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## Sip, Shop, and Save!

### Local Domestic Violence Agency Holds Event to Raise Money for Shelter

**Garland, TX-** New Beginning Center Resale Shop is hosting an exclusive event on December 4, 2007 from 6-8PM. At the Sip, Shop, and Save customers will experience

the ultimate V.I.P. treatment by sipping on champagne punch while shopping for incredible deals.

The New Beginning Center Resale Shop is a neighborhood thrift shop

benefiting survivors of domestic violence. This unique shop located at 1486 W. Buckingham Rd. (at N. Garland Ave.) in Garland, is open Monday through Saturday 11 am until

6pm and features gently used men's, women's and children's clothing, furniture, house wares, toys and many other items.

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## Microsoft's Bill Gates Encourages Black Engineers to Push Science Education, Donates Developer Software

**SEATTLE (NNPA)** - If you are searching for a well-paid career in an exciting and growing field, you might want to take a look at information technology or engineering. The trouble is ... African-Americans seem to be looking the other way.

Just about seven out of every 100 information technology and engineering



professionals are African-American. And the numbers are falling.

That was one of the urgent issues under discussion at the National Society of Black Engineers regional conference held at the Microsoft Conference Center in Redmond Nov. 16-18.

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## African American Museum Offers Symposia And Family Activities In Conjunction With The 381 Days: The Montgomery Bus Boycott Exhibition

**Dallas, TX** - The exhibition, "381 Days: The Montgomery Bus Boycott Story," commemorates the 50th anniversary of what would become the genesis of the modern civil rights movement. The exhibit will remain on view through January 13, 2008 before continuing on a 14-city

national tour through 2009.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Museum visitors may take part in the following activities

**SYMPOSIA:** Sports & The Civil Rights Movement December 1, 2007, 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. and Children & The Civil Rights Movement, The Civil

Rights Movement in Dallas, and Women In The Civil Rights Movement. This combined topics symposium starts at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 8, 2007. Then on December 15th Noon - 2pm, they are hosting The Religious Community & The Civil Rights Movement closing

with Today's Civil Rights Movement/Future of The Civil Rights Movement on January 12, 2008, 12 noon-2:00 p.m.

A Music Program will be held on Dec. 14, 2007 7:00-9:00 pm featuring the Montgomery Gospel Trio

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## Bank of America Honors Community Leaders



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Blackonomics

## He Who Defines You, Controls You

By James Clingman  
NNPA Columnist

The Pew Research Center reported, "African Americans see a widening gulf between the values of middle class and poor blacks, and nearly four-in-ten say that because of the diversity within their community, blacks can no longer be thought of as a single race."

Black people can now play out this doomsday scenario with a clear conscience and without remorse for the dismal future we are creating for our children. Now that Pew has done its research and revealed that Black people

are so fragmented by "class," is there any reason for us to continue to espouse collective and cooperative anything among our people?

You have heard the saying, "He who defines you controls you."

Well, Black folks have now been defined for what may well be the final time, because if we accept the "spinning" of the Pew report, it will be the death-knell that many have longed to hear since free Black labor went out of style.

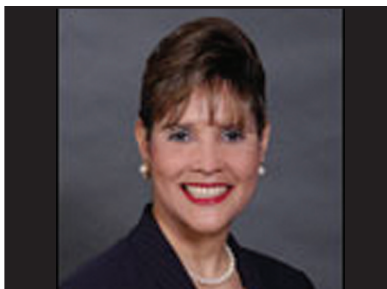
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## Cynthia Willard-Lewis

With great enthusiasm, drive, talent and the desire to make life better for others in her community, Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis serves the residents of District E and the people of the City of New Orleans.

Councilmember Willard-Lewis was



Louisiana State Representative for District 100 since 1993, prior to her election to the Council in October 2000. Then, as now, she is recognized as an aggressive legislator for children and for the rights of the elderly, and for her passionate and effective voice for women and the dis-

advantaged.

As an Administrative Assistant and then Bureau Chief in the Housing Division of the City of New Orleans under Mayor Ernest N. Morial, Councilmember Willard-Lewis was introduced to the governmental process. She also served as an Urban Planner in the Office

of Policy Planning and Analysis.

She was an honor graduate of Xavier University where she received the University's Gold Medal and Service Awards. As a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, she began her service to the community.

A former Miss Black New Orleans

and Miss Black Louisiana, she was first runner-up in the Miss Black America pageant.

Councilmember Willard-Lewis is the daughter of Dr. Elliot and Mary Jane Willard, whom she gives much of the credit for her success. She is the mother of two.

## Dr. Catrise Austin

**NEW YORK, NY** (EnvisionPR.com) Envision Global (formerly Envision Consulting Services) announces the addition of Dr. Catrise Austin to its roster. Dr. Austin is a celebrity cosmetic and general dentist, health activist, and architect of VIP Smiles dentistry, a thriving prac-



tice based in New York, NY. Dedicated to "changing lives with a smile," she is the new spokesperson for Aquafresh, educating consumers on obtaining a brighter smile and their latest teeth-whitening product Aquafresh White Trays.

In a field traditionally

dominated by men, Dr. Austin is breaking all gender and racial boundaries by establishing innovative operations and a unique business strategy. VIP Smiles, a modern dental practice that boasts an impressive loyal following, includes some of the warmest smiles in the entertainment industry: Grammy Award winning rapper

Common, American Idol's Paula Abdul, and R & B singer Toni Braxton have all placed their teeth in her capable hands. She's been a guest expert on radio programs across the nation speaking about the importance of dental health.

"I was blown away with Dr. Austin's innovative approach to den-

tistry. The fact that she is accessible on an international level to service clientele with a smile makeover wherever they may be in their homes, entertainment or recording studios, movie sets, photo shoots, it is just phenomenal. She is truly the Dr. 90210 of cosmetic dentistry," asserts Envision Global CEO, Candace Reese.

## Monica "Dr. Moe" Anderson, DDS



Monica "Dr. Moe" Anderson, DDS is a renowned motivational speaker, author, journalist, publisher, and Doctor of Dental Surgery. Her highly anticipated new release *I Stand Accused* is already a Dallas Morning News bestseller. Her debut novel, *When A Sistah's Fed Up*, was a national bestseller in 2006. She has also authored two non-fiction books: *Black English Vernacular* and *Mom, Are We There Yet?* Her short stories and poetry are included in several anthologies.

She is a graduate of Baylor University, and

received a doctorate from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. She is a third generation member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

In 1996, this Texas native became the first African-American columnist for the Arlington Star-Telegram. She was a weekly columnist for a major daily newspaper, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for seven years, writing over four-hundred columns while practicing dentistry full-time. Her editorials have appeared in newspapers across the country, including: the Seattle Times, the San Jose Mercury News, Dallasblack.com, the Minnesota Viking Update and the Courier-Journal of Louisville, KY. In 1999, the staff of the Fort Worth Weekly named her "Best Columnist" in Tarrant

County.

She is the recipient of numerous awards, including: Outstanding Young Women of America, the "Distinguished Black Alumni Award" from the Baylor Black Alumni Association, and the

Millennium Award for Medicine from Altrusa International, Inc.

Dr. Moe lives in Arlington, Texas. She has two extraordinarily handsome sons and a pathetic pet plant named Ivy. In her spare time, she enjoys sleeping.

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

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



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

# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## The Disturbing Reality Of Black Economic Disparity

Go to school, get an education, get a good job, work hard and play by the rules has been a mantra drilled into black youth as the pathway to achieving the American dream.

That dream promised that one can rise up from humble beginnings and achieve a comfortable middle-class living, perhaps even attain great wealth, irrespective of racial background. The much heralded rise of the black middle class over the last four decades has been touted as evidence that this bootstrapping approach was valid.

