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GOP Convention Gets Turbulent Start Due to Gustav

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

The Republican National Convention – set to make the second nomination of a woman as vice president of the United States this week – was back on schedule Tuesday

after a lull early this week due to Hurricane Gustav in the Gulf Coast.

President Bush was set to speak Tuesday night after Presidential nominee John McCain temporarily called for a scaled back convention while waiting

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Garland Chapter of NAACP hosts fundraiser

From staff reports

On Saturday, September 13, 2008, the NAACP Garland Texas Branch will host its 18th annual Freedom Fund event. The theme this year is: "Public Education: A Critical Commodity for Power, Justice, Freedom and the

Right to Vote."

The Keynote speaker is Dr. Curtis Culwell, Superintendent of the Garland Independent School District, with Ms. Dorothea "DC" Cole, Producer & Director of Operations for K104 as the Mistress of Ceremony. The Freedom Fund Event

will occur at the GISD Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. at George Bush Freeway, Garland, TX.

The Silent Auction begins at 9:00 a.m. and the brunch will begin at 10:00 a.m. Corporate sponsors for the occasion include Dallas Dodge Chrysler

and Jeep as the Title Sponsor; Kroger and Synergy Bank lending support as well.

Individual tickets are available for \$40, or you may reserve a table of ten for \$400. For tickets contact the NAACP offices or Tim Robinson at (972) 381-5044.

Obama to America: 'We Cannot Turn Back'

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

U. S. Sen. Barack Obama has officially accepted the Democratic nomination for president of the United States before an audience of as many as 90,000 adoring supporters,

who also cheered the possibility of his becoming America's first Black president.

The euphoric moment was played out before millions who watched by TV and the internet around the world. It transcended politics as it shattered doubts

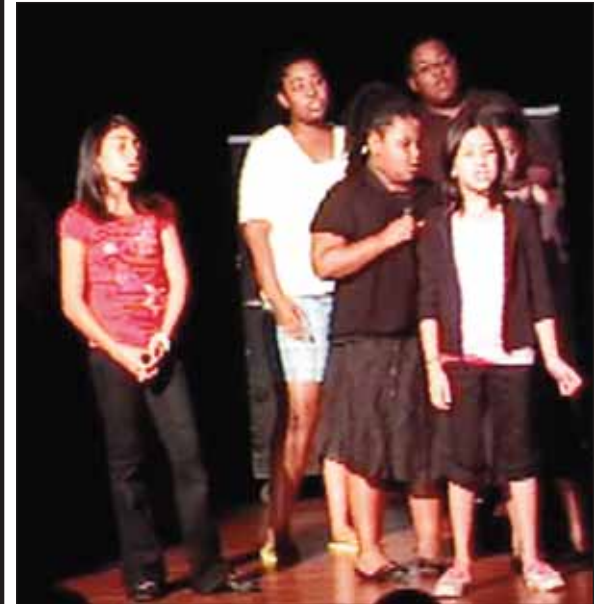
that Americans of all races and backgrounds can unite behind an African-American candidate for president. Moreover, it raised hopes that people of color can soar above intrinsic White supremacy in a nation that for centuries embraced slavery,

Jim Crow and modern-day institutional racism.

"With profound gratitude and great humility, I accept your nomination for the presidency of the United States," Obama told the crowd of flag-waving, cheering, chanting, applauding, stumping

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Brother Gerard Henry is back with Gospel Search America 2008

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Blackonomics

Economics of a Healthy Lifestyle

By James Clingman
NNPA Columnist

In today's couch potato, video game, microwave, drive thru, grab-a-bite-and-go society, Black people, in particular, must pay more attention to its detriments to our health and the economics of it all.

We must improve our lives, economically and physically, in order to survive and thrive; we

must build strong communities; and we must educate ourselves and our children, understanding what lies ahead if we fail to make some serious changes in our lives. We must develop and commit to all-around healthier lifestyles.

What is the connection between economics and health? A healthy economy and a healthy people are interdependent.

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Ken Griffey, Sr.

Ken Griffey, Sr. (born George Kenneth Griffey on April 10, 1950 in Donora, Pennsylvania) is a former Major League Baseball star. He is the father of current Cincinnati Reds centerfielder Ken Griffey, Jr. and former Mariner minor league prospect Craig Griffey.

Ken was introduced to Major League Baseball on August 25, 1973. He

played for the Cincinnati Reds (1973-81, 1988-90), in which he was part of three (3) World Series Championships (1975, 1976 & 1990), New York Yankees (1982-86), Atlanta Braves (1986-88) and Seattle Mariners (1990-91). History was made in 1989 when his son joined the Mainers; the Griffey's were the first father and son to play major league

baseball simultaneously. When he joined his son there in 1990, they became the first father and son teammates. He also hit back-to-back home runs with his son Ken Griffey Jr. on September 14, 1990. During his 19 year career he hit 151 home runs, a .296 batting average and was MVP of the 1980 All-Star game.

Ken was inducted into the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame in 2004. Currently Ken is serving in the capac-

ity of Special Consultant and scout for the Cincinnati Reds.

He now resides in Orlando, FL, where in 2007 he started the Ken Griffey Sr. Foundation, aimed with dual roles. One, to bring awareness of Prostate Cancer to cities across America, to help at-risk youth in Orlando, by providing health and sports clinics. In addition, Mr. Griffey travels the Country giving motivational speeches on a variety of



topics to include parenting, team work, business ventures, etc.

The Ken Griffey Sr.

Foundation seeks to increase awareness about the need to adopt healthy lifestyles that include exercise and fitness to America's Youth, in an effort to improve their quality of life and build better, stronger communities. The foundation is committed to fulfilling Mr. Griffey's dream of providing a variety sport fundamentals and health education opportunities that lead to a productive and prosperous life.

Aaron Turpeau

Aaron Turpeau is the author of one of the hottest selling relationship books today. The book is titled The Harmonious Way: A Success Guide to Selecting A Compatible Mate. Thousands of people have been counseled or taught by Dr. Turpeau during the past 15 years. Many of them are now happy in life and in love relationships.

Dr. Turpeau is a frequent radio and television personality in Atlanta, GA. He is a best-selling

author: The Harmonious Way, which was on the Essence Magazine Bestseller list.

