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President Obama Expresses Hope to 'Remake' America

By HAZEL TRICE
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NNPA Editor-in-Chief

Barack Hussein Obama - a Black man - was inaugurated the 44th President of the United States on

Tuesday before a historic crowd of at least 1.5 million people.

The first African-American to hold the office, considered the most

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2nd Annual Reflections on Holocaust and Genocides

From staff reports

The II Annual Reflections on Holocaust and Genocide will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 5:00 PM - 7:15 PM at the Dallas Holocaust Museum, Center for Education and Tolerance located at the

211 N. Record St. Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75202.

The Mission is to create an awareness of the inhumanity in all of us and at the same time, discover and create solutions for peaceful co-existence. We need to remind ourselves frequently to do our share to make the world a better

place to live, vow to say "never again" to human atrocities, and at this annual occasion dare to practice the power of forgiveness. If we want or desire a better world, we have to do our share.

The Foundation for Pluralism, Dallas Holocaust Museum,

Memnosyne Foundation, Dallas Peace Center and the World Muslim Congress have come together to commemorate the Holocaust and Genocides. The Holocaust Museum displays images of the horrors humans have inflicted upon other

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Garland Announces 2008 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards

From staff reports

The City of Garland Health Department announced the winners of the 2008 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards. These winners scored in the top five percent of their class on unan-

nounced food service inspections during the previous year. In addition to receiving an award certificate to display for one year, each establishment will have its annual permit fee (from \$200 to \$400) waived for 2009.

The awards are based

on scores (100 being perfect) from unannounced inspections made between October 1 and September 30. Eleven classes were established to insure fair competition among diverse establishments. The 2007-2008 winners and scores are:

Full Service Restaurants

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El Pedregal Mexican

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The Morning After

By JAMES CLINGMAN
NNPA Columnist

On Wednesday, January 21, 2009, after the Inauguration, the festivities, the parties, the formals, the "pomp and circumstance," the tears of joy, the line dances, and the speeches, I wonder what our next action items will be.

I wonder if we will even have an action item. I wonder if Black folks especially will immediately get back to

work on the things that negatively affect us, and continue to move forward on the issues by which we are positively affected.

On that morning after, I wonder if we will muster up the same kind of energy we displayed during the run-up to Barack Obama's election. I wonder if we will remain excited and enthusiastic about working to "change" our economic condition,

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Gail Warrior-Lawrence

Gail Warrior-Lawrence is President and CEO of The Warrior Group, Inc., a certified woman-owned business based in DeSoto, Texas. The company was formed in 1997 when Mrs. Warrior-Lawrence and her husband, Wayne T. Lawrence, discovered a void in the marketplace. They found an unmet need among corporations and government agencies that needed a reliable provider of modular buildings; a company with a quality product, a quality process

and good, smart people. Headquartered in DeSoto, Texas, the company has 38 employees and is the largest woman-owned provider of modular buildings in the United States.

Today, the Warrior Group is the largest woman-owned provider of modular buildings in the United States. It delivers turnkey, start-to-finish modular building solutions backed by experience and assurances of top-quality services, from building design and estimating to

project management. With more than 30 employees and hundreds of customers nationwide, Mrs. Warrior-Lawrence manages the company with passion, purpose and practicality. Customers come first. "If your service is world class, relationships remain long term," Mrs. Warrior-Lawrence says.

Gail's volunteerism and commitment to the business-and the community--remain strong, as she serves on boards for the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Business Council, Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce,

Women's Business Council-Southwest, and the African American Museum. On a national level she serves on the board of WBENC and the Women's Enterprise Leadership Forum for WBENC. She also serves on the advisory board for the Enterprising Women Magazine. In 2007 she founded The Heart of a Warrior Charitable Foundation along with husband Wayne T. Lawrence in memory of Gail's mother, Dorothy J. Warrior. The Foundation is a public benefit nonprofit corporation organized and



operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

When she's not leading her company to greatness, Mrs. Warrior-Lawrence is

playing "super hero" with her seven-year-old son, or challenging her husband, Wayne, to a tough game of chess. She is also an exercise enthusiast and regularly enjoys weightlifting and running. What's her secret? Believe. Serve. And do the right thing.

Gail earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Clark Atlanta University. She also was awarded a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing from the University of Dallas. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and The Links.

Vicki D. Blanton

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Vicki D. Blanton of Dallas and William Watson of Lubbock to the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission. The commission coordinates state and local activities relating to the cultural and historical celebration of Juneteenth.

Vicki D. Blanton is a Senior Attorney practicing ERISA, employee benefits

and executive compensation for J.C. Penney Corporation, Inc. In that capacity, she handles the legal issues related to the Company's 401(k) plan, international benefits, equity and executive compensation plans. She is the point person for the changes required under new Internal Revenue Code § 409A promulgated under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.

She initially joined J.C. Penney in 2000 as the Benefits and Compensation Tax Manager in the Tax Department with responsibility for advising on both retirement and health and welfare plans, which earned her a promotion into the Legal Department 3 years later. Vicki has been a member of the Company's Human Resources Compliance Committee during her entire tenure with the Company.

Vicki began her legal career in 1991 at Thompson



& Knight as an associate in the Trial Department handling cases involving medical malpractice, worker's compensation, foreclosures

and insurance defense. In 1995, Vicki became an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Dallas, Texas, where she changed her practice to employee benefits.

Vicki received a J.D. from the Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1991, and a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin. Among her community activities, Vicki sits on the Central Allocation Committee of the United Way of

Metropolitan Dallas, and serves as Chairman of the Board of the Home Health Services agency. Her programming as Chair of the Dallas Black Women Attorneys Committee of J.L. Turner Legal Association (the local National Bar Association affiliate) garnered the 2004 Star of Achievement Award from the State Bar of Texas. Vicki is married to Donald Yarbrough with 2 daughters, Sydney and Devon. Vicki can be contacted at vblanton@jcpenney.com.

