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## Obama's Attorney General seen as 'Bold Choice'

By Hazel Trice Edney  
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

Civil rights leaders across the nation are characterizing the possible nomination of former Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder for the spot of U. S. attorney general as a

'bold choice' for prospective upgrades in civil rights and criminal justice laws that have long hindered Black progress.

"President-elect [Barack] Obama has made a bold choice in nominating Eric holder as the attorney general," says

Charles Ogletree, Harvard Law School professor and director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice. "Eric brings nearly three decades of public service to this enormous task and will usher in a

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COVER STORY

## 13<sup>1/2</sup> Miles for Love



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## Give without Giving This Holiday Season

From staff reports

With the economy slipping, charities across the nation are bracing themselves for declining contributions this holiday season.

While individuals still want to support their favorite cause, they may

not have the time or the money to do so. There is a solution. More than 69,000 nonprofits have partnered with a new Yahoo-powered search engine called GoodSearch.com, and online shopping mall GoodShop.com to enable their supporters to gener-

ate donations just by doing something they do everyday – search the Internet or shop online. What makes the system so compelling is that it doesn't cost the users a thing. It's a form of philanthropy that works for everyone in this tough economy!

Consumers are helping

their favorite causes by shopping at GoodShop.com where they can choose from more than 800 well known retailers including Target, Apple, Macy's, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Petco and others. The shopping experience and the prices

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Kanye West says he's 'voice of this generation'

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COMMENTARY

## Opportunity to Build a New Workforce

By Harry C. Alford  
NNPA Columnist

Our economy is in dire straits. The employment levels are hitting new lows and no end is in sight.

The one thing we have going for us is a Visionary who will become President of the United States on January 20, 2009. This provides us with hope and motivation for positive

change.

One of his biggest challenges will be putting people back to work. The only way this is going to happen is for us to innovate and spring new opportunities because business as usual will no longer work.

We must first recognize the fact that the US Auto Industry will no longer be the same.

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## Giants suspend Super Bowl hero Plaxico Burress

By Tom Canavan  
Associated Pres

The New York Giants are still gathering information on linebacker Antonio Pierce's involvement in a shooting incident that led to the season-ending suspension of

star receiver Plaxico Burress.

Coach Tom Coughlin said that Pierce would practice Wednesday and expects the quarterback of his defense to play Sunday when the Super Bowl champion Giants face the Philadelphia

Eagles at Giants Stadium.

"Each case is different, each is separate," Coughlin said when asked about the decisive action the Giants took against Burress on Tuesday, fining and suspending him for four games — the rest of the regular season.

The team also placed Burress on the reserve non-football injury list for conduct detrimental to the team, which means he won't be back for the playoffs, either.

"There is no doubt we'll do the right thing," Coughlin added.

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## Kathryn D. Leary

Kathryn D. Leary is a visionary Speaker, Writer, Marketing Specialist, Creative Innovator and Thought Leader. She is an extraordinary public speaker delivering messages that engage the listener and transform their vision of their own potential. She motivates an audience to look within to find their strength, glory and power of possibility.

In an illustrious and broad-ranging career, Kathryn has had remarkable experiences and significant achievements. She has over 30 years of experi-

ence in advertising, marketing, communications, business development and public speaking. Her expertise has added value for clients in disciplines that include for-profit, non-profit, political outreach and education. Kathryn has worked extensively in the international marketplace as well as in the general and minority markets within the United States.

For Fortune 500 companies, Kathryn has delivered program excellence in advertising, marketing, international marketing, public relations and cross-

cultural corporate training. She has been highly effective in preparing executives for success in the global business arena, including projects and programs delivered for AT&T, Lucent Technologies, Hewlett-Packard, Corning, Estee' Lauder and Ben & Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream.

For an ESSENCE Magazine feature story on The New South Africa, Kathryn worked in Johannesburg to research and identify leading women to profile, arrange the travel and interviews for a team of editors, escort the editors on the interviews, coordinate all logis-

tics and help deliver a powerful and effective story.

For The National Minority Business Council in New York, Kathryn designed and coordinated Trade Missions, taking groups of American small business owners to South Africa to pursue trade, joint venture and development opportunities. She also initiated programs and strategies to support African American business development in Japan.

Kathryn has used her expertise, high energy and enthusiasm to advance business and strategic development, to create innovative, successful programs and to motivate



audiences to achieve success on their own terms. Most recently, Kathryn has accepted an invitation to become an Adjunct Professor at Nyack College in Nyack, New York, teaching a course in Global Leadership.

Kathryn earned a dual

BA degree in Administration and Communications from Antioch College and an MBA in Marketing from Stanford Business School. Among her many awards are the Antioch College Rebecca Rice Distinguished Alumni Award; the African American Women in Business Award in Tulsa, Oklahoma; the National Black MBA Association Ron Brown Legacy Award; The Network Journal magazine's 25 Influential Black Women in Business; MINT Award and the National Black MBA Association Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

## Sandra Long

*Editor's Note: The North Dallas Gazette apologizes for mistakenly featuring Ms. Sandra Long's photo on the profile of Ms. Cynthia O'Banner. Both women have received individual professional honors and in our zest to highlight their achievement an error was made. We wish Ms. O'Banner & Ms. Long continued success, ask them to accept our apology for the mix-up.*

City of Plano Health

Department Inspection Services Supervisor Sandra Long was named the 2008 Texas Environmental Health Association (TEHA) I. E. Scott Award recipient.

For more than 25 years the environmental health profession has been the beneficiary of Ms. Long's commitment to promoting and maintaining public health and safety. A Biology major, she attained her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas

Women's University, Ms. Long formerly headed The Colony's Health Department, effectively leading its growth until she accepted the challenge and opportunity of joining the City of Plano Health Department team in 1994.

"The public health official, environmental health specialist, professional sanitarian, is that person who is always in the background ensuring the public has safe food, water, wastewater treatment, vector (insect and related) control, and ensures public health issues are



addressed," she advises. "This is a true profession for me. I believe sanitarians make a difference and the City of Plano has given me the opportunity to

make that difference."