However, a closer analysis of income and wealth distribution data reveals that despite the biggest economic boom in 30 years, the gap between black Americans and white Americans closed very little on important measures of economic well being. According to a report recently released by the U. S. Census Bureau, the median household incomes for Black families in 2006 remained at \$32,000, the same as it was in 2005. That's \$5,800 less than Hispanic families, which remained at \$37,800 and \$20,400 less than White families, which remained at \$52,400. Currently, federal statistics show that income disparity in America is higher than it's been since the Great Depression some 78 years ago.

Several definitive works such as *The Hidden Cost of Being African American* by Thomas Shapiro and the

*Racial Wealth Divide* Project reports published by United For A Fair Economy, a national, independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, validate that fundamental levels of racial inequality still persist that are directly related to this growing economic disparity.

Most recently the Pew Charitable Trust released a report entitled *Economic Mobility for Black and White Families* that correlated the trend of the racial economic gap across generations. One disturbing result was almost half (45 percent) of young black adults whose parents were solidly in the middle class are worse off than their parents and are residing near the bottom of the economic ladder. The data show that median family incomes have risen for both black and white families. However, offspring of white middle-income parents tend to exceed their parents in income while a majority of black offspring whose parents are middle-income fall below their parents in income and overall economic status.

Comprehending this downward economic mobility of blacks should not be mysterious but is made so because of government manipulation of the definition of middle class.

The real "middle" among American wage earners, after normal deductions is \$30,881 a year. That is half of wage earners make more

than \$30,881 and half make less. This translates into about \$15 per hour and the rate is decreasing.

The official poverty level for a family of four in the United States is \$20,000 which is not very far from the median wage of a little over \$30,881. And we haven't addressed health care costs and the ever-rising price of housing.

Shapiro's research indicates the enormous racial wealth gap perpetuates racial inequality in America and the methods of intergenerational transfer of wealth used to advantage by Whites appear to make racial inequality a permanent American fixture.

However, it will be a sad mistake if Blacks embrace government intervention as the only way to mitigate this hidden cost of being Black in America. The same government mindset that meticulously, deliberately and callously imposed the discriminatory practices detailed by Dr. Claud Anderson in his book *Black Labor/White Wealth* and now confirmed by Shapiro is the same government mindset operating today to maintain the large black/white wealth disparity. United For A Fair Economy estimates it would take 1,600 years to close the wealth gap at the rates of progress made since 1970.

While governmental reforms should be pursued they must not be the only approach to economic parity. That is difficult to predict or con-

trol.

But the God plan for financial prosperity as provided in Gen 42:34 (save 20 percent of income), Matt 25:14-30 (invest wisely), and Matt 25:1-13 (stay alert for God's opportunities) should be the cornerstone for correcting the disastrous black economic disparity on both an individual level and as a group. Blacks can control this to a predictable conclusion.

The triple threat of War, racism, and economic exploitation that Dr. King railed against during the Vietnam War continues to shake the foundation of our country. These threats continue to erode and destroy the path for the poor and Black to receive the just rewards for their work and obtain the promised benefits enticingly articulated in our constitution.

This is not a Black issue; it is a national issue. Inequality hurts everyone and continues to infect our society. When we allow our country to dismantle and undermine the dreams of its people, what will we lose next?

*In the words of Langston Hughes,*

*What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?*

*Or fester like a sore-- And then run?*

*Does it stink like rotten meat?*

*Or crust and sugar over-- like a syrupy sweet?*

*Maybe it just sags like a heavy load. Or does it just explode?*

James Breedlove



# Lord's Resistance Army Meets Its Victims

(NNPA) – During a visit to a displaced people's camp where over 400 people were killed by rebel bands, representatives of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) sought reconciliation with the widows and orphans of their victims. The attack in February 2004 in Barlonyo was considered the worst in nearly a decade. "We talked to the peo-

ple there," said LRA delegate Santa Okot. "Our message as everywhere has been reconciliation and forgiveness. The people accepted to forgive and they suggested the institution of a com-

mission to handle compensation of the people." "The [LRA] delegation came face to face with hundreds of orphans who gathered along with hundreds of people to listen," said northern

Uganda politician and mediator Walter Ochola. "They asked for forgiveness as people narrated the ordeal of the attack and its impact." The visit was part of negotiations between the rebel group and the government, aimed at ending two decades of fighting that has killed hundreds of thousands of people and displaced almost two million others.

## Nigerian Newspaper Tosses Out Staff Seeking Wage Hike

(NNPA) – One of the most important newspapers in Nigeria is preparing to fire all of its current workers and hire new ones in a bid after talks to end a 12-day dispute over wages broke off, it was reported last week.

The International Federation of Journalists condemned the move by management at the Guardian newspaper. Neither the Guardian online nor print editions have been published since negotiations broke down Nov. 8.

Usman Leman of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) said: "The Guardian management announced to our in-house members that they will close down the paper with effect from Friday and sack all our members."

NUJ members and other workers at the newspaper

were seeking a 50 per cent pay rise, but then agreed to 20 percent. According to the union, management refused to put the deal in writing and then locked out the NUJ members. There are over 800 employees at the 25 year old daily paper.

In a published apology to its "readers, advertisers, and other partners and patrons for whatever inconvenience this may have caused," the Guardian disputed the union claims while pledging to "fast track" a complete overhaul of "people, processes and structure in order to deepen (the paper's) capacity to compete."

"Like the Phoenix we have always risen to conquer adversity," noted the paper in an editorial. "This adversity will make us stronger and better."

## Vet Turned Prime Minister Resigns Post

(GIN) - A former animal doctor turned Somali prime minister resigned the nation's top job after his unpopularity reached skyhigh especially with the nation's president.

Ali Mohamed Ghedi was facing a vote of no-confidence and his announcement to resign was said to have been met with cheers from colleagues.

Gedi's rise to power was set in motion by Ethiopia, who lobbied heavily for his appointment. But he was unable to get along with

Somalia's president, falling out over oil deals and charges of corruption.

Ethiopia invaded Somalia in December and has been unable to withdraw its troops as Somali resistance fighters gain strength. In the capital, shells struck for a third day, in the worst fighting for weeks between Ethiopian-Somali government troops and Islamist rebels.

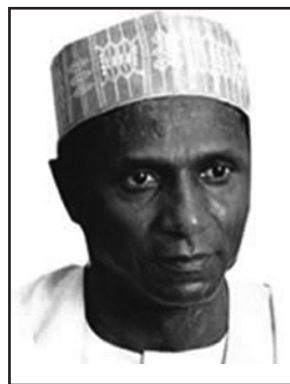
The UN says some 400,000 people have fled the violence in Mogadishu in the past four months.

## U. S. Rebuffed by Nigeria Over Command Site

(NNPA) – A U.S. initiative to build military bases across Africa and potentially destabilize democratic governments suffered another setback this week as Nigeria's president formerly rejected a proposal to place the new U.S. Africa Command military headquarters in his country.

At a meeting in Abuja, President Umaru Yar'Adua said he would not allow the United States to build an AFRICOM, or African Command, base in the West African country.

A number of African countries-including Libya and South Africa-have expressed reservations about AFRICOM some analysts speculate might be an effort to protect U.S. oil interests on the continent. Nigeria is Africa's largest oil



Yar' Adua

producer.

Africom currently operates out of existing US bases on the continent with a headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany.

War-racked Liberia, settled by freed American slaves in the 1800s, is the only African nation that has publicly offered to host a headquarters.

## Radioactive Waste Threatens Drinking Water

*Special to the NNPA from GIN*

(GIN) - Some 17 tons of radioactive chemical waste was dumped in a river that feeds drinking and washing streams in the south-east of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Unconfirmed reports say that up to six government officials may be under arrest for disposing of the toxic cargo in the DRC's Katanga province, the vast Central African country's mining heartland.