Gwendolyn Quinn

How fitting that the offices of veteran publicist Gwendolyn Quinn are located on Broadway in midtown Manhattan, at the music industry hub. Music has been an integral part of her career as a publicist and public relations executive for over 15 years, and she has been in entertainment for over two decades. With tenures at Capitol Records, Arista, Island, Flavor Unit Entertainment, Mercury/PolyGram, and ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers), Quinn has directed press campaigns on behalf of a who's who of popular music: Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Queen Latifah, Sean "P. Diddy", Prince, the Isley Brothers, and countless others.

In addition to her work with GQ Media & Public Relations, Quinn and fellow media specialist Marlynn Snyder looking to fill the gap in the networking potential among African-American public relations and media specialists discussed the idea of forming a listserv of African-Americans working in the communications field to fulfill that particular need. In 2001, Quinn initiated, developed and founded the African-American Public Relations Collective (AAPRC). The AAPRC is a national and international organization of more than 1,000 public relations and communications specialists that provide professional support to their peers in the communications industry. The AAPRC shares special



event information, employment leads, career development resources, and vital links to media opportunities.

Quinn is a BMI writer and publisher. She is a member of the Public Relations Society of America, the National Black Public Relations Society, the Greater New York Black Public Relations Society, the Museum of Television and Radio, the Museum of the

Moving Image, the National Association of Black Journalists, a voting member of NARAS (the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences) and others. Quinn is featured on the CD recording TOTAL PRAISE LIVE (2002), and is a former choir member with Total Praise of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York. She is the recipient of the National Black Public Relations Society Network Award (2007). In 2006, she was honored by then Council Member Yvette D. Clarke (Brooklyn, New York) and the entire Council of the City of New York for her efforts on behalf of the African-American Public Relations Collective. In 2004, Quinn was also honored on Capitol Hill by Congressman Gregory W.

Meeks and the men of SOULS OF MY BROTHERS (book) for their

Celebration of Black Fatherhood event.

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

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

The Spirit Hovering Over President Barack Obama

By JAMES W.
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The Truth Clinic

The inauguration of Barack Obama as American's 44th president on January 20th will be both a magnificent and significant moment for the nation and the world.

While every United States presidential election is important and provides unique political theatre for Americans and the international community the election of 2008 stands alone in presidential history.

It is memorable because it ends the disastrous era of George Bush punctuated by global economic turmoil of a magnitude yet to be quantified. Not since the Kennedy era has a presidential contest resonated with so many people of diverse classes, races, creeds, colors, religions, and cultures.

It is memorable because Barack Obama is the first black person to be elected President of the United States of America.

When Barack raises his right hand, as his left rests on the Bible used by Abraham Lincoln, and takes the oath as president, he will stand triumphant on the shoulders of many famous predecessors. His victory could not have happened in an earlier America because racism, legal segregation, ignorance and fear kept the country divided. Achieving a just and equal society seemed like a futile battle.

Much of the media is focusing on the significance of Barack Obama becoming President Obama the day after Dr. Martin Luther King's holiday celebration. There is an inference that the Obama inauguration is the culmination of Dr. King's dream. While Dr. King,

Rosa Parks, Jesse Jackson, Shirley Chisholm, Medgar Evers, and John Lewis are some of the well known trailblazers that opened doors for Obama there is one name among the long chain of unknown freedom fighters that should be acknowledged.

John Mercer Langston is the embodiment of Barack Obama 153 years before Obama. His resume could be construed as the Obama blueprint.

Langston was one of the most extraordinary men of the 19th century, and yet his achievements -- prominent abolitionist, first black congressman from Virginia, founder of what would become the Howard University law school -- have largely been forgotten. In the saga of American advancement toward black political empowerment, Langston represents the symbolic beginning. Elected township clerk of Brownhelm, Ohio, on April 2, 1855, he became, by many accounts, the first "Negro" to hold public office by popular vote.

John Mercer Langston was born in Louisa County, Virginia, in 1829. His father, Ralph Quarles, was a wealthy white plantation owner; his mother, Lucy Langston, was an emancipated slave of Indian and Black ancestry.

Following the death of both parents in 1834 William Gooch, a friend of Langston's father, took John and his two brothers to his home in Chillicothe, Ohio.

At the age of 14, Langston enrolled in Oberlin College where he received his Bachelor's degree in 1849 and a Master's degree in Theology in 1852. He subsequently earned his Master's Degree in Theology.

In 1848, he was invited by Frederick Douglass to deliver a speech at the National Black Convention in Cleveland, where he joined in the condemnation of those who refused to help fugitive slaves. With the aid of his brothers, he organized antislavery societies and helped runaway slaves along the Ohio section of the Underground Railroad. He also gave public speeches about various social issues, including slavery, women's rights, and temperance.

Desiring to become a lawyer, Langston attempted to enroll in two law schools, but was denied because of his race. He then began to study law privately under the mentorship of Republican congressman, Philemon Bliss in Elyria, Ohio and in 1854 became the first black licensed to practice law in the state.

In 1864, Langston was selected to lead the National Equal Rights League, in which capacity he carried out suffrage campaigns in Ohio, Kansas, and Missouri. From 1868 to 1869, he served as Educational Inspector for the Freedman's Bureau, in which capacity he saw to it that the rights of newly freed slaves were protected. He traveled throughout the South advocating educational opportunity, political equality, and economic justice for blacks, along with individual responsibility.

In 1868, Langston organized the Law Department of Howard University, and

served as its dean until 1876. He then spent eight years as Consul-General to Haiti. In 1885, Langston became president of Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute and in 1888 he became the first African-American to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia.

Langston retired from active politics after his term in the House. He died in Washington, D.C., on November 15, 1896 yet somehow it is conceivable that his spirit hovers over Obama.

While the myriad of complex challenges that President Obama must immediately confront seem like a mission impossible he will be in an enviable position. He will have the political mandate to write a new chapter for American governance and the opportunity to use the energized coalition that joined his "change" campaign to implement a new vision for a new America.

