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Clinton, Obama Still in Dead Heat After Super Tuesday

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

The winner is still not clear, but the historic moment is.

"Many of us never dreamed that we would see such a day," says Dr. Dorothy Height, the 95-year-old president emerita of the Council of Negro Women. "This gives us a sense that if we want to we can join hands and work together."

Height was among a crowd at the national headquarters of the Council of Negro Women in D.C. that gathered for a "Watch Party" to view the

Super Tuesday primary election returns.

"But, we've also got to recognize that this stirs up the power forces in a new way," she warns. "So we'll have to be on our alert that we don't take it for granted. But we'll have to work harder to fulfill the thing that we've

been working on."

The "it" to which Height refers in the interview with the NNPA News Service meant one of two historic facts – that for the first time, a woman is about to receive the Democratic nomination for president

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McCain appeals for GOP unity

By CALVIN
WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Boosted by his big night, John McCain asked his loudest conservative critics Wednesday to "calm down" and support his Republican presidential candidacy, as Barack Obama and

Hillary Rodham Clinton girded for more rounds of their protracted struggle for the Democratic nomination.

McCain was referring primarily to radio talk show hosts and other pundits of the right when he appealed for unity now that he has a leg up in the nomination race.

"I think they've made

their case against me pretty eloquently," he said, adding wryly, "if that's the right word." He asserted that the pundits' conservative hero Ronald Reagan - and his - reached across the aisle to Democrats just like he wants to do as president.

"I do hope that at some point we would just calm down a little bit and see if there are areas that we can

agree on for the good of the party and for the good of the country," he said. The critics argue he's too liberal for the party.

His victories stretched from New York to California, the biggest prize. Still, Mitt Romney in the West and Mike Huckabee in the South

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Business Owner Shares Tax Tips

By Sister Tarpley

Rosemary Owens, Founder & CEO of Five Star Accounting Services, a Christian based accounting firm, where she says that integrity matters; enjoys helping her clients understand their tax situation, and how to save money. Whether it is a church, business or an individual, she has all types of clients;

and a long list of compliments and referrals from her clients that many would envy.

Ten out of ten of Owens clients say basically the same things about her accounting services. "Rosemary helped me get my taxes and financial accounting practices in order in a very efficient manner." "She has been extremely comprehensive in making suggestions and pro-

viding services that has helped me to stop being overly concerned about my financial status. I have and will continue to refer Rosemary to churches, businesses, and individuals. Five Star Accounting Services perform a great service at a competitive rate," Pastor Wayne Mitchell.

"Ms. Owens is a thorough individual. She genuinely cares

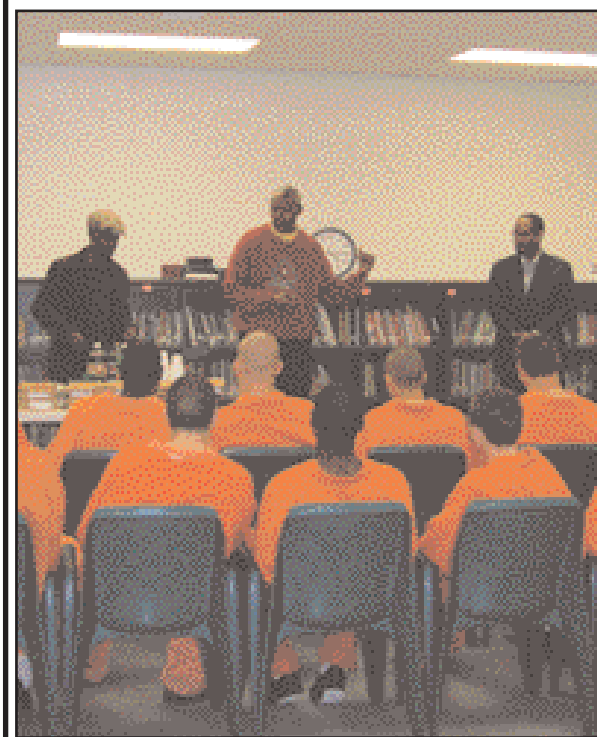
about her clients. Their business becomes personal to her; she wants what is best for them. She does a great job. I highly recommend Ms. Owens," Pastor Robert Rice.

