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## Clinton Nails Bush, Pushes for Obama in DNC Speech

By Hazel Trice Edney  
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

Former Democratic presidential contender Hillary Rodham Clinton – standing before thousands of cheering fans and supporting delegates at the Democratic National

Convention –hammered home the need for all Democrats to back Democratic nominee Barack Obama in order to protect “all those people left out and left behind” by the Bush Administration.

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## Remembering Isaac Hayes



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Rey Rodriguez, partner, Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. and event sponsor; Judge Lela Mays; and Dr. Michael Noyes, director, Dallas County Community Supervision & Corrections, celebrate the graduation of Dallas County's first class of intensive drug treatment defendants.

## “Drug Treatment Court” graduates first class

From staff reports

In packed room with 500-plus guests at the Frank Crowley Courts Building, 32 men and women donning graduating gowns and proud

smiles, became the first graduating class of S.T.A.C. (Successful Treatment of Addiction through Collaboration), a special program of the Dallas County Courts.

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## Comedienne Kim Whitley cruises for love on Joyner trip

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Commentary

## Zimbabwe As It Is

By Nicole C. Lee  
NNPA Columnist

As of the day I write this column, it has been 146 days since Zimbabweans first went to cast their votes in the 2008 presidential election. Nearly 21 weeks later, with their country in economic shambles, those same Zimbabweans live day-to-day burdened by unemployment, hunger, and abuse at the hands of the state sponsored mili-

tary.

Meetings are held, press conferences are conducted, and empathy expressed worldwide. What good is this posturing to the people of Zimbabwe?

This past week, Wellington Chibebe, Secretary-General of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unionists (ZCTU) visited the US. During his stay in the U.S., he shared the true stories of union members and regular people trying to

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## Nomination 'A Step Toward' Fulfillment of the Dream

By Hazel Trice Edney  
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America has come a step closer to the fulfillment of Dr. King's dream in Denver this week with the official coronation and acceptance speech of U. S. Sen. Barack Obama as the

Democratic nominee for president, civil rights insiders say.

“Barack Obama's address to the nation is unparalleled in its significance. Coming nearly 50 years after the dramatic impact that both president John Kennedy and Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr. made when they broke new ground for all Americans, he is able to use the benefits he received from both trailblazers and offer America a plan to restore our global role as a country of conscience and persuade a

new generation of Americans about the importance of public service,” says Harvard law school professor Charles Ogletree, also executive director of Harvard's Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice.

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## People In The News...



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## Latresa Williams Clark

Latresa Williams Clark is the founder of the BeDazzled Acting Company which was established in June of 2003. She has created an avenue for individuals of all ages to obtain piano, acting, and dance, and voice instruction, career consultation for those pursuing a career in the entertainment industry. Clark acquired a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theatre

and a Minor in Vocal & Piano Performance and a Master of Arts Degree in Mass Communications from Grambling State University. As a playwright, theatrical producer, published writer, pianist, and actress, Clark has obtained experience and expertise in a number of fields in the entertainment industry. At age fifteen, she began working for var-

ious churches as a pianist and organist and has acquired nine years of experience. She has taught piano for eight years to students of various ages. While attending Grambling State University, she earned 23 hours of instruction in Vocal and Piano Performance. As a member of the High School All-star Acting Cast for the state of Mississippi, she began dazzling audiences at an early age with her dazzling and comical stage presence.

Along with her high school theatrical training, she also received training and experience while attending Grambling State University. In addition to performing in lead University roles, she also wrote, directed, and produced original plays for her own BeDazzled Acting Company including Mistaken Identities, One dARK sISTER's tRIUMPH, & Revenge Is Sweet. Clark obtained other professional acting



experience with guest

appearances on major feature films such as Glory Road and Last Holiday. She also acquired professional film production experience while working for Infiniti Productions. Clark is a member of the PLAN Fund, a Dallas non-profit organization that assists entrepreneurs by providing training, networking and financial support. Recently, PLAN Fund recognized Clark as one of its Outstanding Small Businesses of the quarter.

## Dina D. Strachan, M.D.

Recently named one of the nation's top doctors by the Consumers' Research Council of America, Dina D. Strachan, M. D., a board-certified dermatologist, directs her own private practice in New York City. Educated at the finest institutions in the country, Dr. Strachan believes it is both an honor and a responsibility to be a dermatologist. "We make up perhaps fewer than two percent of all doctors and most other doctors know very little about skin disease," she

states. "We have a responsibility to educate both our colleagues and the public."

Dr. Strachan has attended some of the most prestigious educational institutions in the world. At the age of 20 she graduated from Harvard College in Cambridge, MA with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. She later received her medical degree from Yale Medical School in New Haven, CT. Dr. Strachan completed a medicine internship and dermatology residen-

cy, both at the University of California, San Francisco. She is a faculty member at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Strachan uses her extensive cross-cultural experience to provide the best service to her patients. A seasoned traveler from an early age, she has visited, lived in and studied in many parts of the world, including India, Thailand, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, South Africa, Panama and Europe. "Having exposure to people of different backgrounds is definitely an



asset," she states. She believes it helps with both the patient interactions as well as with the medicine. "I can take excellent care of a person with lighter skin who has skin cancer,

" she states, "but I can also address the fact that people with dark skin can also develop skin cancer and should use sunscreen. I can take care of every-

body." Prior to going into private practice, Dr. Strachan had a career in academics where she distinguished herself as an educator. Shortly after completing her training in San Francisco, Dr. Strachan joined the faculty of UCLA, and Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. She was Director of Resident Education at King-Drew Medical

Center in Los Angeles prior to returning to New York. Dr. Strachan has published a number of articles and chapters, and has lectured extensively, both nationally and internationally, on a variety of topics in dermatology.

Pursuing a side interest in how technology impacts healthcare, Dr. Strachan has also done post-doctoral training in the Department of Biomedical Informatics at Columbia University. She received a certificate in Medical Informatics from the prestigious National Library of Medicine program in Woods Hole, MA.

## Toni Beckham

Toni Beckham is president and CEO of PR, et Cetera, Inc. a full-service public relations and marketing communications firm she established in June 1999. In the company's earliest days, Toni promoted events for friends and acquaintances without charge to familiarize the public with her work. One such promotion led to the acquisition of her first paying client, Tavis Smiley, author, civic activist, and then host of the widely popular one-hour nightly talk show on national cable station, Black Entertainment Television, "BET Tonight with Tavis Smiley." PR, et Cetera has represented him on several occasions since.

The credibility and notoriety she derived from representing Smiley enabled Toni to transform her entrepreneurial dream into a successful company, whose services are highly sought-after by prominent and influential individuals and organizations throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Included among her past and current clients are Black Jewels Ladies Golf Association Inc., CityFlight Media Network, Coach Ken Carter, Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, New Orleans Bill's Creole Foods, Inc., the Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), Montalvo Arts Center, and "Gumbo for the Soul"

Literacy Program.