Dr. Aaron Turpeau's certifications and educational background include:

- Certified: Heart Centered Hypnotherapy

- Licensed Professional Counselor: State of Georgia

- Ph.D.: Counseling Psychology, University of Georgia

- Internship: College Counseling Center, University of Georgia

- M.Ed.: Guidance and Counseling, University of Georgia

- M.Div.: School of Theology at Claremont.

- B.A.: Cum Laude, in Business Management, Morehouse College

Dr. Turpeau recognizes that his calling is to help Black individuals and couples in crisis. People who want internal and external harmony in their lives. He can help you stop letting life happen to you and start making life happen for you to create the world you've always wanted and deserve.

A Proud Tradition of Producing Happy



Individuals and Couples; Dr. Turpeau has been in practice in Atlanta since 2000. The Best Counselor in the City for Counseling African Americans, Dr. Turpeau has a goal of

being the finest counselor in the city.

The Counselor of Choice for Black Atlanta: There are many counselors to choose from, but many of Atlanta's best and brightest choose Dr. Turpeau. No doubt, it is the excellent professional counseling and environment that is conducive to personal and spiritual growth.

But there are many good counselors out there, so there must be something more. That something more is the Turpeau Trust. This phrase is not easily defined or understood, but it's also not just

a clever slogan. The Trust is entering into a relationship like none other. After being deceived, misunderstood and negatively judged so often in our daily lives, it's about finally finding someone that deep inside you always hoped existed, where someone gives you genuineness, empathy and unconditional positive regard. Someone who understands your culture. And someone who will not let you settle for less than success. This is why African American Atlantans continue to choose Dr. Turpeau.

Raymond Nchor

Raymond Nchor is a Ph.D. holder in mechanical engineering, with specialization in rail transportation, technology transfer, maintenance of public infrastructure & industrial plants and international development. He is the CEO of International Maintenance Consulting (IMC) and the African Railways Development Services (ARDS), a lecturer and the author of several joint-publications in universities and the book PARABLES OF MILK AND MIGHT: Development Political Satire – The Voices of the Affected, which is listed as a bestseller in www.buy.com.

The African-American

owned publishing company, the "blue ocean press", which published this book in June 2007, in the US and Japan, has decided to get it translated into Portuguese, Spanish, French, Chinese and several other languages, so that it can be used in schools. For the authorship of his parables, he adopted the pen name "RAN". Under the contract of the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), he wrote a "Handbook for the Training of Managers of Industrial Energy Systems in Developing Countries, in order to sensitize them on the Importance of Maintenance".

Dr. Nchor is ideas-driven, a strategic thinker, a

powerful communicator and a motivator of people for problem solving. He has delivered lectures in several universities, research centres and international development organizations in Germany since 1987. He is a member of the International Development Expert Group, "Forum One World" which is based in Frankfurt, Germany, a member of the Environmental Expert Group "AGENDA 21" established by the Minister of Economics, Environment and Transportation in the German Federal State of Hesse, the World University Service (German Chapter), the Friendship Circle of the Technical University of Darmstadt and the founder and executive member of



the non-profit organization "Society for the Promotion of Rural Development in Africa (SORUDA)". He is prepared to accept invitations for the presentation of his book "PARABLES OF MILK AND MIGHT", as well as deliver speeches in the following areas: non-profit organizations, international development, management and maintenance of public infrastructure and industrial plants, public transportation (rail), education and career development, rural development, etc.

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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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The Truth Clinic

Obama Speaks to the Multitudes

By James Breedlove

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And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan. (Matthew 4:25)

"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them. (Matthew 5:1-2)

Even the new 21st century Pharisees, Sadducees, chief priests and false leaders of the nation had to marvel and wonder, "What manner of man is this?"

Normally the acceptance speech for a presidential candidate is a closed event reserved for the credentialed delegates, and upper class political, religious, and society notables. But Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential nominee, opened the venue to the multitudes, the working people, who have been drawn to him by the promise of a new nation.

For many who packed Invesco Field at Mile High in Denver, the finale of the Democratic National Convention was more about the euphoria of history in the making than Obama's speech. In addition to witnessing the formal nomination of the first Black to be the presidential candidate for any political party it was the 45th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "Dream" speech.

Over 85,000 jammed themselves into the football stadium that was designed to hold 75,000. An estimated 40 million more watched Obama accept the Democratic nomination on TV--possibly the largest audience to ever watch a

convention speech.

The thousands of pilgrims, representing the young, old, gays, white, black, genders, religions, and every other class imaginable, had traveled from their hamlets and cities across the nation to see this leader who was delivering a message of hope, unity, and purpose that together their hopelessness and despair could be transformed into the reality of the American promise.

The junior senator from Illinois was up to the task as he offered himself as a catalyst for the change needed to fulfill that promise.

His acceptance speech tread a fine line between governmental policy and personal revelation, between his electrifying oratory and down to earth straight talk to the working class voters who have walked cautiously on the side lines throughout the campaign.

America's promise is that each of us has the freedom to make of our own lives what we will, but we also have the obligation to treat each other with dignity and respect.

Ours is a promise that says government cannot solve all our problems, but what it should do is that which we cannot do for ourselves - protect us from those that would do us harm, create a stable and robust economic environment, provide every child a decent education, and spend our tax money wisely.

Furthermore, our government should work for us, not against us. It should help us, not hurt us. It should ensure opportunity not just for those with the most money and influence, but for every American who's willing to work.

That's the promise of



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., waves to the crowd at a rally at the Marcus Amphitheater in Milwaukee Monday, Sept. 1, 2008. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

America - the idea that we are responsible for ourselves, but that we also rise or fall as one nation; that in America our destiny is inextricably linked.

Obama specifically detailed more than two dozen policy areas where he explained why the approach taken by the Bush Administration and adopted by John McCain has not worked and will never benefit ordinary Americans.

He went on to say that the many challenges currently confronting Americans are not all the fault of government. But the failure of government to respond is a direct result of the broken politics in Washington and the failed policies of the Bush administration.

He stated, "America, we are better than these last eight years. We are a better country than this. And that is why I am running to be president of the United States of America."

One attendee expressed his feelings when interviewed following Obama's inspiring speech.