Ms. Long has ensured effective staff training and knowledge in food safety and has continued to maintain Plano's reputation as one of the nations top ten safest cities for food, as ranked by "Men's Health" Magazine in February 2008. She is a Certified Instructor and stakeholder for the Certified Food Management Program and a Retail Foods Standardization Instructor, Training Officer.

"The two most important things I would tell Plano residents they can

do to protect their health when it comes to food safety are to be mindful of food handling practices in the home and hand washing while preparing food," she stated. "Transfer of microorganisms, or cross contamination, is a significant factor in food borne illness. Also, cooking food to the proper temperatures is what destroys food borne illness microorganisms on food."

Ms. Long is touted by her peers as a person who freely shares her expertise, knowledge and time with new staff members.

## Saideh Page Browne

Saideh grew up when Hip-Hop was really building momentum; Kurtis Blow, Doug E. Fresh and The Get Fresh Crew were popular, Queen Latifah made the ladies proud, and Hip-Hop life in New York City was good. In 1989, Saideh was forced to deal with a teenage pregnancy; through the 90's she ran a successful urban marketing firm.

In August 2001, KRS-One offered Saideh the position of Executive Director of the Temple of Hip-hop; three weeks later she moved to Atlanta with KRS to record his 10th album "Spiritual Minded," and open the global head-

quarters of the Temple.

After moving to Atlanta and exploring the many facets of spirituality and what it truly meant to have a peace filled life, it seemed as though she would be forced to abandon her Hip-Hop career; but through diligent prayer, research and study, she has been able to continue to bloom in the culture in which she grew up while embracing the spiritual tenets that guarantee everlasting life. Having worked with a variety of celebrities and other respected elders in the Hip-Hop community, Saideh has learned that it is okay to love God and still proclaim, "I AM HIP-HOP."



Today, Saideh speaks all over the country to tweens, teens and their parents on Holy Hip-Hop, Hip-Hop and the African American Experience, Misogyny in Hip-Hop/Domestic Violence as well as other hot topics and current events.

She is proud of her college degree as well as all of

her honors and achievements, but her true happiness is found as a wife and loving mom to her two teenage sons. She is a published author of many books, heads up two businesses and oversees several non-profits and youth initiatives.

From Hip-Hop to Heaven is Saideh's story and simple offerings for growing up and out of Hip-Hop successfully. From Hip-Hop to Heaven details her desire to get into the Hip-Hop industry, what happened when she got there and why she had to leave many parts of a culture she grew to love alone.

She simply asks if Hip-Hop really can be holy and provides scripture to back it up.

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**Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?**

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north- Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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

## EDITORIAL

## Convention Center Hotel: It couldn't hurt to look

Some say a glass is half full; some say it's half empty. But others don't even get to look at the glass. That seems to be the case with the proposed Dallas Convention Center Hotel. The \$500 million tax-payer owned hotel complex has already been approved by the Dallas City Council, but it has not gone to a public vote, neither has it been vetted thoroughly in the community. The only people aware of the pros and cons of this project seem to be the Dallas City Council members, Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and tax payer advocacy groups. But with Dallas tax payers holding the bag on the profit or loss, it's time that all City of Dallas residents are apprised of the situation, so they can decide for themselves if this is a profitable venture for their tax dollars.

This isn't a new project. It has been on the table since the 1990s. Dallas began losing convention business to other cities that had hotel complexes adjacent or adjoining their convention centers. Although Dallas boasts a large number of hotels in and around the downtown area, convention attendees have to be bussed from their hotels to the center. The city's stance on the issue is that with a hotel complex located next to the convention center, the city would win more conventions, thus increasing business revenue for the city. It also sees it on a larger scale, with the hotel being a catalyst for development of adjacent retail, food and entertainment complexes, bringing vibrancy to downtown and creating jobs.

Leading the opposition is Citizens Against the Taxpayer-Owned Hotel, led by Anne Raymond. Her

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group is a small coalition of area hoteliers and real estate executives from Harlan Crow's Crow Holdings, owner of the Hilton Anatole. When the plan for the hotel was brought up in the 1990s, Trammel Crow wrote to then-Mayor Ron Kirk and the City Council opposing city support for the hotel, saying it would detract from the operation of the Anatole Hotel. But right now their opposition is more about how tax payers may be adversely affected if the project fails, as in the case of the tax-payer owned St. Louis convention center hotel, which cost less than Dallas' proposed hotel, but is already two payments behind. This group has collected 60,000 signatures from Dallas residents petitioning for a referendum to decide on the hotel. Ms. Raymond said "people in Dallas are concerned about the risks of this project, and once they learned what is at stake, they were all too happy to sign the petition."

The 60,000 signatures are enough to get this on the ballot for vote May 2009. But will all residents of Dallas be reached, and will they have enough information to make an informed decision? Proponents of the project shouldn't assume that the minority community will buy into the same argument that this will "cre-

ate jobs" - the same line espoused by former Mayor Ron Kirk when plans for the Trinity River Project and the American Airlines Center were on the table. What jobs will be created? What businesses will open? And exactly how will this help Dallas residents, especially those in the southern sector, where there is less commercial and residential real estate, less jobs and more poverty than other areas of Dallas?

Dallas residents and business owners can't afford to wait until May to know the intricacies of this project, because the city council is proceeding with plans, which means construction will begin soon. Residents need to know now how this will affect them. It's time for the minority leadership they elected to city council to be there for their constituents, especially in the all-too-often overlooked southern sector. If the council members in the southern sector are so keen to see this project go through, it should be because they want it to benefit those they represent. They need to look out for their constituents and those organizations that represent professional business interests within the community, namely The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce and The Black Contractors Association. In turn, these

organizations need to be at the doors of the city council seeking contracts, winning bids and finding a place for their businesses in the hotel complex. They also could come together with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Contractors Association, to try to quantify the actual economic impact within these respective communities.

