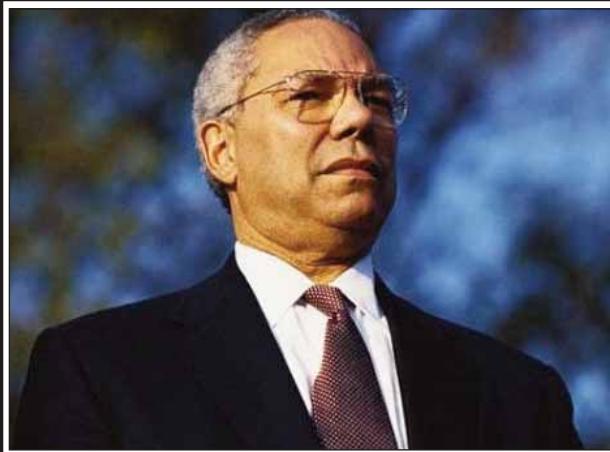


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Powell Endorses Obama

By James Wright
Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspapers

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell, one of America's most distinguished Republicans, has decided to support Sen. Barack Obama as the next

president of the United States. He announced his bomb-shell of a decision on the Sunday edition of NBC's "Meet the Press."

Powell said of Obama, "He has both style and substance. I think he is a transformational figure."

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Democratic Chair Warns Against Voter Intimidation

From staff reports

Early voting in Texas began on Monday with record turnout in Dallas and Tarrant counties. Reportedly by 5:00 PM when the polls closed Dallas voters had cast over 34,000 ballots. In 1996 the record was set for most

voters on opening early voting day with 21,960 voters. There were no reported problems, except a few voters wearing Obama T-shirts.

Tarrant Democratic Party Chairman Steve Maxwell warned against voter intimidation: "The Democratic Party will do

everything possible to protect against voter intimidation. If you feel like you are being denied the right to vote, call the Tarrant County Democratic Party for help at 817-335-VOTE (8683)."

Maxwell warned against voter intimidation, including parking of law

enforcement vehicles at polls, videotaping election activities at the polls and false election instructions.

Maxwell also noted "there is a false e-mail being sent out that says if you vote a straight ticket, you have to vote separately for President. This is

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Cowboys of Color National Finals Rodeo This Weekend

From staff reports

U2 Rodeo Productions will present the Cowboys of Color National Finals Rodeo, at the World Famous Mesquite Championship Resistal Arena, Saturday, October 25th, at 8pm. Doors open at 6:30 for Sonny Bryans

BarBQue Dinner.

This is the largest Multi cultural Rodeo in the country highlighting the contributions of African, Native and Hispanic, Americans to the settling of the West.

With all the traditional rodeo events, along with cultural entertainers like Buffalo Soldiers,

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First time ever, Kick in in the Dirt after party in the arena, featuring The All Funk Radio Show band, so bring your boots and get busy with the Cowboys of Color National Finals. Let's Rodeo!

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No Right to Sale?



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Tyler Perry to appear on Cathy Hughes' show Sunday

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COMMENTARY

Dealing with Minority Front Companies

By Harry C. Alford
NNPA Columnist

One of the sleaziest operations going on today is that of a Front Company. This is a company that claims to be of minority ownership when actually it is a White company or a minority person falsely claiming ownership to an activity that is for minority business credit. It is intended to fool

the public and those who support the use of minority business. This practice has no shame. You will see front companies on the covers of certain magazines and on lists of top minority businesses and actively participating in minority business associations.

I encouraged former Attorney General Janet Reno to make examples

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Kierra Sheard

Contemporary gospel artist Kierra Sheard will release her new CD, **BOLD RIGHT LIFE**, nationally on EMI Gospel on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. A third-generation musical powerhouse, on **BOLD RIGHT LIFE** Sheard delivers the good-to-the-bone-gospel soul music epitomized by her kin, the famed Clark Sisters.

The 22-year old Detroit native -- a Grammy-nominated artist and winner of both Stellar and Dove

Awards, as well as a #1 Billboard ranking artist in the gospel music category -- is thrilled about the new project. Sheard's evolution as an artist and a young Christian woman is apparent on the new 11-track disc, which is infused with a grown-up style, a fresh, unique sound, and spiritual perspective that listeners of any age can relate to.

"This is THE album for me," she said. "I have never been so excited about a project. This album is finally everything I

wanted it to be. I think I've come into my womanhood on this album and I have truly grown spiritually and naturally."

One of the strongest offerings is the sweeping and classical lead single "Praise Him Now." The simple yet pure praise and worship ballad is a reflection of Kierra's growth. Produced by PAJAM, Kierra says "it was just right...J. knew I was growing spiritually, so he gave me this song."

"My Boyfriend," is a funky pop-flavored song that talks about a relationship with Christ in a real

and relatable way. Straight from her personal experiences, Kierra drew inspiration from situations that almost all young women have to deal with -- boyfriend drama. Though boyfriend-girlfriend relationship problems are a right-of-passage into young adulthood, Sheard flips the script to offer a song that tells us above all else, it's our relationship with Jesus that really matters.

A wholesome beauty, Sheard's evolution into womanhood also includes achieving a major weight loss the natural, old fash-



ioned way -- through regular exercise and healthy eating. Her year-long journey to shed 86 pounds inspired the new project. **BOLD RIGHT LIFE** is

filled with uplifting, dance-worthy beats that provide an equally appealing soundtrack for exercise, leisure or praise, encouraging listeners to get moving! She hopes to set a positive example for others and demonstrate that 'saved' living is fun, rewarding and powerful.

Kierra Sheard will tour nationally to promote the project. Go to her MySpace page for tour updates at www.Myspace.com/KierrakiSheard. **BOLD RIGHT LIFE** is available in stores everywhere and online.