Toni is recognized as one who contributes to and advocates for her community. She is a recipient of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Community Service Award, presented to her by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. in recognition and appreciation of her community volunteerism within the business environment; a certificate of recognition from California State Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg for outstanding contributions to business development and dedication to volunteerism; the KNTV NewsChannel 11 "Spirit of Excellence" Award in recognition of community service as a volunteer tutor; Diversity Spirit Achievement Award presented by Diversity



Recruiters Network.org and City Career Fair Productions for leadership and active support of diversity in the community and workplace; and Ethnic Media Award presented by Bay Area Black United Fund, Inc. (BABUF) in recognition of excellence in Electronic Media promotion for its signature

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American community about its health crisis and healthcare disparities.

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## The Truth Clinic

## Political Pandering For Legislating Morality

By James W. Breedlove  
NNPA Columnist

It is not difficult to understand why a significant number of American voters are confused or undecided about their choice for president. The campaign has been underway for over two years and to keep the airwaves, newspapers and magazines supplied with fresh material requires massive infusions of information, most of which has no direct relationship to the president's constitutional duties.

In the process of trying to sift through and make sense of the mountains of data being created for voter consumption Americans instead of becoming more informed have become victims of information overload. Traumatized voters who are queried by persistent pollsters continue to respond with the plaintive pleas of needing more information on the candidates and the issues.

It is obvious that there is a complex maze of issues being bandied about in the various debates, forums, roundtables and town hall meetings. One question rarely asked is what bearing do they have on what should be the priorities of the president? For most voters the question is neither asked nor answered. What should the voter be looking for in their president?

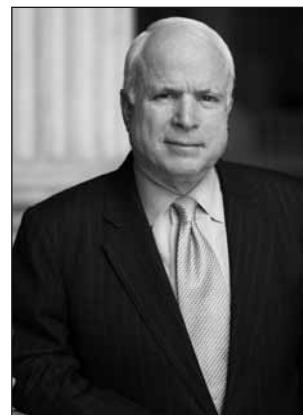
First, the president must be able to protect the nation from all enemies, both foreign and domestic. Those that would deliberately do harm to America must be neutralized and dealt with decisively. If American citizens are not safe then nothing else matters. No American can achieve their fullest potential while cowering in a state of fear.

Also the integrity of the actions initiated by the president to ensure the nation's safety is critical. The nation has experienced the disastrous results of responding to trumped up threats from phantom enemies.

Second, Americans should demand that the president use the prestige of his office to create and stimulate a dynamic economic environment where business is thriving and jobs are plentiful. It is impossible for Americans to purposely pursue life, liberty and happiness without a sense of economic security. The recessionary malaise currently griping the nation because of the unfortunate economic policies implemented over the past seven years by the Bush administration should be a powerful message.

Finally, the president must exhibit a strong resolve for fiscal restraint. Budgetary discipline must be a high priority and closely correlated to the nation's interests. Citizens would be better served by having their taxes reduced based on controlled spending rather than political posturing. National fiscal stability is the foundation needed if America is to afford its citizens the sorely needed enhancements to a quality life such as health-care, education, and a livable retirement.

The recent shootout at the Saddleback Civil Forum on the Presidency hosted by Pastor Rick Warren illustrates how voters have been misled into co-opting current presidential candidates Obama and McCain into expending political capital on morality issues that are not part of the job description of the president. The evangelical demographic is too large



Sen. John McCain

for any politician to ignore.

That the Warren forum was compelling goes without saying, but it was still hard to not notice that it was slanted in McCain's favor. This is understandable after considering who was hosting the event. What is more disturbing though was the post-analysis bias displayed on CNN. The panel consisted of four people, two moderates and two conservatives. Upon closer inspection, one of the four panelists was Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council. So much for analytical fairness.

The two hour forum covered faith issues dealing with abortion, gays, stem cells, the existence of evil, faith based initiatives, and personal faith in God. Obama answered the questions with thoughtful authenticity that addressed the nuances of each issue's complexity. McCain on the other hand had crisp, direct, and concise answers honed to this religious constituency. The stark simplicity of McCain's responses seemed to appeal to most of the news analysts as they examined the candidates' performances in terms of an absolute litmus test on the quality of the candidate to be president.

The result was an hour of analysis which slammed

Obama as being "nuanced" and praising McCain as having "connected" because his anecdotes were more interesting. At one point, one of the analysts said that McCain was effective because "America loves stories." There was no instant call in demand for an apology to this insulting identification of the American people as being too stupid to comprehend Obama's substantive answers but readily understanding McCain's stories. Are we all political children in this country?

Hopefully the evangelical base and the nation remember the lessons of the last seven years under the Bush administration. Simplicity is no substitute for good judgment. The hundreds of thousands killed for a war that has now been proven to be purposefully based on lies. The raping of the environment for big business. The impoverishing of a nation as the poor get poorer and the rich get richer.

The extreme right wing knows how to manipulate voters into compromising their own best interests. They will unleash the abortion issue like a sledge hammer to your head. And while you believe you are casting your vote for the "pro-life" candidate, you inadvertently will be voting for the pro-war, pro-rich, and anti-environment candidate.

What do we learn from Saddleback type forums? Nothing we did not already know except that these political events are not designed to inform voters but rather to serve as a venue to legitimize morality political pandering.

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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!

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## 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.

# Kenyan Bloggers Among Finalists for Innovation Prize

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Kenyan techies are among four finalists for the Grand Prize in this year's Knight-Batten Awards for Innovations in Journalism.

Their project: Ushahidi: Crowdsourcing Crisis Information - modeling

urgent grassroots information-sharing in a time of crisis - lets bloggers and citizen journalists text eyewitness accounts and map incidents of political violence.

The impetus behind the website was a belief that the number of deaths being reported by the gov-

ernment, police, and media during last year's election violence were grossly underreported. Beyond trying to present a fuller picture of what happened based on citizen reported information, they want to create an archive of events that occurred after the election results

were announced.

"Once we are done with the mapping of incidents, we also hope that we can begin to put names and faces to the people who have lost their lives and create a memorial of sorts." Information about the site can be found at [www.usahidi.com](http://www.usahidi.com)

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make a living in Zimbabwe. Out of 40 million Zimbabweans, there are only 700,000 in the active labor market. Of that 700,000, Chibebe proudly speaks of a membership in ZCTU numbering nearly 300,000.

While it is easy to skim over numbers, he represents almost 42% of Zimbabwe's working citizens. Also, it is vital that those who care about the fate of Zimbabwe listen to his voice because Chibebe is not a candidate for president of Zimbabwe, nor a surrogate of either party. Actually, Chibebe

thinks Mugabe's party, ZANU-PF, and the Tsvangirai's party, Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), are both flawed.

Chibebe speaks with a disarming smile that almost makes you forget that he was once a child soldier, fighting for Zimbabwe's independence. At the same time, his passion for Zimbabwe is unmistakable. When asked about the reported 80% unemployment rate, Chibebe replied that the rate was closer to 95 percent. Some people are underemployed, thus

earn wages that cannot support their families. For example, a bottle of soda costs more than the average wages earned by Zimbabwean teachers per day. Because some teachers have been critical of the government, there is little incentive for increasing wages to a level by which teachers can survive.

