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Obama: White House Will Be 'The People's House'

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor In Chief

The line of people at the Orlando World Center Marriott weaved through the corridors and wrapped around corners as more than a thousand awaited the opening of the ballroom, where presumptive

Democratic nominee Sen. Barack Obama was about to speak.

"Yesterday, the crowd was polite to Sen. John McCain here at the National Urban League Conference. But, today, for Sen. Obama, it's more of a love fest!" reported one excited CBS Radio

newsman, among the horde of reporters observing the crowd waiting for Obama.

He was right. People were waiting in line as early as 7 a.m. Saturday morning for the anticipated 2 p.m. speech. The ballroom, which seated well over 1,000 people, had

been close to full for presumptive Republican nominee McCain the day before. For Obama, an overflow crowd had to be seated in an adjacent room to watch the speech on close circuit television.

"I stand here before you

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Health Officials Offer Steps to Beat Health-Related Illnesses

From staff reports

With the hot Texas temperature rising, the City of Plano Health Department would like to remind residents of steps to take to beat the heat and the warning signs of too much heat.

Steps to Avoid Heat-Related Illness

- Drink two to five times more water and non-sugar, non-alcoholic beverages to replace fluids lost through perspiration.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing and wide brimmed hats while in the sun.
- Use sunscreen with an

SPF15 or more.

- Take frequent breaks limiting physical activity. Rest in a cool place.

Public buildings are a great place to step into the cool.

- Stay in an air conditioned area if possible. If no air conditioning is available, fans are helpful.

- Use the buddy system between co-workers in high heat jobs.

- Older people should have a friend or relative check on them or call twice a day.

- When planning activities choose cooler hours to be outdoors.

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Morial Calls for September as Voter Registration Month,

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor In Chief

National Urban League President Marc Morial, exuberant that the Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act has been passed by Congress and signed by

President Bush, focused the NUL annual conference in Orlando, Fla. last week on leading citizens into a new direction for by compelling people to register and vote.

"It's 40 years after the death of Dr. King and this is an historic election in

American history. I mean...this is the debate about the direction of the country. And that's what's in the halls, in the air, in the sessions and in the plenary sessions," says Morial.

In his keynote speech, he announced historic

voter registration efforts as well as community initiatives to help stem the tied of homes being lost due to the sub prime lending crisis.

"We're going to be doggedly aggressive at registering and encouraging people to vote and

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Actor Morgan Freeman recovers from surgery following car accident

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Commentary

Count Your Blessings

By Michael G. Shinn
NNPA Columnist

As a kid, I remember listening to Arthur Godfrey, a 1950's TV Star, crooning the song, "Count Your Blessing".

Godfrey's craggy voice forcefully belted out the refrain, "when I'm worried and I can't sleep, I count my blessing instead of sheep and I fall asleep counting my blessing."

When you went to sleep last night, were

you counting your blessing or were you tossing and turning, while worrying about your problems?

Do you have friends that complain about the inadequacies of their spouse, or the lack of achievement of their children or the problems on their job or the flaws in their home or shortcomings of their friends or even the failings at their church? Well, they are probably like most Americans that are

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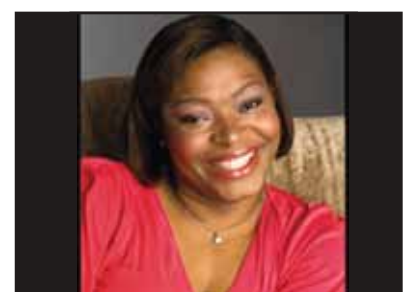
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Aaron Boyce

A stutterer since the age of 9, Aaron uses humor and interaction to inform, entertain, and enlighten any audience. Never one to let barriers stop him from reaching his goals, Aaron has served as an INSPIRATION to others with challenges in their lives. Included in his workshops is PROVACK, his personalized 12 Step to Success program.

Aaron publishes a nationally distributed business magazine with his lov-

ing and supportive wife Lea and with a group of motivated youth trainees produced and hosted a radio talk show with an emphasis on business. He is the author of four publications including, "Jobseeker No More", "Seize the Opportunity", and "The Manual of Life". His business and marketing clients have included Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Sam's Club, Kaiser Permanente, UCD Medical Center, and The Shriners

Hospital.

Aaron enjoys speaking to large and small audiences and has spoken for EDD, Chambers of Commerce, BIZTec, Tech Skills College, Center for Employment Training, Sacramento Municipal Utility District and more.

It is especially gratifying for Aaron to work with youth, ages 12 - 25 and teach the areas of life skills, career planning, relationships, team building, and more. His clients include school districts, youth centers, foster youth agencies, non-public

schools, and community centers. The youth of Team Success, a non-profit started by the Boyce's, have spoken in Washington, DC, published a community magazine, hosted a radio talk show, engaged in theatrical presentations across the country, and spoken before thousands of middle and high school youth.

What is probably the most gratifying to Aaron is when someone comes to him and says that Aaron has INSPIRED them to succeed. "I can't believe that you do this", they say in amazement. "And you



stutter - well if you can do this, surely I can do.....!"

Case Management workshops include: Client

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Employment workshops include: What is the Net Worth of Your Job Network; Interviewing with POWER!; and Strategic J.O.B. Marketing.

Business Workshops include: Putting the SIMPLE Back in Business; Building a Better Employee; Public Speaking and You; and Money, Myths, and Mittens.

Kristen Hoffman

Gourmet Services, Inc. (GSI) the nation's largest minority-owned food service management company announced today that it has hired Kristen Hoffman as its new director of sales and marketing. In this position, Hoffman will be responsible for business development and executing the company's marketing objectives. She also will spearhead the further development and expansion of other significant

accounts for the organization.

"In this business, we have to be forward thinking and always looking to satisfy the ever-changing needs of the consumer," said Hoffman. This is more than just talk — the new accounts she gained for GSI will provide renovations designed to peak the interest of college students.

"Kristen's work continues to exceed our expectations," said GSI Founder,

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Nathaniel R. Goldston III. "Her commitment and tenacity have already paid off in tangible revenue results. We welcome Kristen to the Gourmet Services family and look forward to a long and productive relation."

As a graduate from The University of Maryland-College Park with a bachelor's degree in communications and public relations, Hoffman began her career as the public relations specialist for Kreative & Innovative



Resources for Kids, Inc., an educational consulting firm in Potomac, Md. After returning to Atlanta from college, she worked in sales for Paychex, Inc,

the nation's leader in providing payroll, human resources, and benefits outsourcing solutions for small to medium-sized businesses.

Dedicated to community service, Hoffman currently is a member of the Atlanta Urban League Young Professionals serving on the Public Relations and Fundraising Committees. Kristen has also worked with many nonprofits such as the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, the YWCA of Atlanta, and the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent

Pregnancy Prevention.