Residents in South Dallas deserve accountability from their council representatives, and that includes those representatives knowing exactly what type of jobs will be created and how their constituents can benefit. Getting a definitive plan from the Hotel Association of Greater Dallas is a good place for them to start. To give merit to the argument that this will create jobs, they need to review the results of the American Airlines Center and the Trinity River Project to see how many and what type of jobs were created, and their overall economic impact on the city. The Dallas Convention Center Hotel stands to have an enormous impact on the city. The minority representatives on the city council are obligated to know its impact on their constituents, and they are obligated to help them make an informed decision regarding this project.

## 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.

# Senegal Sends Troops After Neighbor's Coup Attempt

NNPA

A weekend attempt on the life of Joao Bernardo Vieira, president of Guinea-Bissau, has prompted a troop build-up on that country's border with Senegal.

The coup attempt comes days after a national poll that gave the ruling African Party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cape

Verde (PAIGC) 67 of the 100 National Assembly seats.

So far six people, including five marines, have been arrested in connection with Sunday's pre-dawn shoot-out at President Vieira's house.

The PAIGC has ruled Guinea-Bissau as a one-party state for a quarter century since independence in 1974. At the bot-

tom of the UN's humanitarian index, desperate poverty has opened a path for Latin American drug traffickers who are increasingly transporting cocaine to Europe via West Africa.

Some say Guinea-Bissau could become a "narco-state". Politicians and members of the military have been accused of involvement with the drugs trade.



In this file photo, Guinea-Bissau President Joao Bernardo "Nino" Vieira, center, stands with his wife Isabel Romano Vieira, right, at a press conference shortly after his electoral victory was announced in Bissau, Guinea-Bissau. Armed men have attacked the residence of Guinea-Bissau's president and engaged in a three-hour gunbattle with security forces.

# Survey Shows Americans Need to Take Steps to Manage Diabetes

From staff reports

According to a new survey released today, the vast majority of Americans at risk for type 2 diabetes – a whopping 83 percent – are not taking the most basic steps of determining if they are at risk for the disease: getting a blood glucose test if they are at risk or taking the appropriate actions as a result of their

test. The survey sought to determine a baseline among Americans on their level of awareness and knowledge regarding type 2 diabetes.

The survey showed those individuals are not meeting elements of an important diabetes target – the National Diabetes Goal (NDG). The NDG was established in May 2008, by leading advocacy, health and business

organizations and is the following: by 2015, 45 percent of Americans who are at-risk for type 2 diabetes will know their blood glucose level and what actions to take. Currently more than 40 professional organizations have joined forces and have committed to helping the nation achieve the goal by becoming a goal champion.

Reaching the Goal is

critical when you consider that nearly 24 million Americans suffer from diabetes, a number that is expected to double by 2025, and 57 million have pre-diabetes. Further, according to the American Diabetes Association, the total annual economic cost of diagnosed diabetes in 2007 was estimated to be \$174 billion. In factoring in other associated costs,

such as the expenses associated with people with undiagnosed diabetes, pre-diabetes, and gestational diabetes, the economic cost is as much as \$218 billion each year according to a study conducted by a NDG Champion, the Novo Nordisk's National Changing Diabetes Program, and released earlier this month.

"This study clearly

demonstrates the need for greater education and awareness, especially among people who are at risk. When a person knows they are at risk, is tested and knows the appropriate actions to take, they are armed with the information they need to live a happier and healthier life," said Dana Haza, senior director, National Changing Diabetes Program.

## GIFTS FOR MOM

Gifts For Mom is an outreach effort for single mothers who are struggling to make ends meet. There is an abundance of help for children during the holidays, but for a single parent, this is one of the loneliest times of the year. Single mothers spend so much time trying to make the holidays special for their children with limited resources. This time is very stressful because of holiday cost and the overwhelming amount of effort that goes into trying to making things special for your children with no money. So, usually by Christmas day, these mothers are extremely tired and there is nothing under the tree for them. Gifts For Mom would like to change that by giving them a special wrapped gift and a note of encouragement. I would like to deliver 100 beautifully wrapped quality gifts to women by Christmas Day.

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If you would like to participate in making a Mom happy, I am collecting wrapped gifts for women. I am open to almost anything, but I would like it to be new and something for a women's personal enjoyment - like bath products, pajamas, gift certificates to Wal-Mart, or a gift certificate to get her nails, toes or a facial done. I am hoping for anything that a women would enjoy but wouldn't buy for herself because she has children. I will be picking up gifts now through December 20, 2008. I am also looking for people that might be interested in helping to deliver the gifts around December 20-25.

Thanks for your interest! If you have additional questions you can e-mail [stephaniestips@aol.com](mailto:stephaniestips@aol.com) or call 214 774-2194. Thanks in advance for bringing a smile to a single mother's face.

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## Free Christmas Activities For The Kids

From staff reports

As a kid, it seemed like it took forever for the time to pass between Halloween and Thanksgiving and the month between Thanksgiving and Christmas seemed like an eternity. To help pass the time, do you remember the fun crafts and holiday ornaments you made as a child? Now you can introduce your child to these time-honored traditions every weekend at Bass Pro Shops Santa's Wonderland. Each Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 5pm through December 21st, bring the kids to the

Santa's Wonderland at Bass Pro Shops located at 5001 Bass Pro Drive and enjoy a different craft.

You can also enjoy the Bachmann old-time model trains area, Fisher Price® remote control cars, a Red Ryder laser arcade, a Nerf soft gun range and activity tables where you can color and write a letter to Santa. It's all absolutely free.

Santa will be in residence there throughout the season so you can get a free 4 x 6 photo with him and his reindeer from 5pm to 9pm Monday through Friday, Saturday's 10am to 9pm and Sunday's noon to 5pm with extended hours.

Don't forget to grab your Bass Pass if the line is long, and your appointment with Santa is set.

While at Bass Pro Shops contribute a toy for the "Toys for the Kids" drive to benefit the DFW Metroplex "Toys for Tots" Marine campaign and contribute to the USO's Operation Care Package and your local AMVETS organization.