And buoyed by Ray Charles' soulful rendition of America the Beautiful as a reminder that each of us needs to live up to the noble ideals that the founding fathers envisioned so that God can shed His grace on us, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

This is what the nation needs; this is what the world craves.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

The North Dallas Gazette has recently conducted research on Wells Fargo Bank and their lending practices within the minority community. If you would like to offer any special comment regarding your interactions with Wells Fargo Bank -- pro or con -- please contact our Publisher, Mr. Thurman Jones at publisher@northdallasgazette.com. Please include "Wells Fargo" in the subject line of your email. You may also send any comments to P.O. Box 940226, Plano, Texas 75094-0226.

Social Security Admin: "Retire Online. It's So Easy!"

By **TOM CLARK**
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Social Security has a new online retirement application and a new celebrity spokesperson to help spread the word.

You can apply for retirement benefits from the comfort of your home or

office at www.socialsecurity.gov. There's no need to drive to your local Social Security office or wait for an appointment with a Social Security representative. You can complete the new online retirement application in as little as 15 minutes. It's so easy!

In most cases, after you click the "Sign Now" but-

ton and submit the application electronically, that's it. There are no forms to sign, and usually no additional documents are required. Social Security will contact you directly if more information is needed.

Award-winning actress Patty Duke has volunteered her services to let people know they can retire

online. Ms. Duke has brought back the much beloved identical cousins Patty and Cathy Lane from the hit 1960's sitcom "The Patty Duke Show" for a series of Public Service Announcements that tell Americans it's now easier than ever to apply online.

If you are uncertain about when to retire, you

can check out the online fact sheet, "When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits." And if you are not ready to retire, you can plan for retirement using Social Security's online Retirement Estimator. It is a great financial planning tool that will give you an immediate and personalized estimate of how much

your retirement benefits would be if you stopped working at age 62, age 66, age 70 or any point in between.

To learn more about retiring online as well as to watch the new Public Service Announcements, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/pa/tyduke.

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140 DAYS OF OPPORTUNITY

Straus takes House Speaker seat, outlines legislative agenda

By TESSA HOWINGTON
North Dallas Gazette

The 81st Session of the Texas Legislature started on Tuesday, January 13th and is scheduled to conclude on June 1, 2009. Over the next 140 days, our elected officials plan to work hard creating and revising our laws.

When the House and the Senate convened for the first time this year, Texas Secretary of State, Hope Andrade, addressed the lawmakers saying that "today marks a day of new beginnings." She also said that the session should be looked at as "140 days of opportunity."

Her remarks were encouraging and she urged Legislative members to be "prepared to do what is necessary and right."

After the usual opening ceremonies of the legislative session, the House and Senate started business on Wednesday. Roll calls for both chambers, officer appointments, and some committee assignments were conducted as well as the usual long list of commemorative motions, congratulations and recognitions, and memorials.

After many nominations,

and being referred to as "a man of his word" by Representative Senfronia Thompson of Harris County, the House of Representatives chose Joe Straus III of San Antonio to lead them as House Speaker.

In his first address, Speaker Straus promises to "do what is right for Texas" and said he believes that "collaboration is the key to success in this session."

He also outlined his main agenda for the session which includes the budget, improved access to health care, working on transportation issues, bringing jobs to Texas to help "invigorate" the economy, and protecting our environment and resources.

Also this week, the Senate elected a new President Pro Temp, Republican Robert Duncan of Lubbock and District 28.

Afterwards, the Senate kept their business straight forward when reading and adopting the rules and regulations that Senators and their offices and employees will have to follow over the this session; they did not change anything from last session, including their budget.

The Senate did amend

their order of procedures to fast track bills that involve voter issues and identification, insurance regulation and pricing, foreclosure prevention, veterans' benefits, job creations, children's health care and insurance, public schools' investments and property taxes, and college tuition.

Ultimately, the amendment allows the Senate to waive the mandatory 24 hour waiting period to take an action on a bill after it is read. This type of amendment is a good indicator of issues that may be significant when introduced later in the session.

The House however had more "Housekeeping." Most of the regulations from the previous session stayed the same, but in House Housekeeping Resolution 3 the salary caps and operating budgets for each House member and their office and employees were raised.

The monthly salary cap was raised from \$4,017 to \$4,200 and their staff was extended from 1 – 5 employees to 1 – 7 employees. One of the two new positions is a college intern, allowing higher level educational institutions to offer more learning

opportunities to their students.

Additionally, the House also increased their operating expense from \$11,750 a month per office or member to \$13,250 per office or member a month. Other addendums to the resolution specify that any amount over the \$13,250 allotment must be paid by the House member before they receive their next month's state stipend. This amendment is to keep House offices from operating in a deficit state.

Another amendment to their budget is that they implemented a mandatory recycling program for all House members' offices in The Capital Building to help offset costs of these increases and help the capital be more environmentally aware.

While some may not agree with our representatives giving themselves a pay and operating increase, many representatives voted for the increase because this resolution was \$2.7 million less than the original operating budget purposed. Most believe that the increase is also inline with average price inflation from the previous session in 2007.

In response to the Housekeeping Resolution 3 passing, Representatives Pete Gallego, Mike Hamilton, Chuck Hopson, Lois Kolkhorst, Armando Martinez, Jose Menendez, and Tommy Merritt noted in the House Journal that "at a time when the legislature is asking state agencies to tighten their belts, the house should follow suit."

On Wednesday, January 14th, Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, and newly elected Speaker of the House Straus, held a press conference to express their commitment of working together and the impor-

tance of budget issues.

Governor Perry said, "I hope that our legislative and agency leaders will treat state budget matters no different than they would their own personal checkbooks."

One of the last motions passed in both the Senate and the House this week was to formally invite the Governor to speak on Tuesday, January 27th, to a joint session of the legislature.

On Friday the House adjourned for the week and will reconvene on Thursday, January 22, and the Senate will reconvene on Monday, January 26.