Recognized as the nation's largest wholly African American-owned, food services management company, GSI has built a strong reputation during the past 30 years based on quality, integrity and philanthropy by building sustaining symbiotic partnerships with its customers and heavily reinvesting within the communities it serves. Now in its 31st year, the company has grown to employ 2,500 employees and provides meals to 40,000 college students.

Deborah Curate

Deborah Curate is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of The VA Solution, and a consummate entrepreneur and business professional. Her firm, The VA Solution is an innovative company that provides the highest quality of virtual professional support services to companies, organizations and individuals.

The VA Solution is tailored especially for the fast-paced, Internet-driven style of life and work today, and offers a team of professionals to meet every need from book-keeping, financial services and administrative support to personal concierge and lifestyle management. It is

Deborah's more than 10 years of experience as an Executive Assistant that led her to create her company. During those years, she honed her skills while supporting high-level corporate leaders at Fortune 100 companies, and assisting them to achieve excellence. Understanding the importance of superior management support in the success of any individual, she developed the concept for The VA Solution and started the company six years ago. A smart, focused and dedicated CEO, Deborah takes great joy in helping people be more efficient and effective.

Borrowing from the



International Virtual Assistants Association, of which she is a member, Deborah defines a virtual assistant as "a professional providing administrative, creative and/or technical services. Utilizing advanced technological modes of communication and data delivery, a professional VA assists clients in

his/her area of expertise from his/her own office on a contractual basis."

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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, formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

Legislating to Protect Home Ownership

By. U. S. Rep. David Scott
NNPA Special Commentary

The mortgage foreclosure crisis is in full swing and not looking to ease soon. Mortgage lenders continue to report their highest foreclosure and delinquency rates in five years. Rising default rates have not only affected those in the subprime market, but higher mortgage rates are putting a squeeze on borrowers with good credit, as they have in metro-Atlanta.

Mortgage reform legislation recently passed by the House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate will go a long way in ensuring there is some relief for those families caught up in the current housing crisis.

H.R. 3221, the American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act, set for signature by President Bush this week, would provide relief to millions of Americans affected by this crisis by instituting the reform necessary to ensure these problems do not recur. This important legislation incorporates a number of bipartisan bills designed to modernize the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), reform the GSEs (Government Sponsored Enterprises) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and increase liquidity in the markets.

This legislation is designed to help borrowers who are at risk of default by allowing them to refinance with a loan guarantee from the government. The existing lender would voluntarily decrease mortgage debt below the home's current value, which will give the owner equity in the house. Lenders may also be able to recoup more money than



if the house went in to foreclosure and the government would receive part of the gain if housing prices rise in coming years. Moreover, with fewer foreclosures and forced sells, nearby homes would be more likely to retain their value, thus saving whole communities from devastation.

The legislation passed by the House and now under consideration in the Senate increases the Veterans Affairs home loan limit. The bill would also provide \$11 billion in tax benefits including tax credits for first-time homebuyers, a real property tax deduction for non-itemizers, an additional \$10 billion in mortgage revenue bonds for states and would improve access to low-income housing.

As a member of the House Financial Services Committee, I have worked with my colleagues to build greater financial literacy. To that end I have introduced legislation, H.R. 3133, the Financial Literacy for Homeowners Act, which would provide

grants to states and non-profit agencies to educate consumers on mortgage lending practices.

It would also create a national toll free number where consumers can report cases of abuse by lenders. It is of utmost importance that we provide consumers with education about lending laws, counseling and referral services. H.R. 3221 contains many of the provisions of my legislation, and would provide \$180 million for housing counseling programs.

I remain concerned about the inordinate percentage of minority families suffering during this crisis and the affects this has on our communities. The facts are disturbing at best: black and Hispanic individuals have been disproportionately targeted for high cost subprime loans and are more likely to face foreclosure.

In Georgia's 13th Congressional district, neighborhoods with an excessive number of foreclosures have become magnets for crime. Solving this

problem is a matter of protecting our neighborhoods. We should also focus on the high social costs involved with this crisis, as schools can expect to receive less property tax funding as home values fall.

H.R. 3221 will allow many Americans to remain in their homes and fight predatory lenders. Consumers will be ensured of acquiring good loans, credit availability will be preserved, lender and consumer interests will be aligned, consumers will get a simple, understandable and meaningful disclosure of their loans terms and mortgage originators will no longer have incentives to steer consumers into bad loans.

I am hopeful continued negotiations on this measure will prove fruitful and the Senate acts soon to pass this necessary legislation. In my opinion, all involved should get behind this strong legislation to address this housing crisis, not only for our economy's sake but for those millions of affected Americans.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The North Dallas Gazette has recently conducted research on Wells Fargo Bank and their lending practices within the minority community. If you would like to offer any special comment regarding your interactions with Wells Fargo Bank – pro or con – please contact our Publisher, Mr. Thurman Jones at publisher@northdallasgazette.com. Please include "Wells Fargo" in the subject line of your email. You may also send any comments to P.O. Box 940226, Plano, Texas 75094-0226.

Power Struggle Stalls Zimbabwe Talks

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An offer to make opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai third vice president has been rejected, dimming hopes for a power sharing agreement between Pres. Robert Mugabe and Tsvangirai, the declared winner of the first voting round.

"They have offered Morgan the post of third vice-president and nothing else, which is obviously a position totally unacceptable to (Tsvangirai's party) the MDC," said one

source. Pres. Mugabe already has two vice presidents who are figureheads.

Although South African President Thabo Mbeki and lead mediator insists that the talks have not broken down, insiders are predicting a protracted and bitter struggle. Negotiators for the two sides have returned home for consultations.

Tsvangirai and the 84-year-old Mugabe have signed an accord to begin talks on sharing power after a months-long elec-

tion dispute. The meeting was their first since Tsvangirai formed his MDC party in 1999.

"Given the polarization of the parties, nobody expected that this was going to be a walk in the park," observed Sydney Masamvu of the International Crisis Group. Be that as it may, I think it is a setback, which can be resolved if both parties approach these talks with sincerity and recognize the need for an economic and political recovery."

HIV and AIDS on the Rise Among Hispanics in Dallas Metroplex

From staff reports

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is reporting that the number of Hispanics living with HIV/AIDS in the Dallas Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) rose from 1,497 cases in 2002 to 2,342 cases in 2006 representing a 57% increase over the four year time span. The Dallas EMA includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Henderson, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties. Even more troubling is the rapid rate of the progression of the disease from positive HIV status to a diagnosis of AIDS. Between 2002 and 2006, nearly 33% of Hispanics had both diagnoses within one month compared to 25% and 22% of diagnoses among blacks and whites, respec-

tively. This disparity was maintained at the one year mark, with 42% of Hispanics receiving an AIDS diagnosis within one year of initial HIV diagnosis. This is attributed to late diagnosis of the disease in the Hispanic community.

"Since the beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the rate of diagnosis for Hispanics/Latinos has continuously increased at disproportionate rates," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "The rate of progression of the disease among our own Hispanic community underscores the need for early testing. We encourage everyone to know your status by getting tested, getting treated and getting educated about HIV/AIDS in order to stop the devastation to our communities," Thompson.

