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## Obama Support Spreads as He Wins South Carolina – Now What?

By Hazel Trice Edney  
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

**ATLANTA (NNPA)** – The eyes of the people at Gate A15 at the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta were focused in one direc-



Obama and his wife Michelle celebrate victory in Saturday's South Carolina primary. FP/Getty Images

Emmanuel Dunand

tion – and that was not on the flight monitor.

Heads were turned upward, ears straining to hear the TV set hanging from the ceiling. On the screen the figures showed that Barack Obama had just

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## Coors Recommits to Covenant With Black Community

By Hazel Trice Edney  
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**LAS VEGAS (NNPA)** – Leo Kiely stepped to the mic after a glowing introduction from John B. Smith Sr., chairman of the Black Press of America.

"I am Leo Kiely. And I sell beer. That's what I



Coors Community Relations Executive Moses Brewer receives Distinguished Service Award from NNPA Chair John B. Smith Sr.

do," he said to laughter from the audience, members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the nation's premier Black Press organization.

But, Smith quickly clarified that selling beer is not the only

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## New Tax Rebate Deal Announced, Checks Likely in June

Special to the NNPA from the St. Louis American

**ST. LOUIS (NNPA)** - Congressional leaders have unveiled a deal with the White House on an economic stimulus package that would give most tax filers refunds of \$600 to \$1,200, and more if they have children.

The Associated Press

reported that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said Congress would act on the agreement — hammered out in a week of intense negotiations with Republican Leader John A. Boehner and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson — "at the earliest date, so that those rebate checks will be in the mail."

A statement delivered by

President Bush to reporters at the White House praised the agreement. "This package has the right set of policies and is the right size," he said.

The rebates, which would go to about 116 million families, had appeal for both Democrats and Republicans. Pelosi's staff noted that they would include \$28 billion in checks

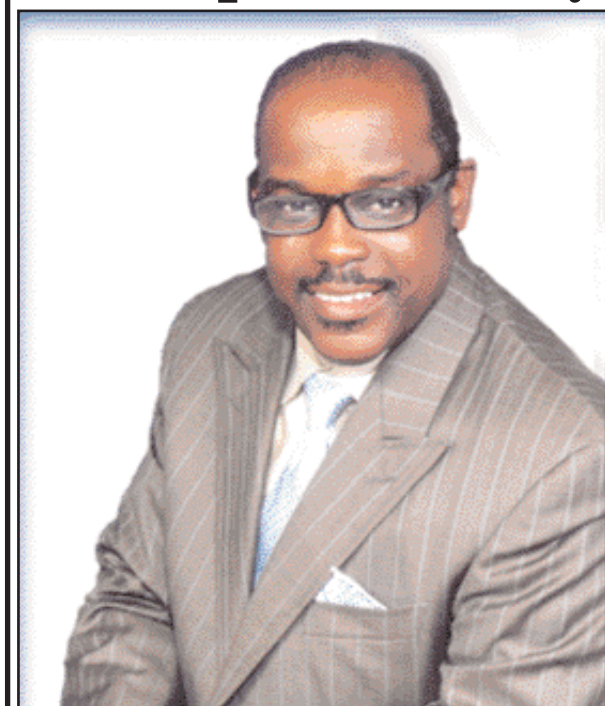
to 35 million working families who wouldn't have been helped by Bush's original proposal. Republicans, for their part, were pleased that the bulk of the rebates — more than 70 percent, according to an analysis by Congress' Joint Tax Committee — would go to individuals who pay taxes.

Individuals who pay

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## First Church Adopts Academy

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Blackonomics

## Racial Politics - Why are We Surprised?

By James Clingman  
NNPA Columnist

Back during the enslavement of Africans in America the so-called "One Drop Rule" was invented in order to assure a continuous supply of free labor from Black people.

As ridiculous as the rule was, it shows us today how desperate the rulers of this land were, and still are, not only to maintain control but to keep the waters muddled when

it comes to the political and social discourse.

They want to have it both ways. They want us to be "colorblind" when it comes to their ambitions, and yet they still promote and support the One Drop Rule. What's a Black person to do in this country?

The United States is the only country in the world that uses this mode of classification and in an article written by Stephan

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## Andrew Morrison

Andrew Morrison is founder of Small Business Camp - an entrepreneurial training and marketing services firm. In February of 2007, he trained 1,200 entrepreneurs in Nigeria. The company delivers an intensive 2-day program that allows the par-



ticipants to walk-in with just an idea and leave with a marketing plan, public relations strategy, money-making website, direct-mail campaign and 90 days of follow-up coaching.

Previously he built a multi-million dollar company by providing innovative direct

marketing services to Fortune 500 companies. He was featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Entrepreneur Magazine*, *The Network Journal* and *Crain's Magazine 40 Under 40 and Advertising Age*. He also appeared as a "Young Millionaire" on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Andrew hosted the "Money Making Mondays" radio show heard on 98.7 KISS-FM and serves as an adjunct faculty member at New York University and the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Andrew is the recipient of the prestigious Young Direct Marketer of

the Year Award and serves as a Deacon at the Abyssinian Baptist Church located in the village of Harlem. He recently completed a book entitled, "21 Questions That Can Build Your Business in 90 Days." Andrew is married and the proud parent of a 10 year-old daughter.

## Ona Brown

Ona Brown is an expert in personal and professional transformation. She is the daughter of world renowned motivational speaker and author Les Brown.



Ona has traveled nationally and internationally inspiring and motivating audiences from London, England to Stockholm, Sweden as well as the New Orleans Super Dome before 15,000

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giants of our time. Ona Brown's customized development and growth services increases productivity; boosts morale and activates teams; to give 150% above and beyond the call of duty.

## Dr. Cindy Trimm



Dr. Cindy Trimm is founder and CEO of a network of companies and ministries including Cindy Trimm Evangelistic Association, Dominion Ambassadors International, The Woman's Healing Clinic, Kingdom Life Publishing and Florida National Community

Development.

She is also pastor of Embassy Worship Center, a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic ministry based in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Highly respected by persons from all walks of life, a teacher of teachers, preacher, coach, mentor, consultant, author and former government senator, Dr. N. Cindy Trimm reaches into the depths of her existence, draws on knowledge, experience and wisdom, and pours out unselfishly into the lives of others.

A much sought

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

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

# THE TRUTH CLINIC

## Beware Of Politicians Bearing Gifts

President Bush and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced last week that they had agreed on a compromise emergency economic stimulus plan to give over \$150 billion dollars to the American people.

For some there was an automatic measure of skepticism prompted by the disbelief that President Bush and a Democratic House teamed up for an instant burst of bi-partisan economic legislation after engaging in bitter non-productive budgetary fighting for two years.

At first glance the proposal appears to be a solution to America's economic anemia. Their plan would give individual taxpayers with adjusted income less than \$75,000 up to \$600 in tax rebates, working couples with adjusted incomes less than \$15,000 up to \$1,200 and those with children an additional \$300 per child. Initial estimates are that 117 million families will receive a cumulative \$100 billion and businesses will get \$50 billion in incentives to invest in new plants and equipment.

As the world stock markets hemorrhaged in response to America's economic woes the stimulus package, while making an appealing political statement, is in reality bad economics.

Paul Krugman writes in the New York Times: "Unfortunately, the plan - which essentially consists of nothing but tax cuts and gives most of those tax cuts to people in fairly good financial shape -- looks like a

lemon." Sending checks to people in good financial shape does little or nothing to increase overall spending.

One segment of the needy population seems to be left out entirely. About 20 million senior citizens living chiefly on social security will not get rebate checks unless they have at least \$3,000 earned income or pay income taxes based on other sources such as earnings, interest, investments or private pension plans.

Even selected targeting for tax rebates and similar cash transfusions will not stimulate the economy. No concrete economic evidence validates that middle and upper-class families are more likely to spend rebate checks than the poor and unemployed. However, traditional economic theory holds that rebates will have limited stimulus impact unless recipients believe they will have permanent income. The reality is that once the rebate is spent the recurring expenses for basic necessities (rent, food, utilities, clothing, and transportation) remain. Without a weekly paycheck the short lived economic respite is nothing more than a temporary blip.

In reality, the rebate provision and tax incentive appears to be little more than political grandstanding to make it appear like something is being done. What is needed most are jobs that provide recurring income.

Perhaps the Works Progress Administration (WPA) model used dur-

ing the Great Depression of the 1930's should be dusted off and tailored to address the current economic crisis.

The WPA economic stimulus program was initiated by Franklin D. Roosevelt to provide jobs and income to the unemployed in rural and urban communities across the nation during the catastrophic economic period preceding World War II. Created in April, 1935 by Presidential order the program was funded by Congress in July.