The waste is said to belong to a Chinese company called Magma-Lubumbashi, but the company reportedly had

not requested the waste be dumped in the Likasi River.

A quarantine zone was set up around the site, just six miles from Likasi, a mining town of 300,000 people. Tests on the river banks last week revealed radiation levels nearly 50 times the limit for mineral exports from Democratic Republic of Congo.

Developing countries are exceptionally at risk handling toxic waste as was seen last year when a European tanker dumped thousands of tons of waste in the capital city, Abidjan. Hundreds were sickened in the incident.



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# Douglas Community Thanksgiving Event

The Douglass Community Center hosted their Annual Thanksgiving Feast for the community. Chapter President Ms. June Boswell and members of the Chi Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., along with Polmarch Frederick Knight and members of the Richardson/Alumni



Twins, Makyla & Makala Asler are both on the Plano Ladies Hotshot Basketball Team at the Douglass Community Center. They performed a praise dance for the Center's Thanksgiving Feast.



(L to R): Ms. Samon Taylor, Team Director; Team Members: Tosin Williams; Bana Gelai; Tiffany Nguyen; Selena Jones; Joni Scott; and Ms. Keki Brown, Team Sponsor.

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Keynote speaker at the conference was Microsoft founder and Chairman Bill Gates, who told an audience of about 400 that his company needs men and women from a wide range of multicultural backgrounds, with a wide variety of ideas and innovations.

"Diversity is very critical, we want to get as many men and women engineers as possible, we want to get engineers from all over the world and of course we want Black engineers, Hispanic engineers, everyone that we can."

"To be frank, there's some success stories but there's clearly more to be done," Gates said. "We have some great examples of [diversity] of those who have come to work for us but clearly it would be a great benefit to us all if we had many more."

Gates announced a Microsoft grant program that will donate developer software to all National Society of Black Engineers educational chapters throughout the country. The software will help train engineers and student engineers to develop software pro-

grams, design and execute technology projects. The grant will include a free three-year membership to the Microsoft Developer Network Academic Alliance for each chapter, so members will have access to more than 100 Microsoft software products.

"All the NSBE member students will get to build their skills and use these tools, and it's an investment in all of you to become future IT leaders," said Gates.

According to a 2002 study by the National Science Foundation, among the 310 million computer science graduates in the U.S., fewer than 23 million, or 7 percent, were Black.

Cedric T. Coco, General Manager of Engineering Excellence and Blacks at Microsoft president, said Black students need early mentoring, to stoke their interest in the field.

"We want to grab those students who express an interest in technology at high school and college levels and help encourage and support them," Coco said. "It's important that more African-Americans get

involved in engineering and computer science. That's why the partnership between NSBE and Microsoft is so important."

The society recently named Microsoft as its Most Preferred Employer, citing its career opportunities, work-life balance, job security, internships and opportunities to do interesting work.

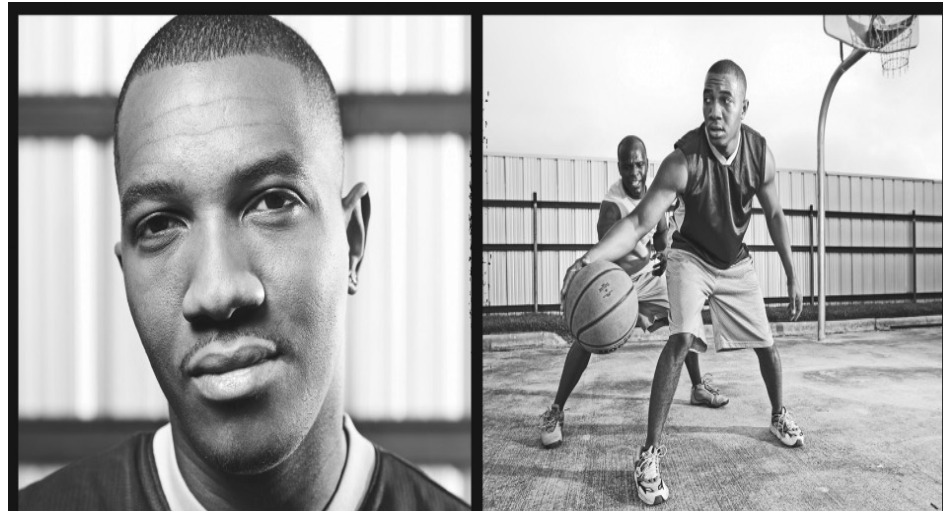
In his keynote speech, Gates noted that the overall dropout rate is about one out of three from ninth grade to senior year, and for African-Americans and Hispanics, that number rises to more than 50 percent.

Gates said he plans to encourage multicultural students to study computer science, through working with high schools, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the United Negro College Fund, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, the Society of Women Engineers, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, the National Center for Women and Information Technology and the National Urban League.

Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. provided the food for the feast. The 2007

Debutants served the guest from the community as part of their community service project.

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# Spelman College And Lehman Brothers Form \$10 Million Partnership

ATLANTA - Lehman Brothers, the global investment bank, and Spelman College, the No.1-ranked institution among all historically black colleges and universities in the country by U.S. News & World Report, announced today a groundbreaking corporate-academic partnership to establish and develop the Lehman Brothers Center for Global Finance and Economic Development at Spelman College. As part of this endeavor, Lehman Brothers has committed \$10 million that will make possible the development of an interdisciplinary curriculum and courses, the creation of a new scholarship program, and the recruitment of new faculty.

We believe it is our responsibility to leverage our institutional knowledge, expertise and capital to address today's challenging issues," said Richard S. Fuld, Jr., chairman and



From left to right: Joseph M. Gregory, President and Chief Operating Officer, Lehman Brothers, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, Spelman College President, Scott J. Freidheim, Co-Chief Administrative Officer, Lehman Brothers Alana Hewitt, Spelman College Student and Lehman Brothers Intern, Class of 2008 Ashley Tolbert, Spelman College Student and Lehman Brothers Intern, Class of 2009

chief executive officer of Lehman Brothers. "There is a clear need to increase participation of historically under-represented groups in the global financial industry. We are in a unique position to partner with Spelman College to create a new model that will prepare women of African descent for successful careers and leadership in the corporate world, he added.

Lehman Brothers and Spelman will work together to prepare Spelman women

for active participation in the global marketplace and increase the pipeline of women ready to enter the financial sector. The center, which will be housed in Spelman's Milligan Building, will develop a rich interdisciplinary curriculum by leveraging Spelman's current faculty expertise, hiring finance and economics professors and prioritizing core subjects not currently offered by Spelman.

The Center will complement its course offerings with pro-

grams and events designed to provide valuable preparation to Spelman women for future careers in business. It will also establish a Lehman Brothers Scholars Program to provide development and scholarship opportunities. In addition, the partnership will bring together finance professionals and academics to drive thought leadership in U.S. urban economic development.

Like Lehman Brothers, Spelman College recognizes

that we can and should do more as an institution to prepare women to enter the financial sector and participate actively in the global marketplace as corporate leaders and entrepreneurs, said President Beverly Daniel Tatum. "The interdisciplinary curriculum and programs of the Center will be rooted in our core strength as an excellent liberal arts college and focused on critical thinking, problem solving, quantitative reasoning, and the ability to communicate ideas with clarity and to demonstrate socio-

cultural understanding. These are skills that will be necessary to confront the challenges of a global economy and the social, political and economic implications of living in a 'flat world.' I cannot imagine a better partner than an industry leader like Lehman Brothers to help us prepare our students to successfully enter an arena where they have been historically underrepresented. We are very excited about this wonderful opportunity and grateful for this very generous gift."

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Security on school campuses in the workplace have come under the microscope following a series of tragic events around the nation.

Collin College is hosting "Random Actor Violence Prevention: Preventing Catastrophic Campus and Workplace Incidents" with noted author and speaker Dan Korem from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 5-6, at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800

E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano, Texas. The conference is \$350 for educators and law enforcement officials and \$995 for other interested individuals.