According to the CDC, Hispanics represented approximately 18% of the people living with HIV/AIDS nationwide. Of that 18% of Latinos living with HIV/AIDS, 23.6% were Hispanic/Latino female adults and adolescents, and 74.8% were Hispanic/Latino male adults and adolescents, living with HIV/AIDS. Of the reported AIDS cases for Hispanic/Latino male adults and adolescents, male-to-male sexual contact was the highest transmission category at 43%. Injection drug use came in second at 32%. Hispanic/Latino women adults and adolescents the reported AIDS cases indicated that high-risk heterosexual contact was the highest transmission category at 49% followed by Injection Drug Use at 36%.

Namibia Demands Return of 'Genocide' Skulls

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German universities are holding dozens, perhaps hundreds, of human skulls, remains of the colonial-era Herero massacre in their scholarly archives. Namibia is now demanding that they be returned.

According to public broadcaster ARD, the skulls were spirited away to Germany following the 1904 killings for "scientific research" aimed at proving the racial superiority of Whites to Blacks.

It is believed that a total of at least 300 Herero skulls were taken to Germany in the early 20th century," ARD reported. Some 47 skulls are still stored at the Medical History Museum at the Charite teaching hospital in Berlin and at least a dozen more at Freiburg University in south-western Germany.

"According to a Unesco convention these things must be repatriated to their country of origin," Namibian ambassador Peter Katjavivi told ARD. "We have institutions in Namibia that would be prepared to undertake that important assignment." Katjavivi said the remains were deeply important to Namibians. He said, "It is a question of regaining our dignity, it is a question of regaining our history. And it is a question of finally bringing those skulls to have a proper burial."

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be outdoors.

- Before prolonged work or exercise outdoors, listen to weather forecasts and give special attention to advisories.

- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short period.

Warning Signs of Heat Exhaustion

- Profuse Sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle Cramps
- Tiredness
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Weak but Rapid Pulse
- Fast and Shallow

Breathing
• Fainting

Warning Signs of Heat Stroke

- Extremely High Body Temperature (usually 105°F orally)
- Red and Dry Skin
- Failure to Sweat
- Rapid Pulse
- Throbbing Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Seizures
- Unconsciousness

Coma, paralysis and death can follow a heat stroke if emergency treatment is not immediately given. Heat can be fatal to

anyone, but people over 60 are at the highest risk, especially if they are frail or have pre-existing heart disease, respiration problems or diabetes. To a lesser extent, babies and young children, people with a history of alcoholism and others using certain drugs and medications are at high risk of heat illness.

People most at risk of heat illness from exertion may include: athletes, military personnel and manual laborers.

If you think you may be suffering a heat stroke, seek medical attention immediately.

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working to protect the vote," he said.

Morial called on NUL members to make September 'Voter Empowerment Month'. So, we will dedicate our efforts during that month to register people to vote."

The NUL has teamed with the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation for a strong grassroots registration effort.

This is part of a national effort to encourage participation in an election, which has already drawn interest of historic proportions due to the heated race between two U. S. senators, Republican John McCain, a Vietnam veteran, and Democrat Barack Obama, who could become the nation's first African-American president.

"The thing you've got to do is stimulate people to participate. You've got to focus on the fundamentals of democracy, which are

registering people to vote and encouraging people to double check their vote," Morial says. "In registration, there's been so much purging in some states and so many games they play in efforts to disqualify voters."

Meanwhile, the Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act that was passed by the House and Senate last week and signed by President Bush aims to enable at least 400,000 troubled homeowners to refinance their homes, "switching from risky sub prime mortgages to safer loans backed by the Federal Housing Administration," as described by U. S. Rep. Bennie Thompson. U. S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), among the leading advocates for the Act, said the bill is a Godsend.

"We've got to help these people keep their homes," she said in an interview. She described how some

homeowners were enticed into loans at "teaser" rates, but were left holding the bag when the interest rates quadrupled and simply could not afford to pay.

Waters particularly worked to get the \$4 billion, stipulated in the bill, into city neighborhoods where vacated houses are causing values of neighborhoods to drop and reat-

tracting crime and drugs. "This money will help buy the homes, rehabilitate them and put them back on the market," Waters says.

Morial, who warned the nation about a pending sub prime lending crisis at a press conference just before NUL's convention in St. Louis last year, anticipates being a part of disseminating the benefits of


the Act.

"We will be proposing new NUL initiatives called 'Restore Our Homes'; establishing 50 home ownership centers throughout the country to enhance the counseling that we're already doing to help people to save their homes and to help people to become homeowners by getting mortgages for the first

time," he said.


In his keynote address to the thousands of conventioners, Morial was set to talk about rebuilding America.

Because most people are not willing to go back to high school, he says there must be a greater commitment to what he calls, "Second Chance" programs.



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Keepin' It Real! Back for it's 5th Year

From staff reports

Prompted by the continued enthusiastic responses to "Keepin' It Real" by youth attending the conference and by sponsors and contributors, Teen Graffiti Magazine and Teens Reaching Teens, Inc. announces it's 2008 "Keepin' It Real" Youth Empowerment Summit & Expo. The summit is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2008 at Richland College at 12800 Abrams Road in Dallas, Texas from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Last year nearly 500 youth attended this magnificent one-day conference. Our goal this year is to empower 600 young people (ages 12-18) from the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and surrounding areas with information that will help them be successful students and responsible citizens in their communities.

The purpose of this

FREE one-day youth conference is to provide our teens with "real life" solutions to problems they face and in the process help build their self-confidence as they prepare to return to school. As with previous Keepin' It Real! youth empowerment conferences, the 2008 event is lining up to be just as lively, educational, and fun. Teens ages 12 - 18 can count on being inspired by this year's keynote speakers, Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Chancellor, Dallas County Community College District and Shane Hefner - Shane Hefner Enterprises. All teens will participate in five interactive workshops which include: teen entrepreneurship, sex education, physical fitness, college financial aid and scholarships, etc. Beat-blasting musical entertainment will be provided by local groups, praise dancers and youth

choirs and loads of laughs by a Celebrity Comedienne. Each will receive loads of information, advice and resources from community vendors, and enjoy food, fun and more...for FREE! New this year, teens will have an opportunity during a one hour moderated panel discussion to meet local leaders and to ask challenging questions of their own. The youth summit is totally FREE and is designed to inform, prepare, and empower today's youth for tomorrow's demanding society as they prepare to return to school.

For the fifth year, Backpacking for Education (BFE) also returns. BFE is a program that supplies the attending youth with backpacks filled with school supplies and well wishes for a safe and productive school year. Additionally, some students will walk away with door prizes and all

will receive giveaways.

Keepin' It Real! 2008 will be held at Richland College, 12800 Abrams Road in Dallas, Texas. Teens, youth organizations, YMCA's, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc. from all over the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex are invited to make plans now to attend. Additionally, sponsors and vendors are invited to contact Teen Graffiti magazine to secure their participation in this highly successful event.