There were approximately 20 million persons on relief in the United States confronting the daily hardship of obtaining food, clothing and shelter. Planning for an economic stimulus to help the beleaguered families focused on creating jobs. Removing those considered ineligible for employment (children, housewives, students, incapacitated, aged) from the 20 million on relief it was estimated that approximately 3.5 million jobs were needed via the WPA initiative.

WPA employed a maximum of 3.3 million by November 1938. At the peak of the WPA program about 15.2 percent of the jobs were held by blacks.

Program participants built many public buildings, roads, bridges, dams and other infrastructure projects. They fed children, redistributed food, clothing and housing. Additionally, they developed and operated large art, drama, media and literacy projects. The WPA was the largest employment base

in the country until closed down by Congress in 1943 because of the economic boom caused by the war.

While many are enamored with the proposed 2008 economic stimulus plan we should be reminded of the terrible pitfalls that can result following a self-serving rush to judgment. Five years of being bogged down in the quagmire of Iraq should serve as a cautionary history lesson.

The story of the wooden horse used by the Greeks to trick their way into the city of Troy was chronicled by Virgil around 19 BC. He advised, "Do not trust the horse, Trojans. Whatever it is, I fear the Greeks even when they bring gifts."

It is easy to be blinded by the dollars gushing from this hastily devised economic stimulus Trojan horse. The American people need to be keenly aware as they are seduced by the instant gratification falling from the mouth of the gift horse; there may be a horrible mess spewing from the backside.

Because the government is running a deficit the \$150 billion stimulus must be borrowed. Ironically, much of it will probably come from countries like China and other foreign creditors.

The net result is the borrowed rebate money will be spent buying more foreign goods thus exacerbating the deficits that helped create this economic crisis.

James W. Breedlove

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## Major Power Outages Strike Southern Africa

(NNPA) – A crisis at Eskom – South Africa's electricity supplier - has been blamed for power outages throughout the region with blackouts reported as far away as Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

The neighbor countries import electricity and South Africa is one of their key sup-

pliers. Also buying from Eskom are Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

In Zambia, an eight-hour power cut on recently left more than 300 miners temporarily trapped underground in the country's Copperbelt province.

Two weeks ago, some 900 tourists at South Africa's famous Table Mountain were

stranded at the top for three hours after a blackout ground the cable cars that travel up the 1,085-metre-mountain to a halt in mid-air.

Electricity rationing may need to be imposed for business and residential users until new and refurbished generating stations come online over the coming five years.

## National Women's Heart Health Fair On Saturday, February 9 At Dallas Convention Center To Offer Free Screenings, Tips, Demos And Advice

*Women can get FREE heart-health screenings; pick up tips from health, fitness and stress experts; and enjoy heart-healthy cooking and fitness demos*

**DALLAS** – Did you know that heart disease is the number one killer of American women, claiming more lives than the next six causes of death combined? Tragically, two-thirds of women who die suddenly of heart disease had no prior symptoms or awareness of their own risk factors. In other words, the first symptom is death!

The good news is that many cases of cardiovascular disease are PREVENTABLE with heart-healthy lifestyles and appropriate medical care. That's why it's critical that women get screened to learn their risk factors and take steps to reduce them.

**To address this need, women can obtain free heart health screenings with on-the-spot results and counseling at the National Women's Heart Health Fair on Saturday, February 9, 2008.** Sponsored by the Sister to Sister Foundation, the health fair will be at the Dallas Convention Center (650 S. Griffin St., 75202) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The health fair is FREE and open to the public (**PLEASE NOTE: HEART SCREENINGS ARE FOR WOMEN AGES 21 AND UP – the first 1,500 people will be screened.**) For details and schedule of events, go to [www.sistertosister.org](http://www.sistertosister.org).

DART, the official transportation provider for the event, will offer light rail and bus service directly to the Convention Center station (go to [www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org) or call 214-979-1111 for information). Parking is available in the Convention Center garage and at nearby lots.

"Although one out of every three female adults will get cardiovascular disease – coronary heart disease, hypertension and stroke – only 13% of women see this gen-

der-neutral killer as their greatest personal health risk," said Irene Pollin, the foundation's founder and president. "Another thing women must know is that heart attack symptoms are different for them. Women may feel shortness of breath, fatigue, abdominal pressure, nausea or heartburn, or jaw, neck, back or upper shoulder pain."

The 15-minute health screenings include cholesterol and triglyceride, blood pressure, blood glucose levels, Body Mass Index, waist circumference and review of family health history. Screening results are provided on-site and include an overall risk assessment and counseling with a licensed professional. Fitness and cooking demonstrations, stress management seminars with counseling and interactive activities, 100 exhibitor booths plus educational seminars are scheduled on five stages. The Univision Stage will feature Spanish-language presentations. Medical and health experts will participate in the panel discussions and Q&A sessions focusing on diabetes, heart disease, cardiovascular research and fitness (see schedule on last page). Zumba, body hooping (exercise with a hula hoop) and other exercise forms will be featured at the "Fitness Through Dance" area. Guests are encouraged to join in the exercise sessions.

Those seeking daily exercise can take advantage of the large walking track surrounding the Health Fair area. The first-ever "Big Walk" for adults and family members will begin at 1 p.m. Also on tap are breast cancer screenings offered at the YWCA's mobile mammogram unit and free chronic kidney disease screenings.

Topics for educational seminars include "Women and Heart Disease 101," "Women and Fitness,"

"Women and Cardiovascular Research," "Women and Diabetes" and "Congestive Heart Failure." Discussing these topics will be medical and health experts from Baylor Heart and Vascular Hospital.

Mrs. Pollin, who also co-owns the Verizon Center and NBA's Washington Wizards with her husband, Abe, organized Sister to Sister in 2000. It is the only national organization focused on screening and prevention of women's heart disease.

"We must convince women to take the initiative to look after their own health and their families," said Mrs. Pollin. "Screening for potential heart problems is a critical first step. Unfortunately, many women who juggle multiple duties neglect their personal well-being and may be toying dangerously with their own health. Care-giving is great, but looking after one's health is just as important."

The heart health fairs occur annually in 17 major U.S. cities. Of the 50,000 women screened since 2000, 80% of women screened have recognized for the first time that they are at risk for heart disease.

**United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison** is serving as the Honorary Chair for a fourth year. The event's Co-Chairs are **Colleen Barrett; Angie Chen Button; Laura V. Estrada; U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson; The Honorable Margaret Keliher, Wendy Lopez, P.E.; Reverend Dr. Sheron C. Patterson; Texas Senator Florence Shapiro; Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez; and Laura Whitley.** A stellar group of women leaders representing business, government, non-profit and the civic community serve on the 67-member Community Council.

## Shocking Testimonies at Liberia's TRC Hearings

(NNPA) – "Ghastly horrible testimonies" was how one newspaper described the public hearings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission now underway in Monrovia, Liberia.

Confessions of killing, torturing, and burning have been emerging in great detail from victims and perpetrators of the country's 14 year civil war, along with indictments of former government officials said to have masterminded some of the horrific events.

On the 8th day of TRC hearings, witnesses described the so-called Duport Road Massacre of 1992, a heinous bloodletting drama during which nearly 30 Liberians were

butchered in cold blood.

James Makor of Liberia's non-governmental organization Save My Future says the public statements still contain surprises.

"One musician around here, I had never knew that he was a general, but during the public hearing we got to know that he was a general," said Makor. "So in that case now, most of his songs he had always won public sympathy that he was victimized, instead people now know that he was one of the guys that had a lot of power to himself."

Makor was referring to Michael David, known as Sundaygar Dearboy. Witnesses have accused

David of rapes and beatings. One of Liberia's most popular stars, he sang the campaign song for Liberia's president, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf when she ran for office in 2005.

Makor says it is good for Liberians to know the truth about what happened.

"It is necessary that we get to know some of the people, what they did. For us to have the past information, so we can know how to interact with them," added Makor.

Out of 88 cases, the commission has heard only 16. According to the timetable set by the TRC, it has about roughly 11 more days to hear the balance of 72 cases before going to other counties.

## Uganda: Over 1,000 Nubians Face Mass Eviction

(NNPA) – A land deal that would dispossess more than 1,000 Nubian families to satisfy an investor has raised strong protests from the affected families.

The Nubians, who originally migrated from Sudan and fought alongside the Buganda Kingdom and other colonial British forces, say the 'Bombo' land was donated to them

by the Kabaka of Buganda after they helped put down the anti-imperialism Banyoro uprising of 1880-87.

But government officials are reportedly preparing for a formal takeover by the Gender Ministry. A modern centre for people with disabilities is planned for the site.

"We have lived here and

are going to continue living here (in Bombo) because this is our ancestral land," said 73-year-old Captain Ramathan Kassim, who says he is a former governor of South Buganda Province.

