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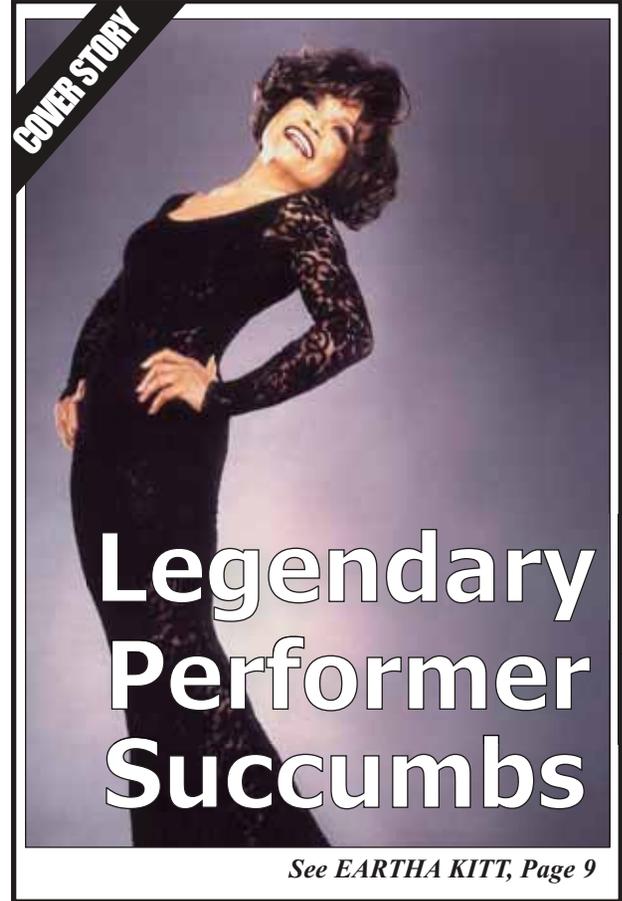
Carolyn F. Kelly of Garland was convicted of theft this month as the result of an investigation by the Texas Workforce

Commission (TWC), U.S. Marshall's Fugitive Task Force and the U.S. Department of Labor – Office of Inspector General's Labor Racketeering and Fraud

Investigations Office. From approximately March 2007 through January 2008, Kelly, a youth services personal representative with the North Texas Human

Resource Group (NTHRG) in Plano, a former contractor of the North Central Texas Workforce Board, manipulated the Workforce

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Rev. Derrick L. Bowman,

## SCLC: Celebrating The Dream

From staff reports

The Dallas Southern Christian Leadership Conference invites the DFW community to join us in a metropex-wide family fun event at the African American Museum of Art and Natural History in Fair Park on Saturday, January

17. Celebrating the Dream: A New Day and a New Way is an event designed to provide family-friendly entertainment, music, and more as we commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the founder of SCLC. The event will begin immediately following the City of

Dallas MLK day parade. It will begin at 12pm until last until 4pm.

During the afternoon, we will pause to reflect on the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as we enjoy musical selections from renown national and local gospel

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Chris Tucker among Trumpet Awards recipients

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## Auto Insurance or Dallas Police will have your vehicle towed

From staff reports

Beginning January 1, the Dallas Police Department will begin enforcing the Uninsured Motorist Ordinance, approved by the Dallas City Council on May 28, 2008. Under this ordinance drivers stopped for a traffic violation who

cannot show proof of auto insurance will be issued a citation and will have his or her vehicle towed. The City already tows the vehicles of uninsured motorists involved in traffic accidents.

The new ordinance is in response to the large number of people driving in the

City of Dallas without the proper state required auto insurance. These uninsured drivers place an unfair burden on those who comply with state law and maintain auto insurance. Dallas Police currently issues about 75,000 citations a year to uninsured motorists. With the new ordinance, the

city anticipates fewer of these citations as more drivers comply with the law to avoid having their vehicles towed.

To find out more about self you have any questions about this policy please call 311 or 214-670-5111 when calling outside of Dallas.

**COMMENTARY**

## Darkest Before Dawn

By Gary L. Flowers  
NNPA Columnist

today, as many celebrate a new year, brimming with the pleasant possibilities.

My paternal grandfather, who stood tall in height and wisdom, would often teach life lessons from his observation that the darkest portion of the night sky is just before dawn. Likewise, my maternal grandmother's face seemed to metaphorically convey her belief that we cannot see daylight until we make it through the night. How true

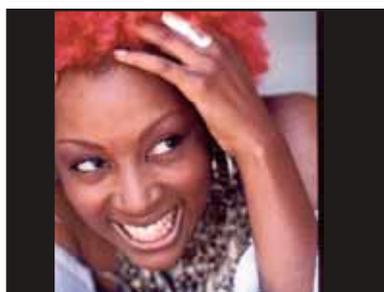
As the sun sets on the Bush Administration, the past eight years may be recorded as the "unenlightened years" of American history. After all, just before the elections of 2000, the national budget surplus was \$230 million; the nation was in peacetime; citizens enjoyed the privacy

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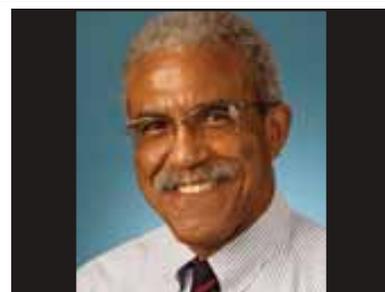
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## People In The News...



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## Sy Smith

Sy Smith's debut CD *The Syberspace Social* speaks volumes about her musical background, dreams, determination, sense of humor, not to mention her mastery of musical composition! She picks up synth-laced soul music where Stevie Wonder and Herbie Hancock left off; experimenting with unique sounds, skillfully uniting hip-hop, R&B, jazz, funk and with elements of dance over ethereal harmonies to

make what she calls futuristic soul. Smith takes the listener to a cosmic café where freedom is encouraged and progressive thinking is demanded. Sy's celestial voice leads the way, without being self-righteous. Often compared to Diana Ross, Sy has an under-stated talent that summons power when needed but usually serves up a delightful and soulful whimsy rarely heard in today's urban genres.

Smith has an impressive career. As a much in-demand vocalist, Sy has gained as much respect behind the scenes as she has on stage. Her musicianship has attracted the attention of artists such as Whitney Houston, Macy Gray, Usher, Jamie Foxx, Eric Benét, Ginuwine and Brandy who recruited her to sing background vocals on various television shows and tours. She has appeared many television commercials (e.g. Gap, Chevrolet, Coca-Cola) and regularly sang with Vonda Shepard

on the popular FOX television series "Ally McBeal." In addition, Smith shares the vocal spotlight with legendary singer Al Green performing the title song to the Showtime series "Soul Food."

Born in New York and raised in Washington, DC. And drawing on a wealth of influences from Bach to Sarah Vaughan to Earth, Wind & Fire, Sy was exposed to a diverse musical palette at an early age. She studied classical piano for most of her childhood and early teens, and later



found a musical outlet in the school choir.

Smith went on to attend Howard University earning a B.S. in Psychology with a minor in Music Therapy.

Soon after graduation, Smith's musical aspirations began to swirl – she joined a local all-female band. With encouragement from fellow musician-friends, she packed up and moved to LA, hoping to get a toe-hold in the business. Studio sessions and local clubs allowed her to have her voice heard, and luckily, producer/songwriter Sauce (Somethin' For The People, Will Smith) was listening. Sauce summoned her for vocal and writing sessions, pushing her to develop her own skills as a producer.

## Alvin H. Crawford

Alvin H. Crawford, MD, one of the nation's foremost authorities on video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery and neurofibromatosis, is the director of pediatric orthopaedics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Since joining the staff of Cincinnati Children's in 1977, Dr. Crawford has completed a teaching module in Pediatric

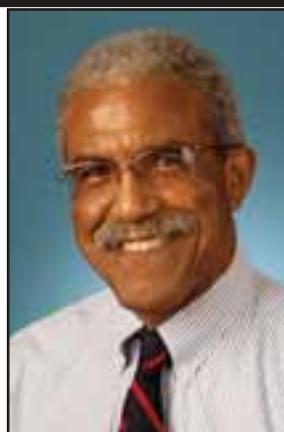
Orthopaedics, which includes a 1000-slide and syllabus packet widely used as a teaching instrument in U.S. residency programs, as well as in 33 other countries.