To register for this conference or for more information on sponsorship opportunities, vendors, or entertainment, please visit www.teen-graffiti.com or call (972) 496-9457.

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From staff reports

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Sales Tax Holiday Brings Relief to Family Budgets

From staff reports

With the rising cost of gasoline, groceries and other goods, the annual clothing sales tax holiday will help families' back-to-school budgets go farther, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today.

Combs announced that the 10th annual sales tax holiday will take place Aug. 15-17. During the tax holiday weekend, most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 can be purchased tax free. The tax break applies to both chil-

dren's and adults' apparel.

"We estimate shoppers will save about \$54 million in sales tax during the sales tax holiday, including approximately \$42.1 million in state sales tax and \$11.9 million in local sales taxes," Combs said.

The shoppers' gain is not expected to have a significant impact on sales tax collections.

"Though the national economy has slowed, Texas sales tax revenue continues to grow at a healthy pace," Combs said. "Through June, state sales

tax collections for fiscal 2008 were up 6.1 percent compared to the same point in fiscal 2007. Cities' and counties' calendar year-to-date sales tax revenues were up an average of 5.1

percent."

A list of items that will be tax exempt during the sales tax holiday is available on the Comptroller's Web site at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html.

Combs reminds families that school backpacks and messenger bags costing less than \$100 are now included in the sales tax

holiday, but school supplies are taxable.

Since 1999, the clothing sales tax holiday has saved shoppers more than \$388 million in state and local sales taxes.

Hearts for the Arts Presents Lunch & Learn Series

From staff reports

Learning over Lunch is a monthly networking event, hosted by the National Business Women Enterprise Network and presented by Hearts for the Arts, giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, exchange business cards with prospective clients and customers, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve

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The session topic this month will be Grant Writing & Proposal Development with guest speaker, Froswa Booker-Drew of Soulstice Consultancy.

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Urban League Honors Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Citi Bank and Long-term Community Leader Leonard C. Long

From staff reports

The Annual GALA and festive salute will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel Dallas, 2201 Stemmons Freeway.

"Our 2008 honorees continue the Urban League's legacy of partnering with individuals and institutions that make a positive and measurable difference in the communities we serve," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks, President and CEO, Urban League of Greater Dallas, adding "we are delighted to salute these honorees for setting high service to community standards and for their commitment to volunteerism."

Dallas County

Community College District and Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Chancellor, will receive the coveted Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award for dedicating his energy, vision, talent and resources as past Chairman of the Board of Trustees and current board member. As president of El Centro, Dr. Lassiter was instrumental in establishing the partnerships between DCCCD and the Urban League of Greater Dallas. This partnership has expanded across the college district.

Citi will receive the Buddy J. Minyard Award for the bank's outstanding long-term corporate partnership with the Urban League and continued strides in the southern sector.

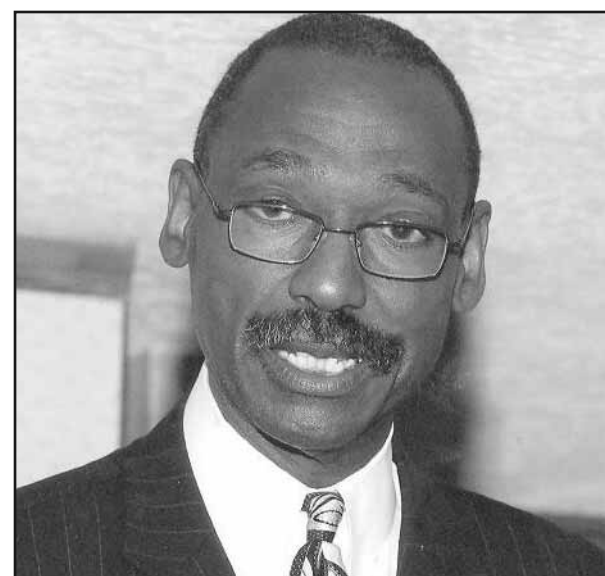


Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr.

Mr. Leonard C. Long retired President/CEO West Dallas Community Centers, Inc., will receive the President's Award for his long-term civic involvement as a tireless advocate for equality and inclusion for minority

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For ticket information for the 2007 Gala call (214) 915-4600. To find out more about the Urban League's programs and services visit its web site at www.ulgdnetx.com.




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African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm (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 am-1 pm, 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 am - 12:30 pm 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 am - 8 pm Mondays through Thursdays, 9 am - 5 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 pm - 7:15pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week).

August 7

Golden Corridor Republican Women An Insider's View on Washington at 6:45 p.m. at Parkway Hills Baptist Church where Congressman Sam Johnson will be the guest speaker.

August 7-16

Haley-Henman Gallery Announces Summer Series No. 2 featuring Cassandra Fink's Bontanica Lapidaria, Rounding Off the Edges and David

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August 7, 12, 19

College Financial Planning Workshop We will cover the FAFSA form and all other Information you need to maximize the amount of financial aid you are eligible for. Admission Is free, program begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75074. Call 888-496-8396.

August 7

National Council of Negro Women, Inc. to convene 4th Annual Texas State Unity Conference/Bethune Recognition Program The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) Texas Sections will convene in Duncanville, Texas, at the Hilton Garden Inn 800 North Main Street. Call 214-337-5817, or visit www.ncnw.org.

Urban Engagement Book Club: Falling Behind Learn How Rising Inequality Harms the Middle Class at Highland Park United Methodist, Room 386, 3300 Mockingbird Lane at 12:00 p.m.; this event is free. RSVP is required. Send to LGoolsby@CentralDallasMinistries.org. Call 214-823-8710.

August 8

DFW Reggae: Island Vibez at the Palm Beach Club, 2816 Main Street in Deep Ellum. Email info@dfwreggae.com, or call 214-742-4743.

8th Annual HBCU Alumni Pep Rally Happy Hour for the grown, educated and laid-back at 4:00 p.m. It Is time for Battle of the Gridiron. Come have

fun at the Sushi Samba at the Galleria Mall 13350 Dallas Parkway Suite 1165, Dallas, TX 75240. Admission is free. Visit www.cajunfamily.com.

August 9

4th Annual Women's No Limit Expo will feature vendors, health screenings, immunizations, and other useful information. The Expo will last from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center, in Richardson, Texas 75080. Donations will be made to local charities. RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or call 972-898-5882. www.NoLimitExpo.com.

Honoring Mrs. Kathryn Gilliam and Mr. Martin Burrell The Maurine F. Bailey Cultural Foundation Is honoring Mrs. Kathryn Gilliam and Mr. Martin Burrell for their contribution to "Education and Community Affairs". The banquet will be held at the Garden Hilton Inn Duncanville 800 Main Street, Duncanville, TX at 6:00 p.m. Contact 972-889-0824.