Ironically, amendments now under review to the 1998 Land Act would enhance security for tenants and criminalize evictions.

## Heart Attack Predictors

A World Health Organization study involved thousands of men and women in 16 countries. It was found that low levels of vitamin E in the blood was a good predictor of a heart attack 62% of the time. This compares to elevated blood cholesterol being predictive only 29% of the time and elevated blood pressure only 25% of the time.

The recommendation is 800 to 1200 IU of d-alpha-tocopheryl/tocopherol daily. It is much better utilized than the synthetic dl-alpha-tocopheryl/tocopherol variety.

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tion in the inner layer of blood vessels cause disruption of blood flow, potential clots and lead to strokes and heart attacks if not cleared up. The liver produces a marker when blood vessels are infected or inflamed called C-Reactive Protein. If your CRP levels are high it can be treated with 2 or 3 Cyruta Plus from Standard Process taken 3 times daily with meals. Order over the internet from [www.totaldiscountvitamins.com](http://www.totaldiscountvitamins.com).

In recent years Americans have been favoring plant seed oils made from corn, safflower, sun-

flower and other plants grown in the more southern latitudes. These oils are high in omega-6 fatty acids and need to be avoided. If you consume more omega-6 oil than omega-3 oil you are more susceptible to the metabolic disorders of arthritis, asthma, eczema and cancer in addition to heart problems. Use olive oil as much as possible and increase your consumption of flaxseed oil, hemp seed, leaf lettuce, cold water fish and walnuts which are good sources of omega-3 oils.

For more healthtips visit [www.cajunernie.com](http://www.cajunernie.com).

# Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Kicks Off Campaign With Arby's Foundation to Recruit Men as Volunteer Mentors

**PHILADELPHIA** -- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has launched the "Campaign for Men," a 13-month national program to recruit men, especially African-Americans and

with the organization and its local agencies for more than twenty years.

"We can change what it means to grow up in America," said Judy Vredenburg, president

become," said Vredenburg.

"We are pleased that our first grant initiative went to a program that will have a powerful, real impact on America's youth," said Greg Hawkins, Senior Vice President of Community Partnerships, Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. "The Big Brothers Big Sisters 'Campaign for Men' is a real call to action crusade that can make a difference in so many lives."

More than 70% of the children waiting for a "Big" (mentor) are boys, but only three out of every ten inquiries about volunteering come from men. More than 50% of the boys Big Brothers Big Sisters serves are African-American, while only 15% of its male volunteers are African-American.

According to research conducted among black men, they need to know that their skills and experiences qualify them to be Bigs, that they will be able to fit the time required into their lives, and that they will get ideas on activities from Big Brothers Big Sisters. The organization, which already has a Hispanic initiative in place, is conducting research on how to recruit more Hispanics.

The public service TV campaign will feature testimonials from real people -- Big Brothers who are making a difference in the lives of the children they

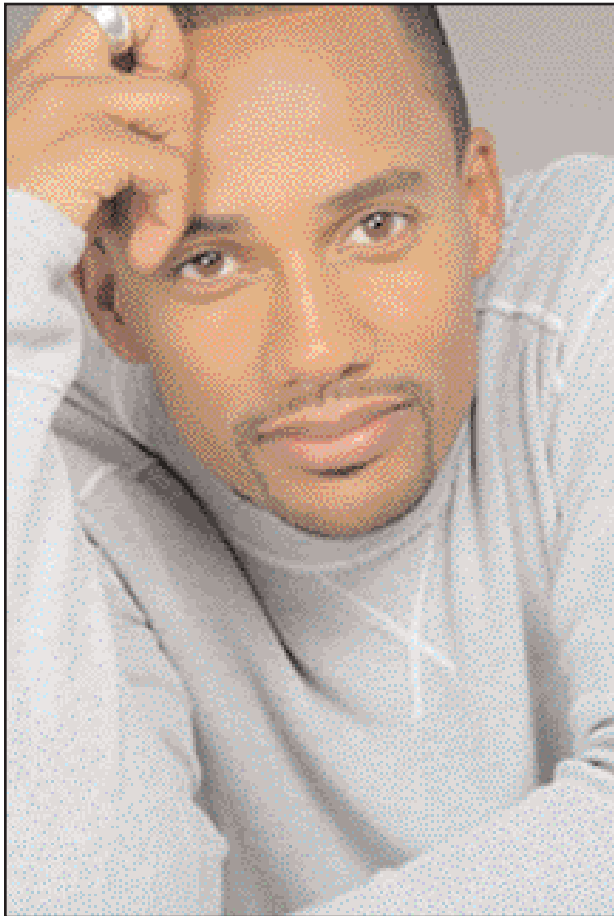
mentor.

Celebrities Troy Aikman (Former Dallas Cowboys player and member of the Football Hall of Fame), Hill Harper ("CSI:NY"),

and others will also appear in public service announcements.

Grassroots programs include "Bigs Asking Bigs," events for African-

American Bigs to recruit male friends, family members and colleagues; and a program to recruit at barbershops, spearheaded by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.



Hill Harper, star of CBS' CSI:NY

Hispanics, to mentor boys in communities across the United States. Campaign components range from advertising in mainstream media to grassroots efforts in Big Brothers Big Sisters' 400+ agencies. This program is being funded in part by a generous grant from the Arby's Foundation. Arby's(R), the largest corporate sponsor of Big Brothers Big Sisters, has been working

and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Independent research has shown that the Big Brothers Big Sisters model of professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring reduces violence and truancy, and improves children's relationships with their peers and families. "The more children, especially boys, we can mentor, the better their prospects -- and our nation's --

## Ruby Dee and Queen Latifah Win SAG Award

The Screen Actors Guild (SAG) presented its coveted Actor® statuette for the outstanding motion picture and primetime television performances of 2007 at the 14th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards® yesterday at the Los


Angeles Shrine Exposition Center. Ruby Dee was honored with the coveted Actor® in the supporting-actress category for her turn as Denzel Washington's mother in "American Gangster." Queen Latifah won for out-

standing performance by a female actor in a television movie or miniseries for her role as Ana in HBO's "Life Support." Latifah, who didn't attend the awards, won the Golden Globe for the same role earlier this year.


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defeated Hillary Clinton 55 percent to 27 percent in South Carolina's Democratic Primary with John Edwards hanging in with 18 percent.

"In the South where we were lynched?...My God," marveled Tracie Powell, a middle-aged Black accountant on her way home to Maryland. "If the slave masters could only wake up and see this."

Another woman, 27-year-old Stacy Stewart, a copyright lawyer from Trinidad & Tobago, quickly switched seats in order to get closer to the TV.

"The way the U. S. is viewed today around the world will change," she predicted in an interview. "Also, he will not only bring hope to the U. S., but around the world."

Joined on stage by his wife, Michelle, the voice of the man who would be America's first Black

president boomed throughout the terminal and in homes across America:

"Over two weeks ago, we saw the people of Iowa proclaim that our time for change has come. But there were those who doubted this country's desire for something new – who said Iowa was a fluke not to be repeated again. Well, tonight, the cynics who believed that what began in the snows of Iowa was just an illusion were told a different story by the good people of South Carolina," he says. "You can see it in the faces here tonight. They are young and old; rich and poor. They are Black and White; Latino and Asian and Native American...And in nine days, in nine short days, nearly half the nation will have the chance to join us in saying that we are tired of business-as-usual in Washington, we are hun-

gry for change, and we are ready to believe again."

Those "nine short days" have now been whittled down to less than a week as voters in 22 states will go to the polls in Democratic Primaries, called "Super Tuesday", Feb. 5.

A growing excitement appears to have set in – among people of diverse nationalities – at the mere thought that an African-American could possibly become president.

"I'm just happy...I'm a big supporter," said Abraham Kulungara, who identified himself as Indian. He sat mesmerized at the airport as Obama spoke, even as the last few people filed toward the plane.

Polls accurately predicted Obama's landslide win in South Carolina with a Democratic electorate of nearly half Black. But on Super

Tuesday, anything could happen as African-American heavy weights, such as Reps. John Lewis in Atlanta and Charlie Rangel in New York, campaign on behalf of Sen. Clinton.

Obama also received major new endorsements this week as U. S. Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass) and Caroline Kennedy, the brother and daughter of the late John F. Kennedy, announced their endorsements of him. Sen. Kennedy's son, Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.) also endorsed Obama this week.

Pundits have called Obama the first African-American candidate perceived as having a serious chance of being elected president.

Obama rejects speculation that Independents and even some conservative Republicans could be setting him up to vote against him in the final

election in November.

Right wing conservative commentator Pat Buchanan said in a recent televised interview that he would rather see Obama win because he would be easiest of the Democratic candidates to defeat.

