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Heated CBC Debate Offers More Style Than Substance as Voters Head to the Polls in South Carolina

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - The number of Black men in America's prisons is 525 percent higher than the number of White

men. What will you do about it? America's jobless rate is at 4 percent for Whites and 9 percent for Blacks. What will you do about it?

Hate groups in America have almost doubled since the year 2000 along with an increase in publicized hate

crimes and hangman's noose incidents. What will you do about it?

Also, America's dilapidated, low performing schools are predominately attended by African-American and Hispanic children. What will you do about it? Publicized

police shootings and misconduct in Black neighborhoods and unequal justice in the criminal justice system have skyrocketed over the past year. What will you do about it?

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United Negro College Fund's 9th Annual Gala To Benefit UNCF Schools Fundraiser headlines popular R&B Funk Artists The BAR-KAYS

DALLAS - The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) proudly presents its ninth annual "Red, Hot & Snazzy" benefit gala on **Saturday, February 9th** at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Dallas. The elegant affair will include a



reception, silent and live auctions, dinner, dancing and live entertainment by national recording artists R&B/Funk band The **BAR-KAYS!**

Now a signature DFW metroplex event,

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PowerPac Machine Seeks to Mobilize Black Voters

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - In one of the most historical political election seasons, organizers of African-American voters across the nation - still starkly divided between Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary

Clinton - are now working to mobilize Black voters to vote in primaries, regardless of who they support. "We are blending the best parts of traditional civil rights get-out-to-vote operations with newer technology," says Kirk Clay, organizer for PowerPAC, a non-profit social justice advocacy

group, which is organizing get out to vote (GOTV) rallies and pit stops in states around the country. "When you're dealing in the primary election, you're looking for those pockets of places where African-Americans are more prone to turn out and vote in higher numbers," Clay says.

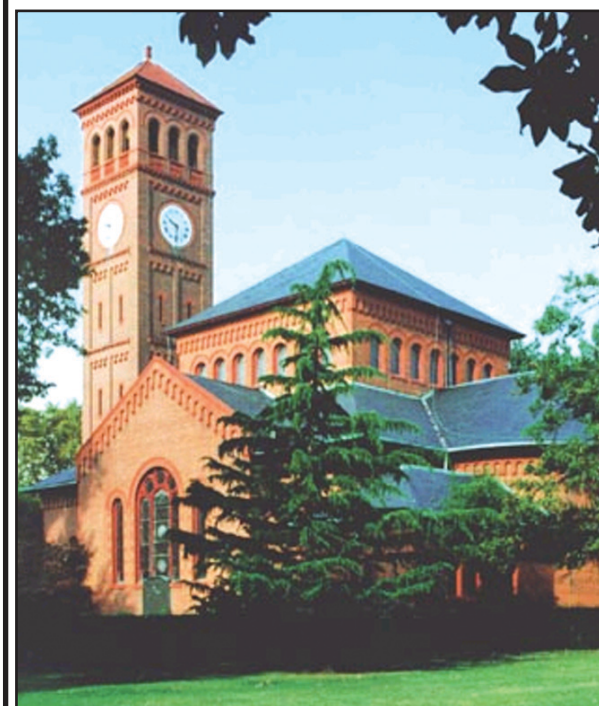
He was preparing for the first stop, which was Memphis on Jan. 19.

"Our goal is to increase the African-American vote so that they can have impact in the primary election."

Asked if the organization is leaning toward any particular candidate, Clay

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Chapel on the campus of Hampton University

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Blackonomics

Please Forgive Us, Martin

By James Clingman

As I write this article on the eve of Martin Luther King's birthday, I am sickened by the fact that so many Black folks have gotten and are still getting so much from MLK's work, but so few have been willing to do what MLK did.

I am appalled by the banter between the Obama and Clinton campaigns regarding what MLK did and what he said. I am outraged that, yet again, for the 40th year, many of the Black folks laying claim to Martin's legacy, that is, getting in the trenches

and getting something done, are those who continue simply to pontificate on MLK's righteousness, strength, and fearlessness. All of this, mind you, with not a bead of sweat on their foreheads, and not a wrinkle in their white shirts, silk blouses, and tailored suits.

An article in my book, *Black Empowerment with an Attitude*, titled, "O.K. Martin, you can go back to sleep now," recounts our annual condescending, obligatory, MLK Day charades. This year, which marks the

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Dwayne Bray

Dwayne Bray joined ESPN in October 2007 as Senior News Editor / Enterprise Reporting Unit, responsible for directing ESPN's studio enterprise/investigative reporting team of reporters and producers who produce long-form journalism pieces on issues fac-



ing athletes, coaches, teams and leagues. Bray also coordinates enterprise reporting efforts among many ESPN platforms, including ESPN.com, ESPN The Magazine, ESPN International and ESPN Studio Production.

Previously, Bray was an ESPN News Editor (2006-2007), serving as on-site

news editor for remote production events including Monday Night Football, the NBA on ESPN and ABC, college football and basketball games, and soccer.

Prior to joining ESPN, Bray was assistant sports editor (2004-05), sports editor (2004-05), and deputy managing edi-

tor (2005-06) of the Dallas Morning News, assistant metro editor (1995-97) and sports editor (1997-2000) of the Dayton Daily News, and courts reporter at the Los Angeles Times (1993-95).

A native of East Cleveland, Ohio, Bray is a graduate of The Ohio State University (1993 with a Masters

in Journalism), and Cleveland State University (1988 with a BA in Communications). He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize as a writer/reporter (1990, 1991, 1998), and was a finalist for the Livingston Award as the nation's best young journalist (1998).

Baron Jay Littleton Jr.

Baron Jay Littleton's mission in life is to excel in the area of his God-gifted talents, influence and encourages others to keep the faith. Born to young parents, who seperated soon after he was born, both valued education. As a result Littleton began to excel even in elementary school. Throughout his academy career, he participated in almost every sport and student activity. He was also involved in several stage production plays in middle



and high school, while maintaining a 3.3 GPA.

In his senior year his

interests began to change, thanks to Mr. Burton (his finance teacher). He introduced him to mutual funds and stocks and encouraged him to save, invest and always pay himself first but as Baron matured he learned to pay God first and yourself second.

As graduating from high school became a reality, he realized the lack of his family's finances. In an effort to spare his mother the financial burden of underwriting his college expenses, he set out to secure a full scholarship; by "hook or crook" he

was going to do it, and he did! He was awarded two scholarships, and chose the Western Golf Association "Chick Evans" Scholarship. His college life was as fulfilling as his high school years. He was a walk-on for the Michigan State University Spartans football team. He retired due to an injury. He DJ'd for WQHH Power 96.5 FM, produced and directed a weekly TV show entitled "College Code Life." This show was about college life in the classroom, dorm room, frat parties, football

practice, bat boy, road trips, cafeteria at home with my family etc.

Today he pursues his goals in the entertainment field with a lot of energy and faith, taking a variety of roles in various television and movie projects, including Star Trek, Entourage and Passions. He also is co-producing a independent studio film called "The Disciple" inspired by his life growing up in Detroit.

He became motivated to publish this African American Inventions & Inventors because of his

deep commitment to help motivate and encourage young people to realize their potential. The book discusses extensively the accomplishments of African Americans and their contributions to society. "It inspires me that I can do anything I put my mind to, especially when I research and read the bios about these people and learn that their situations were way more difficult than mine and they still ignored their odds and were so successful at the dreams they were pursuing."

Marc Ott



Marc Ott Tapped as Austin's First African-American City Manager

By. Akwasi Evans

AUSTIN (NNPA) - Austin has been abuzz with anticipation of the city's first African-American City Manager. He is Fort Worth Assistant City Manager Marc Ott.

Two African-American finalists were under consideration, Ott and Jelynn Burley, San Antonio's Deputy City Manager. Ott has been confirmed as the

council's choice.

Ott said one of his most cherished goals has long been to manage one of the premiere cities in the nation.

"Austin is one of the premiere cities in the country, wouldn't you agree?" Ott said. He said he believed that his leadership style would make Austin known as one of the greatest managed cities in the United States.

