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Rising Food Costs Hitting the Most Vulnerable in the United States

By Nicole Lee
NNPA Columnist

Last week in the Washington Post, on the front page, there was an article about the dev-

astating effects of rising food prices. Officials stated they cannot afford to provide basic nutrition to children.

Rising costs of

corn, wheat, fruit, and milk are "really hitting us," one official said, while lamenting that the situation "is not sustainable".

This is not a gov-

ernment official from a country in Sub-Saharan Africa. Or Haiti. This is a quote from an official in the New York City

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The African Chamber of Commerce, DFW Presents The 10th Annual African Economic Forum

The African Chamber of Commerce is proud to kick off its 10th Annual African Economic Forum. With Africa being the second largest continent in the world and with over 800 million people and rapidly growing technology, Africa is primed to be the best place to do

business in the world.

The purpose of this week-long economic forum is to assist private, public and individuals in learning about the vast economical opportunities in Africa and to learn how to make MONEY in Africa. The conference will consist of special

guests from Africa including:

□ The Ambassador of Botswana – His Excellency, Lapolagang Ceaser Lekoa

□ Governors of Delta and Benue State of Nigeria

□ Federal Minister of Federal Capital of Nigeria

□ Chief Missions of South Africa, Angola, Malawi

There will be interactive workshops, informative speakers culminating with a cultural extravaganza for all to enjoy.

The Radisson Hotel (Love Field) located at

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Black Think Tank President Outlines Plans for "Generation at a Crossroads"

By Hazel Trice Edney

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - The president and chief executive officer of The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, the premier Black political think tank based in Washington, D.C., says even though the center has played a critical role



House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.); Tuskegee, Alabama Mayor Johnny Ford; U.S. Magistrate Judge Joyce London Alexander of the U.S. District Court; and Joint Center President and CEO Ralph B. Everett after Clyburn receives 'Great American' Award.

in the lofty political progress of Black people over the past four decades, its research must now turn to essential issue areas in which the plight of Black people is still suffering.

"We've done it with a focus on moving African-Americans into the political system in greater

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Obama puts time, ad money into Indiana



(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

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Blackonomics

The Arrogance of Power and the Ignorance of Weakness

By James Clingman

This country is being destroyed by greedy, conniving, arrogant people. Our political leaders have taken this country to the edge of economic meltdown and political chaos with their lies and deceit. I often wonder if they think they will ever die and have to account for their actions.

It is shameful and sad that they are so engrossed in their own personal enrichment that they have literally disregarded most of the people in this country. But, it's also sad to think that most of us go along with the program, whether by omission or

commission, by allowing these leaders to continue doing their dirt.

Even sadder is the fact that our children will surely pay the price for our apathy and our weakness in the face of impending disaster. When I ask myself, What are we afraid of? What do we have to lose? Why do we allow ourselves to be played? I cannot for the life of me come up with acceptable answers.

The people in power are so arrogant and aloof in their dealings with the folks for whom they are supposed to be working. The "American people" are so laid back and shy when it

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Michele Hoskins

Michele Hoskins' determination to leave her daughters a business instead of just a recipe was the inspiration for Michele Foods.

The foundation of Michele Foods is a secret syrup recipe handed down to daughters from a great-great-grandmother. Today the company sells Honey Crème, Butter Pecan, and Maple Crème



syrups that are found in over 10,000 food stores nationwide.

Twenty-three years ago it was unheard of for an African American woman to be the CEO of a major food company. "That's why the first thing I tell people is to invest in yourself," says Hoskins. "If you don't believe in yourself, no one else will. I invested the capital I made from selling virtually everything I had. I never had any

bank loans or investors, only one small line of credit when I started in October 1984. I learned how to live off receivables early on."

"I put God first. I believe that anything can manifest itself with faith, hard work and perseverance. So never give up," says Hoskins. "As soon as you give up, the dream is gone. A dream is something that unfolds to you as you work it. Whatever

happens, look at it from a very positive and spiritual way."

Hoskins has achieved much success through her 23 years in the business. Recent recognition includes feature arti-

cles in Black Enterprises, Ebony, ESSENCE, People, Fortune and USA Today. However, by far, Hoskins is most excited about completing her book Sweet Expectations.

Joy Wallace

Joy Wallace, President and CEO of J.O.Y. Foods®, Inc. was recently recognized as the 2008 Women's Foodservice Forum Entrepreneur of the Year. Sponsored by Dunkin' Brands®, the award recognizes a woman business-owner who demonstrates exceptional leadership qualities, within her company and the industry-at-large, and whose professional growth and business achievements have contributed



to the Foodservice industry. She also was the keynote speaker last weekend at the

Third Annual Emerging Women Business Camp.

Once a senior director of National Sales at Pizza Hut, Wallace is now known for her ability to take a corporate sales strategy and turn it into a multi million dollar company in Joy Foods' first year of operation. The mentoring intent of EWBC is inspired by her participation in the first EWBC in 2005.

Wallace founded J.O.Y. Foods in 1998 as the exclusive supplier of the Pizza Hut®

Pizza Pack product line to the K-12 school Foodservice market and now, through her leadership and business acumen, she has developed a line of proprietary, scratch-like pizzas and opened a 24,000 square foot facility in Dallas to support the continuing growth of the company.

Yvette Moyo

Yvette Moyo, president and CEO of Resource Associates



International, Ltd., (RAI) has a proven track record as a marketing leader. She has committed her professional life to the positive promotion of African-American culture, tradition and talent and is best known for creating two brands,

MOBE and Real Men Cook® for Charity. Her goal to build healthier families and communities is the same of the nonprofit extension of Real Men Cook, Real Men Charities, Inc.

REAL MEN COOK has grown to become the largest annual urban family-focused Father's Day celebration in America. The media recognizes the significance of the event with TV news, radio and print that exceeds a media audience of 200 million annually.

As president and CEO of RAI, Ms. Moyo also co-founded and produces the leading African-American owned marketing and technology conference series, Marketing Opportunities

in Business Entertainment (MOBE), the advanced marketing symposium series (MOBE). Over \$200 million in business has been generated to African-American companies as a direct result of associations conceived at various MOBE symposiums.

Moyo's stellar career in ads sales and marketing spans twenty-eight years; beginning with door to door ad sales to neighborhood businesses. She tripled sales revenue for Dollars & Sense Magazine and the Blackbook Business Directory in the late 1970's, becoming the Senior Vice President and Director of Sales and Marketing for the magazine at 28 years of age. She left at the age of 34 to launch RAI.

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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

Political Superficiality Trumps Substance

Presidential politics has always been more superficial than American's like to admit. Political shallowness has long been a key ingredient of presidential elections. Ben Shapiro's book, *Project President*, chronicles the increasing sophistication of the manipulative packaging devised to seduce American voters during presidential campaigns.

Shapiro shares engaging anecdotes that document how superficial imagery was elevated to a higher priority than the candidate's positions on issues. The stories range from short, fat, bald John Adams' wig-throwing tantrums during the 1800 election to Abraham Lincoln's decision to grow a beard in 1860; from John F. Kennedy's choice to forgo the fedora at his inauguration to John Kerry's decision to get botoxed for the 2004 race; and from Washington's false teeth to George W. Bush's cowboy persona.

History appears to be repeating itself in 2008?