"That's a silly argument," Obama scoffed in an interview with the NNPA News Service. He says his constituency has been misjudged.

"These aren't people who are...part of some grand conspiracy. These are people who believe that I can bring the country together to get some things done. And that's why the polls show me beating every other Republican who might be nominated."

If the chatter that started at the Atlanta Airport is any indication, he will continue to have broad-based support regardless of who ultimately wins the nomination and

becomes the party nominee at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, August 25-28.

Discussions continued even among strangers on the plane, headed for the Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C.

A White man and woman, initially strangers, held an intense conversation:

"My daughter, who is 15, is very excited about him," the man said. However he noted that he wouldn't mind if Clinton wins, especially since he liked her husband's presidency, albeit controversial. "I think he was a hell of a president. I don't care what he did."

The woman, apparently less enthusiastic about either Clinton, was conciliatory: "If she gets the nomination, I'll back her. But I'm hoping [Obama] will pull it off. But, there's an awful lot of racism yet."

## Medical Spanish? Chess? SAT Prep? Need to know more?

### Paul Quinn College Announces Extensive Continuing Education Program

Dallas-based Paul Quinn College launches a Continuing Education program in February in an effort to expand its offerings and increase community involvement. Youth programs focus on academic enhancement and fun and leisure, while adult classes offer personal, cultural and professional enrichment. Topics for the

non-credit courses range from Computer Literacy and Grant Writing to an Entrepreneur Leadership Institute and a review of the Old Testament.

The classes are open to new and returning students, as well as the community at large.

Classes begin throughout February and take place once a week in the

evenings or late afternoons or on weekends on the campus of Paul Quinn College located at 3837 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, TX.

For more information or a class schedule, please call Dr. Simmons at 214.302.3507 or Raymond Weeks at 214.302.3622 or check out the web site at [www.pqc.edu](http://www.pqc.edu)

## 2008 African American Read-In

The ninth annual African American Read-In, presented by the Dallas County Community College District, will encourage literacy by bringing works by Black writers to life on stage. The 2008 Read-In will highlight the written and visual artistry of special guest, illustrator, poet and storyteller, Ashley Bryan.

Mr. Bryan's works include "The Ox of the Wonderful Horns and Other African

Folktales"; "The Dancing Granny"; "Beat the Story-Drum, Pum-Pum"; "The Cat's Purr"; "Beautiful Blackbird"; and others. "Let It Shine" received the Coretta Scott King Award for illustration in January 2008.

The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre in Dallas. The event is free and open to the general public; seating is limited, so come early! Families and children age 8 or older are particularly welcome.

## Parent Workshop Gives the ABCs of College Readiness

College preparation does not just entail the student – but also the parent.

With this in mind, Collin College's Destination College will host its annual Parent Workshop from 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

The college planning and preparation process has

become much more than simply completing application forms during the senior year of high school. Many parents want to be involved in helping their child navigate this complex path to college but do not know the details of the process.

Over dinner, parents will participate in fast-paced sessions covering a variety of topics including college planning

timelines, choosing and applying to colleges, paying for college with financial aid and more. The information given will be applicable to universities and colleges in general.

Attendees will receive a copy of the 2008 Parent Workshop Resource Guide. The event is free and open to parents of high school-aged students.

Register by e-mail to [destinationcollege@cccd.edu](mailto:destinationcollege@cccd.edu).

### N2NE (In Time) Youth Mentoring and Intervention/Prevention Program

"Focus on your future and believe in your dreams."



Upcoming sessions:  
1/11 – Family Values/Life Skills  
1/17 – Juvenile Homes & Prison  
1/21 – Alcoholism & Drug Addiction  
1/24 – Missions  
1/29 – Teenage Pregnancy & Self Preservation

The program is held on Monday's and Wednesday's, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the clubhouse at Indigo on Forest Apartments, 5659 Forest Lane, Dallas, TX 75241.

\*None from Founder/CEO: I would like to invite all women to "Ladies Night" Feb. 4th, 6-7:30pm, at the Plano Housing Authority, 1709 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 Weathersbee (469-224-5618) or VP - Penny Francis (214-790-1178)

## Omega Psi Phi Announces National HS Essay Winner

Mr. LaVodges Griggs is Alpha Alpha Iota Graduate Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. National High School Essay Contest winner.

He received a \$100 award and a Omega Psi Phi certificate for his essay titled:

"What is the number one issue that would make the biggest difference in the lives of black people and if you were President, How would you address it?"

LaVodges wrote on



LaVodges Griggs pictured with William Lister, Chapter Keeper of Peace, and parents Rev. Sister Renita Griggs, LaVodges Griggs, and Pastor Dayvid L. Griggs, Jr.

the genocide of African-American males that's fueled by a growing educational gap and the lack of parental involve-

ment. The essay was submitted to the 9th District Committee Essay Chair where LaVodges will compete

for the \$1,500 District award.

The award was presented to Mr. Giggs by Bro. William Lister, chapter Keeper of Peace.

LaVodges accepted the award with his parents, Rev. Sister Renita Griggs, and Pastor Dayvid L. Griggs, Jr of the Zion Baptist Church in Rowlett, TX. Mr. Griggs is a high school senior at Genesis Christian Educational Institute in Rowlett and a member of the church youth choir.

## Local members gather to support; talk politics Denton County Democratic Fundraiser

By: Arlinda Arriaga

Over 150 Democratic Party members and supporters filled the Denton Visual Arts Center to support fellow Democrats this past Saturday. The Denton County Democratic Party held one of the 'Annual Chili Supper' fundraiser and candidate's forum.

Marsha Keefer, party member and coordinator of the fundraiser said the supper is one of the party's oldest events and has been a tradition for over 30 years. "The dinner is inner generational and includes all ages; and we hope to get a whole lot of democratic votes."

Six-year-old Skyla, daughter of Michael and Melissa Allbaugh started the program with a song and dance to keep the crowd smiling while discussing current politics and democratic involvement.

Neil Durrance, Chairmen of the Denton County Democratic Party, said he is extremely excited about the reemergence of the party. "Without a doubt the party is getting stronger, and I think people can feel it in the air."

The University of North Texas chapter of College Democrats also came out to

support the fundraiser. Hanna Ol'Bridge, Treasurer of the College Democrats and North Texas junior, said their goal is basically to grow the young base of the party. "Since the young people are the future of our party, we are just trying to get them involved and bring them out to the rest of the community."

According to Durrance there is not an exact count of the party membership because in Texas when you register and vote in the primary you are considered a registered Democrat. The program continued with nine candidates speaking on prominent issues such as the economy, education, and social issues.

Ol'Bridge said, "There are mainly candidates from around Denton, such as Phyllis Wolper who is running for County Commissioner, Precinct 1."

Profits from the 'Chili Supper' and silent auction will support the local party. Barbara Judkins of Lewisville who has been apart of the party for over 20 years said she sees more strength and confidence in the party. "Maybe we are going to see a democratic in the White House this year, and we just might see change."

## Plano Celebrates Martin Luther King Day



Plano's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. parade was held on Saturday January 19th. Although it was a chilly morning, more than 400 participants and fans turned out to celebrate



Fred Moses (right), President of the African American Republican Club of Collin County and friend celebrate Martin Luther King Day.

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work of Kiely, CEO of Molson Coors Brewing Company, the third largest brewer in the U. S.

"He is a gentle giant because of what he believes in terms of community and a true friend of the Black Press," Smith said in his introduction during the NNPA winter conference in Las Vegas. "He is a true advocate for the cause of African-American liberation and an advocate for us on the inside."

Kiely's next move put Smith's words into action. He recommitted to a 4-year-old national economic covenant, continuing a mission first initiated 24 years ago.

The covenant, signed by Kiely and NBEDC Co-Chairman Stanley Washington, as the pub-

lishers applauded, strengthens the company's commitment to economic growth and relationship in the Black community through diversity in employment, marketing, advertising, distribution, retailing, purchasing, corporate contributions and board representation.

"Our partnership with your organization is a wonderful thing in terms of us reaching out to our communities, employees and all of our constituencies - including beer-drinkers," Kiely said to chuckles. "You hear a lot these days about the way people get news and information...We have the Internet, blogs, podcasts - and I have my kids trying to educate me on what all that is as another generation is

coming along - but I personally believe that these days, where there's a lot of transformation on how people are getting their information, that they really appreciate getting their information from a familiar face that they can trust. And that face is you, the 200 plus newspapers of the NNPA...I think that is as true today as it has ever been."

Kiely said the Coor commitment to community, initiated in 1984 - 10 years before he came to Coors - was first established with the National Black Economic Development Coalition. NBEDC representatives, along with representatives from some of its member organizations, including NNPA the NAACP, and the Rainbow-PUSH

Coalition were present at the signing.