Korem, a critically acclaimed author and investigative journalist, is head of Dallas-based Korem and Associates, which consults and trains companies, security and law enforcement agencies, schools and other organizations. He has published "Rage of the Random Actor," "The Art of

Profiling" and "Suburban Gangs: The Affluent Rebels."

Over the two-day seminar, Korem will teach how educators, law enforcement and campus security officials and human resource employees can identify potential school shooters, bombers, random workplace killers or suicide terrorists -- all referred to as "random actors" -- and potentially prevent catastrophic events.

Attendees will learn to

systematically profile a potential random actor without racial, ethnic or gender stereotyping. Also, they will learn about intervention concepts, protocols and stopping incidents and threats on campus or in the workplace.

To register, call LeAnne Revell at 972.234.2924 or e-mail LAR-KoremAssoc@sbc-global.net. For more information about Korem and Associates, visit [www.korem-massociates.com](http://www.korem-massociates.com).

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11/07 - Peer Pressure  
11/12 - Life Skills  
\*\* Thanksgiving Break\*\*  
11/26 - Teen Pregnancy / Self Preservation  
11/28 - STD's and HIV Awareness

12/03 - Family Values  
12/05 - No meeting  
12/10 - Establishing Goals & Mission Statements  
12/12 - Open Forum (Group Activity)  
12/17 - Christmas Party  
\*\* Christmas & New Years Break\*\*

N2NE would like to thank the "Gazette" for choosing our program as a "Cover Story". We would also like to thank our church family "Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen, Pastor W. L. Stafford, Sr., & First Lady Tasha for their support." God Bless - Rich Etta Weathersbee, Cordell Weathersbee, and Penny Francis

The mentoring program is held on Monday's and Wednesday's, from 6:30 - 7:45 pm, in the clubhouse at Indigo on Forest Apartments, 9669 Forest Lane, Dallas TX 75243

For more information, please call: Rich Etta Weathersbee - 469-223-5618; or Penny Francis - 214-793-7178.

# DCHHS Demonstrates the Power of Partnerships on World AIDS Day

*DCHHS to offer free HIV tests at Stemmons location  
DCHHS HIV Early Intervention Clinic to partner with  
other agencies for Community-wide Observance*

(Dallas) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is observing World AIDS Day by offering free testing at its Stemmons location on Friday, November 30, 2007 and by participating in a series of programs and activities on November 30 and December 1, 2007.

Friday, November 30, 2007 DCHHS will join the North Texas HIV Service Providers Council to present One Candle Lights the Way World AIDS Day Observance at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. The observance includes a luncheon, with key note speaker, Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former United States Surgeon General, an information faire, and a display of panels from the National AIDS Memorial Quilt. For more information on this event, contact the organizing committee at 214-521-5191 ext 364 or [tlakey@aidsarms.org](mailto:tlakey@aidsarms.org).

Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., the DCHHS Mobile Medical Clinic, in partnership with the La Sima Foundation, Welcome House Inc., and Mosaic Family Services, will provide information, testing and counseling services to various at-risk populations during an Inspirational Candlelight Vigil to be

held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, 5725 S. Marsalis Ave. Dallas, Texas 75216 on Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 11 a.m. – 1p.m.

World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1st. This year's theme is the Power of Partnerships. The World Health Organization established World AIDS Day in 1988. World AIDS Day provides governments, national AIDS programs, faith organizations, community organizations, and individuals with an opportunity to raise awareness and focus attention on the global AIDS epidemic. An estimated 38.6 million people worldwide are living with HIV and more than 25 million people having died of AIDS since 1981. The United States, like other nations around the world is deeply affected by HIV/AIDS. More than one million people in the U.S. are living with HIV and there are approximately 40,000 new cases of HIV every year.

"Communities of color are disproportionately affected by AIDS, this is especially true among African American and Hispanic women," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "The statistics for women of color are alarming and reit-

erate the fact that women of color must be tested regularly, and insist that their partners be tested in order to safeguard themselves from this public health threat. As we observe World AIDS Day, our message to the community is to take personal accountability and responsibility in the fight against AIDS," Thompson continued.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the rate of infection in communities of color is much higher than the national average. While African Americans represent only 13 percent of the U.S. population, they accounted for 49 percent of all new cases of HIV/AIDS in 2005. AIDS is now the leading cause of death for African American women ages 25 to 34. It is the second leading cause of death for African American men ages 35 to 44.

DCHHS offers HIV and STD testing at its main location, 2377 North Stemmons Freeway, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information about HIV and STD testing at DCHHS or the location where the mobile medical clinic will be testing, the public may call 214-819-1980 or visit our website at [www.dallascounty.org](http://www.dallascounty.org)

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the shop help bolster New Beginning Center's many other services to the community such as an emergency shelter, transitional housing, victim outreach services, legal advocacy, community education, the Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs and volunteer opportunities.

Last year, in Texas alone, 120 women were killed by an intimate partner, the ages ranging from 14 to 68 years old. Supporting the local resale shop is the first step to reducing these unsettling numbers. Make this holiday season meaningful to local families affected by domestic violence by donating to or shop-

ping at New Beginning Center's Resale Shop.

New Beginning Center fosters an environment of safety, support and respect for families affected by domestic violence and serves Garland and other cities in the east Dallas metropolitan area. Their 24-hour emergency hotline number is 972.276.0057.

## Who Defines, Page 1

tered on the contention that Black people could no longer be considered as "one race." Then I looked at the actual report and found that 37 percent of those polled believed that nonsense, but 53 percent did not. Well, that's funny, I thought. Why would the emphasis be placed on the 37 percent rather than the 53 percent? Then the age-old phrase came to mind, He who defines you...."

I was also reminded of another conversation that went something like this: "What's your name?" The young man replied, "Kunta Kinte!" After having the Black overseer apply another stinging lash to the young man's back, and with the other enslaved Africans watching, the White man said, "No, your name is Toby, and it will be your name until the day you die."

Why would the Pew report, aired on National Public Radio, and moderated by Juan Williams, put emphasis on the notion that Black people in the United States can no longer be considered "one race" of people?

Is this country renaming us? Are we being redefined? Are today's media outlets modern-day "Mr. Ames," the White guy who ordered the whipping of Kunta? Is Juan Williams the character named, "James" who was

administering the lashes? And, more importantly, are we the crowd of enslaved Black folks watching the whipping of Kunta Kinte?

The information about Black people relative to the research done by the Pew Center can have far-reaching and long-term negative effects if we allow it to be woven into the fabric of this society. Aside from defining us as a fragmented group of "people" lacking any form of cohesiveness, concentrating on the 37 percent instead of the 53 percent, can take us further down the road of assimilation (Toby), in the opposite direction of resistance and the ability and willingness to define ourselves (Kunta Kinte).

While other groups in this country practice group identity, group pride, group economics, in other words, "nationalism," Black folks in this country allow ourselves to be defined by others.

We allow others to determine who we are and what we should do.

Ever since we were brought here, there have been efforts to deny our humanity, make us obsolete, and ultimately to make us disappear – to turn us into a "nonpeople," to borrow Albert Cleage's term. Question is: What we going to do about it?

Will we continue to allow others to define us?

Pew research notwithstanding, Black people must stop the nonsensical practice of accepting information without analyzing it for ourselves. We must also use our critical thinking, based on historical fact and purpose, and look deeper into issues that are placed before us everyday by institutions and individuals. We must question sources and connect the dots when it comes to information in the public discourse. We must think!