He praised the vision and leadership of the city council and said he would make it his priority to make sure those priorities are carried out.

Ott has held every classification under city manager.

"I've been an assistant city manager twice, I've been a deputy city manager, acting city manager and a city manager," Ott said. He has also served as an administrator under a

strong mayor form of government. He called himself a "facilitator manager who believes in community input."

Unlike cities with strong mayors, Austin is led by a City Manager who answers to the mayor

and six council members somewhat equally. During the consideration process, many African-Americans in the audience viewed the choice between the two African-American candidates as a win-win situation.

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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

Foreclosing on M. L. King's Dream

According to a new study entitled *Foreclosed: State of the Dream 2008* released by Boston-based United For A Fair Economy the subprime-mortgage crisis will cost minority homeowners up to \$256 billion; the greatest loss of wealth to people of color in modern US history.

The black portion of the loss from these high-cost mortgages taken out during the past eight years is estimated at \$71.5 billion to \$121.6 billion.

The report authors write, "The dream of justice and equal opportunity for all that Martin Luther King Jr. once spoke of has been foreclosed."

For tens of millions of people in the United States, owning a home is the essence of the American dream, representing economic achievement and some measure of financial security. But historically the culture and the environment have worked against people of color by putting many obstacles in their way.

The latest obstacle, subprime lending, has adversely impacted millions of people at the lower end of the economic spectrum and has spread its tentacles of financial ruin not only nationally but worldwide.

This crisis has ruined many economic lives and many communities. It has cost the financial institutions that underwrote a massive number of shaky subprime loans hundreds of billions of dollars. After months of denying the magnitude of the subprime problem the government is now rushing to provide a bailout stimulus

package to prevent what appears to be a certain economic recession.

More important than all the financial consequences is the targeting of people of color and the poor as the candidates of choice for these loans. In the hands of the mortgage lending industry, subprime loans became predatory loans—a faulty product that was ruthlessly hawked even though financial institutions were aware of its defects. A cursory check of the demographics shows that in city after city a solid majority of subprime loan recipients were people of color.

Hungry for new and different products, the financial services industry added features in the fine print to these loans—exploding adjustable rates, balloon payments, penalties for early re-payment—that ambushed their recipients financially and made it unlikely that they would be able, after the brief honeymoon, to repay the loans at all.

According to federal data, people of color are three times more likely to have subprime loans. Blacks got 54.7 percent of all high-cost mortgages issued nationwide, even though they represent just 13.4 percent of U.S. population. Not just the poor were targeted. Among upper-income buyers, 54.4 percent of blacks used high cost subprime loans. By contrast, just 16.4 percent of higher-income white buyers received such loans.

The United States, according to most economic indicators, is either already in a recession or is headed for one and imme-

diated government attention is needed to stimulate economic growth and job creation.

The well publicized troubles in the housing market have threatened the health of the broader economy over the past several months. Economic experts hoped that the fallout from the decline in home prices would be contained—first to the sub-prime market, then to broader real estate-backed assets, and finally to just the financial sector. Unfortunately, none of the hoped for containment materialized and combined with a broader unraveling of the credit markets there is a high probability of further economic recession compounded by higher unemployment.

While the projected financial impact of the subprime collapse on blacks noted in the United For A Fair Economy study is staggering the added burden created by a protracted recession is unimaginable.

Recessions hurt. National recessions take African Americans from a bad situation to a worse one. In the best of times, many African American communities are forced to tolerate levels of unemployment unseen in most white communities. The 2001 recession pushed the white annual unemployment rate up from 3.5 percent in 2000 to 5.2 percent in 2003. During the same period, the black unemployment rate shot up from 7.6 to 10.8 percent.

In 2007, the black unemployment rate was 8.3 percent. This figure was still above the 2001

low and more than twice the white unemployment rate. Goldman Sachs estimates that a new recession would propel black unemployment to over 11.0 percent by 2009.

Faced with the prospect of another recession black America needs more of what all of America needs: a stimulus package that will help average Americans and those with the most insecure jobs. The history lesson from black America on the negative impact of a recession is that the poorest among us are hurt most. When white America is in recession black America is in a deep depression.

Stimulus proposals, such as the one being proposed by the Bush Administration, based on tax cuts for the wealthy or for business owners are not likely to provide immediate relief to those still hurting from the lingering effects of the 2001 recession, much less protect them from the additional damage of a new one.

A realistic approach would be to boost the economy by 1) directly stimulating job growth by accelerating funding for infrastructure upgrading and repair, 2) providing targeted supports through expanded unemployment insurance and broad-based tax rebates, and 3) providing assistance to states to prevent tax increases or spending cuts.

This just might stop foreclosure of Dr. King's dream.

James W. Breedlove

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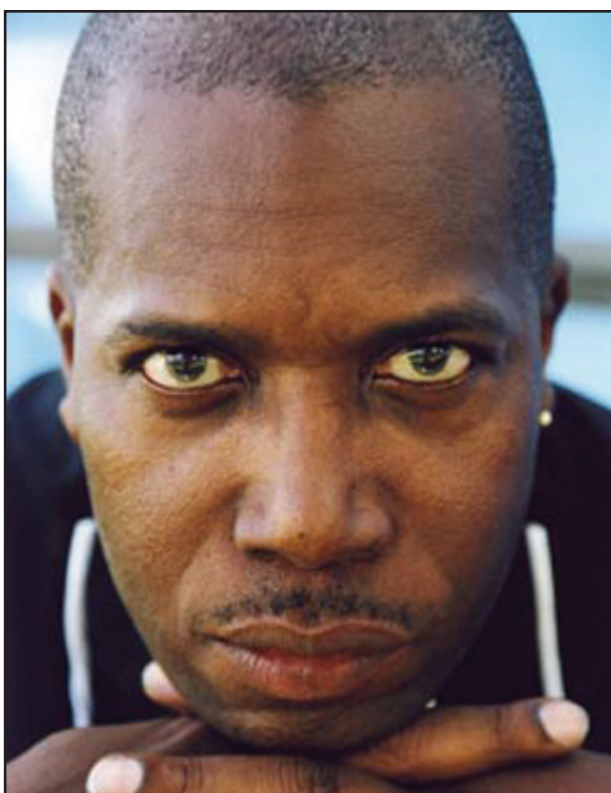
Belizean Musician Andy Palacio Passes Away After Heart Attack and Stroke

Andy Palacio, an iconic musician and cultural activist in his native Belize and im p a s s i o n e d spokesperson for the Garifuna people of Central America, was died on January 19th due to a massive and extensive stroke to the brain, a heart attack and respiratory failure due to the previous two conditions.

Palacio, 47, started feeling poorly last week and eventually visited a doctor with complaints of dizziness and blurred vision. On the 16th of January, he began experiencing seizures and was rushed to a hospital in Belmopan, Belize and then on to another hospital in Belize City. At this point, it was hopeful Palacio would recover.

On January 17th, Palacio's condition

worsened and he began experiencing more seizures. He was placed on an air ambulance to Chicago where he was expected to get treatment at one of the premier neurological facilities in the country. En route to Chicago, the plane stopped in Mobile, Alabama to clear immigration. At that point, Palacio was unconscious and it was determined that he was too ill to continue on the flight to Chicago. He was rushed to a hospital in Mobile, and placed on life support. There, doctors determined that the damage to his brain function was severe, and that his chances of recovery were slim. On January 18th, his family requested that he be flown back to Belize so that he might die in his



Andy Palacio

hometown.

A national hero in Belize for his popular music and advocacy of Garifuna language and culture, news of Palacio's condition sent shockwaves through the community. On January 19th a

public service was held in Belize City for Palacio as people prayed for his recovery. Ceremonies were also held by Garifuna spiritual leaders in an effort to help with the situation. Belize is in the midst of a heated

election, but the local news was entirely dominated by Palacio's health crisis.

