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King's Son, Others Warn on His Birthday: Don't Be Mystified By Historic Candidacies

By: Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – As millions commemorate the 79th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 21,



orators and community leaders across the nation will point to the historic presidential campaigns of Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton as a sign that Dr. King's dream is becoming real.

But, his oldest son and others who marched with Dr. King this week cautioned observers against becoming so fixated on the candidates that they forget about the issues that

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Black AIDS Institute Releases Report Analyzing Presidential Candidates' HIV/AIDS Records

LOS ANGELES -- The Black AIDS Institute released recently the first in a series of educational briefs on electoral politics -- We Demand Accountability: The 2008 Presidential Elections and the Black AIDS Epidemic. The booklet is the latest in a series of

reports and news articles, published as a part of the National Black AIDS Mobilization (BAM) campaign that will help Black America hold elected officials accountable for ending the Black AIDS epidemic.

"Ending AIDS is about leadership-personal, pro-

fessional and political leadership," said Phill Wilson, the Institute's CEO. "We have aggressively called upon Black America to take responsibility for our own health and that of our communities. And part of that responsibility is insisting that our elected officials

also do their part to help us end this epidemic."

With the primary season underway, We Demand Accountability empowers Black voters to engage elected officials by educating Black voters on the key questions that they should

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Plano Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.

Join the city of Plano in celebrating an American hero, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who stood for peace, justice, and humanity. Individuals, organizations, churches, businesses and schools alike are all invited to walk or ride in the Martin Luther

King Day Parade in East Plano. The parade lineup starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning in the Furniture Warehouse parking lot at 850 East Parker Road and Archerwood, just West of Avenue K. Bring your floats, decorated vehicles, and performers.

Awards will be given for best designs and talents. Starbucks will provide complimentary coffee and hot chocolate to the parade participants.

The journey south along Avenue K to Plano City Hall begins at 10:00 a.m. At the end of the parade the bands and

groups will perform for the judges in front of City Hall. After the performances, a special program will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, at 1520 Avenue K.

This year's guest speaker is Dr. A. Marcus

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A Black Political Dilemma

By James Clingman
NNPA Columnist

There are two interesting scenarios being played out in the political arena regarding whom Black people will support for President in November 2008. One, of course, is the Obama versus Hillary issue, and the other is the question of Black Republican support for one of their party's candidates. The former issue is far more palatable than the latter, but both are germane to Black folks in general. Blacks Dems are faced with choosing from a pool of candidates, each

of whom would be miles ahead of what we have now. Black Repubs have a bunch of Reagan wannabe's from which to choose. That sounds like a Hobson's Choice - a choice between what is offered and nothing at all.

On to the Dems. What a show they are giving us! Looks like Edwards, Hillary, and Barack, with Edwards fading fast. Whatcha gonna do on this one Black folks? Feeling torn? The traditional Black political icons chose sides some time ago. They want Hillary. But what do they

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Cathy Moffitt

Seven years ago Cathy Moffitt left corporate America to follow her dream of sharing a leadership program she had developed to help Christian women working in corporate America. The Christian Women's Leadership Development Program (CWLDP) focuses on the professional, spiritual and personal development of Christian women. The series of workshops has been launched in



three states across the country.

On Saturday, January 26 CWLDP graduates will host a Tenth Anniversary Celebration Brunch and Class Reunion. The guest speaker will be Louisiana State Senator Sharon Weston Broome. The guest psalmist is internationally renowned gospel artist Lady Joy Hill. The brunch will be from 11:00am-1:30pm at the Crown Plaza Hotel 7050 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247.

More than 1200 women have graduated from CWLDP. Along with initiating the program, Elder Moffitt has mentored several celebrities such as Pat Smith and Donna Richardson Joyner. When Dr. Faith Oliver Robertson went through the program, not only was she an oral surgeon with a new practice; but she was engaged to get married and become a step-mother. "The tutelage of Elder Cathy Moffitt was medicinal," says Dr. Oliver Robertson. "I

learned countless life-changing lessons that healed the insecurities and anxieties I experienced at that time."

CWLDP is one of the premier programs developed by Elder Cathy Moffitt under her Heartfelt International Ministries, Inc. Elder Moffitt says "I saw a need through my own professional, personal and spiritual experiences, an opportunity to help other women improve their life skills and decision making abilities. This work is my pas-

sion. I want to see Christian women prosper and grow into their own giftedness and God-given potential".

Other programs under H.I.M. include a weekly Bible Study, the Leadership Teen Summit Program, Men of Valor Program, Young Men of Valor Program and FAITH in the Workplace.

For information on the brunch call 214-944-1473 or e-mail HIM1523@msn.com, website www.heartfeltintlministries.com

Shawn Williams

A native of Paris, Texas and a graduate of Texas A&M University, Shawn Williams is an Allergy Specialist at Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals. However, readers in the Metroplex and around the country know him best as the publisher and voice of the very well read blog, Dallas South Blog [dallas-southblog.com].



Williams launched the blog in June 2006 where he not only has

developed a loyal readership by speaking out on issues related to the southern sector of Dallas, but also the Black community at large. His coverage of the Jena 6 case in Louisiana resulted in features in prominent national media outlets such as: *The Politico*, *NPR Talk of the Nation*, the *Dallas Morning News*, *MSNBC*, *NBC Nightly News* and the *Chicago Tribune*.

The *Dallas Morning News* article stated:

"Like many public events these days, this week's Jena rally came together largely through the efforts of bloggers. One of them was Dallas resident Shawn Williams..."

In addition to blogging about the situation, Williams assisted in coordinating the 1,000 protestors who traveled to Louisiana for the march, from his

church Friendship West Baptist Church, where Williams serves as the President of Men's Ministry.

Williams is a member of the Afrosphere Action Coalition, a community of African American bloggers, who have launched a "Proud Black Voter" campaign, encouraging African Americans to vote in the 2008 election. For more details visit [http://proudblack-](http://proudblackvoter.blogspot.com/)

voter.blogspot.com/.

The topic Williams is currently focused on is the need for a Dallas to build a new hotel adjoined to the Dallas Convention Center. When selecting site locations, event planners look closely not only at the hotel space available throughout the city but nearby by the event site. In addition, entertainment choices ~ nearby ~ is important as well.

David Tyson, Jr.



There is nothing more frustrating for a salesperson or a business owner than to lose a potential contract on what looked like a sure deal. The Sandler Sales Institute (SSI) teaches clients how to size up an opportunity and close the deal before spending too much time on a dead end street.

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David Tyson, Jr. opened a Sandler Sales Institute franchise office in North Dallas in October. He will begin weekly "President's Club" sales training sessions in January. It's located at 13111 N. Central Expressway Suite 400. Tyson has over 25 years of experience as a sales professional, sales director and a sales trainer. He was an award winning sales person in the competitive hospital and medical market.

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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

Polling--Voting --And The Moment Of Truth

New Hampshire's presidential primary has polling professionals scratching their collective heads in disbelief, rushing back to the drawing boards, rechecking their proprietary algorithms, and trying to explain how they got it so wrong for the Democrats and so right for the Republicans.

Coming just a week after the Iowa caucuses New Hampshire seemed like a safe call for the poll experts. National polls put Republican John McCain several percentage points ahead of Mitt Romney and the results were right in line with the polls.

But on the Democratic side the pollsters received a shocking jolt as if their computerized tout machines had been infested by a malicious political virus. Obama, buoyed by his win in Iowa, had been projected by most of the well known polls to have a significant double digit 42-29 percent lead over Hillary Clinton as the spotlight shifted from Iowa to the New Hampshire. But when the vote tally was complete, Clinton had eked out a three-point victory.

One well-known poll pundit said, "It is simply unprecedented for so many polls to have been so wrong. We need to know why." Most of the chagrined experts had no answer but said they would have to closely analyze the results of the New

Hampshire primaries against their forecasts to understand why their Democratic predictions were so far off target.

