholism & Drug Addiction, Teenage Pregnancy & Self Preservation, Date Rape, and Missions.

N2NE is expanding to Plano and Allen, TX. If you are interested in volunteering please send your information to: Rich_etta@n2ne-ym.com. We are also partnering with Plano Housing Authority Family Self Sufficiency Program to reach the parents of our future generation. These meetings will be held at Plano Housing Authority, 1740 Avenue G, Plano, TX.

For more information, please contact: Founder/CEO – Rich Etta Weathersbee (469) 223-5618 or VP – Penny Francis (214) 793-7178.



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Ongoing

SHARE! Thanks Plano For Hosting Another International Exchange Student As the Plano community says its final good-byes to Yael from Brazil, SHARE! is already in the process of finding a new host family to share their hearts and home with an exchange student for the 2008/2009 school year. Students come from a variety of countries, and range in age from 15 to 18. The students will enroll in the local high school for a semester or an entire year. The students speak English, have their own spending money, and medical insurance. Host families only provide a bed, meals, and a caring environment. Open your hearts to one student willing to journey thousands of miles from home and share our rich American culture with them. For more information on SHARE! Or how to become a host family, call 1-800-941-3738, or visit www.sharesouthwest.org.

Reggae Saturdays Every Saturday at the Daiquiri Dump, located at 2612 Commerce St. Dallas, Texas 75226, is Reggae Night. The fun starts at 9:00 p.m. Admission is free before 11, with RSVP. You can RSVP at www.minglemonday.com. For more information, call 214-629-0077.

ARTHELLO BECK GALLERY with a 3-year retrospective of the innovative photography & video program SIGHTS & SOUNDS. This program is sponsored by PRESERVATION Link, Inc, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing visual literacy to South Dallas students. Hundreds of DISD children have learned the art of photography through

this program. The exhibit represents a small portion of the work created in the last 3 years. The event will be ongoing through December 31st from 12 noon – 8pm Tuesdays – Fridays, and 10am to 4 pm on Saturdays at the South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 S Fitzhugh Avenue. Admission to this event is FREE. For more information, please contact Vicki Meek at 214-670-0315, or by email at victoria.meek@dallascityhall.com.

February 14 - 17

1984 Big Brother is Watching Orwell's classic novel is brought to life on the stage in this regional premier production. Come to the Frisco Community Theater at 1517 H. Avenue in Plano Texas. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. Admission to the show is \$10.00 - \$15.00. For more information call 972-754-2672, or email tickets@friscocommunitytheatre.com.

February 16

A Taste of Louisiana Food Festival is a free food-tasting event that is open to the public. The menu includes gumbo, jambalaya, dirty rice, fried catfish, chicken and dumplings and more. The festival will last from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Douglass Community Center 1111 Avenue H in Plano, Texas 75074.

February 16

HBCU College Fair - TCCD - South Campus Dallas Metroplex Council of Black Alumni Associations invites you to come explore your options for greater education at 5301 Campus Drive in Fort Worth, Texas from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Admission to this event is FREE so don't miss out. For more information please call 972-220-0477, or email dmcbaa@yahoo.com.

February 16

TBAAL Black Academy: The Heart of Soul Concert with Oleta Adams will be at the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$25 and \$30. For more information please call 214-943-2442.

February 16

Mesquite NAACP Youth Council will be showcasing talent at their Fashion Show this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Town East Mall lower level in front of Macy's. Town East Mall is located at 2063 Town East Mall, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Models young and mature will model designer clothes. There will be live entertainment and much more. VIP Seating will be available for \$8.00. For more information, please contact Denise at 214-280-0866.

February 16

Free Kidney Screening The Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP) is a pre-screen for kidney disease. The purpose of the program is to raise overall awareness of kidney disease among the community, to promote healthy lifestyles and to provide the community with valuable health information. This FREE health screening, brought to you by the National Kidney Foundation of North Texas, will be located at 6000 S. Hampton Road in Dallas, Texas 75232. For further information please call 214-351-2393, or email lhensley@nkft.org.