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## Community Calendar

### Ongoing

**381 Days The Montgomery Bus Boycott** ongoing through January 13, 2008 This exhibition commemorates the 1955 bus boycott that began when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white patron. The exhibition explores the many challenges faced by African Americans fighting a segregated system that was demeaning and humiliating, as they continued to endure harassment by local law enforcement. Further the exhibition captures the unfailing commitment and relentless determination of a Black community in its efforts to oppose and change laws that allowed them to be treated as second-class citizens. The African American Museum in Fair Park, 3536 Grand Avenue, Dallas For more information call: 214 565-9026

**African American Republican Club of Collin County** meets 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm, Collin County Republican Party Headquarters. For more info, please call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or email him at fred@tes.com.

**Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting** held monthly every second Thursday, from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. The general public is welcome. McKinney Housing Authority - 1200 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney 75069 for general information call 469-424-0120.

**Collin County Black**

**Chamber of Commerce Monthly Lunch & Learn** a great opportunity to meet other business owners, as well as key decision makers from various organizations around the metroplex. Join us every third Thursday to gain valuable information presented by featured guest speakers to help your business grow. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm, Ralph and Kacoos - 401 S. Central Expy, Allen. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

**First Friday- Music Under the Dome** Tired of crowded bars, night clubs just don't fit for you anymore, weary of networking happy hours, looking for a place to meet exciting people in a relaxed environment, the African American Museum has just the right mix for you. Every month a local band performs jazz, rhythm, and blues in the rotunda. Seating is cabaret style. Visitors are also able to tour the galleries. The Program is an innovative series that provides a fun and energized social environment for the community to enjoy local blues and jazz musicians in an intimate setting in the Museum's Rotunda. For more information contact the Museum 214.565.9026, ext. 315

**No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch** Have lunch, promote your business, bring lots of business cards and a friend 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 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.

**Teen First Fridays** held in collaboration with St. Philip's School and Community Center, Project Still I Rise Inc. and the Dallas Leadership Foundation. 5:45pm - 8:45pm at St. Philip's Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania, Dallas 75215. Includes motivational speakers, food, live entertainment, youth and spoken word performances. For more information contact Tiffany Kirby, Community Center Director at 214-421-5221 or Kevin Mondy, President, Project Still I Rise at 1-877-380-6413.

### November 30

**God's Trombones** A musical celebration that will lift your spirits and rock your soul. This classic holiday celebration based on the Negro Sermon Poems by James Weldon Johnson has become a staple at Jubilee Theatre Runs through December 20. 506 Main St., Ft. Worth, TX 76102 See website www.jubileetheatre.org for details and tickets or call 817-338-4411 for additional information.

**Jazz at The Muse featuring Tonye Scott and Djore'nance** at The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Friday & Saturday, November 30 & December 1; 9:00 p.m., admission \$15. For more information call 214-943-2442.

### December 1

**Christmas Bazaar and Art Exhibit** with Mexico artist Eduardo Lazo Stephanie Ward Gallery 920 18th St. Plano, TX 75074. 12noon-6 p.m. If you would like to sell your unique items during our bazaar, we still have booth space available. Call

the gallery at 469 229-0024

**Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame Family Day Sports Clinic** will include workshops such as book signing, memorabilia signing, face painting, radio give-a-ways, and lots more. This free event is from 12noon to 2:00 p.m. at the African American Museum 3536 Grand Avenue in Fair Park. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Banquet and Auction celebrating achievements in African American Sports in History begins at 7:00 p.m. Anatole Hotel 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Admission \$60.00. For more information call 214-565-9026 or email TBSHOF@aamdallas.org.

**2007 Jubilee Celebrity Fashion Extravaganza** Mothers of Oscar nominee and actor Will Smith, actors Mos Def and Duane Martin will join the mothers and wives of NBA and NFL players as models to benefit the Innercity Community Development Corporation (ICDC) at 7:00pm, Dallas Trade Mart, 2100 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas 75207 Tickets \$50 in advance; \$65 at the door. For Ticket information call 214 915 9900 or visit www.icdc.biz

### December 5

**Stevie Wonder Live in Concert** Nokia Theater 1001 Next Stage Drive Grand Prairie, TX 75050 8:00 PM Ticket information Phone 214-373-8000 or www.ticketmaster.com

### December 6

**VNA Bereavement Luncheon** Norma Carter, author of "Without Warning," will speak on "Coping With the Holidays"

at the Visiting Nurse Association's bereavement luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. at the Saturn Road Church of Christ 3030 Saturn Road in Garland. VNA's bereavement luncheons offer supportive company from friendly and understanding people to individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one. There is no cost to attend the luncheon, but reservations are requested and can be made through December 4 by calling Sue Rafferty at (214) 689-2922.

### December 7 and 8

**Comedy Night at The Muse with Jeff B.** at The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters 9:00 p.m. admission \$15. For more information call 214-943-2442.

### December 8

**You MUST Have Peace In Your Home** Learn how to begin positive dialogue to communicate effectively. Begin to understand your mate and get the answers you need to repair the broken pieces. Spice up your marriage and fall back in love with the person you first met. Start out the New Year by getting your house in order. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Embassy Suites Dallas - Near the Galleria 14021 Noel Road Dallas 75240

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### December 8 and 9

**Kwanzaa Fest** features National Recording Artists, exhibitors from across the country, cultural entertainment, computer technology, health screenings, children's activities, car shows, educational forums and a Poster/Poetry Contest. Saturday and Sunday, December 8 - 9, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Automobile Building, Fair Park. Admission is FREE and open to the general public.

### December 9

An Evening of Holiday Jazz & "Reaping The Harvest God Promised Conference" featuring Jazz Artist David Carr, Jr. and special appearance by talk show host, Ester Davis of The Ester Davis Show & The Dream Team. Admission is \$25 and a canned good item. Seats are limited; To RSVP or for additional information call 972 223-0882. Proceeds will be used to provide Christmas for a needy family and to promote future community outreach projects. Location Clarion Hotel Park Central, 8102 LBJ Freeway Dallas

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# Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community



# Bank of America Charitable Foundation Honors Dallas Community Leaders with \$450,000 through 2007 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Awards

**DALLAS, TX** - The Bank of America Charitable Foundation today announced the recipients of the fourth annual Neighborhood Excellence Initiative (NEI) awards in Dallas. These awards recognize and reward individuals and organizations that are making a difference in the Dallas community. With the announcement of this year's award recipients, Bank of America has committed \$1.8 million to date through the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative in Dallas.

"This year's NEI award recipients show the kind of leadership and dedication that Bank of America believes is essential to the health and vitality of our community," said Laura Whitley, Dallas Market President. "Through this program, our goal is to inspire change at a local level. By supporting these organizations and individuals who create opportunities in our community everyday, we are making Dallas a better place to live."

The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative honors awardees in three categories: Neighborhood Builders - local non-profit organizations working to promote vibrant communities; Local Heroes - community leaders who contribute significantly to the health of their neighborhoods; and Student Leaders - exemplary high school students with an interest in improving their neighborhoods. Dallas' 2007 NEI award recipients are as follows:

2007 Neighborhood Builders are: St. Phillips School and Community Center seeks to transform the lives of children and families through educational excellence and compatible community services. They place particular emphasis on low and moderate-income families. The school provides 243 chil-



*Bank of America officials present Floyd Simpson, Deputy Chief, Dallas Police Department with a donation.*

dren with an innovative, quality education (Kindergarten through 6th grade) and the center provides dozens of community programs, giving over 1,000 South Dallas residents with essential social services and life skills. Over 300 individuals receive meals daily through the Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels programs, adults and seniors benefit from the weekly life skills, literacy, and technology classes, and sports programs are offered to children and teens. St. Phillips School and Community Center will use its grant to help with future expansion of its facilities and services, as well as increase their endowment fund to expand the base of their operating revenue, secure their financial future and support a comprehensive strategic plan.