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humans. Together, our Mission is to create awareness of the inhumanity in all of us, and discover and create solutions for peaceful co-existence. We need to remind ourselves frequently to do our share to make the world a better place to live, vow to say "never again" to human atrocities, and at this annual occasion dare to practice the power of forgiveness.

The event this year will be unique. After receiving Desmond Tutu's signature and blessing on STATIONS ONE, we are intro-

ducing "STATIONS TWO: An Interactive Public Artwork." It is a four-foot wood version of the six-foot cube that is already on its way to Rwanda, gathering inscriptions and recording voices of forgiveness as has never been seen or heard before on an international platform.

Admission is free –but due to limited seating guests are asked to RSVP at ConfirmAttendance@gmail.com. or visit Website: www.HolocaustandGenocides.org

Garland Mayor's State of the City Address

Monday January 29th at 11:30 am Mayor Ronald E. Jones will present his State of the City Address to the Garland Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at the Atrium, located at 300 N. Fifth St.

Jones earned his Baccalaureate Degree from Dallas Baptist University, and a Master of Science Degree in Human Relations and Business Management from Abilene Christian University. He was elected Mayor of Garland on June 16, 2007, in a runoff

election where he received 54% of the vote.

Prior to his election, Jones was the Assistant City Manager for the City of Garland for five and one-half years of the twenty-nine years he served in city government.

Tickets can be purchased from the Garland Chamber of Commerce by calling 972-272-7551. Please RSVP by Friday, January 23rd at 3:00 p.m. Late RSVP's/Walk-ins will be charged \$25 Members/\$30 Non-members.



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From staff reports

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Majors: How to Choose, from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, in Plano.

The workshop – sponsored by Collin College's Destination College program – will be led by an experienced certified college counselor and is designed to provide stu-

dents and parents with a plan on how to match majors with the individual students' interests and career plans, and the best colleges for those majors.

To register for the workshop, e-mail destinationcollege@ccccd.edu. For more information about the workshop or Destination College, contact Marcy Wilson at 972.377.1545 or log on to

www.ccccd.edu/destinationcollege.

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ic year.

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Deadline:
April 15, 2009

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Website/Contact Info:
www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarDetail.asp?Sch_ID=10771

Source: Blackstudents.com

State-of-the-Art 35,000 Square Foot Montessori School Now Under Construction

From staff reports

Construction of The Montessori School at StarCreek began this week at the intersection of Waters and 121 in Allen, Texas. Slated for its grand opening in the fall of 2009, the school, located in the master-planned development of Starcreek, will serve nearly 300 children from 6 weeks through 12 years and is already accepting applications for enrollment.

Constructed to provide an optimal educational environment for children, the new 35,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility will be the premiere Montessori school in the DFW Metroplex. This modern oasis for learning raises the bar on advanced Montessori education, offering a cutting-edge academic center with science lab, computer center and extensive library. The Montessori School at StarCreek, whose philosophy includes working to inspire the development of each child into self-confident, independent learners, also includes a music studio, indoor gym, art studio, performing arts stage, gardening instructional areas, outdoor play areas and even an outdoor water park.



Artist Rendering

The property is being developed by private investors and Blue Star Land L.P. which is owned by the Gene and Jerry Jones family. Gene Jones, president of Blue Star Land L.P. and developer of StarCreek in Allen and Starwood in Frisco, said, "when we planned the communities of StarCreek and Starwood, ensuring that the families in our communities had access to the highest quality services was, and continues to be, an utmost priority. Our communities require quality care and education options for their children."

Director of The Montessori School at StarCreek Monica Cook looks forward to her new role. "The Montessori School at StarCreek will assist children in their preparation for the future and guide them to achieve

success at all their endeavors," says Cook. "We are very excited about opening our new school in this wonderful community." Cook, a Montessori grad herself who holds her MBA from SMU and has over 15 years of Montessori educational experience, will be managing the new school.

The Montessori School at StarCreek will follow the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, which emphasizes giving children the freedom to explore and discover their own interests while in turn guiding them to achieve success at all their endeavors. Once complete, the school will establish affiliation with the American Montessori Society. "Our goal," says Cook, "is to inspire the development of each child into self-confident, independent learners

in a loving, safe, supportive and culturally diverse environment."

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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.

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

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

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: Monthly workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and

grow their business. 4th Saturdays, 11AM-1PM, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140, Dallas, \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. Visit <http://nbwenorg.ning.com> for more information. **THIS IS A PREPAID EVENT** so register early!

Wit Women Conference Call join this weekly conference call if you need encouragement, prayer, or inspiration. Dial in Tuesdays 7 pm - 7:15pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week).

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.

January 24

Fine Arts Chamber Players 3:00 pm a free afternoon concert at the Horchow Auditorium at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood, Dallas 75201. The auditorium doors open at 2:30 pm for the 3:00 pm concert. No admission fee or reservations are required. 214.520.2219 or visit www.fineartschamberplayers.org

ULGDYP Economic Empowerment Event - Right on the Money: Creating a Monthly Budget 3pm, Location: TBD;

Send an email to economic_empowerment@ulgdyp.org for more information

January 25

II Annual Reflections on Holocaust and Genocides 5:00 PM - 7:15 PM Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance, 211 N. Record St. Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75202-3361 www.HolocaustandGenocides.org, Admission is free - Please RSVP to: ConfirmAttendance@gmail.com

January 29

The Diversity Lecture Series Presents Friendly Captivity: Does coming face to face with how most women in the world live by visiting them in their own environment change the way strong, well educated women live their lives when they return?

On Thursday, January 29, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. learn about the experiences of seven women who travel to India and how their experiences have transformed their lives and ideas about culture and community.

Space is limited register via RSVP - diversity@red-crossdallas.org.

January 30

"Simply Sinatra" starring Steve Lippia at The Eisemann Center - 972-744-4650 or visit 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 or [\[globetrotters.com\]\(http://globetrotters.com\).](http://www.harlem-</p>
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African American Read In 2 pm at the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street Dallas TX. Send an email to community_outreach@ulgdyp.org by January 15th to get involved

The Women's Ministry of the Calvary Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church presents it **Annual Chicken & Waffles Prayer Brunch** at 10 a.m. Gaytha F. Davis will serve as guest speaker on the theme "Bend, Don't Break!" The brunch will be held at the church located at 4703 Sunnyvale Street Dallas, TX. For additional info (214) 923-0292 or www.calvaryphiladelphia.org.