February 18

Ladysmith Black Mambazo formed in the early 1960s by Joseph Shabalala, has become familiar to both American and African audiences via Paul Simon's Graceland, performances with Stevie Wonder, Josh Groban and Dolly Parton, and also the sound-

tracks to various films - including The Lion King and Eddie Murphy's Coming to America. Now is your chance to see the world-renowned group performing live at the Bass Performance Hall, at 4th & Calhoun Streets in Fort Worth. The show is benefiting the Scholarship fund of the Renaissance Cultural Center. Tickets range from \$25 - \$100. For more information call 817-212-4280, or visit www.basshall.com.

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February 19

Irving Black Arts Council: The Forgotten Soldier The Dupree Theater in the Irving Arts Center is presenting the story of the forgotten soldier. The Irving Arts Center is located at 3333 North McArthur Boulevard in Irving. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. Admission is FREE. For more information call 214-670-2149, or email irvingblackarts-info@yahoo.com.

February 21

The Black Business Directory with the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce presented by Seagram's Apple Twisted Gin and Enigma Entertainment. Celebrate at The Black

Academy of Arts & Letters from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Local business owners, entrepreneurs, corporate and community leaders will attend to learn how this powerful tool can help their organization, company or business grow. Admission is free, but RSVP is required. You can RSVP at rsvp@goblackbusiness.com. For more information visit www.GoBlackBusiness.com

February 22

Urban League's 41st Annual Meeting Luncheon, themed The Legacy Continues: The Passing of the Torch will honor three very prominent figureheads in the community. The annual meeting, which will kick-off this year's fundraising season, begins at 11:45 a.m. at the Hilton Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway. Admission into the luncheon is \$45 per individual, and sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact the Urban League at 214-915-4600, for ticket or sponsorship information.

February 22 and 23

TBAAL Black Academy: A Song for You... The Civil Rights Journey of a Negro Woman: Lena Calhoun Horne's story presented at the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, at The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters. The shows will begin at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$15. Please call 214-943-2442 for more information.

February 23

The 2nd Annual Cupids Arrow Chess Tournament! (The 2nd out of 5 Tournaments in the Longhorn Cup Grand Prix) A 5 round chess tournament that is open to anyone from Kindergarten to 5th grade. There is no elimination as everybody plays all 5 games! Trophies and prizes given to the top individual scorers, and the top teams in each

division. The tournament will be located at the Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, at Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads in Plano Texas. Admission into the tournament requires a fee of \$20 if before February 22, or \$25 at the door. The tournament is free to watch of course. Contact Herminio Baez at 347-731-5861 or bgschess@yahoo.com or visit www.bgschess.com for more info.

February 23

Jarvis Christian College's Tenth Annual Heritage Scholarship Banquet on this Saturday at the Fairmont Hotel in Downtown Dallas. This ceremony is free and open to the public, although donations greatly appreciated. The Banquet begins at 7:00 p.m. The Dallas Chapter has allocated over \$700,000.00 for Jarvis students. Be there to support the cause. For further information, please call Mr. Ron Hey at All Temps 1 Personnel at 214-426-2700, or at Jarvis Christian College at 903-769-5883.

February 23

70's Blast Dance Party Old Settler's recreation Center and the McKinney Housing Authority are sponsoring the grooviest dance party on this side of town! The 70's Blast will feature a live DJ playing your favorite 70's hits, a best dressed contest, for all you cool cats, and a free buffet! What more could you ask for? Anyone looking to relive the 70's (21 and older) will come to 1201 East Louisiana Street, McKinney, Texas 75069 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Admission to the dance is \$7.00, tickets will be on sale at the McKinney Housing Authority 1200 North Tennessee Street. For more information, please call 972-542-5641.

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The Business of Fashion: Handmade & Local

Designing Dreams, a non-profit organization started as a dream, the brainchild of leather

Porter and Johnson met over two years ago, while working with another non-profit,

scholarship, only one accepted," Porter shared. Designing Dreams developed a formal

how to develop the product, how to interact with the customer, how to process credit card trans-

For example, if someone donates a product for the group's use, a gift is created using that product and given to the donor.