The reaction has also been strong around the world. Until the recent turn of events, the past year had been one of tremendous accomplishment for Palacio as his album W?tina, which was released at the beginning of 2007, had become one of the most critically acclaimed recordings of the year in any genre. Perhaps the most unanimously revered world music album in recent memory, W?tina appeared on dozens of Best of the Year lists in major media outlets around the globe and was roundly praised in glowing terms.

In 2007, Palacio was named a UNESCO Artist for

Peace and won the prestigious WOMEX Award. W?tina was also nominated for the BBC Radio 3 World Music Awards. At home in Belize, the international success of W?tina has sparked a revival of Garifuna music, as young musicians have become inspired by Palacio's example. Even in the days since Palacio's health crisis began, the accolades have continued to pour in for his work.

That Palacio has been struck down at a moment of such international acclaim only increases the sense of shock and tragedy felt at his sudden and untimely death.

Andy Palacio will be honored with an official state funeral. A massive tribute concert is planned in Belize City on Friday, January 25th.

Kenyan Leader Rebuffs Peace Bid by Former U. N. Chief

(GIN) — Pres. Mwai Kibaki has rejected an offer by former U.N. Chief, Kofi Annan, to resolve the issues now standing between him and Raila Odinga, the reputed winner of last month's national poll.

Annan was due to arrive last week at the head of an

African mediation team. Hardline cabinet minister John Michuki said Mr Annan was "not coming at our invitation," adding "As far as we are concerned, we won an election."

Meanwhile, members of Odinga's opposition Orange Democratic Party are moving to take the top

seats, including that of Speaker, in Kenya's Parliament.

More than 600 people were killed in unrest that followed the Dec. 27 elections and 250,000 people were driven from their homes. Kenya was once seen as a beacon of relative stability in East Africa.

Nigeria Suit Demands Millions from Major Tobacco Firms

(GIN) — The government of Nigeria has filed a demand for \$44 billion from major tobacco firms in compensation for the costs of treating smoking-related diseases.

Similar cases have been filed in the U.S. with some success.

The firms are also

accused of aggressively trying to promote smoking among young Nigerians.

The firms, British American Tobacco, Phillip Morris and International Tobacco deny all charges and have reportedly refused to accept the court summons.

Anti-smoking campaigners and some civil rights

groups applaud the case, noting that tobacco firms are looking to make up sales they are losing from declining rates of smoking in the west.

Meanwhile, the government has begun to restrict cigarette ads on radio and TV and ads on billboards have been banned.

Fire Department Offers CPR Class to Public

ROWLETT, TX — Many lives are saved with CPR and first aid administered by family or bystanders within the first few moments after an emergency. Increase the likelihood of saving someone you love before the paramedics arrive by taking the standard First Aid/CPR class offered by the Rowlett Fire Rescue Department on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

This four-hour class begins at 8 a.m. and includes first aid instruction and hands-on training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. The cost is \$30 per person. Class is limited to 12 people.

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*Note from Founder/CEO: I would like to invite all women to "Ladies Night"; Feb. 4th, 6-7:30pm, at the Plano Housing Authority, 1740 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 Etta Weathersbee (469-223-5618) or VP - Penny Francis (214-793-7178)

King's Spirit Continues to Inspire New Generation

Students Compete in Gardere's Annual Contests in Dallas, Austin, Houston

Nearly 40 years after his death, the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. continues to resonate with the youth of today. Inspired by his legacy, elementary school students in three Texas cities competed in the annual Gardere Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Competitions.

More than 280 students, representing a total of 20 schools in Dallas, Austin and Houston, competed in preliminary contests over the past month for the right to represent their schools. The annual events are hosted by the law firm of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

"During Dr. King's life, the cultural and educational landscapes were far different from any that these stu-

dents will ever have to know," says Steve Good, Gardere's managing partner. "He dedicated, and ultimately sacrificed, his life to assure better lives for future generations. Through events such as this, Gardere is proud to help make sure Dr. King's efforts are never forgotten, and at the same time place a spotlight on some of the brightest, most talented elementary school students in Texas."

On Jan. 16, Dalton Sherman, a fourth grader at Charles Rice Learning Center, took top honors in the 16th annual Dallas competition. Drawing from Dr. King's "Drum Major Instinct" speech, the 9-year-old stirred the crowd, speaking of the need for not only strong leaders, but also



Dalton Sherman, 9, of the Charles Rice Learning Center in Dallas emphasizes a point during his speech in the 16th Annual Gardere Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Competition. Sherman placed first out of eight finalists in the Jan. 16 competition sponsored by the law firm of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP (PRNewsFoto/Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP)

for the community to pull together. "We have to all do this together. Because a drum major with no band is just a fool dancing on a football field."

The winner of the 3rd annual Austin competition, also held Jan. 16, was Kendal Travis, a fifth grader at Campbell Elementary School. The 11-year-old spoke confidently about how Dr. King has inspired him to want to go to college and be a professional football player. "I want to be a running back for the Dallas Cowboys and my two heroes are Dr. King and Earl Campbell," he said.

At the 12th annual Houston event on Jan. 18, Perri Jones, a fourth grader from Julius Dodson Elementary School, dazzled

the audience with a speech that had her hosting her own talk show. Her "guest" was a girl whose forefathers were slaves, but was spared from sitting in the back of the bus and drinking only from specific water fountains thanks to Dr. King's efforts. She proclaimed to the cheering audience that she can "rise" to be anything -- "Secretary of State, President of the USA or even a talk show host like Oprah."

"Gardere celebrates Dr. King's legacy in a unique way," says Claude Treece, Houston event coordinator and partner at Gardere. "Our goal is to promote diversity and inspire students to share their dreams with fellow students, as well as the community."

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working with high-level officials on a variety of tasks and projects.

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- Sound academic credentials
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- Strong character and leadership skills

Beyond experiencing the day-to-day operations of the White House,

interns participate in a speaker series, tours, community service projects, and various White House events. For more information please visit our website at: www.whitehouse.gov/intern.

Applications should be submitted to intern_application@whitehouse.gov on or before February 26, 2008 for the Summer 2008 Internship.

If you have any questions please contact White House Personnel at 202-456-5979.

Class Offers Connection to Ancestral Wisdom

On February 12, 2008, the Spearman group and South Dallas Cultural Center will offer a course that aims to reach back to go forward and provide attendees with information necessary to understand how the wisdom of our ancestors can produce the healing necessary to overcome today's challenges to the mind, body and spirit.

Reconnecting to Ancestral Knowledge is presented by the Spearman group, a Dallas-based company dedicated to improving African quality of life. The 10-week session will offer a mix of lecture, films, exercises,

guest speakers and Internet research in helping individuals use Kemet principles to deal with health, family, wealth, romance and spiritual issues.

"The rationale for this course is based on a simple premise . . . the problem of building a peaceful, cooperative, harmonious and prosperous Black society was solved by our ancestors long ago in Kemet. Although we study the model of a glorious past civilization, the knowledge they left behind on the walls pyramids gives us an excellent roadmap for solving today's problems," said Lawrence

Spearman, facilitator for Spearman group. "By providing an easy to understand snapshot of what our ancient African ancestors knew about the world and how they applied that knowledge, The Reconnecting to Ancestral Knowledge class surveys the past for wisdom to use today."

Topics covered will include The Source of all the world's Problems, How to Bring Peace and Harmony to Society, How to Gain Spiritual Power, How to Find True Happiness, What Our Ancestors Taught about God and other elements of the Kemet lifestyle.

Local Students Earn a Spot on Missouri State University's Dean's List

Each semester Missouri State University Dean's list the names of undergraduate degree-seeking students who have earned at least 12 hours of graded credit in the fall or spring semester, or at least 6 hours of graded credit during the summer session, with a

semester grade point average of 3.50 or better. The Dean's list is designed to filter out students who strive for academic excellence. Out of the 14,709 students enrolled, only 4,301 earned a spot on the prestigious list. Two of which reside in Plano, Alexa R.

Anderson and Kelli E. Maddock. Congratulations Alexa and Kelli! Nine other students from Texas earned spots on the Dean's List, including Lindsey Young of Denton, Amanda Craig of Flower Mound, Cory Neal and Kimberly Russell of Keller.