There were myriad theories on why the polls got it wrong--everything from the humanizing effects of Hillary Clinton's teary-eyed response to an audience question to speculation that New Hampshire voters were reacting against being perceived as sheep falling in line with the Iowa voters.

Also, in New Hampshire almost 18 percent of made up their minds late. Since many surveys either stopped sampling 24 hours before voting started or averaged the last three days of data they had the poll reports could not reflect the late support for Clinton.

As the various theories for the polling debacle are debated only cursory attention is being given to the impact that race has on voter's decisions. One political analyst alluded to the "public-private gap" that he defined as the difference between what voters say and what they do.

Following Obama's Iowa win more African Americans began to get a warm fuzzy feeling after seeing a black man standing on stage, with his picture perfect wife and two children, waving at the crowd of cheering white voters that supported him. Many blacks want to believe that a sea

change has occurred and that America is beginning to grasp Martin Luther King's vision of a nation where people are judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin. They want to believe the time has come even though deeply embedded in their psyche is the historical memory of incomprehensible white inhumanity toward blacks.

As the campaign moves into the Deep South, the race game will become even more prevalent. How will the Old Confederacy respond to this strange new opportunity, a history making opportunity, for a black man to be president of the United States of America?

Even as Obama makes great strides in his well-received, well-financed run for president, blacks are still reminded that not all whites have discarded the cloak of white supremacy. Incidents such as the Ku Klux Klan threats against the Jena 6 families or the dragging death of James Byrd in Jasper, TX after he mistakenly accepted overtures of friendship from a group of white men keeps blacks on guard.

With Obama the overtures of friendship are national and the stakes are high. The possibility of a tragic end is always lurking just around the corner. People find it easier to vote for the highest

ideals expressed in the constitution and bill of rights in the early primaries but as it gets closer to finally picking a president they begin to vote their inner most fears. This is the usual moment of truth when, in the privacy of the voting booth, white voters confront the age old question--will blacks remember the injustice that was meted out to them?

Barack Obama has stepped into this labyrinth of uncertainty and set aside the personal fear of death that surely besets both he and his family. He speaks of tearing down barriers that have divided us for too long and bringing people of all parties and ages to a common cause of lifting this country up and beating down the politics of fear, doubt and cynicism.

Obama said he would not sit on the sidelines or shirk from a fight because the hope that is deep inside insists, despite all the evidence to the contrary, that something better awaits America if we have the courage to reach for it, to work for it, and to fight for it.

Perhaps Obama is simply running to prove to America that to be first among equals we must first be equal. That will be the real moment of truth.

James W. Breedlove
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expect any candidate for elected office to answer about HIV/AIDS in our community; putting the campaigns and candidates on notice that Black America will expect them to not only be aware of the problem but to have a plan for dealing with it; and educating voters on what the current presidential candidates have and have not contributed to the fight against AIDS in Black America.

The Mobilization has four primary goals, and the report evaluates the candidates based on them:

- Reduce infection rates by half over the next five years.
- The Mobilization seeks to boost the number of Blacks who know their HIV status by 50 percent in the next five years.
- The Mobilization seeks to insure that African Americans who do test positive have access to appropriate care and are personally able to take the necessary steps to live healthily with HIV.

The Black AIDS Institute sent written surveys to each of the 16 declared Republican and

Democratic presidential candidates in October 2007. The survey asked 15 questions designed to measure the candidates' commitment to accomplishing the Black AIDS Mobilization's goals.

Candidate's Answers

A review of the overall field of candidates in the Democratic and Republican parties provides a stark comparison. Notable differences between the parties are:

- Six Democrats have committed to drafting a national strategy to end AIDS; only one Republican has done so.
- Seven of eight Democrats support lifting the ban on federal funding for needle exchange; no Republican has made such a commitment.
- All three front-running Democrats -- Sen. Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Sen. Barack Obama -- have published AIDS plans that stress the importance of addressing the epidemic's racial disparities; no Republican has done so.
- Seven of eight Democrats have vowed to

increase funding for the Ryan White CARE Act; no Republican has done so.

Among the top-tier Democrats, all agree on basic principles of targeting resources to address the Black epidemic, putting science ahead of ideology and politics, and building a national strategy with accountable goals. There are, however, notable differences among the leading Democrats:

- Obama's record on encouraging HIV testing among Blacks far outstrips all other candidates: He and his wife, Michelle, have been publicly tested and have spoken forcefully about the importance of testing.
- While Edwards and Obama have vowed to end funding for abstinence-only sex education, Clinton has stated only her support for comprehensive sex education.
- Clinton, both in response to the survey and in her subsequently published AIDS platform, has made the most forceful commitment to working with Black faith leaders to address the epidemic.

Election Fraud Charges Leave Kenya Unstable

(NNPA) – Unsettled fraud charges continue to divide Kenya, creating the prospect of dangerous political upheaval. Defeated opposition leader Raila Odinga has turned down an offer to meet with President Mwai Kibaki to end the violence that has taken some 500 lives across the east African state.

But he has welcomed intervention by African leaders, including Ghana's president, John Kufuor, chairman of the African Union, who are hoping to bring the two feuding leaders together.

"We want to engage in the negotiations under Mr Kufuor with utmost serious-

ness to make sure no stone remains unturned in the search for electoral justice."

Kufuor diplomatic skills have earned him the nickname the "gentle giant" – after his work settling conflicts in Ivory Coast and Liberia.

Jendayi Frazer, the US assistant secretary of state, who is in Nairobi for talks with President Mwai Kibaki and the opposition leader, Raila Odinga, said that vote rigging had occurred - but she stopped short of blaming the government.

The Law Society of Kenya this week accused electoral officers of "dishonesty and ineptitude". It said Kibaki's lack of legiti-

macy to govern was "the cause of the problems we are facing as a country".

"The Law Society ... strongly demands that Honourable Mwai Kibaki steps down and that fresh presidential elections be held," it said in a statement. "It follows that the presidential election was not credible and the announcement of a winner is unacceptable."

Meanwhile, Kibaki has moved quickly to appoint 17 cabinet ministers, but none from the opposition party. They include Energy Minister Kiraitu Murungi, who was previously sacked over a huge corruption scandal.

Truth Hearings Launched in Liberia

(NNPA) - A Truth and Reconciliation Commission set up in Liberia to look into violations in the conflict that ended in 2003 has begun hearing gripping testimonies from war victims.

"This week, our nation starts a process of healing that comes not only from contrition and forgiveness, but the process of justice," Pres. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf told hundreds of people in Monrovia's Centennial Pavilion.

The commission was established along similar lines to South Africa's post-apartheid body.

The hearings are part of a process of national healing. The Commission will also ask the perpetrators to publicly apologize and admit to their crimes.

Whether this actually happens is another matter, says Aloysius Toe, the executive director of the Foundation for Human Rights and Democracy in the capital, Monrovia.

Another concern of rights activists is that the TRC may not have the time to complete its work before its mandate expires at the end of this year.

The hearings began a day

after the trial of former Liberian warlord Charles Taylor started in The Hague on 11 counts of war crimes and gruesome crimes against humanity including the mutilation of children during neighboring Sierra Leone's 1991-2002 civil war.

Taylor, 59, is Africa's first former head of state to face an international war crimes court. He allegedly stoked the civil war in Sierra Leone so he could control its valuable mineral resources.

Taylor has denied providing support or leadership to the rebels in Sierra Leone.

Dallas Included on the 10 City "How Faith Wins at Weight Loss Tour & Church Challenge"

Los Angeles, CA (BlackNews.com) - While many Pastors across the country look for ways to grow their congregations, Body Temple Wellness, a Los Angeles based Christian weight-loss and Wellness Company, will be challenging them to shrink their memberships -- their members' individual sizes. With over 65% of churchgoers in the overweight or obese category (according to a Purdue University study), Body Temple Wellness is launching a

nationwide 10 city tour and weight loss challenge to bring the type of lasting weight loss success to other cities across America that Los Angeles area churchgoers have experienced since 1994.