Not only do they reach out to the local community, but Designing Dreams has partnered with Kiva (www.kiva.org) in providing micro loans to entrepreneurs in impoverished communities world-wide. Porter said, the loan is repaid via Paypal [an online financial service] and loaned to another worthy designee. So far they have sponsored a business and have committed to assisting them towards economic independence.

Designs by these young fashionistas strutted down the runway last December at the Jubilee Celebrity Fashion Extravaganza at the Dallas Trade Mart. As one of the clothing sponsors for this charitable event, celebrity moms such as Carolyn Smith (Will Smith), Sheron Smith (Mos Def), and Betsy Martin (Duane

children the creative skills needed to learn a new craft or master one already begun. If a class is not offered in your area of interest, send an email to designingdreams@sbcglobal.net and they will consider adding it.

In fact, Porter shared that has a student from Los Angeles attending soon and another young lady from New York recently flew to Dallas to take a class. When asked how they learned about the program he said, "strictly by word of mouth."

This Saturday, the Designing Dreams team will attend the Annual Xi Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha's Family Expo www.xithetaomega.com to participate in the Youth Entrepreneurs Seminar.

The Designing Dreams retail boutique, located at South Side on Lamar, provides young designers with a venue to sell their lines directly to consumers. Shoppers enjoy a unique and exclusive opportunity to preview and purchase the creations of tomorrow's top designers. At the same time, they are supporting the dreams of the young designers.

The Designing Dreams Studio is located at 1409 South Lamar, Suite 102 and open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Monday - Saturday). For additional information or to partner with the organization (they are a 501(c) 3 non-profit), visit the website at www.designingdreams.info or call (214) 421-9900.



Young Entrepreneur & Mr. Porter

craftsman Arthur Porter, milliner and designer Dalph Johnson, two Dallas artists who have joined forces to help others transform their artistic dreams into tangible creations. They are committed to giving youth designers the opportunity to create, and experience the spark that comes from seeing their own designs take form. The program teaches youth the basics of starting an entrepreneurial venture with as they design uniquely, handcrafted leather fashions. Their products include belts, bags, one-of-a-kind hats, charcoal and ink drawings, oil paintings, jewelry, crocheted crowns, home accessories, quilts and more.

which also dealt with fashion. They decided to form a partnership that would help young people and the community. According to Porter, "We try and provide an avenue for people looking into fashion. If they have an idea and are looking to bring it to life, we have an open studio, they come in and learn how to do what we do. We have no secrets; we will teach anyone how to do what we do."

Their first year, they partnered with Circle of Support, which is housed at St. Phillips in the summer. "They asked if we could do a workshop for girls. We did a four day young entrepreneur camp; from there we saw the need. We chose four girls and offered them a

youth program, the Young Entrepreneurs.

The Young Entrepreneurs program provides young designers, ranging from 8 to 15 years of age, a fashion experience that links the design studio with real world experience. In the past, they have been the buyers of fashion, now they are the creators bringing their designs to market. The youth learn what qualities are required for success in the business world, while gaining new skills and abilities to enter into the marketplace.

Porter stated, "We now have seven girls and three boys involved. Every Saturday, we work with the youth." They teach them key fundamental skills, such as

actions, etc.

Perhaps more importantly the students are taught how to come together as a team. For example, Porter said, "If I teach one person, they



Designing Dreams Creations

have to teach the next person." So the learning continues, and they learn leadership skills.

The value of service to the community is integral to the program also.

Martin), served as models.

Designing Dreams now features classes for both beginners and veterans where experienced artisans teach adults and

BET Networks Recognizes the Achievements of Alicia Keys, Tyra Banks, Dr. Cornel West, Richard Parsons, Congresswoman Maxine Waters and CEO Janice Bryant Howroyd with 'THE BET HONORS'

Hosted by Cedric "The Entertainer," the Inaugural Event, Which Celebrates the Lives of Leading African American Luminaries, Will Premiere Friday, February 22 at 8:00 p.m. ET/PT

NEW YORK -- BET Networks announced THE BET HONORS, an evening dedicated to recognizing the achievements and contributions of distinguished African American leaders in their fields. Hosted by Cedric "The Entertainer," THE BET

HONORS will celebrate and recognize Alicia Keys (Entertainment), Tyra Banks (Media), Dr. Cornel West (Inspirational/ Education), Richard Parsons (Corporate), the Honorable Maxine Waters (Government) and CEO Janice Bryant Howroyd

(Entrepreneur).