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we are in the State of South Carolina, the Confederate battle flag still hangs over the Capitol. Do you agree or disagree with many Americans that it is a symbol of hate?

Those are just a few potential questions that fell to the ground — or never got off the ground — amidst bitter squabbling between Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama during Monday night's Congressional Black Caucus-CNN Democratic Presidential Primary debate in South Carolina.

"I wasn't satisfied with the lack of points to the questions that were being asked. They were still the same relatively widespread questions that you would ask in a debate," says University of Maryland political scientist Dr. Ron Walters. "They had an opportunity to go into things like mass incarceration rates and education and things like that that were very important. But, they didn't do it."

Granted, the three candidates — questioned by CNN's Wolf Blitzer, Joe Johns and Suzanne Malveaux — did discuss the issues of poverty, the housing mortgage crisis, the racially disparate sub-prime loans, whether the prospects of a Black person becoming president should influence American votes and

whether President Bill Clinton should actually be considered America's "first Black president."

But, there was little meat concerning America's specific social ills that are starkly divided by race.

Still the much-anticipated South Carolina Democratic Primary this Saturday is viewed as a showdown between Clinton and Obama after the Iowa-New Hampshire tie and the Caucus that she won in Nevada. Polls show Clinton trailing Obama in South Carolina. Edwards is trailing both, although South Carolina is his native state. He represented North Carolina in the U.S. Senate.

Nearly half of the Democratic voters in South Carolina are Black and 30 percent of the Black voters are women, giving Black women much clout leading in to Saturday.

Whether outside endorsements will sway the undecided remains to be seen. Black America appears split between Clinton and Obama. Even civil rights icons Rep. John Lewis and the Rev. Joseph Lowery, both of Georgia, are on opposite sides.

Lewis is championing Clinton's experience: "I believe that Hillary Clinton is the best prepared to lead this country at a time when we are in desperate need of strong leader-

ship," he says in a statement.

Lowery is touting Obama's qualifications and the historic chance to vote for a Black man: "I am certainly not advocating an appeal to racial politics, although I will admit to a deep level of pride. My caution is don't embrace this soaring political star simply because he's black but because he's deserving."

Congressional Black Caucus members who have chosen to vote have basically split between Clinton and Obama. But, its most influential members, Chairwoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-Mich.) and House Democratic Whip Jim Clyburn, a native South Carolinian who is the highest ranking African-American in Congress, have abstained from endorsements.

What could that mean for the general election? The possibility of America electing its first Black president is reportedly growing. A CNN/Opinion Research Corp. poll reports that 72 percent of White Americans and 61 percent of Black Americans surveyed say the nation is ready to elect a Black person for president. Two years ago, that number was reportedly 65 percent of Whites survey and 54 percent of Blacks.

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68 North Texas Students Receive Nomination For The 2008 McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team™

Sixty-eight girls and boys high school basketball players from across North Texas have been recognized as among the finest basketball players in the country through their recent nomination to the 2008 McDonald's All American™ High School Basketball Team.

The 68 players in North Texas are among the 2,500 top prep basketball standouts in the nation. The majority of the nominees are identified by the McDonald's All American State Contact Committee, which is a network of high school basketball newspaper reporters and recruiting analyst. Additionally, any high school head basketball coach can submit nominations.

As a nominee, each player will be considered for one of the 24 positions on the annual boys McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team and one of the 24 positions on the girl's team. The final team will be announced in mid-February.

This year's McDonald's All American Boys Game will tip-off on Wednesday,

March 26, 2008, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Bradley Center.

A portion of the proceeds from both Games will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of Eastern Wisconsin. To date, millions has been donated to RMHC Chapters from proceeds generated at the McDonald's All American Games. RMHC's core three programs include the Ronald McDonald House®, Ronald McDonald Family Room® and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® — extending the reach of the Charity to directly improve the health and well-being of children around the world.

McDonald's All American alumni include such current and former NBA and WNBA players as Chris Bosh (Toronto Raptors), Magic Johnson (retired), Kevin Garnett (Boston Celtics), LeBron James (Cleveland Cavaliers), Seimone Augustus (Minnesota Lynx) and Shanna Crossley (San Antonio Silver Spurs).

List of Nominees from

North Texas (BOYS): Quincy Acy, Dr. John Horn High School, Mesquite; Troy Alexander, Dallas Highland Park High School, Dallas; Trey Anderson, Lewisville, Hebron High School, Carrollton; Chris Babb, Arlington Oakridge High School, Arlington; John Bowman, Dr. John Horn High School, Mesquite; Austin Brown, Lewisville High School, Lewisville; Kevin Butler, Duncanville High School, Duncanville; Phillip Colley, North Crowley High School, Fort Worth; Andrew Davis, Garland Christian Academy, Garland; Quincy Diggs, Plano East High School, Plano; Matthew Edwards, Dallas Highland Park High School, Dallas; Pierce Edwards, Dallas Highland Park High School, Dallas; Thedrick Franklin, North Crowley High School, Fort Worth; Connor Frizzelle, DeSoto High School, DeSoto; Nathan Gibbs, DeSoto High School, DeSoto; London Giles, Dallas Kimball High School, Dallas; Travis Hallam, Mesquite High School,

Mesquite; Brad Hambrick, Sherman High School, Sherman; Taaron Hassell, Arlington Sam Houston High School, Arlington; Anthony Hill, Plano East High School, Plano; Fred Hunter, Denton High School, Denton; Andre Jackson, L.G. Pinkston High School, Dallas, Courtney Jackson, Paris High School, Paris; Melvin Johnson, Red Oak High School, Red Oak; Damarius Jones, L.G. Pinkston High School, Dallas; Ben Knox, Arlington Grace Preparatory, Arlington; David Kyles, Dallas Kimball High School, Dallas; Victor Leak, Flower Mound Marcus High School, Flower Mound, Bonner McDermott, Dallas Highland Park High School, Dallas; Charles "CJ" McElrath, Grapevine High School, Grapevine; DaJon McKnight, Dallas Skyline High School, Dallas; Tim Meadows, Crowley High School, Crowley; Jon Miller, Flower Mound Marcus High School, Flower Mound; J'Mison Morgan, South Oak Cliff High

School, Dallas; Stephen Payne, Allen High School, Allen; Gerayl Sanders, Dallas Lincoln High School, Dallas; Brandon Sebirumbi, Central High School, Keller; Kevin Smith, Plano East High School, Plano; Chase Spruiell, Princeton High School, Princeton; Brian Talley, Duncanville High School, Duncanville; Darian Thibodeaux, Dallas Kimball High School, Dallas; Kendall Timmons, Southwest High School, Fort Worth; Willie Warren, North Crowley High School, Fort Worth; William Weathers, Lewisville High School, Lewisville; Mike Webb, Dallas Kimball High School, Dallas; Zach Williams, Dallas Skyline High School, Dallas

List of Nominees from North Texas (GIRLS): Candace Ashford, Plano West Sr. High School, Plano; Jordan Barncastle, Martin's Mill High School, Ben Wheeler; Simone Bridges, Plano East High School, Plano; Roxanna Button, Coppell High School, Coppell; Sydney

Carter, DeSoto High School, DeSoto; Skylar Collins, Cedar Hill High School, Cedar Hill; Keandra Goodson, DeSoto High School, DeSoto; Ryan Green, Crowley High School, Crowley; Whitney Hand, Liberty Christian School, Argyle; Destini Hughes, Kennedale High School, Kennedale; Jasmine Johnson, DeSoto High School, DeSoto; Lucy Keith, Parish Episcopal School, Dallas; Samantha Mahnesmith, Kennedale High School, Kennedale; Kierra Mallard, Frisco High School, Frisco; Amenemope McKinney, James Bowie High School, Arlington; Ashlee Mells, South Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie; Alicia Mitcham, West Mesquite High School, Mesquite; Brooklyn Pope, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Fort Worth; Kelsie Rozendaal, Weatherford High School, Weatherford; Nikki Terral, Timberview High School, Arlington; Teranie Thoma, Duncanville High School, Duncanville; Elizabeth Torres, Fossil Ridge High School, Keller.