The underemployment rate is one of many examples Chibebe gave of the situation on the ground in Zimbabwe that we don't hear on CNN or read in the western papers. The international media focus is on

the presidential situation, which is important, but the worst human tragedies are happening to the average Zimbabwean citizens. Their stories - indeed their voices - are being muffled by canned statements and rhetoric. Leaders in the Western world claim to visit Zimbabwe and come out with the stories from the ground, but their visits are almost always scheduled through the government or the opposition party. They see what people want them to see.

And they hear what they want to hear. Chibebe repeatedly stated that the people of Zimbabwe will

not rest until they have a true democracy which will not rest with any one leader but that leadership must be continually accountable to the people.

Chibebe consistently repeated his invitation for all of us to come to the rural areas if we really want the full story. Don't stay in the bigger cities like Harare and Bulawayo. Stay with the people, not in a hotel. Experience what it is like to have to leave your home at 3:00am to walk three hours to work because you cannot afford transportation, not to return home until 11:00pm. Then get up and do it again. And again. Hopefully you

can earn enough money to buy one meal a day for your family. Most likely, there will be enough for one meal every two days. It is easy for us to nod understandingly when we discuss skyrocketing inflation, but I can barely comprehend what 11,000,000% inflation must look like. In what other country can a millionaire not afford to feed his family?

The people of Zimbabwe are suffering, and people like Wellington Chibebe have committed to telling their stories to anyone who will listen. I am committed not just to hear, but to truly listen.



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# Rockwall resident set to open Weight Off for Life on Sept. 2

## Business to offer health counseling to Rockwall residents and to those in the surrounding Dallas, Kaufman Counties

From staff reports

In an effort to help residents of Rockwall and neighboring communities to lose weight and reach optimal health, Diane Porter, a master's degreed registered nurse and an applied clinical nutritionist, will open Weight Off for Life, a nutrition and natural optimal health counseling center, on Sept. 2 at Rockwall Executive Center, 500 Turtle Creek Cove Blvd., Suite 130, in Rockwall.

Porter, a certified health coach and a long-time Rockwall resident,

will see Weight Off for Life's clients by appointment. She has particular expertise in addressing the health and nutritional needs of men and women of all ages.

Porter said for many years she's watched as her patients have struggled with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, sleep apnea and many other maladies as a result of the weight and nutritional deficiencies.

"Proper nutrition requires balance and the ability to make the necessary changes in lifestyle,"

she said. "To help the community in which I live, I wanted to open this business in Rockwall to serve the residents' health needs. I want to serve the health needs of those in the surrounding communities, too."

Porter has been counseling clients about their nutritional and health needs for seven years at Dallas-based Pharmacy Compounding Specialties, which she owns with her husband, Jim Porter, a natural consultant pharmacist. The couple's pharmacy attracts many Rockwall-

area residents.

To schedule a nutrition and health evaluation at no charge, call Porter at 972-722-8200 or 972-345-8617.

"Our nation is suffering from many diseases directly related to the standard American diet, which is unhealthy," Porter said. "Structure and support help people make any necessary changes to boost disease prevention and decrease the need for pharmaceutical drugs, as well as disabilities and deaths from chronic diseases.

"Eating healthy is a

learned behavior."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's statistics show more than one-third of adults ---more than 72 million people---in the United States were obese in 2005-2006, the latest figures available. That's 33.3 percent of men and 35.3 percent of women. Obesity is defined as a body mass index of 30 or greater. BMI is calculated from a person's weight and height and provides a reasonable indicator of body fatness and weight categories that may lead to health problems.

"Just making small changes can improve a person's health dramatically," Porter said.

"Choosing low-fat snacks instead of a candy bar or being mindful of the portions being served in restaurants can improve a person's health in wonderful ways."

In addition to the one-on-one counseling, Porter also will offer weight loss programs aimed at delivering results in a group setting. Wellness and weight management seminars will be held monthly at Weight Off for Life's Rockwall Natural Lifestyles Training Center.

"As a certified health coach, I offer the guidance, skill and tools to help people succeed in their health goals," she said.

## Parents: Five Reasons to Have "The Talk"

From staff reports

**1. Your children are actually listening to you!** It's time to be talking. A recent survey by The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancies showed teens are most influenced by their parents when it comes to making decisions. The use of DVDs, books and good research will help you become more comfortable on how to begin the conversation as well as help you dispel any common myths and give correction information.

**2. Adolescents need adult guidance to make good decisions.** Young people want to be heard and want to be involved in decision making. However, because the portion of their brain responsible for adult judgment does not fully mature until the age average of 25, they still need and want adult guidance. Because sex can literally change a person's brain by influencing the thought process and affecting future decisions, be sure to give your advice on these

decisions and listen too.

**3. Schools teach about the physical health impacts of sex, but addressing the psychological affects is just as important.** Condoms can reduce the risks of some STDs by up to 85 percent, but it does not guard against are the psychological and emotional impacts of sex. Studies show that both boys and girls who have had sex at a young age are three times more likely to be depressed than their friends who abstained until later in life. Most schools only talk about the short term affects of sex. Pick up where sex education leaves off and discuss the emotional and long term affects.

**4. Children and teens can become addicted to risky behavior.** Dopamine is a chemical released in the brain that makes a person feel good when he or she does something exciting or rewarding. Sex is one of the strongest generators of the dopamine reward. When it comes to sex, adolescents

become "hooked" to the behavior before they are in a healthy, committed relationship. Make sure you discuss your family's stance on sexual health and the reasons for those positions.

**5. Casual sex can decrease the bonding abilities for future relationships.** Chemicals released in the brain prove that physical intimacy is pur-

posed for relational bonding. An individual who goes from sex partner to sex partner causes his or her brain to accept that sexual pattern as normal therefore decreasing the ability to form meaningful, deep bonds. Studies show that children who feel a support network at home are likely to abstain from sexual activity and in turn have healthier lifelong relationships.

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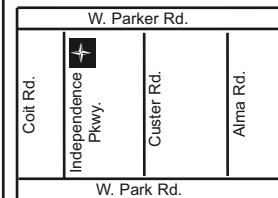
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# Back to School 2008 Checklist

## Angie's List reminds parents to avoid preparing at the last minute

From staff reports

Summer is winding down and before you know it, you'll be loading the kids up on the bus. It's time for parents to get the kids organized to head back to school.

Angie's List (<http://www.angieslist.com/>), the nation's leading provider of consumer ratings on local service companies, put together a back to school checklist for parents, using insights from members and top providers of back-to-school needs like before-and-after school child care, hair cuts, tutoring, driver's education, computer servicing and sales – even school uniform needs.

Some of the information may surprise you. For instance, we found a service that usually has waiting lists, such as those who teach music lessons, are less busy this year. On the

other hand, services such as computer repair shops, recommend getting a head start before the bell even rings to ensure a more successful year.

"The best thing parents can do is get their own homework done well before summer vacation winds down," said Angie Hicks, founder of Angie's List. "Many providers are already getting booked up; get in now to get the best service and to have time for any last-minute emergencies."

Angie's List recently polled its members nationwide about their back to school plans:

Going to the pediatrician: About two-thirds of school age children will head to the doctor before the school year begins. We have tips for picking a pediatrician – see why age and gender might matter.