Clinton and Obama recently held their twenty first debate of this campaign in Philadelphia. For most of the first hour of a commercial dominated two-hour program Gibson and Stephanopoulos focused entirely on petty trivia that already had been sliced, diced, hashed and rehashed weeks before in the media.

When they finally got to relevant issues

they failed to allow either candidate time to educate voters on the details of their positions because of time constraints. Voters never get the chance to become fully informed on the real issues because the forums where issues could be adequately addressed are turned into replica Jerry Springer events focusing on titillating gossip and potential "gotcha" scandals.

And just when it appeared that the debate triviality had been exhausted the creative moderators came up with more. An implied question of patriotism was wrapped up in a blanket of innuendoes that included Obama's association with an alleged anarchist forty years ago, doubts that Rev. Wright loves America, and the negative implications of not wearing a lapel flag pin.

Consider the facts associated with Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Obama's former pastor. He was condemned as anti-American and unpatriotic because of selected fiery sound bites unearthed by right wing detractors and endlessly broadcast around the country.

In 1961, young Jeremiah, after hearing President John F. Kennedy's challenge to, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," gave up his student deferment at Virginia Union in Richmond, Virginia and volunteered to join the U.S. Marine

Corps.

He served with distinction in the Second Marine Division from 1961 to 1963. After completing his required service in the Marines Jeremiah volunteered to become a Navy corpsman. He graduated as valedictorian from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and then was trained as a cardiopulmonary technician at the Navy's flagship National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland where he graduated as salutatorian. Based on his superior skills he was assigned to the commander-in-chief's medical team charged with caring for President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Before leaving this position in 1967 the White House had awarded Jeremiah Wright three Presidential Letters of Commendation in recognition of his outstanding service to the President during his medical treatment at the Bethesda facility.

By contrast, Vice President Dick Cheney, who was born in the same year (1941) as Jeremiah, received five deferments; four for being an undergraduate and graduate student and one for being a prospective father. Similarly, President George Bush, who is five years younger than Jeremiah also used student deferments and family connections to stay in college and avoid active military duty.

Comparing records who then is the real patriot? While portions of some of Reverend Wright's sermons may be considered inappropriate the real tragedy is in using the information as a catalyst for branding him unpatriotic. Jeremiah Wright is a man who volunteered to give up six of the most productive years of his life to serve in the military of his country while many of the well known peers who now vilify him exploited the system to opt out.

Are the real patriots the people who merely talk about their love of country and pompously parade around seeking convenient opportunities to wave the flag or those who actually sacrifice something? Patriotic words have their place but they are subject to interpretation. Patriotic actions are self defining.

While the Jeremiah Wright controversy is a singular incident in a sea of political shallowness it illustrates how political substance is being skewed away from platforms, issues, and the public well being and blended into the superficial waters of programmed stagecraft and entertainment designed to captivate and seduce ill informed voters.

James W. Breedlove

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com.

Nigerians Detain American Documentary Filmmaker

(NNPA) - A U.S. documentarian and professor of film and video has been arrested in the oil-rich Delta region by members of in Nigeria's Joint Task Force.

Filmmaker Sandy Cioffi of Seattle Central Community College was charged with travelling illegally in the Delta. Cioffi was reportedly gathering

footage for "Sweet Crude", a critical film examining the oil industry's impact on Nigeria's economy and environment.

Joel Bisina, a peace mediator and founder of Niger Delta Professionals for Development in Warri, was traveling with Cioffi's film crew and also has been detained. Government security

forces, who are fighting militants, have declared the region a security zone. Outsiders can't travel there without the consent of authorities.

Meanwhile, in a new wave of militancy, youths occupied an oil installation in southern Nigeria on Friday, shutting down its production of 5,000 barrels a day, officials said.

Ex-Combatants at "Healing Ceremonies" in Sierra Leone

(NNPA) - Dozens of ex-combatants from Sierra Leone's 10-year civil war are taking part in "healing ceremonies" to make peace with victims of the brutal conflict that left thousands dead.

The ceremony was started by a local NGO, Forum of Conscience, in the Kailahun District. "The choice of Kailahun is significant," said the project's director, John

Caulker.

"This was where the war began on March 23, 1991 when rebels of the Revolutionary United Front crossed into Sierra Leone from Liberia," he explained.

"It is the first time perpetrators are meeting face-to-face with victims as well as friends and relatives ... to apologise for offences they committed during the conflict."

Abdul Sowa, a one-time farmer who now uses crutches, could not hold back tears. "At last, they [the ex-combatants] have acknowledged their crimes," he said.

According to Caulker, thousands of such "forgiveness ceremonies" are to take place throughout the country over the next five years, with funds provided by a United States-based foundation, Catalyst for Peace.

DCHHS Reminds Parents of Important Reasons to Immunize Your Child

National Infant Immunization Week – April 19-26, 2008

In celebration of National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), April 19-26, 2008, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) reminds parents to update their children's immunizations. DCHHS will conduct special infant immunization clinics across the county in conjunction with the Immunize Kids Dallas Area Partnership. DCHHS' goal is to provide barrier-free vaccines year round to help protect the health and welfare of all infants and children in Dallas County. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Immunization Survey shows that Dallas County's immunization rates have increased from 67.1% to 73.9% over the past two years.

As parents, you want

to do what is best for your children. We know about the importance of car seats, safety gates, and other methods utilized to keep kids safe; but, did you know that one of the best ways to protect your children is to make sure they have all of their vaccinations? DCHHS offers these important reasons for parents to immunize their children:

Immunizations can save your child's life. Because of advances in medical science, your child can be protected against more diseases than ever before. Some diseases that once injured or killed thousands of children have been eliminated completely and others are close to being eradicated – primarily due to safe and effective vaccines.

The Texas Vaccine for Children (VFC) pro-

gram supplies vaccines to public and private health care providers at no cost. The federal and state funded, state-operated program's goal is to raise immunization rates by removing the economic barrier to vaccines.

DCHHS offers childhood immunizations from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, on the first floor of the DCHHS building, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX, 75207. The clinic is open Wednesdays from 8 a.m.—6 p.m. While the cost is \$10 for children on their first visit and \$5 for children who have previously visited the clinic, no one will be refused service due to their inability to pay. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 214-819-2163.

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Emerging Women Business Camp 2008

By Sis. Shirley Tarpley

EWBC University of Dallas Frisco Campus was the place to be this past weekend. As one participant said, "Being in the room with so many CEO's was exhilarating! What an opportunity this was just to hear the wonderment, hopes and dreams, and witness the process of these Ladies of Faith."

It was an information network and business camp that was a ground breaking event for business owners and CEO's to boost their bottom line and for future entrepreneurs to learn the inside track to launching a successful business operation. The value of the

camp was the mentoring and networking by all of the attendees.

Joy Wallace, the Founder and CEO of Joy Foods, and former Senior Director of National Sales at Pizza Hut was the keynote speaker. Other speakers and panelist were: Michelle Hoskins, Founder of Michele Foods, famous for Honey Crème Syrup; Dr. Yolanda Bruce, National Professional Development and Clinical Consultant and former Senior Director of Player Development for the National Basketball Association; Jill Darden, Publisher of the Fort Worth Black News; Yvette Moyo, President/Founder of Real

Men Cook and Marketing Opportunities in Business & Entertainment.