Coors was applauded as an example of a corporation that realizes Black buying power while some corporate giants discriminate or fail to significantly support Black causes or organizations.

Other major corporate sponsors of the Winter Conference - chaired by Michigan Chronicle publisher and NNPA First Vice Chair Karen Love - were Ford, The Home Depot, Smithfield, Delta, Majestic Star and Fitzgeralds.

"The signing of the new covenant illustrates a renewed commitment on behalf of Coors Brewing Company and the African-American community to continue a mutually beneficial part-

nership," said Washington.

According to a Coors statement, the corporation has contributed nearly \$4 million to Black, non-profit organizations and during last year alone approximately \$165 million for various goods and services.

"Coors beer has a real corporate heart. They say what they mean and mean what they say," said NNPA Foundation Chair Dorothy Leavell, who runs NNPA Media Services. "For the last six or seven months, we have been placing the ads for Coors Beer through NNPA Media services. It has been a pleasure. It has been a promise, one that was kept, and we are very pleased."

Smith awarded Moses

Brewer, Coors' corporate relations manager, the NNPA Distinguished service award for his dedicated relationship with NNPA. Brewer regularly attends NNPA conferences and events.

Preparing to sign the recommitment, Kiely says it just makes good civic and business sense.

"This is not a relationship based on convenience," says Kiely. "It is based on mutual respect, sound economic decisions and the determination to work hard to achieve common goals. And that has always been the spirit of our relationship. The goal of the NBEDC is to have African-American businesses participating in our business on a greater level. It is the right thing to do."



## 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 Kacoo's - 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](http://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](http://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.sharesouthwest.org](http://www.sharesouthwest.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.wenetworktx.com](http://www.wenetworktx.com) or email [info@wenetworktx.com](mailto:info@wenetworktx.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](mailto:fiat513@yahoo.com).

### February 1

**Weekend Festival of Black Dance: Rhythm and Soul of a People** concert presented at the Black Academy of Arts & Letters, 650 S. Griffin Street starting at 8:00 p.m. Admission to the show is \$10. For more information please call 214-743-2400.

### February 5, 2008

**Oak Cliff for Obama Fundraiser and Primary Election Watch Party** will be held at Somewhere Else (formerly Billy G's) located

at 7115 Marvin D. Love Freeway in Dallas from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Join "Oak Cliff for Obama" and honorary chairpersons Isabel Cottrell and Michael Sorrell as history is made. Contribution will include food and refreshments. For more information call Edna Pemberton 972 780-7544

### February 9

**Pre-Valentine 70's Party** sponsored by DCC Girl Talk and City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department Admission presale \$12, \$15 at the door. 8PM-1AM, Los Rios Country Club 1700 Country Club Drive, Plano 75074 For more information contact Douglas Community Center 972-941-7174

**4th Annual Sister to Sister National Women's Healthy Heart Health Fair** will offer 15-minute hearth health screenings for women with on-the-spot results and one-on-one counseling. FREE and open to the public. 9 am - 5pm Dallas Convention Center 650 S. Griffin St Dallas 75202 For details and schedule of events, go to [www.sistertosister.org](http://www.sistertosister.org)

### February 12

**PISD Advanced Academics Parent Academy** meeting to inform parents about Plano Academic and Creative Education (PACE), the district's gifted and talented program, as well as volunteer opportunities available to parents 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 PM, Wells Elementary 3427 Mission Ridge Road Plano 75023 For more information call Donna Harttman 469-752-8947

### February 14 - 17

**1984 Big Brother is Watching** Orwell's classic novel is brought to life on the stage in this regional premier production Showtime

8:00 p.m. Admission \$10.00 - \$15.00. For more information call 972-754-2672, or email [tickets@friscocommunitytheatre.com](mailto:tickets@friscocommunitytheatre.com).

### February 15

**The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce 24th Annual Quest For Success Awards Luncheon** celebrating and honoring African-American entrepreneurs in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for outstanding business achievements and service to the community 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Dallas Convention Center Ballroom C (650 South Griffin. For more ticket information and sponsorship info, call 214-421-5200 or log onto [www.dbcc.org](http://www.dbcc.org).

### February 16

**A Taste of Louisiana Food Festival** A food-tasting event sponsored by the Evangelism/Outreach Ministries Hill Chapel CME Church in Plano for our neighboring community to get to know us as we all feast and fellowship together outside the walls of the church. Menu includes gumbo, jambalaya, dirty rice, fried catfish, chicken and dumplings and more. Free and open to the public 5:30 - 8:30 PM at the Douglass Community Center 1111 Avenue H in Plano, Texas 75074. Call 972-423-4090 for more information

### February 19

**Irving Black Arts Council: The Forgotten Soldier The Dupree Theater in the Irving Arts Center** presents the story of the forgotten soldier. The Irving Arts Center is located at 3333 North McArthur Boulevard in Irving. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. Admission is FREE. For more information call 214-670-2149, or email [irvingblackarts-](mailto:irvingblackarts-)

[info@yahoo.com](mailto:info@yahoo.com).

### February 21

**The Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Trailblazer Award Luncheon** honors African-American's who have made an impact in the business and education communities in which they live, work, and serve. Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant, 401 Central Expressway Allen 75013. Networking 11:00 am, award luncheon promptly at 11:45 am \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 non-members Seating is limited.

RSVP no later than February 11th, 2008 at 469-424-0120 x703 or email [rgiddings@ccblackchamber.org](mailto:rgiddings@ccblackchamber.org) or [ccbccsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:ccbccsecretary@yahoo.com)

### February 22

**The Dallas Opera presents PORGY AND BESS** the quintessential American opera tells the story of Porgy, a crippled Black man living in the slums of Charleston, South Carolina, and his attempts to free Bess from the clutches of her drug-dealing pimp. February 22 - March 1 at The Music Hall at Fair Park 909 First Ave Dallas 75210 Phone 214-443-1000 for show times and tickets

### March 28 - 30

**Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour** America's favorite sensation comes to the American Airlines Center and places the Emmy Award Nominated High School Musical with ice as the dance floor. For show times and tickets visit the American Airlines Center Box Office at 2500 Victory Avenue Dallas, Texas 75219 or call the box office at 214-665-4797.

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# Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community



# First Church Adopts Forest Lane Academy of Arts and Community

After a very successful, Back-to-School Rally to help students be prepared to start the 2007 – 2008 School Year, (see story in the North Dallas Gazette's August 23, 2007 Edition) hosted by First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park (First Church) and Richardson Independent School District (RISD), the school district sought to collaborate more with First Church. RISD asked Senior Pastor Gregory Foster, D.Min, Ph.D., if First Church would be willing to adopt a school in the District. Pastor Gregg's answer was immediate and decisive, a resounding yes.

Sponsoring the Back-to-School Rally, without any outside help, First Church paid for the entire cost of the rally, and provided church volunteers to work at the rally. The school purchased school supplies and donated food (breakfast, lunch, and an evening meal) for the event from 7 a.m. until after the last student had supplies and food to eat. Church members stated they were tired after working late Friday night into the wee hours of Saturday morning getting supplies, food, and the booths ready for the rally on Saturday morning; but church members indicated it was very rewarding to help the children be prepared for school. For the rally, 500 volunteer T-shirts were ordered, and the committee ran out of T-shirts before 7 a.m.; the



*Dr. Gregory Foster*

desire to help and make a difference in the lives of students kept the volunteers on the parking lot and helping the entire time.

Prior to the second semester of the school year, First Church was asked to adopt Forest Lane Academy of Arts and Community on Forest Lane, this school is in close proximity to Hamilton Park

Community & Neighborhood, where First Church had its beginnings. Forest Lane is a school with an enrollment of approximately 618 students, where 79.2% of the students receive free and reduced lunch, and the school consists of 79.2% economically disadvantaged families. The students in Forest Lane Academy have a need for basic

household items, in addition to regular school items, that family members use in their homes: Combs, toothpaste/tooth brushes, deodorant, and Ms. Duana Kindle, the principal I said, "We need white socks, even those with holes in them (they are used to wipe the student's marking board; there's no need to buy fancy dry eraser markers.) The school has a need for

student reinforcement items and staff incentives; these are things that a Parent, Student & Teacher Association (PSTA) usually helps supply for a school. This was when First Church discovered Forest Lane Academy does not have an active PSTA to help students and staff with project PSTA normally handles for a school.