Wendy Davis

Teamed with T-Mobile, actress Wendy Davis from Lifetime TV's number one series *Army Wives* arrived at U.S. Army's Fort Stewart, GA to surprise a real Army wife, Kelly Sloan, with T-Mobile products and services. Davis, who plays Lt. Colonel Joan Burton, commander of 400 soldiers, wanted to help Sloan continue her generous mission in keeping the soldiers and their families connected. With her T-

Mobile Blackberry and T-Mobile in-home services, Sloan now has unlimited nationwide calling services. In addition to the "Army Wives Gives Back" campaign, Lifetime, JC Penny, and Big Lots fulfilled Sloan's wish to have care packages/gift baskets available for soldiers returning home.

Davis said, "The families of the thousands of men and women serving our nation around the

globe are making incredible sacrifices here at home." This election year, presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama have taken time out from the campaign trail to join Lifetime in saluting our dedicated troops and their loved ones -- says Lifetime. Fans and voters can watch the personal video messages from these two candidates at www.mylifetime.com/on-tv/shows/army-wives/personal-messages-john-mccain-and-barack-obama



In a continuing spirit of giving back, Davis and Lifetime's *Army Wives* are helping support Ford Motor's fight against breast cancer campaign

"**WARRIORS IN PINK.**" Ford Warriors in Pink and Lifetime have created a special experience for viewers, created a custom storyline for season two of *Army Wives* that will air through October. Wendy Davis will help support Ford's fight by gearing up in special, limited edition *Army Wives*--inspired Warriors in Pink apparel.

Along with other cast members, Wendy will wear the apparel in a special print, broadcast and online campaign, which will be featured in various entertainment and lifestyle

publications. The limited edition apparel will be available for purchase exclusively through Fordcares.com and 100 percent of the net proceeds will be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Season two finale will air on November 2 and Davis is even more excited about this season's cliffhanger than ever before. Fans can watch *Army Wives* on Sundays at 10 pm et/pt. Davis will return to South Carolina to begin shooting season three in January.

Wendy Johnson

Have you ever seen a biography or a feature article about a black woman who leads a major corporation? My guess is you probably have not, because besides Oprah, who created her own dynasty, do any come readily to mind? Despite the progress of the last 50 years, capable black women continue to be hampered in their career paths.

Wendy Johnson's book, *Missing in Action: Black Women in the Boardroom* (endorsed by Dr. Cornel West), examines the historical and other influences that have hindered the advancement of black women. The perceptions of a broad cross section of professionals in a variety of organizational

settings are examined, and from research and personal experience, Johnson analyzes the factors that continue to prevent black women from rising to the top. The book also offers practical advice to black women who want to break the glass ceiling.

Known to her radio audience as "Dr. Wendy," Johnson has lived in the Houston area for 13 years. She is a motivational speaker and consultant with over 20 years of business experience. With a degree in accounting, an MBA, and a PhD in management, she is president of Emerge Consulting Group, LLC, a management-consulting firm. She is also the new



2009 President of the National Black MBA Association Houston Chapter. Johnson speaks at and facilitates workshops and seminars on topics such as Diversity and Inclusion, Leadership, Team Building, Image, Campus Civility, Youth and Adult Empowerment, and other topics as requested.

During her career, Johnson has received numerous awards, including being named one of Houston's 25 Most Influential Women, YMCA Minority Achiever of the Year, the Cardinal Health Professional Image Award, Who's Who in Black Houston, Faculty Member of the Year, Chief Academic Officer/Director of the Year, the National Black MBA Association's Leadership Empowerment Award, and many more. She's also a graduate of Leadership Houston, Class 24.

Missing in Action: Black Women in the Boardroom is available in bookstores now. To learn more about Johnson or to purchase her book online, visit her websites, www.askdr-wendy.com and

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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—
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The North Dallas Gazette, formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

THE TRUTH CLINIC

Will Race Determine America's Next President?

By James W. Breedlove
NNPA

As the 2008 presidential campaign heads down the home stretch towards November 4th a perplexing question arises: Why isn't Obama doing better in the polls? Although leading in various national surveys by three to ten points these margins do not seem to reflect the misery quotient confounding the country. A stunning 86 percent of Americans believe the country is heading in the wrong direction and are dissatisfied with the way things are going.

America is beset by economic paralysis and is headed for its worst recession since the Great Depression of the 1930's. Studies show that the party that controls the White House loses if the economy grows at less than two percent in the year before Election Day. America's economy is not only not growing it is shrinking.

McCain's Republican Party brand is in ruins thanks in large measure to President Bush who is finishing his term as one of the most unpopular Presidents in history. The war in Iraq, which McCain has vowed to continue, is widely viewed as a horrendous mistake and a prime contributor to the growing national debt.

Despite all of this bad news, firmly affixed to the Republican leadership, Senator McCain remains a viable contender in the presidential race. Barack Obama and the Democrats riding on his coat tails should be dominating their respective races at this time. But no knockout punch has been delivered. The Democratic contenders are merely winning on points

leaving the door open for the Republicans to potentially eke out a victory.

Many possible explanations have been offered. None have been conclusive.

And then there is that enigmatic issue of race that might provide the key to understanding the strange inability of the Obama ticket to achieve blow out status in the polls. In the heat of battle over the remaining two weeks of the campaign race could actually become the determinate for America's next President.

According to an AP-Yahoo News poll deep-seated racial misgivings could cost Barack Obama the White House if the election remains close. One third of whites polled harbored negative biases toward blacks — many characterizing them as lazy, complaining, violent, and irresponsible.

Analysis of the data suggests that the percentage of white Democrats who may not vote for Obama because of his race could be larger than the nominal three percentage point margin of error associated with most polls.

Obama's bid for the presidency has tended to avoid race unless forced to do so. While the question of race is always present it is not always overt. But Obama's mixed racial background and its deeper meaning when attached to his potential of becoming America's first black President places racism at the center of America's pluralistic vortex. However, Americans generally prefer to not talk openly about race even though everyone is thinking about it.

The polls certainly seem to suggest that some white Americans do have a problem with Obama. It may be these voters have legitimate



concerns about the issues of national security, the economy, healthcare, education, and experience.