Epitome Magazine will host its 2nd Annual Red Carpet Gala & Awards Celebration from 5-10pm at the Dallas Convention Center. Enjoy dinner with special performances which includes David and Tamela Mann. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.EpitomeMagazine.org or call 214.705.7733.

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/events/workshops/view?2237> For more information about Great Wall China Adoption, please visit our website at www.gwca.org or call us toll free at

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February 21

UNCF's 10th annual Red, Hot & Snazzy Benefit Gala! Featuring national recording artist saxophonist Gerald Albright and singer Toni Redd! Sheraton Hotel

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Feb. 22 -Mar. 1, 2009

Sesame Street: Elmo's Green Thumb - Sunny isn't just the weather forecast on Sesame Street - it's also the name of Elmo's sunflower friend! Join all your favorite friends on an amazing adventure as they help Elmo find a new home for Sunny in the all new Sesame Street Live stage show, "Elmo's Green Thumb". NOKIA Theatre Grand Prairie, www.nokialivedfw.com or visit www.sesamestreetlive.com

February 22

Krewe of Barkus Parade - Dress your four-legged friend in celebrity style and head to Historic Downtown McKinney for an afternoon of Mardi Gras fun! Patterned after the legendary Mystic Krewe of Barkus in New Orleans, Historic Downtown McKinney will feature a parade and costume contest! Humans and their dog escorts are invited to participate. Children may also enter decorated wagon floats. Participants should meet at Mitchell Park located at the corner of Louisiana & Church in Historic Downtown McKinney at 12:30pm. Following the parade there will be a costume contest in Mitchell Park. Couple these festivities with an enjoyable shopping environment and plenty of parking which leads us to expecting a very successful event. Visit www.downtownmckinney.com or call McKinney Main Street at 972.547.2660.

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January 24-25, 2009 25th Annual KidFilm Festival



The USA Film Festival's 25th annual KidFilm® Festival announces the schedule of events taking place Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25, 2009 at the Angelika Film Center, 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas.

KidFilm is the oldest and largest children's film festival in the United States, featuring an entertaining, educational, and diverse line-up of new and classic films and videos for both children and adults, along with free books and DVDs (at certain screenings). A few of the special events will include:

A Tribute to Bob Barner

KidFilm is pleased to pay tribute to Bob Barner with an educational and fanciful presentation of short films based on his books. Bring your imagination as we travel back in time, journey through space, play with bugs, and dance with skeletons! Award-winning author/illustrator Bob Barner will be our honored guest to present this special program, featuring some of his favorite stories come to life on the big screen! The line-up of whimsical works (lovingly adapted for the screen by Weston Woods Studios) includes adaptations of "Stars! Stars! Stars!," "Dem Bones," "Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!," and "Dinosaur Bones," and will be followed by a book signing with parents and kids. Children will receive a free book! (Showtime = Saturday, January 24, 2:30pm.)

Salute to Kay Panabaker

Eighteen-year-old award-winning actress Kay Panabaker will be in attendance to introduce her new film, *Moondance Alexander*. Kay has been seen on TV shows including "Summerland," "CSI," and "The Suite Life of Zack & Cody," and in films such as *Nancy Drew* and *The Prince & the Pauper* (which played at last year's KidFilm). But it might be Kay's work away from the spotlight that makes her so extraordinary. Kay graduated as valedictorian of her high school at age thirteen and went on to graduate from UCLA just four short years later, all while working as an actress. Kay also volunteers with several charities including children's hospitals, Starlight Starbright, Young Storytellers Foundation, and others. Kay recently accepted a position on the National Board of the Coalition for Quality Children's Media. KidFilm is proud to salute Kay Panabaker's burgeoning career, academic excellence, and community involvement.

(Showtime = Saturday, January 24, 4:30pm, screening of *Moondance Alexander*.)

Meet Zeeter

Zeeter is a top-notch pilot for the Zula Patrol. She's the best – and she knows it! Zeeter's also a no-nonsense, feisty kind of girl. She loves exploring all aspects of science and astronomy, as do the other members of the Zula Patrol. They encourage children to discover through doing, try new and different things, and learn through trial and error. Following the screening of *The Zula Patrol: Animal Adventures in Space!*, kids can have their picture taken with Zeeter, the wildest girl in the Zulaverse! (Showtime = Sunday, January 25, 4:30pm.)

World Premiere of Locally-Produced Film Jackie A.

KidFilm is pleased to premiere the locally-produced film *Jackie A.* Tommy Braxton's newly single mother struggles to keep the family farm afloat. One day, Tommy stumbles across an unusual friend – a mule... that talks! Driven by the possibility of winning money to help his mom, Tommy ignores the snickers and insults from older kids and trains on his new mule friend, Jackie A., for a prize at the big county stock show. Bucking the odds, Tommy and Jackie A. display keen resolve and determination, but will that be enough? Starring Kevin Sorbo and a great local cast including Grant Barker and Matthew Tompkins. The North-Texas based cast and crew will be in attendance for the screening. (Showtime = Saturday January 24, 12:30pm.)

KidFilm Honorary Chairman 2009

Scott Murray, Community Hero. This year's KidFilm Honorary Chairman is former NBC Television Anchor Scott Murray. For close to a quarter century, Mr. Murray was the popular and award-winning Sports Director and Anchor at NBC 5, Dallas/Ft. Worth. Mr. Murray now operates his own full service video/HD production company, Murray Media. He is a published author, a sought-after keynote and motivational speaker, a television commentator and radio talk show host, and a commercial spokesperson. Mr. Murray is active in the community as a volunteer, serving on the board or advisory board of several civic, charitable, and non-profit organizations, including his own "Scott Murray Foundation: Lifting Spirits... Building Dreams." The Festival is proud to salute Scott Murray for his achievements in the media arts and for his philanthropic work in our community.