Jewel Diamond Taylor, Founder of Women on the Grow; Teresa Taylor Gilbert, CEO of N-the-Know; Cheryl Smith, Executive Editor of the Dallas Weekly; Starlene Stringer, Morning Show Co-Host/News Director for KLTU; Dr. Lawana Gladney, CEO of Emotional Wellness, Inc.; Dr. Scott Wysong, Associate Professor Marketing and the Director of the Sports & Entertainment MBA program at the University of Dallas; and Sister Tarpley (Shirley Demus Tarpley) Religious Editor for North Dallas Gazette Weekly Newspaper.

In numerical order, from left to right: 1. Sister Tarpley and Jewel Diamond Taylor; 2. Peggy Rhyne, CEO, 115 Sports Lounge, listens as Nancey Flowers, Group Circulation Manager for Black Enterprise speaks about Black Enterprise's partnership with EWBC. Jewel Diamond Taylor signs books in background; 3. Audrey White, CEO of Granny@Grans Sweet & Zesty Relish; 4. Chef Cassandra - CEO, The Dining Table/LUWI Institute, Terry Allen, Event manager, Dr. Yolanda Brooks, CEO, Sportslife Transitionsions, Dr. Lawana Gladney- CEO of Emotion Wellness, Inc. at the 3rd Annual Emerging Women's Business Camp at University of Dallas Frisco Campus on Saturday, April 19, 2008 where over 121 female CEOs were in place for a camp on business growth; 5. Joy Wallace and Terry Allen



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FSA Awards \$60,000 in Scholarships – Northeast, Texas

TROPHY CLUB, TEXAS – Congratulations are in order for 30 North Texas high school seniors honored on April 2, each receiving a \$2,000 Food Sales Association Scholarship during the 2008-2009 FSA Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the LasColinas Country Club in Irving. This luncheon marked the 11th year of awarding scholarships to area high school seniors working in the food retail industry. The thirty 2008-2009 scholar-

ship recipients are as follows:

Cynthia Casales-Kroger
 Andrey Cole- Brookshire's
 John Coomer - Tom Thumb
 Clinton Cox- Albertsons
 Riley Davis IV- Albertsons
 Dominique Finley-Tom Thumb
 Paula Flournoy-Brookshire's
 Alicia Fox-Brookshire's
 Quinton Gary-Albertsons
 Stephanie Garza-Kroger
 Carissa Genry-Brookshire's
 Matthew Henning-Tom Thumb
 Briana Hobbs-Tom Thumb

Elaria Ibrahim- Kroger
 Courtney Kay- Albertsons
 Jamie Klump - Tom Thumb
 Alejandro Lozano - Fiesta Mart
 Jessica Metzger - Kroger
 Ebony Miller - Kroger
 Afarin Moosavi - Kroger
 LaCrecia Porter - Tom Thumb
 Elizabeth Rosales - Fiesta Mart
 Bre'Anna Samples - Minyard
 Brittany Scott - Brookshire's
 Carmen Vanderhoof - Albertsons

Christina Venegas - Brookshire's
 Anh-Tuc Vu- Albertsons
 Mikkel Weeks-Kroger
 Aaron Williams- Albertsons
 Lois Woodson- Brookshire's
 "We are extremely proud of these outstanding students. Their educational, community and professional accomplishments make them deserving of this recognition and we look forward to their returning to our industry as professionals and future leaders," stated Doug Renfro, President of the

Food Sales Association.

The \$2,000 college scholarships are awarded annually to students working in area food retail stores while attending high school. Each student is considered based upon their interest in a career in the food retail industry, scholastic achievements in school, honors and activities, as well as a personal essay. Recipients must attend a Texas college and carry a minimum of 9 credit hours as well.

During the Awards Luncheon on

Wednesday, April 2, executives from each respective company assisted in the presentations to their recipients. The Food Sales Association, in partnership with Albertsons, Brookshire's, Fiesta Mart, Kroger, Minyard and Tom Thumb provide these scholarships funded through events held in North Texas. Including the 2007-2009 scholarships, since the inception of the scholarship program in 1998, 281 students have been awarded \$562,000 totally through the FSA's Scholarship Fund.

Winners Named in MATHCOUNTS® Competition at RIT/NTID *Plano Students Excel*

More than 50 students with hearing loss from across the country participated in the MATHCOUNTS® competition April 4 to 6 at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf on the RIT campus in Rochester, New York.

This competition – specifically for middle school students who are deaf or hard of hearing – is designed to promote math as fun and engaging.

The competition had

three rounds that tested speed, accuracy, teamwork and additional "mathletic" skills.

The winners include:

Top scorers

- ✓ First place: Ted Zoerner, Vernado Middle School, Irvine, Calif. Ted received a \$100 prize and a trophy.
- ✓ Second place: Jordan Webb, Tennessee School for the Deaf, Knoxville, Tenn. Jordan received a \$75 prize and a trophy.
- ✓ Third place: Karissa

Mirus, Haggard Middle School, Plano Texas. Karissa received a \$50 prize and a trophy.

Top Teams

- ✓ First place: Haggard Middle School, Plano, Texas (Karissa Mirus, Vivian Chen, Leele Girma and Casey Lyon).
- ✓ Second place: Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, St. Augustine, Fla. (Ilan Ben-Moshe, Erica Swartz, Jason Antal, Camilla Crump).
- ✓ Third place: Texas

School for the Deaf, Austin, Texas (John McClymond, Dalton Etkie, Marisa King, Amy Johnson).

✓ Top Team:

- Liverpool (NY) Middle School (Jordan Sims), Nicole Luther, Margaret Connor, Caitrin Collins.
- ✓ Honorable mention: New York State School for the Deaf, Rome, New York (Sarah Davis, Jamel Edwards, Austin Howard, Ashley Nemier).

MATHCOUNTS® is

a national enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory. This competition was partially underwritten by a generous grant from the Sprint Foundation.

RIT is internationally recognized as a leader in computing, engineering, imaging technology, fine and applied arts, and for providing

unparalleled access and support services for students with hearing loss. NTID, one of RIT's eight colleges, enables its deaf and hard-of-hearing college students from around the world to study, live and socialize with 14,400 hearing students. U.S. News and World Report has consistently ranked RIT among the nation's leading comprehensive universities. Visit www.rit.edu/NTID/newroom for more NTID news.

Oncor Service Area Residents Eligible for \$50 Reward for Turning in Old, Working Refrigerators and Freezers

DALLAS, (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Oncor recently announced that it has rolled out the Great Texas Refrigerator Roundup, a program designed to collect and recycle old, inefficient refrigerators and freezers from consumers whose power is delivered by Oncor. In addition to saving energy, eligible consumers will receive a \$50 check from Appliance Recycling Centers of America for turning in a working refrigerator or freezer.

The Great Texas Refrigerator Roundup, one of the many programs Oncor offers as part of its Take a Load Off, Texas initiative,

provides both energy-saving and environmental benefits.

"Old refrigerators and freezers are some of the largest energy users in the home and can cause environmental damage if not disposed of properly," said Mike Stockard, director, Oncor energy efficiency programs. "By participating in the Great Texas Refrigerator Roundup program, consumers will save energy, help to protect Texas' natural resources through environmentally sound appliance recycling, and earn a \$50 reward for their efforts."

Consumers in the Oncor service area who

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North Dallas Omega Psi Phi

The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Alpha Iota Iota graduate chapter sponsored its 17th annual Talent Hunt program at the Garland Plaza Performing Arts Center. Twelve outstanding high school students showed off their vast reservoir of talents and captivated the audience. Performers displayed their talents as vocalist, musicians and interpretive movement dancers.