The "How Faith Wins at Weight Loss Tour & Church Challenge" will present a free two hour workshop. The workshops will provide information on health and wellness, and explain the controversial concept of why diets rarely work.

During each tour stop,

churches will be encouraged to form teams of 8 to participate in the 12-week Body Temple National Weight Loss Church Challenge -- which will reward one team per city based on the quality of their outer and inner transformation and overall team percentage weight loss.

"This challenge will strengthen families and increase the health and longevity of entire communities," says Shannon Tanner, founder of Body Temple Wellness, 15 year

veteran leader in the weight loss and wellness industry, and published author of the groundbreaking weight loss guide Diets Don't Work...But Jesus Does. After maintaining a 70-pound weight loss for more than ten years, Shannon Tanner is a firm believer that faith wins at weight loss.

Tour cities include Houston, Dallas, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Charlotte, DC/Maryland, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and San Diego.

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*None from Founder/CEO: I would like to invite all women to "Ladies Night" Feb. 4th, 6-7:30pm, at the Plano Housing Authority, 1749 Avenue G, in Plano. I will be instructing a class on Parenting & Dealing with troubled teens. Light refreshments will be served. "Ladies Night" is part of Plano Housing Authority's Family Self Sufficiency Program.

For more information, please call:
 Founder/CEO - Rich Etra Weathersee (469-224-5618) or
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MLK Day Fest to follow 22nd Annual Parade

For the 22nd consecutive year the DFW Elite News and Nationwide Insurance present the MLK Day Parade, Monday, January 21, 2008. Richard Roundtree, TV actor and former Golden Globe nominee is one of the Parade Marshals. Mr. Roundtree won the MTV Lifetime Achievement Award in 1994 for his work on the Shaft movies and television series. The Elite News "People's Parade" is the brainchild of Mr. William "Bill" Blair Jr., Publisher Emeritus of the DFW Elite News. Joining Mr. Roundtree are comedian Joe Torry and actor Fred "The

Hammer" Williamson as well as local dignitaries and elected officials. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway will serve as the Grand Marshall.

A new MLK Day Fest at the Grand Place Building in Fair Park has been added this year. It features a Health Pavilion sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and offers free mammograms, HIV testing, prostate screening, a blood drive and other health related screenings.

The MLK Fest also features a KIDZ ZONE for tots to be engaged and entertained with interac-

tive toys, games, clowns, balloon artists, face painting, and a coloring contest. Local NFL and NBA athletes will be on hand for free photos and autographs. The KIDZ ZONE is sponsored by Toys R Us.

Live entertainment at the MLK Fest features the Dallas Mavericks Maniacs, gospel choirs, blues recording artist Bobby Patterson, and rhythm and blues artist Greg Smith.

Doors to the MLK Day Fest open at 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Grand Place Building. Across from the Automobile Building in Fair Park. Free admission and parking is free.

News Anchor Suspended 2 Weeks for "Lynch" Comment About Tiger Woods

By DOUG FERGUSON

HONOLULU (AP) — Golf Channel suspended anchor Kelly Tilghman for two weeks on Wednesday for saying last week that young players who wanted to challenge Tiger Woods should "lynch him in a back alley."

Tilghman was laughing during the exchange Friday with analyst Nick Faldo at the Mercedes-Benz Championship, and Woods' agent at IMG said he didn't think there was any ill intent.

But the comments became prevalent on news shows, and the Rev. Al Sharpton joined the fray by demanding she be fired immediately.

There is simply no place on our network for offensive language like this," Golf Channel said in a statement.

The suspension ends in time for the Buick Invitational on Jan. 24, when Woods will make his 2008 debut.

Faldo and Tilghman were discussing young players who could challenge the world's No. 1 player toward the end of Friday's broadcast at Kapalua when Faldo suggested that "to take Tiger on, maybe they should just gang up for a while."

"Lynch him in a back alley," Tilghman replied.

Tilghman was helped when Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent

at IMG, said it was a non-issue and considered the matter "case closed."

"Tiger and Kelly are friends, and Tiger has a great deal of respect for Kelly," Steinberg said Tuesday night in a statement released by Golf Channel. "Regardless of the

choice of words used, we know unequivocally that there was no ill-intent in her comments."

Tilghman had said in a previous statement she apologized directly to Woods, and the immediate support from Woods' camp was critical.



CORRECTION - The photo of Dr. Marcus Martin, reprinted above, was incorrectly identified as "Smith, president of CCBCC." The staff of the North Dallas Gazette regrets the error and sincerely apologizes for the incorrect identification.

CONGRESSWOMAN JOHNSON BACKS PLAN TO STRENGTHEN MILITARY, SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

After Unnecessary Delay Caused by President's Veto, Our Troops Will Get the Pay Raise, Bonuses and Other Critical Benefits They Deserve

Washington, DC – Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson joined an overwhelming bipartisan majority and backed a plan to strengthen the military, and improve military readiness. The Defense Authorization Bill was approved by a vote of 369 to 46 and passage is expected by the Senate next week. The Administration has indicated the President will sign the bill.

The Defense Authorization Bill was originally passed by the House of Representatives by an overwhelming vote of 370 to 49 on December 12 and by the Senate by an overwhelming vote of 90 to 3 on December 14.

However, the President vetoed this critical, urgently-needed bill on December 28 – over the potential impact on the Iraqi government of a provision concerning Americans who sue state sponsors of terrorist acts against them. The Administration felt this could jeopardize resources of the Iraqi government and harm reconstruction efforts in that country. The President had abruptly issued this veto despite the fact that he had not told the Congress this provision could draw a veto. Congresswoman Johnson indicated the veto was unnecessary because Congressional Leaders had made clear that the President's concerns could be dealt with easily on separate legislation when

Congress returned in January.

The bill passed includes a revised provision, which addresses the belated concerns raised by the Administration. The legislation also includes provisions ensuring that the military pay raise, as well as special pays and bonuses for the troops, are retroactive to January 1.

"I am pleased that our brave men and women in uniform will now be getting the pay raise of 3.5 percent, as well as other critically needed benefits, that are included in this legislation," said Congresswoman Johnson. "We worked to make sure that, under the bill, the pay raise and the special pays and bonuses for the troops were made retroactive to January 1."

The Defense Authorization bill authorizes new resources for additional Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles (MRAPs,) up-armored Humvees and body armor. The legislation also includes resources for efforts to stop Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) that have proven to be a threat to American troops in Iraq.

The legislation also includes critical support for troops and their families by providing a pay raise for troops that goes above the President's request and blocking fee increases in the military health

care program (TRICARE). Additionally, the bill includes the Wounded Warrior Act, which responds to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center scandal by improving the care of injured soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The men and women like the troops from (military base or guard unit in district) risk their lives for our nation," added Congresswoman Johnson. "They deserve the best equipment on the ground and the best medical care when they come home."

The Defense Authorization bill takes steps to remedy the Army readiness crisis in America. Army readiness has dropped to unprecedented levels, and Army National Guard units have, on average, only 40 percent of their required equipment. Furthermore, many stateside units are not fully equipped and would not be considered ready if called upon to respond during an emergency.

The measure passed in the House today helps restore our nation's military readiness by creating a Strategic Readiness Fund to address equipment shortfalls, fully funding the Army's and Marine Corps' equipment reset requirements, and authorizing new resources to provide the National Guard and Reserve critically needed equipment.

Knowledge in Chemistry

Knowledge in Chemistry (KIC) is a specialized science program designed to get middle school students involved, excited, and motivated about chemistry. This cool science program was designed to increase students -- knowledge and understanding of Chemistry through the use of laboratory experiments, team challenges, and peer interactions that connect learning to everyday life.

A memorable experience that involves active participation in exciting

and challenging experiments, coupled with the development of mentor and peer relationships, has the potential to positively impact the future educational and career decisions of the student participants.

KIC will take place at the University of Texas @ Dallas, located at 800 West Campbell Road in Richardson, Texas at the chemistry lab. The Saturday morning program launches January 26th to March 8th, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Children strong in math

and science in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are invited to participate.