Remember Christmas as it used to be when you were a child and enjoy the season again with your children at Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World. For more information visit [www.basspro.com](http://www.basspro.com).

## YWCA Hosts 2nd Annual Holiday drive

From staff reports

The YWCA Young Leaders Board is hosting its Second Annual Holiday Drive now through Tuesday, December 16. Donations can be dropped off at the YWCA's main office (4144 N. Central Expy. #580) or the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (2838 MLK Jr. Blvd.) Donations will go to families served by the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Checks should be made payable to the YWCA.



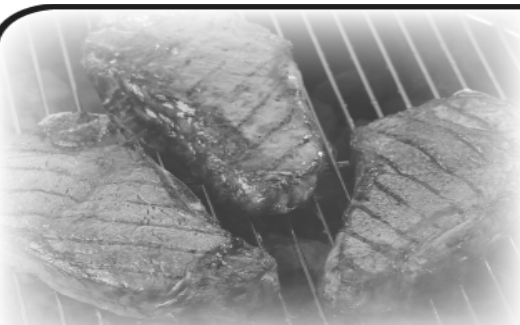
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# Professors to study black theatre in Texas

From staff reports

Black theatre has deep roots in the Lone Star State. For more than 250 years, African-Americans in Texas have produced amateur and professional productions in churches, schools, historically black colleges, community centers, and public theatres.

Today, most of Texas' major cities have professional African-American theatrical companies mounting productions in their own facilities. For example, Fort Worth's Jubilee Theatre company moved into its own building in 1987 after several years of performing in nightclubs, lobbies, saloons and other companies' theatres. And Houston's Ensemble Theatre, which began operating in 1976 from the trunk of its director's car, has become one of Houston's best-known cul-

tural institutions. It is the oldest and largest professional African American theatre company in the Southwest and one of the nation's largest African American companies owning and operating its facility and producing in-house.

In spite of its long history of contributions to the arts, little has been written about black theatre in Texas. In an effort to preserve black theatre's history, two professors at Texas State University-San Marcos plan to research and archive it. Their research will yield two books, a web-based library of archived materials, and a six-city touring exhibit to be curated by Philip Collins, former director of the African-American Museum in Dallas.

"The purpose of the project is to locate and preserve materials that document the unique contributions that Black theatre has made

to the arts in Texas," said researchers Elvin Holt and Sandra Mayo. "We want to examine records that reveal how these theatres were organized, how they fund their productions, how they recruit actors, directors, and other theatre personnel. We also plan to conduct audio- and videotaped interviews with artistic directors, actors, and other persons associated with the theatres."

Holt, professor of English, and Mayo, associate professor of theatre and director of Texas State's Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies, will research the Pro-Arts Collective in Austin, founded 1993; the Black Academy of Arts and Letters in Dallas, founded 1977; the Ensemble Theatre, founded 1976, and the Encore Theatre, founded 1993, both in Houston; the Jubilee Theatre in Fort Worth, founded 1976; and

the Renaissance Guild, founded in 2001, and the Hornsby Theatre Company, both in San Antonio.

Holt and Mayo also plan to compile an anthology of plays by black Texas playwrights that have been staged by Texas' black theatre companies. The featured playwrights will include the well-known Eugene Lee and Ted Shine. Lee, currently Texas State Artist in Residence, has performed around the country and on Broadway, and his play Texas Hot Links has been staged in the U.S. and at the Royal Court Theatre in London. Shine, who has written for the stage and for television, edited Black Theatre US, and his works have been widely anthologized. The anthology and the history of black theatre in Texas will both be published by the University of Texas Press