Or it might be that they are simply resistant to voting for a black man to be President, whether they know it or not. A New York Times report stated that many older Democrats quietly admit they will not vote for Mr. Obama because they fear he would put too many blacks in power, or be hamstrung in office by racial opposition. Whatever the truth, securing a decent percentage of the white vote is the key to an Obama victory on November 4th.

Even with the expected overwhelming support of black and Hispanic voters Obama would still need to win approximately 40 percent of the white vote to win the presidency. This is a daunting task even for Obama who has forever changed the course of American politics with his primary victory, prodigious fundraising skills, internet voter outreach, and his style and substance as a transformational figure.

The polls themselves may be unreliable. In the past, support for African-American candidates when Americans actually cast their votes has often failed to reflect what voters told the pollsters. Tom Bradley, former Mayor of Los Angeles, came up short in

his unsuccessful bid for the governorship of Los Angeles in a manner no one could have predicted from his poll ratings.

Some political analysts say that the Bradley effect has diminished and will have little adverse effect or may even have a reverse impact and help Obama. The unique aspects of this election make it impossible to predict.

American voters need to understand that this election has important global connotations. Because of the current administration's incompetence and arrogance American prestige abroad has never been as low. The effusive response from audiences during Sen. Obama's recent tour of Europe suggests he could help restore our lost influence. Clearly, traditional U.S. allies are more than ready to work with an American president who replaces unilateral policies and preemptive wars with vigorous diplomacy on behalf of common interests.

On November 4th America will finally face up to the question that may truly define the 2008 presidential race: Is America ready to elect a black President to the White House?

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: jaydubub@swbell.net

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.

World Rooting for an Obama Presidency

By Nisa Muhammad and Saeed Shabazz
NNPA

Sen. Barack Obama is the preferred U.S. presidential candidate in all 22 nations polled for the BBC World Service by the University of Maryland and Globescan.

"We did this same poll in 2004 and most of the countries went for Sen. Kerry. We felt there would be a more even split this time. We felt people would see improvements with either candidate. We were surprised to see that people thought problems would improve with Sen. Obama," Dr. Stephen Kull told The Final Call. "The Bush policies have affected worldwide opinion. (John) McCain is seen as a continuation of the Bush policies."

Dr. Kull is the director

of the Program on International Policy Attitudes at the University of Maryland.

On average, Sen. Obama was preferred by a four to one margin (49 to 12 percent) over his Republican rival in the poll of 22,000 people.

But the margin ranged widely across nations, with Sen. Obama favored by nine percent in India to 82 percent in Kenya. Nearly 40 percent of those surveyed did not take a position. This was particularly the case in Russia, Turkey and Egypt.

The results are drawn from surveys of 22,531 adult citizens across 22 countries and a parallel poll of 1,000 U.S. adult citizens between July 8, 2008 and August 27, 2008.

The countries polled included Canada, Mexico,

Panama, Brazil, United Kingdom, Germany, Poland, France, Italy, Turkey, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Nigeria, Kenya, Russia, India, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia and the Philippines.

"These countries represent 60 percent of the world's population," Kull said. "There is a perception that with an Obama presidency things would improve. His trip to Europe helped him. Plus his words that he's a global citizen have resonated around the world."

The German Language Service of Agence-France Presse (AFP) noted that the U.S. presidential campaign is a huge issue in Germany where 250,000 came out to see Mr. Obama. Germans "are fed up" with the present U.S. government and 90 per-

cent of Germans polled prefer Mr. Obama, said the news agency.

"Iraq is an issue, of course. The war in Iraq has been very unpopular in Germany," the news service said, adding, "Afghanistan is another issue. Germany is involved in Afghanistan; the German army is there, but it's not a very popular thing among Germans."

In a separate poll conducted in the U.S., Americans also said an Obama presidency would improve U.S. relations with the world more than a McCain administration, with 46 percent of Americans expecting international relations to improve if Obama is elected compared to 30 percent for McCain.

Swinging over to South America and O Globo of Brazil: "The image of

Obama is very powerful. A Black man as a presidential candidate is something that can really change America's image around the world."

M o h a m e d Elmenshawy, editor in chief of Taqdir Washington and Arab Insight, projects of the World Security Institute in Washington, D.C. wrote, "Obama's appeal in the Arab world is both evident and elusive. The unexpected nomination of a candidate with Muslim roots by the American people carries an obvious symbolic value.

"Many embrace this as a harbinger of solidarity between Americans and the Muslim world. Moreover, young Arabs and Muslims hear promise for their own societies



Sen. Barack Obama



Sen. John McCain

in Obama's campaign slogan of 'hope and change.' To them, Obama's message heralds progress both in American policymaking and at home."

Elmenshawy continues, "Electing a president of African heritage could prove to be America's ultimate defense against attacks from its critics...Obama's message will become an international inspiration. This is especially true in the Middle East, where populations exasperated by poverty and corruption covet increased civil liberties and functional democracy."

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Trick Art Treat in Downtown Plano

From staff reports

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The evening will feature special exhibitions, refreshments and entertainment, free of charge to the public, around the 15th Street area.

“There is so much going on in the local arts community,” said Tony

Holman, owner and master artist of Holman Pottery. “Trick Art Treat is a great opportunity to come and experience all the vibrant art that is going on right here in downtown Plano. For one night, guests can enjoy it all – it’s a great evening with something for everyone!”

Host galleries and studios along East 15th Street throughout downtown include ArtCentre of Plano, CYA Design Collaborative, Eastside Gallery, Michael D. Holter

Studio and Gallery, Legacy Portrait Painters and Nature’s Finest Jewelry. Holman Pottery, 914 18th Street, and 14th Street Gallery, 1412 14th Street are also participants.

Guests can buy art, tour the art galleries and enjoy the area’s specialty shops and restaurants. Parking is plentiful and complimentary. DART light rail, Plano Downtown Station, puts guests in the heart of the festivities.