Before and after school care: The poll found level of care received is the most important

factor members considered in selecting a childcare center. See Angie's 10 questions to ask potential childcare providers.

Hiring a tutor: More than one-in-four-kids have used a tutor in the past and another one-in-three might require one this year. We talked to some highly rated tutors who offered A-rated advice to help your scholars excel in school.

Getting pictures taken: School pictures matter to families. Most schools schedule their photo day early in the school year. Angie offers some tips for parents, kids and those incoming high school seniors.

Taking music lessons: 40 percent of Angie's List members said their child or children will take up music this year. Generally, parents can't miss out on the getting the best instructors if they don't act fast – see why instructors are playing a different tune this year.

Getting your computer up to speed: The majority of poll respondents will not be buying a new computer this school

year. Angie provides advice on how parents can ensure their computer stays up to processing speed.

School uniforms: Nearly one-quarter of Angie's List respondents say their child is required to wear a uniform to school. We spoke to some highly-rated alterations companies who provided some helpful advice on making sure your child has the best fit.

Taking driving lessons: Will you have a student driver in the household this year? Car crashes are the leading cause of death among teens. It's important to enroll your child in Driver's Education as soon as they turn 15. What you need to know before they get behind the wheel.

Time for a haircut: Your child wants to make a good first impression at school, so make sure they are a cut above with a great hair cut. Highly-rated stylists shared their advice on how to get the cut you want.

## COLLEGE CORNER

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## Collin College Offers Language Classes In Frisco



Cary A Israel, President

From staff reports

Collin College Continuing Education is expanding its Communication Improvement (English as a Second Language) and Spanish courses to the Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 2, Levels 1, 2 and 3 of Communication Improvement (English as a

Second Language) will be offered from 8-10 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday.

Spanish I will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, and Spanish II from 7-9:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

The Preston Ridge Campus is located at 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco.

Language courses will still be offered at the Courtyard Center for Professional and Economic Development, 4800 Preston Park Blvd. in Plano, and the Central Park Campus, 2200 W. University Drive in McKinney.

Collin College's Continuing Education is home to the Strategic Language Institute, a series of courses teaching Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Iranian, Korean and

Russian. Other languages taught through Continuing Education includes French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and American

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For more information or to register, call 972.985.3711 or register online at [www.ccccd.edu/ce](http://www.ccccd.edu/ce).



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**Topics Discussed:** Family Values, Juvenile Homes, Alcoholism & Drug Addiction, Teenage Pregnancy & Self Preservation, etc.



Lake Highlands Recreation Center 9940 White Rock Trail, Dallas, Texas "Presents" N2NE Basketball and Soccer League. Registration deadline is May 24th 2008. Registration fee: \$25.00 per youth. League starts June 7th -July 31st We are in need of referee's and coaches for our league if you are interested please send your resume to one of the following: [Rich\\_etta@n2ne-ym.com](mailto:Rich_etta@n2ne-ym.com), [penny@n2ne-ym.com](mailto:penny@n2ne-ym.com), or [kdedmon@cokecce.com](mailto:kdedmon@cokecce.com)

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- A teenage marijuana user's odds of dropping out are more than twice that of a non-user.<sup>1</sup>
- The short-term effects of marijuana can include impaired memory and ability to learn.<sup>2</sup>

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**Ongoing**

**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](mailto: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. 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](http://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](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

**SHARE! PISD International Exchange Student Program** is in the

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**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](http://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 visit [www.nbwen.org](http://www.nbwen.org) or [info@nbwen.org](mailto: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 29**

**The Labor Day Concert** featuring Montell Jordan, The Latin Express Band, Comedian AJ Jamal & Grammy Award Winner, Sunny Ozuna. Begins at 7 p.m. at the Fort Worth Will Rogers Auditorium. Tickets are \$18, \$28, and \$38 respectively. Visit [www.cowboysofcolor.org](http://www.cowboysofcolor.org).

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**August 30**

**13th Annual Fort Worth Cowboys of Color Rodeo** the parade begins at 12 noon followed by children's activities from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. and the rodeo at 7 p.m. The event will take place at the Fort Worth Will Rogers Coliseum. Admission Is \$12 fro children 3-12 years, \$15 for adults, and \$20 for box seats. Call 817-922-9999, email [Info@cowboysofcolor.org](mailto:Info@cowboysofcolor.org) or visit [www.cowboysofcolor.org](http://www.cowboysofcolor.org).

**August 30**

**Pork chops and Politics featuring Kevin Powell.** Join us as we hear from political activist, poet, journalist, essayist, hip-hop historian, public speaker, and entrepreneur Kevin Powell and discuss politics while eating pork chops. Come to the South Dallas Café 3126 Grand Ave, Dallas, TX 75215 from noon - 2 p.m. Admission Is \$10. Call 214-670-7809 or email [larry.jefferson@dallaslibrary.org](mailto:larry.jefferson@dallaslibrary.org) by August 22.

**September 6 & 13**

**Dallas Youth Orchestra** will hold auditions for string students ages 8-18. The application fee is \$25, but there are scholarships available. No student will be turned away due to financial reasons. Call 214-823-4269, email [gaylepunch@yahoo.com](mailto:gaylepunch@yahoo.com), or visit [www.punchfamily-foundation.org](http://www.punchfamily-foundation.org).

**September 6**

**Grandparent Palooza** at the Methodist Charlton Medical Center Auditorium

from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All grandparents are invited to discover their roles in the 21st century. Our focus will be, nutrition, entertainment, education and how to take care of yourselves. Call 214-947-0017.

**September 6**

**Stand Up for Families New Beginning Center** would like to announce the Silver Anniversary of this Texas-themed event that will be held at the Renaissance Hotel at 900 E. Lookout Dr. In Richardson, Texas at 6:00 p.m. This is an exciting and fun way to help end domestic violence and win great prizes. Individual tickets are \$75, \$550 for eight, and \$675 for ten. Call 972-276-0423 ext. 245 or email [nsmith@newbeginningcenter.org](mailto:nsmith@newbeginningcenter.org).

**September 6-Nov. 30**

**Texas Renaissance Festival** on FM 1774, between Magnolia and Plantersville, TX 50 miles northwest of Houston, TX. Eight themed weekends that will surely keep you coming back for more. Visit [www.texrenfest.com](http://www.texrenfest.com) or call 1-800-458-3435.

**September 9**

**Project Green Summit: "Putting Green Into Action"** Ed Begley Jr. will deliver the keynote address and cover how his eco-journey began, outline how positive changes in the environment can benefit us, and explore the challenges and solutions to adopting green practices. Come out to the Hill Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Call 972-744-4650 or visit [www.wfaa.com/projectgreen](http://www.wfaa.com/projectgreen).

**September 10**

**See the Trinity Model and Celebrate Our River** Be the first to see this 20-foot model of the Trinity River Corridor Project, and Imagine the future of our river. Call 214-740-1616 or visit [www.thetrinitytrust.org](http://www.thetrinitytrust.org).