The activities include Hands-on Laboratory experiments to include flame tests, designing atomic orbitals, and building molecular compounds. Students will also learn about different acids, bases, and chemical reactions.

Contact Jennifer Stimpson, Camp Developer & Facilitator of the KIC Spring 2008 Workshop at jstimpson@eisacademe.com for more information.

Drexel Adds \$2 Million to Engineering Scholarship Program

By Robert Hightower

PHILADELPHIA (NNPA) - For prospective students looking to pursue a career in engineering, but can't afford the costs; Drexel University is lending a helping hand.

The Schleyer Scholars Program was developed from a \$2 million dollar pledge from alumnus William T. Schleyer and his wife, Mary Z. Zygal. The program is set to assist students to strengthen their skills needed for college through a six-week summer immersion experience. The course would focus on English, math, and critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Drexel faculty as well as professors from Cal Tech, The University of California at Berkeley and Swarthmore will instruct the courses.

Drexel President Constantine Papadakis said in a statement the program has many benefits for the student.

"The students can also benefit from a mentorship program in which they will receive guidance from upperclassmen that are fellow Schleyer Scholars or come from a similar background or major," he said.

"Candidates for the Schleyer Scholars Program will be evaluated by interviews that qualify their high school performance, potential for success in college and personal attributes such as resourcefulness, persistence, work ethic and communication skills."

One male and one female will be chosen each year. Priority will be given to awarding one scholarship to a student pursuing a degree in engi-

neering.

Dean of engineering Selcuk Gucer said the program will help students substantially.

"It pays for the majority of the expenses," he said. "It's wonderful because two students who would not have the means to afford it can attend."

According to Papadakis, the program would financially support students throughout their years at Drexel.

"It will cover about 25 percent of students' annual cost, including tuition, fees, room and board, textbooks, computers and related expenses," he said. "Drexel's Urban Scholars Program and cooperative education program and financial aid will cover students' remaining expenses."

Interested persons should reach the school at (215) 895-2000.

African-American Bar Association Receives \$100,000+ Endowment Susman Godfrey, LLP Endows New Marie Trahan/Susman Godfrey Scholarship

DALLAS, Texas - J.L. Turner Legal Association Foundation ("JLTLA Foundation") received \$103,305.00 from the Houston-based law firm of Susman Godfrey, LLP. Ophelia Camina, a partner, and the Diversity Committee Chair of Susman Godfrey, presented the funds to Vicki Blanton, 2007 President of J.L. Turner Legal Association and Stanley Mays, 2007 Chair of the JLTLA Foundation. Susman Godfrey informed the JLTLA Foundation on December 7, 2007 that the firm had voted to grant a minimum of \$30,000.00 to the JLTLA Foundation for scholarships. Over the next several weeks, contributions from attorneys and employees at Susman Godfrey increased the final amount to \$103,305.00.

The Scholarships are to be

awarded in the name of The Marie Trahan/Susman Godfrey Scholarship. Ms. Trahan was an administrative assistant with the firm for 30 years. She passed away in 2007 and the firm wanted to do something in her memory. Chanler Langham, an associate with Susman Godfrey, received a scholarship from the JLTLA Foundation while in law school. He learned what the firm was trying to do in the memory of Ms. Trahan and directed the firm to the JLTLA Foundation. JLTLA Foundation Board Member, Judge Cheryl Williams, explained that, "Based on our track record of awarding scholarships to students in law school, we were one of the organizations that Susman Godfrey considered in donating monies in Marie Trahan's memory."

The selection criteria and the amount of the individual scholarships will be decided by the JLTLA Foundation on an annual basis. The Marie Trahan/Susman Godfrey Scholarships will be available to African-American residents of the State of Texas, who are attending any accredited law school in the United States.

Stanley Mays, states that JLTLA Foundation looks forward to the opportunity to financially assist more minority law students from Texas, so that they may reach their dreams of joining the ranks of the legal profession. 2007 JLTLA President, Vicki Blanton, states that she truly hopes that the Susman Godfrey gift will resonate as a challenge to other law firms to step up their contributions and their commitment to diversity.

Hiram McBeth files for Dallas County Criminal District Court No. 4

Hiram McBeth III, a Democratic Party primary candidate for Dallas County Criminal District Court No. 4, filed last week for a place on the March 4th Democratic Party primary ballot. McBeth, a former Texas Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and Dallas County Public Defender is seeking a return to the Texas bench. McBeth has over 24 years of criminal and civil experience and practices law in Dallas.

Judge McBeth has presided over more than 1500 cases as a Texas Administrative Law Judge and handled hundreds of cases as a Dallas County Assistant Public Defender before returning to private practice. McBeth has campaigned for Dallas County Criminal District Court No. 4 since August of 2007. Since beginning his campaign, Mr. McBeth has received diverse support from grassroots Democrats in Dallas County who are demanding to complete a sweeping change begun in the 2006 judicial elections from the old Republican-led judicial machine established under former Dallas County District Attorneys



Hiram McBeth III

Bill Hill and John Vance to a new smart-on-crime judicial approach which will include establishing a new court dedicated to the prosecution of hate crimes and elder abuse.

McBeth is a member of many legal and professional organizations including The College of the State Bar of Texas, the Dallas Black Criminal Lawyers Association, the National Rifle Association, J.L. Turner Legal Association, the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the Dallas Bar Association. He is licensed to practice before all criminal and civil courts in the State of Texas.

Mr. McBeth holds the distinction as being one of the first African Americans to play football for the University of Arkansas Razorbacks and is widely regarded as the first African -American to break the color barrier in the University of Arkansas football program. He was also one of the first black football players in the old Southwest Conference in the late 1960's and early 1970's. The story of Mr. McBeth and his civil rights struggle for equality is chronicled in *Horns, Hogs & Nixon Coming* (2004) by Terry Frei (Simon & Schuster, Publishers). McBeth also studied law under President Bill Clinton and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton at the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Hiram McBeth III has been active throughout his life in the area of civil rights and has always been a steadfast supporter of the Democratic Party. Mr. McBeth is a Sustaining Member of the Texas Democratic Party.

For additional information about Hiram McBeth, his career and campaign, please visit www.mcbethforjudge.com.

City of Irving's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance A Tribute to a Legacy: 40th Memorial Anniversary

The City of Irving has prepared for its 40th Anniversary MLK Memorial Anniversary. The memorial program is set for Monday January 21, 2008 with pre-show entertainment beginning at 6:45 p.m. at

the Irving Arts Center, Carpenter Hall 3333 North MacArthur Boulevard. The program features a gospel concert by Jubilee Theatre with Music Director Joe Rogers and Vocalist Brenda Ellis. The

Greater Irving - Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, sponsors the Post-Event reception. Admission to this event is free, and no reservations are required. For more information, please call 972-721-2501.

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would still cause Dr. King pain.

"This is a pivotal year for our nation because our nation is saying, 'We are willing to potentially elect an African-American or a woman as our number one person as our nominee,'" says Martin Luther King III. "In a sense, the ground was tilled for all of that many years ago by my father and many others so that we could get to this point as it relates to this one issue. I say 'this' one issue because while Barack Obama is doing incredibly well around our nation, the masses of people of color are still being inflicted at certain levels of pain on issues around race."

He continues, "It's wonderful on the one hand because it says that America is perhaps a different nation. But, it still does not excuse the fact that there are many issues in relationship to civil and human rights that still must be addressed."

People who do not normally watch politics are suddenly fol-

lowing Democratic primaries like a sport as news of inequities and injustices such as the Jena Six case, noose intimidations, police misconduct, brutality, and police shootings around the nation still flourish.

Simultaneously, key progresses are occurring such as record numbers of Black elected officials, African-Americans leading Fortune 500 Companies, Black Caucus members leading committees of Congress, and African-Americans breaking historic barriers of all kinds around the nation.