The Yoke Fellows, a Men's Bible Study Group at First Church asked Senior Pastor Gregg if they could be the main sponsor and the link between the church and the school. Members stated that they have a desire to especially reach the male students and be mentors for students without an active father in their lives. After approval, the Yoke Group scheduled a meeting with Ms. Duana Kindle, Principal; Ms. Pam Aitken, Assistant Principal, Ms. Celina Cardenas, District Community Liaison, and Board Trustee David Tyson, Jr. to identify the needs of the students, staff and school. Senior Pastor Gregg, asked to Principal Kindle, "Tell us what you want and need us to do. Our agenda is your agenda."

Attendees at the meeting were: Senior Pastor Gregg; Brother Bertram Thomas, Church Coordinator; Yoke members, Brothers Terrence Fuller, President; Fred Polk, 1st Vice President; Luther Hill, 2nd Vice President and Brother

Clarence William; and District personnel Ms. Kindle, Ms. Aitken, Ms. Cardenas, and the Honorable Tyson, Jr., District Trustee.

Principal Kindle came to the meeting prepared with demographics of the school, a list of annual supplies needed and Fine Arts and General Support Opportunities that helps supports students and staff.

Pastor Gregg started his comments with, "Don't worry, First Church, is here for the students, staff, and school for the long haul. The Principal will give us our marching orders. From this point on we will not leave you alone. He mentioned that First Church had a long desire to find a way to reach that community, even to the point of negotiating to purchase a building and land near the school, but God said, "No." Pastor Gregg said that God had a better way and this was it. God made a way to help us fulfill the great commission until Christ Comes again, as in Matthew 28:18-20.

When Pastor Gregg was asked why the members of First Church have gone out of their way to support the schools in the District with their time, talent, and monies, his reply was, "Not for fame or glory, but to lift up His Holy name. To God be the Glory!" Their main focus is their motto, "Each One Reach One." and this helps to build the Kingdom of God.



## Target First Saturdays Celebrating Black History Month and Identity

**Free Admission: 10 am – 2 pm Saturday, February 2nd**

How do you identify yourself? Is it by your race, culture, gender, interests, or a combination of all of the above? Explore the various aspects of Identity while also taking a look at Black History Month at the Nasher Sculpture Center's Target First Saturdays. The Nasher Center is located at 2001 Flora St., Dallas, Texas in the Arts District. For more information, please call (214) 242-5100.

### SCHEDULE:

**10 am – 2 pm: Art Scavenger Hunt**

Exercise detective skills to search the Nasher for art relating to Identity through thought-provoking questions. Complete the hunt for a special prize.

**10 am – 12 noon: Children's Art Activity: Future Self Portrait Masks**

Children will use templates, collage paper, crayons and markers to create self-portrait masks

of themselves in the future. What type of Identity will they create for themselves?

**10 am – 12:30 pm: Art in Action Sculpture Demo**

An interactive artist demonstration focuses on sculpting techniques and processes, visual aids, and hands-on learning for young children.

**10:15 am – 12:15 pm: Hourly Family Tours**

Discover and discuss this month's Big Idea of Identity through family tours of the Nasher Collection. The tour will focus on works of art, which explore this topic including *Bronze Crowd*, *Walking to the Sky*, and *Seated Woman and Child*.

**11 am – 2 pm: NasherKids Meal at Nasher Cafe**

Stop by the Cafe for a tasty lunch made just for young people!

**11:30 am: Yoga in the Garden with YogaSport**

This popular monthly offering gives participants



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Leo Hassan will perform African Drumming

the opportunity to exercise and stretch in the serenity of the Sculpture Garden.

**12:30 pm Story time with the Dallas Public Library**

The Dallas Public Library will present stories relating to Black History Month.

**1 pm: NasherKids Live!**

Leo Hassan will perform African drumming and share ancient folktales and songs

## Friendship-West to host Community Cinema Screening of documentary *Banished*

On February 8, 2008, Friendship-West Baptist Church will host a free screening of the PBS documentary *BANISHED* @ 7:00 p.m. *BANISHED* is part of PBS' weekly Independent Lens series which is hosted by Terrence Howard.

One hundred years ago in communities across the U.S., white residents forced thousands of black families to flee their homes. Even a century later, these towns remain almost entirely white. *BANISHED* tells the story of three of these communities and their black descendants, who return to learn their shocking histories.

Through conversations with current residents and the descendants of those who were driven out, the film contemplates questions of privilege, responsibility, denial, healing, reparations

and identity.

Filmmaker Marco Williams said he wanted to make a film that explored prospective solutions to the racial divide. "I do hope that the film will be part of the material for building bridges across the forces that divide Americans and people throughout the world," Marco Williams said.

After the screening of the documentary, there will be a group discussion for those in attendance. "We hope to accomplish three things with this screening and discussion," says Lewis "Ski" Elliott, L.I.F.E. Matters Facilitator and Mentor at Friendship-West. "We want to increase social consciousness, educate and empower our guests, as well as bridge the gap between the past and present and into the future."

"The events recounted in

*Banished* are not as distant as we would like to think," said Shawn Williams.

Shawn Williams publishes the blog *Dallas South* and will facilitate the discussion after the screening. "Even today historical African-Americans neighborhoods are slowing fading away. We need to take a closer look at why that is," he said.

Danielle Ayers, Minister of Justice at Friendship-West, says that this will not be the last film screening for the benefit of the community. "We plan to show more films that highlight the realities of our community and offer solutions to the troubles we face," says Ayers.

*BANISHED* will air on PBS stations throughout the country on February 19th. The documentary will air in the Dallas area that evening on KERA Channel 13 at 10:00 p.m.

## Sesame Street Live at NOKIA Theatre



What's red, furry and aspiring to become a patrol officer? No, not Detective O'Malley! The answer is, the next best thing for our ghetto-dwelling youth in Dallas, Elmo! That's right, Sesame Street is coming to perform live for your family and friends. Sesame Street opens the doors to the adventure of learning, teamwork, and self esteem. Thanks to your friends at the Vee Corporation the Sesame Street Workshop is a non-profit, informal educational organization, which, through philanthropy and product proceeds, can produce such programs in over 120 countries, including South Africa, India, and Bangladesh. The Vee Corporation has been delighting

families with fun entertainment around the world with traveling stage shows for nearly 30 years. Now, as the Sesame Street Live Workshop comes to town, Vee will grace the stage in Grand Prairie at the NOKIA Theatre this February.

This latest Sesame Street Live production, entitled "When Elmo Grows Up", will teach children to believe in themselves as they see the entire Sesame Street cast living out their dreams. You and your children will absolutely love this charming, Broadway-quality production filled with memorable songs such as "Give a Little Love", "Down on the Corner" and every youngster's favorite, "I Love Trash". Through this pro-

duction children will learn that if they believe in themselves, and are willing to put forth a little effort, their possibilities are endless.

Here is your chance to share this experience with your tot. "When Elmo Grows Up" will be opening on Thursday February 21st at 7:00 p.m. with discounted seats (\$12). After that, it will be showing Friday the 22nd at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Saturday the 23rd at 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.; and finally two shows on Sunday the 24th at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. All showings will be located at the NOKIA Theatre, 1001 Performance Place, in Grand Prairie, Texas 75050. Admission (besides on opening night) is \$16, \$22, and \$27. A limited supply of Gold Circle Tickets will be available for \$34. A "facility fee" of \$3 will be added to all ticket prices. To charge tickets by phone, please call Ticketmaster at 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700. Tickets may also be purchased on the web at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For more information on the Sesame Street Workshops, please visit [www.sesamestreetlive.com](http://www.sesamestreetlive.com).

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# Advertising Targeting African-American Consumers Exceeds \$2.3 Billion Annually

**NEW YORK** (blackchipstocks.com) -- In its first 12-month analysis of advertising spending on media outlets that reach African American consumers, The Nielsen Company reported today that spending for the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 totaled \$2.3 billion. The Nielsen African American ad spending analysis covers over 22,000 national, regional and local advertisers, across 130+ media vehicles.

Nielsen Monitor-Plus, the advertising intelligence service of Nielsen, tracked 5 individual media for this analysis: Local Radio, National Magazine, National Cable TV, Network TV and Syndication TV. Local Radio reported the greatest amount of spending on African American targeted media at \$805 million dollars, comprising 35% percent of total spending.

National Cable TV reported the largest ad growth with 14.5% during this period. This growth is the result of a number of factors including: Year over year growth for BET, the inclusion of TV One in the Nielsen Monitor-Plus service as of January 2007, as well as a number of high profile TV programs such as "House of Payne" on TBS, "Being Bobby Brown" on Bravo, "Flavor of Love" on VH1, and "Making the Band" on MTV.

"We think it is terrific that Nielsen has undertaken this analysis, demonstrating their desire to increase their reporting of ethnic advertising. It's the first-time that such a comprehensive analysis of advertising spending to reach African Americans has been undertaken," said Deborah Gray-Young, Vice President & Director of Media Services for

Chicago-based E. Morris Communications. "This is an excellent first step, and we look forward to seeing the number of media included increase in future analysis."