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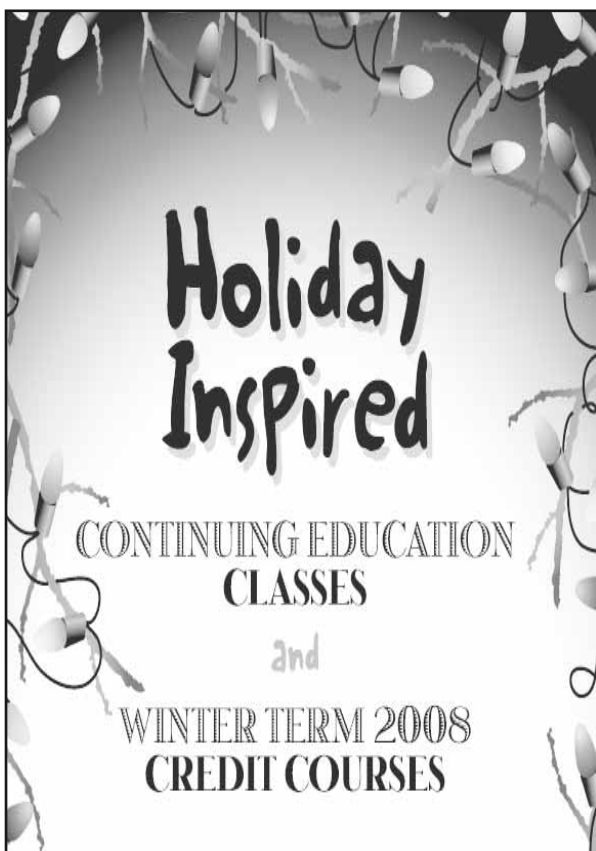
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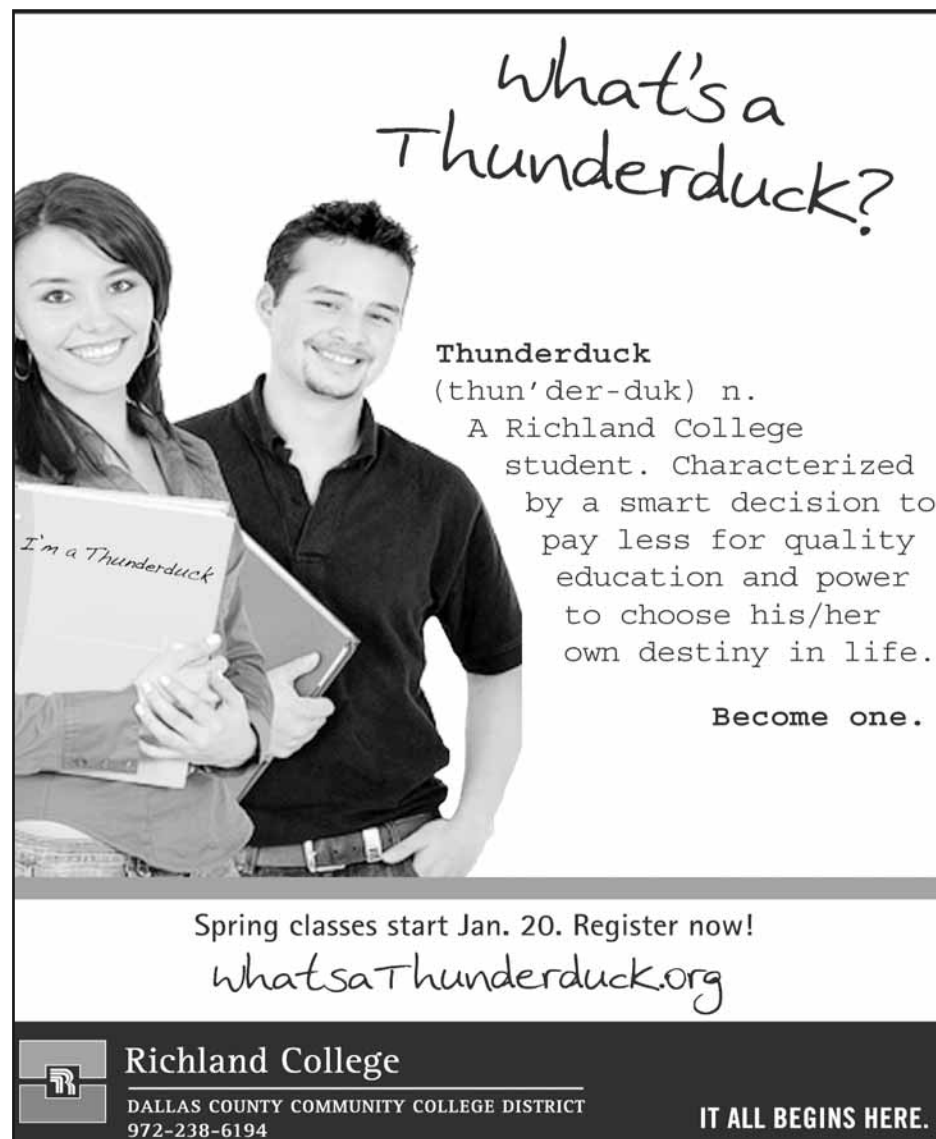


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#### Nov 13 - Dec 6.

**Footloose** is at Granville Arts Center, 972-485-8884, Tickets - 972-205-2790, [www.garland-civictheatre.org](http://www.garland-civictheatre.org)

#### Nov 15 - Dec 21

Each Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 5pm, bring the kids to the **Santa's Wonderland** at Bass Pro Shops located at 5001 Bass Pro Drive, Garland, TX and enjoy a different craft activity - Free. [www.basspro.com](http://www.basspro.com)

#### November 15 - January 11

The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture will open the first annual **Deck the Halls at Old Red exhibit**, located in the West End of downtown Dallas at 100 South Houston Street. General admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$5 for children ages three to sixteen. Admission to Deck the Halls without general admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children, visit [www.oldred.org](http://www.oldred.org).

#### November 22, 2008 - January 4, 2009

**The Trains at NorthPark** is the most elaborate toy train exhibit in Texas, with vintage locomotives whizzing by on a journey across America. Located on Level Two next to Neiman Marcus, the exhibit is open during regular shopping center hours, Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Early closing dates are Thanksgiving Eve (Nov. 26th), Christmas Eve and

New Year's Eve. The exhibit is closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Christmas Day but is open on New Year's Day. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children aged 2-12 years and senior citizens (65 and older). Children under the age of 2 years are admitted free of charge. Discount tickets are available at Tom Thumb stores.

#### November 28 - December 24

**Santa Claus at NorthPark Center** Visits and Portraits with Santa in His New Location NorthPark Center offers free one-on-one visits with Santa Claus in his new location on Level One between Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus. Parents may take their own photographs of their children with Santa or purchase high-quality portraits by Marc Robins Photography available in several different sizes and formats. Tickets are available starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and starting at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

#### November 28 - December 26, 2008

**SPCA of Dallas Remote Pet Adoption Center** at NorthPark Center with adorable dogs and cats available for adoption, featured on Level One between Macy's and Dillard's, near the NorthPark Boulevard entrance and Victoria's Secret. Regular adoption fees are \$185-\$285 for puppies 0-6 months, \$95 to \$195 for dogs 6 months and older, \$75 for senior dogs 7 years and older, and \$50 for VIP dogs (those which have been waiting for a home for over 30 days); \$125 for kittens, \$95 for cats, \$75 for senior cats 7 years and older and \$50 for VIP cats. The fee includes spay/neuter surgery, all age-appropriate vaccinations, de-worming treatment, a heartworm test for dogs six months and older, a feline Leukemia test for cats four months and older, a

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#### December 4th

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#### December 5-21

**Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol** by Tom Mula directed by Adam Adolfo for the Frisco Community Theatre. This production is to A Christmas Carol as Wicked is to The Wizard of Oz. Performances Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets can be purchased at [www.FriscoCommunityTheatre.com](http://www.FriscoCommunityTheatre.com) with a \$1 per ticket convenience fee or call 972-370-2266 for information and reservations. All performances will take place at the Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 H Avenue, Plano, TX 75074. Parking is behind the building accessed from G Avenue.

#### December 5th

"Music Under the Dome" featuring Karen Sheppard on November 7, 2008 and Groove University on December 5, 2008 hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. & African American Museum (AAM). Each event is from 8 PM to 11 PM and is held at the AAM.