"Who would have thought that a Black would one day be the head of American Express, or that a Black would be the head of Time-Warner or Merrill Lynch?" King III quizzes. "That is very positive, just as if Barack Obama is able to garner the nomination and then become president. That would be phenomenal, but it does not mean the work is complete. That's the main point."

Others who marched with Dr. King echoed these sentiments in interviews with the NNPA News Service this week as they discussed current events in America that would cause the slain civil rights leader to applaud and other issues that he would lament.

"He would be the saddest to know that we're at war," says Dr. Dorothy Height, president emeritus of the National Council of Negro Women and a peer of Dr. King and the Big Six civil rights leaders. "In his last speech from Riverside church in New York at the time of the Vietnam War, he said, 'Stop the bombing,' Height recalls. "But, I think that he would be equally sad to see that we have so many people in poverty."

The U. S. Census Bureau reports that the number of Americans living in poverty is around 36 million, with African-Americans remaining nearly twice the national rate at around 25 percent.

The Rev. Dr. Willie T. Barrow, 82, a long-time board member of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and a behind-the-scenes organizer for King, says she thinks the health care crisis - often a result of poverty - would be foremost on his mind.

"He would be sad to see that [47 million] people don't have health care." At the same time, she said, he would be pleased to see that so many Black youth are actively involved in civil rights, such as the Jena Six marches, as well as involved in the Democratic campaigns for the presidency. "I think the Obama campaign is really showing that," she says.

Despite the excitement surrounding the candidacies, economic issues are foremost, says the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., who marched alongside King and is considered one of his lieutenants.

"I preached at Ebenezer today at his church here in Atlanta and I spent most of his

last birthday with him at his church. His own last birthday was spent organizing the Poor People's campaign and preparing the march to Washington to engage in national civil disobedience," says Jackson in a Sunday evening interview. "Forty years later, we've seen the most wholesale shift of resources ever with losses, taking our land, taking our houses through these mortgages foreclosures and the sub-prime scam."

Jackson, who has announced a Jan. 22 march on the Department of Housing and Urban Development at noon, says he is certain that Dr. King would be crying out on behalf of the victims of defaulted sub-prime loans.

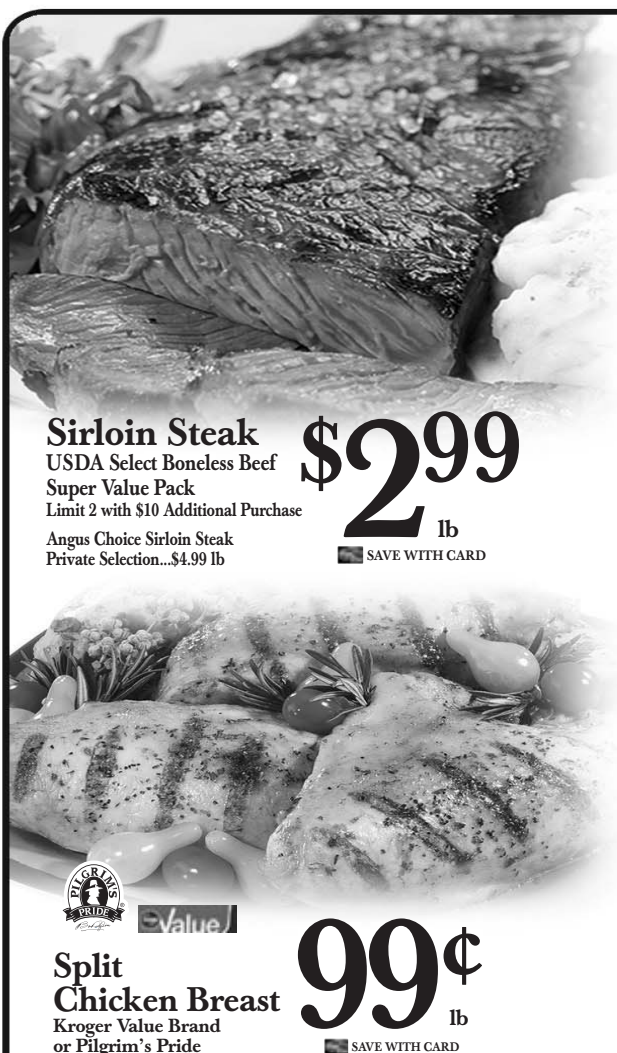
"He would be fighting therefore to save people's homes, to restructure loans and to repossess homes. I'm sure he would. And he'd be fighting to not only end the war in Iraq, but to redirect the resources from the war in Iraq to build America's

cities, bridges collapsing in Minnesota and levies collapsing in New Orleans, obviously the infrastructure is crumbling while we keep giving tax cuts to the rich and getting in deeper in debt with China."

Jackson said that on the other hand, King would be genuinely pleased with South Carolina, where the race between Obama and Clinton will next be spot-lighted.

"I think he'd be proud of just the real competition. Forty years ago when he died, we'd just gotten the right to vote for two years. And now in South Carolina, that vote could very well determine the launching pad for the next president. So, the empowerment of the masses of us, just the real talent would impress him."

Still, King's hopes would be that the candidates would do something for the poor, says Height: "His last effort on earth was to march on Washington to force the government to respond to poor people."



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Community Calendar

Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm (Doors will open at 6:30 pm) Collin County Republican Party Headquarters 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney Call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or fred@tes.com for more information.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce 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.

DFW Financially Empowered Women a group for women interested in taking charge of their financial security. We meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial top-

ics. For more information call 469-952-0809 or visit www.meetup.com/3780

First Friday- Music Under the Dome Tired of crowded bars, night clubs just don't for it for you anymore, weary of net-working 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 performanc-

es. 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.

Women Executives Network a faith based non-profit organization focused on creating a woman to woman network and mentoring resource that ignites, unites, and motivates like-minded women in their entrepreneurial endeavors by providing leadership, education, and networking support meets monthly for its "Learning over Lunch" series. For more information visit www.wenetwork-tx.com or email info@wenetworktx.com

January 18

TBAAL Black Academy: Comedy Night at the Muse feat. Leon Rogers January 18 and 19 at the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex starting at 9:00 p.m. Admission to the event is \$15. For more information, please call 214-943-2442

January 19

The Plano Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration begins Saturday morning with a Parade in Downtown Plano. A Program will be held at Plano City Hall immediately following the parade. At noon a Health Fair and a Free Luncheon will be held at the Douglass Community Center. Log on to www.planomlk.org for further details on the upcoming Plano MLK events. Anyone interested in participating in the planning or being a part of this celebration should contact

Committee Chairman Earl Simpkins at 972 422-0012 x 128 or email at earl@tes.com.

Meet International Artist Annie Lee in Lobby of the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex Free to Public Artwork can be purchased and signed by the artist

Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday honored by the city of Dallas in its 26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Awards Banquet, featuring keynote speaker, the honorable Craig Watkins, Dallas County District Attorney at the Adam's Mark Hotel 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, 6:30 pm. Individual tickets \$65, Community Tables \$650, and Sponsor Tables \$1,000. RSVP no later than December 28, 2007, or for any additional information to 214-670-8438 or 214-670-8418.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Support group meetings for African Americans dealing with multiple sclerosis. This meeting located at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library, 2922 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Together Let's Wipe Out Cancer! Casino Night make a difference in our planet's fight against cancer at Prima Pasta (In Stacy's Furniture) McDermott & 75; 5:30p.m. Free food, prizes and donated items will be available. Donations \$20 Bring your kids too; don't forget to bring your dancing shoes. First 50 people will get free T 'shirts. For additional information or ques-

tions, call Igor Kravets 214-448-5924.

January 20

Black Music and Civil Rights Movement Concert: A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. presented at the Black Academy of Arts & Letters, 650 South Griffin Street. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and admission is \$25. Don't miss a show commemorating a visionary leader like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For more information on the show call TBAAL at 214-743-2400.