Since early childhood, Owens was always interested in math. After exhausting all math classes, and with accounting being the only class with numbers left, she took it and knew

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Blackonomics

Shame on Us

By James Clingman

In my latest book, Black Empowerment with an Attitude, the Epilogue discusses a person I call "The Tree Shaker."

Most conscious brothers and sisters know at least one Tree Shaker, someone who is always at the front of the line fighting for Black folks. Tree Shakers are unapologetic and unwavering in their resolve to stand up, speak out, and sacrifice their own resources for the betterment of the collective of Black people. The Tree

Shakers don't cower in fear of white opinion or get nervous at the thought of their actions being disapproved by white people. On the contrary, they want to see that final nail driven into the coffin that contains the "Negro," the "Minority," the "Sellout," and the "Traitor."

How do we repay those who are always standing up for Black people? Do we cheer them on from a distant sideline, only when we cannot be seen by the public doing so? Do we slap them on the

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Shereese L. Slate

DALLAS - Celebrity hairstylist, Shereese L. Slate, was recently selected by Soft and Beautiful® Hair Care Brands to be an official spokesperson for the company's Soft & Beautiful Passport to Healthy Hair campaign, a collaboration with Soft and Beautiful and Curve Fitness Centers to educate African-American women on health and



beauty issues within their community.

"The Soft & Beautiful Passport to Healthy Hair campaign is a great way to uplift women by encouraging them to be the best they can be spiritually, emotionally and physically," said Shereese L. Slate, celebrity hair and beauty expert. Slate's expert hair and beauty tips along with informational articles are also featured on the Soft &

Beautiful Passport to Healthy Hair website at www.softandbeautiful-hair.com/curves/dream.aspx.

Slate serves as editor-in-chief of Shereese Hair and Beauty's Lifestyle Magazine and is also the author of 101 Recipes for Romantic Ideas. Her remarkable celebrity clientele, accolades and recognition as a well-respected and talented hair stylist have earned her many presti-

gious honors that include the recent selection by Soft & Beautiful to be one of its premier celebrity beauty experts. Other honors include the selection by SalonSENSE magazine as "One of the Most Influential Women in the Hair and Beauty Industry for 2007" and to be featured as its March 2007 "Professional of the Month". Slate also was selected by the USA

International Fashion Shows to be the premier fashion hairstylist for its coveted New York City 2007 Couture Fashion Week and was recognized by the Dallas Weekly as "One of the Top 25 People to Watch in 2007".

To receive additional information on Shereese L. Slate and her upcoming programs and events or to book her for an event, please visit www.shereeseslate.com

Nicole Cash

Nicole Cash joined the Dallas Symphony in 2001. She earned a master of music from Rice University and a bachelor of music cum laude from Northwestern University. She has served as co-principal horn with the kwa-Zulu Natal Symphony (South Africa) and as an extra musician for the Houston, San Antonio, New World (Florida) and Honolulu sym-



phonies. She has performed in several festivals, including the Grand Tetons Music Festival (Jackson Hole, Wyoming) and the Jerusalem International Symphony Orchestra Festival. She was also the winner of the Rice University Concerto Competition and the Music Academy of the West Concerto Competition in 2000.

This month the Fine Arts Chamber Players (FACP)

presents a free Bancroft Family Concert celebrating African heritage in classical music on Saturday, February 23, at 3:00 pm at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1816 Routh Street. Admission to the concert is free and requires no reservation. For more information, please call 214.520.2219 or visit www.fineartschamber-players.org. Beginning with a well-known chamber music selection, the concert opens

with Mozart's Quintet, K. 407, for horn and strings featuring Ms. Cash. Then, two rarely heard but important works will be presented -Lyric for Strings which is the second movement of String Quartet No 1 by George Walker and Quintet for clarinet and strings by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor with Gregory Raden, principal clarinetist of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. George Walker is the first

African-American composer to win the Pulitzer Prize for Music. For more composer information, visit: www.100greatblackbritons.com/bios/samuel_coleridge-taylor.html and www.AfriClassical.com. String musicians for the concert include Dallas Symphony Orchestra members Maria Schleuning and Kaori Yoshida - violins, Barbara Sudweeks and Ann Marie Roeske - violas, with Peter Steffens, cello.