Denton County Democratic Party to Hold Annual Chili Supper

The Denton county Democratic Party will be having its Annual chili Supper Fundraiser on Saturday, January 26,

2008 at 6p.m. It will be held at the Center for Visual Arts in Denton, which is located at 400 East Hickory Street.

Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased in advance or at the door.

The Chili Supper is one of the oldest and

biggest fundraisers hosted by the DCDP every year. This year the event will include a candidates forum, every statewide

and local Democratic candidate has been invited to attend and speak. Each year volunteers provide chili, cornbread,

beans and brownies. For additional information, please contact Marsha Keffer at (940) 387-9068.

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the "Red, Hot & Snazzy" benefit gala raises funds that support UNCF's 39 member institutions, as well as scholarships for deserving low income students. Annually, UNCF supports more than 60,000 students at 900 U.S. colleges and uni-

versities including more than 4,500 Texas students.

UNCF's Area Development Director Diane Stephenson said, "Proceeds from the event will help UNCF continue to play a critical role in the future of our local and national commu-

nities by preparing students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in today's economy." We salute those who have generously invested in UNCF by supporting our 'Red Hot & Snazzy' gala," she added.

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Foundation President Gerald McElvy and wife Sylvia will serve as the gala's co-chairs. "We are proud to partner with UNCF as they continue to assist so many deserving young people to pursue their dream of a college education," the McElvy's said.

Perry Fagan, president and regional director of Citi Cardmember Services along with wife Maureen will participate as honorary co-chairs. The Fagan's said, "We applaud the work that UNCF does to nurture and empower tomorrow's lead-

ers."

The emcee for the night's affair is WFAA-TV's Good Morning Texas co-host Brenda Teele. Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk will serve as the auctioneer during the scholarships portion of the Live Auction.

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. Every 3rd Thursday 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 topics. 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 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. 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.

SHARE! PISD International Exchange Student Program is in the process of finding new host families to share their hearts and home with an exchange student for the 2008/2009 School Year. For more information on or how to become a host family, call 1-800-941-3738, or visit www.share-southwest.org.

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. 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.wenet-worktx.com or email info@wenetworktx.com

January 23

"ELLA" A life lived out loud in this exhilarating new musical about The First Lady of Song, Ella Fitzgerald. Wednesday, January 23, - Sunday, February 24, Dallas Theater Center 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd Dallas 75219 For tickets call 214-522-8499 or go to www.dallastheater-center.org

January 24 - 26

20th Anniversary International Association of Blacks in Dance Festival Dallas Black Dance Theatre hosts a DANCELEBRATION. Dance artists from around the world will perform. January 24th 7:30 PM - January 26th at the Majestic Theatre 1925 Elm Street Dallas 75201 Order tickets at www.dbdt.com or call 214-871-2390

January 25

Plano Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Business Luncheon Series "62nd Annual Meeting & New Member EXPO" featuring keynote address by Philip (Phil) J. Ritter, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, Texas Instruments Inc., early morning networking session, and New Member EXPO. Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads For more information or to RSVP call

the Plano Chamber of Commerce 972-424-7547 or visit www.planochamber.org

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: 972.854.5111 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 25 and 26

TBAAL Black Academy: Jazz at the Muse Featuring Shelly Carroll and Ardina Lockhart. This event is located at the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex starting at 9:00 p.m. Admission to this event is \$15. For further information, please call 214-943-2442.

January 26

College Funding Workshop This workshop answers important financial questions regarding college. Questions like...How the Dept. of Education calculates the amount you are expected to pay and how assets and income are counted against you. FREE admission 9am to noon OR 1pm to 4pm Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads For more information and reservations call 972-499-3111 or visit www.almegacollegefunding.com

The Pan-African Connection Bookstore and Resource Center and the Dallas community will gather to honor the courage and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 612 E. Jefferson Blvd, 7p.m. Free and open to

the public. Children's activities will be provided during the program. For additional information call 214-943-8262.

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 office at 214-523-9537.

MB2B African American Male Youth Symposium topics include, but are not limited to: Manhood 101, Money Strategies, Sports, Arts and Culture. This symposium has been purposely designed for minority young men between the ages of 10 and 18. To register download the Symposium Registration Information at www.mb2b.org Symposium is limited to 200 participants. Register by **January 11, 2008. NO late or onsite registration.** For more information contact, Dr Tamara Johnson at info@mb2b.org.

January 27

Wyclef Jean Performing Live at the House of Blues, 2200 N. Lamar Street. The show starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. For more information, please call 214-978-2583.

FREE Kidney Screening sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of North Texas from 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas For further information call 214-351-2393 or email lhensley@nkft.org.

Plano's Annual Very Special Arts Festival is a gift to the children from over two-dozen community organizations who staff a array of "make it and take it" craft booths. All children, including those with special needs, are invited to

attend, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads FREE admission and refreshments. For more information 972-941-7272

January 29

Dallas Presidential Visits Local historian, Sam Childers, will talk about these visits Admission is FREE; Dallas Central Library, 1515 Young Street, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. For any additional information call 214-670-1400 or email, ronnie.jessie@dallaslibrary.org.

The Assertive Woman Workshop where detrimental hidden emotions or experiences are uncovered in order to help prepare the modern woman to maintain her assertiveness. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29th and Thursday, January 31st, Brookhaven College Campus. Seminar tuition seminar \$39.00, to register call 972-860-4600, or for additional information email sherry@thebronsoninstitute.com or call 214-315-2298 or visit www.thebronsoninstitute.com

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; 6pm and 9 pm. FREE admission Students who bring his or her official transcript, as well as their SAT or ACT scores, 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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Why Now?

Forum begs the relevancy of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Today.

By Delia Parker-Mims

On January 31, 2008, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Denton County Alumnae Chapter is hosting a Historically Black College Forum, at the Carrollton North Library located at 4220 Josey Lane and Hebron between 6 – 9 pm. The forum will promote awareness of HBCUs, as well as their admission process and academic programs to high school seniors and juniors.

Participating schools include Grambling University, Prairie View A&M, Jarvis College, Langston University, Paul Quinn College and University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Scholarships will be given on site. Seniors and Juniors in high school are encouraged to attend and bring their transcripts, SAT and ACT scores.

This event begs the question of “Why Now?” What is the relevancy of HBCUs today? As an African American alumni of a predominately white university, I found these questions and others to be interesting. Why do alumni of these institutions have an enviably strong connection to their universities? What did these alumni get out of their college experience which I did not? If you know any Alumni of HBCUs, you will notice that the mere mentioning of that institution sparks a physical reaction. Alumni of

HBCUs maintain connection to their institutions up to their last breadth. They make every effort to attend reunions, homecomings, local games and

elementary and high school education. Later this school was renamed as Cheyney University. Years later the school was purchased by the com-

University is the oldest HBCU in the south.

Throughout the end of the centennium, HBCUs emerged in all facets of America.

only perpetuated the servitude of slavery. DuBois believed equality and a sense of purpose would only come if talented blacks were

face of the reality that many of our modern day heroes come from HBCUs. These are heroes of thought, arts, athletics, media, politics and education just to name a few areas. Names such as John Hope Franklin (historian, author), Kym Whitley, Nikki Giovanni, Wanda Sykes, Ruth Simmons, the first African-American president of an Ivy League University (President of Brown College), Alex Haley (author of ROOTS), Ruben Studdard, Esther Rolle, Alice Walker, Keisha Knight Pulliam, Eddie Robinson (winningest coach in college football history), Erykah Badu, Oprah Winfrey, Dr. Bobby Jones, Richard Dent, Ron Brown, and Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. And still others such as Andrew Young, Toni Morrison, Shirley Franklin (current Mayor of Atlanta), Sean “P Diddy Combs”, Ananda Lewis (TV Host), Howard Thurman (politician, Minister), Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (minister, political activist), Spike Lee (film producer), Samuel L. Jackson, and the list go’s on and on and on

Finally, my last thought, considering I had canceled every other reason for not attending, was one of envy. Remembering the reaction to their university, which seems to universal-

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University of Maryland Eastern Shore

special events. While I, on the other hand, don’t even bother to open the alumni magazine. I remember quite vividly being a senior more than 20 years ago in High School and being encouraged to apply to HBCUs. My reaction at the time was, Why would I attend an HBCU?