Children's Medical Center of Dallas is North

Texas' largest provider of pediatric healthcare, providing more than 350,000 patient visits annually. Children's provides underprivileged children with access to affordable health care through the Physicians for Children (PFC) clinics; these clinics are located in neighborhoods where most residents do not seek regular healthcare for their children because there are few affordable options. The NEI grant will be used to expand grass roots preventative health care services through its Bachman Lake facility.

The Neighborhood Builder award is given to two local non-profit organizations that have actively worked to improve their communities. Recipients receive \$200,000 of "unrestricted" grant funding over the course of two years, which can be used to cover operating expenses and

build program capacity.

2007 Local Heroes are: Charlie Mae Ransom, an 86-year-old lifetime resident of east Dallas and a community activist for nearly 65 years. As founder and director of the 12 year old Roseland Homemakers, Ms. Ransom has played an instrumental role in helping the Dallas Housing Authority obtain funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to revive and transform the Roseland Homes community. Charlie Mae will donate her \$5,000 grant to Central Dallas Ministries.

Anne Marie Weiss is founder and president of DFW International Community Alliance, an organization that builds mutual understanding and respect by linking diverse international cultural communities. Anne Marie will direct her \$5,000 grant to

DFW International Community Alliance.

Beth Steerman has served young children for the past 31 years by providing them with educational foundations as an Early Childhood Teacher, an Instructional Specialist, and now as the Executive Director of the growing Dallas ISD Early Childhood Education Department. Beth will donate her NEI grant to AVANCE.

Lisa Vega is a Dallas County Probation Officer who has been working with the West Dallas Weed and Seed, as well as Builders of Hope CDC, to reduce recidivism among young men on probation. She makes personal visits to each of her over 150 cases in their home environment. Ms. Vega has decided to use her \$5,000 grant to Builders of Hope Community Development

Corporation.

Shirley Wesley King is a social work practitioner, who has given thousands of hours to various community capacity building efforts. Among many, her most recent work was with the Department of Justice Weed and Seed Initiative in Pleasant Grove. Shirley's grant will go to Delta Research and Educational Foundation.

In recognition of their contributions to neighborhood vitality, each of the five Local Heroes directs a \$5,000 donation to an eligible non-profit of their choice. The 2007 Student Leaders are:

Tania Foster, of Sachse High School, interned at the New Beginning Center.

Clarissa King, of Chester W. Nimitz, interned at Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas.

Joseph Martinez, of Jesuit College Preparatory School, interned at the Human Rights Initiative of North Texas.

Lauren Rodgers, of Bishop Dunne Catholic High School, interned at End Stage Renal Disease Network of Texas, Inc.

Demetrius Sumner, of Lakeview Centennial High School, interned at the Garland Family YMCA.

The NEI Student Leaders are five exemplary high school students with an interest in improving their neighborhoods, and who show great leadership potential. To further their personal and educational growth, each Student Leader participated in a paid, eight-week summer internship with a community-based organization as well as a series of leadership training and community service activities. The Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative began in 2004 to recognize, nurture and reward organizations and individuals helping to rebuild and revitalize their communities.



# ROVER DRAMAWERKS ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS

The Runner Stumbles by Milan Stitt and directed by Chris McMurtry are holding auditions. They are scheduled for Saturday, December 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Monday, December 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Callbacks, if needed, will be Monday, December 10. Appointments are required. For an appointment time, please email auditions07@roverdramawerks.com. Auditions will be at the ArtCentre of Plano, 1039 East 15th St., at the corner of 15th and K Avenue in downtown

Plano, 3 blocks east of Cox Building Playhouse.

Brief Synopsis: A young nun has died under mysterious circumstances, and Father Rivard has been charged with her murder. Interrogations, testimony, and flashbacks reveal that their relationship was

doomed from the start, but not until the explosive and surprising climax of the play is the full extent of their sacrifice made clear and the identity of the murderer revealed.

Other information:  
\* It is highly recommended that you be familiar with the

script before auditioning. Please email auditions07@roverdramawerks.com for an appointment, and a script will be sent to you.  
\* Auditions will consist of reading scenes from the script.  
\* A resume and headshot is requested.

\* Actors and technicians will receive stipends.  
\* Rehearsals will be in Plano.  
\* Please call (972) 849-0358 for more information.  
The Runner Stumbles will run April 3-26, 2008 at the Cox Building Playhouse.

## The Trains at NorthPark Rolls into New Station for the Holidays



The turkey is finished, and the family needs something else to do than shop. Take them to The Trains at NorthPark, the most elaborate toy train exhibit in all of Texas, with vintage locomotives whizzing on a journey across America, past miniature national landmarks including Mount Rushmore, Dallas' skyline, New York City's Times Square and Washington, D.C. More than 40 Lionel-type O-Gauge and the larger G-Gauge locomotives chug simultaneously on

2,500 feet of winding track. The exhibit spans 2,800 square feet, with Dallas' Reunion Tower and the Statue of Liberty. Last year, more than 80,000 people visited during the holiday season. The exhibit is open now through Tuesday, January 1, 2008 on Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Noon to 6 p.m. Early Closings: December 24, Christmas Eve, at 4 p.m., December 31, New Year's Eve, at 6 p.m., and January 1,

New Year's Day, at 6 p.m. The exhibit is closed Christmas Day. The exhibit has a new home at NorthPark Center near the Boedeker Street entrance between Neiman Marcus and Barneys New York, Level Two. The cost is only \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (ages 2 to 12) and senior citizens (65 and older), children under 2 admitted free. You can find discount tickets available at Tom Thumb (\$1.00 off regular admission).

## Ne-Yo Visits Dallas



Multi-platinum artist and songwriter Ne-Yo visited with Keira White and her mother, Vicki Lewis, at the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. Ne-Yo, along with actress Hayden Panettiere, were in North Texas for a global fundraiser, World Children's Day, which benefits Ronald McDonald House Charities.

## Sirius' Exclusive "Make It Plain" With Mark Thompson Debuts With Key African-American Leaders

NEW YORK, NY – SIRIUS Satellite Radio announced that Make it Plain, the daily political talk show hosted by Mark Thompson, the African-American broadcast pioneer, human rights visionary, and community leader. Make it Plain, on SIRIUS Left channel 146, launched with a powerful, high-profile and stellar lineup of guests from the African-American communi-

ty. Make It Plain will air weekdays, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm CT. Thompson will welcome other high-profile guests from the worlds of politics, entertainment, and community and host a behind-the-scenes look at presidential politics with organizers of Iowa's Brown and Black Forum, America's oldest continuous minority forum for presidential candidates.

On Make it Plain, Mark Thompson will speak passionately about political, social, and economic issues from an African-American perspective, take listener calls, and will empower his audience to make a difference. Thompson, also known by his African name Matsimela Mapfumo, has been a Washington, DC-based radio host for 20 years. He is nationally known as a

longtime NAACP activist, emcee of the Million Man March, founder of the Umoja Party, and an ordained minister. Thompson joins hosts including Alex Bennett, Lynn Samuels, Thom Hartmann, Ed Schultz, and Mike Malloy on SIRIUS Left 146. For more information visit [www.sirius.com/politicaltalk](http://www.sirius.com/politicaltalk)



## Contract Postal Units Throughout Dallas District Add Convenient Service to Customers' Holiday Shipping Lists

The upcoming holidays are events often embraced by most people as the busiest but most cheerful times of the year. For those people, alternate access to the products and services offered by the U.S. Postal Service are a welcomed attraction since postage, packaging and shipping are list toppers on their holiday shopping agendas. Along with the added attraction of easy access and convenience, contract postal units offer the same quality products and services rendered at the neighborhood post

office. The odds just got better for postal customers in the Dallas District where more than 80 Contract Postal Units (CPU) exist. Locations in Plano include the three Woodforest National Banks, the Herb Max at 901 W. Spring Creek #135 and Office Works at 2105 W. Spring Creek #A350.