For more information, visit www.trickarttreat.org

Garland Town Meeting Set Oct. 28

From staff reports

The City of Garland will broadcast a Town Meeting for residents on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. The program, hosted by District 6 Council member Barbara Chick and District

8 Council member Darren Lathen, will be aired live on the City’s government access channel, CGTV, at 7 p.m.

A call-in format allows residents from Districts 6 and 8 to ask their City Council representatives

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From staff reports

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United States, announces it is accepting scholarship applications now through October 31, 2008.

Each year, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards a total of \$3 million in achievement-based four-

year scholarships to 250 outstanding high school seniors from communities across the nation.

The Foundation evaluates applicants on the basis of demonstrated leadership in academics, school, com-

munity and civic activities, as well as personal character and the motivation to serve and succeed.

Applications are available at <http://www.cocacolascholars.org/> and must be completed online and

submitted by October 31, 2008 of the student's senior year. Criteria for the application and frequently asked questions are also available on the web site or by calling (800) 306-2653 for more information.



Empower Me Tour Coming to Paul Quinn College

From staff reports

On Saturday November 9th at Paul Quinn College - the UNCF HBCU Empower Me Tour featuring acclaimed actor and best-selling author Hill Harper brings together

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Earlier this month the Irving NAACP hosted their 8th Annual Freedom Fund Gala with a theme of "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow." Officials in attendance at the La Cima Club on Top of Las Colinas included Texas State Senator Royce West, Mayor of Irving, Herbert Gears, and the keynote speaker Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins.

District Attorney Watkins has received national headlines, including an appearance on CBS' 60 Minutes, due to his efforts in researching old cases and using DNA evidence helping to secure the freedom of those falsely imprisoned over the years in Dallas.

Watkins pointed out that sometimes change and progress comes from the most unlikely places and that sometimes "experience" is not what is required to help make things right. He encouraged the audience members to pursue political office as a means of improving the community.



Watkins Keynotes Irving NAACP Luncheon

[LEFT] Herbert Gears, Irving Mayor; Craig Watkins, Dallas County District Attorney; Ora Guy, NAACP Irving Branch; & Senator Royce West

[CENTER] Ali Landrum - Community Involvement Individual of the Year & Tony Grimes, VP Irving Branch NAACP

[RIGHT] Dr. Jessica Thompson, President Northlake College & Reginald Titus, President Irving Branch NAACP

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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 for more information.

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.

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 informa-

tion 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).

October 23-31

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://www.eisemanncenter.com/tickets/>

October 24

Dallas Black Chamber Of Commerce 82nd Anniversary Awards Banquet Friday, October 24, 2008 Reception-6:00 P.M. / Dinner Program-7:00 P.M. Dallas Convention Center - Ballroom A. Tickets \$60, (214) 421-5200 or log onto the DBCC Website at www.dbcc.org.

5th Annual Trick Art Treat Gallery Night on Friday, October 24 7pm - 10pm in downtown Plano. For more info, www.trickarttreat.org

October 25

Frisco Arts Gala Supporting all the fine arts in Frisco Funding grants and scholarships at the Westin Stonebriar Resort. Visit <http://www.eisemanncenter.com/tickets/>

Garland Neighborhood Summit Saturday, October 25, 2008 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center 300 N. Fifth Street. The cost is ONLY \$15 for Garland stakeholders and \$20 for those outside of Garland (this includes the continental breakfast and lunch). Registration ends October 20. For more information, call 972-205-3864 or e-mail fconner@ci.garland.tx.us. You may also register online at play.garlandparks.com.

NAACP Youth Council Education Forum, 10:00a.m. - 12:00 noon, Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, 253 Marguerita Drive, Garland.

Addison's WorldFest is the region's newest and largest international festival. Addison Circle Park, NW corner of Arapaho and Tollway, under the Addison water tower. \$5 for ages 4 and older, 12 noon till 10pm free parking, 70 countries participating in the event.

34th Annual Harambee Festival Frances Burns Heritage Parade Starting at 9am 2.9 Mile Walk!

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October 25-26

Official Pix presents STAR WARS Fan Days II Comics, Toys, Cards, Artists, Collectibles, celebrities and more. Admission: TBD. For more information call Ben Stevens 972-420-8639 or visit <http://www.scifiexpo.com>.

October 26

Plano Symphony Orchestra Spooky Symphony 6:30 p.m. Eisemann Center Visit www.planosymphony.org for more information.

October 27

Charity Golf Tourney at the Cowboy's Golf Club In Grapevine, Texas. The money raised will provide scholarships for Latino Students In the DFW area. Registration deadline is September 19, 2008. Call 202-296-5400.

A Woman's Worth (Domestic Violence Play) 7:00-8:30pm, Free admission at Paul Quinn College, Grand Lounge 3837 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, Texas For more info contact Dona Mitchell at 972-748-4648.

October 28

NAACP Garland Adult Branch General Membership (7:30p.m.) 972 381-5044

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October 31

Bowling for "Boo'sness" Chamber's annual Bowling Tourey. Put on your costume and come bowl Plano Super Bowl, visit www.planoc-hamber.org for more information.

November 1

An Evening of Gospel at the Irving Arts Center, Carpenter Performance Hall, 6PM. Live performances include South Dallas Concert Choir, Youth Praise Dancers & Steppers along with other Gospel Artists. For tickets call 972-252-ARTS. The event is a celebration of National Adoption Month.

The Third Eye and the

South Dallas Cultural Center will host the 23rd African Awakening Conference, "King Tut is Back and He's Still Black: The African Heritage of King Tutankhamen" Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008, 6:00PM at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Street in South Dallas, Texas. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at Pan African Resource Center 612 E. Jefferson Blvd. 214-943-8262 and Jokae's Book Store 3223 W. Camp Wisdom Road 214-331-8100. Senior citizens 65+ and students are free with ID. For information the press and public should call Marilyn Clark 214-426-1683.