What I did not know at the time was the historical relevance and how attending a HBCU connects you to the rich history that is Black America academia. Long before the end of slavery, “colored” folks, yearned to achieve more education than the system in America provided for them. The first HBCU was developed in 1837 in Cheyney, Pennsylvania, and known as The Institute of Colored youth. It was established as a school for teaching

monwealth of Pennsylvania and later became Cheyney University of Pennsylvania. In 1854, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, named after President Abraham Lincoln, developed as an institution to provide a higher education in the arts and sciences for male youth of African descent. Women were admitted in 1952. During the first one hundred years of its inception, Lincoln graduated approximately 20 percent of the Black physicians and more than 10 percent of the Black attorneys in the United States.

The end of the civil war sparked an explosion of HBCUs nationwide including Raleigh Institute, which in 1875 was incorporated as Shaw University. Shaw

The explosion of HBCUs brought with it the development and debate of two distinct “Schools of Black Thought”, that of Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois.

“Washington believed firmly that the best way for freed slaves and other blacks to attain equality in the United States was through the accumulation of power, wealth, and respect by means of hard work in practical trades. The inscription on the Tuskegee University monument to Booker T. Washington reads, “He lifted the veil of ignorance from his people and pointed the way to progress through education and industry.”

“W.E.B. DuBois took a different approach. DuBois felt quite strongly that Washington’s universal vocational training

allowed to study the arts and sciences.

It is impossible to say which of these views triumphed. Each, in its own way, lives on today in modern HBCUs. Many colleges and universities seem to be embracing both-students receive practical, technical training grounded in the liberal arts.”

Nonetheless, it is well established that throughout the period of this debate, attendance at HBCUs increased substantially, as did financial support.

But understanding the rich historical significance of HBCUs, only belies the modern day question. What is their significance today? Many of my concerns were that the educational experience was somehow inferior. Yet, that argument cannot lie in the

16th Annual Trumpet Awards – An Impressive Salute to African American Achievement

Atlanta, GA - The acclaimed Trumpet Award was recently presented to twenty-three of the best and brightest achievers in the African American community today. Continuously referred to as the "Oscars" for Black America, the Trumpet Awards took place at the Atlanta Civic Center on Sunday, January 13th and was hosted by **Samuel L. Jackson** and his wife, **LaTanya Richardson Jackson**. The Trumpet Awards Foundation, Inc., led by **Xernona Clayton**, presented an array of Black talent comparable to none and paid tribute to African-American achievers in varied fields of endeavor including law, business, medicine, politics, entertainment and public service.

The syndicated television broadcast of the Trumpet Awards will be on **Saturday, March 1st**. TV One will broadcast the show on **Sunday, April 13th at 8:00 p.m.**

Honorees for the 2008 Trumpet Awards:

- **Shareef Abdur-Rahim**; Community



Richardson-Jackson, Clayton and Jackson at 16th Annual Trumpet Awards

Service Award

- **Chris "Ludacris" Bridges**; Usher Raymond Altruism Award

- **Halle Berry**; Entertainment & Pinnacle Award

- **Dr. T. B. Boyd III**;

- **The Honorable Paul L. Brady**; Legal

- **Danny Glover**; Humanitarian

- **Sheila C. Johnson**; Entrepreneur

- **Brian O. Jordan**;

Athlete/Developer

- **Dr. Vance and Dr. Vincent Moss**; Medicine

- **Najee**; Arts

- **Don Thompson**; Corporate Executive

The Red Carpet was hosted by **James Avery** and

April Woodard who greeted guests and honorees including Atlanta Mayor **Shirley Franklin**, Usher Raymond, Martin Luther King III, Elder **Bernice King**, TV One's **Johnathan Rodgers**,

Reverend Jessie Jackson, Ambassador **Andrew Young**, **Hill Harper**, **Chris Tucker**, Congressman **John Lewis**, Congresswoman **Maxine Waters**, Pastor **Paula White**, **Dawnn Lewis** and many more. **Michelle Obama** spoke to the Trumpet Awards audience during the pre-show about the presidential candidacy of her husband, **Barack Obama**.

The unveiling of a new group of footsteps into the International Civil Right Walk of Fame was a featured event of the 2008 Annual Trumpet Awards. Located at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, National Park Service, the 2008 Inductees included **Dr. Maya Angelou**; Senator **Edward W. Brooke**; **Tyrone L. Brooks, Sr.**; **Sammy Davis, Jr.**; **Jesse Hill, Jr.**; **Dr. Benjamin Hooks**; Attorney **Clarence B. Jones**; **Tom Joyner**; The Right Honorable Prime Minister **Michael Manley**; **Herman Russell, Sr.**; and **Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker**.

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters Presents Jazz at the Muse

A Relaxing evening of jazz is on the menu this week at "Jazz at the Muse Featuring Shelly Carrol and Ardina Lockhart". There is no young, sultry jazz singer quite as flavorful as Ms. Lockhart. When she teams up with jazz saxophonist Shelly Carrol and his quartet, then you know its time to buckle up for an amazing evening. Hear Lockhart and Carrol travel down memory lane performing your favorite jazz standards this Friday and Saturday, January 25th and 26th at 9:00 p.m. at The Black

Academy of Arts and Letters.

Admission to the show is \$15. You may pay for tickets by phone with Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express by calling TBAAL's Box Office at 214-743-2400. If you pay by phone, your tickets can be held for you at Will Call Window available one hour prior to program. Or you can purchase your tickets at TBAAL's Box Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays. On Friday or Saturdays, you can stop by the box office from 12 Noon until

4 p.m. The Box Office is closed every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for weekly staff meetings. Cash only is accepted at the Box Office on the day or night of a performance.

Don't miss out on an amazing performance from some of the greatest talent in the industry. Drop by The Black Academy of Arts and Letters at the Dallas Convention Center Theater Complex, in the Clarence Muse Café Theater (on the corner of Canton and Akard) in downtown Dallas, 75202.

Black List Swooped Up At Sundance

(EURWeb.com) — Amid the wheeling and dealing at the Sundance Film Festival this week, HBO Documentary Films has secured rights to "The Black List: Volume One," a film featuring dramatic portraits of such influen-

tial African Americans as Colin Powell, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Toni Morrison, Chris Rock and Al Sharpton.

The documentary, from celebrated portrait photographer Timothy Greenfield-Sanders' and

film critic/journalist Elvis Mitchell, will be the centerpiece of an ongoing multifaceted project that includes a traveling exhibit, portrait book and a user-generated campaign designed for multiple platforms.

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January 26, 2008

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Postal Service Changes Window Service Hours at Two Locations

Dallas Main Post Office and Airport Mail Center Adjusts Hours to Provide Better Service To Customers

The U.S. Postal Service Dallas District serves a variety of customers within a 32,600 square-mile geographic radius. To continue with providing customers with excellent service, the Postal Service routinely reviews processes to ensure they are responding to customer needs in the most operationally efficient and cost effective manner.

The most recent review revealed that a change is necessary for window service operations at two Dallas locations. Effective February 2, 2008, window service operations at the Dallas Main Post Office

and Dallas Airport Mail Center locations will be changed as follows:

Dallas Main Post Office
Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. - midnight

401 DFW Turnpike
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NTTA To Host Open House Addressing Bush Turnpike Extension

ROWLETT, TX — The North Texas Tollway Authority will hold an Open House Public Meeting to discuss design and operational changes to the proposed President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT) Eastern Extension project from State Highway 78 to Interstate Highway 30 in eastern Dallas County.