Dr. Crawford has also co-authored a handbook of Pediatric Orthopaedics for pediatric house officers and primary care physicians, as well as assisted in the development and pub-

lication of an atlas on Pediatric Orthopaedic radiology.

Dr. Crawford has authored a monograph on neurofibromatosis in children, a field in which he is considered the leading expert, achieving internationally renowned status. His publications include more than 200 articles and abstracts, six books, and 52 chapters.

Dr. Crawford's multiple visiting professorships, in addition to the United



States, include Canada, West Africa, the Middle East (Jordan and Saudi

Arabia), Germany, Italy, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Brazil, Colombia, England, Belgium, Chile, Spain, Argentina and Ireland. He has trained 25 fellows in Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery.

Dr. Crawford earned his undergraduate degree in Chemistry and Biochemistry at the Tennessee A and I University in 1960, with a minor in Music. He earned his medical degree at the

University of Tennessee College of Medicine in 1964. In 2000, Dr. Crawford was elected the Neurofibromatosis, Inc., Scholar for the year. He was also named one of the Best Doctors in America for 2000 and 2001. His publications include more than 200 articles and abstracts, six books and 52 chapters.

In January Dr. Crawford will receive a Trumpet Award for Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Michael Roberts

Michael Roberts is the classic American entrepreneur. Born to middle class hard working parents, educated in the St. Louis public school system, he worked his way through college and law school to become one of St. Louis' leading businessmen. Throughout his rise in business, Roberts maintained a strong commitment to the African-American community from which he came. Locating his headquarters in the heart of this community, his endeavors over the last twenty-nine years have created thousands of jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities, raised the level of economic activity and enhanced the quality of life for the African-American community.

Roberts' broad range of professional knowledge

and experience developed as both a business owner and public official (St. Louis Board of Aldermen, 1977-1985) encompasses the application of innovative financing strategies for large public projects, public-private sector development negotiation strategies, and successful management techniques for urban commercial properties. His leadership in the creation of innovative strategies for financing of redevelopment projects propelled the City into a major redevelopment phase that lasted throughout the 1980s.

Today his ventures include Roberts Mayfair Hotel - the first and only African-American owned hotel in downtown St. Louis. The Roberts Mayfair also represents the first affiliation of an African-



American owned hotel with Wyndham Hotels, Inc. This historic hotel opened in downtown St. Louis in 1926 and was acquired by Mr. Roberts in August of 2003. One of the City's most famous boutique hotels, the Roberts Mayfair sits in the center of the convention district. This 18 story 182-room hotel consists primarily of luxury suites. He also owns hotels in Atlanta, Shreveport and Spartanburg, SC.

Roberts is the author of *Action Has No Season, Secrets and Strategies to Gaining Wealth and Authority*. Book reviews have characterized his work as, "a must read for leaders and entrepreneurs"; "his book proves that Mike Roberts is a capitalist for his time...part existentialist, part-capitalist, he is building a legacy for his family and all aspiring African-Americans who want to participate in the American Dream."

Roberts received his Juris Doctorate degree from St. Louis University in 1974. Prior to graduation from law school, he was selected as a participant in special studies programs at the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France (1973); and The Hague Academy of International Law, The

Hague, Holland (1972).

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## Navigating the Road Ahead

By Farrah Gray  
NNPA Columnist

Getting you where you need to go takes two separate efforts - one to look at the map and the other to look out of the windshield.

Once you have defined your goals and vision, you have to learn what it takes to get there.

Education and training is important; it's the second component to "doing the knowledge." And you have to have root knowledge, not branch knowledge. This means you can't just skim the surface of a subject matter and suddenly become the master of it. Having a comprehensive knowledge requires digging deep, even if you are ahead of the game at the start with a bundle of natural skills for a particular subject. That's when you're likely to take too many uncalculated risks and enter a minefield ill-equipped.

Study your chosen profession. You can acquire that knowledge in school or in life. Mentors and teachers come hugely in to play here. These are the people who can give you the information you need to move forward, especially at the start line. They often make for great cheerleaders, too.

Even the cream of the crop has coaches, teachers, and mentors. Famous singers have singing coaches. Olympic athletes have coaches. Actors have acting teachers. Bestselling authors have editors.

Professionals like lawyers, doctors, and scientists have mentors — those senior to them who know more through more experience, and can inspire new ways of thinking and problem-solving. We all need someone who can take our raw talent and transform it into polished talent. We also need people who can chal-



lenge our thinking, and get us to acknowledge a different perspective from time to time.

Trouble is, as witnesses to (and for some, envious admirers of) others' success we typically see the end result rather than a progression of practice, practice, practice.

When we watch a star perform on the stage or a runner dashing to the finish line at the Olympics, we forget to consider all the manufacturing that went into that single, winning moment. We skip over the hours upon hours of missed attempts and fine-tunings that helped usher out that now dazzling performance of talent. We are in awe of the outcome but fail to acknowledge and appreciate all the in-come leading up to it.

For example, every singer has a sound check before any performance. So will you before you go out and do whatever it is you're intended to do.

For those who need more structure and a process to handling decision-making, let me share with you my A.H.E.A.D. methodology. It can help you track your options mentally and stay in tune with yourself:

A: Assess risks from an educated standpoint. Do the research necessary to learn all the potential risks involved in a pursuit. Don't overlook any of them.

H: Hear what enters your mind. Don't underestimate the power of gut instinct when weighing pros and cons and taking on honest look at risks.

E: Evaluate thoughts and potential solutions to problems. You'll likely be problem solving from the day you ask yourself those critical three questions. Take your time thinking through what you need to do in order to move forward. Think through every step and direction you decide to take. Consider other options along the way. Be open to circumstances that change your surroundings.

A: Act based on experience and self-examination. Make calculated moves. Like the game of chess, see if you can act with your third move in mind.

D: Discern between what's working and what's not working to continue forward. This is when you need to perhaps plan a new direction.

We all hit walls once in a while. That doesn't mean

we have to stop. We turn around and find another way onward. We have to be willing to let go of ideas and pursuits that clearly aren't working. They should be placed in the desire category instead of the known-skills category. If you hit a wall, but there's an open road to be taken elsewhere with another set of skills innate to you.

You can employ the AHEAD method pretty much any time. It can be used for small-scale decisions, such as what to wear on a job interview or where to enroll in a class that will help you master a skill set. It can also be used for those larger, life-changing decisions like where you choose to live, work, and start a family.

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

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### EDITOR'S NOTE:

The North Dallas Gazette has recently conducted research on Wells Fargo Bank and their lending practices within the minority community. If you would like to offer any special comment regarding your interactions with Wells Fargo Bank - pro or con - please contact our Publisher, Mr. Thurman Jones at [publisher@northdallasgazette.com](mailto: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.

# Longest Serving President Passes, Army Stages Coup

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President Lansana Conte of the West African nation of Guinea has passed away after a long battle with diabetes. He was 74 years old.

Conte, who came to power in 1984, was educated at an Islamic school before attending French military schools in Ivory Coast and Senegal. He joined the French army in 1955 and took part in that country's failed attempt to suppress Algeria's independence movement.

He sided with western countries, accepting unpopular cuts in government spending and a currency devaluation ordered by the International Monetary Fund.

In January 2005, he survived an assassination attempt, but grinding poverty in the resource-rich country sparked a round of food riots and strikes which were brutally suppressed by the presidential guard, police and army.

With Conte gone, Guinea's army last week assumed power and announced by state radio that the government was dissolved and the constitution suspended.

People were told to stay at home and "that the military will take control of the political and economic situation in the country".

The African Union said that they were "preoccupied and keenly monitoring" the situation. 40 days of national mourning has been declared.