I was among the hundreds of thousands on the mall in Washington DC on August 28, 1963. I will never forget the exhilaration of that day. Dr. Martin Luther King brought all of us to our knees.

His speech was so much more than a dream. That day was the culmination of a hundred years of struggle. It was a moment built on the back of three years of sit-ins, freedom rides, community organizing and voter registration. It came after thousands had been jailed, beaten, killed and injured in the struggle to end segregation in our country. It was the most amazing moment of my young life as a teen-age civil rights activist.

Tonight I have seen a black man, an African American, be nominated for President of the United States. It is an amazing moment. It is numbing. I just think how far we have come in a generation. After 400 years of slavery, a hundred years of segregation and intimidation and forty years of struggle for a seat at the table in an America based on equality, Barack Obama is the nominee of the Democratic party and may be the next President of the United States.

Tears are welling up now in my eyes. It is so difficult to convey in words how powerful and wonderful tonight is not just for me but also for all of America no matter the misguided opinions of naysayers.

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.

Climate Experts Spar Over Africa's Polluting Gases

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South Africa and Nigeria are the worst greenhouse gas emitters in Africa, according to climate experts attending the U.N. conference on climate change this week in Accra, Ghana.

But agreement among the experts ends there. Western countries have been holding African nations to emission standards of the developed world and propose solu-

tions that include the sell-off of African forests in a carbon trading scheme.

"The inclusion of forests in carbon markets enables developed countries to avoid real carbon emissions reductions at home," said Friends of the Earth, a green lobby group.

"Our emissions are infinitesimal compared to those in developed countries," noted Ewah Otu Eleri, head of the Nigeria-based

International Centre for Energy, Environment and Development.

More than 1600 participants, including government delegates from 160 countries and representatives from business and industry, environmental organizations and research institutions are attending the one-week meeting of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Meanwhile, in Abuja, Nigeria, UN officials,

African and other delegates are attending a three day conference on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance.

A major global conference on racism and related issues takes place next April in Geneva to review the landmark 2001 conference held in Durban, South Africa, where a Declaration and Plan of Action were adopted

Pre-Historic Cave Paintings in Namibia on View

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The Daureb, Namibia's highest mountain, surrounded by desert, is an extinct volcano made of red, weathered granite - called "burning mountain"

in German, and "pile of ash" in its original name.

Now the region is drawing visitors to see ancient cave paintings on the mountain's granite sides. What was once a scrubby mining town has been

transformed since the recent closing of the mine.

Guides for Daureb have joined about 50 other communities in a government-sponsored initiative launched in 1995 -- giving control over wildlife and

tourism to local residents.

About 15 percent of the country now owns the rights to exploit the resources, increasing their income and increasing wildlife and conservation areas.

Teens Making Poor Choices When it Comes to Riding in Vehicles

From staff reports

Injury prevention experts have long known that teens are less likely than other motorists to wear seat belts while driving. Now, researchers from the Meharry-State Farm Alliance at Meharry Medical College have discovered lack of seat belt use by teen passengers may be an even bigger problem.

In the first ever direct comparison of the differences between driver and passenger seat belt use for a nationally representative teen population, the Meharry researchers found that 59% of teens always buckled up in the driver seat but only 42% always wore seat belts as passengers. Even more sobering, only 38% of all teens reported always buckling up as both drivers and passengers.

The study population comprised over 12,000 African American, white, and Hispanic public and private high school students ages 16 or older

who participated in the 2001 and 2003 National Youth Risk Behavior Surveys. The surveys are conducted every two years by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to track the leading causes of death and disability among U.S. teens.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens, accounting for nearly 5,000 fatalities each year. About 40% of all teen motor vehicle occupant deaths involve passengers.

"Because seat belts can reduce the risk of injury and death in crashes by more than 50%, there is a critical need for interventions to increase seat belt use by teens as both drivers and passengers," said Nathaniel Briggs, MD, MSc, lead researcher on the study, published in the September 2008 issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

To address the issue, Briggs and his colleagues recommend a combina-

tion of approaches.

Upgrade state seat belt laws to uniformly require that teen motor vehicle occupants in the rear seat be secured in seat belts. Currently, the majority of state laws are limited to front seat coverage for some or all teens in the 16-19 age group.

Upgrade state seat belt laws from "secondary" (law enforcement officers can ticket motorists for seat belt law violations only after stopping them for another offense) to "primary" (law enforcement officers can stop and ticket motorists solely for seat belt law violations).

Enhance enforcement efforts directed toward teen motorists.

Develop comprehensive, community-based interventions including education, peer-to-peer persuasion, and parental monitoring.

"This research reinforces why State Farm is actively involved in advocating for laws that help prevent injuries and deaths resulting from

motor vehicle crashes. It's clear from these findings that primary seat belt laws for all occupants would help us accomplish that goal," said Laurette Stiles, Vice-President - Strategic Resources at State Farm.



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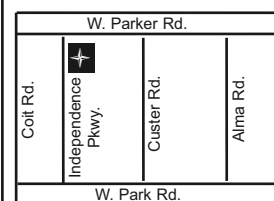
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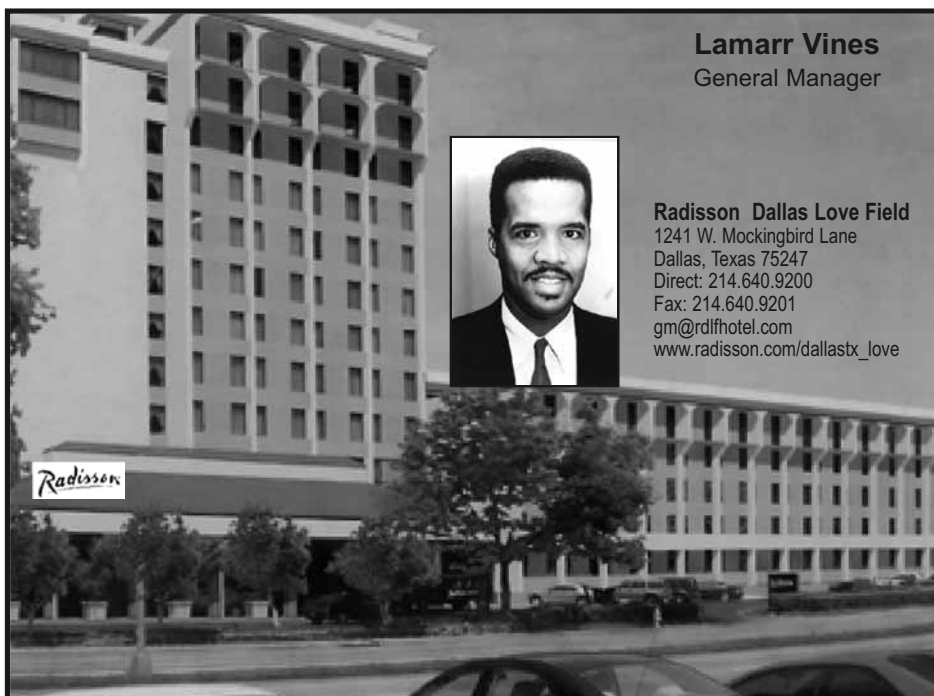
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Garland Chamber of Commerce Hosts Monthly Luncheon