The inaugural event will take place at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, January 12, and premiere on the network during Black History Month on Friday, February 22 at 8:00 p.m., ET/PT. Additional pre-

senters and performers will be announced shortly.

"We are thrilled to present the first-ever BET HONORS and pay tribute to the thinkers, trailblazers and trendsetters whose accomplishments serve as inspirations for current and future

generations," said Debra Lee, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, BET Networks. "Each of these remarkable individuals has made significant contributions to the Black community and American culture overall, and BET Networks

is proud to recognize them through this very special, new tentpole event. We've done a number of significant shows in other cities, but what better place to honor these individuals than in our home city of Washington, D.C."

Dallas Defenders Of New Premier Basketball League (PBL) Season Underway

The Dallas Defenders of the new Premier Basketball League (PBL) inaugural season, which will begin in January. The local Dallas ownership group is headed by Erin Patton, the renowned brand management expert hand-picked by Michael Jordan as architect of Nike's JORDAN brand. Patton also recently spearheaded the launch of NBA star Stephon Marbury's affordable Starbury line of sports apparel and \$14.98 basketball shoes. (Marbury has agreed to outfit the Dallas team with his clothing line.)

"We are excited to bring an affordable, accessible brand of professional basketball as an alternative entertainment option for families in the Metroplex," said Erin Patton, who also serves on the board of the PBL and is an adjunct faculty member at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business where he teaches sports marketing. "I'm pleased to partner with the PBL to put the game back where it started... in the hands of the everyday fan."

The Defenders, as well as the PBL overall, seeks to provide a fun, affordable, family friendly atmosphere,



modeled on the success of minor league baseball. Further, the team will support a number of community initiatives, such as offering Amber alert registration for parents and kids.

Patton introduced the new team's head coach Chuck Davisson, a for-

mer assistant coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves and advance scout for the Los Angeles Lakers; Nancy Lieberman, a Dallas Defenders team consultant, NBA Hall of Fame player, and two-time Olympian; and Equity Bank's Paul Cohen, a Board Member.

Local hero, Chris Moore, McKinney, TX native and a standout shooting guard at Tulane, is among the top players on the team, as is Luis "Triqz" Da Silva, the former Harlem Wizard widely

known as the "greatest ball handler in the world." Triqz was the youngest basketball athlete (age 18) ever signed by Nike.

"The PBL operates with a "Fans Come First" mission. Our players will participate in fan meet-and-greets after each game, sign autographs and pose for pictures," said Kenny "The Jet" Smith, the PBL Commissioner, former NBA star and TNT hoops analyst. "We also intend to make sure ensure that ticket and concession prices remain fan-friendly, as

well."

The ten-team Premier Basketball League season concludes with its championship playoffs in April 2008. The Dallas Defender will play their home games at the Alfred J. Loos Fieldhouse, 3815 Spring Valley Road, Addison, TX. Other PBL franchises are the Arkansas Impact, Chicago Aztecas, Jacksonville Jam, Maryland

Nighthawks, Quad Cities Riverhawks, Reading Railers, Rochester Razorsharks, Rockford Fury, and Wilmington Sea Dawgs.

SCHEDULE

2/16 Sat **Chicago** 7:30 pm (CST)
2/17 Sun **Quad Cities** 3:00 pm (CST)
2/23 Sat at Rockford 7:05 pm (CST)
2/24 Sun at Arkansas 4:00 pm (CST)
2/29 Fri at Jacksonville 7:30 pm (EST)
3/02 Sun **Quad Cities** 3:00 pm (CST)
3/08 Sat **Reading** 7:30 pm (CST)
3/09 Sun **Wilmington** 3:00 pm (CST)
3/14 Fri at Chicago 8:00 pm (CST)
3/15 Sat **Rochester** 7:30 pm (CST)





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Warrant Roundup begins on February 16th in most areas.