"We're excited to be able to offer African American targeted media insights to our clients, and we look forward to continuing to provide analysis like this in the future," said Brian Lane, SVP of Client Strategy and Product Management for Nielsen Monitor-Plus.

National magazines reported more than \$600 million in spending, showing healthy revenue across a number of publications including Essence magazine. Nielsen Monitor-Plus also added the following publications to its monitoring during this time period: American Legacy, King, Giant and XXL.

Syndication TV reported \$102.4 million dollars in ad spend for programs that have a 50% or greater composition of African American audiences, and that's down year over year. Syndication is made up of a good mix of both established off-network programs such as "The Bernie Mac Show," "One on One" and "Girlfriends" as well original syndication programming, like "Judge Mathis" and "Showtime at the Apollo."

Network TV at \$193.3 million dollars saw a consolidation of UPN and WB into the new CW network. The Top Network TV shows based on total ad revenue are: "Girlfriends," "Everybody Hates Chris," "The Game," and "All of Us" on the CW, as well as "Watch Over Me" on MNT.

With \$89.7 million in spending, Procter & Gamble is the largest advertiser targeting African American con-

sumers. McDonald's is second with \$37.7 million, followed by Johnson and Johnson with \$36.1 million in total spending for the 12 months October 2006 through September 2007. Collectively, the Top 25 Advertisers spent a total of \$681.0 million.

Five auto makers are in the top 25 advertisers across all African American media: General Motors (\$35.8 million), Chrysler (\$28.2 million), Ford Motor Co. (\$25.9 million), Nissan Motor Co. LTD., (\$22.1 million) and Toyota Motor Corp (\$21.7 million).

The top brands advertised by Procter & Gamble include Charmin, Bounty, Crest, Olay, Cover Girl and Tide. National Amusements, parent com-

pany to CBS Corp and Viacom advertised for a number of movies that featured African American characters or casts including "Freedom Writers," "Dreamgirls," "Norbit," and "Black Snake Moan."

Spending for the top 15 product categories across all media reached over \$806 million. Not surprisingly the Automotive category has the most spending at \$187.4 million, more than double the dollar amount of the number two product category, Quick Service Restaurants at \$79.1 million. Motion Pictures is the third highest ad spending product category at \$75.4 million.

In addition to this African American advertising analysis, Nielsen Monitor-Plus reports

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Nielsen Monitor-Plus African American Advertising Spending Analysis Methodology

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Thernstrom in April 2000, the author states, "The United States is the only country in the world in which a White woman can give birth to a Black baby but a Black woman cannot give birth to a White baby." Think about this and other historical issuances regarding race in this country, and you will surely come away with a better understanding of what is behind the current political jousting matches.

Now that there is a glimmer of "hope" (I seem to remember that word being used in Bill Clinton's campaign as well... "I still believe in a little town called Hope") among Black folks that a "Black" man could be this country's next leader, we hear all kinds of racial innuendos, undertones and overtones, and suggestions that Whites will, in the privacy of the voting booth, go for a McCain (ugh), Romney (Reagan reincarnate), or even Giuliani (the joker) over an Obama. Who knows?

Maybe they would even do the same over What if we were in charge? I'd like to think we would be fair and equitable in our dispensation of justice, economic benefits, and other "inalienable" rights. I'd like to think we would exercise moral and ethical behavior toward one another. But some of what I see going on among Black people, caught up in the hoopla of Presidential politics, casts a shadow over the "hope" I have for a better condition among our people, no matter who wins in November.

Young men and women are still dying everyday in Iraq, and idiots like John McCain are still trying to convince us the "surge is working," and even after the recent news that the Bush Administration, which in this case includes, Rumsfeld, Cheney, Rice, and Powell, told 935 lies to get us into the war in Iraq, he says we did the right thing. Huckabee, the Preacher, won't even

call out the "sins" of the Bush administration. Lying is a sin, isn't it?

Black folks have lost our zeal for even discussing the war anymore. We are ensconced in who will be our next President but yet we accept the candidates' refusal to say a single word about their plans to help Black people, while they have no problem at all stating their desires and support for the Jewish people.

Blacks will not make the progress we need to make, under any President, if we do not move from the ridiculous to the sublime – and then on to the pragmatic work of saving ourselves before it's too late. We seem to get caught up the most mundane, diversionary, elementary issues, while other folks are busy strengthening their position even more. So we should not be surprised at the discussions on the campaign trail these days. It's all part of the game that has always made losers out of Black

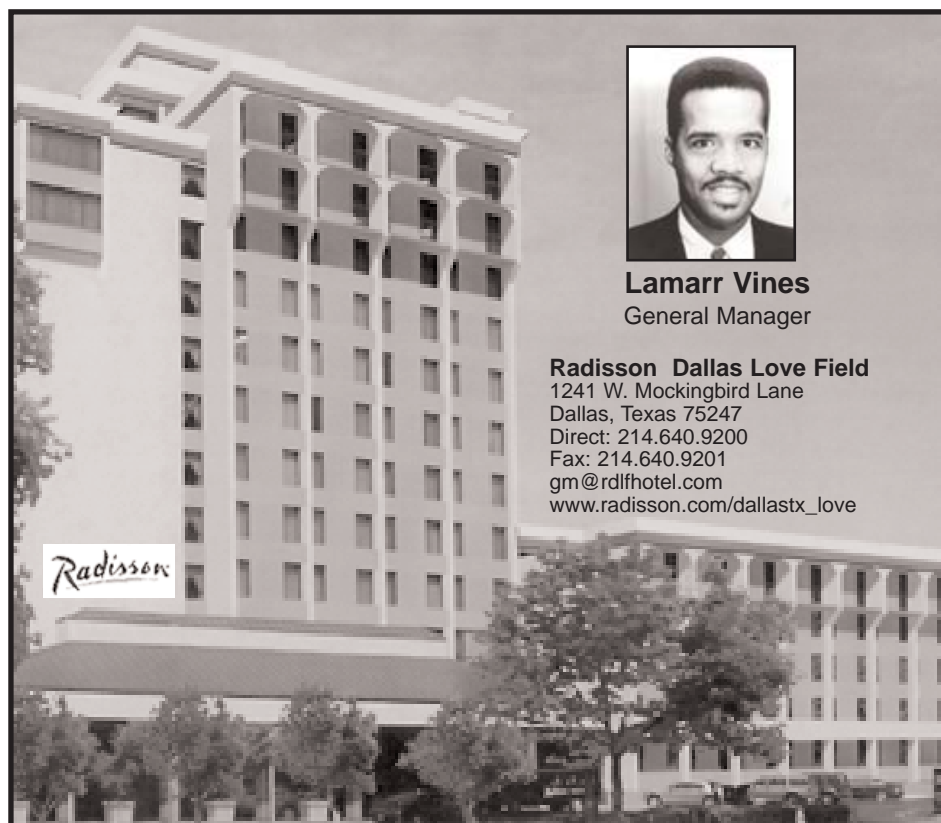
people.

Lawrence Wright wrote an article titled, "One Drop of Blood" published by the New Yorker in 1994. I leave you with an excerpt: "Is it any accident that racial and ethnic categories should come under attack now, when being a member of a minority group brings certain advantages? The white colonizers of North America conquered the indigenous people, imported African slaves, brought in Asians as laborers and then exclud-

ed them with prejudicial immigration laws, and appropriated Mexican land and the people who were living on it. In short, the nonwhite population of America has historically been subjugated and treated as second-class citizens by the white majority. It is to redress the social and economic inequalities of our history that we have civil-rights laws and affirmative-action plans in the first place. Advocates of various racial and ethnic groups point out that many of

the people now calling for a race-blind society are political conservatives who may have an interest in undermining the advancement of non-whites in our society. Suddenly, the conservatives have adopted the language of integration, it seems, and the left-leaning racial-identity advocates have adopted the language of separatism. It amounts to a polar reversal of political rhetoric."

The more things "change," the more they stay the same.





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## Job Hunters Need Updated Resumes

By EILEEN ALT POWELL

NEW YORK (AP) -- If you're worried about losing your job as the U.S. economy weakens, it's time to update your resume in case you need to hunt for new employment.

Your goal should be making your resume stand out from the hundreds of other resumes that employers receive.

It used to be that a resume - which is a brief, written summary of an individual's education, work and accomplishments - started with a "statement of purpose," something akin to "I'm seeking a challenging position that offers professional growth." But that doesn't make the jobseeker distinctive from the competition.

"You really need to highlight your last five years of experience and concrete accomplishments," said

John A. Challenger, chief executive officer of the Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc. outplacement firm in Chicago. "That's what makes you stand out."