Guinea coup leader Moussa Camara reads a statement in this image made from Guinea TV broadcast, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008. A military-led group sent tanks through Guinea's capital on Wednesday and said it would hold power for two years after initially promising elections within 60 days. The National Council for Democracy and Development announced Tuesday that it had seized control of the West African country after the death of its longtime dictator. Renegade army Capt. Moussa Camara and leader of a coup in Guinea said on state radio. "We are here to promote the organization of credible and transparent presidential elections by the end of December 2010." (AP Photo/Guinea TV)

## All-Africa Prayer Day Set for Zimbabwe

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Africa's largest Christian group, the All Africa Conference of Churches, has set Jan. 25 as a Special Africa Day of Prayer and Fasting for Justice in Zimbabwe.

At a meeting in the Mozambican capital,

Maputo, the group condemned Zimbabwe's President. Robert Mugabe for "using power-sharing negotiations as a strategy for wasting time and exercising continued control."

The church leaders called on the African Union and its 53 member nations to state clearly that the cur-

rent Zimbabwean regime is "illegitimate" and to stop recognizing it.

"The AACC member churches confess that we have been slow to respond to the crisis in Zimbabwe and the suffering of the Zimbabwean people, in part because of our lack of unity."

Churches on the continent and around the world should engage in a Special Africa Day of Prayer and Fasting for Justice in Zimbabwe, they wrote. "Action should be taken for justice and peace in Zimbabwe through measures appropriate to their national contexts."

## Looking for Tomorrow's Heroes Today

From staff reports

It takes a lot to protect the health and safety of 2.2 million people. That's why Dallas County Health and Human Services works daily developing programs and testing plans to protect Dallas County citizens during a public health crisis. But in a public health emergency, every helping hand can make a difference in reducing illness and saving lives. Dallas County's Medical Reserve Corps is looking for both medical and non-medical volunteers to help us make Dallas County a healthier, better prepared community. You don't need a medical background or any special skills to be a part of the MRC, just a willingness to help in a time of

need.

"Unpredictable acts of man or nature can quickly impact our community and could possibly overwhelm our health care system," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "During times of crisis, the MRC plays a critical role in helping to keep our health care system running smoothly by meeting the needs of not only Dallas County residents, but also persons who may be temporarily relocated to our area during a gulf coast hurricane or disaster elsewhere."

MRC volunteers come from many different walks of life. Their common bond is their willingness to serve during a time of need. MRC volunteers receive free training on how to support public

health and other first responders during a health crisis. "The Dallas County MRC training program allows me to train, prepare, and instruct others in the protection of my neighbors and countrymen," shares MRC volunteer Sharon Simpson, RN.

MRC Volunteers fill many critical roles during a disaster; from greeting and directing people to registration and triage stations, to helping distribute medicine, food or supplies, to managing traffic flow and parking volume, to answering phones, to making sure people feel comfortable and safe. Persons who speak languages other than English or who know sign language are needed to serve as interpreters. MRC volunteer Gwen

Walker says of her experience, "I am steadfast in my involvement with the MRC and their commitment to keeping our country safe."

Anyone who is 21 years old or older, who is interested in helping your community, has good customer service skills, and works well in a team is invited to be a part of the Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps. To become a part of the MRC, visit [www.metroplexvolunteers.com](http://www.metroplexvolunteers.com). For more information, or to register for the next orientation session for new volunteers, call 214-819-2020. Orientation is scheduled January 22, 2009, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75207.

## Local Non-profit in need of donations

From staff reports

Once again Don Johnson, Executive Director of The Welcome House has had to dip into his own pocket to keep the facility going. The Welcome House has offered transitional housing and recovery support services since 1966, but the economy has caused donations to drop to almost nothing. So far Johnson has put \$75,000.0 of his own money into The Welcome House since March, because he doesn't want his clients who are living with HIV or recovering from drug abuse to end up on the street without support.

The Welcome House currently has 16 clients in its 25 bed facility. It provides, recovery coaching and education

in recovery support, relapse prevention, spiritual support, life skills, job readiness enhanced computer training, GED, money management while providing assistance with bus vouchers, hygiene products and clothing.

"We need help," Johnson said, "Without it our clients will fall through the cracks and be lost."

Clients like 60 year old Al a long time sufferer of alcoholism who recently suffered three major heart attacks and is showing signs of early stages of dementia.

Johnson hopes they will be able to keep the doors open until they can get approved for a new grant or new donations come in. For more information on The Welcome House call 214-887-0696.

# Citizens encouraged to help make a better Plano by visiting "COUNCIL OFFICE HOURS"

From staff reports

Most times in life, getting to the right people is half the battle. For the citizens of Plano, Council Office Hours IS a new way to communicate face-to-

face with City Council members.

Council members are available to visit with Plano residents from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Building Inspections Training Room of

Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue on the first Monday of each month.

While Council Office Hours is not a new concept, it is certainly a new opportunity for idea-sharing and problem-solving between

Plano's Council and citizenry. During these informal one-on-one sessions, council members will speak directly to visitors about a variety of issues concerning their communities and the city at large

(i.e. city government, policies, public safety, growth and development, the environment, etc.).

For more information about the Plano Council Office Hours or a list of meeting dates for 2009,



Pat Evans

please contact the City Manager's Office at 972-941-7107.

## Southern Bible Institute Enhances the Tradition of Developing Leaders

From staff reports

From Senior Pastor N.L. Robinson of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas in 1958 to Dr. Herbert Thompson, Senior Pastor of the Illinois Avenue Baptist in 1980; the Southern Bible Institute in Dallas has been graduating leaders of the faith-

based community.

Pastor Robinson credits his study at Southern Bible Institute as providing him with the knowledge to grow his church. "Southern Bible Institute taught me how to win souls for God by sticking to the word of God," Robinson explained. "I have sent a lot of people to Southern

Bible Institute and currently have 4 graduate preachers helping to grow Mount Olive."

Southern Bible Institute has provided a biblical background for the more than six-thousand men and women it has trained since 1927 as pastors, ministry leaders, missionaries, Sunday school teachers

and lay people. It has programs in both biblical and theological studies.

Southern Bible Institute President Dr. Martin Hawkins says, "It is a quality Christian education with a challenging curriculum at an affordable cost." Hawkins became the first African American President of the school

three years ago. He has enhanced the curriculum by adding a graduate level program as well as programs in Greek, Hebrew and counseling.

The spring semester starts Monday January 12, 2009 at the campus which is located at 7200 S. Hampton Road in Dallas. Registration is underway.

Scholarships are available.

SBI graduate Dr. Herbert Thompson not only pastors his church, but he is also Vice President of Student Affairs and an instructor at the Institute. "It has been a joy investing in the lives of individuals who have a desire to study Gods word and grow spiritually," Thompson said.

## Girl Scout Cookie Time is here just in time for the New Year

From staff reports

Every year, millions of girls across the United States gain valuable knowledge while providing the community with a special treat—Girl Scout Cookies! This year is no exception!

Locally, the Girl Scout Cookie Program begins January 9th and goes through the end of March. One new delicious Girl Scout Cookie joins the cast this year: Dulce de Leche. Inspired by the classic confections of Latin America, this sweet, indulgent Girl Scout Cookie is rich with milk caramel chips and stripes. But don't worry your favorite Girl Scout Cookies are still available: Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Lemon Chalet Cremes, Sugar-free Chocolate Chip and the world-famous Thin Mints.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is an integral part of Girl Scouts' Business

and Economic Literacy initiative for girls in grades K through 12. What started out as a bake sale has turned into a sophisticated leadership program where girls learn valuable life & business skills: goal setting, public speaking, teamwork, brand awareness, responsibility, money & time management, financial literacy and grassroots entrepreneurship in its finest form. Essentially, the girls run their own business. The entire Girl Scout Troop sets a goal and follows a plan leading toward that goal. Girl Scout Troops use funds from the Cookie Program to fund service projects, exciting educational field trips, and other leadership activities. Whether girls are dreaming of becoming a doctor, teacher, businesswoman, president of the PTA, or superstar athlete, the Girl Scout Cookie Program gives them the self-esteem they need to reach for the stars. Many successful

women have credited their business skills to the Girl Scout Cookie Program, making it the premier business and economic literacy program for girls in the United States. As one successful Dallas entrepreneur put it, "It's not about how many cookies are sold or which girl sells the most - It really is about learning to create a business plan, how to sell, and how to deliver on a promise."