Program chairman Mr. Wayne Powe and Master

of Ceremony Mr. Michael Hartman presented the awards to the 3 winning contestants and certificates to others that participated. The 1st Place Winner was Hampton Williams, 2nd Place Winner Tiana Alexander and 3rd Place Winner Jordan Ray Horton, Jr.

The Program was very well attended by community supporters, sponsors and featured praise dance teams from "Moving for the Messiah" (Greater New Birth Baptist

Church, Plano) and the "Park Steppers" (Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, Dallas).

The North Dallas graduate chapter has a commitment and tradition of providing a positive outlet for student/performers in the local community. Several local winners have advanced to multi state competition as well.

Since its inception, this international community service program has touched thousands of students, many of whom

have gone on to make outstanding contributions to their communities and our world. Others earned scholarships, awards, and recognition through exposure from this pro-

gram.

"It is our quest as Omega men to continue to grow in our unyielding commitment to support our youth", shared Horace Satisfield,

Chapter Reporter.

For more about Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.- North Dallas Graduate Chapter and upcoming activities, visit website: www.northdallasques.com.



Starting down from top: Steppin' for the Lord: The Park Steppers-from Hamilton Park United Methodist Church of Dallas, TX; Moving for the Messiah- from Greater New Birth Baptist Church of Plano, TX; Pictured L to R: Talent Hunt Chairman Wayne Powe, 3rd Place Winner Jordan Ray Horton, Jr., 1st Place Winner Hampton Williams, 2nd Place Winner Tiana Alexander, and Basileus Michael Hartman.

PRUNING TREES HELPS KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

By Michael L. Baldwin, Oncor

We like trees. But trees and power lines don't mix. Trees touching or swaying into power lines can hurt you or anyone else who might come into contact with them. Trees and falling limbs are among the leading causes of power outages.

We're serious about our responsibility to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of electricity to every home and business in our service area. Therefore, Oncor spends a lot of time and resources pruning trees away from lines. You've probably seen our crews at work in your neighborhood.

Be assured, your beautiful trees are in good hands. Our experienced and knowledgeable arborists, who supervise our program, follow industry standards and understand what is best for a tree's health. They know where and how to prune so that trees grow away from power lines.

We're proud that the National Arbor Day Foundation has honored us with the Tree Line USA award since 2001 for quality tree care, worker training, tree-planting initiatives and public education.

Ideally, of course, there wouldn't be any trees growing near power lines. That's why we sponsor initiatives that include Know Before You Grow, which helps Texans learn about and plan landscapes that keep power lines clear while enhancing property values.

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Our Texas roots are deep. We've been a vital part of the communities where we live and work for more than 100 years, and we'll continue serving residents and businesses by pruning trees to keep the lights on for millions of Texans. I invite you to learn more at www.oncor.com.



MICHAEL L. BALDWIN is
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Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm (Doors will open at 6:30 pm) Collin County Republican Party Headquarters 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney Call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or fred@tes.com for more information.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting is 2nd Thursday monthly, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. McKinney Housing Authority 1200 N Tennessee St McKinney 75069 The general public is welcome. For additional information call 469-424-0120.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce Monthly Lunch & Learn every 3rd Thursday \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm, Ralph and Kacoos - 401 S. Central Expwy, Allen. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For more information call 469-952-0809 or www.meetup.com/378.

Marriage Prep Class 1st Saturdays monthly 423 West Wheatland Road Suite 101, Duncanville 75116 \$10 fee for materials. For more info call Karen Duval at 972-709-1180.

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st and 3rd Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023 Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

SHARE! PISD International Exchange Student Program is in the process of finding new host families to share their hearts and home with an exchange

student for the 2008/2009 School Year. For more information on or how to become a host family, call 1-800-941-3738, or www.sharesouthwest.org.

Watermarks Invitational Exhibit runs through April 12th 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Fridays, and 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturdays. FREE Collin College 800 E. Spring Creek Parkway. For more info call 972-881-5873, or visit www.ccccd.edu.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) hosts monthly lunch and learn workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. For more information www.nbwen.org or info@nbwen.org.

Wit Women Conference Call join this weekly conference call if you need encouragement, prayer, or inspiration. Dial in Tuesdays 7:00pm - 7:15pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week).

April 23 - 26

The Marriage Boot Camp is an interactive relationship workshop located at the Plano Centre 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, 75074 from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Wednesdays - Fridays and 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$400 per person for basic training; \$600 per person for advanced training. For more information contact: 214-641-3866 or visit www.marriagebootcamp.com.

April 24

Estate Planning Seminar focusing on Probate and Estate Taxes. This free 90-minute program explains how to use a Living Trust or a Properly Drafted Will to save on Estate Taxes and Control your Assets. Presented by Dallas Estate Planning Attorney, Richard P. Johnson who is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. For reservations call Karen at

9 7 2 - 4 9 7 - 1 0 1 0 , Karen@RichardJohnsonLaw.com.

Business After Hours at the Prince Bistro, 1201 East Spring Creek Parkway, Suite 100 at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to 972-424-7547, ext. 230.

A Night Out with the Mayor will be held at the North Garland Branch Library, 3845 North Garland Road (in the Spring Creek Shopping Center at Apollo Road). This will be an open format, come-and-go session from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It is not necessary to schedule an appointment. The Mayor will visit with citizens in the order in which they sign in upon arrival. For more information, call 972-205-2471 or EDattomo@ci.garland.tx.us.

Collin County Community College and The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center will host the 5th Annual Candlelight Vigil at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 24 at the Collin College Spring Creek Campus Atrium; 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, in Plano.

April 26

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Annual Business Month Awards Luncheon at the Cityplace Conference Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40.00. For ticket information, please call Rita Powell at 972-492-5878 or Rosa Henderson at 214-376-8825.

Garland Youth Council Hosts Fashionable Food Drive at the Garland Civic Theatre 108 North Sixth Street on the east side of the downtown square from 1 - 3 pm. Admission for the event is a donation of non-perishable food items, which will go to Good Samaritans of Garland. Teen designers are invited to show their designs at the event. For more information, contact Dorothy White at 214-212-0803, or e-mail dwhite@ci.garland.tx.us or www.GarlandYouthCouncil.org

Putting It On Paper: A Teen Writing Seminar will be held this Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church (1233 State

Highway 66, Garland, TX). The low seminar cost of \$49.00 guarantees work manual, writing materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Teens Reaching Teens, Inc., a non-profit group. To register for this seminar, please visit www.writersed.com or www.teengraffiti.com. For additional information, please call Sharon Jones-Scaife, at 972-496-9457.

Learn how to turn \$3500 into \$1 million in less than five years from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the WaMu Bank Oak Cliff Financial Center, 505 W. 12th Street Dallas, 75208.

22nd Annual Spring Rising Youth Forum Lecture starts at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$15.00 (Free for students and seniors with ID). The keynote speaker, Dr. Conrad Worrill will discuss race, sex, and the 2008 Presidential Election. Purchase tickets at Pan African Connection 612 E. Jefferson Street (214-943-826). For group rates and other conference info call 214-426-1683. Spring Lecture will be at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Street, South Dallas, 75210. Call 214-426-1683 for more info.