Scenes from recent Garland Chamber of Commerce Meeting. Chamber CEO Paul Mayer, delivered his annual "state of the agency." Among those business and civic leaders recognized at the monthly meeting was Richland College President Dr. Steve Mittelset. Richland College is the premier school for the manufacturing and other businesses locating in Garland, says Mittelset. For more information on the next meeting call (972) 272-7551.

Donations for Hurricane Gustav Victims made easy

From staff reports

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is urging people who want to help hurricane victims in the GulfCoast to make financial donations through voluntary organizations that are active in the ongoing disaster operations.

"Americans across the country want to offer aid to those displaced from their homes," said FEMA Administrator David Paulison. "There are many ways to help but we are asking that, until the affected areas are safe to go back into, those Americans who want to help do so through donations to the many non-profit organizations that are serving the citizens impacted by Hurricane Gustav."

Those who wish to provide assistance to support disaster relief efforts are encouraged to contact the voluntary agency of their choice that they may normally contribute to in times of disaster. For those who don't know who to reach, there is an easy way to provide financial support, donate



Michael John, of Lake Charles, La., unloads a case of water as he helps bring his family to an evacuation point as residents flee from Hurricane Gustav Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008, in Lake Charles, La. (AP Photo/Houston Chronicle, Brett Coomer)

time and skills or donate needed products. The National Donations Management Network is a Web-based system where individuals and the private sector can offer their support online to the voluntary organizations that are actively engaged in the ongoing disaster.

FEMA works in partnership with the affected states, the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), the Aidmatrix Foundation and the private sector to direct donation offers to voluntary agencies in need as they support the thousands of displaced people. FEMA and Aidmatrix entered into a cooperative agreement, in

2006, to develop this network. The Aidmatrix donations management Foundation offers an

online way to connect private sector or individuals wanting to offer support to the leading organizations in humanitarian relief.

The National Donations Management Network is located at www.fema.gov/donations. Visitors to this site have the option to direct

their donation to national level voluntary agencies or directly to the affected GulfCoast states who are managing their own state aid portals.

For information on the voluntary agencies that play a vital role in disaster recovery, visit the NVOAD site at www.NVOAD.org.

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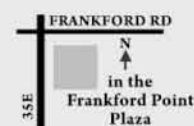
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Parental Empowerment for a Successful School Year

By Beverly Rogers

Special to North Dallas Gazette

The African American Advisory Committee [AAAC] has reviewed three years of data with Garland Independent School District staff to help identify strategies to increase the achievement of African American students with GISD. The AAAC plans to seek additional partnerships and enhance parental involvement throughout the district. This committee believes that to be effective and to eliminate the "Achievement Gap", the African American community must join together with the AAAC to increase communication and understanding of the culture of the African American families, thus leading to positive outcome for African American students.

The AAAC has worked with staff to identify ways to improve overall communications. By making various policies, documents, procedures, systems and regulations available online, the administrative staff helps parents access information that has and will continue to help parents work through situations pertaining to their children.

According to a new review of recent research published by the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, students with involved parents, no matter what their income or background, are more likely to:

Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll in higher-level programs

Be promoted, pass their classes and earn credits

Attend school regularly

Have better social skills, show improved behavior and adapt well to school

Graduate and go on to post-secondary education

When parents talk to their children about school, expect them to do well, help them plan for college, and make sure that out-of-school activities are constructive; their children do better in school. When schools engage families in ways that are linked to improving learning, and support parent involvement at home and school, students make greater gains. When schools build partnerships with families that respond to their concerns, honor their contributions, and share power, they succeed in sustaining connections that are aimed at improving student achievement. And when families

and communities organize to hold poorly performing schools accountable, school districts made positive changes in policy, practice and resources.

The African American Advisory Committee has set goals to accomplish ensured parental success for the upcoming school year and for years to come. These goals include: 1) create initiatives such as community-based honor societies, parades, and rallies to motivate students to celebrate scholarship, 2) include parents in motivational efforts to rekindle student's natural curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, 3) enlist the support of businesses and other community partners for both financial support and volunteer help, 4) maximize use of the media to publicize student accomplishments and 5) set up programs that honor student achievement year-round.

The African American Advisory Committee is determined to make a difference in the lives of African American students and their families. This committee is committed to helping our children and community thrive and succeed. Because of their commitment,

the AAAC will host a very informative seminar on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 8:30 A.M.— 2:30 P.M. at the Garland ISD Special Events Center, located at 4999 Naaman Forest Boulevard.

This on-day event is designed to empower parents and guardians by providing knowledge about GISD, state testing, preparing students for college and employment, and share many educational resources. This event is the first of several community events designed to contact more parents and share important information and changes in the Texas Educational System. GISD staff will conduct training on how to access and utilize resources available to parents from various sources. There is no charge for registration, transportation, or meals. All attendees must complete a registration packet.

For more information, please contact Mary Whitt, African American Community Liaison for Garland ISD at 972-487-3263 or go to <http://www.garlandisd.net/>

COLLEGE CORNER Intel Science Talent Search

The Science Talent Search (STS) is America's oldest and most prestigious science research competition for high school seniors. Since 1942, first in partnership with Westinghouse and since 1998 with Intel, the competition has provided a national stage for America's best and brightest young scientists to present original research to nationally recognized professional scientists.