The Girl Scout Cookie Program also promotes community service. Project Troop to Troop is a Girl Scout service initiative that encourages members of the community to buy packages of Girl Scout Cookies to donate to the U.S. Armed Forces. Last year, Project Troop to Troop generated more than 140,000 packages of Girl Scout Cookies; this year's challenge is 150,000 packages. The 2009 Project Troop to Troop Cookies will be transported to Fort Hood, the USO, the

American Red Cross and ultimately service men and service women at home and abroad. Girl Scout Cookies will also reach

local Veterans Organizations and wounded soldiers.

For more information on how you can support

local Girl Scouts by purchasing a delicious box of Girl Scout Cookies, call 1-800-882-MINT (6468) or email [cookies@gsnetx.org](mailto:cookies@gsnetx.org)



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## Free Acting Workshops in McKinney & Plano

From staff reports

McKinney Youth Theatre Youth in the North Texas area are invited to attend free acting workshops sponsored by the McKinney Youth Theatre. The workshops will be held at McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 North Tennessee (downtown historic courthouse). The workshops will be held on January 15, 22, 29, February 5, and February 12. Youth in grades K-1 will come from 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. Youth in grades 3-5 come from 5-6 p.m. Youth in grades 6 and up come from 6-7 p.m. Elementary

students will be actively engaged in theatre games and story creation. Students in grades 6 and up will experiment with improvisation and learn some audition techniques. Scout, Destination Imagination teams, church and other large groups are welcome to participate. To reserve your spot, please call (972) 422-2575.

McKinney Youth Theatre offers after school and summer programming for youth, ages 4-18. Our mission is to provide arts opportunities which promote life long learning, creativity, communication skills, integrity and good citizenship.

The workshops are underwritten by the City of McKinney, McKinney Cultural Arts Commission, and UPS.

Plano Community Theatre invites students to act up in our free winter acting workshops! The free acting workshops are geared for beginning students who are interested in the performing arts. Theatre games, story dramatization, and improvisation will introduce children to our educational programs. Students in grades 6 and up will concentrate on learning improvisation games and audition techniques. Scout groups,

Destination Imagination Teams, church groups, and best friends are invited to attend. Workshops will be held Mondays and Tuesdays in January. Students in Grades K-1 will come from 4-5 p.m. Students in Grades 2-5 will come from 5-6 p.m. Grade Six and UP students come from 6-7 p.m.

Plano Community Theatre is located at 1301 Custer Road, Suite 706 in Plano. To reserve your place, please call (972) 422-2575. Workshops are free and open to the public. Underwritten by the City of Plano and Plano Cultural Arts Commission.

## COLLEGE CORNER

### National Achievement Scholarship Program

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students.

Black students may enter both the National Achievement Program and the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) and meeting other published requirements for participation.

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**Amount:**  
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Source:  
[Blackstudents.com](http://Blackstudents.com)

## Urban League to host Annual Community Meeting

From staff reports

For over 41 years the Urban League of Greater Dallas has served all citizens in our communities. During these tough economic times, the requests for our services and emergency assistance have escalated. This year, more than ever, we need your investment in the League. Your support of our Annual Meeting Community Report

Luncheon gives us the resources to continue our efforts of changing lives.

Our first event in the new year is our Annual Meeting Community Report Luncheon. Our theme, The Legacy Continues: Passing the Torch, allows us to recognize and honor our tenured citizens who have paved the way in their fields of endeavor. In addition, the Legacy honorees select a young col-

league in the community, who is demonstrating excellence in the same profession, to receive a Torch. This is our way of reinforcing the positive role that each person/generation plays in our communities and recognizing their outstanding contributions. Each year, we recognize and say "thank you" to those persons who have made outstanding contributions to our communities, but more impor-

tantly, they pave the way and serve as role models for our youth.

The Board of Directors will host the 2009 Annual Meeting Community Report Luncheon on Thursday, February 26, 2009. Call the League office (214) 915.4631 for more information.

## Free Workshops to Help Family Members Cope with effects of Alzheimer's Disease

From staff reports

The Alzheimer's Association of North Central Texas, with funding from the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging, is sponsoring a series of free workshops to help family members cope with dementia and memory loss.

"Mapping the Journey"

will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays in February, at Stonewall Title Company, 1840 Acton Highway, Granbury. The series will cover "Understanding Alzheimer's," "Legal and Safety Issues," "Financial Considerations" and "Caregiving Strategies." Sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, on February 4, 11, 18, and 25.

On February 27, the Alzheimer's Association will sponsor "Planning Ahead: Planning for Future Legal and Financial Needs." The program will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Crockett National Bank, 1901 Wall Street, Weatherford. For more information about any of these workshops, or to register call Shelly Young at 817-336-4949 or 800-272-3900

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# Mrs Santa Claus & Friends Make Deliveries

From staff reports

Stephanie Ward and Margaret Murphy played Santa to single mothers in South Dallas on Christmas eve as part of the Gifts for Moms project, where volunteers collected more than 200 gifts

to be distributed to single mothers all over the Metroplex.

"It was a lot of fun seeing the ladies smile," said Stephanie Ward, the founder of the Gifts For Mom project. "They were not expecting us, so they were caught off guard by

the gifts."

The women delivered about 40 gifts during the daylong spree.

"We have decided to come back to this area next week and see if you can't offer further assistance to a few of the mothers we met," Ward

said.

Volunteers through North Texas have donated all kinds of gifts to the gifts for moms project. Ward is planning to continue the gift distribution next year, and is working to set up a none profit to help single.



Above, Single Mother and her son smile after receiving gifts.



Left, Volunteer Margaret Murphy give Mothers in a South Dallas Apartment Complex gifts



Right, Stephanie Ward goes to deliver presents to south Dallas homes.

## Dallas Skyline Gets Two New Stars

From staff reports

As anticipation grows for the launch of "Five-Sixty by Wolfgang Puck," Chef Puck's debut fine dining restaurant in Dallas, the Wolfgang Puck Fine Dining Group announces the two leaders of its team. Sara Johannes, who will serve as Executive Chef, and Shawn Horne, as General Manager, will bring their passion and expertise to Dallas' skyline restaurant atop Reunion Tower.

Sara Johannes, a graduate of Saint Paul College with an Associate Degree in Culinary Arts, joins the Dallas team after four years at 20.21, Puck's Asian restaurant at the

Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Working alongside the group's talented chefs - including Managing Partner and Corporate Executive Chef Lee Hefter - Johannes honed her skills and quickly graduated from line cook to sous chef. Upon hearing of the opening of Five-Sixty, Johannes jumped at the opportunity to become Executive Chef and share her expertise and Chef Puck's philosophy.

"I am excited to introduce Dallas' sophisticated audience to the Wolfgang Puck concept of fine dining," says Johannes. "Chef Puck is known for his use of fresh ingredi-

ents and bold flavors, something that I am eager to showcase in our innovative menus."

Shawn Horne, a familiar and revered face in Dallas' dining scene, is a 20-year veteran of the restaurant industry. Following his studies at the University of Toledo, Horne moved to Dallas where he learned his management skills at some of the city's finest restaurants, including the five-star rated Abacus, where he served as manager and wine buyer, and Ferre Restaurant, as operator and partner. Most recently, Horne opened and operated Kitchen 1924, his first dining establishment.

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**African American Republican Club of Collin County** meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm (Doors will open at 6:30 pm) Collin County Republican Party Headquarters 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney Call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or [fred@tes.com](mailto: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. At Reel Thing Catfish Cafe, 600 East Main Street - Suite A, Allen, TX 75002. 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 info: 469-942-0809 or [meetup.com/378](http://meetup.com/378).