District 111 Community Day an event that provides an opportunity to gather in one location and register for services offered by various state agencies, participate in health screenings and also speak with representatives from utility companies regarding provider services. The Community Day will be held at Concord Missionary Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall, 6808 Pastor Bailey Dr., Dallas, TX 75237 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dallas Farmers Market Presents For Your Health a morning to explore healthy eating, from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Shop for over 200 varieties of produce at the Dallas Farmers Market 1010 S. Pearl Expressway, Dallas, TX 75201.

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August 12

Scoliosis Center of Excellence Live Q&A to promote awareness and treatment of scoliosis. The session, featuring orthopedic spine surgery physician assistant, Michelle Wright, will take place at noon. Participants can log into the chat session at <http://www.mcpscoli.com>.

August 13-16

National Sales Network's 12th Annual Conference and Career Fair will feature leadership workshops and live entertainment. The conference is located at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas. Visit www.salesnetwork.org to register.

August 15

Anthem's Rock the Block Back to School Bash Bring the whole family, leave with free stuff, and tools for strengthening your family. This bash will be held at 2427 Macon St. In Dallas, Texas at 10 a.m. Admission Is free. Call 972-824-4786 or email tonya.mcgee@anthem-northtexas.org.

August 16

Keepin' It Real! Youth empowerment conferences will provide teens with an opportunity to meet local leaders and ask challenging questions of their own. The event will be held at Richland College, 12800 Abrams Road in Dallas, Texas. Visit <http://www.teengraffiti.com>, or call Sharon Jones-Scaife at 972-496-9457.

Foreclosure Prevention Workshop from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Dallas Convention Center

Ballroom A 650 South Griffin Street, Dallas, TX 75201. If you are behind on your mortgage payments and would like to speak with HUD certified counselors bring the appropriate documentation and your questions. Call 214-946-3500 ext. 10.

Community Comedy Jam a celebration of diversity and voter awareness at the Will Rogers Auditorium located at 3401 W. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX at 8:00 p.m. Five of Texas's own will serve Olympic-sized laughs. Tickets are \$20-35. Call 817-467-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

Meet Dallas Crilley who recently became an entrepreneur at the age of 15. Bring your youth to our next T.O.W.E.R. Network Connection to find out how Dallas makes money and allow him to teach your youth how to do the same. Come to the La Quinta Inn at 1503 Breckenridge Rd, Mansfield, TX 76063 from 10 a.m. - Noon. Admission Is \$15. Call 1-877-867-3234 ext.702.

August 16-17

Camp Equality Training by Human Rights Campaign at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 400 N. Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75201 from 8:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Saturday, and 9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Sunday. Support or participate in the search for talented and committed supporters of equality who are engaged in the political process, and eager to build the skills necessary to win. Apply at www.hrc.org/

August 17

Power of Forgiveness gospel music festival with Gladys Staines from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call 214-679-7393 or e-mail ymefna@gmail.com.

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Despite Dallas City Council Decision Caesar Chavez Blvd. Debate Continues

By Jacquinette D. Murphy
North Dallas Gazette

The Trinity River Corridor Project Committee brought a mixed bag of victory and compromise for the Hispanic Community in its decision to rename Industrial Boulevard to Riverfront Boulevard instead of the consumer-endorsed choice, Caesar Chavez Blvd. In the Tuesday meeting of the committee, Dallas Mayor Pro-Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, inserted a new motion for the consideration of Ross Avenue between Houston Street and Greenville Avenue to be a compensatory option to bear the name of the heralded Hispanic-American hero.

The passage of the motion regarding Industrial slid through with little opposition led by committee chairperson and Dallas City Councilman, David Newman. The main point of discussion lingered on three points (1) the process of changing the name of a street and (2) whether or not the motion to rename Ross Avenue was a quid-pro-quo deal set between the council members prior to the meeting and (3) whether or not the tenants of the Central Business district that have offices on Ross have implied any measure of agreement to the name change to represent the increasing Hispanic population in Dallas.

"For the last month Mr. Salazar, Ms. Medrano and myself have been working with other Hispanic leaders to find another street to name after our American hero," Garcia began as she introduced the alternative to Industrial Boulevard option. "We wanted something prominent, significant and that would represent our hero and make us proud of the city of Dallas.

Ross Avenue came up."

Garcia proceeded to elaborate on the reason for the choice, citing the various areas of Hispanic influence that is present on the 3.1-mile prominent stretch of road. Specifically, she mentioned its close proximity to 'Little Mexico' (Ross Avenue is currently mapped to be about 6 miles from the community located on the northwest corner of Downtown). "This was the heart of the Latino community many years ago. It was where the Mexican-American political movement started."

There are other more visible landmarks that Garcia mentioned including The Arts District and the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe located at 2215 Ross Avenue, a place where thousands of Hispanics, Latinos and Mexican-Americans are said to attend mass everyday. The Dallas Independent School District (DISD) Central Administration office is located at 3700 Ross Avenue which houses the personnel that oversees the area public schools of which 65 percent of students are Hispanic according to the fact sheet released during the 2007-2008 school year.

Per Garcia, about sixty percent of Ross Avenue is home to Hispanic Americans. Recalling recent history, she added, "It is also the place where 500,000 people came to our city in 2006 in a nonviolent way for fair immigration reform to be passed in this country." In addition, she highlighted the Cesar Chavez Elementary School presently located the Carroll and Ross Avenue intersections.

"We want to be sure that Caesar Chavez is represented," concluded Garcia as she touted Chavez as a great person, an environmentalist, an American citizen.



Committee Chairman David Neumann, Mayor Pro-Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia and Councilwoman Pauline Medrano discussing the current advances made in the renaming of Ross Avenue.

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The introduction of this behind the scenes work regarding the re-naming of Ross Avenue showed that the grass-root initiative is already in motion. However, before a name change application is filed with the City of Dallas, agreement must be obtained from 51% of the street's business and property owners.

Alberto Ruiz, the president of the Caesar Chavez Task Force and a member of the League of United Latino American Citizens (LULAC) was asked by Garcia to explain to the committee, the current progress on the quest to rename Ross Avenue.

"We have already talked to the West End Association, Stephan Pyles restaurant, Chase Bank, the Cathedral of Guadalupe, the Dallas Independent School District superintendent, many members of the school board and other local businesses on Ross Avenue. We have done as much as we can to educate people on who Caesar was. He served in the U.S. Navy and in 1994, a year after his death; he was awarded a medal of honor by President Clinton."

Councilwoman Carolyn Davis, asked for clarity during the committee meeting on more than one occasion and was obliged by Neumann which ultimately led to her success-

fully pinning down Ruiz on whether or not he had already obtained the required percentage of agreement and contacted the larger buildings in the downtown Dallas Central Business District." Ruiz assured the committee that they were confident in reaching the goal.

As if the conflict over the renaming issue was not enough, tensions heightened as Garcia gave her formal recommendation to the board. "As a compromise in our last meeting, Mr. Salazar, Ms. Medrano and myself said that we will support the naming of Industrial Boulevard to Riverfront Boulevard, if this committee will support the naming of another street after Caesar Chavez and the task force has chosen Ross Avenue."