The Spring Distinguished Lecture will be presented by Dr. Juanita Simmons, at 2:00 pm in the at&t Auditorium, at The African American Museum in Historic Fair Park. The lecture, which focuses on empowerment and community activism, is free and open to the public. For more information contact Dr. Emma Dawson at 214-565-9026 ext 307 or via edawson@aamdallas.com

TBAAL Black Academy: The African Thinkers Roundtable **Writer's Breakfast** will be at the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex this Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 am. Hot breakfast will be \$10. For more information on the African Thinkers' Roundtable **Writer's Breakfast** please call 214-943-2442.

Artists of Dallas Open Mic at the Southside on Lamar, the Open Mic is open to any and all Dallas artists from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Admission is free all night so swing by 1409 South Lamar, or call 214-882-1756.

The Dallas Chapter of Sister Girls will meet at 11:00 a.m. this Saturday at the Mary McLeod Haven (3303 West Jefferson Boulevard). This month's meeting will feature "How Not to Raise a Hoodlum", written by Joyce W. Teal and her husband Prince Teal. For more information call 214-331-5681.

April 26 and 27

2008 Dance for the Planet Festival, a free outdoor community festival featuring all styles of dance by dancers from the Dallas and North Texas areas (150 dance groups) and special celebrity guests! The dance festival will last from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Annette Strauss Artist Square at Samuell-Grand Park 6200 E. Grand Ave. Dallas, 75223. Contact Ralph Blackburn at the Dance Council office at 214-219-2290 or director@thedancecouncil.org.

April 27 - 30

The Fifth Annual Women and HIV International Clinical Conference will be held at the Magnolia Hotel 1401 Commerce Street, Dallas, 75201. For more information visit www.aidseducation.org/whicc or call 214-590-6686.

April 28

The next meeting of the Texas Democratic Women of Collin County will be held on Monday April 28, 6:45 p.m. at Collin College Preston Ridge Campus 9700 Wade Boulevard, Frisco - Founders Hall, Shawnee Room F148.

April 29

City of Garland Meeting Hosted by District 2 Council Member Laura Perkins Cox and District 5 Council Member Jackie Feagin, will be aired live on cable CGTV at 7 pm. A call-in format allows residents from Districts 2 and 5 to ask their

City Council representatives questions about their neighborhoods. Each Council Representative will give a "state of the district" message, then citizens can call 972-205-9035 with their questions and comments. CGTV is available on Time Warner Cable channel 16 and on Verizon FIOS TV channel 44. Citizens without cable access may attend the meetings in person. Questions will be taken from the audience after the live broadcast. The meetings are held in the Garland City Council chambers at Garland City Hall, First Floor, 200 North Fifth Street.

May 1

Spirit of Uganda fundraiser benefiting Empower African Children and Dallas Children's Theater 7:30 pm Baker Theater Rosewood Center for Family Arts 5938 Skillman Street, in Dallas 75231. Admission is \$100 per person. For additional information contact Lisa Schreiner at 214-978-0110 ext. 143, lisa@dct.org, visit www.empowerafricanchildren.org.

Collin County Christian Prayer Breakfast Annual breakfast of prayer, song, and a message of Christ's influence in our lives. Keynote speaker is Pat Summerall, legendary sports broadcaster. Buffet opens at 6:30 a.m. and the program runs from 7:07 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Admission is \$20 per person or \$200 for a table of 10. Price includes breakfast buffet. For more information call 214 757-7259.

The National Day of Prayer Breakfast will include a speech by Deputy Chief of Chaplains Cecil R. Richardson at the interfaith annual breakfast, established by the Presidential Proclamation on this very date. The National Day of Prayer Breakfast will begin at 7:00 am and last until 8:30 pm in Ballroom A of the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas. Admission to the breakfast ranges from \$30 - \$40. For further information: tgs@thanksgiving.org, or call 214-969-1977.

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Obama puts time, ad money into Indiana

By JIM KUHN-HENN, Associated Press Writer

MUNCIE, Ind. - Barack Obama sees himself with a disadvantage in Pennsylvania and with an advantage in North Carolina.

"So Indiana may end up being the tiebreaker," he said recently.

As he completes a four-day tour of the Hoosier state, that's the Illinois senator's assessment of the Democratic presidential contests in the coming three weeks.

For Obama, that's a tough call. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has single digit leads in the state, according to recent polls. She has the support of the state's popular Democratic senator, Evan Bayh. And the state has a sizable number of blue collar industrial workers, a demographic group that has leaned in her favor.

But Obama is from neighboring Illinois, and is well-known in the Indiana counties around Lake Michigan that have access to Chicago's media market. He also has the support of two respected former members of



Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., pauses for a moment while speaking at a town hall-style meeting in New Albany, Ind., Wednesday, April 23, 2008. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

Congress from Indiana — Lee Hamilton and Tim Roemer.

Pennsylvania held their primary Tuesday

with Clinton gaining a nearly 10-point margin of victory. Indiana and North Carolina hold theirs in two weeks on

May 6. A two-out-of-three outcome in favor of the Illinois senator at the end of that stretch may not drive Clinton out of the race, but it would deflate her argument that Obama can't carry an industrial state where blue-collar workers predominate.

"If he wins Indiana, that's a pretty strong signal that he's probably going to secure the nomination in my view," said Rep. Baron Hill, an Indiana Democrat who has not endorsed either Clinton or Obama. Significantly, Hill is a superdelegate, one of nearly 800 party leaders and elected officials who could determine the nomination.

Obama has been pouring money into the state with ads and field offices. His bus tour this week is his longest stay in the state. He visited six of the state's nine congressional districts, packing high school gymnasiums and rousing audiences with a condemnation of Washington and special interests.

In many ways, Obama's message is no different from what he was delivering months ago in Iowa and New Hampshire. But he has spiced up his economic themes, adding a populist bite aimed at the very blue collar workers that have gravitated to Clinton in previous contests.

"Working class white males hold the balance of power," said Lawrence J. Hanks, a political scientist at Indiana University.

On the stump, Obama can get his share of advice. "You need to smile more," one man told him in Columbus. He's also heard some awkward praise: "I want to compliment you on your grammar," one woman told him.

In this state, voters seem delighted that they matter. Few believed that the presidential contest would still be undecided in May. But the ongoing campaign has given some voters the time to make up their minds.

"I didn't think he was for real," said Ramon Gerber, a 67-year-old retiree from Columbus. "So young and so fresh. So I thought, well, he looks nice and sounds nice, but I wasn't sure. But I think I'm sure enough to vote for him."

As for winning two out of three, Hanks, the Indiana University

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Roemer, the former congressman who has endorsed Obama, said he gave the Illinois senator a book on how Robert Kennedy won the Indiana primary in 1968.

"I think he's reading it because the Kennedy battle plan was to go to the cities and get the big crowds, but also to make sure that you aggressively recruit the blue collar community and convey to them all you have in common with them," Roemer said.

political scientist, believes Obama needs to win in states where he is favored and stay within 10 points in states where he is not. That would be enough to sustain his edge over Clinton in delegates, states won and the popular vote.

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Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., speaks at a town hall-style meeting in New Albany, Ind., Wednesday, April 23, 2008. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

Rowlett Offers Free Movies In The Park!

ROWLETT, TX – Grab a blanket and head out for three unforgettable Friday evenings of cinema under the stars in Rowlett's Pecan Grove Park on April 25, May 9 and May 30.