**Marriage Prep Class** 1st Saturdays monthly 423 West Wheatland Road Suite 101, Duncanville 75116 \$10 fee for materials. For more info call Karen Duval at 972-709-1180.

**No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch** 1st and 3rd Thursday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023 Must RSVP at [www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

**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

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**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.

**January 1**

2:00pm - 6:00pm **Karamu Feast**, Irie Connection, 2642 Beckley Ave., Dallas, TX. Please bring a covered dish of beef, fish, chicken, vegetables. Call 214-374-1192, or 214-372-3500.

**January 4**

**Dancing with the Stars Tour** features an entirely new ensemble of the most popular and exciting competitors from the hit ABC show, including celebrities Lance Bass, Toni Braxton, and Maurice Greene from Season 7, as well as Marlee Matlin from Season 6. Info at [americanairlinescenter.com](http://americanairlinescenter.com) or [dancingwiththestarson-tour.com](http://dancingwiththestarson-tour.com)

**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 9**

**MLK Candle** - Lighting Ceremony - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter of Dallas, TX) in conjunction with the African American Museum (AAM) located in the historic Fair Park presents "Music Under the Dome" featuring "Groove University". Each event is from 7 PM to 11 PM and is held at the AAM. Admission is \$10.00. Reservations & Information 214-565-9026 ext 315 [www.aam-dallas.org](http://www.aam-dallas.org) and [www.DallasAlphas.com](http://www.DallasAlphas.com).

**January 9-11**

**8th Annual Dallas Home Show** Meet Contractors, Homebuilders, Decorators, Landscapers, & More! See Products in Action and Trends in Motion! Beautiful

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**January 10 & 17**

**"Business Basics for Entrepreneurs."** This class combines financial management and other key business concepts, such as Marketing, Forecasting, Cash Flow, Pricing, and Business Planning. Upon completion of the training class, prospective members will receive a PLAN Fund certification and become eligible for business loans. MEED Center 1327 N. Peak Street, Dallas, TX 75204. \$40 - [www.planfund.org](http://www.planfund.org) or call 214-942-6698.

**January 11th**

**Sunday Brunch** at Hotel Intercontinental January 11th 12:30pm-3pm Hotel Intercontinental in the Malachite Room of Monte Carlo Restaurant 15201 Dallas Parkway Addison, TX 75001.

**CTYO Auditions** for winter/spring session 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Community Room, Municipal Court and Parks & Recreation Building 301 Century Parkway, Allen Call 972-658-4227 for more information

**Plano Symphony Sundays** Ensemble Concerts: Swingin' Strings 3 p.m. Courtyard Theatre 1501 Ave. H, Plano Call 972-473-7262 for more information

**January 15**

**Plano Chamber Business After Hours** Hooters, 720 N. Central Expwy, Plano 75074 5:30 p.m. RSVP to [info@planochamber.org](mailto:info@planochamber.org) starting 2 weeks prior to event

**January 17**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Parade** The parade assembly begins at Dallas city hall plaza, located at 1500 Marilla, and marches past the Martin Luther King, Jr.

Community Center and ends at Fair Park. Info at [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com) or (214) 670-8438.

**January 18**

**26th Annual Black Music and The Civil Rights Movement Concert** - This moving tribute reflects on Dr. King and the Civil Right Movement of the 1960s while celebrating a nationwide spirit of change through Barack Obama's presidential campaign with powerful film footage, narration, music and dance. The concert features special artist FANTASIA. Conceived and produced by CURTIS KING. Details about this event may be found by visiting [www.tbaal.org](http://www.tbaal.org).

**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.

**January 30**

**"Simply Sinatra"** starring Steve Lippia at The Eisemann Center - 972-744-4650 or visit [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

**January 31**

**Harlem Globetrotters 2009 World Tour** will take the court on Jan 31st at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This event will be held at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Texas. Details at [www.americanairlinescenter.com](http://www.americanairlinescenter.com) or [www.harlemglobetrotters.com](http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com).

**February 7**

**Free China adoption workshop** held by Great Wall China Adoption, a non-profit organization dedicated to place abandoned girls from China. 1:30-4:30 pm L.E.R. Schimelpfenig Library 5024 Custer Road Plano, TX 75023. To register <http://www.gwca.org/eve>

nts/workshops/view?2237 For more information about Great Wall China Adoption, please visit our website at [www.gwca.org](http://www.gwca.org) or call us toll free at 1.888.GW.FAMILY.

**February 14**

**Smucker's Stars on Ice** - The world's top skaters are coming to American Airlines Center in America's number one skating tour -- Smucker's Stars on Ice. Come see the sport's most exciting Olympic, World and National Champions including Sasha Cohen, Illia Kulik, Todd Eldredge, Shen & Zhao, Michael Weiss and more in this Emmy Award winning tour! Produced by Scott Hamilton, Smucker's Stars on Ice - On the Edge is coming for one performance only with special guest Evan Lysacek! Visit [www.starsonice.com](http://www.starsonice.com) or [www.americanairlinescenter.com](http://www.americanairlinescenter.com)

**February 18-21**

**Dallas Auto Show** - One of the most anticipated annual events in the Metroplex, the Dallas Auto Show is the ideal opportunity for consumers to compare styling and pricing of every major line make under one roof in just a few hours. The Dallas Auto Show was conceived in 1982, and now boasts more than 550,000 square feet of new cars, trucks and SUVs at the Dallas Convention Center and an attendance of close to 400,000 auto enthusiasts. For 2008, more than 40 manufacturers from A to V will display more than 700 vehicles. [www.dallasautoshow.org](http://www.dallasautoshow.org)

**February 21**

**UNCF's 10th annual Red, Hot & Snazzy Benefit Gala!** Featuring national recording artist saxophonist Gerald Albright and singer Toni Redd! Sheraton Hotel Dallas, more info [www.uncf.org/dallas](http://www.uncf.org/dallas)

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# Legendary Performer Loses Her Battle with Cancer on Christmas

Associated Press

Eartha Kitt, a sultry singer, dancer and actress who rose from South Carolina cotton fields to become an international symbol of elegance and sensuality, has died, a fam-

ily spokesman said. She was 81.

nomination. She also was nominated for several Tonys and two Grammys.

Her career spanned six decades, from her start as a dancer with the famed Katherine Dunham troupe to cabarets and acting and singing on stage, in movies and on television. She persevered through an unhappy childhood as a mixed-race daughter of the South and made headlines in the 1960s for denouncing the Vietnam War during a visit to the White House.

Through the years, Kitt remained a picture of vitality and attracted fans less than half her age even as she neared 80.

When her book "Rejuvenate," a guide to staying physically fit, was published in 2001, Kitt was featured on the cover in a long, curve-hugging black dress with a figure that some 20-year-old women would envy. Kitt also wrote three autobiographies.

Once dubbed the "most exciting woman in the world" by Orson Welles, she spent much of her life single, though brief romances with the rich and famous peppered her younger years.

After becoming a hit singing "Monotonous" in the Broadway revue "New Faces of 1952," Kitt appeared in "Mrs.

Patterson" in 1954-55. (Some references say she earned a Tony nomination for "Mrs. Patterson," but only winners were publicly announced at that time.) She also made appearances in "Shinbone Alley" and "The Owl and the Pussycat."

Her first album, "RCA Victor Presents Eartha Kitt," came out in 1954, featuring such songs as "I Want to Be Evil," "C'est Si Bon" and the saucy gold digger's theme song "Santa Baby," which is revived on radio each Christmas.

The next year, the record company released follow-up album "That Bad Eartha," which featured "Let's Do It," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" and "My Heart Belongs to Daddy."

In 1996, she was nominated for a Grammy in the category of traditional pop vocal performance for her album "Back in Business." She also had been nominated in the children's recording category for the 1969 record "Folk Tales of the Tribes of Africa."