The open house meeting will be at the Plaza Theater, (521 W. State Street) in the City of Garland, on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The proposed "design and operational changes" include the conversion to all-electronic tolling instead of cash and electronic tolling, plus minor alterations to several turnpike intersections including Liberty Grove Road/Merritt Road Connector, IH 30 and Main Street.

Project displays will be available for public viewing and project study team members will be present to answer questions. Citizens of Rowlett are encouraged to attend.

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end of the fourth decade after his death, we have turned it up a notch. We have resurrected Dr. King this time in the name of pure politics. The Democratic Party is in self-destruct mode over, of all things, "Race." Yes, the Clinton-Obama candidacies have turned out to be a race about race. And to make matters even stranger, they are using the name and work of MLK to make their cases.

Divide and conquer are at play in a big way in 2008. By the time it's all over, we may be looking at another Republican who wants to keep us in Iraq and make forays into Iran. If the Dems keep fighting old, and I do mean old, John McCain will waltz into the Presidency, probably with Joseph "Benedict Arnold" Lieberman as his V.P. How stupid are the Democrats anyway? A better question is: How stupid are we, Black folks? We are divided, to the extent of spilling blood, over two Democratic candidates for President, while once

again, for the umpteenth time, the "Black vote is critical to this election."

We have two Black billionaires, one for Hillary and one for Barack, trying to sway us to support their guy or gal, as we, the Proletariat, sit in the peanut gallery and the bleacher seats, watching it all play out. The sad part is that we think we have some skin in the game. Just what will Black people win if any of these candidates is elected? We may not need to ponder that question for too long though; these guys are spending millions to get the job, which by the way, could be better spent on something that would help the poor and disenfranchised.

The notion that Martin Luther King, Jr. is being inserted into this political race is insulting to his work and his legacy, but it will continue I am sure. They are going to get all the mileage they can from "The Dream" this year. They will recite, "I Have Been to the Mountaintop" so many times it will make our heads swim.

They will invoke his name, but they will never do what he did. They will traipse out U.S. Congressman John Lewis and recount his Bloody Sunday experience. They will cite the fact that April 4, 2008 will be the 40th Anniversary of MLK's assassination. No stone will be left unturned, folks. They will vie to see who can be the best MLK sympathizer and who can give the best sermon or speech.

It is amazing that those who use MLK to achieve their personal advancement seldom use anything beyond the two quotes cited above. I often wonder why, for instance, they never talk about the part of the Mountaintop Speech in which king said, "we've got to strengthen black institutions. I call upon you to take your money out of the banks downtown and deposit your money in Tri-State Bank" we want a "bank-in" movement in Memphis.

So go by the savings and loan association. I'm not asking you something we don't do ourselves at

SCLC." King went on to say, "You have six or seven black insurance companies in Memphis. Take out your insurance there. We want to have an "insurance-in."

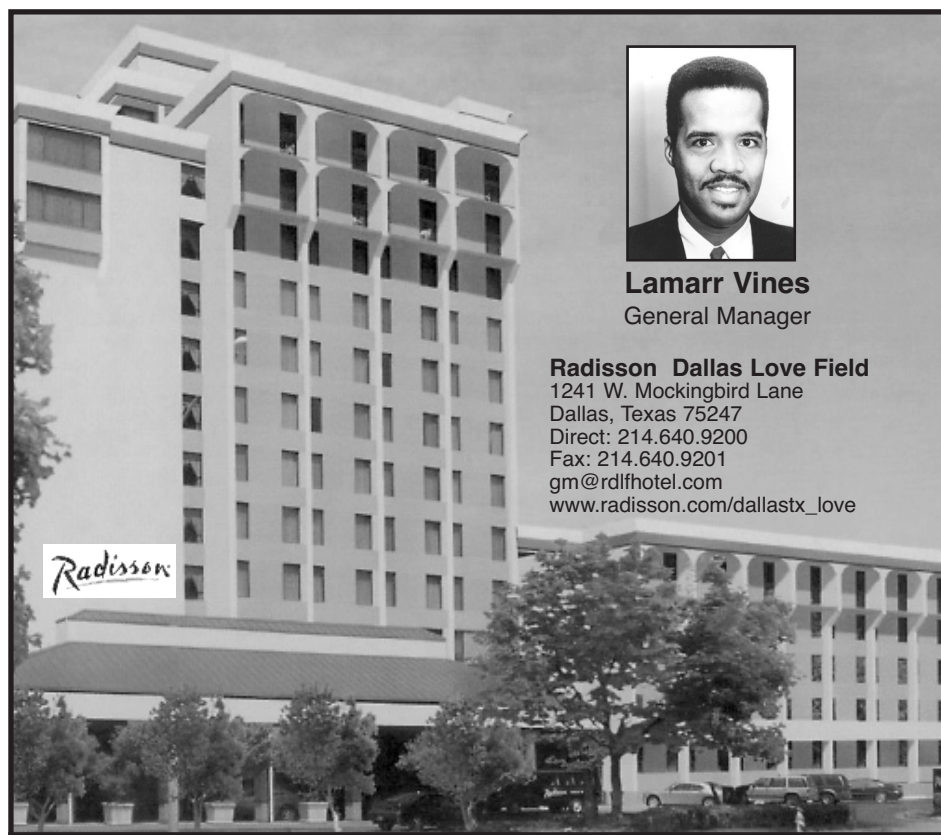
Economic leadership requires us to do more than recall, recant, and revisit a couple of quotations regarding MLK, who was so much more than a civil rights martyr. He understood and was willing to do the things necessary for our economic liberation because he knew, if we were going to have true power in this country, collectively, we


would have to use the leverage of our dollars to attain that power.

King continued, "Now these are some practical things we can do. We begin the process of building a greater economic base. And at the same time, we are putting pressure where it really hurts. I ask you to follow through here. We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles, we don't need any Molotov cocktails, we just need to go

around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our country, and say, "God sent us by here, to say to you that you're not treating his children right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment, where God's children are concerned. Now, if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. And our agenda calls for withdrawing economic support from you."

As I said at the beginning, "Please forgive us, Martin."





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HBCU, Page 9

ly appear on the face of race. We weren't just a HBCU alum, I asked, number as we would have "What did alumni of been going to a majority



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HBCUs get out of their college experience which I did not?"

In search of this answer, I discussed with several HBCU alum their experience. For the most part, they can be summed up by the following quote. "Going to a HBCU made us bond as a school, where our feelings are just a number. The closeness, it's not anything you can touch. Going to an HBCU will give you an experience of a life time. They cared about us!! It is an experience I would not have traded for anything in the world" Beverly Kenner,

graduate of Langston University.

Somehow it all made sense. While I was very active and well respected at my university, I never ceased being identified as a black student with black student concerns. It seems to me that the one thing HBCUs have to offer African American students, which other universities do not, is the opportunity to just be a

REAL student. It provides the opportunity to explore thought, develop identity, pose questions and enjoy the wonderment of the educational experience without race being attached. It provides the opportunity to be cultivated, challenged and encouraged to succeed, not in spite of your blackness, but because of your blackness. The HBCU forum hosted by

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January 27, 11 am

Our 11:00 am Morning Worship Service will be held @ Story Elementary School, 1550 Edelweiss in Allen, TX. Children's Church and the Nursery will also be available @ the school during this time. For more information call the church @ 972-359-9956.

January 25-27, 2008

First Lady Tasha Stafford and the Women Justified by Faith Ministry will have our annual Women's Conference @ the Hilton Garden Inn, 705 Central Expressway, Allen, TX 75013. Our theme: "My Soul Says Yes."

Speakers will be Pastor W.L. Stafford, Sr. M.Div on Friday Night; First Lady Tasha Stafford, Pastor Renee Hombuckle, and Prophetess Brenda Means on Saturday morning. On Sunday morning in the 8:15 am (at the church) and the 11 am service (at Story Elementary School) Pastor Cheryl Coleman will speak.

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Mark Chapter 13 instructs us to be ever vigilant, because the hour of the Lord's coming is not known. "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:" Mark 13:35.