This spewed a strong point of order from Councilman Ranstansky, suggesting that the motion process was not being done as two separate motions and that Garcia was in violation of an employee city code that forbids reciprocal favors between two city officials. Ranstansky eventually left the room due to this conflict of interest. Garcia withdrew the original motion at the suggestion of Councilman Carraway and restated it to the committee as it was written and the committee marched to accept the recommendation to begin the

application for renaming Ross Avenue. It was a unanimous agreement of all committee members that were still present.

The decisions to recommend the renaming of the streets Industrial and Ross has passed the committee unanimously, now it is up to the city council members to accept the recommendation and send it to the subdivision of the City Planning Commission. It was a day of small victories in the Hispanic community's war for respect and representation in the city of Dallas that is far from over.

While most of the groups in attendance rejoiced at this motion not all of the Hispanic community is accepting of the committee's detour from the public opinion polls and surveys sent out previously. Michael Gonzales of the Hispanic Leadership Forum (HLF), felt disrespected by committee's detour. "The HLF is not comfortable with the shift from the public survey to the Trinity River Corridor Committee. We represented the 10,000+ individuals that voted to support the renaming of Industrial to Cesar Chavez Blvd and whose voices were not respected." Regarding the support and appropriateness of the alternate, he continued. "The HLF has always supported additional public streets and build-

ings to be named after Latinos, African-Americans and other minorities. It is our view that Ross Avenue does not appropriately reflect the stature that Industrial does because it is the biggest public works project in 20 years."

Jaime Cortes, Dallas County Constable Precinct 5, stated "It is a victory in the point that we are getting the process started, but the real victory comes when we get the street name changed." Regarding the loss of the renaming of Industrial Boulevard, Cortes added, "It was a poll and there was nothing binding about it. We have to move on and we are willing to do that".

In a press conference, immediately following the street name discussion, Ruiz along with Rey de la Santos, the director of LULAC District 3 and about 30 Latino young adults accepted and showed their support of the Trinity River Corridor Planning Committee's decision.

"We saw a spirit of cooperation in this committee and we accept this as an alternative. We are very proud of this committee for showing unity, taking the leadership role and allowing us to move forward together instead of splintering the community even further," began Ruiz. "I believe that renaming Ross Avenue is very appropriate because of the legacy that it has within the Hispanic community. With the time and dedication that we have put into this effort, Ross Avenue has a strong chance of being renamed in honor of Caesar Chavez. It can be and will be a change that the community can be proud of. If the people would work with the heart and the spirit of Caesar Chavez, this can be a great sign and symbol of progress within the City of Dallas."

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Morgan Freeman recovering after surgery

Associated Press

Oscar winner Morgan Freeman said he was feeling "real good" on Thursday after his release from a Memphis, Tennessee, hospital where he was treated for broken bones and other injuries from a weekend car crash.

Freeman, 71, lost control of the car he was driving late on Sunday night near a home he keeps in Charleston, Mississippi, and was airlifted to the trauma cen-

ter of the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, about 100 miles (160 km) away.

"I left the hospital today, just after 12 noon, Memphis time," the co-star of the blockbuster Batman movie "The Dark Knight" said in a brief statement.

"I'm doing very well. I feel real good."

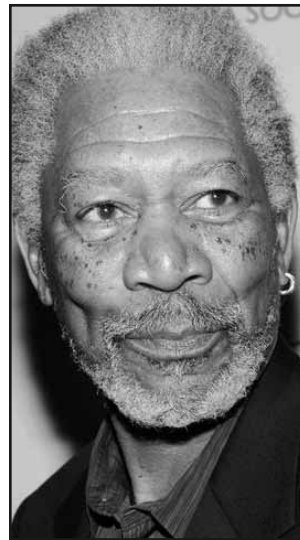
He concluded by thanking hospital staff and well-wishers, saying, "It's great to know people care about you."

Freeman's publicist,

Donna Lee, said on Monday the actor suffered a broken arm and elbow and "minor shoulder damage" but was expected to make a full recovery after undergoing surgery.

The celebrity news TV show "Entertainment Tonight" reported on its website that Freeman underwent surgery on Monday to reconnect nerves and repair damage to his left arm and hand.

A passenger and owner of the car



Freeman was driving, a

female friend identified as Demaris Meyer, was also injured, but no information has been released regarding her condition.

Lee said Freeman and his wife of 24 years are in the midst of a divorce and had been estranged for some time.

Police ruled out alcohol as a factor in the crash and said it was possible Freeman had fallen asleep at the wheel when the car careened off the highway and rolled over sev-

eral times.

No other vehicle was involved and no citation was issued in connection with the accident.

Freeman won an Oscar in 2005 for his supporting role in Clint Eastwood's boxing drama "Million Dollar Baby." He also earned Oscar nominations for his work in the films "Street Smart," "Driving Miss Daisy" and "The Shawshank Redemption." (Editing by Bob Tourtellotte and Todd Eastham)

Summer companies present cool offerings



by
Rick Elina

"...Hate destroys everything but the enemy that is oppressing you."

From The Good Negro By Tracey Scott Wilson

Judging by the thermometer, summertime is officially in full swing. In spite of the heat, several area theatres are offering some cool entertainment over the next several months and the choices range from musical to farcical to historical.

Theatre Three Presents: The Big Bang By Boyd Graham & Jed Feuer

It costs a lot of money to produce a musical on the history of the planet from the primal Big Bang to the 21st Century. What spectacle! Bigger than Cats! Two ambitious young composers take over a wealthy doctor's

New York apartment to give the ultimate backer's audition. Accompanied only by piano, the two authors play all the parts: all of history's icons from Adam and Eve to The Brady Bunch provoking total astonishment in their potential investors. The wild fun of this off-Broadway hit returns to Theatre Too in a tour-de-force of comic acting and musical merriment. Directed by Terry Dobson and starring Gary Floyd and K. Doug Miller.

Show begins August 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. and runs through September 7, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets and Reservations: Theatre Three's Box Office at 214-871-3300, option 1 or www.theatre3dallas.com

Circle Theatre Presents: Unnecessary Farce By Paul Slade Smith

Deadly bagpipes, a bumbling mayor, incompetent cops and a series of crooks all converge in a hotel room where a repressed accountant is about to trap an embezzler. To crack the case,

the cops must overcome their fear of the dark, guns, enclosed spaces and the opposite sex.

Runs through August 23rd at the Circle Theatre in Ft. Worth. Call (817) 877-3040 or visit CircleTheatre.com.

Dallas Theatre Center Presents: Tommy Music and Lyrics by Pete Townshend, book by Pete Townshend and Des McNuff. Additional music and lyrics by John Entwistle and Keith Moon.