Kitt also acted in movies, playing the lead female role opposite Nat King Cole in "St. Louis Blues" in 1958 and more recently appearing in "Boomerang" and "Harriet the Spy" in the 1990s.

On television, she was the sexy Catwoman on the popular "Batman" series in 1967-68, replacing Julie Newmar who originated the role. A guest appearance on an episode of "I Spy" brought Kitt an Emmy nomination in 1966.

"Generally the whole entertain-

ment business now is bland," she said in a 1996 Associated Press interview. "It depends so much on gadgetry and flash now. You don't have to have talent to be in the business today.

"I think we had to have something to offer, if you wanted to be recognized as worth paying for."

Kitt was plainspoken about causes she believed in. Her anti-war comments at the White House came as she attended a White House luncheon hosted by Lady Bird Johnson.

"You send the best of this country off to be shot and maimed," she told the group of about 50 women. "They rebel in the street. They don't want to go to school because they're going to be snatched off from their mothers to be shot in Vietnam."

For four years afterward, Kitt performed almost exclusively overseas. She was investigated by the FBI and CIA, which allegedly found her to be foul-mouthed and promiscuous.

"The thing that hurts, that became anger, was when I realized that if you tell the truth — in a country that says you're entitled to tell the truth — you get your face slapped and you get put out of work," Kitt told *Essence* magazine two decades later.

In 1978, Kitt returned to Broadway in the musical "Timbuktu!" — which brought her a Tony nomination — and was invited back to the White House by President Jimmy Carter.

In 2000, Kitt earned another Tony nod for "The Wild Party." She played the fairy godmother in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" in 2002.

As recently as October 2003, she was on

Broadway after replacing Chita Rivera in a revival of "Nine."

She also gained new fans as the voice of Yzma in the 2000 Disney animated feature "The Emperor's New Groove."

In an online discussion at [Washingtonpost.com](http://Washingtonpost.com) in March 2005, shortly after Jamie Foxx and Morgan Freeman won Oscars, she expressed satisfaction that black performers "have more of a chance now than we did then to play larger parts."

But she also said: "I don't carry myself as a black person but as a woman that belongs to everybody. After all, it's the general public that made (me) — not any one particular group. So I don't think of myself as belonging to any particular group and never have."

Kitt was born in North, S.C., and her road to fame was the stuff of storybooks. In her autobiography, she wrote that her mother was black and Cherokee while her father was white, and she was left to live with relatives after her mother's new husband objected to taking in a mixed-race girl.

An aunt eventually brought her to live in New York, where she attended the High School of Performing Arts, later dropping out to take various odd jobs.

By chance, she dropped by an audition for the dance group run by Dunham, a pioneering African-American dancer. In 1946, Kitt was one of the Sans-Souci Singers in Dunham's Broadway production "Bal Negre."

Kitt's travels with the Dunham troupe landed her a gig in a Paris nightclub in



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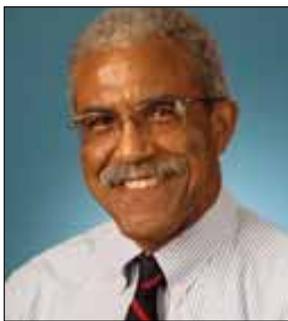
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# Trumpet Awards Foundation Announces 2009 honorees

From staff reports

The 2009 Trumpet Awards promises to be among the best of the best in the exceptional Trumpet Awards tradition. The 17th Annual Trumpet Awards black-tie ceremony, sponsored by the Trumpet Awards Foundation, Inc. with hosts Sherri Shepherd, co-host of "The View" and Anthony Anderson, star of "Law and Order," will be held at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre in Atlanta on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Other events and activities that take place during the awards weekend include the Prayer Breakfast and High Tea with High Heels which will be held on Friday, January 23rd at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. An induction of thirteen new footprints will be placed into the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame. This induction ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, National Park Service, located at 450 Auburn



**Dr. Alvin Crawford**

Avenue (Atlanta, GA). The program preceding the induction ceremony will be held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The Annual Trumpet Awards was created to celebrate and honor African-American achievers in



**Chris Tucker**

diverse fields including law, medicine, business, politics and entertainment.

The following is a complete list of the 2009 TRUMPET AWARDS honorees:

•Dr. Alvin Crawford,



**Paula White**

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•Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the Living Legend Award  
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•Johnathan Rodgers, Corporate  
•Chris Tucker, Entertainment  
•Tuskegee Airmen, Heroes

## A Vision that Reaches Beyond Color

From staff reports

The 2009 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. McKinney Commemorative Committee will host a community collaboration through song, dance, music and speaking on Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 7pm at McKinney North High

School Auditorium (2550 Wilmeth Rd.). The committee, made up of several community and church leaders, is looking to pack the house. By partnering with the local schools, churches, businesses and local government.

The theme for this event is A Vision that Reaches

Beyond Color, making for a most memorable evening. Culminating the evening will be resounding wisdom as expressed by speaker, McKinney's own Dr. Jeff Warren, Pastor of First Baptist Church McKinney.

"This committee is extremely excited about the presenters for this momen-

tous occasion. It is truly going to be a reflection of Dr. King's Dream," says Committee Coordinator, Kerry Madison.

To receive additional information about this event that is free to the general public, please e-mail [Kmadison06@aol.com](mailto:Kmadison06@aol.com) or 972.965.7242.

## An Evening of Stars Tribute to Patti LaBelle Watch Party

From staff reports

A special "super viewing" party will held at Paul Quinn College The local broadcast is Saturday, January 24, 2009 on TXA 21 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

It's a fantastic show! Our talent is hot – you will love to see them perform Patti's songs. Just imagine Fantasia singing Lady Marmalade and Jennifer Hudson belting out Somewhere Over the Rainbow. We also have Anita Baker, Mario, Yolanda Adams, Wayne Brady, Big Daddy Kane, and Brian McKnight...and many more!

This show is about more than music -- it's about supporting UNCF- The United Negro College Fund. For 30 years, UNCF has called on Hollywood talent to help spread the word about our schools. It started with

Nancy Wilson and Clifton Davis in Houston....then it grew to include Lou Rawls and classic stars such as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Ray Charles, Marilyn McCoo and many more. Now the show is known as An Evening of Stars®. It pays tribute to celebrities who celebrate and support minority education. To date, UNCF has honored Lou Rawls, Quincy Jones, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, and Smokey Robinson with our coveted Award of Excellence. And we are proud to add Patti LaBelle to our honoree list.

So, please Save the Date....Saturday January 24th ...to come to the viewing party at Paul Quinn College...watch the broadcast...or host your own\*\* viewing party!

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## 105.3 The Fan & 1080 KRLD to Broadcast College Bowl Games

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Sugar Bowl  
Utah vs. Alabama  
6:35 PM 105.3 The Fan

### MONDAY JAN. 5

Fiesta Bowl  
UT vs. Ohio State  
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## Theater Auditions set

**Plano Community Theatre** - Youth Auditions for High School Musical II, Cats, Annie Warbucks, Disney's Cinderella, and Daddy's Dying Who's Got the Will are Saturdays, January 31 and February 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and February 3 and 5 from 5-8 p.m. Casting youth, ages 6-18. For musicals, please bring a song and CD to accompany. Cold readings will be available. For more information, please call (972) 422-2575 or go to [www.planocommunitytheatre.com](http://www.planocommunitytheatre.com).

**Plano Community Theatre** - Adults announces auditions for The Man Who Came to Dinner and I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change. Casting adults, ages 18 and above. Auditions are January 31 and February 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Auditions for **McKinney Youth Theatre** spring programs are Saturdays in February: February 7, 14, or 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Auditions will be held at McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee (historic downtown courthouse). For more information, please call (972) 422-2575.

# Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison to Spotlight Member Showcase

From staff reports

The Plano Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual "63rd State of the Chamber & Member Showcase" on January 23rd at the Plano Centre and US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison is confirmed as the keynote speaker. Senator Hutchison recently announced the completion of the next steps in her pursuit of the Office of Governor of Texas. Her insight to Washington politics, the US Senate and her interest in the Governorship should provide exciting and interesting remarks for the luncheon. The event is made possible by Presbyterian Hospital of Plano.