Ted Childs



Ted Childs, regarded as the most effective diversity executive on the planet, has been chosen by Career Communications Group, Inc. (CCG, Inc.) as the National Chairperson of the company's three esteemed Technology Awareness Programs. Chosen for his extensive knowledge and experience in the field of diversity advancement, Childs will lead the efforts to improve the lives of underserved ethnic families by creating excitement about the many assets of technology.

Career Communications Group, Inc., founder of Black Family Technology Awareness Week, La Familia Technology

Awareness Week, and Native American Family Technology Journey, has been creating excitement and awareness about technology in underserved communities for many years. As the tenth annual Black Family Technology Awareness Week approaches (February 10th - 16th), Tyrone Taborn, US Black Engineer and Information Technology magazine publisher and CEO, states "The Technology Awareness Campaigns have never been about just Internet access, but rather about ethnic families utilizing technology to enhance their education, health, nutrition, job opportunities, communications, entertainment, and quality of life. Ted is the ideal leader to take these initiatives to the next level due to his expertise and consciousness of the initiatives' importance."

After retiring, Ted founded Ted Childs, LLC, and currently serves as a global "Strategic Diversity Advisor" to senior management and diversity teams. Ted's current endeavors follow a distinguished 39 year career with IBM and several

prominent philanthropic and government positions. Ted served as Executive Assistant to Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP, on an IBM Social Service Leave from March 1982 to September 1983. Ted is a graduate of West Virginia State University, a member of

the board of directors and a past president of the University's Foundation, and a life member of the West Virginia State University National Alumni Association.

For more information about Ted Childs and Ted Childs, LLC, log onto www.ted-childs.com.

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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

Obama Debunks Myth of Black Inferiority

The 2008 Democratic presidential nomination campaign is destined to make history. Either a black man or a white woman will be the party's candidate for President of the United States of America.

Even if Barack Obama does not win the nomination his candidacy has served to debunk what lingering credibility is given to the theory of inherent black inferiority by race proponents.

Through out America's history there has been both an overt and covert movement supported by academicians, politicians and religious leaders who theorized that blacks were naturally inferior in order to justify slavery, segregation, discrimination, and statutory inequality.

Early race advocates began to institutionalize racial stereotyping and negative imagery to create fear and divisiveness in the public consciousness that dictated and rationalized every aspect of America's immoral racial relationships.

Although legal slavery in the United States ended in 1865 with the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, the ideology of race continued as a new and major form of social differentiation in America. The black codes of the 1860s

and the Jim Crow laws of the 1890s were passed in the United States to legitimize the myth of black inferiority.

Supreme Court decisions, such as the Dred Scott case of 1857, made clear that blacks were not and should not be citizens of the United States. They were to be excluded from the social community of whites, but not from the production of their wealth. The Supreme Court decision in Plessy v. Ferguson (1896), which permitted "separate but equal" facilities, guaranteed that the racial paradigm, with its focus on a skin color based social structure, would continue to flourish.

Over time the overt legalized race based policies were outlawed but continued to flourish in subtle covert forms orchestrated by establishment leaders desiring to maintain the status quo.

Therefore, it is not surprising that race, the great divider, has infiltrated the current political campaign in which the first black presidential candidate with a real potential for winning is involved. However, this is not the first time the race card has been played against black candidates.

One of the most noteworthy occurred in 1982 during the Tom Bradley California gubernato-

rial race. As the Democratic Party nominee, Bradley led in the polls going into Election Day. In the initial hours after the polls closed, some news organizations had even projected him as the winner.

He lost the race for California governor to Republican George Deukmejian by 52,295 votes, less than one per cent of the 7.5 million votes cast.