January 21

Greater Fort Worth MLK Jr Holiday Committee: Vickie Winans Martin Luther King JR. Holiday Celebration at the Bass Performance Hall, 330 East 4th St in Fort Worth. The parade will start at 7:00 p.m. admission is in between \$15.00 - \$45.00. For further information please call 817-212-4309, or email tyronlane22@sbc-global.net

January 23

"ELLA" It's a life lived out loud in this exhilarating new musical about The First Lady of Song, Ella Fitzgerald. Powerful music and memories mingle in this rich, lively reimagining of her landmark 1967 concert in Nice, France. At times heartbreaking, but always uplifting, Ella features 14 of her greatest hits including "That Old Black Magic," and "A-Tisket, A-Tasket." Wednesday, January 23, - Sunday, February 24, Dallas Theater Center 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd Dallas 75219 For ticket information phone 214-522-8499 or go to

www.dallastheater-center.org

January 25

Ladies Night Out featuring Keith Sweat with Special Guests Bell Biv DeVoe, Guy with Aaron Hall and Toni Tony Tone 7:30 PM NOKIA Theatre Grand Prairie 1001 NextStage Drive Grand Prairie 75050 Box Office: 9 7 2 . 8 5 4 . 5 1 1 1 Ticketmaster online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 214.373.8000, metro 972.647.5700. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

January 26

The 2008 Gospel Explosion featuring the gospel legend Pastor Shirley Caesar Don't miss the emotional stage play "A Mother's Choice". Event tickets to this event are \$25, \$35, and \$45. For more information contact the ticket

January 31

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Denton County Alumnae Chapter hosts Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Informational Session: Spotlight on Colleges at the Carrollton North Library located at 4220 North Josey Lane and Hebron between 6pm and 9 pm. Admission to this event is FREE, and will pay off when the scholarships and conditional acceptances are granted. That's right, if a student brings his or her official transcript, as well as their SAT or ACT scores, they will be eligible to receive a scholarship on site! For more information, contact Karen Moore at 214-529-0401, or via email at fiat513@yahoo.com.

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The Rebirth of a Dream

The Re-Organization of the SCLC

By: Jacquinette D. Murphy

Founded in 1957 following the successful boycott of the Montgomery Transportation system spearheaded by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) became an organization for social change and it still has an active presence in major cities across the United States of America today. Now, Dallas has once again joined the ranks of this historical organization with its re-establishment of the Dallas chapter by Glenn Lacey and Dominic Morrison.

The two were asked by current national SCLC leader, President Charles Steele Jr., last May during a meeting to re-structure the local chapter. Accepting the charge, the two spent the remaining months of 2007 constructing the new face of a very old organization even presenting the new executive board in December. Lacey, Morrison and the new SCLC team are now integrating the organization into Dallas-Fort Worth by reaching out to the community.

"We are doing just what Dr. King was trying to do -



Rev. Derrick Bowman, new President of SCLC Dallas Chapter

make the organization more sound and more structured," said Dominic Morrison, one of the co-organizers of the local chapter. "We started with the membership and our intention is to get as many people involved as possible," continued Morrison. While there are not as many street protests, boycotts or sit-ins as were more prevalent during the infant years of the SCLC, there is still some room for unity and social improvement, even in our local communities.

"We want to be a conduit for other

organizations," said Morrison. "We aim to be the one that provokes change in the mindset of our young people and to deal with problems and issues with our African-American kids. We want to prompt better role models for children and to arm our kids with the tools to be recognized as good kids. We want to address the gamete," expressed Morrison.

The new Dallas chapter SCLC president, Reverend Derrick Bowman of Faithway Fellowship Baptist Church of Hamilton Park further detailed the focus of

the local group. "We will focus on the family as a whole unit, but starting out with our children first by pro-actively giving them guidance and training before something happen. Then, we will not have to be reactive trying to march and get them out of jail."

Bowman plans to achieve the goal of youth mentorship through community partnerships. "We want to partner with other church youth programs such as Promise House, the mentorship programs of the North Park CME Church, reconnection centers, and

other mothers and daughters restoration and rehabilitation programs that already exist. These are the types of programs that we would like to affiliate ourselves with and partner with them. We are not trying to re-invent the wheel." Like Morrison, Bowman emphasized the usefulness of the SCLC as a link to the city, its community and other similar organization.

"We are all striving for one goal and that is for the change in our communities in regards to black-on-black crime, economic development, mentorship and training so we need to come together. We are going down the same road but in different cars. Let's get on the same bus," stated Bowman.

Like the NAACP, the Urban League, and the Black Panther Party, the SCLC is nationally known to deal with civil rights and pragmatic issues including health and basic need disparities; there is a differentiating principal that will be carried out even at the local level.

"We are strictly a Christian organization, we have to do everything in a classy, Christian-like way," said Lacey. The SCLC is centered

on Dr. King's philosophy and his mission to create social change for all people through a peaceful and non-violent approach. "We will attempt to work very close with any organization as long as it can be done with a Christian approach," informed Morrison. "We have been historically supported by the African-American church. We want to work with all the ministers and churches. We want to make sure that Christ is put first. We base everything that we do on the Christian foundation, not on a political issue."

As a vehicle aimed to carry on the dream of its founder, Dr. Martin Luther King, the SCLC membership is open to everyone. The inauguration ceremony for the Dallas chapter board is set for January 26 and is open to the public. The group currently meets at the Martin Luther King Center located at 2922 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in the Fair Park area of Dallas and is in the process of planning multiple events during the month of February. Please check your community calendar for more details or call President Bowman at 972-792-0240.

Chris Brown & Bow Wow Perform in Dallas



Ford Presents: 'Up Close and Personal Holiday Exclusive Tour with Chris Brown' at the American Airlines Center Dallas. Also appearing, BowWow

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Free Movie Screenings

The Dallas Transmission Mediation Group is hosting a free screening of "Mankind's Ultimate Choice" on Thursday, January 24th, 7:30 PM at the Angelika Film Center located at the Mockingbird Station.

Followed by a free DVD screening in the Community Room of the Half Price Books located at 5803 E. Northwest Hwy. in Dallas also.

The film discusses how in the midst of war, poverty, hunger and environ-

mental degradation - a message of wonder and of hope that will restore your trust in God, in yourself, in the meaning of life, and in the promise of a bright future for all of humanity. Benjamin Crème, editor of Share International maga-

zine and internationally renowned author and lecturer, discusses the root of today's modern political and social crises and certain extraordinary changes now underway that will alter our society forever... for the better.

Black Cinematheque Dallas Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday

Black Cinematheque Dallas will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Friday, January 18, 2008, 7:30 PM with "Make Love Not War Birthday Party" featuring poetry, music and films at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Street, Dallas, Texas.

It has become an empty ritual in America: Every mid-January, around the time of Dr. King's birthday, we get perfunctory network news reports on TV and radio about "the slain civil rights leader" or the familiar audio/TV loop with Dr. King reciting "I Have A Dream."

"Make Love Not War

Birthday Party" will celebrate the Martin Luther King that you will not see on commercial television!. There will be two short films "No Child Left Behind" and "King: A Man of Peace in a Time of War", plenty of music, incredible spoken word along with birthday cake for everybody.

No Child Left Behind, winner of the *Knowledge is Power Award* sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Foundation features Minneapolis hip-hoppers Shakademic and Glenn Scott as they get the inside scoop on military recruiting tactics in the African American community

King: A Man of Peace in

a Time of War Speaking candidly on the topic of Black participation in the Vietnam War, Dr. King makes a special appearance on the popular television talk series "The Mike Douglas Show." Not seen since 1967, this rare interview captures the passion and commitment of the great civil rights leader to issue of peace, capitalism and racism.

In 1967 when Dr. King made his "Beyond Vietnam" speech at Riverside Church, the national media attacked and denounced him loudly. Dr. King said in this speech "Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind." Time

magazine called the speech "demagogic slander that sounded like a script for Radio Hanoi." The *Washington Post* patronized that "King has diminished his usefulness to his cause, his country, his people." Not only did the corporate media attack him, his own organization SCLC and other civil rights groups like the NAACP, the Urban League and fearful Negro leaders everywhere condemned him for linking civil rights with issues of peace and war.