Located within minutes away of the nearest post office, Dallas District offers customers the convenience of same low prices with quick easy service from more than 80 Contract Postal Units

(CPU).

CPUs exist to offer quality and service for customers' extensive holiday shipping and postage needs. CPUs offer postal customers an additional option to access postal products and services, and are a Quick, Easy, and Convenient alternative to the Post Office for retail transactions. CPUs are open from 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday – Friday, and from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

What is a CPU? It's a Post Office located inside a retail establishment and

run by the retailer's employees. These in-store CPUs offer a wide range of U.S. Postal Service products and services at the same prices found in traditional Post Offices. More than 5,000 retailers have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Whether you want to mail a Priority Mail or Express Mail package, send a letter via Certified Mail, or simply purchase postage stamps at regular Post Office prices, your local CPUs are ready and able to assist you.

## Holiday Season Offers Chance to Earn, Gain Work Experience

AUSTIN-The holiday season is a jolly one for job seekers who gain valuable experience through temporary employment while earning extra cash.

Work opportunities abound during the holiday season as businesses brace for heightened holiday sales. Retail employers hire additional workers to prepare for the annual increase in holiday traffic. Between the months of September and December 2006, 93,500 jobs were added to the Texas labor market, creating opportunities for job seekers.

"Extra work around the holiday season benefits

employers, employees and the economy as a whole," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "Seasonal employment not only adds to an individual's income, but in many, cases, a temporary job can be a springboard to a permanent career."

The biggest workforce boosts for temporary workers typically are in the retail sector, along with transportation, warehousing and wholesale trade, and professional and business services. The last holiday season indicated a significant rise in the number of people employed

across the state compared to reporting periods at other times during the year.

"Employers in many industries expand their workforces to accommodate heavier business traffic in many major industries," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Gains are evident in nearly every major industry, and the increase in sales inspires employers to hire seasonal workers to address their immediate needs."

Among the most widely used resources that address the workforce

demand is WorkInTexas.com, a powerful Web-based tool that matches employers from a variety of business sizes with full-time and part-time workers. Career resources, including information about résumé preparation, job-interview tips and current employment data also are offered on the Web site.

"It's encouraging to see so many workers entering the labor force," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Workers gain valuable workplace skills that are especially helpful in building a resume."

## Holiday Giving Ideas

By Ruth Ferguson

Parents and leaders worry about the effects of commercialism on children during the holiday season. However children are born "givers" and until corrupted by adult habits they still delight in giving to others. This season, look for opportunities to allow the children in your family or someone in your community the opportunity to focus on being a giver.

Naturally the nursing

home is a great beginning, it will add delight to the seniors, and if you do not have older relatives, it can help the children to overcome their uneasiness regarding the elderly. Partner with other parents and make an afternoon of caroling or games and cookies. It will cost very little except for time, but the rewards will be incredible for the residents and the children. It is important to work closely with the staff as

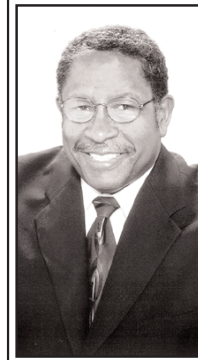
you plan the outing.

Nothing can be tougher on a family than children in the hospitals during the holiday season. Visit the children's ward at your nearest hospital and read the Christmas story, sing carols and play board games. Again contact the hospital staff to arrange and get key info on their guidelines for such events. Alternatively instead of visiting a hospital you could visit a homeless shelter that has

children, or an orphanage. Depending how the age of your children, you could serve food at a homeless shelter.

A simple community project for the children is collecting newspaper from friends and family and donate it to the animal shelter. This could help them under responsibility as it relates to pets if you are considering a new cat or dog for Christmas.

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# Native Hunt Maintains Focus on Professionalism, Customer Satisfaction

(Syndicated News)

"There are two sides to every story." An old adage that has proven itself true time and time again in nearly every area of life. In the case of guided hunting services, nothing could be closer to the truth -- a fact that Native Hunt (<http://nativehunt.com>) owner T. Michael Riddle knows well.

"Hunting in general is a controversial sport," says Riddle. "Some people despise it while other people couldn't live without it. At Native Hunt, we understand both opinions. We never try to push our viewpoints on anybody; we simply offer our services and let people decide for them-

selves."

Native Hunt is a licensed, state-bonded hunting service with ranches located in Monterey and Fresno counties in California. In business since 1990, Native Hunt employs both game management professionals and trained hunting guides -- a combination that has led to a 100 percent success rate for their clients.

"Our professionals understand that not everybody agrees with what they do," says Riddle. "At the same time, however, they have high expectations to live up to from our clients; and at a 100 percent success rate, it's hard to argue with their professionalism."

Native Hunt offers a

wide variety of guided hunting ventures including one- and two-day hunts for wild boar, bear, turkey, deer, and a number of assorted game birds. According to Riddle, Native Hunt's ranches offer more than just a haven for hunting enthusiasts. With tree-covered hills, lush valleys and numerous ponds, the company's property is the perfect place for individuals who enjoy the outdoors.

"At the basis of hunting is a love for the outdoors," says Riddle. "We embrace the outdoors and we believe in sharing our beautiful settings with everybody -- both hunters and non-hunters alike."



## Black Pessimism of Future Means Economic Empowerment Is More Important Than Ever

By Marc H. Morial  
NNPA Columnist

I have said it before and I will say it again: Economic empowerment is the civil rights struggle of the 21st Century.

The civil rights movement of the 1960s helped the African-American community take great strides in terms of political and social empowerment. Doors long closed to people of color were pried open with the enactment of civil rights legislation, affirmative action and other reforms designed to give them a voice on Capitol Hill, in academia and corporate America.

But two recent studies by major thought leaders in Washington, D.C. reveal that more than 40 years later minorities in the United States still face major challenges in achieving economic parity with their white counterparts and realizing the American Dream.

The Economic Mobility Project, a research collaboration of major beltway think tanks -- The Heritage Foundation, American Enterprise Institute, Brookings Institution and Urban Institute, recently found that the income gap between black and white

households has actually expanded since the early 1970s.

Black families in 2004 earned 58 percent of what White households did, down from 63 percent in 1974. This jibes well with the National Urban League's equality index, which found that Blacks had 57 percent of the economic status of Whites.

Household income, when adjusted for inflation, has actually risen as a result of more women entering the workforce. But the project's recent report, based on a survey of 2,300 families over the past 30 years, found that White households benefited most from the shift, mainly those of white women whose incomes rose 500 percent over the period while those of White men stagnated. Among Black men, income has actually fallen since 1974, offset by gains among Black women.

Comparing the incomes of parents in the late 1960s and early 1970s to those of their grown children, the report found that one in three of blacks from middle-class families earned more than their parents, compared to two-thirds of whites with comparable backgrounds.

"Overall, incomes are going

up. But not all children are benefiting equally from the American dream," wrote author Julia Isaacs, a fellow at Brookings, in the report.

The roadblocks to achieving the American Dream have help cast a pall of pessimism over African-Americans, according to another survey by the Pew Research Center of white and black attitudes. Nearly three in 10 said they were worse off than five years ago, one in five reported that their lives had improved and only 44 percent expressed optimism about their future.

But as Chicago Urban League President Cheryle Jackson observed in a recent National Public Radio commentary, people of color have good reason to possess a less-than-cheery outlook.

"The fabric of the American Dream is made up of mobility. You don't have to be born rich or successful if you can get there by your own hard work. The belief that we can all make ourselves better unites us as Americans. But the pathway to success is increasingly obscured or nonexistent for many African-Americans," she noted. "More and more one's economic future is largely decided by what zip code one is born into. Urban com-

munities have the worst schools, the fewest jobs and lack commerce and retail."