A post election analysis of Bradley's loss gave rise to the term "Bradley effect" which refers to the tendency of white voters to shade, deceive or lie to interviewers and pollsters when they say that they are undecided or likely to vote for a black candidate. They claim the only thing they look at is the competence and experience of the candidate. The final results do not usually conform to pre-election polls.

Still the Bradley Effect is murky, ambiguous, and virtually impossible to quantify. Yet, this uncertainty may cause the Obama campaign many nervous moments as Super Tuesday unfolds in the South, the West and other heartland states. One thing is sure. The Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina voting did not provide convincing proof that the Bradley effect was dead.

Barack Obama has

won the Iowa caucus and the South Carolina primary. He beat two strong opponents including the awesome Clinton machine. He did it in a system that favors the party favorite.

One supporter said, "Obama's courage, vision and sincerity transcend the borders of race, gender, religion, or age. While he inspires he also calls us to be our better selves, to be involved, to believe, to hope and to work for the changes we want. He enmeshes you in a grander moment, making you aware of history's presence and your role in it."

Obama's momentum is building. His sincerity, vision, and belief in the power of the American people to be the real agents of change in this country has attracted the endorsements of the likes of Ted Kennedy, Caroline Kennedy, The Los Angeles Times, Maria Shriver, Senator Kerry, Senator Leahy, Senator Claire McCaskill, Toni Morrison, and Oprah Winfrey.

No matter the outcome of the nominating campaign the Obama presence is causing the once solid foundations that support the myths of black inferiority to crumble.

James W. Breedlove
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com

US Warns Rebels Against Embassy Breach

By MATTHEW LEE

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States on Monday warned Chadian rebels fighting government troops in the capital not to enter the U.S. embassy compound in downtown N'Djamena that was abandoned over the weekend for security reasons.

"The embassy compound, if it has been entered, should immediately be exited, and certainly they should not attempt to enter the chancery or embassy buildings," said State Department spokesman Sean McCormack. "It is still American territory."

Over the weekend, the embassy ordered nonessential U.S. staff and the families of all U.S. personnel to leave Chad, and only four U.S. diplomats, including Ambassador Louis Nigro, are still in the country. The four left the embassy compound on Saturday and are now stationed at the international airport outside N'Djamena.

"The security situation was very fluid," McCormack said, explaining Nigro's decision to relocate to the airport, which is guarded by the

French military. "The rebels were downtown and every ambassador has to make this call. Job number one is to make sure that our people are safe."

He said the warning not to enter the embassy was being passed to the rebels "through various channels" but acknowledged there was little guarantee the compound would not be breached.

"If there is a determined force with heavy armor and they want to go there, they are going to be able to go there, regardless of what sort of lightly armed local protection we might have," he told reporters.

The State Department has urged U.S. citizens to leave Chad, and around 100 of the roughly 500 registered with the embassy have gone, officials said.

Without any personnel at its embassy, the State Department has set up two telephone numbers to report the presence and whereabouts of Americans in Chad. Those numbers are (888) 407-4747 from the United States and Canada and (202) 501-4444 from overseas.

However, on Sunday, the department said its ability to help Americans in Chad was "extremely

limited" and asked those who wished to be evacuated to "prepare to depart immediately and identify themselves to the French military, who will retrieve American citizens to escort them to the airport."

France, the former colonial power, has a long-standing military presence in Chad and is evacuating hundreds of foreigners from the country.

On Monday, the U.N. Security Council strongly condemned the rebel attacks and it gave a green light for France and other countries to help the government repel the threat.

In Chad, government forces were clashing with rebels for a third day with gunfire and shelling heard throughout the city. Thousands of people were fleeing and casualties were believed to be high.

The rebels arrived on the capital's outskirts Friday after a three-day push across the desert from Chad's eastern border with Sudan. Riding on 250 pickup trucks mounted with machine guns, between 1,000 and 1,500 insurgents entered the city early Saturday, quickly spreading through the streets and reportedly trapping President Idriss Deby in his palace.

blow to his closest pursuer, Romney, a former Massachusetts governor.

In the competition that counted the most, the Arizona senator had 613 delegates, to 269 for Romney and 190 for Huckabee in incomplete counting. It takes 1,191 to win the GOP nomination.