Family-friendly movie favorites will entertain all members of the family. These free movie events will

have open seating available starting at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin at dusk.

Pecan Grove Park is located adjacent to the Rowlett Community Centre at 5300 Main Street. For more information, please contact the Rowlett Community Centre front desk at 972-412-6170.

Participants are

welcome to bring a picnic dinner or their favorite movie candy. New this year we will provide free popcorn for all to enjoy!

MOVIES IN THE PARK SCHEDULE

April 25: How to Eat Fried Worms (PG)

May 9: Nancy Drew (PG)

May 30: August Rush (PG)

Lewisville Theatre to Perform Crowns

By Rick A. Elina



The Greater Lewisville Community Theatre celebrates its 25th Anniversary with its current 2007-2008 season. GLCT's Silver Season was kicked off with the perennial favorite, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, and continued its slate of shows with the courtroom classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird* followed by *Little Women* and *Proposals*.

The penultimate offering in this, the theatre's milestone year is *Crowns* by Regina Taylor. The play, was first produced in 2002 and is adapted from the book by Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry.

The book, *Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats*, published in 2000, has a foreword by Maya Angelou and spotlights 50 black and white portraits of women "properly adorned in their Sunday best and topped by some sort of delicious head gear." One of the subjects, 38 year old Sherrie

Flynt-Wallington says, "Sometimes under those hats, there's a lot of joy and a lot of sorrow." Photographer and co-author, Michael Cunningham conceived of the idea after a friend of his confided about the "big fancy hats" her relatives wore to church. Mr. Cunningham writes, "I could see the book. I jumped on it the very next day. For generations, African American women have had such a deep passion for hats."

The play, *Crowns* is a moving and celebratory musical in which colorfully adorned hats become the centerpiece of a theatrical love letter to the history and identity of the African American experience. The point of view is seen through the eyes of a young African American woman who has come down South to stay with her aunt after tragedy has befallen the family in Brooklyn. Hats, the symbolic and titular crowns, are everywhere, in exquisite variety, and almost become a second character, so vibrant that they come alive in the telling of tales, "concerning everything from the etiquette of hats to their historical and contemporary social functioning. There is a hat for every occasion, from flirting to churchgoing to funerals and baptisms."

Director Theresa Ferrell helmed "Crowns"

last year for Denton Community Theatre and entered it in the AACT National Competition -- which won. (<http://www.dentoncommunitytheatre.org>). From there, the production went to Germany. Connie Salsman, Vice-President of Production for GLCT, says, "When Theresa indicated that she would be willing to stage the show for GLCT, we were thrilled. While we haven't made any particular push to broaden the diversity of our audience, it was exciting for us to present a show that would interest a sector of the audience often left out. She has recast the show -- as you might imagine, the previous cast had lives to get back to. Since she is not constrained by the rules of the competition, she is able to incorporate some of the parts of the show that were trimmed out before."

Even though it is clearly a story of the African-American experience, there are commonalities for those of us raised in the southern states that we can relate to. The music, mostly gospel, is amazing -- makes you want to stand up, wave your arms and sing along. *Crowns* opens April 25th and runs through May 11th. The link to the theatre's web site is www.glct.org/crowns.htm.

TV One Presents A Special Cedric The Entertainer Weekend With A Marathon Of Cedric The Entertainer Presents Episodes Saturday, April 26, And A Revealing TV One On One Interview Sunday, April 27

Silver Spring, MD His name says it all -- "Cedric 'The Entertainer.'" From comedian to actor, from producer/director to musician, and author to philanthropist, there's nothing this enormously talented Renaissance man can't tackle and do well. TV One celebrates this special funnyman on an entire Cedric The Entertainer Weekend, Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27 with festivities kicking off Saturday, April 26 at 11AM with a 10-hour marathon of Cedric 'The Entertainer' Presents, the hilarious variety/sketch comedy series.

Then on Sunday at 8 PM (repeating at 11PM), Cedric sits down for an entire hour with TV One on One host Cathy Hughes to reveal the man behind the unusual name. Lightning struck when comedian Steve Harvey caught his act and booked him into his own club in Dallas. Other night club stints followed with great success.

But as his popularity grew, it became obvious to Cedric that the term "comedian" couldn't quite describe him, and so "Cedric The Entertainer" was born. As he tells Hughes, the name change seemed a good transition once he started getting booked by clubs for half-hour sets. "As you know, comedy is a time thing. Like, if you do 30 minutes, you get this amount of money. If you do 45 minutes, you get this amount. [At that time] I had [just] a few jokes, so I would sing, I would do poetry, and I would dance. I would do anything to fill up the time because I wanted the money. So, as opposed to calling me a comedian, I would just say, 'I'm an entertainer,' because that's how I would fill up my 30 minutes."

While Cedric was chalking up top box office success, an idea for a new

kind of television show was rattling around in his brain -- the kind of show that was rarely being done any more -- a variety/sketch comedy show. That idea soon

idea, it was kind of like taking it back to sketch and variety and fun. So, we dance. We sing. We just try to have a good time with the show, and I was able to put together a really unique and great cast."

As if Cedric isn't busy enough, he is currently working on a CD which highlights his singing, (he gives Hughes a taste of his musical ability during his TV One on One interview) and is also developing a sitcom for TV co-starring Regina Hall (who joins Cedric during his interview with Cathy Hughes).

But of all his many projects, the one closest to his heart is The Cedric The Entertainer Charitable Foundation, the philanthropic organization which he runs with his sister. The Foundation provides scholarships and outreach programs to enhance the lives of inner-city youth and their families in his hometown of St. Louis, Missouri.

The episode of TV One on One also re-airs on Thursday, May 1 at 9 AM.



became "Cedric The Entertainer Presents," winner of the AFTRA Award for Excellence in Television Programming that originally aired on Fox and now airs on TV One. "I thought about all of the great variety shows. Flip Wilson was one of my inspirations. Even going back to 'The Jackie Gleason Show,' so, when I started to develop this

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N2NE is expanding to Plano and Allen, TX. If you are interested in volunteering please send your information to: Rich_eta@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.

10 Tips for Successful Business Networking

by Stephanie Speisman

(Businessknowhow.com) Effective business networking is the linking together of individuals who, through trust and relationship building, become walking, talking advertisements for one another.

1. Keep in mind that networking is about being genuine and authentic, building trust and relationships, and seeing how you can help others.

2. Ask yourself what your goals are in participating in networking meetings then select organizations that will help you meet those goals. Some meetings are based more on learning, making contacts, and/or volunteering rather than on strictly making business

connections.

3. Visit as many groups as possible that spark your interest. Notice the tone and attitude of the group. Do the people sound supportive of one another? Does the leadership appear competent? Many groups will allow you to visit twice before joining.

4. Hold volunteer positions in organizations. This is a great way to stay visible and give back to groups that have helped you.

5. Ask open-ended questions in networking conversations. This means questions that ask who, what, where, when, and how as opposed to those that can be answered with a simple yes or no. This form of questioning opens up the discussion and shows listeners that you are interested in them.

6. Become known as a powerful resource for others. When you are known as a strong resource, people remember to turn to you for suggestions, ideas, names of other people, etc. This keeps you visible to them.

7. Have a clear understanding of what you do and why, for whom, and what makes your doing it special or different from others doing the same thing. In order to get referrals, you must first have a clear understanding of what you do that you can easily articulate to others.