"We are giving defendants the opportunity to clear their name before the annual statewide Round-Up begins. If you receive a letter or a phone call from us, please take note as it may be your last reminder about an unpaid balance," says Med Fadel, MSB's Chief Operating Officer. In addition to in-person payments

at the two Plano Municipal Court locations, The City of Plano Municipal Court offers the option to pay warrant fines and costs via online or telephone through Government Payment EXP (GPE). A list of persons with outstanding Plano warrants is available online, including information on utilizing GPE for payment of warrant fines and costs.

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Information page, including a listing of over 10,000 names of persons with outstanding Plano Police Department Misdemeanor Warrants, go to: www.plano.gov

Click on Departments, Police, Warrant Information (on the side menu bar). The City of Garland has a listing on their website also: <http://www.ci.garland.tx.us/warrants/cogwar.htm>

Free NCTRCA Certification Workshops

The North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency (NCTRCA) is inviting you to treat yourself to a free Monthly Certification Workshop and Quarterly New Member Orientation. This workshop is specifically designed for those seeking minority or woman

owned business certification. Have you submitted your application but it's still incomplete? Then bring your application and all supporting documents for on-site assistance with a Certification Specialist. The NCTRCA will provide an application and a checklist of support-

ing documentation on their website at www.nctrca.org/forms.html. The next Certification Workshop Meeting will be held on February 19th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Dallas City Hall 1500 Marilla Street, L1 Auditorium, Dallas, Texas 75201. The next meeting

after that is scheduled for March 13th from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at The T and City of Fort Worth - Intermodal Transportation Center, 2nd Floor, 1001 Jones Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Please R.S.V.P. for any of the workshops by emailing lrogers@nctrca.org.

Hot off the Press - Senior's Quarterly January - March 2008 Edition

Our first edition for 2008 of the Senior's Quarterly is now available at news outlet's across the Metroplex. Senior's Quarterly provides valuable information for the Baby Boomer readers in the area. The cover story for this issue provides key information for the many Baby Boomers now eligible for Social Security, including tips regarding online enrollment. The Financial section highlights the buying power of grandparents and how seniors are plugging into online tools for their retirement financial management.

On a lighter note, the Crossover Diet: Healthy Meals cookbook is reviewed and for those planning a little R & R in Texas, learn about interesting tours and restaurants are available in the south end of the state. Final the Arts & Letters profiles Retirement Living's new TV show, and the Dallas Summer Musical's Tony N' Tina's Wedding on stage this month.

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are watching with excitement as Senator Barack Obama makes contemporary Black history before our eyes just as Senator Hillary Clinton is making women's history. Many children are now taught in school about some of the lions of Black history, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks. Who else should we be sure to teach our children about to inspire them today?

They should know about our earliest heroes like 18th century poet Phyllis Wheatley and scientist Benjamin Banneker, as well as freedom fighters like Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth and so many others who were born in slavery but never gave up in their passion to be free. They should know about the following generation of brilliant Black leaders and thinkers like W.E.B. DuBois, Booker T. Washington, and Ida B. Wells-Barnett and about pioneering inventors and educators like George

Washington Carver and Carter Woodson himself. They should study the Harlem Renaissance and the writers, musicians and artists who bloomed there and changed American culture forever.

They should learn about civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph, whose first threatened Civil Rights March on Washington inspired the second, and Ralph Bunche, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his U.N. peacemaking efforts in the Middle East. He, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who won the Nobel Peace Prize 14 years later, refused to be "ghettoized" and saw the connection between the quest for justice at home as part of a global struggle.

Young people must celebrate all the strong women who were indispensable in the struggle for freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Ella Baker, Septima Clark and so many more. Our youth should bask in the light of pioneers who broke racial

barriers throughout the 20th century including Marian Anderson, the Tuskegee Airmen, Jackie Robinson, Thurgood Marshall, Shirley Chisholm and Mae Jemison. Of course they should applaud our elders and honor them for their lifetimes of achievement: civil and human rights leaders like Myrlie Evers and Dr. Dorothy Height, scholars like Dr. John Hope Franklin, and cultural leaders like Harry Belafonte, Ruby Dee (who at age 83 is nominated for an Oscar at this month's Academy Award® ceremony for Best Supporting Actress) and Dr. Maya Angelou. The list of great Black Americans goes on and on, and our children should know their stories and be given the tools and motivation to emulate them. Finally, we should teach our children as much as we can about the heroes in their own families and try to be the people we want our children to become: the grandparents and great-grandparents who