Admission is \$10.00. Reservations & Information 214-565-9026 ext 315 [www.aamdallas.org](http://www.aamdallas.org) and [www.DallasAlphas.com](http://www.DallasAlphas.com).

#### December 6th

**"It's Roxy's Party, She'll Bark if She Wants To"** celebratory event recognizing its one year anniversary for the Groom & Zoom concept. This lively celebration will take place at Groom & Zoom on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**"Cocktails for a Cause"**, a grassroots effort to help raise awareness, empower and protect children. Thursday, Dec. 11th, 6:00PM-8:00PM. Join us at Uncork Wine Bar, 2832 Eldorado Pkwy, Suite 212, Frisco, TX 75034 for fun, wine, raffle, silent auction and information.

#### December 6, 10-19

**36th Plano Children's Christmas Parade** on Saturday, Dec. 6, and the Plano Television Network (PTN) will be filming the entire parade. Watch the broadcast of the parade from Wednesday, Dec. 10 through Friday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. each day on Time Warner Channel 16 or Verizon/Fios Channel 30.

#### December 13

**Brookhaven College Vocal Jazz Ensemble** on Dec. 13 at 8 p.m., in the Performance Hall at Brookhaven College. Contact the School of the Arts at 972-860-4730.

#### December 13 - 14

**Fair Park Holiday Lights** Free admission and parking. The holiday celebration will feature music, lights, horse-drawn carriage rides, outdoor holiday moves at the Cotton Bowl and more. Info @ [www.fairpark.org](http://www.fairpark.org).

**Teen Graffiti's Parent/Teen Holiday Banquet Gala** includes a social dance program "Forging Stronger

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#### December 14

**Ascension Church 3rd Annual Christmas Banquet** at Southfork Hotel 1600 N. Central Freeway, Plano TX 75089, 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Dinner and wonderful prizes, cost is \$30, <http://www.ascensionmbc.org>

#### December 16

**Destination Graduation Parents Edge Program** offered by the Urban League of Greater Dallas and Thomas Jefferson High School. The event is on Tuesday, December 16th from 5:30PM-7PM, right before the holiday band concert, at Thomas Jefferson High School.

#### January 6-29

**25th Annual KidFilm® Festival**, sponsored by the USA Film Festival, will be held in Dallas, January 6-25, 2008 at the Angelika Film Center, 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas

#### January 23

**Plano Chamber of Commerce's 63rd Annual New Member EXPO** at the Plano Centre Business Interchange at 7:30 a.m. Expo begins at 9:00 a.m. Call Gina Reno at (972) 424-7547.

#### February 24th

**IHOP celebrates National Pancake Day** 7 am to 10 pm and offer each guest a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes. In return, IHOP will ask guests to donate what they would have paid for the pancakes, or more, to Children's Miracle Network or other local charities. This year, IHOP restaurants around the country hope to raise \$1,000,000, which will benefit children's hospitals and other charities throughout the U.S. To donate online, visit [www.ihoppancakeday.com](http://www.ihoppancakeday.com)

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# Thirteen & One-Half Miles for Love

By Sister Shirley Tarpley  
North Dallas Gazette

Sister Sabrina Garza with the full support of her husband, Brother Albert; other family members; her church, Mt. Olive Church of Plano (MOCOP) where Rev. Sam Fenceroy is the Senior Pastor; and also her co-workers at J. C. Penney's Headquarters in Plano, has a new and a very exciting challenge in her life. She is looking forward to running 13½ miles (yes, 13½ miles!) on December 14, 2008 for the Dallas White Rock Marathon, as a member of the North Texas Team in Training Program, and on behalf of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She has taken on this bold commitment, and with God's help, the prayers and faith of her family, friends, church members, and co-workers is determined to finish this Marathon, which starts at The American Airlines Center on I-35 (Stemmons Freeway in Dallas.)

Team in Training (TNT) exists to find a cure for leukemia, lym-



*Little Miss Lydia Garza*

phoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. TNT also looks to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. Leukemia is one of the leading causes of death in children between the ages of 1-15.

The Garza family faced this disease head on when Lydia Toreacy-Jessie the youngest daughter, for the 2nd time in her short life-time, was diagnosed at



*Lydia's parents, Brother & Sister Albert (Sabrina) Garza.*

the age of 7 on September 2006. Lydia lost her crusade for life to leukemia on March 6, 2007 (3 days before her 8th birthday.) Since Lydia's death, Sis. Garza promised herself that she will do whatever she could to help stop another parent from the heartache of losing a child to cancer.

Lydia was first diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma (cancer of the muscle tissue) on July 7, 2000

when she was only 16 months old. Lydia went through approximately 48 weeks of chemotherapy and 5 weeks of radiation therapy; through it all God watched over and comforted her. From October 2000 through September 2006 Lydia was in remission from her cancer and was enjoying being a carefree, and "Oh so energetic little girl who loved to play with Barbie Dolls and talk



*Lydia's siblings, Jane, 16, and Consie, 18, Garza*

on the phone," said Sis. Garza.

Brother Garza said that Lydia was always a sensitive child, she was often seen comforting other children who were sick or hurt, even those older than she was in her brave attempt to make them feel better and for them to know that God loved them.

Pastor Sam said that Lydia was

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# Benefit Show for Stene Medical Fund



by Rick Elina

In April of this year, Brittany Stene, a member of the Teatro delle Muse family, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer. Artistic Director Sarh VC Henderson, said, "Brittany is a delightful 15-year old. She is beautiful inside and out and never meets a stranger." Brittany joined Teatro delle Muse for their very first main stage production of High School Musical and has been a valued member of the company since that time.

Once diagnosed, Brittany began her chemotherapy

immediately. In addition, she has undergone two surgeries in the last nine months. "The amount of pain and discomfort that she endures on a daily basis is beyond words. She's a true fighter," says Ms. Henderson. However, her family is now facing some very difficult times as Brittany's father was recently laid off and the family lost their health insurance. Ms. Henderson continues, "Brittany has always stepped up to help anyone around her that needed help and it's now time that we do the same."