8. Be able to articulate what you are looking for and how others may help you. Too often people in conversations ask, "How may I help you?" and no immediate answer comes to mind.

9. Follow through quickly and efficiently on referrals you are given. When people give you referrals, your actions are a reflection on them. Respect and honor that and your referrals will grow.

10. Call those you meet who may benefit from what you do and vice versa. Express that you enjoyed meeting them, and ask if you could get together and share ideas.

Stephanie Speisman is a Success Coach who coaches groups and individuals in business networking skills based on her booklet "99 Tips for Successful Business Networking." Contact info: successcoach@erols.com, www.strategiesforchange.com.

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comes to our response to the nonsense, because we simply do not want to know what is happening. We want to remain in our ignorance, thereby having no responsibility or obligation to act in any way to change things.

We ratchet-up our enthusiasm for politics, especially this year, and traipse to the polls like lemmings, believing we will find salvation there. Fact is we will only gain an emotional up-tick from the upcoming elections, both national and local because our investment in the political process is that of amateurs. Despite being involved for decades, and despite having elected Black officials all over this country, we are still politically impotent and ineffective in most cases. In other words, we still get played.

The arrogant lord over the ignorant and strut their power over the weak with impunity as though there is no higher authority and price to pay for their despicable actions. But take a look at current conditions and you will see that there is a price to pay for both arrogance and ignorance.

Financial institutions are in deep trouble, and when they sneeze, we get pneumonia. The housing bubble has burst and we are paying dearly for it; families are losing their homes by the hundreds of thousands across this nation. Unemployment is on the rise, and inflation is taking hold. Mass layoffs, such as those seen in the late

1980's and early 1990's are returning to the forefront - 4000 from Merrill-Lynch alone. Food prices are reaching unprecedented levels; and who knows where the price of gasoline will end up this year.

Bush's "friends," the Saudis, and other oil rich nations refuse to increase production and help lower the price at the pump, while China and India have increased their demand for the precious commodity. We owe more than we have; we import more than we export; we have a deficit that is out of control; and we have a dollar that is probably worth about 15 cents by now. All of this and much more, and the arrogant tell the ignorant to mimic Bobby McFerrin, "Don't worry, be happy."

What's the answer? Experts in economics and business that can't agree on what to do at this juncture in America's history, so who am I to pretend that I have the answer. Here is what I do know though. Black folks are at the bottom of every good category and at the top of every bad category in this country; we cannot afford to sit back, mired in ignorance and apathy, waiting for the arrogant to save us. Newsflash! They ain't comin', y'all.

We must stop volunteering to be ignorant of the things that matter; we must open our minds to the real conditions of this country and the world; we must spend more time critiquing, analyzing, and appropriately responding to the power of

the arrogant; and we must design and execute economic initiatives that benefit our people and our children, the way others are doing, without apology.

We will continue to think we are players while we are really being pimped. We must wake up; there's more to life than sports and enter-

tainment.

Power corrupts, but Amos Wilson taught us that powerlessness also corrupts. Powerlessness is derived from ignorance, and we do not have to be ignorant if we don't want to be. Information is too plentiful and too accessible. Get it! Act upon it!

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school system. Schools from New York to Florida are struggling to keep up with rising food costs in order to provide nutritious school lunches.

Last year, the New York City school system paid over \$3 million for milk alone. The article stated that sharp rises in the cost of milk, grain and fresh fruits and vegetables are hitting cafeterias across the country, forcing cash-strapped schools to raise prices or pinch pennies.

For some time in the US, we have taken for granted that an abundance of food is our divine right. Yet this myth has begun to meet actual reality. We can no longer afford food for our families.

With the ravages of rising oil prices, coupled with genetic bio-markets and a food subsidy system not prepared to feed all the world's people, Americans may just be seeing the first wave of concern. We now live within a world economic system, of our own making, that Americans may not be able to navigate.

Recent weeks have seen food-related protests in Niger, Haiti, Cameroon, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Morocco, Mauritania, Ivory Coast and Egypt. A NPR story on Haiti's food crisis referred to Haiti as

the "canary in the mine" and that the rest of us must heed the warning.

Ironically, but not surprisingly, leaders from international financial institutions who have created and supported the very trade policies which led to food insecurity are now expressing concern with the current food shortages. IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn concluded that if food prices continue to rise, "Hundreds of thousands of people will be starving ... (leading) to disruption of the economic environment."

If we consider the already vulnerable economic environments of many countries throughout Africa and the Diaspora, any small increase in food prices furthers these ominous circumstances.

Though stable and secure access to food and potable water are basic human rights, the U.S. has consistently shown its apathy and ineptitude towards addressing domestic and international food insecurity. At the 2002 World Food Summit, the U.S. stood alone in opposition to inclusion of "food as a human right" within a declaration to be signed by all governments. The U.S. additionally promoted the importance of genetically modified crops

as key to eliminating poverty and ensuring food security. Genetically modified crops decrease food diversity, force small farmers to use this technology at an increased expense, and ignore alternative, organic and indigenous agricultural development plans.

The recent release of the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development Report, commissioned by the World Bank and the UN Food and Agricultural Organization, determined that the crisis of rising food prices cannot be compared to those in recent history. The report concludes that "the mounting crisis in food security is of a different complexity and potentially different magnitude than the one of the 1960s."

Food insecurity requires our immediate attention. First, we must accept that current U.S. and international economic policies have led to this current state of riots, violence, malnutrition, and death. We must accept that food insecurity is a national security priority that will not be addressed by a few quick fixes or more free trade, but that our economic structure requires systemic change. If not, given the reality of global warming,

the effects of agribusiness and the decreasing options for sus-

tainable livelihoods, U.S. Americans must face the real possi-

bility of being on the losing end of the impending resource wars.

African, pg 1

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The Dallas Chapter of The Links, Incorporated will host the African Market Expo/Cultural Event with the program ending with a Presidential Gala.

For additional information on the 10th Annual African Economic Forum, please contact the African Chamber of Commerce, D/FW at 214.421.6155.

Generation, pg 1

numbers – from barely 1,500 elected offices in 1970 to more than 10,000 today," Ralph B. Everett told a crowd of more than 2,000 political insiders and other supporters at the organization's glitzy annual dinner, held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. "The real possibility that a Black president or a woman President will be elected – almost unthinkable just a few years ago – has put race and gender in the center of American dialogue. And that is a good thing."

Describing community woes as "a generation at the crossroads", Everett pointed listed health care research that shows African-American babies more likely than babies of other races to die in infancy; African-Americans and Hispanics - historically lagging in home ownership rates – still much more likely than other groups to have sub-prime mortgages; and the worldwide scientific community predicting that "global climate change will bring more intense and more frequent weather events in the not-too-distant future." He asked, "Why should Black people care about that? Two words: Remember Katrina," he told the energetic audience.

Having served as president only about a year, Everett also vowed to address media-led stereotypes and misinformation about Black people, as well as the lack of racial minority ownership and "access to the new digital world."

Concluding, he said, "In other words, we cannot and will not stand idle while our youth, our communities, our people stand at the crossroads."

U. S. Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.), House majority whip, received the center's top honor, the Louis E. Martin Great American Award, named for its

founder. Clyburn said his colleagues in Congress as well as the next president must work hard to close the disparities pointed out by Everett. "I am determined that we will not be the first generation of Americans to leave their children with fewer opportunities than we had," Clyburn said.