came before them and paved their way. Family stories are often the most memorable inspiration of all. They bring history alive and reinforce the idea that anyone and everyone can use their lives to make a difference. This is a key lesson not just for Black History Month but every day. Every time we look back at our history to celebrate, we must remind ourselves and our children of just how much unfinished business we must attend to and be inspired by our history to write the next chapter.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information about the Children's Defense Fund, go to www.childrensdefense.org.

2nd Annual Trailblazer Luncheon on Thursday, Feb 21st - 11:00am to 1:00pm RALPH & KACOO'S Restaurant

The Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce will host its 2nd Annual Trailblazer Luncheon in conjunction with Black History Month. The Trailblazer Award Luncheon is presented by the Chamber to honor African-Americans who have made an impact in the business and education

communities in which they live, work, and serve.

The recipients of this year's Leading Trailblazer Award include Ms. Myrtle Hightower, a prominent educator and community activist in the city of Plano, and Mr. Leonard Evans, former educator, coach, owner of the McKinney Driving School. Evans

Middle School in McKinney is named after Mr. Evans. The other recipient is Mr. Clovis L. Prince, a citizen of Collin County, a well-known business leader, community activist, entrepreneur and owner of one of Collin County's newest chain of restaurants, Prince Bistro.

The Trailblazer

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Envision Garland Kicks Off Planning For Garland's Future

Garland – February marks the launch of Envision Garland, the City of Garland's citywide effort to develop a comprehensive plan addressing the opportunities and issues that affect the community's future. The project will identify a vision and lay out a master plan to achieve that future, impending challenges, and take full advantage of the opportunities in Garland's future. The City of Garland invites all residents, property owners, and business owners to participate in the development of the Envision Garland comprehensive plan.

Envision Garland kicks off with a citywide opinion survey, which is included in the February edition of the Garland City Press and is also available online at <http://www.envisiongarland.org>. Garland residents (ages 18 and up) are encouraged to complete the survey and submit it to the Planning Department by March 15, 2008, as indicated on the survey form.

The survey is the first of several opportunities that residents, property owners, business owners, and other stakeholders will have to share their vision, their

hopes, and their concerns about Garland's future. Throughout 2008, the City will host a series of public workshops and meetings to take additional public input into the development of the new comprehensive plan for Garland.

A comprehensive plan is a written document identifying goals, policies, and strategies for the growth and development of a community. The plan reflects community values and provides a guide for making land use changes, planning capital improvement programs, and directing future growth.

Comprehensive plans often address the topics of land use; economic development; neighborhood vitality; urban design; infrastructure and transportation; parks, open space, and the environment; and special districts within the city. Most importantly, the plan should address those opportunities and issues that will affect the city's growth, development, and vitality in the future.

For additional information on Envision Garland, please visit the Envision Garland website at <http://www.envisiongarland.org> or call (972) 205-2865.

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Various industries that are vital to America's success have been profoundly influenced by the contributions of Black Inventors. There is an endless list of contributions by Black people in America. We would not have many agriculture and automobiles products; and communications as we know it. Thank God for **Black History Month**.

Several individuals think it's an accident that Black Americans have done anything worthwhile. Certain people easily accept that we have a few famous entertainers, sports figures and a few entrepreneurs making millions of dollars; but

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONTINUES

they are slow to recognize that there are many Black Americans that have excelled, and are continuing to invent effective and

life-changing devices, they use **math and science** to make a difference in how we live, work, play, and entertain today.

As a parent, grandparent,



Thurman Jones, Publisher, North Dallas Gazette & Councilwoman Gilda Garza, McKinney, TX, celebrating Black History Month in McKinney.

and a teacher, I also wish that all history of great magnitude is put in textbooks, especially Black history, which is, as I have stated, the history of America and the world; in spite of what we have been taught. But wishing it is not going to get the information in our textbooks on the grand scale that it needs to be. It's going to take changing minds and hearts of our society to accomplish that. What needs to be done is for Texas and California, two states that purchase the largest amount of textbooks, demand that textbooks are updated with relevant, useful and accurate history. I guarantee you that when it's the bottom line (business profits) that counts and it's in the best interest of publishers; textbooks will reflect history

more accurately.