Challenger said, for example, that "saying you are a marketing executive with experience in brand management" doesn't make you stand out because most market executives have those skills. But "saying that you are a marketing executive who developed the concept and designed the materials for an advertising campaign for a new

brand" reveals much more, he said.

Job applicants also have to realize that they're applying to work for very busy people, so they have to keep the key items in their resumes brief and to the point, he added.

It should go without saying that all resumes have some things in common:

- They're attractive to look at, whether mailed or e-mailed
- The content has been checked for typos and grammatical errors
- The contact information

is correct

Kate Wendleton, president of the Five O'Clock Club, a career coaching and outplacement firm in New York, said jobseekers also should prepare a cover letter for their resumes.

In brief, it should say you've been following the company's activities, that you have a number of years of experience in the relevant field, that your most important accomplishments are X and Y, and that you'd appreciate 20 minutes of the would-be employer's time to discuss the job.

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## Sister Tarpley

**Note:** Because of my desire to print the monthly Scripture Readings for my readers before the new month starts, I am printing the scriptures for February this week; my column next week, 02-07-2008, will continue with the information I get on Watch Night Services. Thanks, Sister Tarpley

From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder and Senior Pastor: To live victoriously think less of things "over you." 1 John 4:4. God always speaks loud enough to make a willing soul hear. **Deuteronomy 5:27.**

Death brings about total integration; all are equal. **Romans 5:12.** As a Christian, you should never let adversity get you down, except on our knees! **Daniel 6:10.** He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass! **Matthew 6:13-14.** Temptations are sure to rap at your door, but it's your fault if you let them in! **2 Peter 2:9; Matthew 6:13 and 26:41.** The poor man is often happier than the rich man. **Psalms 37:16.** It

## Scriptures For February 2008

is no secret what God can do; what He's done for others, He'll do for you. **Jeremiah 32:27; Hebrew 13:8.**

While there is life, there is hope. **Psalms 6:5.**

Christians are like tea; it takes hot water to bring out their strength. **1 Peter 5:8-**



*Picture of The Week: First Lady Tasha Stafford, Fellowship B.C. of Allen and Rev. Cheryl Coleman, Senior Pastor, St. Paul AME Church, Harrington, Delaware*

**10.** Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet. **Galatians 6:9.** Fear is a hindrance to all virtue. **2 Timothy 1:7.** You quickly lose interest in the church if you have nothing invested. **Hebrews 10:25.** Christ can help me to speak the right word to the right person at the right time. **Proverbs 25:11.** Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. **1 John 4:18.** Kindness is the language the deaf can hear and the blind can see. **Ephesians 4:32.**

Through your prayer you not only worship God;

you witness to men. **1 Thessalonians 5:17.** If you will not have God with you now, He will not have you in eternity. **Isaiah 55:6-7; 2 Chronicles 15:2; Psalms 116:8.** To friendship; every burden is light. **1 Peter 5:7.** The best inheritance a father can leave his children is a Christian example! **Ephesians 6:4.** It is better to forgive and forget than to resent and remember. **Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:14.** God's power can change fear and weakness into confidence and strength. **Psalms 56:3.** The Christian home should be earth's sweetest type of heaven. **Mark 5:19; Luke 15:6.**

Those who have a second birth will never experience a second death. **1 John 3:6.** Those who walk the closest to God and work the hardest, watch for Christ's return. **Luke 12:37; Hebrews 5:28.** Praising the Lord in spite of trials changes burdens into blessings. **1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Timothy 6:6.** Go to church to continue with God, not to criticize. **Psalms 42:4.** Delay not until tomorrow to be wise, for tomorrow's sun may never rise. **Proverbs 3:13-14.** Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath! **James 1:19.**

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income taxes would get up to \$600, working couples \$1,200 and those with children an additional \$300 per child under the agreement. Workers who make at least \$3,000 but don't pay taxes would get \$300 rebates.

The rebates, expected to go out in June, would cost about \$100 billion, aides said. The package also includes close to \$50 billion in business tax cuts.

The package would allow businesses to immediately write off 50 percent of purchases of plants and other capital equipment and permit small businesses to write off additional purchases of equipment.

Pelosi, agreed to drop increases in food stamp and unemployment benefits during a meeting in exchange for gaining the rebates of at least \$300 for almost everyone earning a paycheck, including those who make too little to pay income taxes.

"I can't say that I'm totally pleased with the package, but I do know that it will help stimulate the economy. But if it does not, then there will be more to come," Pelosi said.

Boehner said the agreement "was not easy for the two of us and our respective caucuses...You know, many Americans believe that Washington is broken," Boehner said. "But I think this agreement and I hope that this agreement will show the American people that we can fix it and will serve to move along other bipartisan agreements that we can have in the

future."

The rebates would phase out gradually for individuals whose income exceeds \$75,000 and couples with incomes above \$150,000, aides said. Individuals with incomes up to \$87,000 and couples up to \$174,000 would get partial rebates. The caps are higher for those with children.

The agreement left some lawmakers in both parties with a bitter taste, complaining that their leaders had sacrificed too much in the interest of striking a deal. Many senior Democrats were particularly upset that the package omitted the unemployment extension. Majority Leader Harry Reid said the goal is to send the package to the White House by Feb. 15 for President Bush's signature. Bush has supported larger rebates of \$800-\$1,600, but his plan would have left out 30 million working households who earn paychecks but don't make enough to pay income tax, according to calculations by the Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center.

To address the mortgage crisis, the package also raises

the limits on Federal Housing Administration loans and home mortgages that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac can purchase to as high as \$725,000 in high-cost areas. Those are considerable boosts over the current FHA limit of \$362,000 and the \$417,000 cap for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's loan purchases.

The package was drawing fire from liberal activists and labor unions upset that proposals to extend unemployment insurance and boost food stamps had been dropped. Many Democratic lawmakers had assumed those proposals would make it into the package, and critics of the deal said those ideas could pump money into the economy more quickly than tax rebate checks that won't be delivered until June.

Democratic aides said greater GOP flexibility over giving relief to poor families with children — who would not have been eligible under Bush's original tax rebate proposal — was the catalyst that moved the talks forward.

Information from the Associated Press contributed to this report.

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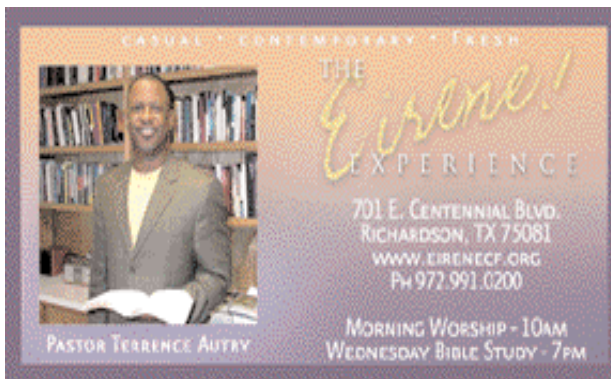
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## Harlem Artist With Downs Syndrome Paints Over the Odds

By Peter Bailey

**HARLEM (NNPA)** - As a new year begins, 17-year old artist Haile King-Rubie looks back on 2007 with a great sense of happiness, satisfaction and pride.

In what can only be described as a break-out year, Haile - who is mentally challenged by Downs Syndrome - experienced the

confidence-building joy of a premier exhibit of 30 of his paintings, including 18 at a Harlem bank; the distribution of greeting cards using several of his paintings and the setting of a website, hailesimo.org, displaying his artwork.

It was a smiling, enthralled Haile who, with hugs and handshakes, welcomed attendees to the exhi-

bitions, the first of which was held in his studio located in a Harlem brownstone owned by his parents, Bernardo and Audrey Rubie. Among the attendees was Ilyasah Shabazz, a daughter of Malcolm X and author of the book Growing Up X.

"It is always exciting," said Ms. Shabazz, "to see the first exhibition of paintings by a new, talented

artist. And Haile is very talented."

This is an opinion shared by many who have seen Haile's colorful, acrylic paintings, including art lovers from Japan, France, Germany and Sweden.

His parents discovered Haile's affinity for painting when he was 4 years old and decided to send him to a

school where he interacted with a broad diversity of school mates rather than to a special school for the Downs Syndrome. They are proud of their son.

"Haile is a wonderful son who is also a wonderful artist," says Bernardo Rubie. "He has an interesting painting style. Anyone viewing his artwork can see that his style has a strong

cultural and spiritual bent." Adds his mother Audrey, who is from Liberia, West Africa, "Haile has loved to paint since he was four years old. He is still so committed to continue growing as an artist that, after school, he spends four to six hours a day studying with Haitian artist, Carl Thelemarque, for whom he is an intern."

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