Animation Showcase

This compilation of hilarious and entertaining animated short films has something for viewers of every age. Enjoy the colorful and zany adaptations of Patrick McDonnell's *Art* and Laurie Keller's *Do Unto Otters*, *A Book About Manners* from Weston Woods Studios. Can color bring happiness to an angry and monotone imaginary world in the surreal *Crank Balls*? Get into trouble with *Wow! Wow! Wubbzy!* And from our friends at Aardman Animations – Does the farmer have any hope of outsmarting mischievous and adventurous *Shaun the Sheep*? And meet the new superheroes of *Chop Socky Chooks* – Chick P, K-O Joe, and Chuckie Chan – as they save their wild world! Plus a very special 30th Anniversary screening of the beloved classic *Banjo the Woodpile Cat* – newly remastered! 107 minutes. Recommended for ages 3 and up.

Ballet Shoes

Emma Watson (*Hermione* in the *Harry Potter* series) stars as Pauline in this charming, very British adaptation of the beloved Noel Steatfield book. Pauline, Petrova, and Posy are three orphans rescued by their eccentric Great Uncle Matthew and brought up together as the Fossil Sisters in 1930s London. Each of the girls has her own dreams – Pauline wants to act, Petrova yearns to be a pilot, and Posy is meant to dance. Despite their modest circumstances, the three orphans make a promise, "We three Fossils vow to put our name in the history books." With the help of a colorful array of eccentric friends, they set out to do just that. Co-

Sunday, January 24, 2:30pm

Saturday, January 24, 2:30pm

Dallas Theater Center Announces Resident Acting Company

From staff reports

After much anticipation, DTC artistic director Kevin Moriarty announced today the members of the inaugural resident acting company of his tenure for the 2009-10 season. Although the acting company is slated for the 09-10 season, the full nine-member company will be seen in DTC's upcoming production of *In the Beginning*, a dramatic exploration of the book of Genesis, Jan. 21-Feb. 22.

The nine actors for the 09-10 company are: Hassan El-Amin, Chamblee Ferguson, Matthew Gray, Sean Hennigan, Liz Mikel, Cedric Neal, Lee Trull, Sally Nystuen Vahle and Christina Vela. All nine actors are Dallas residents

and members of the Actors' Equity Association.

"I'm proud that this diverse group of incredibly talented Dallas artists will represent DTC as the 2009-2010 acting company," Moriarty said. "These artists' unique experiences and backgrounds comprise a colorful and interesting palette from which to create moving, meaningful theater pieces for Dallas audiences."

The associate artists have impressive acclaim, performing in theaters across the country, in film and television, and producing their own work.

El-Amin, who made his DTC debut at the Ghost of Jacob Marley in this season's production of *A Christmas Carol*, has performed at regional theaters across the country such as

The Guthrie, Arena Stage and Portland Center Stage.

Audiences are very familiar with Ferguson, who has been seen on the DTC stage in numerous productions, including *Pride and Prejudice*, and in multiple roles in the annual production of *A Christmas Carol*; most notably as Bob Cratchit.

Also known on the DTC stage in productions such as *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and *Glengarry Glen Ross*, Gray is the former co-artistic director of Classical Acting Company in Plano and is an adjunct faculty member at Richland College where he teaches improvisation and sketch writing.

In the 2009-10 season, each member of the acting company will perform in three Mainstage produc-

tions. Additionally, company members will also serve as teaching artists in DTC education programs, develop new plays, provide artistic council for Moriarty, and engage in outreach work throughout the community.

"These artists will play a vital role in reaching out to the community, as we continue to develop DTC's function as an organization deeply embedded in Dallas and committed to engaging audiences in a meaningful dialogue," Moriarty said. "As we seek to support as many Dallas artists as possible, and partner with artistic and civic organizations throughout our community, these actors will be vibrant ambassadors and strong voices for the power of theater to welcome everyone in our communi-

ty to come together for an artistic experience that can ignite conversation and change lives."

The first production featuring the full acting company, *In the Beginning*,

will also feature five students from the SMU Meadows School of the Arts, and runs Jan. 21-Feb. 22 at the Kalita Humphreys Theater.

Shepreneur Magazine To Launch this month

From staff reports

Shepreneur Magazine specializes in working with African American women and family-owned businesses to help you find the right balance whether you're getting started, growing your business, or simply looking for an elusive sense of balance in your life. More and more African-American women are realizing the traditional path of success offered by corporate America is inappropriate for their lifestyles and ambitions. Leadership in women is not a quality that can be developed by following 10 easy steps to management or by copying male models of leadership. Women leaders need to draw on their unique life experiences, sense of identity, and organizational skills to balance their priorities and environment. Many of today's successful women have made the shift from feeling "out of control" to feeling focused, at peace, and purposeful.

Shepreneur is a quarterly magazine and each issue will focus on key elements to aid in the day to day task of business, home and career, to include:

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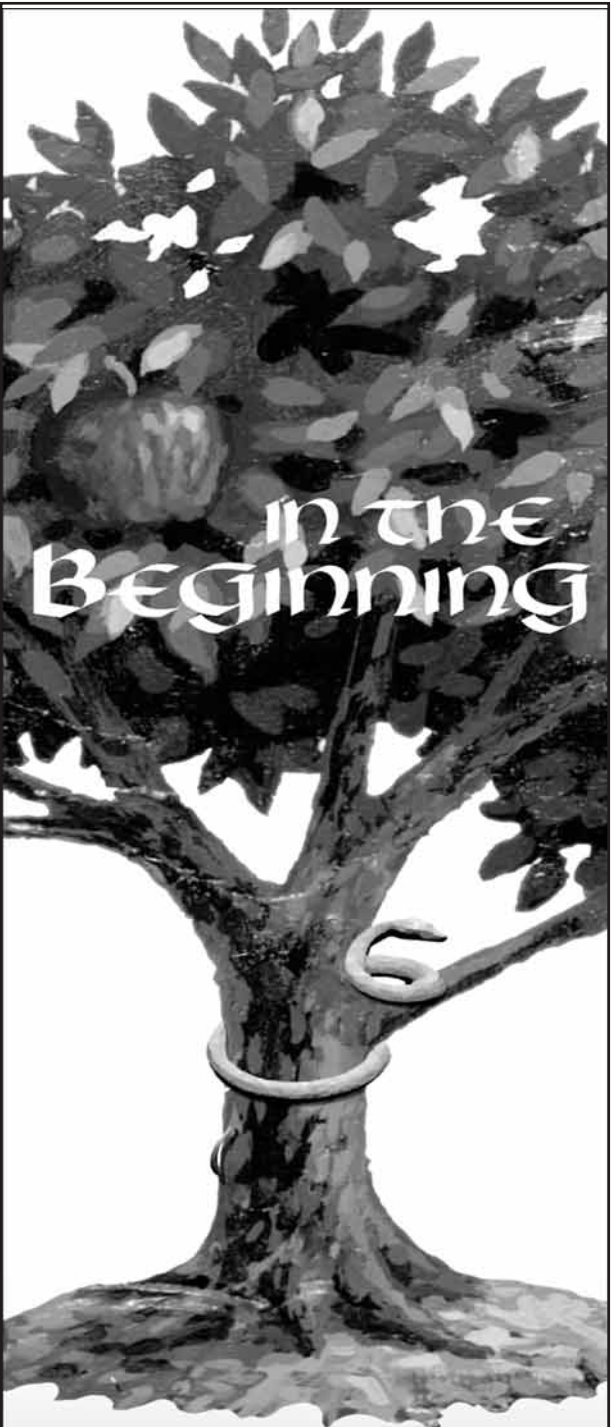


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powerful in the world, his inaugural address and overall ceremony included strong and specific references to the historic and modern-day struggles of Black people; including the "lash of the whip."

"Our journey has never been one of short-cuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted - for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things - some celebrated, but more often men and women obscure in their labor, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom," he said, reflecting on the hard work - and pains - of building a nation. "For us, they packed up their few worldly possessions and traveled across oceans in search of a new life. For us, they toiled in sweatshops and settled the West; endured the lash of the whip and plowed the

hard earth. For us, they fought and died in places like Concord and Gettysburg, Normandy and Khe Sahn."

The "lash of the whip" and the plowing of the "hard earth" were obvious references to Black slaves, once considered only three-fifths of human beings and rarely credited for the work they did to build America. Descendants of those slaves converged by the hundreds of thousands on the U. S. Capitol this week to experience for themselves the historic moment. Their euphoric chants of "O-ba-ma! O-ba-ma!" were heard frequently during quiet moments of the inaugural ceremony as many without tickets packed in beyond the boundaries of the National Mall.

They punctuated Obama's speech with wild cheers as he used words such as "equal" and "free" that African-Americans often long to hear from people of power.

Obama consciously used the same Bible as his hero, Abraham Lincoln, signer of the Emancipation Proclamation that led to the end of American slavery, Jan. 1, 1863, only 146 years ago.

"We remain a young nation, but in the words of scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things," Obama said. "The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness. In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned."

The historic inauguration comes amidst painful times for America. Obama - with his unique ability to inspire - is viewed as a transitional figure by people of many races and nationalities, particularly during this time of

war and economic crisis. But, suffering is consistently greater for African-Americans. To have someone in the White House with a modicum of understanding of and identification with their problems appear to be a salve to many, bringing hope for ultimate equality that has yet to be realized.

But, perhaps it was the benediction of civil rights icon, the Rev. Joseph Lowery, that hit closest to home. Starting with the final verse of "Lift Every Voice and Sing", the Black National Anthem, Lowery closed with an appeal that is yet to be realized:

"Lord, in the memory of all the saints who from their labors rest, and in the joy of a new beginning, we ask you to help us work for that day when Black will not be asked to get back, when brown can stick around, when yellow will be mellow, when the red man can get ahead, man, and when White will embrace what is right. Let all those who do justice and love mercy say amen."

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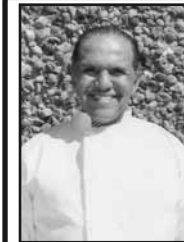
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starring Emilia Fox, Marc Warren, Gemma Jones, Victoria Wood, and Richard Griffiths. FREE screening. 84 minutes. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Call of the Wild Saturday, January 24, 4:30pm

In this modern-day adaptation of Jack London's classic, nine-year-old city-girl Ryan visits her grandfather in a small Montana town, and she doesn't like it at all – It's cold, the people are "crazy," and there's no mall! But that changes when she finds a wounded wild dog in her grandfather's garage whom she dubs "Buck." With some new friends, Ryan helps to train Buck to compete in the town's upcoming sled race, but she ends up learning more about life, love, and loyalty than she bargained for. Director Richard Gabai's captivating, multigenerational family film features outstanding performances from a terrific cast including Christopher Lloyd, Ariel Gade, Wes Studi, and Veronica Cartwright. 86 minutes total program length. Recommended for

ages 6 and up. (Warning: Some adult themes)

Finn on the Fly Saturday, January 24, 12:30pm

Frisbee-loving canine Finn has the perfect life. His thirteen-year-old owner Ben is the nicest boy a dog could ask for, he has lots of doggie friends, and his favorite Frisbee is perfectly contoured to his teeth. Until one day, that is, during a routine cat chase when Finn stumbles into the lab of mad-scientist Dr. Madsen (Ana Gasteyer), and laps up an experimental transformation elixir. Finn wakes up the next morning a very confused human who still thinks he's a dog. It's one zany adventure after another as Ben tries to help Finn adjust to life as a human and keep him out of the clutches of Dr. Madsen and her henchman. In turn, Finn teaches Ben a thing or two about friendship, respect, and learning to trust your instincts. 101 minutes. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Goldilocks & the Three Bears Show Sunday, January 25, 2:30pm