**September 11**

**Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting** Call 469-424-0120.

**September 13**

**NAACP Garland Branch Presents 18th Annual Freedom Fund Silent Auction and Brunch** at the GISD Special Events Center 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd at North Garland Ave. and President George Bush Turnpike, Garland, TX 75040. The silent auction begins at 9:00 a.m.; the brunch begins at 10:00 a.m. and costs \$40 for Individuals and \$400 for a table. Call 972-381-5044.

**September 13**

**History Comes to Life In Downtown McKinney.** Visit <http://atomicdnc.bm23.com/public/>

**September 17**

**Internet Basics Class** at South Branch Library from 2:00 p.m. - 3 p.m. at 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76204. If you are just beginning to use the Internet or thinking about it, or if you would just like a refresher, this class is for you. The class size is limited so call 940-349-8726 or email [fred.kamman@city-ofdenton.com](mailto:fred.kamman@city-ofdenton.com).

**September 18-20**

**Loving Kindness Ministries 2008 Women's Conference "Hold On ... To Your Faith"** at the Prava Suites 13402 Noel Road, Dallas TX 75204. Come and embrace God's glory. Registration is \$50 for Adults and \$15 for youth before August 18. Call 469-254-8436.

**September 19 & 20**

**Harkey Production Auditions** for Upcoming Gospel Musical Play Singers, rappers, and actors are all welcome to come to Greater Saint John Revelation Church 3633

Atlanta Street, Dallas, TX 75215 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Call 214-607-7802 or email [harkeyproduction@yahoo.com](mailto:harkeyproduction@yahoo.com).

**September 20**

**My Second Chance Fundraiser** will honor women who make a difference in the lives of girls and women. The "Living the Dream" banquet will be held at Christ for the Nations 3516 Conway St., Dallas, TX from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$300 per table. Call 214-448-3106 or email [royceadams@mysecondchanceinc.org](mailto:royceadams@mysecondchanceinc.org).

**September 20**

**Young Professionals Leadership Development Conference** from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the University of Texas at Dallas School of Management 800 W. Campbell Road, Dallas, TX 75080. A variety of workshops to groom young professionals to achieve higher levels of leadership, professionally and socially will be available. Visit [www.ulgdyp.org](http://www.ulgdyp.org)

**September 27**

**NOCC and Pureology 5K Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer** Join hundreds in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro community at this fundraising event at the Baylor Regional Medical Center 1650 W. College Street, Grapevine, TX. Call 212-973-5351 or email [jfigueiredo@pureology-usa.com](mailto:jfigueiredo@pureology-usa.com).

**September 30 - Oct. 19 Oprah Winfrey Presents The Color Purple** at Fair Park featuring stars of the Broadway production, Jeannette Bayardelle, Felicia P. Fields and Angela Robinson, along with American Idol alum Latoya London. Tickets are \$25-\$77 at the Box Office or any Ticketmaster. Call 214-631-ARTS.s

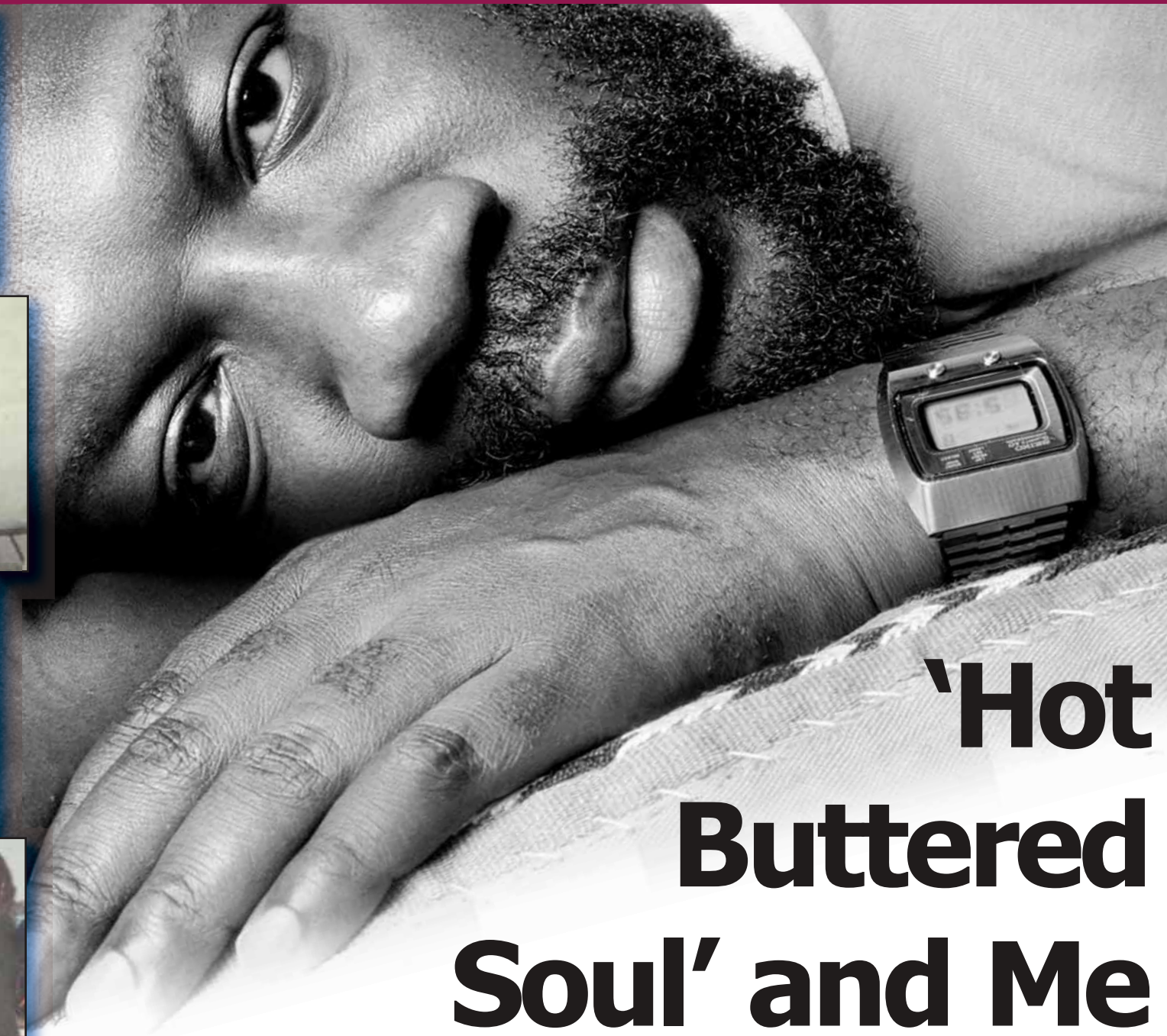
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# 'Hot Buttered Soul' and Me

## DCCCD professor remembers Isaac Hayes

By **Jacquinnette D. Murphy**  
*North Dallas Gazette*

"Hot Buttered Soul", "Black Moses", "Shaft" and "Chef" are all reminiscent of the decades of success of the 'cool of soul' - the late legendary music icon - Isaac Hayes. He is credited with shaping the Memphis music sound in the 1960. His unforgettable image, the perfectly shaved bald head worn during a time when Afros were the fashion, his elegant street fashions and his statement-making gold chains were partly due to the talent and influence of a long-time friend, Dallas Community College Instructor, Ms. Delores Elder-Jones.