Each spring, 40 finalists are selected from a nationwide pool of thousands to attend the week-long Science Talent Institute in Washington, D.C. There, students have the opportunity to present their research projects to the general public and members of the scientific community at the National Academy of Sciences, meet with distinguished government leaders and participate in a rigorous judging process.

Amount:

\$5,000-\$100,000

Deadline for Entry:

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Semifinalist Announcement:

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

For more information:

<http://www.societyforscience.org/sts/>

UNT Affirms Commitment to Low-Income Students

From staff reports

The University of North Texas has become the first college or university in the Dallas-Fort Worth region to sign the College Board's commitment to students from low-income families.

President Gretchen M. Bataille signed the College Board's CollegeKeys Compact to reassert UNT's commitment to supporting first-generation students, students from underrepresented populations and students from low-income families.

"UNT has long been committed to ensuring a higher education is available to every bright student who wants to work to earn one," Bataille said. "Joining the CollegeKeys compact is simply another way that we

will be able to keep top-quality higher education within reach of all students."

The College Board is best known for its administration of the SAT college entrance exam and the PSAT, and CLEP tests. A not-for-profit membership association founded in 1900, the College Board is composed of more than 5,400 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations.

By becoming a CollegeKeys partner, UNT agreed to the following statements of belief:

UNT has six months from the signing of the compact to complete a self-assessment and inventory of its programs that support UNT's commitment to low-income students. Based on its self-assessment, the university

will determine the necessity for new programs or reorganization of current programs.



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

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

Topics Discussed: Family Values, Juvenile Homes, 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_eta@n2ne-ym.com, penny@n2ne-ym.com, or kdedmon@cokece.com

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

ATTENTION!!!

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce

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

Location: **McKinney Housing Authority
1200 N Tennessee St
McKinney, TX**

Time: **6:30 p.m.**

If Interested In Joining
Contact: ccbccsecretary@yahoo.com
 469-424-0120 ext. 703
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- American School Counselor Association
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- National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc.
- National Association of School Nurses
- National Council of Negro Women
- National Medical Association
- National Urban League
- Partnership for a Drug-Free America
- PTA
- United Negro College Fund (UNCF)



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2. NIDA Info Facts: Marijuana. Revised. NIDA, September 2004.



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 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.

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).

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, or visit www.punchfamilyfoundation.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.

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 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.

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.

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@cityofdenton.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.

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.

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

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.

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

October 3

Prairie View A&M University Alumni 13th Annual Scholarhsip Gala at the Westin City Center Hotel 650 N. Pearl St, Dallas, TX. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner program will proceed at 7:30 p.m. Call 972-979-9000. Ticket deadline is September 25, 2008.

October 3

Allen Chamber Golf Classic at Chase Oaks Golf Club 7201 Chase Oaks, Plano, TX. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Visit <http://atomicdnc.bm23.com/public/?q=ulink&fn=Link&ssid=240&id=ktqfsepgyu39xyel6qt6y6s7at6wn&id2=6h8ayx0hf7e7npf45lg9jy9rw5hcln>.

October 5

V Events Presents Non-Profit Organization of the 3rd Quarter, AIDS Arms Inc. join AIDS Arms and LifeWalk and LifeBark from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. for entertainment, food, games, and more. The walk will be held at Lee Park In Dallas, Texas. Registration begins at noon. Visit www.life-walk.org.

October 23-35

Girls Night: The Musical a tell-it-like-it-is look at five friends as they re-live their past at the Eisemann Center. Visit <http://atomicdnc.bm23.com/public/?q=ulink&fn=Link&ssid=240&id=ktqfsepgyu39xyel6qt6y6s7at6wn&id2=ik53y43g9aj8vil9ogvjtyc016iv0>.

October 25

Frisco Arts Gala Supporting all the fine arts in Frisco Funding grants and scholarships at the Westin Stonebriar Resort. Visit <http://atomicdnc.bm23.com/public/?q=ulink&fn=Link&ssid=240&id=ktqfsepgyu39xyel6qt6y6s7at6wn&id2=ik53y43g9aj8vil9ogvjtyc016iv0>.

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Substance and Structure

Toward a Dallas Arts Movement Enterprise

By Matthew C. Stelly

Special to North Dallas Gazette

Why shouldn't Dallas spearhead a national arts consciousness movement? This is a city that waits for no one when it comes to being on the cutting edge of architectural development, urban growth and, yes, cultural diversity. What city is better prepared when it comes to the perfect combination of that diversity, size and talent than the second largest city in the Lone Star state? The arts are in need of a shot in the arm and the point of this brief essay is to explain why the formation of the Dallas Arts Movement Enterprise (DAME) could be the catalyst for a national re-appreciation of the arts, in general.

There is an excellent publication being circulated titled, "Dallas Arts Advocacy Day," and the information was presented by the Dallas Cultural Affairs Commission and the Dallas Area Cultural Advocacy Coalition. What is proposed here is geared toward the visionary and long-term: "commissions" are usually just that – commissioned. And despite the good work that they might do, they are usually beholden to a singular thrust or direction. Coalitions, by their very formation, are short-term and even with good intentions and accomplishments, the short-term is one reason why the arts are now vulnerable to and victims of budget cuts from the Federal government which, in turn, trickle down to local entities.

A "movement" is what is needed, one that not only raises consciousness but also includes a built-in strategy for struggle. Nathan Hare taught long ago that any successful movement has four components: an ideology, communications, organization, and resources. There is no doubt that the Dallas arts community ranks near the top in all of these. But there is another



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Matthew C. Stelly

prong that I believe a city this great must practice and promote if the arts are going to have a long-term life: tenacity.

The invoke the word "tenacious" in a discussion of the arts appears to be an oxymoron at first glance. It merely means, "stubbornly unyielding." We tend to take the arts for granted because those of us who are artists believe that like the gifts we have been given, the support of the arts will spring eternal. We could not be more wrong.

After all, the arts are about freedom of expression, creativity and, for the most part, peace of mind. But I am a believer that "conditions shape conduct and con-

sciousness," and when the economic conditions threaten the arts, they also threaten the future generations of artists and children, in particular.