The end-of-year Watch Night of 1862 perhaps took on special significance because of the impending January 1, 1863 and the enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation. That night originally became to be known as "Freedom's Eve." While that proclamation did not end slavery the moment it was issued, it did at least proclaim some slaves free. Knowing that this was going into effect the next day must have influenced the nature of that year's Watch Night within the African American and the

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES CONTINUES

abolitionist communities, adding a second layer of what was being watched for (the coming of freedom at the stroke of midnight) to the more usual fare (the coming of the Christ at an unspecified future date, and therefore,



Picture of The Week: Mr. Arthur C. Graves receives the Bernice Chatman Freeman Award for Outstanding Service at the Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Celebration Program in Carrollton.

the need to maintain a constant personal state of spiritual preparation.) Among African American congregations, that second layer of meaning has since become permanently woven into the fabric of the original, making New Year's Eve Watch Night services as much now about remembering the end of slavery as it is upon personal reflection on the state of one's soul.

There is one additional bit of legend that was attached to the origin of Watch Night, the claim that slaves would gather

on the final night of the year to shiver in fear as they awaited news about which of them would be sold the next day to satisfy outstanding debts. The practice of entering the New Year free of financial obligation is a very old one (superstition dictates all debts must be retired prior to the beginning of the year; the idea that accounts would be settled on January 1st is unlikely. The first day of the year was then, and is now a time for paying social calls on one's neighbors and, don't forget, enjoying parades and football games! Only the exceedingly tacky would have thought to dishonor such interactions with so much as a mention of anything business-related, let alone attempt to transact the buying and selling of slaves on that day. Also anyone with a desire to enter the New Year clear of debt would fail in that effort if he put off selling or transferring property until the first of January. **To be continued February 7, 2008.**

Remember tell me, "What did your family do when you were a child and what you do now as an adult on New Year's Eve? Please email your comments to: religion@northdallasgazette.com or fax to: 972-509-9058.

PowerPac, Page 1

says the efforts are non-partisan, but, "We are very clear that polls show that the more African-American voters turn out, the better Barack Obama will do and that has not discouraged us from increasing Black voter turnout."

The "Southern Strategy" as it is called in a PowerPac release, will focus particularly on eight states. At the Memphis event, hundreds of activists and labor leaders gathered at the historic Mason Temple, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his last sermon.

There, the Rev. Al Sharpton - who has not endorsed any candidate - cautioned a cheering audience against what he called "wilderness talk" and reminded them to define the specific changes that they want. He listed a string of issues that are yet unresolved despite historic candidacies:

"As long as there is inequality, it can hit anybody here," Sharpton said. "[They say], 'back in the civil rights day.' You're still in the 'day'. Today, the income level between Blacks and Whites is the same gap as it was 40 years ago.

Today, we're still number one in the 11 worse diseases in America. Today, we are three times more likely to go to jail than we are not that we don't have anything to fight for, it's just that many of us have stopped fighting. This makes those of us that fight look more strident than what we are because too many of us are more complacent than what we should be."

Complacency, especially in the Black community, will be the enemy of either campaign if African-Americans choose to stay at home in South Carolina

on Saturday, where Blacks make up nearly half of the Democratic voting base, or on Super Tuesday, where major Black electorates such as New York and California have been predicted to greatly influence the selection of the next Democratic nominee for president.

The nominee will need at least 2,162 delegates to win. Super Tuesday alone has 2,075 delegates at stake.

After South Carolina, the next Democratic Primary will be Florida on Jan. 29 and then Super Tuesday, which includes: Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Minnesota, New Jersey, Utah, New York, North Dakota, Arizona, Delaware, Massachusetts, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Illinois, California, Connecticut, Alaska, Kansas, Alabama, Arkansas and New Mexico.

Other major African-American-influenced primaries following Super Tuesday are: Louisiana, Nebraska, Washington State and the Virgin Islands, Feb. 9; D.C., Maryland, Virginia, Feb. 12; Ohio and Texas, March 4; Mississippi, March 11; Pennsylvania, April 22; Indiana and North Carolina, May 6;

Kentucky, May 20.

Clay says PowerPAC will hold additional rallies in Atlanta on Feb. 2 and Fort Washington Maryland, date to be announced. But, will also make "pit stops" in Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Mississippi.

PowerPAC, founded in San Francisco in 2004 by about 50 community activists, is a 501C4 organization, which means it is tax-exempt and non-profit, but is allowed to engage in advocacy for the "promotion of social welfare," according to the Internal Revenue Service.

"We are honored to support the efforts to carry on the legacy of Dr. King, Fannie Lou Hamer, and countless civil right warriors who sacrificed so much for the right to vote," offers PowerPAC founder and President Steve Phillips, a San Francisco-based attorney and political organizer. "It is fitting that the region where the struggle for the Voting Rights Act occurred can play a major role in choosing the next President. We must do all we can to ensure as large a voter turnout as possible."

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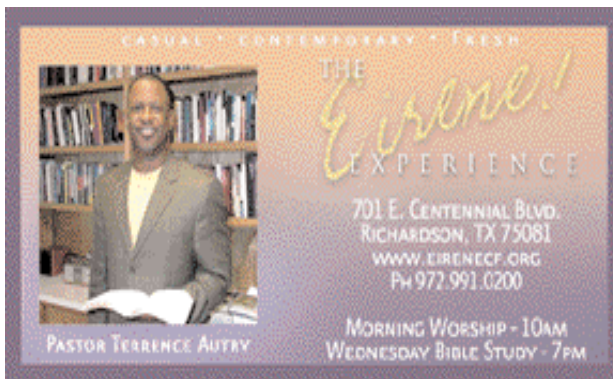


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Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am - 10:45 am
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Monday Service: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday Service: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

Church Directory

Winners Announced for the 2008 Urban Wheel Awards, An Evening of Fashions, Stars and Cars Honor Diversity in the Auto Industry

DETROIT – An independent panel of automotive journalists has determined the winners of the 2008 Urban Wheel Awards.

Now in its 12th year, the multicultural event is known as the "Academy Awards" of the automotive industry. The Urban Wheel Awards is the only forum where celebrities present awards to the automotive manufacturers, executives, suppliers, dealers, advertising agencies and motor-sports organizations who have con-

tributed to diversity in the industry.

"The Urban Wheel Awards honor the pioneering automotive industry leaders who transcend the mainstream and embrace diversity," says Randi Payton, President & CEO of On Wheels, Inc., founder of the awards.

Urban Wheel Awards were presented to the African-American, Asian and Latino automotive executives of the year, as well as the automotive Company and Supplier of the year.

Commitment to diversity was also recognized in the racing arena, with the Diversity in Motorsports award. New to the program this year was the Urban Dealer of the Year award.

In addition to people and organizations, Urban Wheel Awards were also presented for the best new car and truck designed to suit the needs of urban drivers.

Finalists were named after the final tally of votes by the panel of judges was made. The judging panel is

comprised of 15 journalists from multicultural, automotive, trade, and general market media.

The winners of the Best Automotive Diversity Advertisements for 2007 were also announced. Diversity Automotive Advertisement of the Year awards were given to the advertising agencies that produced the most popular print and television ads geared to African-American, Latino and Asian markets. The general public decided the winner. Consumers were

encouraged to log on to the Urban Wheel Awards website at www.urbanwheelawards.com and fifteen other websites to select their favorite ads.

The winners in all categories were honored at the 12th Annual Urban Wheel Awards, held at Detroit's Fox Theatre on January 15, 2008, during Press Week of the North American International Auto Show.

The 12th Annual Urban Wheel Awards winners included: African

American Executive of the Year, Bennie Fowler, VP, Quality, Ford Motor Company; Company of the Year, Chrysler LLC; Car of the Year, Chevrolet Malibu; Truck of the Year, Buick Enclave; Urban Dealer of the Year, Mike Pruitt Honda; Diversity Advertisements; African American Print, Campbell-Ewald -- Chevy Malibu -- Tums Up The Heat, African American Broadcast; UniWorld Group, Inc -- Ford Edge -- On The Edge

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9:00 am Sunday School

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