McCain won in California, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Missouri, Delaware and his home state of Arizona - each of them winner-take-all primaries. He also pocketed victories in Oklahoma and Illinois.

Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas, won a series of Bible Belt victories, in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee as well as his own home state. He also triumphed at the Republican West Virginia convention.

Romney won a home state victory in Massachusetts. He also took Utah, where fellow Mormons supported his candidacy. His superior organization produced caucus victories in North Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Alaska and Colorado.

Popular Opposition Leader Shot As Fighting Intensifies

(GIN) - An opposition lawmaker died Jan. 29, shot to death as he drove home in Nairobi. His killing has dimmed hopes for an end to the month-long standoff between supporters of Pres. Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Odinga Raila.

Mellitus Mugabe Were was one of several opposition members who won seats in the legislative vote held at the same time as the disputed presidential election. The opposition accuses President Mwai Kibaki of stealing the presidential vote.

Meanwhile, in western Kenya's Rift Valley, homes were torched and store windows smashed while police and military helicopters flew over the crowd and officers began

shooting, sending people running in panic.

Kenya's unrest has taken a toll on its neighbors the Uganda Manufacturers Association reporting losses of \$34 million in delayed goods deliveries, merchandise burnt en route, and drops in productivity due to lack of raw materials.

Former U.N. chief Kofi Annan, launching a "dialogue process", has been joined by former Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa and Graca Machel, wife of Nelson Mandela.

Writing for Kenya's East African newspaper, Martin Kimani observed: "Kenya's choices are simple: life or death, penury or prosperity, a cohesive,

well-governed nation that counts its diversity as strength or a suspicious, hateful one governed by the cynical and awash with the blood of its young.

"If Nelson Mandela could share power with the Nationalist Party, then it is not too much to expect President Kibaki and Raila Odinga to do the same," added Kimani, a member of Concerned African Writers.

Speaking on Nairobi's Capital FM radio, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, whose father was Kenyan, said: "Now is the time for all parties to renounce violence. Now is the time for Kenyan leaders to rise above party affiliations and past ambitions for the sake of peace."

DCCGirl Talk's 1970's Pre-Valentine's Dance Party

Saturday Night Fever got you down? Well fear not, Douglass Community Center Girl Talk and the City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department is coming to the rescue with the Pre Valentine's 70's Dance Party. This dance is going retro at the Los Rios Country Club, 1700 Country Club Drive, Plano Texas 75074. That's right bring your best 70's outfit and your hottest disco date and prepare to groove!

Dianne Dillon, an organizer of the event for DCCGirl

Talk, was proud to inform us that this dance party is shaping up into a hit. She describes some very exciting psychedelic 70's décor, and retro-disco action that bound to have you flashing back to the good old days. "What I'm really excited about is seeing all of the 70's attire," says Dillon. The organization plans to raise enough money through the dance, so that they can earn their Spring Break Camping Trip.

Relive the 70's with the help of Douglass Community

Center's Girl Talk Saturday, February 9 at the Los Rios Country Club from 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Yes, indeed, all you cool cats who just can't wait to "get into the swing of Valentine's, have fun, and enjoy fellowship," as Mrs. Dillon says, this is the joint for you. Bring your \$15 to the door, or get the special presale price of \$12 in advance. For ticket information, please contact the Douglass Community Center at 972-941-7174. Be there or be square!

Urban League Luncheon Opens 41st Anniversary Celebrations

The Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas will kickoff its 41st Anniversary fundraising season at its Annual Meeting Luncheon on Friday, February 22, 2008 at 11:45 a.m. The event will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway. The theme of the Luncheon is The Legacy Continues: Passing the Torch. Three prominent individuals from the community will be honored. For ticket information call (214) 915-4600.

Rev. C. B. T. Smith, retired

Pastor of Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church, Mollie Belt, Publisher Dallas Examiner and Julia Jordan, Retired Educator and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Links, Inc. Dallas Chapter will be recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Dallas Metroplex Communities. The honorees will pass their legacy torch to the next generation of individuals who made achievements in their profession and will continue their legacy.