Since it exploded on the charts almost 40 years ago as the first rock opera ever written, Tommy has been freshly re-interpreted for each generation in concerts, on film, and on stage. Now this classic, cross-generational, pop phenomenon comes to life at DTC in a new, vibrant, once-in-a-lifetime production. The Kalita Humphreys Theater will rock with high-energy singing and dancing, dazzling images, and a live onstage band. Ranked by Rolling Stone as one of the Greatest Rock Albums of all time, Pete

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Part 1: Business Survival Tips

You may be in Mail Order, Direct Mail, or you may be a local merchant with 150 employees; whichever, however or whatever - you've got to know how to keep your business alive during economic recessions. Anytime the cash flow in a business, large or small, starts to tighten up, the money management of that business has to be run as a "tight ship."

Some of the things you can and should do include protecting yourself from expenditures made on sudden impulse. We've all bought merchandise or services we really didn't need simply because we were in the mood, or perhaps in response to the flamboyancy of the advertising or the persuasiveness of the salesperson. Then we sort of "wake up" a couple of days later and find that we've committed hundreds of dollars of business funds for an item or service that's not essential to the success of our own business, when really pressing items had been waiting for those dollars.

If you are incorporated, you can eliminate these "impulse purchases chases" by including in your by-laws a clause that states: "All purchasing decisions over (a certain amount) are contingent upon approval by the board of directors." This will force you to consider any "impulse purchases" of considerable cost, and may even be a reminder in the case of smaller purchases.

If your business is a partnership, you can state, when faced with a buying decision, that all purchases are contingent upon the approval of a third party. In reality, the third party can be your partner, one of your department heads, or even one of your suppliers.

If your business is a sole proprietorship, you

don't have much to worry about really, because as an individual you have three days to think about your purchase, and then to nullify that purchase if you think you don't really need it or can't afford it.

While you may think you cannot afford it, be sure that you don't "short-change" your self on professional services. This would apply especially during a time of emergency. Anytime you commit yourself and move ahead without completely investigating all the angles, and preparing yourself for all the contingencies that may arise, you're skating on thin ice. Regardless of the costs involved, it always pays off in the long run to seek out the advice of experienced professionals before embarking on a plan that could ruin you.

Particularly when sales are down, you must be "hard-nosed" with people trying to sell you luxuries for your business. When business is booming, you undoubtedly will allow sales people to show you new models of equipment or a new line of supplies; but when your business is down, skip the entertaining frills and concentrate

on the basics. Great care must be taken however, to maintain courtesy and allow these sellers to consider you a friend and call back at another time.

Your company's books should reflect your way of thinking, and whoever maintains them should generate information according to your policies. Thus, you should hire an outside accountant or accounting firm to figure your return on your

investment, as well as the turnover on your accounts receivable and inventory. Such an audit or survey should focus in depth on any or every item within your financial statement that merits special attention. In this way, you'll probably uncover any potential financial problems before they become readily apparent, and certainly before they could get out of hand.

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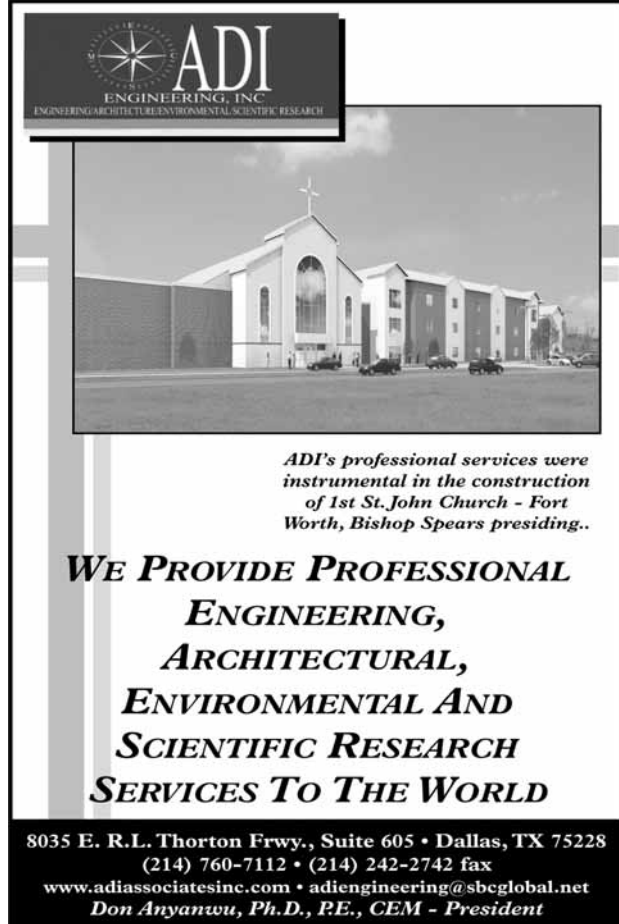
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today feeling no small amount of gratitude. Because I know that my story, and so many other improbable stories, would not be possible without all that the Urban League has done to put opportunity within reach of every American, Obama said in his opening statement to the cheering and applauding crowd. "It's because of the doors you've opened, because of the battles you've fought and won, because of people in this room and all those who came before you, that I come here today as a candidate for President of the United States of America."

It was two days of raw political campaigning by both candidates for the Black audience thirsting to hear perspectives on socio-economic issues. Marc Morial, NUL president and CEO, sat on a stool close to the podium

as both candidates spoke. Morial then asked them questions based on issues included in the NUL's "Opportunity Compact", a comprehensive report on the state of Black America, which includes extensive research data and policy recommendations.

"This election is about the 47 million people who don't have health care – including 1 in 5 African-Americans – people for whom one accident, one illness could mean financial ruin," said Obama, promising to "guarantee health care for anyone who needs it."

On the 2.5 million people facing foreclosure, Obama said he would support tax credits to help low and medium-income families as well as establish easier ways to refinance mortgage loans.

McCain, who received several strong applause

during his speech, appeared more comfortable with NUL than he did before the NAACP audience a month ago.

"Equal access to public education has been gained. But, what is the value of access to a failing school? Equal employment opportunity is set firmly down in law. But with jobs becoming scarcer – and 400,000 Americans thrown out of work just this year – that can amount to an equal share of diminished opportunity," McCain said.

But, McCain talked more about education reform than anything, again pitching his support for charter school vouchers, which fell on a silent audience. Most historic African-American groups oppose vouchers because they take money that could go to public schools and give it to private

schools. "Some parents may choose a better public school. Some may choose a private school. Many will choose a charter school. No entrenched bureaucracy or union should deny parents that choice and children that opportunity," he told the quiet audience.

The most enthusiastic applause during the McCain speech was for his promise to reform school budgets "to put the money and the responsibilities where they belong – in the office of the school principle."

Still, it was Obama who drew obvious awe from onlookers.

It was amazing, everything I thought it was

going to be – inspirational and really hopeful," said a beaming Latoya Hoflin, who will be "15 in two weeks."

Hoflin, from Atlanta, says since she's not old enough to vote, she will "and try to get other people to vote for him."