Admission is \$5.00 or pay what you can at the door. For information call 214-426-1683 or South Dallas Cultural Center 214-939-2787.

The Pan-African Connection Bookstore and Resource Center Honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Saturday January 26, 2008 at 7p.m., the Pan-African Connection Bookstore and Resource Center located at 612 E. Jefferson Blvd and the Dallas community will gather to honor the courage and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The discussions will feature, Dr. King and the millions of students, church folk, working women and youth, who in theory and practice worked to create a world of justice and equality for millions of poor people in America.

There is no doubt that in 1968 oppressed people of the world lost one of the most courageous men in the history of America. The challenge for those who say they truly love Dr. King, is to study him beyond the sound bytes of, 'I Have a Dream'. "The more you study him and the more you listen to lesser known speeches such as: New Year's Resolution, Silence is Betrayal; the Birth of a Nation and Beyond Vietnam, the more you love and respect him", says sixteen year old

Adjwoa Hogue. "You began to learn that he cared about trash workers, and spoke out against the war, unlike the weak or watered down Martin Luther King Jr. we get at school", she goes on to say.

Dr. King's noble strategy of nonviolence, taught poor people to have no fear. "King had many great qualities", says Bandle Tyehimba owner of the Pan-African Connection Bookstore and Resource Center. "One of them was that he taught us to confront an enemy." "He

taught boys and girls to go up against tanks, snarling dogs, blasted by burning water hoses, and the brutal force of racist police," Tyehimba continues.

Included in the discussion and tribute will be the "Collective" that Dr. King mentions in his speeches. The millions of volunteers, students, church folk and tireless working class women (Ella Baker, Septima Poinsette Clark, Fannie Lou Hamer and others), whom together brought the city of Birmingham to a standstill

and exposed the face of a inhuman system to the world. The program will discuss these examples of collective organizing and mobilizing.

There is an African symbol which says 'Love does not get lost on its way home'. Consequently, the objective of our discussion will be to 'Home in' on our work to improve the quality of life for those whom King calls, "the least of these". Free Universal Health Care, workers rights, and immigrant rights are just a few issues

needing a united effort to help millions of people, in particular children in cities throughout this country.

The Young Pioneers Institute and other youth groups will perform excerpts for Dr. King's speeches on self pride, Malcolm X, War, Pan-Africanism and women in the civil rights movements.

The program is free and open to the public. Children's activities will be provided during the program. For additional information contact, 214-943-8262

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January 22nd is launching, "120 Days to an Effective Diversity Strategy" used the "Diversity Strategy Made Easy™" approach Brown applies when her firm is hired to complete a diversity strategy for an organization. She will lead participants through a process that insures key messages and key stakeholders are involved in identifying priorities, goals and action plans.

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Oprah Winfrey Getting Her Own TV Network

NEW YORK (AP) -- Oprah Winfrey is getting her own TV network. OWN -- for Oprah Winfrey Network -- will debut next year in nearly 70 million homes with cable and satellite, part of a deal announced Tuesday with Discovery Communications. It will replace the Discovery Health network.

The announcement builds a media empire that already includes the top-rated TV talk show, a magazine, a satellite radio network, a Web site and TV movies

made under her banner.

"This is an evolution of what I've been able to do every day," Winfrey said. "I will now have the opportunity to do this 24 hours a day on a platform that goes on forever."

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do now that Obama looks viable? Uh Oh. We'd better have a caucus, y'all. No worries though. Any one of those three would be all right; but as they said on a BET interview of Barack, "What's in it for us?" That is a question that should have been asked years ago, especially when it comes to political candidates. This election is going to be a good one, folks.

Looks like it's going to come down to Obama and Clinton. As far as I am concerned, the Repubs don't even count. So let's look at the two contenders by looking back at a quote from Susan B. Anthony, as written by Dr. Anyim Palmer.

"The old antislavery school says that women must stay back, that we must wait until male Negroes are voters. But we say, if you will not give the whole loaf of justice to an entire people, give it to the most intelligent first. If justice, intelligence, and morality are to be placed in the government, then let the question of White women be brought up first and that of the Negro last."

Dr. Palmer went on to make the following assessment of Anthony's words. "Although over a hundred years have passed since this

memorable statement..., little has changed. One may be certain that no meaningful change is likely to occur in this century that will be of any material benefit to Black people in America. Those charged by the establishment with setting forth, prescribing, and defining the goals of Black people are carefully screened. It must be confirmed and reconfirmed that for the most part, they are utterly harmless. It must be clearly understood that the goals of Black people are primarily crafted by the oppressors of Black people and their useless lackeys. It should then be clear that the goals subsequently crafted were of little, if any, value to people of color."

I refer you to the Obama/Clinton debate between Glen Ford and Michael Eric Dyson on the Amy Goodman Show; you will be able to draw your own conclusions in reference to Dr. Palmer's commentary. So, what is in this thing for us? Will we get Hillary, wife of the "first" Black President? Or, will we get Obama, the half-white, half-Black President, along with a heaping dose of euphoria? Beyond the excitement, the

promises, the rhetoric, and the hope, what's in it for us?

Now we are on the verge of getting a female or a Black man in the highest office in the land, and still we must wonder how we will fare. Will Hillary take the Susan B. Anthony route to her victory? Will Obama, in keeping with his "help everyone" mantra, continue the status quo by maintaining the same economic gap between whites and Blacks in this country?

Maybe a Clinton/Obama (or vice-versa) ticket is in order. They had better have a side conversation about that before they kill both of their chances to win, and leave us with one of the Reaganites, who will take us back to Reaganomics and the "Reaganomic Blues."

What a dilemma for Black people this election year, both Repubs and Dems. I have never been a political hack; I get informed and I vote, but I have little "hope" for positive change for Black folks until we get our economic act together. Just imagine what strength Blacks would have in the 2008 election if, collectively, we were economic players as well as mere voters.

08 Suzuki Grand Vitara

by Sean Murray

Suzuki calls its Grand Vitara an "off-road athlete" and is priced around \$23,000. The Grand Vitara was designed with nearly 50/50 weight distribution and a fully independent suspension, which makes for a more comfortable ride. The Grand Vitara features accented, flared fenders, a tailgate-mounted spare tire is installed, and it rides on 16-inch rubber. Basically unbodied in construction, the Grand Vitara has a built-in ladder frame. For off-roading, the approach angle is 29 degrees and the departure angle is 27 degrees. Measuring 176.0 inches long, the Grand Vitara rides on a 103.9-inch wheelbase and has 68.9 cubic feet of cargo space. A moonroof is included on the XSport. There's room for five in the Grand Vitara on front bucket seats and a 60/40-split folding rear seat that offers fold-and-tumble operation. The Grand



Vitara XSport has a three-pod instrument panel, and the wide console sweeps up into the dashboard. Steering-wheel audio controls and automatic climate control are standard as well as a six-CD changer and a SmartPass keyless start system, that locks and unlocks the vehicle with the press of a button on the door. Suzuki's 2.7-liter V-6 produces 185 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 184 pounds-feet of torque at 4,500 rpm. The Grand Vitara XSport has a five-speed automatic transmission and rear-wheel drive is standard. EPA estimates on the Grand Vitara's 17.4-gallon tank are 17-mpg city and 21-mpg highway. For safety seat-mounted

side-impact airbags for the front seats and side curtain airbags are standard. The antilock brakes, which are a safety standard, incorporate electronic brake-force distribution to prevent skidding. The Vitara also come with a traction control systems. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) tests on the vehicle gave it 4-star worthiness in front-impact and 5-star rating on side-impact driver collisions and rates its resistance to rollovers at 4. The Suzuki Grand Vitara SUV is based on a purely Suzuki design, and competitors include the Honda CR-V, Hyundai Tucson and Toyota RAV4.