The Boys and Girls Club of Collin County Chrysalis Ball featuring Fan the Flame with LeAnn Rimes at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Frisco, TX. <http://fantheflamegala.com/sponsorshiplevels.html>

Entrepreneur & Small Bus. Expo 9AM - 3PM, Eirene Christian Fellowship, 701 E. Centennial Blvd. Richardson, TX 75081 972.991.0200 www.folowpeace.org

Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas, TX 75210. Garden Walk starts at 10 a.m. and Plant Sale is from 11 am to 2 pm. Adults \$3, seniors (60+) \$2, children (ages 3-11) \$1.50. Call 214-428-7476 x 21 or www.texasdiscoverygardens.org

November 7-9

Richard Wright Centennial Symposium - "A Legend in His Own Wright: A Centennial Celebration of Richard Wright." at the African American Museum. www.aamdallas.org

November 8

"When It Happens", a play about abuse, will be performed at The Plaza Theatre in Garland. Tickets will be \$10.00 pre-

sale and \$15.00 at the door; contact Lynda J. at 469-396-6881.

Turning Point Rape Crisis Center Fundraiser Champagne wishes and Caviar dreams at the Westin Stonebriar Resort, Frisco, TX. Visit <http://www.theturningpoint.org/>

Free Job Search Workshop by Career Transition Ministries 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Heights Baptist Church 201 W. Renner Rd. at US-75, Richardson Free lunch & materials provided. Pre registration: jobseekers@theheights.org, or call Liz at 972.231.6047 x218. More info at www.theheights.org.

November 11

Left Behind: the Story of the New Orleans Public Schools, will be screened and discussed by a panel of New Orleans and Dallas educators and students at the South Dallas Cultural Center at 6pm. [214-500-4608]

November 13

McKinney State of the City Address Leading with Vision 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. McKinney Fellowship Church. Visit www.mckinneytx.org for more information

November 14

Murphy Enterprise Center Leadership Lunch. The University of North Texas College of Administration Leadership Luncheon will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, 75207. Call 214-761-7500

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No Right to Sale? DISD \$1.32 Construction Bond Sales

By Jacquinette D. Murphy
North Dallas Gazette

Voters passed the bond referendum for the 2008 Dallas Independent School District (DISD) \$1.35 billion bond proposal in May and now some Dallas residents want to stop the sale of the district bonds. The construction bond allows for the creation of 15 new schools along with repairs and renovations to some of its existing campuses. The problem is that some feel that the bond does not make provisions for some of its more needy schools.

Four parents and four students along with The Black Coalition to Maximize Education halted the sale of the bonds in July by filing a federal civil rights lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. The District lawyers had the case returned to the Texas Attorney General Office and its now rests in the state court of Judge Hoffman.

The terms of the lawsuit stated that "DISD continually offers lower-quality academic programs, equipment, facilities and materials located in minority communities particularly at those located in African-American communities."

The lawsuit identifies schools in the 23rd Texas Senatorial district and in District 6. According to Joyce Foreman, the president of the Coalition, if the borders were drawn on city map, it would define areas starting at the Trinity River going south to Interstate 20 with Interstate 35- East on its western border and Interstate 45 at its eastern border.

"There are no new schools that have been built in this area since the 1950s. The schools in East Oak cliff are dilapidated, have mold and sewage

leaking, and are causing health problems for the children," said Shirley Daniels, the communications specialist for the Coalition. "They are building schools in the West Oak Cliff areas, but not in our areas."

Foreman and Daniels both explained that the 2002 bond was originally set to bring better educational institutions to the area but was unable to fill the need. The area was supposed to be at the top of the list for the 2008 bond. However, the items assigned for the 2008 bond does not currently include the needed overhaul due to this set of schools again.

Daniels furthered stated that there was only one school being built in South Dallas this year. "We want them to redefine the areas that they are proposing," she stated as she identified three specific campuses in predominantly African-American populated areas. "Maynard Jackson has sewage leaking in the restrooms. Roosevelt High School, D. A. Hulcy Middle School, and William Hawley Atwell Law Academy also have mold problems," said Daniels.

"The schools need renovation. D. A. Hulcy does not have windows. It was changed from an elementary school to a middle school. There were classrooms being separated by bookshelves and restrooms with no stalls," declared Foreman. Also she said that just recently there were a few walls put up and some doors installed.

"All we are asking is for the same quality of schools as in other areas," declared Foreman. Aside from removing the mold and fixing the sewage leaks, Foreman also stated that the schools need upgrades that include the audio-visual communica-

tions, science and computer labs and even new furniture.

Between 2002 and 2008, DISD built about 19 of the 20 promised campuses. The DISD projects included new schools in the western part of Oak Cliff and Pleasant Grove areas - such as Francisco F. "Pancho" Drano Middle School, Hector P. Garcia Middle School, Henry P. Gonzales Elementary School amongst others. It only offered renovations and additions to the schools with the scope of the lawsuit.



Regarding the claims of renovations, "There could be \$1 million dollars in the budget for renovations, but the only thing that is done is to place a new roof on it," shared Foreman. In District 5, all thirty-two schools was slated for renovations and some additions except for the new state of the art historical landmark, Booker T. Washington Center for the Performing Arts Complex in Downtown Dallas.

In District 6, all 26 of its campuses were said to be renovated in the 2002 bond proposal, including D. A. Hulcy Middle School and William Hawley Atwell Law

Academy. Yet recent pictures were taken of the building's violations.

In 2008, there are provisions for building campuses in the Pleasant Grove and Wilmer Hutchins and Seagoville areas but only additions to three elementary schools proposed in the neglected area.

Proponents of the bond sales, such as the Dallas Citizen Council and the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce are also seeking renovation of schools in the district.

"We have been involved in the Dallas Independent School District as along this organization has been in existence. We were actively involved in the

bond creation last Spring," affirmed Donna Halstead, the president of the Dallas Citizen Council. "The district is overcrowded and has obsolete facilities because they went a long time in the 1990s without a bond being issued. We want to get the bonds so that the issues that the students face on campus can be dealt with."