Elder-Jones, a Memphis native, met Hayes one evening in the early 1960s at a nightlife venue before he was a prominent figure while she was hanging out with some friends.

"Very poor and unknown," said Elder-Jones as she remembered her first impression of the late soul music innovator. "I met him in West Memphis, Arkansas. He

was playing with a band and nobody was talking to him, so I began to strike up a conversation with him." She had no idea that this conversation would blossom into a unique friendship that would continue for more than four decades.

"It was 1963 when I became friends with him. He did not have a lot, but he was intellectual. He told me that if he ever became famous or rich, that he would take care of me because I had been kind to him." According to Elder-Jones, this characteristic of kindness was something common to Hayes.

Over the next 6 years, they kept in contact. She was a licensed master barber and he was steadily making strides toward his music career goals. Hayes' promise to Elder-Jones came to life when her phone rang in 1969 when Hayes produced his first gold album, "Hot Buttered Soul" at Stax Records. "He called to tell me that he wanted me to come over and celebrate with them."

Upon her arrival, she saw all the hoopla surrounding this milestone in his

six-year quest for stardom. A second surprise came when Hayes asked her to join him for a Chicago performance at the McCormick Place.

"I saw how the audience went wild over him and I was awed by that. He had to do several encores, but when he finally came down, I said, 'Oh my God, Bubba, you are all of that!'" she recalled, "I had never seen him in a format like this. I had only seen him as a poor person."

Hayes, born to a sharecropping family, was orphaned during his infancy and raised by his grandparents. He had forgone college to pursue his passion and had begun to make a deep imprint in the music industry. Hayes taught himself to play the piano and learned to play the saxophone. His tenacity and persistence moved him from the general session player and the opening act to the main stage. Hayes was making his debut as a solo artist as well as maintaining his co-writing relationship with Stax.

Being a licensed barber, she noticed

that his head was bumpy although he was bald. "He was keeping his head shaved, but it had bumps all on it," began Elder-Jones. "He was just going to a local shop. I said that you are too big to be going to a regular barber shop, you need to hire your own barber." Hayes instantly agreed "saying Dee your right, you can come to my studio and do my hair". With Elder-Jones' newfound perspective of her friend, she set out make his image 'bigger than life'.

"His office was red, black and white, so I would buy the towel and chair cloths that were the same color and have his initials engraved in them. I would make him feel like somebody. I would come in while he was conducting his big business meetings and give him a manicure." With her eyes beaming in remembrance, Elder-Jones summed, "He loved it." She further explained that he really did not ever have anyone at that time to make a fuss over him and to care for him like this. "I bought some cream and taught him how to shave

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# Whitley is cruising for love on Tom Joyner's Fantastic Voyage

From staff reports

Actress and comedian Kym Whitley set sail on a singles-only escapade aboard Tom Joyner's 2008 Fantastic Voyage cruise this spring, and TV One chronicled the adventure in *Cruisin' for Love with Kym Whitley*, a TV One special premiering Saturday, Aug. 30 from 10-11 PM ET. After agreeing to host the Speed Dating and Singles Party events on the cruise aboard the Royal



Caribbean Freedom of the Seas cruise ship, Kym decides to make the trip her personal quest for love as well.

As Kym enjoys seven days of fun-filled activi-

ties on the ship, her brother and friends try to help Kym find Mr. Right. From St. Thomas to Puerto Rico to Miami, Kym searches for love, from her Speed Dating event to the Mardi Gras Party and at various romantic points on shore, enjoying every moment in paradise, whether single or paired up.

Along the way, she finds other single celebrities on board who participate in some of the single-oriented events, including

Omarosa, Lamman Rucker, John Henton, A.J. Jamal, Ajai Sanders and Rolonda Watts. In St. Thomas, Kym joins up with Tom Joyner and his wife Donna Richardson at a beach party and gets some courtship advice from Donna. And at the Singles Party she co-hosts, her brother turns the tables on her with a surprise contest that has hilarious results.

The cruise is filled with non-stop fun, and Kym has a great vacation, but

does she find Mr. Right on board?

Accomplished actress and comedian Kym Whitley has been featured in many film and television series, including her first primetime role on UPN's "Sparks," which starred James Avery, Terence Howard and Robin Givens.

Whitley has also held her own in such feature films as "Fun With Dick and Jane," starring Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni; "The Perfect Man," star-

ring Heather Locklear and Hilary Duff; "Along Came Polly," starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston as well as urban flicks like "Deliver Us from Eva" with an all-star cast of LL Cool J, Gabrielle Union, Duane Martin and Meagan Good; and "Next Friday," starring Ice Cube and Mike Epps. She recently starred in the Disney film, "College Road Trip" starring opposite Martin Lawrence and Raven-Symoné.

## The Big Bang is Big Fun: Musical Spoofs World History

By John Mallory Land  
Theatre Critic

The premise is simple: while Dr. and Mrs. Sid Lipbalm are out of town for two weeks, an enterprising composer/lyricist team hope to sell their megashow by performing an impromptu condensed

version for a group of potential investors. The fact that they are encapsulating an epic musical history of the world from the creation of the universe to the present, using improvised props and costumes in the apartment of an unwitting couple, sets the faux stage for some clever

and amusing gags.

Presented in Theatre 3's downstairs Theatre Too space, *The Big Bang*, by composer Jed Feuer and lyricist Boyd Graham, explodes ambitiously across the intimate space. There's no underlying story or deeper meaning here; the concept of sell-

ing a show project really just serves as an excuse for a fun, raucous ride through history. Its fast-paced, tongue-in-cheek humor runs the gamut in terms of sophistication and taste, ranging from the risqué "Free Food and Frontal Nudity," sung by Adam and Eve, to "The

Colosseum," purred from the perspective of the Christian-devouring Leo the Lion, to "The Dating Scene," related with a Sex-and-the-City sensibility by Minnehaha and Pocahontas.

K. Doug Miller as Jed and Gary Floyd as Boyd demonstrate their respec-

tive ranges as they play a variety of characters, both men and women, throughout the ages. Standout performances include Miller's turn as Queen Isabella to Floyd's Columbus in "New World;" Floyd's Irish croon, as Paddy O'Gratin,

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## Commuting Alternatives Save Region 1 Million Miles

Drivers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area fight heavy traffic every day on the way to work and important appointments. With thousands of vehicles on the roads at the same time, traffic congestion is the inevitable result.

Many drivers have become part of the congestion solution by sharing rides with coworkers or employees of nearby companies. Some are even staying off the roads entirely by telecommuting.

Since October 2006,

commuters have been able to track their savings by [www.tryparkingit.com](http://www.tryparkingit.com), a regional alternative-commute Web site. Its popularity has grown with the escalation of gas prices. In fact, in early August, users of the site surpassed 1 million

saved miles since the site launched in 2006.

And the financial reward is significant. Since logging the first alternative commute on the site, motorists have saved an estimated 50,000 gallons of gas and more than \$2 million.