This is not a "war" in the conventional sense of the word. But the arts are one of the few areas where "cultural universals" do seem to exist and transcend racial, ethnic and class lines. Since this does not hold true in many other spheres of social or cultural life, we should be wrapping our "movement" around preservation of this important reality. In a nation with the boldest multicultural experiment ever attempted has taken place, Dallas should be in the lead of a movement that works to preserve the future, protect the creative rights of artists, and pave the way for our children.

The movement proposed here is dubbed an enterprise because in this context, the word refers to, "a purposeful or industrious undertaking (especially one that requires effort or boldness)." Our purpose is to support the arts for the long-term and in such a way that young artists have far more opportunities and options than our generation ever did. So as the Dallas Arts Movement Enterprise, we need to view art as both economic and social development, not as only a cultural notion.

Arts, in this writer's view, must be a priority and precondition for every other sociopolitical and cultural endeavor. If we start with the churches and the schools – two major institutions of socialization – we will have a major jumpstart on the movement. When these two see the need to prioritize the arts in their respective realms (education and moral reformation), a third institutional arrangement – the media – will happily jump on board and promote what is taking place in much the same way it did when Dr. King and Malcolm X used the cameras and print media to deal with issues of social justice.

The "enterprise" aspect of the movement will inevitably kick in when the schools, churches and media become audaciously involved. The "purposeful undertaking" will be in full swing, and corporations and foundations will see, everywhere they look – billboards, TV commercials, church marquees, school bulletins, etc. – a new "arts movement" that will open eyes, minds and hopefully, Federal pocketbooks. Once funded, a plethora of reliable studies show that the arts are a growth industry, a boon to tourism and a sound investment.

These are only preliminary notes. Haki Madhubuti, in his definition of history, could also be speaking of the arts when he wrote that, [art] records the past, coordinates the present, and projects the future." Surely, there are enough talented artists all over the metro who can layer onto this what is needed to make the arts a priority for every individual, family, neighborhood, and community that makes Dallas the cultural icon, the diamond of diversity, and the artistic Eden that it is.

Matthew C. Stelly is Director of Development and Promotions at TeCo Theatrical Productions in Dallas.



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Terry Allen, 1016 Media joins non-profit trifecta

Terry Allen, Owner of 1016 Media selected as capacity building manager for Dallas Ft. Worth based CVSS (Central Vision Social Services (CVSS), a nonprofit 501(c)3 community agency whose mission is to engage youth by providing leadership skills and opportunities for self-sufficiency. The CVSS is a local non profit that holds the Annual BEST (Business Enterprise & Summit Training) Conference which trains area youth on the successes of entrepreneurship, owner managed businesses and community investment.

"Terry is one of the best marketing and emerging organization growth builder

in the area", says Derinda Stewart, award winning founder and Director of CVSS, "His expertise in marketing and community mobilization will bring added value to our empowerment program." CVSS has chosen Allen to design and develop marketing tools to enhance the growth of CVSS community partners, Shirley Carter with Emmanuel Fellowship Baptist Church, Kwame Brahme with Self Renewal Project, Inc., Sheree Hood with Envisioning New Boundaries, Inc. and CVSS as well.

"The non-profit manager has a dual task of managing and marketing the organization. He/she inherits the

daunting task of creating an awareness of the entity as much as possible to lower barriers to growth and self sufficiency, "says Allen, "CVSS and I will be able to create a strategic process to enhance the success of all of the non profits community awareness efforts."

Allen's company has obtained previous contracts with Essence and Time Warner, Inc. He has handled the National Essence College Tour on the Texas Southern Campus, 2002 and 2006. He is a one of the multiple co-authors of the best-selling Simon and Schuster book, Real Men Cook: Rites, Rituals, and Recipes for Living with a foreword by Democratic

presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama. He is the Texas event manager for the Real Men Cook, Emerging Sister CEOs™, The Town Hall™, CAP Networking Luncheon, the P.O.W.E.R. Camp an ex-offender re-entry program and Business Development Director for the Business Assistance Center, Inc.™. He is a certified parenting specialist and a registered community mobilization expert. His media marketing company, 1016 Media, is housed at Business Assistance Center 5. www.bac5.org For more information on CVSS please access www.cvssd-fw.org or call 817-608-0115.

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dent. African-Americans must have both; after all, we are at the bottom of most, if not all, health and economic categories. If we use our dollars to facilitate a healthier lifestyle, we will rise in those categories that have us dying faster than other groups, being predisposed to certain diseases, and being subjected to neighborhood shysters and profiteers who sell us everything except what our bodies really need to be healthy.

Some would say this is a Catch 22. We can't have good economic health without healthy bodies, because if you are sick you cannot earn a living. The other side says you can't have good physical health if you lack the economic resources to make appropriate food purchases. Indeed, there is truth in both statements, however, that can be changed with a little sacrifice.

Here is an example: Many Black folks are lactose intolerant; yet we are deluged with "Got Milk?" commercials and milk mustaches on Spike Lee, Tyra Banks, Venus and Serena Williams.

We are also very fond of ice cream. Not that Black people will stop drinking milk and eating ice cream, but if we would make one simple change by purchasing a delicious and healthy product called ICE Supreme, we could put a dent in both sides of the argument. ICE Supreme contains absolutely no dairy products or derivatives; it's all-natural, and made primarily from raw Almonds, one of the top ten healthiest foods.

ICE Supreme is great for diabetics! Its two main ingredients, almonds and agave nectar, a low-glycemic sweetener, help lower blood sugar.

Ashiki Taylor, of Atlanta invented and manufacturers ICE Supreme and espouses "Health and Wealth" for Black people. He says, "We must become more health oriented and entrepreneurial in our thoughts and actions."

Ashiki has taken his own mantra to heart by bringing ICE Supreme to the market, not only to help all consumers take better care of themselves but also to add yet another Black owned business to the

rolls, which will create more jobs for our people.

Taylor says, "When I decided to make ICE Supreme I did not have a lot of money to support it; what I did have was the drive, commitment, and experience of an entrepreneur. I also had my health; I was in good shape as a result of daily exercise, both mental and physical. I knew I would have to make sacrifices in order to achieve my goals with ICE Supreme, and as I reached those goals I knew I had to help create opportunities for others."