Read the story of Carter G. Woodson, Father of Black History (December 1875 – April 1950) it is a captivating and inspiration story in itself.

Dr. Woodson said, "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history." Dr. Woodson, a distinguished Black author, editor, publisher, and historian put his money, life, blood, sweat and tears in establishing Black History **Week**, (in the 1960s it was established as Black History **MONTH**) he believed that Africa Americans should know their past in order to participate intelligently in the affairs in our country. He strongly believed that Black history—which others (even some Black Americans) have tried so diligently to erase—is a firm foundation for young Black Americans to build on in order to become productive citizens of our society.

Dr. Woodson often stated that he hoped the time would come when Negro History Week would be unnecessary; when all Americans would willingly recognize the contributions of Black Americans as a legitimate and integral part of the history of this country. His concept has given a profound sense of dignity to all Black Americans; and we must not forget it! Nor should we stop Black History Month as some believe.

Consumer, Page 1

Smikle encouraged Black publishers convening in Las Vegas last week, "Put the number in there so that people will get a sense of their value and their power."

Among the figures in the report – which lists incomes as well as expenditures: Total earned income among African-Americans has risen from \$719 billion in 2005 to \$744.1 billion in 2006, a 3.5 percent increase. It also shows a nearly 90 percent increase in earned income among African-Americans over the past decade, from \$392 billion in 1997.

It also reports that African-Americans spend \$3.5 billion on consumer electronics a year, among the highest level of expenditures. That includes \$1 billion on TVs, VCRs and related equipment.

The figures also show Black women spending \$143 million on shoes annually while men spend \$139 million. They spend even more for their children, the report shows - \$251 million for girls footwear and \$269 million for boys.

Parents in the audience, including Washington Informer publisher Denise Rolark Barnes, who has two sons, concluded that the purchase of pricey athletic shoes might account for the higher dollar amount spent on boys footwear.

"Every shoe manufacturer in the world, from Nike to Florsheim, should be doing business with us," Smikle says.

A former editor with the New York Amsterdam News, Smikle drew chuckles from the audience when he said he considers himself to be "an honorary member" of the NNPA. He articulated the tribulations of the Black Press.

"Give yourself some power by giving your readers their power," he says.

Smikle believes the report, which gives both local and national configurations of Black buying power, is also a powerful tool for advertising sales for the Black Press, which is often a target of discrimination by local merchants and major corporations.

"It really would be nice if Black newspaper sales folks were the

ones to come in to say, 'I've got something new for you that nobody else has,'" Smikle told the group. Using the Barack Obama presidential campaign as an example of the energy that could come about with new information, he said, "It's time for us to energize our base...We must engage this country in a conversation."

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One In A Million

Dallas entrepreneur couple James and Valder Beebe, were inducted into 2007 National and Texas Black Marriage Hall of Fame by The Alliance for North Texas Healthy Effective Marriages (ANTHEM) coalition and The Marriage Day Marriage

Hall of Fame. James and Valder began with a sweep-you-off-your-feet romance here in Dallas. He was visiting his brother but had to return to Lansing, Michigan, after two glorious weeks. At home James called daily, playing piano and singing to

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23 years have two children, and are still enjoying an incredible love affair and friendship. As the authors of the e-book, "20 Inspirations for an Inspiring Marriage" currently available on www.valderbeebeshow.com and [phy-by-james.com, the authors have extended their "happiness ratio" with this downloadable book. The book can be downloaded free until February 15th, and then it reverts to the price of \\$9.99. The Beebe's state "we want everyone who desires to have a chance to experience the joy that we have through our love-affair." James and Valder Beebe are profiled in the February 2008 issue of the Dallas, Texas publication, Epitome Magazine \(\[epitomemagazine.com\]\(http://epitomemagazine.com\)\) as the magazine role model couple.](http://www.photogra-</p>
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