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to his one last "Potato;" and Miller's low-register torch song, as Eva Braun, about "Loving Him"—"him" being the arch-villain of the Twentieth Century, of course. The two are accompanied, and occasionally egged on, by the pianist Albert, played affably by Director and Music Director Terry Dobson.

The fast-paced whirlwind of costume changes and shifts of scene as the two romp through time become a real test of stamina for the performers. On opening night, Miller held up quite well, while Floyd seemed to struggle with lines here and there and fumbled a bit amid the myriad props and quick changes. Overall, the two make a great team and propel us forward through history at a break-neck pace.

The flexible set, designed by Theatre Three Executive Director Jac Alder, facilitates the frequent shifts in locale, and the lighting, designed by Paul Arnold, subtly sets the various scenes. The clever conceits concocted by costume designers Mark C. Guerra and Bruce R. Coleman practically become a recurring comic character in and of themselves. An ornate lampshade becomes Nefertiti's headdress, curtains are transformed into dresses, Attila the Hun sports a stainless-steel colander helmet, and Tokyo Rose and Shanghai Lil don hairdos of knitting-yarn balls—needles and all.

The hard-sell spiel is cut short by an all-too-con-

venient call from the Lipbalms, who've missed their flight and are returning home; as a result, the last century gets short shrift in a patter wrap-up that lacks the dress-up-and-pretend quality running through the rest of the show. Running under 90 minutes and presented in one act, The Big Bang doesn't try to sell any big ideas—it's just a rollicking, irreverent diversion from the workaday world, and in that respect, there's plenty of bang for your buck.

The Big Bang continues through September 7. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.theatre3dallas.com](http://www.theatre3dallas.com) or by calling 214-871-3300, option #1.

Guest Theater Reviewer John Mallory Land is a freelance writer based in Dallas.

# ATTENTION!!!

## Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce

**Meeting: Thursday, September 11, 2008**

**Location: McKinney Housing Authority  
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**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

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Obama's speech, which was set for Invesco Field at the Democratic National Convention on Thursday night, is widely viewed as a prophetic moment. It is exactly 45 years to the date that Dr. King gave the historic "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 28, 1963.

With the nomination of Sen. Obama, who would become the nation's first Black president, the "status quo" in racial progress has proven to have shifted somewhat; especially given Obama's Democratic Primary win in vastly White states, such as 2 percent Black Iowa.

Yet, the conditions of Black people – the racial disparities that remain in every significant area of American life – from economics to education to criminal justice to health statistics – are what con-

cern some pioneers, including the most ardent Obama supporters.

"I think the American dream or portions of the American dream is being fulfilled on that day when Barack Obama accepts the nomination of his party," says the Rev. Joseph Lowery, who was at the March on Washington in 1963 as co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Dr. King. "It's not the total fulfillment, but it certainly is a step in that direction toward fulfilling that dream where people are judged by the 'content of their character' rather than the color of their skin."

Still, activists must remain vigilant to assure that spiritual justice be transformed into tangible justice, agrees Dr. Ron Daniels, president of the New York-based Institute of the Black World 21st

Century. He says Obama's nomination ranks among the most significant milestones toward achieving "a more perfect union" and there is "great cause for Black people and all Americans to celebrate."

But, Daniels adds, "There is also a potential downside or danger that a significant number of White Americans and even some African-Americans will see Obama's nomination and prospective capture of the White House as evidence that we as a nation have achieved a post-racial, post-civil rights society."

This moment in history is particularly significant for some who actually experienced the blood, sweat and tears sacrificed for racial progress.

Myrlie Evers-Williams, whose late husband, Medgar Evers, paid the ultimate price, introduced

and endorsed Obama at a rally in Bend, Ore., last May.

Medgar Evers, an NAACP field secretary, was one of the first martyrs of the civil rights movement, assassinated in front of his Jackson, Miss. home on June 12, 1963.

Evers' death prompted Pres. Kennedy to press Congress to pass a comprehensive civil rights bill, which President Lyndon Johnson signed into law after Kennedy was also assassinated five months later.

"Medgar became very annoyed with me for doing that. And he said to me, and I quote, 'Isn't there anything that you believe in enough to stand up and fight for it?' I have never forgotten that...I believe in how we can change this country for the better."

She says the power of Obama's agenda is that it

encompasses issues that affect the lives of all people, regardless of race.

"I hope this country will end up being a much better place for all of us to live in terms of jobs, in terms of equal opportunity, in terms of having homes, in terms of being able to move forward in businesses and develop our self-worth. And that hopefully, we will have some semblance of piece in this world."

The nomination of Barack Obama has been long-anticipated. It culminates a hard-fought primary season in which he and Senator and former First Lady Hillary Clinton ran neck-in-neck for months in what appeared as a winless contest between the prospective first Black or first woman president.

Now that it's over, Obama and his vice presidential pick, Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden, will show down with John McCain, who will announce his vice president before the

Republican National Convention begins Sept. 1.

Obama's historical campaign is a culmination of the Civil Rights Movement as well as the trailblazing of other African-American presidential candidates. They included New York Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm in 1972; the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. in 1984 and 1988; Chicago Sen. Carol Moseley Braun in 2004 and the Rev. Al Sharpton, also in 2004.

"He's running the last lap of a 64-year race," says Jackson, dating the struggle back to Brown v. Board of Education of 1954, the Supreme Court case that overturned legalized segregation. Jackson listed a string of issues that he believes must remain on the forefront of Obama's agenda, including urban renewal, incarceration rates and low quality education.

Lowery assures that this moment in history does not mean civil rights warriors can relax.

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"The stories of these graduates are heart-felt and appreciative for the chance to restructure their lives and re-enter the community as productive and helpful members of society," said Magistrate Lela Mays, the court's appointed judge. "Many have reclaimed the love of family and friends that had been lost during drug and alcohol usage. They now have jobs and lead productive lives. This program saves taxpayers money – participants are not in the overcrowded jails and can begin paying fines and court costs that otherwise might not have been paid. Participants can begin to pay child support, not to mention reduce the number of drug-addicted babies born to this population."

The win-win program has grown dramatically with more than 600 current clients and has experienced superior success rates with completion. Sixteen months

since inception, the first group of 32 clients graduated in July.

From a life of repeat felonies and failed attempts at drug rehab, the S.T.A.C. class seeks to transform lives and help these defendants re-enter society as productive citizens, ultimately saving county taxpayers millions. The Intensive Intervention Program Court, which oversees S.T.A.C., serves as a problem-solving court, known as the "drug treatment court," with intensive supervision for defendants on probation returning from inpatient treatment for drugs or alcohol.

This new 16-month program is about accountability and was developed to transition defendants back into the community after treatment. In addition to ongoing meetings with probation officers and court officials, defendants make intensive outpatient treat-

ment meetings four times a week, attend NA/AA meetings four times a week, and are tested frequently for drugs and alcohol. They are required to maintain employment, complete probation requirements and finish community service hours.