Ashiki Taylor is definitely a "conscious entrepreneur," grounded by a strong spiritual foundation and committed to Black economic empowerment.

His product, ICE Supreme, sold and distributed by his company, Ashiki's All-Natural, Inc., is touted as "The World's Healthiest Frozen Treat." You can find it in major health food stores, and you can even purchase it online at: www.icesupreme.com. Don't have access to a computer? Just call Ashiki's All-Natural at 404-215-0320.

Ashiki Taylor is proud of ICE Supreme, mainly because of it contributes to a healthy lifestyle. (Of course, I am also proud of it for the potential it has to be another \$1 billion Black owned business.

After all, the frozen dessert market is about \$25 billion!) ICE Supreme comes in several delicious flavors, and Ashiki says, "If at least one of our flavors doesn't satisfy you, we'll just take that as a challenge to produce new flavors."

We must continue down the path of good health through regular exercise as well. I am an avid cyclist, and at 64 I still compete in races, ride long distances, and keep up with the pack among much younger riders.

Find a lifelong physical activity and keep it up. In addition, engage either as a consumer or an entrepreneur in a lifelong endeavor for economic health among Black people. Economics and health do go hand in hand. Thanks, Brother Ashiki Taylor, for your contribution to the health and wealth of our people.

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Gospel Search of America 2008 Back By Popular Demand

From staff reports

Gerard Henry, creator of BET's Lift Every Voice is set to host Gospel Search of America 2008, back by popular demand thousands will be reconvening in Dallas, Texas on October 10 - 11.

Gospel Search of America (GSA) is a National Talent Search with a TWIST, providing educational and empowering Music Business Seminars covering the business from A - Z Enjoy such topics as Distribution, Starting a Label, Marketing, Ministry, Promotions, Radio Play, Production, Publishing,



The state of the industry, and much more. "This national event caters to Gospel Music's Independent Community and was established to serve as a conduit to bridge the gap," says Karessa Lang, the brainchild of GSA.

Featuring artist Byron

Cage, Myron Bulter & Levi and Papa San in 2007 it was a smashing success as these awarding winning artists ministered, the crowd exploded to their feet with exciting worship and joyful praise. Other great guests included Lisa Page-Brooks of the legendary group Witness, and the powerfully anointed Lacrishia Campbell. This year, our invited special guests are 2008 Stellar & Grammy Nominated Trini-tee 5:7, Darwin Hobbs, Ashmont Hill and we will introduce our 2007 Winner, the riveting, Mona Moore.

Returning for GSA '08 as seminar presenters are some of the most promi-

nent industry leaders of today, to provide an unforgettable experience of knowledge sharing and networking. The confirmed presenters are Larry Blackwell, EMI Gospel; Tracey Artis, Zomba/Sony-BMG; Bryant Scott, Tyscot Records, Richard Picart, Gospelcity.com; Gordon Ely, Billboard Magazine Critic; Sanchez Harley, ChezMusical; Vernice Watson, The Artist Company; Joe Langham, Comin Atcha Distribution with moderator Bro. Steve.

Each year GSA is expanding, this year we added our dynamic Keynote Speaker, Professor James Roberson,

President/CEO of JDI Records at the VIP Luncheon. Our hostess will be Kertrina Dauway, Host of Dallas House of Blues Gospel Brunch and Editor-In-Chief of the You Can Live Again Magazine. This event is open to the public.

The GSA '08 WINNER will receive CASH, 12-City Tour of The House of Blues Gospel Brunch, Gospelcity.com Promotions, UrbanRoundupEBLAST.com Promotions, Marketing by TRAKO and much more.

Many will come from all over the world but only seventy-five (75) will be

chosen for the Semi-Finals on Friday, October 10th and ten (10) will be selected for the GSA '08 Finals. Our esteemed judges and our audience will choose the 2008 GSA Winner on Saturday, October 11 following a LIVE performance open to the public. We are currently accepting submissions for the National Talent Search until August 30. To submit your project or register to attend go to: www.myspace.com/trakoeentertainment or call TRAKO Entertainment @ 214-295-5531. Showcase, sponsorship and vendor opportunities are available for details call TRAKO.

Hamilton Park Youth Host Jazz Fest

From staff reports

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Friday, October 10, Shelley Carroll featuring vocalist Ardina Lockhart on Friday, November 7, and The Hamilton Park Jazz Band on Friday, December 12.

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to determine the damages of Hurricane Gustav. McCain was set to make his acceptance speech on Thursday.

Although the damage and affects of the hurricane were unpredictable at that time, Republican spokesman Sean Conner said McCain called for sensitivity over politics.

"We are being sensitive to states that are being evacuated. And this is not the time for politics. This is a time for us to be in service to our country and in service to people who have been affected," Conner said.

Conner said an "Affected States Working Group" was formed at the convention to brief delegates from the main four affected states - Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, and Alabama - on updates. He

also said a jet was chartered to take those delegates home who are concerned about their own personal affairs or the affairs of the affected states.

First Lady Laura Bush and prospective First Lady Cindy McCain spoke Monday night on hurricane-related issues.

McCain's response to Hurricane Gustav contrasts him with the Bush Administration, which was strongly criticized three years ago for its slow response to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

In remarks released on Monday, President Bush said, "The coordination on this storm is a lot better than...during Katrina. A lot of it had to do with the governors. Yesterday I was on the video conference with the Governors of Alabama, Louisiana,

Mississippi, and Texas. There was clearly a spirit of sharing assets, of listening to somebody's problems and saying, how can we best address them? The federal government is very much involved in helping the states. Our job is to assist."

The scaled back convention is also a stark contrast to the high-profile celebration held by the Democrats in Denver last week as they nominated Sen. Barack Obama for president.

The day after Obama's acceptance speech at Invesco Field, McCain held a press conference introducing Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his vice presidential pick, seen as a move that could help McCain win over women who would have supported Sen. Hillary Clinton. Palin was set to speak to the con-

vention on Wednesday.

A first-term governor of two years, Palin is also a former mayor and at 44 is the youngest person ever elected governor of Alaska. She is the first female vice presidential nominee since the unsuccessful campaign of Democrat Geraldine Ferraro in 1984 as the running mate of Walter Mondale.