This event is the Chambers way of showcasing and saluting Members through an all day event. There will be

booths for visitors to learn and gather information as well as to meet new businesses. The Chamber encourages residents to make "Plano First", thereby supporting our great city, which benefits us all.

The event begins at 7:30 AM with Business Interchange, a networking function, followed by the Showcase from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Next is the lunch and program featuring Senator Hutchison, as well as the passing of the gavel to the 2009 Chairman of the Board.

The program wraps up with the presentation of the Membership Development, Eagle and Ambassador of the Year Awards. The Showcase then resumes from 1-3 PM. Throughout the event, music will be provided by artists from "Smooth Jazz Forever" featuring Chuck



Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, speaks to a gathering of the Texas Association of Counties Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008, in Austin, Texas. She says that she hasn't been asked to become Republican John McCain's running mate, despite some speculation that she is in the running. In speaking to the group, Hutchison sounded more like a potential candidate for Texas governor in 2010 but wouldn't yet confirm she's entering that race. (AP Photo/Harry Cabluck)

Anderson. Sponsors for this year's showcase include Presbyterian Hospital of Plano, Rent-A-Center and SMU in Legacy.

The Showcase is open to the public for free, but there is a charge for the luncheon. Tables of 8 may be reserved for \$420 (includes premium seating

and signage) or \$40 for individual chamber member tickets or \$50 for prospective members. Seating is limited, so please contact the Plano

Chamber to secure your booth or ticket.

Tickets are available by visiting our Web site, [www.planochamber.org](http://www.planochamber.org) or by calling (972) 424-7547.

## UT Dallas Lauded for Contributions to Workforce

From staff reports

UT Dallas, whose mission includes service to the region in academic endeavors and innovative research, was recognized recently for its contributions in yet another area of importance to North Texas.

The University received the Dallas Regional

Chamber's Workforce Catalyst award at the recent 2008 Momentum Awards. The University was identified as a global leader in innovative, high-quality science, engineering, and education and research.

"Great universities connect and collaborate with their communities on a cultural, intellectual, and eco-

nomical level," said Dr. David E. Daniel, UT Dallas president. "This award is particularly valued because it symbolizes the community's recognition of UT Dallas' contributions to this critical partnership, and validates the university's commitment and responsibility to our community. We're proud to be part of this

wonderful community and to contribute to its success."

The Momentum Awards were envisioned in 2001 by Frank Roby, CEO of Holmes Murphy-Texas. Roby recognized the need to celebrate the positive accomplishments made by companies that are helping the local economy through job growth and expansion.

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the early 1950s. Kitt was spotted by Welles, who cast her in his Paris stage production of "Faust."

That led to a role in "New Faces of 1952," which featured such other stars-to-be as Carol Lawrence, Paul Lynde and, as a writer, Mel Brooks.

While traveling the world as a dancer and singer in the 1950s, Kitt learned to perform in nearly a dozen languages and, over time, added songs in French, Spanish and even Turkish to her repertoire.

"Usku Dara," a song Kitt said was taught to her by the wife of a Turkish admiral, was one of her first hits, though Kitt says her record company feared it too remote for American audiences to appreciate.

Song titles such as "I Want to be Evil" and "Just an Old Fashioned Girl" seem to reflect the paradoxes in Kitt's private life.

Over the years, Kitt had liaisons with wealthy men, including Revlon founder Charles Revson, who showered her with lavish gifts.

In 1960, she married Bill McDonald but divorced him after the birth of their daughter, Kitt.

While on stage, she was daringly sexy and always flirtatious. Offstage, however, Kitt described herself as shy and almost reclusive, remnants of feeling unwanted and unloved as a child. She referred to herself as "that little urchin cotton-picker from the South, Eartha Mae."

For years, Kitt was unsure of her birthplace or birth date. In 1997, a

group of students at historically black Benedict College in Columbia, S.C., located her birth certificate, which verified her birth date as Jan. 17, 1927. Kitt had previously celebrated on Jan. 26.

The research into her background also showed Kitt was the daughter of a white man, a poor cotton farmer.

"I'm an orphan. But the public has adopted me and that has been my only family," she told the Post online. "The biggest family in the world is my fans."

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of home; personal income paid the bills for most; American jobs were in America; school children had classes such as art, band, and drama as educational options; and the world community actually liked the president of the United States.

And then the lights went out. What a difference eight years makes. The 2000 presidential elections were so illegitimate that only one other time in American history had the winner of the popular vote lost the election; and the loser won (Hayes/Tilden Compromise, 1877). The deal in the election of 1876 was that Rutherford B. Hayes would be declared the President in consideration for the removal of federal troops in the south who were dispatched, in part, to protect newly freed African-Americans by the Reconstruction Congress, following the American Civil War.

Like 1876, the 2000 elections would portend bad times. Within eight months of the Bush Administration (August, 2001) the national treasury had been drained to the extent that the \$230 million dollar national surplus of a year before had become a deficit. Half way around the world, and to their credit, on September 7, 2001, an international delegation met in Durbin, South Africa at the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance.

That delegation agreed to shed light on terrorism - wherever evidence led to such; and address reparations for indigenous people, oppressed and exploited by governments. Four days later, the Conference's light dimmed by the unbelievable events of September 11, 2001 in New York.

Soon, the Bush Administration attacked the sovereign nation of Iraq without provocation, occupied it, and declared war without end - The War on Terrorism.

As bombs lighted the legendary land of Abraham, innocent people, including children, died in

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the darkness of destruction and dispossession. None other than a journalist known as the Prince of Darkness met criticism of the war by American diplomat with the exposure of his wife's secret identity as a CIA agent.

At home, bombs dropped on Iraq, exploded in American cities with

drastic reductions in domestic programs such as health benefits for veterans, The National Endowment of the Arts, education budgets, infrastructure construction projects, and emergency responders. As global lights lowered, so did brilliance of the American

approved and purchased from American telecommunications companies. In short, the near decade of darkness was governed by a dim-witted White House that subverted the intent of laws, while not enforcing laws as they were intended. And an Iraqi journalist threw shoes at an American president for the orphans and widows of his war, to boot (pun intend-

sky and seems to remain still for three days. On the fourth day, December 25, the sun appears to rise in the sky until the vernal equinox - March 21 (I know, enough with astronomical facts).

As we bury the Bush Administration, a new day is dawning in America, with a new light for the world provided by the enlightenment of a new son - President Barack Hussein Obama.

While it is true that the darkness yields to light over time, and the sun takes many minutes to rise, we must be patient and keep our heads to the heavens as the sun rises. In the words of poet Maya Angelou, let the "yet-to-be United States of America" be the light of the world.

*Gary L. Flowers is executive director and CEO of the Black Leadership Forum*

Presidency. The White House pushed the passage of the Patriot Act (1 and 2) by Congress, resulting in the suspension of Constitutional protections of personal privacy.

Federal surveillance of private citizens was

ed).

But joy comes in the morning. Since the dawn of civilization on African horizons the Winter Solstice - December 21 - records the yearly date when the sun is at its lowest point in the southern

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Investment Act (WIA) incentive gift cards receipts by forging the youth participants' names and requesting additional gift cards for her personal use. The investigation determined Kelly stole WIA incentive gift cards.

On December 11, 2008, Kelly received two years probation from the 380th Judicial District Court on the charge of theft. She was ordered to make \$1,400 restitution, pay a \$500 fine and perform 80 hours of community service.

TWC's Regulatory Integrity Division detects and prevents fraud, waste and abuse throughout the agency's programs. The division enforces all regulatory statutes within the jurisdiction of the agency, including Tax, Workforce, Trade Act, Skills

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Through its Fraud Detection Unit, located within the Regulatory Integrity Division, TWC regularly cross matches UI claims with employer wage reports and other databases to detect possible UI fraud. When TWC discovers that claimants have received UI benefits through fraudulent applications, the agency seeks immediate reimbursement of overpayments. Examples of UI fraud

include giving false information and failure to report self-employment or other earnings while receiving UI benefits.