The lawsuit held up the sale of the bond until October 15, when the judge had to making a ruling in favor of the sale due to the other regulations. But it is not over yet, the opponents of the ruling have 11 days from the date of the courts ruling to return to court with new

\$1 million bond proposal before the bonds are made available.

Both parties can obvious agree that there are issues, but the complication still seems to reside with the method of prioritize of the needs. Schools that have mold and poisonous sewage gases versus overcrowded schools and a District that is in the red by \$84 million shows that there are obvious changes need to be made.

Daniels and Foreman are long-time advocates for the success of African-Americans in DISD. They have fought cases that were tied up in court for about 33 years, today, they are gearing to be sure that the bond committee make educational upgrades that benefit all people.

"I am a product of the DISD. I graduated from Lincoln High School in a separate but equal environment and I do not want to see DISD slip into a separate and unequal district." shared Foreman. "We are not opposed to other children. We believe that all children should have access to a great education."

"African American students are scoring lower than any others in DISD. These are adult decisions and we have to fight for our kids because they can not fight for themselves."

Tyler Perry to appear on "TV One on One"

From staff reports

It was an Atlanta party to end all Atlanta parties. Earlier this month, hundreds of invited guests including celebrities such as Will Smith, Sidney Poitier, Ruby Dee, Cicely Tyson, Danny Glover, Hank Aaron, Star Jones and Holly Robinson Peete, all dressed in black formal attire, packed into the brand-new Tyler Perry Studios, the city's first African American-owned full-service motion picture and television studio. They were there to celebrate the occasion and the man who made it possible. However, among the many glittering guests who stood out that night, perhaps the most significant were Perry's father, Emmitt, and Oprah Winfrey, who had made the night – and his success -- possible, each in their own surprising way.

As Perry reveals to host

Cathy Hughes on "TV One on One," premiering Sunday, October 26 at 9 PM, all his successes, including the new studio, really began when he was ready to surrender to a Higher Power: "Once you surrender [and can say], 'Okay, God. I don't know who I am. I don't know how I'm gonna do this, but You put me here for a purpose. You put me here for a reason. I surrender. Show me.' And it's so great how you fall into your destiny, because so many people will come along that are to guide you.

One person who didn't provide guidance: his father, who had been physically abusive to Perry all through childhood. So the next step for him after surrendering to God was to forgive his father. "You have to go through this cleansing process where you forgive the people that hurt you, or you forgive

yourself for the things you did wrong. And then you start to really, really surrender – and then that's when I started to find my way."

Emmitt R. Perry, Jr. (he changed his first name to distance himself from his father) was born in 1969 in New Orleans, Louisiana into a poor family of five children. His father was a carpenter, his mother a pre-school teacher.

Everything changed for Perry in 1992 when he happened to be watching The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah and her guests were discussing how cathartic writing things down in a journal or a letter could be, and Perry decided to give it a try. The result: his first play, a musical, called I Know I've Been Changed, about surviving child abuse. That same year Perry moved to Atlanta and, after six long years,

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Buckle Up for Leonard's Car



by Rick Elina

The Bishop Arts Theater Center is a monument to death and resurrection. What was once a 10,000 square foot dilapidated office building is now a state of the art 170 seat theatre in the heart of the historic Bishop Arts District. Leonard's Car by Dallas playwright Isabella Russell-Ides is the perfect production to debut in this comfortable new space. A 2006 Rabin Award winning play, Leonard's Car is also a monument to death and resurrection.

Josey Jeuxcarre (Cindee Mayfield) and her two daughters, Ruby Tuesday (Ashley Wilkerson) and

Skylark (Octavia Thomas) are gathered in Josey's studio to engage in a round of that old family pastime known as the blame game. Josey is an erstwhile writer who deals with chronic writers block by painting. She paints with such vigor and passion that you actually feel drawn into the very pigment of the canvas. Skylark is first to point the accusatory finger at her mom, claiming Josey exploited her personal life for literary gain. Ruby Tuesday tries repeatedly to interject into the conversation, only to be discounted and dismissed by her older sister. Ms. Thomas portrays her character with a larger than life chutzpah that plays well against the diminutive yet intense Ms. Wilkerson. But it's the chaos of Josey's life that provides the tectonic movement at the play's epicenter. Since the death of her lover, Leonard, Josey's life has existed only in a tailspin while hurtling towards a crash waiting to happen. Pain

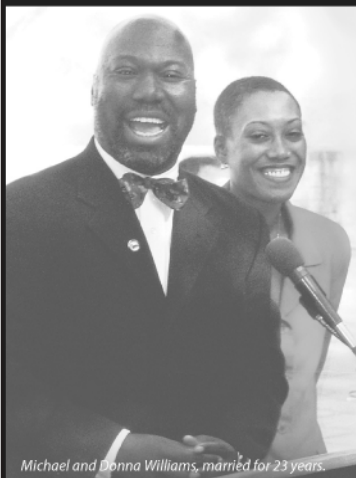
consumes her with only intermittent relief from alcohol and thoughts of suicide. Ms. Mayfield gives us a character that is so acute in her delirium that at any moment you might expect the show to be interrupted for an emergency intervention. All three women are superb!

Set Designer Christopher Jenkins gives us a world colored brightly between the lines, in stark contrast to the world outside. Subtle nuances remind us of the free spirit trapped within Josey's tortured soul. Even Leonard's car, an old rusted out 1955 Thunderbird receives a new birth on Josey's canvas.

This play possesses moments of brilliant irony. Small becomes large; old become new. Through insanity we become sane. After all, Josey reminds us "psychotherapy is the death of art." And it is art that heals.

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false. If you vote the straight Democratic ticket, your vote will include the presidential candidate, Barack Obama. No other action is required. Marking a straight ticket selection, and then also marking the box for Barack Obama, could actually result in the cancellation of your vote for Obama.