We are truly honored to rec-

ognize our legendary honorees for their contributions to the community, "said Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League. "They demonstrate how challenges that individuals face daily can be overcome."

Dr. Brooks will highlight the Urban League's activities and its impact on the community in her annual report to the community, the new Board of Trustees will also be installed and the CSBG Managing Board, Annie Dickens, Chairperson will be acknowledged.

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proved to be go-to candidates for conservatives, and they vowed to stay in the thick of the race.

On Saturday, Louisiana and Washington state hold two-party contests while Nebraska Democrats and Kansas Republicans make their picks. Then comes a larger series of two-party primaries in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia on Tuesday. Republicans will award 116 delegates in the trio of races dubbed the Potomac Primary.

McCain's victory in California dealt a crushing

Black History Events

February 10

The City of Allen's oldest native African-American citizen will be honored today at 3:00 p.m. at the Allen Public Library, on 300 North Allen Drive, in Allen, Texas 75088. Nancy Liza Robinson's family were early pioneers of Allen during the 1800's. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 214-509-4911.



Michael J. Sorrell

February 10

The 11th Annual Black History Month Celebration will recognize African-Americans throughout Collin County for their exemplary achievements and service to the community. The keynote speaker is Michael J. Sorrell. Also, the presentation of the Harriet Tubman Trailblazer Award will be included in the celebration.

bration. Come celebrate Black History at the Saint Mark Baptist Church, 1308 Wilcox, McKinney, Texas 75069, at 3:30 p.m. For more information please call 972-542-6178.

February 16

KHVN Heaven 97 AM Gospel Celebration at the African American Museum in honor of Black History Month.

The Gospel Celebration will feature dance, music, drama and spoken word performances all afternoon from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided. This special performance will be located at the African American Museum Black History at 3536 Grand Avenue, Fair Park Dallas, Texas 75315-0157. For further information please call 214-565-9026.

February 19

Irving Black Arts Council: The Forgotten Soldier The Dupree Theater in the Irving Arts Center is presenting 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-info@yahoo.com.

February 21

AIDS in the Hood Dona Gassaway Mitchell Productions

presents: AIDS in the Hood, a moving drama which includes poetry and dance, as well as a strong message to the community. The program, which lasts from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., is free and open to the

public. The performance will be located at the African American Museum Black History at 3536 Grand Avenue, Fair Park Dallas, Texas 75315-0157. For further information please call 214-565-9026.

The 11th Annual Black History Month Celebration

Saint Mark Baptist of McKinney will honor African-Americans throughout Collin County for their exemplary achievements and service to the community during it's 11th Annual Black History Month Celebration. The Celebration will also include the presentation of the Harriet Tubman Trailblazer Awards.

The keynote speaker is Michael J. Sorrell the 34th President of Paul Quinn College. At 41, he is one of

the youngest presidents of a four-year institution in the country. Under his leadership, the school has embarked upon an aggressive agenda that stresses academic excellence and a renewed commitment to student services. His vision is to create an institution that produces Quininites who possess enlightened minds, passionate spirits and the capacity to lead in both their chosen communities and the global marketplace.

Among his accomplish-

ments during his short tenure at the college are the following: revamping the admissions policy; establishing the Presidential Scholars Program; adopting a school-wide business casual dress code; and the creation of the Oberlin College/Paul Quinn College Mentoring Program.

Join in the Celebration at the Saint Mark Baptist Church, 1308 Wilcox, McKinney, on Sunday, February 10, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. For more information please call 972-542-6178.

"One in a Million - Always and Forever" Annual Scholarship Gala

A college education, a one and a million shot, that will carry you through life, always and forever. On Saturday, February 9th, the Plano Community Forum, in conjunction with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity join forces to give that one in a million chance to special students at its

Annual Sweethearts Gala. Support The Plano Community Forum and Omega Psi Phi in their efforts to share the gift of a college education. This event will feature traditional Mardi Gras costumes, live music, dinner, dancing, Casino Night events, and a deluxe cash bar. The social hour will begin at

6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing through midnight. Tickets are \$50 each. So don't hesitate to mix and mingle this Saturday at the Hilton Garden Inn, 705 Central Expressway, in Allen, TX. To purchase tickets or for additional information, call 972-260-4208.