The Obama enthusiasm crossed the age spectrum. Dennis Rahim Watson, president and CEO of the National Black Leadership Council and the chairman of the National Youth & Gang Violence Task Force, left the speech with a broad smile, saying he too has a new level of hope.

"Young Black children can be what they see. He has raised the level of our

expectations of what we can be. So, I am touched. He felt the pulse of the people, very down to earth, very clear," he said.

It was Obama's ability to deliver a clear message that was first on the attack list for McCain.

"If there's one thing he always delivers, it's a great speech. But, I hope you'll listen carefully, because his ideas are not always as impressive as his rhetoric," said McCain.

The quips about each other will no doubt escalate as both candidates get closer to the Nov. 4 election that could make Obama the first Black president in America's history.

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media conditioned to feel inadequate!

According to the media, we all should be skinnier, sexier, healthier, wealthier and wiser. Our kids should be like Leave it to Beaver and our life like Ozzie and Harriet.

A blessing is in the eye of the beholder. To be able to see is a blessing to the blind; to be able to walk is a blessing to the crippled; to have a home and family is a blessing to the homeless; and to live in freedom is a blessing to those under persecution.

What are your blessings? How do you count? Why is this important and where do you start?

Get a piece of paper and start your list. First, look at yourself, next look at your relationships and finally look at your family's outlook for the future. Where are your blessings and how can you be a blessing to others?

How are you blessing

your body? What you read, listen to and watch will significantly impact your success or failure. You can think your way into failure or success to a large part depending on what you allow into your mind. Likewise, our bodies will respond to what we eat, drink or otherwise ingest. Like our minds, our bodies, if not exercised regularly, will operate at less than peak efficiency.

Our family and relationships define who we are. Last year, I attended a funeral that had more than a thousand people in attendance. The deceased was not a celebrity or public official; however he had touched the lives of many through several community roles that he had performed. The program was fairly normal, with the exception of tributes by several of his nieces, nephews and close friends.

All expressed their gratitude for his positive attitude, his ability to share and the blessings that he bestowed upon them. Who are you blessing today?

Most of our adult life will be spent on a job. If the job is one that you enjoy and you are good at, it will be a blessing. However, if it is one that you don't enjoy, you will only go through the motions until the end of each day. Is your job a blessing? If not, how can you change it to be more exciting or do you have to move on to something more in line with your motivations?

Life is a journey, not a destination. Live each day as if you will die tomorrow, but plan as if you will live forever. When you go to bed tonight, count your blessing and when you wake up tomorrow be a blessing to those around you.

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From staff reports

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the network's most watched program ever.

Just recently, a group of motivated supporters created and launched BlackInAmerica.com - the first ever socially-conscious social network. The site, which is free to use, is not affiliated with CNN - but it does complement their "Black In

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M.Div. from New Light Bible Fellowship Church will be our speaker and @ 3:30 pm. Dr. Joseph Sheppard from Ben Washington BC will be our speaker.

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August 20 - 24, 2008

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Sister Tarpley

This summer with so many family members and friends making the transitioning from this world to the next; I started thinking, "What kind of legacy (how they lived their life) did they fashion in this lifetime? What lessons have they relinquished onto those of us remaining? Another way this has been stated is, "What will the dash between your sunrise and your sunset remind your family and friends about you?"

For a small sect of individuals, particularly those individuals whom society has exalted, the idea of leaving a legacy (some-

A Legacy Worth Leaving Behind

thing given, like property, money, or even a 'great' name for those who follow) it might be easier to comprehend or understand as a tangible item.

But the broader meaning of the word legacy includes anything that we have done to make a difference in the lives of those who follow us.

The matter of our legacy involves far more than just the use of our earthly treasures, especially for Christians, to fabricate change. It is the giving of our time to our family, our friends, church, community and others that need our help.

When my children were growing up, I counted it a joy to take them to church

and other outings, to talk to them about what is expected of them when they have a family, when they have a new church home, when they live in a different community and all about the facts of life.

What I didn't realize at the time was the undeniable impression that I was making on my children. One day I heard my daughter, Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott, tell someone, 'my mother never said to me and my brother, if you go to college, it was always, 'when you go to college.' Later, I realized that was a small part of the legacy promoting Christian faith, education and being a Good Samaritan that was passed down to me from my parents, who in turn, I believe,

received the same from their parents. My father, Mr. Lloyd David Demus, often stated, "Do your best to leave the world better than you found it."

Moreover, when I think of a wonderful legacy that is sure to be passed forward, I think of my friend, Mr. Eugene Tinner, who over the years, I have watched. He took his family to church, diligently worked with Boy Scouts, the schools, his community and serving in his church for 45 years plus.

Think about it now, while you have the time, what will be your legacy when you have left this world for the next? With the help of God, it can be discovering how you might make a positive difference in



Picture of The Week:

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond (Shurandia) Holden, State Farm Insurance Agent, an "Out-on-the-Town" Night.

someone else's life. Ask God to help you to utilize your time, talents, and treasures to leave a legacy that is worthy to be followed. Legacies of love, education, and the freedom of hope for those left behind.

But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister." "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for

many." --Matthew 20:26 & 28. (KJV)

Words of Wisdom: If there are two persons praying, there are three. If three meet to pray, there are four praying. There is always one more than you can see. --S.D. Gordon. If you want to have sustained joy, you have to not only make sure that you think right, but you also have to make decisions now that are going to guarantee some joy in the future. --Joyce Meyer.

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New Beginning Center Announces Silver Anniversary Stand up for Families

From staff reports

- New Beginning Center would like to announce the Silver Anniversary Stand Up for Families! This year the Texas themed event will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson on Saturday, September 6th.

Stand Up for Families' is going to be a "good ole' fashion honky tonkin' Texas-style good time" according to Special Events Coordinator, Nico Smith.

This highly anticipated, annual event will have special guest host, Michael Urie from ABC's Ugly Betty as well as a seated dinner, live and silent auctions. The live auction is one of the most exciting pieces of the event and some of the feature packages include a trip to New Mexico, trip to New York with Broadway show tickets and a backstage tour of



the Ugly Betty set, and a Chef's Tasting at Capital Grille.

The goal this year is to raise \$175,000 to fund much needed services such as emergency shelter and victim outreach counseling for victims of domestic violence. New Beginning Center really needs your support! This is an exciting and fun way to help end domestic vio-

lence and at the same time you have a chance to win some spectacular items!

The Silver Anniversary Stand Up for Families will be held The Renaissance Hotel which is located at 900 E. Lookout Drive in Richardson, TX at

6:00pm. Individual tickets are \$75, a table of eight is \$550, and a table of ten is \$675.

To join Baylor Garland, Texas Health Resources, Kelly Reynolds Interiors, Car Guy Media, and Harold Simmons

Foundation as event sponsors or for more information on the event and tickets, please contact Nico Smith at 972.276.0423 ext. 245 or nsmith@new-beginningcenter.org.

New Beginning Center fosters an environment of

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