What happens when a classic fairy tale collides with modern Hollywood? The Goldilocks and the 3 Bears Show, of course! In an effort to boost her career, Goldilocks, a spoiled, ambitious TV star, moves in with the three bears to be filmed 24/7 for

a "Big Brother"-type reality show. As the bears start to succumb to the joys of fame, and egos begin to grow too big to be contained in one house, we experience all the hilarious backstabbing, ulterior motives, and "Confessionals" parodied

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January 23-25, 2009

Mark your calendar, 1st Lady Tasha Stafford and Women Justified By Faith presents their 2009 Women Conference, "More Than Conquerors." Speakers include Pastor W.L. Stafford, Sr. and 1st Lady Tasha; Dr. Rita Twiggs from the Potter's House in Dallas; Pastor Cheryl Coleman from Dover, DE; and Minister Monicah Johnson from Epitome

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*Sunday Afternoon,
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Evangelist Debra Robinson on Praise-Up. Confirm your attendance by tomorrow, January 16th. Call 214-780-7856.

*February 14, 10:30 am
To 4:00 pm*

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With the start of a New Year along some people thing about making changes in their weight and health, the following is something to ponder:

It's been said that God first separated the salt water from the fresh; He made dry land, planted a garden, and then He made animals and fish . . . All before making a human. He made and provided what we would need before we were born. These items are best and more powerful when they are eaten raw. We're such slow learners.

God left us great clues as to what types of foods that will help certain parts of our body the most. A Carrot when sliced looks like the human eye; its pupil, iris and radiating lines look just like the human eye . . . And YES, science now shows carrots greatly enhance blood flow to and with the function of the eyes.

A Tomato has four chambers and is red. The heart has four chambers and is red. All of the research shows that tomatoes are loaded with lycopine and are indeed pure heart and blood food.

Grapes hang in a cluster

(L to R) Minister Kimberly Porter, M.D. from Edmond, Oklahoma and First Lady Tangelyn Voss of Word of Life C.O.G.I.C in Carrollton, Texas after a morning worship featuring Dr. Porter, guest speaker.



that has the shape of the heart. Each grape looks like a blood cell; all of the research today shows grapes are also profound heart and blood vitalizing food.

A Walnut looks like a little brain, a left and right hemisphere, upper cerebrums and lower cerebellums. Even the wrinkles or folds on the nut are just like the neo-cortex. We now know walnuts help develop more than three (3) dozen neuron-transmitters for brain function.

Kidney Beans actually heal and help maintain kidney function, and yes, they look exactly like human kidneys.

Celery, Bok Choy, Rhubarb and many more look just like human bones. These foods specifically target our bone strength. Bones are 23% sodium and

these foods are 23% sodium. If you don't have enough sodium in your diet, the body pulls it from the bones, thus making them weak. These foods replenish the skeletal needs of the body.

Avocadoes, Eggplants and Pears target the health and function of the womb and cervix of the female - they look just like these organs. Today's research shows that when a woman eats one avocado a week, it balances hormones, sheds unwanted birth weight, and prevents cervical cancers. And how profound is this? It takes exactly nine (9) months to grow an avocado from blossom to ripened fruit. There are over 14,000 photolytic chemical constituents of nutrition in each one of these foods (modern science has only studied and named about 141 of them.)

Figs are full of seeds and

hang in twos when they grow. Figs increase the mobility of male sperm and increase the numbers of Sperm as well to overcome male sterility.

Sweet Potatoes look like the pancreas and actually balance the glycemic index diabetics.

Olives assist the health and function of ovaries.

Oranges, Grapefruits, and other Citrus fruits look just like the mammary glands of the female and actually assist the health of the breasts and the moving and lymph in and out of the breasts.

Onions look like the body's cells. Today's research shows onions help clear waste materials from all of the body cells. They even produce tears which wash the epithelial layers of the eyes. Also, a working companion, Garlic, also

helps eliminate waste materials and dangerous free radicals from the body. -Author Unknown.

Christian Quotes: "I live with the understanding that truth is bigger than any religion and the world is God's and everything in it . . ." - Rob Bell. "Surrender yourself to God. Wish for nothing but one thing: that His will be done, that His king-

dom come, and that His nature be revealed. Then all will be well." - Eberhard Arnold. "It is impossible for a person not to be puffed up by his good works unless he has first been deflated and destroyed by suffering and evil to the point that he knows that he is worthless and that his works are not his but God's." -Martin Luther



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MORNING AFTER, from Page 1

improve the education of our children, reduce crime in our neighborhoods, and strengthen our overall social condition. I wonder.

The first thing we should do, and continue to do, is pray for the brother and his family; they surely need it. Then we must realize that with his election, the work has only just begun.

Locally, of course, we must continue to fight for inclusion and equity in development projects, i.e., contracting, construction management, and ownership. We must continue to fight for justice in our court-

rooms from our judges and prosecutors.

We must fight for real representation from our politicians in return for our votes. We must show up at school board meetings and fight for our children's education – and be participants in their education rather than mere observers.

Wouldn't you like to see Black people expend the same energy on the essential tasks necessary for our full liberation as we have seen over the past 18 months or so? Imagine the possibilities, as the saying goes. Let's start a "safety net"

fund in our neighborhoods to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in their time of need. Let's start a Collective Banking Group in every city and use the collective leverage that exists in our churches to gain more benefits and equitable treatment for our church mem-

bers.

As I reflect on all of the money that was raised during Obama's campaign, some \$650 million or so, and yes I know the vast majority of it did not come from Black folks, it is amazing that we never even blinked at such a sum. But when it comes to our putting a little money together to help one another, you can't find some Black people

with a search warrant. That's sad.

Let's understand that there is much work to do, work that started before Obama, and work that did not end with his ascension to the highest political throne in the land. After the party, think about all the money we spent to throw the party and to celebrate the occasion. Then, figure out what your particular

niche is and get back to work; that is, if you took a respite from the essential work of liberation and building a future for our children.

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