Winter Ball in Garland

The NAACP Garland Branch is hosting their 8th Annual Winter Ball. The theme this year is "Recognizing Our City, chamber, GISD and Supporting Businesses." The program will


be held on Friday February 15, 2008 at 8:00 PM. The location for the Winter Ball is the Cappella Court at 2701 Custer Parkway in Richardson. The attire for the event is Black Tie and will feature entertainment

and a buffet dinner. The tickets cost \$45, send a check or money order to: NAACP Garland, PO Box 460944, Garland, TX. For information call the NAACP at 9972) 381-5044, voice box 5.


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DCCCD: Helping High School Juniors and Seniors Make the Leap to College (Free Program)

(Dallas) - The frenzy is upon them...that time of year when high school juniors and seniors are thinking about college; are concerned about applications, financial aid forms, or courses of study; and simply want to know how to navigate the waters of higher education. They are confused, excited and sometimes a little bit frightened.

The Dallas County Community College District will eliminate some of that fear and confusion by providing a fact-filled and useful day of information to those students and their parents through the Las Llaves del Exito (Keys to Success) program on Sat., Feb. 23, 2008. The free event, which targets high school juniors and seniors - as well as their parents, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the University of Texas at Dallas. Please note this event

is hope to all students. Although it originated for Hispanic students, Ms. Ann Hatch of DCCCD shared that the program was expanded because of the great need throughout the student population.

The one-day program in UTD's Conference Center is a college fair for families. UTD is located at 800 W. Campbell Rd. in Richardson; enter UTD on University Parkway off of Campbell Road and turn left on Drive A.

The conference center is located on the right, and participants can park in lots I and H off of Drive H; bus transportation is available.

Las Llaves is sponsored by DCCCD, the Dallas Independent School District and the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with area colleges, universities and non-profit

groups.

The program includes hands-on workshops during which students will learn how to fill out applications for admission to DCCCD and area colleges and universities, as well as paperwork for financial aid and scholarships - including DCCCD's Rising Star program. Bilingual volunteers will be available to assist participants.

Interested seniors will receive assistance with filling out and submitting their college admissions and financial aid forms. Those students should bring the following documents: a copy of their parents' 2007 income tax return; a copy of their high school transcript, available from their guidance counselor or registrar; and a copy of their college admissions essay (if required by the institution they plan to attend). Students who have all of the

essential forms will receive assistance completing the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA).

College representatives, admissions specialists and financial aid advisors will talk to families about the steps they need to take to be considered for admission and financial aid. Other sessions will explore writing an essay, paying for college, SAT/ACT test preparation and more. Brunch will be provided.

Las Llaves was started several years ago by a committee of community members who wanted to encourage high school students to graduate and continue their education.

For more information in English or Spanish, call DCCCD at (214) 860-2432 or visit these websites: www.dcccd.edu/keystosuccess/ or www.dcccd.edu/llavesdelexito.

FAFSA CHECKLIST

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA/TASFA:

- 1.) Apply for your PIN Number (www.pin.gov)
 - a. Every student and parent must apply for a PIN (only applicable if you have a Social Security Number).
 - b. Parents who do NOT have a Social Security Number need to complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA). (This is applicable to non-citizens.)
- 2.) You and your parent's Social Security Number(s)- Only needed if you and your parents are U.S. citizens or permanent resident(s)
- 3.) Questions to ask your parents (NOT guardians, grandparents or other significant adults before coming):
 - a. How much education did they complete? Middle school or less, some high school, H.S. graduate, some college, 4 year university graduate, etc.
 - b. What are your parent's birthdays (month/day/year)?
 - c. If your parents are or were married, then ask, "What month and year were you married/divorced?"
- 4.) Driver's license (if you have one)
- 5.) E-mail address
- 6.) You and your parent's W-2 Forms or other records of income earned such as a letter from employer stating how much income was earned in 2007.
- 7.) You and your parent's completed 2007 Income Tax Return (1040's)
- 8.) Your 2007 untaxed income records - Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (Welfare including TANF), Workers Compensation, Child Support received, Housing, Food, and other living allowances paid on your behalf, or veterans benefits records.
- 9.) A recent copy of your bank statement(s), if any.
- 10.) Your Permanent Resident Registration card, if any (Green Card)
- 11.) The value of you or your parent's business investments, savings and other personal investments, if any.
- 12.) The value of you or your parent's farm(s) or ranch(s) if any.