Maxwell promised action against those who may intimidate voters. "We will pursue legal action against those who unlawfully or fraudulently attempt to thwart the rights of voters by seeking criminal prosecution. Furthermore, if anyone plans to intimidate citizens from exercising their right

to vote, be warned that you can be personally sued. Interfering with the election process is serious business," explained Maxwell. "We will be watching this very closely."

Wearing t-shirts, buttons, caps, etc. with a candidate's name or image is considered electioneering and is illegal. The election

judge will ask the offender to leave and they will have to return on another day, minus the candidate info. Old pros are aware of this, but excited first time voters are often surprised to learn of these rules.

Around the state Harris County saw an 88% increase in first day of early voting turnout with

39,201 ballots cast. Even record. The area is still in Galveston County with disarray because of the 4,000 was a first day Hurricane Ike.

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of some. She did during the first Clinton Administration. She sent some of the rascals to prison and severely fined some of the white co-conspirators such as Peter Kiewit Inc.

I am going to encourage the next Attorney General to do the same as the fronts keep coming.

My first experience at dealing with Fronts came during my early years of activism in Indiana. The new Indiana State Office Building was being built and on the minority participation reports was the name Thomas Construction doing \$2 million plus in work.

I thought this was quite strange as no Black contractor living in Indianapolis at the time could do such work. An investigation was started. I went to the Indiana Department of Public Works and, under the Freedom of Information Act, requested a physical look at the prequalification file of Thomas Construction.

Any business doing more than \$100 thousand in construction must be prequalified and have an active record on file. The secretary retrieved the file and presented it to me. The file was completely blank - absolutely blank - and I immediately concluded that a scheme was in play.

Thus, we decided to go and see Mr. Thomas, an elderly man of little means.

Mr. Thomas was cocky and arrogant and wouldn't answer any of my questions. I didn't show my frustration with him as I knew there was a way to get at the truth.

I wrote to the Internal Revenue Service, IRS, as a whistle blower citizen. I told them that this man's company is listed as making more than \$2 million dollars last year and I doubted if he reported the earnings to them. Within a few weeks an IRS agent (criminal division) came to see me. She informed me that Mr. Thomas was in the middle of a scheme and never made anything close to the amount of money listed on the State Reports. She also said that I should go and see him again and he will give me some interesting evidence for my investigation.

It was amazing! He was apologetic and shared with us written evidence of the conspiracy. Huber, Hunt and Nichols who was the Construction Manager of the project wrote a script of front activity for Mr. Thomas and his son. They would pay them to walk around the site during rush hours as if they were doing some kind of work.

They would pay them in checks and escort them to the bank where they would deposit the checks and immediately transfer the funds to Huber, Hunt and Nichols.

It was an absolute conspiracy written in black and

white. The construction manager was suspended from state projects for 5 years. Mr. Thomas would have gone to jail if we pushed for prosecution but we let up as our point was made to all.

That was 1991. Just a few weeks ago the Washington Post uncovered fronting within the federal government. A procurement agent at the Food and Drug Administration, FDA, wanted to give a public relations contract to Qorvis Communication.

If you want to fight fronting accept no minority business certification other than that of the Small

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All others have too many front companies slipping through without public recourse. Under the SBA rules, if a front attempts to get certified they are committing a crime under the False Claims Act which will assure them of at least two years in jail.

In the year 2009, we are going after as many fronts as we can find. The world will be better for this.

Harry Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. Website is: www.national-bcc.org.

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Powell, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under George W. Bush and Bill Clinton and national security advisor under Ronald Reagan, said that Obama displayed "steadiness, the intellectual curiosity and he selected a vice president who is ready to be president on Day One."

Powell still identified himself as a Republican and said he will remain one. But he said he has become concerned about the tone of the campaign of Sen. John McCain, whom he has known for 25 years.

"It seemed to me that his (McCain) campaign's focus has become more narrow and narrower," he told "Meet the Press" moderator Tom Brokaw. "I see Obama as being more inclusive. It bothers me that the central part of John's campaign has become Bill Ayers (the former 60s radical).

"These robo calls that people are getting, saying that Obama is connected to Ayers, which is saying that Obama supports terrorists. It goes too far."

Powell also said he did not approve of McCain's

selection of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate, saying that she is not ready to be president. He also frowned on McCain's actions during the early part of the financial crisis.

Powell said that Obama is ready to move into the Oval Office in January.

"The president we need now has to have the ability to inspire us," he said. "Obama is inclusive, he is reaching out to America, he has great oratorical skills -- and that is important, and he is a transformational figure and that is why I am voting for Obama."

Powell said he does not

plan to campaign for Obama.

On Obama's perceived weakness on national security issues, Powell said that the Illinois senator is more than capable. "Obama has educated himself on these issues and will bring an intellectual vigor and steady hand," he said.

When asked about whether he picked Obama because he was Black, he dismissed the perception. "If that was the case, I would have done that six to eight or ten months ago," he said. "However, I cannot deny the historical events that are taking place in America. We will see if we

have reached this point [of electing a Black president]."

Powell said that he hoped America has gotten over the consequences of the so-called "Bradley Effect." This occurs when Whites who are being polled say they will vote for a Black person and then vote for the White candidate, as was the case in the 1982 gubernatorial race in California when Democrat Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley narrowly lost his race to Republican George Deukmejian when he was up by eight points in the polls 48 hours before the election.

"I believe a lot of people

who say that they will not vote for Obama will use other reasons, and not say it is race," he said. "I think Americans have advanced significantly since the days of Tom Bradley."

It has been reported that George W. Bush approached Powell about being his running mate in 2000. Powell reportedly told Bush, "thanks but no thanks."

As far as a position in an Obama administration, Powell said: "I have been in government 40 years and I am not looking forward to going back. If the president asks me to serve, I will look at it."