Teatro delle Muse will be producing a benefit show this month entitled, Donkey in Horse Heaven. Ms. Henderson explains, "This is a soon to be published play that is family friendly and will provide a break from the same holiday shows presented every year. It's a touching story of how a simple gesture from an

unlikely source, can truly affect the world. This show is about kindness, and how all acts of kindness, no matter how small, are important. 100 per cent of ticket sales will go directly to Brittany's medical fund."

Dear Reader, I should point out that Donkey in Horse Heaven was written by none other than yours truly.

In addition to the show, there will be a silent auction to help raise funds. Teatro delle Muse's support staff has volunteered their time to make sure this event is a success.

How can you help?

Of course buy a ticket to the show! They can be purchased online at [www.TeatroDelleMuse.us](http://www.TeatroDelleMuse.us) and/or make a donation to the silent auction that will be held in the adjacent Art Centre of Plano gallery through the close of Donkey in Horse Heaven. Donations can be made by contacting

Ande Bewley at [Ande@TeatroDelleMuse.us](mailto:Ande@TeatroDelleMuse.us) or by phone (972) 424-6873. Ms. Henderson wants to remind everyone, "No act of kindness is too small."

If you wish to check up on Brittany's progress a website has been set up at [www.CarePages.com](http://www.CarePages.com). After signing up for an account, search for BrittsPage2008.

*Rick A. Elina is a playwright based in Plano, Texas and is the Theatre Critic for the North Dallas Gazette.*

## Kanye West says he's 'voice of this generation'

Associated Press

Kanye West is to music what Michael Jordan was to basketball — at least that's what West thinks, in his humble estimation.

"I realize that my place and position in history is that I will go down as the voice of this generation, of this decade, I will be the loudest voice," he said in an interview on Wednesday. "It's me settling into that position of just really accepting that it's one thing to say you want to do it and it's another thing to really

end up being like Michael Jordan."

West, 31, said life has been difficult since his mother's death. Donda West died last November.

"I'm just going through balancing that. And I always used to have that support system, you know. My mom would be there; no matter what, she was there before everything. And you know now when I'm on that stage and I look out and I say, 'What am I going to do with the rest of my life?' Like when does a real life start?"

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new appreciation for civil rights and dignity and respect for individual liberties. I applaud this decision and so should anyone deeply concerned about the fair and rational application of the rule of law."

The slot of attorney general, among the most important top nominations to be made by the incoming president, oversees the U. S. Department of Justice.

Obama has not yet made the Holder nomination official, but the transition team has strongly signaled that he is the president-elect's top choice. A formal announcement is pending.

Meanwhile, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton Obama's arch rival will likely become his secretary of state; Gen. James L. Jones, a former NATO commander, will likely become his national security adviser, and Robert M. Gates will like remain secretary defense secretary.

The Clinton, Jones and Gates announcements are key this week in the wake of the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India's largest city. Well more than 200 are dead from gunshots.

The Obama nominations reveal that he is focusing on national security issues as well as justice issues at home.

Holder, who would be the first African-American to serve as attorney general, comes one year after New York activist Al Sharpton led a march of thousands around the Justice Department, decrying policies that have failed to fairly deal with police misconduct and hate crimes.

Holder, whose pending appointment must first be confirmed by the U. S. Senate, would not only be the first African-American to serve as attorney general, but is viewed as a fair-minded former judge whose civil rights record

reputedly bespeaks balance, fairness and equity.

Legal experts who deal in racial justice say these are the qualities that have been missing in the Bush Justice Department, largely characterized by decisions made by Republican political appointees viewed as cold to civil rights laws. A widely held complaint has been that Bush administrative appointees have often undermined opinions and legal advice of lawyers – especially in the civil rights division.

"The last eight years have probably been the most disastrous for the Department of Justice in its history. They have been catastrophic for the Civil Rights Division," says John Payton, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. "The mission of the Civil Rights Division has been literally abandoned; its career attor-

neys forced out or demoralized, its leadership compromised by political considerations. In many important ways, we have not really had a Civil Rights Division for the past eight years."

Holder could help fix that, says Payton.

"The mission of the next attorney general will be to restore - not just the integrity of the Department of Justice but its very soul," says Payton. "Eric Holder is a spectacular pick."

"We want somebody who will protect the rights and privileges...of being Americans that African-Americans have. And the current administration,

time and time again, trampled upon those rights," Clyburn says. "So, if you've got an Eric Holder over there that says, 'I'm going to protect everybody's rights. I'm not

going to be out here politicizing the Justice Department. We're aren't going to let people go out here and just trample upon your rights,' that's all African-Americans want."

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Chrysler will probably go under and Ford and GM will shrink to small entities. Toyota will be king and Nissan, Honda, Hyundai, etc. will not be far behind. A layman may say that the jobs will simply shift over to the Asian companies.

The fact is they won't. Asian automakers do not hold a permanent workforce. Most of their hourly workers are managed by staffing agencies. That's right, they work for independent contractors and are, thus, tenuous. The Asian firms don't even have to account for payroll, social security taxes and reports to the IRS. Thus, there are no retirement benefits for these workers as opposed to the good UAW agreements for US auto workers. My cousin worked over 16 years for Toyota as a construction manager.

All the while she was an independent contractor. When she left all she had was what she alone saved as there was no company participation. While U.S. auto companies shrink the Asian counterparts are having "their cake and eating it too".

Another big factor that is shrinking the American workforce is outsourcing to foreign shores. Corporate America is turning its back on the American worker. Even if the work is not outsourced many of the jobs go to illegal immigrants or H-1B visa holders.

This accounts for millions of jobs. The nation of Mexico receives over \$29 billion annually from its citizens who are working in the United States – legally or illegally. That's a lot of money that is being pulled away from American households.