There is a great deal of anxiety, cynicism and pessimism today, especially in urban communities. Growing rates of crime, unemployment and mortgage foreclosures are shrinking wealth, which exacerbates the dissatisfaction. And incidents such as the "Jena Six" and how they've been handled have fed into the feeling of blacks that no one will stand up to defend them.

Whites held a very different opinion of Black progress, according to the Pew Center: They were twice as likely to see gains in the past five years compared to their African-American counterparts. This finding indicates that too many Americans, Whites and even some Blacks, labor under the misconception that the playing field has indeed leveled and that the civil rights movement of the 1960s and 1970s was enough to reverse decades of discrimination.

But the truth is that it represents one phase of an ongoing struggle for parity, especially of the pocketbook. Last July, we unveiled our Opportunity Compact: Blueprint for Economic Equality, a set of policy prescriptions to jump-

start urban American, to motivate our leaders to address economic inequities among Americans more than four decades after the first civil rights movement.

Economic empowerment means better jobs. Better jobs mean stronger communities.

Stronger communities mean better schools and safer streets that attract more investment, which refuels the cycle of economic empowerment.

Marc Morial is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

### 381 Days, Page 1

Local Choirs (Negro Spirituals & Freedom Songs). The event will include an Oral History Project: Voices of The Civil Rights Movement which is a joint project with National Association of Black School Educators (NABSE).

The Civil Rights Cinema is slated for Saturdays, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Following each film a panel discussion will be held. The lineup includes

- Sing For Freedom -- December 1, 2007
- Voices of the Civil Rights Movement (Black Freedom Songs 1960-1966) -- December 8, 2007
- Boycott Start Walking: Montgomery, Alabama 1955 -- December 15, 2007
- 4 Little Girls -- January 5, 2008
- Save Our History: Voices of Civil Rights -- January 12, 2008

An Elementary Look at The Movement November 17, 2007 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. is a part of the Family Series. This program, geared toward children from grades K - 5, introduces the Civil

Rights Movement in an easy to understand format. The children start with a guided tour of the exhibit, followed by a speaker, an Interactive African American Dance presentation, storytelling and discussion.

The Movement for Middle Schoolers/Grandparent's Day is scheduled for December 8, 2007, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. This program for children in grades 6-8 and their grandparents starts with a guided tour of the exhibit.

The Word on The Movement on January 5, 2008, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. is geared for a high school audience, this program provides a thorough and provocative look at the Civil Rights Movement. Beginning with a guided tour of the exhibit, the program then shifts to a guest speaker, a spoken word presentation, a documentary film and discussion and concludes with a Greek Step show at 6:00 p.m.

For more information please call: 214 565-9026 ext 307 or e-mail: [edawson@aamdallas.org](mailto:edawson@aamdallas.org)



## The Real Estate Council December 12 General Membership Meeting “Global Connection: China's Influence on Business and Trade in North Texas”

Dallas, Texas - The Real Estate Council will explore the North Texas Connection to China at The Real Estate Council's General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 7:30 a.m. at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 400 Olive Street, Dallas, 75201. The program is open to the public.

The Real Estate Council has assembled esteemed guest speakers including Jim Landers, international reporter from The Dallas Morning News; David Lind, president of Corgan Associates, Inc.; and Richard Allen, CEO of The Allen Group. Karl Zavitskovsky, director of economic development for the City of Dallas, will serve as moderator. This combination of speakers will provide a broad range of experiences and viewpoints of the North Texas connection to China. Landers writes about international affairs and economics from the Washington Bureau of The Dallas Morning News, and he will touch on China as an

economic partner or competitor. Lind will bring his perspective of the climate in China for new business after Corgan recently expanded their operations to Beijing. Allen will speak about his company's project in South Dallas and how they are interlinking North Texas as a trade hub with China.

“As Dallas becomes more of an international city, we need to learn how increased trade and business connections with China are influencing our region, and this knowledgeable panel will educate us on the key issues,” said TREC Programs chair Steve Bancroft of Crow Holdings.

The breakfast cost for associate members of The Real Estate Council is \$35 pre-paid; \$40 at the door. For non-members and the public, the cost is \$45 pre-paid; \$50 at the door. For sustaining and full members of TREC, there is no charge, if registered by December 5. To register, visit [www.recouncil.com](http://www.recouncil.com) or call The Real Estate Council at 214-692-3600.

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**Corinthians 6:14**. He who only SAMPLES the Word of God can never appreciate its true SWEETNESS. **Psalm 104:34**. The believer is victorious only as he starves the old nature and feeds the new! **Romans 7:24, 25**. God has you in His plans; do you have Him in yours? **Psalm 16:8**. Christ is the unavoidable One; your decision about Him determines your destiny! **Matthews 22:41, 42**.

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mon every day. **2 Timothy 4:10**.

Do you have a burden for the lost, or have you lost your burden? **Matthews 9:36**. Every Christian ought to be a living doxology! **Psalm 67:3**. Error is often dressed in the garb of truth. **1 John 4:1**. In the faces of men and women, I see God. **Genesis 1:27**. Untold millions are perishing – UNTOLD! **John 4:35; Matthew 9:37**. The praise-life wears out the self-life! **Psalm 111:1**. When you center your mind on Christ, you develop a wonderful CALMplex. **Ephesians 5:18**.

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Something to Ponder:



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Saturday: Intercessory Prayer @ 7:00 am  
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Wednesday Service: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

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First Sunday: Ingredients for Life ..... 4:00 p.m.  
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Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

### Schedule of Services:

#### Sunday

Early Morning Worship

8:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting and 7:30 p.m.

Evening Bible Study

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## Celebrating 38 Years of a Church Anniversary

Dr. Robert E. & Sister Deloris Price, Sr. were recently honored for 38 years of devotedly serving the members at New Mount Zion Baptist Church of Dallas. The theme: "A Faithful Shepherd Feeds His Flock" with the Scripture Acts 20:28.

The Anniversary Sunday was filled with praising, worshiping and thanking God for blessing the church and members with

Dr. & Sister Price, Sr. from the morning service through the afternoon service.

For the 7:30 am Worship Service, Rev. Donald Wausaw brought The Spoken Word. For the 10:30 am Worship Service, Rev. Dr. Robert Castle from the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, TX brought The Spoken Word; with special tributes from the "Mighty Soldiers for Christ" Drill Team,

directed by Sis. Marjorie Burrell; and "Praise be to God" Praise Dancers, directed by Sis. Linda Lowe. Sisters Tamara Rogers and Monique Davis presented a Tribute in Words honoring First Lady, Sister Price.

The 3 pm Worship Service completed the 38th Church Anniversary with Rev. Dr. T. L. Brown from Ervay Cedar Baptist Church as the Pulpit Conductor. Bro. & Sis. Duane

Hicks were the Master & Mistress of Ceremonies for the program. Rev. Dr. C. C. Robertson from the Bexar Street Baptist Church had Words of Inspiration. Rev. Dr. S. M. Wright, II from Peoples Baptist Church lead the Ministry in Giving and Rev. Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor from the First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park (First Church) brought The Spoken Word.



Dr. Robert E. & Sister Deloris Price, Sr. Family Celebrating 38 Years of Church Service. Front Row (L to R): Kortlin Rausaw and Sister Price; Middle Row (L to R): Patricia Price Hicks, Lisa Price Rausaw, and Dr. Price, Sr.; Back Row (L to R): Kelvin Rausaw, Sr., Kelvin Rausaw, Jr., Jackie Dickerson, and Robert E. Price, Jr.

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**Avenue F Church of Christ**  
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Ramon Hodridge, Minister

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Sunday Morning Worship.....	10:45 am
Men Bible Class .....	5:00 pm
Women Bible Class .....	5:00 pm
Evening Worship .....	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Class .....	7:00 pm

Radio Program @ 7:30 am on KHVN 970 AM Sunday Mornings  
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9:00 am Sunday School

**Wednesday Service**  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
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Bible Study 7:45 pm

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