Nightly Business Report Partners with *Black Enterprise* Magazine for Special Program Airing Martin Luther King Day

NEW YORK -- PBS Network's Nightly Business Report, will team up with Black Enterprise, the premier business and financial resource for African Americans, for a special program called American Dreamers. The program will feature three young African American entrepreneurs pursuing the American dream:

- Percy Marchand embodies the spirit of New Orleans. His full-service printing business was destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. Despite having had to evacuate and relocate, Marchand and his firm are back and doing better than ever.

- Robin Wilson is a woman who's blazing a trail in the relatively new field of residential project management. Her firm saves clients thousands of dollars by catching double mark-ups and contractor errors.

- Angela Black-Macon opened B-Natural, a full-service day spa in 2001. Her business was an immediate success, but when the store flooded, she had to start over from scratch. Not only did she bounce back, now she's looking to expand.


American Dreamers airs Jan. 21, 2008, on Martin Luther King Day (during Nightly Business Report's regularly scheduled time periods) and features a roundtable discussion about the challenges facing minority entrepreneurs led by Nightly Business Report anchor Susie Gharib. Her guests include Black Enterprise Editorial Director Alan Hughes and Dr. Thomas Boston, economist and founder of the Gazelle Index. Gharib will also talk one-on-one with William Mays, founder of Indianapolis-based Mays Chemical Co., about

what it took to build his \$172 million-a-year business and his new role as angel investor to an up-and-coming entrepreneur.

"By discussing the challenges of today's African American entrepreneurs and profiling those who are succeeding in today's tough business climate, our collaboration with Nightly Business Report offers great insight into the state of black business," says Mr. Hughes. He worked closely with the NBR team to put the program together.

"This is our first partnership with Black Enterprise magazine and it has been terrific for both of us," said Rodney Ward, executive editor and senior vice president, Nightly Business Report. "We are already in discussions to extend our relationship beyond the American Dreamers special edition."





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Sister Tarpley

Many who lived, or grew up in Black communities in America have probably heard of "Watch Night Services" (the gathering of Christians in church



Picture of The Week: Author Angela Clay displaying her new book, "Loving The Me I See," and Sister Tarpley

on New Year's Eve.) Service usually begins anywhere from 7 pm to 10 pm, and ends at midnight with prayer and the New Year. Like some, I always assumed that Watch Night Service was a fairly standard Christian Religious Service – a bit more Afrocentric because that is what happens when elements of Christianity became linked with the Black Church. Still, it appeared predominantly Anglo Christian churches did not include Watch Night Services on their calendars, but focused on Christmas Eve Programs. In fact, there were instances where clergy in mainline denominations wondered aloud about the propriety of linking religious services with a secular holiday like New Year's Eve.

However, it is widely believed the importance of New Year's Eve Services in African American congregations can be

homes all across the nation, anxiously awaiting the news that the Emancipation Proclamation actually had become law. Then, at the stroke of midnight, it was

January 1, 1863; this meant that all slaves in the Confederate States were declared legally FREE. When news was received, there were prayers, shouts and songs of joy as people fell to their knees and thanked God. Black folks have gathered in churches on New Year's Eve since; and there are praises to God for bringing Black families safely through another year.

Many of us were never taught the African American's history of Watch Night, but custom still brings us together at this time every year to celebrate, "How we got over."

I enjoyed a brief conversation with Pastor Wayne L. Stafford, Sr. of Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen, TX regarding Watch Night Services in his church. He said that they give Saints an alternative to the "secular's way" of celebrating New Years Eve with rowdy partying and drink-

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES CONTINUES

ing. They gather for a full night of dressing up and having fun with activities that are planned for this occasion. Pastor Stafford has promised to write his insight on Watch Night Services for my readers to be printed in a future column.

Looking up Watch Night Services on the Internet, I learned that as strongly as Watch Night Services is now linked to the Black community, its observance did not originate with Blacks, nor did it begin on December 31, 1862, the night before the Emancipation Proclamation came into effect.

It began with the Moravians in about 1733; a small Christian denomination whose roots lie in the present-day Czech Republic.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement picked it up, and he incorporated a Watch Night vigil into the practices of his denomination. The services were held once a month and on full moons, with the first one in the United States in 1770 at Old St. George's Church in Philadelphia. In the Methodist worship manuals today, it's listed as "Covenant Renewal Services."

To be continued January 24, 2008.

Please remember that I am asking you to give me feedback by faxing or emailing me your thoughts on Watch Night Services in the African American church and community. What did your family do when you were a child, and what you do now as an adult (married or single, with children or without them?)

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The 18th Annual Leadership Breakfast will be held at the Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus Conference Center on Monday January 21, 2008 at 7:45 a.m. The full Breakfast is free and open to the public. Following the breakfast is a panel discussion with civic, school, and business leaders addressing pertinent issues in our community. A Youth Forum showcasing our future leaders will follow the panel discussion.

The Plano ISD MLK Tribute Event, featuring student performances, honoring Martin Luther King Jr. will be held from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

on Thursday, January 24, 2008, in Collinwood Hall at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. The event will showcase the talent of Plano ISD students through a Parade of Nations, reading of original letters to Dr. King, student musical performances and presentation of Diversity Leadership Awards and MLK Art Contest Awards. The program is free and open to the public.

The entire city has been working hard to make this an event to remember. Celebrate your American pride and patriotism by uniting with the community to celebrate a true hero, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who changed the lives of all Americans today, through his words, sacrifice and actions.

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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

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Wednesday

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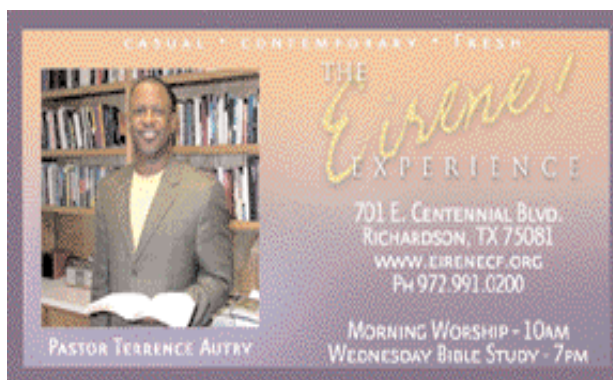
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Office Hours

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Sunday Services: Sunday School @ 9:30 am • Morning Worship @ 11:00 am

Monday Service: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday Service: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

Girl Scout Cookie Time

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

Locally, the Girl Scout Cookie Program begins on January 11th. Two new delicious cookies join the cast this year: Lemon Chalet Crèmes and Sugar Free Chocolate Chips. But don't worry, your favorite Girl Scout Cookies are still available: Do-Si-

Dos, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, All Abouts and the famous Thin Mints.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is an integral part of Girl Scouts' Business and Economic Literacy initiative for girls in 1st through 12th grade. What started out as a bake sale, has turned into a sophisticated leadership program where girls learn valuable life & business skills: goal setting, public speaking, teamwork, brand awareness, responsibility, money & time man-

agement, financial literacy and grassroots entrepreneurship in its finest form. Essentially, the girls run their own business. The entire troop sets a goal and follows a plan leading toward that goal. Girl Scout troops use funds from the Cookie Program to fund service projects, exciting educational field trips, and other leadership activities. Whether girls are dreaming of becoming a doctor, teacher, businesswoman, president of the PTA, or superstar athlete, the Girl

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

on a promise."

The Girl Scout Cookie Program also promotes community service. Project Troop to Troop is a Girl Scout service initiative that encourages members of the community to buy packages of Girl Scout Cookies to donate to the U.S. Armed Forces. Last year, Project Troop to Troop generated more than 100,000 packages of cookies; this year's challenge is 120,000 packages. The 2008 Project Troop to Troop Cookies will

be transported to Fort Hood, the USO, the American Red Cross and ultimately service men and service women at home and abroad. Cookies will also reach local Veterans Organizations and wounded soldiers. Go to www.gsnetx.org/cookies/troop2troop.stm to donate directly to Project Troop to Troop.

Please call 1-800-882-MINT (6468) or email cookies@gsnetx.org for more information about the Girl Scout Cookie Program!

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