Based on an innovative program first developed in Miami, Florida in 1989, the drug treatment court concept received widespread attention as an effective treatment strategy for drug-involved criminal offenders. The term "drug court" refers to a specialized docket designated to handle cases involving non-violent drug-abusing offenders through an intensive, judicially monitored program of drug treatment and rehab services. The Intensive Intervention Program Court, a Dallas County Court, was established in January 2007 by the felony court judges.

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me, or voted for Barack, the time is now to unite as a single party with a single purpose. We are on the same team, and none of us can sit on the sidelines. This is a fight for the future. And it's a fight we must win!"

That was one of a string of appeals made during her long-awaited address before the Convention that won cheers and applause from delegates waving blue and white signs with Hillary or Obama on one side and Unity on the other.

She painted McCain and the Bush administration together as if they were twins.

Perhaps the most pensive moment in the speech was when Clinton told the audience, "I want you to ask yourselves: Were you in this campaign just for me? Or were you in it for that young Marine and others like him? Were you in it for that mom struggling with cancer while raising her kids? Were you in it for that boy and his mom surviving on the minimum wage? Were you in it for all the people in this country who feel invisible?...We don't have a moment to lose or a vote to spare. Nothing less than the fate of our nation and the future of our children hang

in the balance."

With the level of cheering and applauding, one would have thought party unity had finally come, despite the bitter campaign between Obama and Clinton.

But, some delegates still expressed a wait and see attitude; especially as they anticipated former President Bill Clinton's speech, set for Wednesday night.

One White delegate, A. J. Catoline, was defiant.

"We'll unify when we're ready to unify," he told this reporter as he held a Clinton sign over his head outside the Pepsi Center after the Clinton speech. Asked when that will be, he responded, "I don't know. As long as it's before November."

But, most delegates expressed with overwhelming enthusiasm that Clinton's speech worked miracles to repair disunity.

"How do we give this country back to them? By following the example of a brave New Yorker, a woman who risked her life to shepherd slaves along the Underground Railroad. And on that path to freedom, Harriett Tubman had one piece of advice," she told the cheering crowd. "If you hear the dogs, keep going. If you see the torches in the

woods, keep going. If they're shouting after you, keep going. Don't ever stop. Keep going. If you want a taste of freedom, keep going. Even in the darkest of moments, ordinary Americans have found the faith to keep going."

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# Scriptures For September 2008

**Psalm 141:3.**

It's easy to make a mountain out of a molehill-just add a little more dirt.

**Proverbs 26:20.** The empty tomb proves Christianity, but the empty church denies it. **Revelations 1:18 & Matthew 28:5-6.** A bad heart is like a comfortable bed-easy to get into but difficult to get out of! **Song of Solomon 2:5.** True faith is like a kite; a contrary wind raises it higher. **Mark 4:35-37 & Matthew 14:24-28.** In Jesus Christ we find a savior who redeems, cares, and gives meaning to life. **John 3:7 & Acts 16:13.** Friendliness is one of life's riches investments. **Proverbs 18:24 & Hebrews 10:25.** Direct your prayer to God in the

morning and He will walk with you all day. **Psalm 5:3.**

The more you love Jesus, the more you long for Heaven! **John 7:24.** A half hour of communion with God will save an hour of confessing in the evening! **Matthew 6:6.** A church stays on its feet when the members get on their toes! **Isaiah 12:23; Acts 12:5; & Philippians 1:19.** It is not enough to master the Scriptures; you must let them master you! **1 Thessalonians 2:13 & Hebrews 4:12.** Those who deserve love the least need it the most. **1 Peter 4:8.** Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath! **James 1:19.** Something happens when we pray with hearts open to

God. **Matthew 6:6 & Mark 11:25.**

Some people have Heaven on their tongues, but the world at their fingertips! **John 2:15.** Keep your words soft and sweet for you never know when you will have to eat them. **Proverbs 25:11.** Neighborliness is God's love reaching out through us to others in time of need. **Mark 12:31.** It is impossible for faith to overdraw its account in God's bank. **Mark 11:22-25.** Go to your Bible regularly, open it prayerfully, read it expectantly, live it joyfully! **Psalm 119:103; John 5:39 & 2 Timothy 2:15.** The best way to break a habit is to "drop it." **Romans 6:14 & James 4:17.** Living without God means dying



Mrs. Lorraine Dubose birthday is 08/30/2008. May God bless you with many healthy and happy birthdays.


without hope. **Ecclesiastes 9:4.**

You don't advertise your religion by wearing a label; you do it by living a life. **Acts 2:4 & Ephesians 5:18.** Don't judge things by the way they look to you, but the way they look to God. **Matthew 7:1 & John 7:24.** Three things when once they are gone can never return; the spoken word, the sped bullet and the lost opportunity. **Galatians 6:10.**

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**Wednesday**

Morning Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

**"The Church with a Vision"**



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his head properly to keep the bumps away. He was real excited about that.”

In the early 70s, the releases of The Isaac Hayes Movement and To Be Continued, increased his popularity and commanded longer road tours and again he asked Elder-Jones to travel with him. She eagerly accepted and became his personal groomer, manicurist and masseuse. “I never missed an opening and I never missed a closing.” she shared. “The opening was to see the way the people received him and the closing was to see how well they enjoyed him.”

Sharing her experiences on the road, she spoke of her first time packing his clothes after a minor altercation between Hayes and his valet. “We were on our way to New York and when we arrived I asked our banker (the guy who handled the money) to give me \$500 and I went to Saks. His stuff was raggedy and a star doesn’t dress like that.”

Elder-Jones replaced all the tattered, old and raggedy articles of Hayes essential clothing with brand new pieces. “When he saw it, he was like a kid in a candy store.” After this moment, she added image consultant to her road resume. Elder-Jones began to help shape his image into the one that many will long remember.

With his stage attire completed, Elder Jones dressed Hayes for the street, “When I dressed him for the street, he was one of the three best dressed men internationally- along with Prince Ranier,” she shared. “When he stepped out, I did not want him to look like a Rock n Roll and R&B singer. I wanted him to look like GQ.” Elder-Jones is also credited with creating a body sheen to add to Hayes’ stage image.

This upscale life of glamour slowed after Stax records folded in bankruptcy in 1976 and Hayes could no longer support the road demands. Elder-Jones then

returned back to her barber-shop in Memphis. She worked at the Memphis Housing Authority before returning to school to obtain an undergraduate degree in social work and continued to work as a barber on the weekends. She followed with a graduate degree in City and Regional Planning. After creating housing programs

in various cities for several years, she ultimately began teaching in the Dallas County Community College District in the Continuing Education Department.

In retrospect, Elder-Jones recounts her friend, Bubba. This time she describes him differently, “He was creative, loving, and giving. I miss Isaac,

his music was tremendous. A lot of the music that we did was done with a live symphony, not the synthesizer. He was a musical genius.” When asked what she missed the most, she paused and said, “the camaraderie we shared. He was mischievous and he was funny. We kicked it like that.”

The legendary voice,

composer and arranger of soul music Isaac Hayes recently died of a stroke in his Memphis home on August 9.

“I have had such a good life that sometimes I had to pinch myself,” said Elder-Jones. Regarding Hayes passing she added, “We just thought that we could kick it forever, but we can not.”

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