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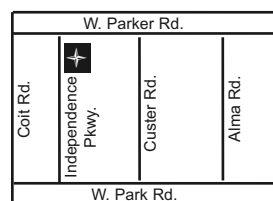
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SPM Wire

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Here are some helpful tips for that first day from Amanda Lacey, Director of Fuse Jobs (www.fuse-jobs.co.uk), a British

employment Web site:

- Arrive on time.
- First impressions count: be courteous, positive, smile and introduce yourself.
- Find out your key objectives, the timescales and the way they will be measured.
- Write down names and job roles (you won't remember them).
- Don't be threatened by others' knowledge;

take advantage of it if they can help you.

- Keep eyes and ears open. Find out things like preferred communication styles, how formal the structure is and how your role relates to others. Listen to everything and comment on very little.
- Stay clear of office politics.
- Show willingness by volunteering for things.
- Find out what the

boundaries are and don't challenge them.

- Don't make personal calls and make sure your mobile phone doesn't disturb your first day.
- Don't talk down your

last company or boss.

- Even if things go really well don't be overconfident, find your feet first.

Your employer needs to

create an atmosphere for you to realize your potential, but it's your responsibility to rise to the challenge.

Four Tops Lead Singer, Levi Stubbs passes, 72

NNPA

Four Tops lead singer Levi Stubbs, who possessed one of the most dynamic and emotive voices of all the Motown singers, died Friday at 72. He had been ill recently and died in his sleep at the Detroit house he shared with his wife, said Dana Meah, the wife of a grandson. The Wayne County medical examiner's office also confirmed the death.

With Stubbs in the lead, the Four Tops sold millions of records, including such hits as "Baby I Need Your Loving," "Reach Out (I'll

Be There)" and "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)."

The group performed for more than four decades without a change in personnel.

Stubbs' death leaves one surviving member of the original group: Abdul "Duke" Fakir.

Stubbs "fits right up there with all the icons of Motown," said Audley Smith, chief operating officer of the Motown Historical Museum. "His voice was as unique as Marvin's or as Smokey's or as Stevie's."

Stubbs is survived by his wife, five children and 11 grandchildren.



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Church members honored Elder Philip & 1st Lady Elizabeth White with their 52nd Appreciation Service with special guest speakers: Elder Harold MacIntosh, Pastor of Grace Temple COGIC and keynote speaker Elder Richard Legans, Pastor of Lively Stones COGIC. The theme: "Feeding the Thousands."

Pastor Legans brief, yet, powerful message was "Don't Panic" from six books of the Bible, John 6:30-34 (Jesus the Bread of Life); Matthew 13:1-21 (Christians eat The Bread and Serve Others); Luke 6:30-34 (Christians Love People); Isaiah 40:31 (Don't Faint); Deuteronomy 20:3 (Approach the Battle and Fear Not); and Habakkuk 2:1-4 "Write the Vision, Stand on Your Watch, and Make a Permanent Impact.)"

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One Minute Each Night

My last two columns have been about praying that GOD'S WILL be done in our 2008 elections. As stated many times, I know my choice; I voted on Monday, October 20th in 'early voting'. I voted on my value system and belief. However, I am ever so reminded that I am human, subject to many mistakes; yet, I must rely on God to lead and guide me in the directions that I go to be in His will.

On October 8th I received an email that covers what I have been asking our readers to do about our 2008 elections. May I challenge you to do this 'One

Minute Prayer Each Night'? After talking with others, I understand that this has been on the Internet for some time, but this is the first time that I heard or read of it. I believe that it's worth the effort to do it.

ONE MINUTE EACH NIGHT . . . Our 2008 elections are the scariest that we, as Christians have ever faced. From the things I have seen, heard and read, Christians aren't asking God that His Will to be done. We all need to be on our knees. Do you believe we can take God at His word? His scripture gives us, as Christians, ownership of this land and the ability to call upon God to heal it. I challenge you to do so.

We have never been

more desperate than now for God to heal our land. (I quoted this scripture last week in my column, "If My people, which are called by My name shall humble themselves, and pray . . ." 2 Chronicles 7:14.)

During WWII, there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people that dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. This had an amazing effect; the bombing stopped.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in the United States. Our country and citizens are in need of prayer more than ever!

Choose to participate and

ask others to join us. Each evening @ 9 pm Eastern Time; 8:00 pm, Central (our time); 7 pm Mountain; and 6 pm Pacific Time, stop and spend only one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, for peace in the world, for wisdom and courage for our leaders, our elections, that the Bible (God's Word) shall remain the basis for the laws governing our land and that Christianity will grow world-wide.

It has been said that if people really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have. Thank You. -Author Unknown.




Elder Philip and 1st Lady Elizabeth White: Congratulations on your 52nd Appreciation Service @ Love Chapel C.O.G.I.C.

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When things don't seem to be going your way or the way you think they should, always know that God has a plan just for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will guide you in the direction you must go, but many

times not in the way you had imagined. We don't know what God's plans are for us, but we know that His ways are not our ways, however, you can be positive that His ways are always best. Be blessed and keep praying for God's will to be done. Please accept the challenge and pray one minute each night at 8 pm!



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"The Church with a Vision"



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finally won recognition with his staging of Bishop T. D. Jakes' book, *Woman Thou Art Loosed*. The play was a huge success, bringing in audiences and much-needed funds.

Perry reveals to Hughes that, despite the many obstacles that stood in his way to success in theater, film, television and print, the hardest thing he's ever had to do was forgive his father. "I look at him now, and he's frail and older, and just to remember what he was and who he was is really, really tough, [But] when I look in his eyes now, I don't see that guy

changed. He's softened a great deal. I think age has helped him a lot, because he was an angry child, too, and grew up to be an angry man and an angry husband and an angry father."

Himself an angry young man no more, Perry was able to relish the success of his new Atlanta studio and the celebrities who gathered this month to salute his achievements. And, as he tells Hughes, he has some important advice to other young achievers beginning to make it in movies and television: Don't spend foolishly. "Reinvest in yourself.

Reinvest in your product. Reinvest in your brand. Keep building it and building it, and people will see that you're reinvesting in yourself. And you're not bringing them crap; you're bringing 'em something that's great. And, in turn, they will invest in you."

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