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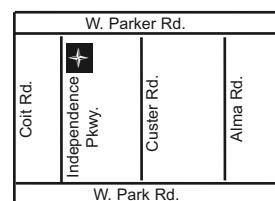
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## New Member Expo in January

Plan to spend the day browsing booths, networking and attending educational sessions brought to you by the new class of 2008 Plano Chamber of Commerce members. The Plano Centre is located at 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. The kick-off will begin with Business Interchange at 7:30 a.m., a group of 100+ businesses that meet on a weekly basis to network and market their businesses. Then, at 9 a.m. the

EXPO trade show will officially begin.

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Dallas

Contract 6172-46-001 for GENERAL ROUTINE MAINTENANCE in DALLAS County will be opened on January 13, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$20,720,749.89.

Contract 6185-40-001 for REMOVE AND REPLACE CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND ACP SHOUL in DALLAS County will be opened on January 14, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$553,744.80.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 28398

#### State Office

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200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

#### Dist/Div Office(s)

Dallas District  
District Engineer  
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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*Wednesdays, 7 pm  
In December*

Get your praise on, Wednesday Night Live (WNL) @ our main campus, 200 Belmont Drive in Allen. Call the church for details.

*December 11 & 12, 2008*

Our Winter Revival with Prophet Wales Williams of Atlanta, GA will minister.

*December 20, 6 pm*

Our Theatre & Arts Ministry presents: "The Only Thing Greater Than Thyself" a celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ @ Story Elementary.

*December 31, 9 pm*

Club FBCA presents "Unveiling the Spirit of Excellence" @ our Annual New Year's Eve Celebration at the Plano Centre Ballroom. Ring in the New Year with food, music, a talent show and the "Spirit" with us.

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*December 6, 2 pm - 5 pm*  
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*December 5, 6:30 - 10 pm*

Join our students in the preaching class @ our Christology Class.

*December 6, 10 am - 2 pm*

Don't miss MOCOP's Annual Testimonial Tea for wonderful and inspiring testimonials about what God can do in your life.

*December 14, 2008  
(After Morning Worship)*

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#### MUNGER PLACE UMC

*Tonight, December 4, 2008*

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Call Trish Major @ 214-823-7793 for tickets and details or visit [www.dallas-peacecenter.org](http://www.dallas-peacecenter.org).

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*December 8-13, 7 pm*

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## Scriptures & Things to Ponder

**104:34.** The Christian is only victorious as he/she starves the old nature and feeds the new. **Romans 7:24 &**

**25.** Christ is the unavoidable One; your decision about Him determines your destiny. **Matthew 22:41 & 42.** A lie needs artificial support; truth can stand alone. **Galatians 6:7.** To WAIT on the Lord is to put your WEIGHT on His promises. **Habakkuk 2:20.** Every Christian occupies some kind of pulpit and preaches some kind of sermon every day. **2 Timothy 4:10.** A lie is often dressed in the garb of truth. **1 John 4:1.** In the faces of men and women, I see God. **Genesis 1:27.** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. **Matthew 5:6.**

Thank God every day; everything that you are and everything that you have is the result of God goodness. If at times your life seems very hard and other times it seems full of happiness, God

is always there and your blessing is available, if you will only listen and obey Him. Seek God to be a person of prayer, asking not only for your daily needs but praying for others. Seek God to have the right motives when dealing with others and for living the life of obedience that is pleasing to Him, to receive whatever you ask of Him; what you ask will be aligned according to His Word.

Seek God to develop a thirst for Him, spend time with Him EVERY day, and to be aware of His presence at all times. Seek to worship Him in the fullness of His glory and testify with, your life, not just words, that He is your God. Remember that God loves you.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. —Reinhold Niebuhr. The deeper we grow in the Spirit of Jesus

Christ, the poorer we become—and the more we realize that everything in life is a gift. —Brennan Manning, "The Ragamuffin Gospel." One great power of sin is that it blinds men so that they do not recognize its true character. —Andrew Murray.

If there are two persons praying, there are three. If three meet to pray, there are four praying. There is always one more that you can see. —S.D. Gordon. You cannot see faith, but you can see the footprints of the faith. We must leave behind "faithful footprints" for other to follow. —Dr. Dennis Anderson.

For one human being to love another; that is perhaps the most difficult of our tasks; the ultimate, the last test and poof, the work for which all other work is but preparation. —Rainer Maria Rilke. By love, God may be gotten and held, but by thought or understanding, never. —The Cloud of Unknowing.



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a beautiful child with a God-like spirit and a wholesome attitude about life and caring about others; she always had a winning smile.

TNT is the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's largest fund-raising program, bringing in over 73 million dollars this past year alone. Sis. Garza has set a personal goal to raise at least \$2,000 for her Dallas White Rock Marathon. And 75% of every dollars spent at the Society goes to research, patient services and education.

Money that she is faith-

fully praying to raise for research is not only satisfying to her, but, that the most important and inspirational part of her training is knowing that her hard work will make a difference in the lives of the "Honored Heroes" who are fighting these diseases. She is training and running in memory of Lydia Toreacy-Jessie Garza! To read Lydia's story please visit [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org); and in the address box, under "Visit a CaringBridge Website", type in "lydiagarza" all in lower case letters, without a space between the first and last name.

Lydia is the reason she has committing herself to crossing the finish-line; and with her as an inspiration, Sis. Garza is unwavering in her pursuit to clash her way across the goal line. It is her opportunity to embody a glimmer of hope for those who are struggling with blood cancers; and, to remember those who have lost their quest for life here


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For those who are willing to support this worthy cause, you may send your donation to her church, MOCOP @ 300 Chisholm Place, Plano, TX 75075; Pastor Sam said that 100% of your bequest will be given to the Garza family for the marathon; or you can go to the website, <http://pages.teamintrain->

ing.orgntx/Whiterck08/sgar zavds9 to donate. Your donation is tax-deductible and "NO CONTRIBUTION IS TOO SMALL!" said Bro. & Sis. Garza. Your gift will make a difference. Sis. Garza promises to thank God for the prayers, kindness and loyalty of family, church members, friends, co-workers and contributing people as

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