McCain and Obama are still running neck-in-neck in the polls, with Obama slightly ahead. Conner said politics notwithstanding, the Republicans would act on the side of discretion this week.

"I don't know what kind of affect it will have on the campaign, but that's not our priority at the moment," Conner said. "It's about making sure we're taking care of the affected folks."

Ask Pastor A

Q: I read the Word, but I don't remember what I've read. How can I retain His Word?"

(Read: Psalms 119:11 and Matthew 13:18-19)

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Our Enemy knows the real power of "God's Word" in our hearts. (The soul of man) The solution to this issue has to do with one word: repetition.

What we continue to hear, we remember. That is why the media bombards the mind of people with the same words and concepts. When there is a scripture or a set of passages we cannot comprehend or remember, follow these steps:

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Repeat the scripture during the day as you remember to. If you are creative, find a tune and put the scripture to music. After getting the concept, apply the scripture to an area of your life.

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The benefits stretch beyond the pocketbook and environment. Residents who ride their bicycles to work or walk to lunch may also record the number of calories burned. And eating lunch at the office instead of going out also qualifies as an alternative because it eliminates the need for mid-day car trips.

In addition to commuting-related savings, users are making lasting contributions to the region's air quality, helpful as the region works toward compliance with federal ozone requirements. The Dallas-Fort Worth area is in the midst of the peak ozone season, which ends Oct. 31. But the emphasis on alternatives to driving alone does not end when the calendar turns to November. Sharing trips and embracing other alternatives to driving alone are encouraged throughout the year.

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Sister Tarpley

Things to Ponder: Excerpts from a message by my pastor, Elder Philip White, Love Chapel COGIC. "God is not a man that He should lie; neither the son of man that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" Numbers 23:19. Reference verses: Psalms 30:5; Job 5:19; and John 13:7. Pastor White emphasized that everything starts and ends with God's Word, therefore we must: Pray, Believe, and then Receive. He further stated that God said, 'If I'm not faithful—I cease to be

The Faithfulness of God

God.' Moreover, he said that as Christians we should be living in the FOG—Favor of God.

It has been said that, "God is never late, seldom early, but always on time;" that is why we should thank Him for His schedule, for Him being on time and for the lessons that we learn through waiting, through suffering, through the storms and valleys in our life and for His faithfulness to us.

Joy runs deeper than despair. —Corrie Ten Boom. What is most characteristically human about us is the tension between the desire to be "free"—self-identifying and self-choosing—and to be "related" to love and be loved. —Paul Tillich. We cannot change our past.

We can not change the fact that people act in a certain way. We can not change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. —Charles Swindoll. Wisdom is knowledge applied. Head knowledge is useless on the battlefield. Knowledge stamped on the heart makes one wise. —Beth Moore. Peace does not dwell in outward things, but in the heart prepared to wait trustfully and quietly on Him (God) who has all things safely in His hands. —Elisabeth Elliot.

The sea enters the rivers before the rivers can run into the sea. In like manner, God comes to us before we go to Him; and Heaven enters into our souls before we can enter into Heaven.

—Peter Drelincourt. Wishing will never be a substitute for prayer. —Ed Cole. Love is not consolation, it is light. —Simone Weil. The best things are nearest: breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. —Robert Louis Stevenson. No matter what you have, you could always give back a little and gain so much more. —Beverly Mitchell. I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light. —John Keith Falconer. None of us are saints, none of us are heroes... But I've learned to accept what goes wrong, and to turn it into a gift. —Krista Tippet. I see my



Ms. Naarah Allen, daughter of Lincoln & Renee Allen, working the Back-to-School Rally @ First Church, Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor.

relationship with my Heavenly Father, with God in Heaven—as someone to look to if I want to look for guidance, to feel comfortable with my thoughts, my actions, someone to be accountable to. —Blair Underwood.

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of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others. —Marianne Williamson.

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"The Church with a Vision"

OBAMA, continued from front

and crying supporters at Invesco Field at Mile High in Denver.

He immediately recalled his 2004 speech to the Democratic Convention as a then candidate for the U. S. Senate.

"Four years ago, I stood before you and told you my story - of the brief union between a young man from Kenya and a young woman from Kansas - who weren't well-off or well-known, but shared a belief that in America, their son could achieve whatever he put his mind to," he said. "It is that promise that has always set this country apart - that through hard work and sacrifice, each of us can pursue our individual dreams, but still come together as one American family, to ensure that the next generation can pursue their dreams as well."

But, Obama did not allow symbolism to overshadow substance. He went straight for the political juggler, tying his opponent Republican John McCain to

the beleaguered administration of President George Bush and ticking off a long list of public policy issues that he would tackle as president.

"The truth is, on issue after issue that would make a difference in your lives - on health care and education and the economy - Senator McCain has been anything but independent."

He promised to invest in early childhood education; "recruit an army" of new teachers, "pay them higher salaries and give them more support." He also promised affordable college education, accessible health care for every American and increased paid sick days.

On the economy, he distanced himself from Bush Administration policies, saying he would "stop giving tax breaks to corporations that ship jobs overseas, and I will start giving them to companies that create good jobs right here in America."

He also promised to "eliminate capital gains

taxes for the small businesses and the start-ups that will create the high-wage, high-tech jobs of tomorrow."

And after a momentary pause, "I will cut taxes - cut taxes - for 95 percent of all working families. Because in an economy like this, the last thing we should do is raise taxes on the middle-class."

On the war in Iraq, he questioned John McCain's judgement, noting that even after learning that Iraq has a \$79 billion surplus "while we're wallowing in deficits, John McCain stands alone in his stubborn refusal to end a misguided war."

Obama's aim to now win Pennsylvania and every other state possible is not

only tied into American politics, but history.

Obama then appealed to the nation, "America, we cannot turn back. Not with so much work to be done. Not with so many children to educate, and so many veterans to care for. Not with an economy to fix and cities to rebuild and farms to save. Not with so many families to protect and so

many lives to mend. America, we cannot turn back. We cannot walk alone. At this moment, in this election, we must pledge once more to march into the future. Let us keep that promise - that American promise - and in the words of scripture hold firmly, without wavering, to the hope that we confess."



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