AARP CEO William D. Novelli was the recipient of the center's first Partnership Award, pledging to continue giving to the cause of research and policy analyzing. "Americans fear that their children's generation will end up worse off than they are," Novelli said. "If that happens, it would be the first time in American history...a big step backwards. We can't let it happen. And that's why our partnership with the Joint Center is so important – it plays a critical role in helping our nation's leaders understand how key issues impact the African American community."

The recording of Black

political and economic thought and progress has been the hallmark of the center since its founding in 1970. A recent Joint Center survey of likely Black voters in the Democratic Primaries found that the war, health care, jobs/economy and education, were foremost on the minds of African-Americans going to the polls.

Everett said he sees the massive financial support as a sign of readiness by the community.

"It is a clear signal that America is ready to confront the difficult social and economic challenges that face our nation and our communities. And they want strong policy institutions to step up and focus on solutions," Everett said. "We accept and embrace our responsibility to increase the Joint Center's innovation and effectiveness in putting the concerns of communities of color and solutions to their problems at the very top of the nation's policy agenda."

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Church Happenings

CALVARY PHILADELPHIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

April 25-27, 2008

Don't miss our Annual Women's Celebration, Extreme Makeover, Christian Edition. *Friday night @ 7:30 pm* will be our Women's Fellowship. *Saturday morning @ 9 am* will be our Conference featuring workshop leaders: Sis. Earnestine Jackson from Greater Sunrise Baptist; Evangelist Shirley Stevenson from Calvary Philadelphia Baptist; Sis. Joyce Davis from Safe Way Baptist; and Missionary Gloria Fobbs from Greenway Park COGIC. Call the church for registration fees and information. *Sunday morning @ 11 am* is Worship Service. Women are asked to wear black and give a faith offering of \$100; and at 3:30 pm we will have Women in Worship with special guests: Rev. Shank Robinson and the New Unity MBC. Call 214-604-9427 for information.

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May 3, 4 pm

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June 6, 7 pm

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June 18, 7 pm

Our Worship Service will feature Dr. Ralph West, you are invited.

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April 26, 2008

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May 4, 10:20 am

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It is in a Christian's nature to love. We choose loving service as the best way to live our lives. Living a life of love is the wise choice of a person who has accepted God-given power.

Peace and Happiness Must Come from Within: Whatever a person becomes on the outside must first be believed in the heart. We all

become different people as we grow older, with different hopes and dreams, goals and achievements, memories and feelings. No one can ever say that, as a person, they are all



Mr. Sanmi Akinmulero, President/CEO of African Chamber of Commerce DFW and Sister Tarpley, discussing the soon to be 10th Annual African Economic Forum 2008.

they can be, for it is then that they have stopped growing from within.

In a time of new beginnings, continue to grow, to dream, and to make new memories. Whatever gives you peace within yourself will allow others to see the special person you truly are. —Shirley Vander Pol.

Break the Worry Habit Before It Breaks You: Keep busy. Don't fuss about trifles. Use the law of averages to outlaw your worries. Cooperate with the inevitable. Decide just how much anxiety a thing may be worth and refuse to give it more. Don't worry about the past.

Best Techniques in Analyzing Worry: Get all the facts. Weigh all the facts—then come to a decision. Once a decision is reached, act! Write out and answer the following questions: What is the problem?

What are the causes of the problem? What are the possible solutions? What is the best possible solution?

Cultivate a Mental Attitude that will Bring You Peace and Happiness:

Fill your mind with thoughts of peace, courage, health and hope. Never try to get even with your enemies. Expect ingratitude. Count your blessings—not your troubles. Do not imitate others. Try to profit from your losses. Create happiness for others. —Dale Carnegie's Golden Book.

What You Are Doing Takes Real Courage: Courage is the feeling that you can make it, no matter how challenging the situation. It is knowing that you can reach out for help and you are not alone.

Courage is accepting each day, knowing that you have the inner resources to deal with the ordinary things as well as the confusing things, with the exciting things as well as the painful things.

Courage is taking the time to get involved with life, family, and friends, and giving your love and energy in whatever ways you can. Courage is being who you are, being aware of your good qualities and talents, and not worrying about what you do not have.

Courage is having faith that life is a beautiful gift. —Donna Levine Small.

McKinney Observes the National Day of Prayer

Community Invited to Celebrate 57th annual National Day of Prayer

McKinney — Organizers are inviting the community to pray on Thursday, May 1, 2008 to observe the 57th Annual National Day of Prayer (NDP). The National Day of Prayer became a yearly event when President Harry S. Truman signed a joint resolution by Congress declaring the celebration.

President Ronald Reagan amended the resolution by designating the first Thursday in May as the annual National Day of Prayer.

"Our country and our communities are facing difficult challenges right now," said Tasha Douglas, city coordinator, "but I fully believe a dramatic change is in store for our city and our country if we will put aside our differences and come together to pray."

And that is exactly what folks in McKinney are planning to do. Churches, government officials, business leaders, and people of faith who are concerned

about the welfare of our families, communities and our country are standing together on the common ground of prayer, asking God for

and individuals are welcome to participate.

The McKinney Concert of Prayer will take place on the evening of May 1st from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Mitchell Memorial Park. Families are encouraged to come, bring lawn chairs and blankets, and participate as an array of community voices lead McKinney in



People of faith in McKinney pray outside MPAC on NDP 2007.

praying for our government, military, media, business, education, church, and family.

Two times of prayer have been planned for the city of McKinney on May 1st. Prayer on the Square will begin at 12 noon outside the McKinney Performing Arts Center, at which time the National Day of Prayer state proclamation will be read, and a diverse group of pastors from McKinney will lead the city in prayer. Prayer on the Square will culminate with a Bible read-a-thon, during which volunteer participants will simultaneously read assigned passages from the Bible. Churches, youth groups, families,

praying for our government, military, media, business, education, church, and family.

In preparation for the National Day of Prayer, organizers are also encouraging people of faith to come together on this Saturday, April 26th for the McKinney Prayer Walk in historic downtown McKinney. The Prayer Walk will be held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. outside the McKinney Performing Arts Center.

For more information about these upcoming times of prayer in McKinney and the National Day of Prayer visit www.mckinneyndp.org.

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Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

"The Church with a Vision"

Jordan CDC's 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament Honors Legendary Educator and Mentor

Dallas, TX. – The Jordan Community Development Corporation (Jordan CDC) hosts its third annual charity Golf tournament on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Heath, Texas. Proceeds from this event will provide college scholarships to eligible students from Lincoln and Madison High Schools in Dallas, Texas in honor of legendary Coach, Principal and men-

tor William Toles. These students have overcome major adversities in their lifetime and still present a positive attitude along with a desire to continue their education.

Opening with a shotgun start promptly at 1:00 pm, this tournament will be held at Buffalo Creek Golf Club 624 Country Club Drive in Heath, TX 75032. There will be teams of four and individuals may also regis-



William Toles

ter. In announcing the tournament, co-chairs Melvin

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clubs will also be available.

A limited number of sponsorships will be available for this event, including beverage and snack carts, dinner, individual holes and scholarship sponsorships. Requests for further information or offers of sponsorship support should be directed to Juliea Goodman, Tournament Coordinator at phone at 972-763-0878 or by email: jgoodman@jordancdc.org.

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