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For monthly updates on fraud convictions, see TWC's Web site at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/ui/bnfts/prosecutiondispo.html>.

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## Area leadership, development firm provides strategies for success

From staff reports

Sam Palazzolo, CPLP is declaring war on the economy! Palazzolo is the author of The Influential Leader and President & Chief Influence Officer at Pathos Leadership Group – The Home of the Influential Edge!, where they provide Executive Coaching and Leadership Development to individuals and organizations so that when they compete, they win both profession-

ally as well as personally. "Look around you right now. If you are a C-suite executive or a Key Leader in an organization, everywhere you look there is doom-and-gloom! This is the Holiday Season for gosh-sakes!" Palazzolo stated in a recent interview. "What we need now, more than at any point in our history is to have leaders with a crystal-clear vision of where they want to go with their organization and a plan for how to

get there! Far too often, even if leaders are clear as to where they want to go and how they'll go about getting there, there is no one in their organization that will hold them accountable... NO ONE! When this occurs, and especially in this economic climate, it's GAME OVER!"

Developed by Palazzolo, Pathos Executive Coaching is founded on the Science of Influence and Persuasion

as well as the International Coach Federation's Code of Ethics. The Science of Influence and Persuasion is the social-psychologists fifty year old study regarding how one can get others to follow their lead. The International Coach Federation, the world's most respected association of coaches, has strict guidelines which its members must adhere to in the process of coaching. To find out more about Pathos Leadership Group, Sam

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artists, a civil rights photo exhibit, and a live weekend radio broadcast edition of KHVN's Community Forum with Robert Ashley and Nerissa Knight of KXTA Channel 21.

Additionally, we will present awards to members of the local community that embodies the dream, values and character of Dr. King. Specifically, we will award individuals that have made significant contributions in the area(s) of economic development, social justice, criminal justice, and/or educational equality.

(a) Trailblazers Award --- An award to a citizen that has brought a significant change to the community.

(b) Pioneer award -- The initiator of a significant event/achievement/etc., which promotes SCLC core values

(c) Dream-Keepers Award – A young person recommended for their activity in their local church and community.

The event is hosted by The Dallas Chapter of the Southern Leadership Conference and is sponsored by The North Dallas Gazette, KXTA 21, the City of Dallas, the African American Museum of Art and Natural History and KHVN Heaven 97. For more information, please call SCLC at 972-792-0240 or email us at [sclcdallas@live.com](mailto:sclcdallas@live.com).

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**Watch Night Services-** Most churches in your area are having "Night Watch Services" on December 31, 2008, starting from 8 pm, 9 pm or as late as 10 pm. Call a church near you (or one that you have wanted to attend, take a bold step, go to church to say 'good-bye' to the old and welcome the New Year. I promise you the pastor and congregation will be glad to see you; to them you are more than welcomed, you are wanted with open arms.

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**Things to Ponder: We Rise With Gratitude.**

God, Creator of mystery, in the growing revelation of reality evolving around us, we rise with gratitude into an ever larger and larger world. Our personal life has its meaning, and is dove-tailed in all its co-evolutionary ups and downs into the larger meaning that encompasses us.

None of us can go it alone: each has innate energies needed by all.

We give thanks to be conscious of the awesome narrative of which we are a part, paradoxical and baffling as it is and must be. Amen. **-William Cleary.**

In 2009, If the Lord has you on hold... hold on! If the Lord has said "NO" to you . . . thank Him! If the Lord is molding your heart and mind . . . go with His change! If the Lord opens doors that you have asking Him to open . . . Praise Him! Be blessed wherever you are in your life today! God has His hands

on the situation!

**Two Horses:** Just up the road from my home is a field with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse you will discover that he is blind.

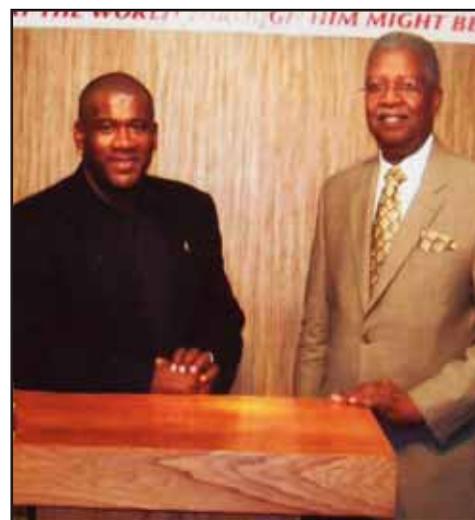
His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing. If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is; trusting that she will not

lead him astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see. Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Please listen for other's bell; God will help them to listen for yours. **"Be kinder than necessary, everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle."** -Author Unknown



Elder Gregory Voss, Senior Pastor of Word of Life COGIC in Carrollton, Texas & Superintendent Clarence Harden, Senior Pastor of Trinity Temple COGIC in Gainesville, Texas praising God at the end of 2008.



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# Texas Democratic Women of Collin County, Obama Collin County An Inaugural Gala

From staff reports

Texas Democratic Women of Collin County (TDWCC) and Obama Collin County (OCC) are hosting an Inaugural Gala on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, from 7-11 p.m. at Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway 75074. There are over 100 reservations and as many as 500 are expected to celebrate the momentous event of Barack Obama's inauguration as the 44th President of the United States in high

style. There will be dancing to the music of Memphis Soul Live interspersed with live TV Coverage of the inaugural events in Washington, D.C. A buffet dinner will be served along with a champagne toast and a cash bar.

The theme of the Inaugural Gala - "Celebrate A New Birth of Freedom" - is the one put forth by the Joint Congressional Committee. The theme commemorates the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The words

come from the Gettysburg address, and express Lincoln's hope that the sacrifice of those who died to preserve the nation shall lead to "a new birth of freedom" for our nation. TDWCC and OCC have

chosen to use the theme for our event because we feel the new birth of excitement, energy and pride in our county as well as our nation.

Both TDWCC and OCC worked hard to elect President-elect Obama and

are collaborating on ways to further effect change in Collin County in support of the new agenda. TDWCC logged over 1000 volunteer hours and made over 34,000 calls to voters, paid for 83,000 robocalls to vot-

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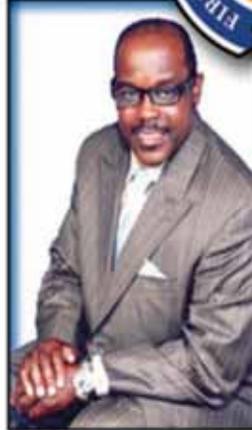
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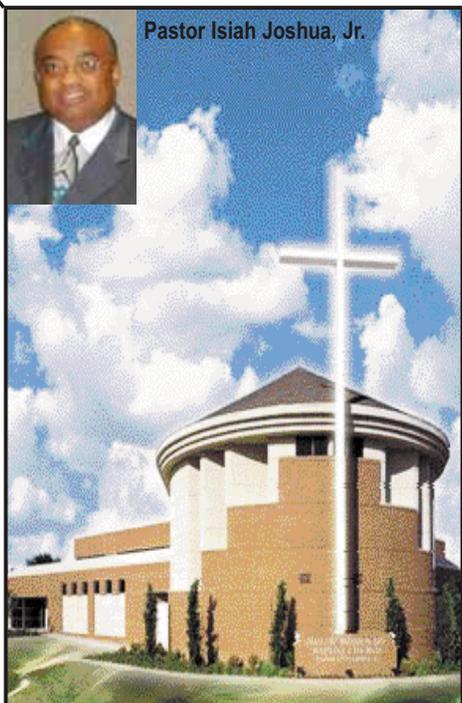
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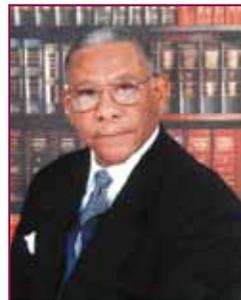
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