Collin College Offers Healthcare Leadership Courses

Collin College's Continuing Education and Workforce Development Division is offering healthcare leadership courses to provide real-world training for those who need it most: the healthcare leaders of today and tomorrow. All courses are held from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Courtyard Center for Professional and Economic Development, 4800 Preston Park Blvd. in Plano.

The courses include contract negotiations and conflict resolution, human

resources for healthcare leaders, revenue cycle management and project management. New courses for summer will include building and managing healthcare teams.

These courses are approved by the American College of Medical Practice Executives as credit hours toward certification/recertification as a Certified Practice Management Executive (CPME).

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environment.

Collin College also offers a Practice Administrator certificate series that has been approved by the Professional Association of Health Care Office Management (PAHCOM) and allows healthcare administrators to sit for the Certified Medical Management exam offered by PAHCOM.

For more information or to request a brochure, call 972.599.3117. For additional course information, such as hours and descriptions, or to register, go to www.ccccd.edu/ce.

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 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 (469-223-5618) or
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Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County 3rd Tuesdays, 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 2nd Thursdays, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. The general public is welcome. For additional information call 469-424-0120.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce Monthly Lunch & Learn 3rd Thursdays 11:00am-1:00pm, \$15 members; \$20 non-members, Ralph and Kacoos - 401 S. Central Expy, Allen. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For 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.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.

Wit Women Conference Call get the charge you need to make it through the week, take fifteen minutes of your life and join this weekly conference call if you need encouragement, prayer, or inspiration. Dial

in Tuesdays 7:00pm - 7:00pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week)

Women Executives Network a faith based non-profit organization focused on creating a woman-to-woman network and mentoring resources meets monthly for its "Learning over Lunch" series. For more information visit www.wenetworktx.com or email info@wenetworktx.com

February 8

Father Daughter Valentine's Dance for fathers and their daughters, ages 5-13. 7:00-9:00PM Mustang Park Recreation Center, 2223 Kinwest Parkway, Irving, admission \$30 per father/daughter. For more information call 972-556-1334, or email clowdermilk@cityofirving.org.

February 9

Pre-Valentine 70's Party sponsored by DCC Girl Talk and City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department Admission pre-sale \$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 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

February 12

PISD Advanced Parent Academics 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 15

Stephanie Ward Gallery Is Jazzing it up with Jazz Friday Live Jazz, wine tasting, food and celebrate Stephanie's birthday with her. Enjoy a relaxing time of good music, art and wonderful people. Cost is \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Stephanie Ward Gallery 920 18th St. Plano For tickets or additional information, call 469 229-0024 or go to www.stephaniewardgallery.com Proceeds from this event will benefit Boys and Girls Club of Collin County.

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.

February 16

A Taste of Louisiana Food Festival sponsored by the Evangelism/Outreach

Ministries Hill Chapel CME Church Free and open to the public 5:30 - 8:30 PM Douglass Community Center 1111 Avenue H in Plano, Texas 75074. Call 972-423-4090 for more information

Colored Only Exhibit - Master artist Frank Frazier, Deborah Shedrick, and Andre Mayeaux will display their work in a tribute to the civil rights movement. Musicians will play the drums while artists will discuss their work. 2p.m.-6 p.m. Stephanie Ward Gallery 920 18th St. Plano For additional information call 469 229-0024 or go to www.stephaniewardgallery.com Cost: Free Proceeds from this event will benefit the Tom Joyner Foundation.

February 21

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Trailblazer Award Luncheon honors African-Americans 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 11:00 a.m., \$15.00 members and \$20.00 non-members Seating is limited. RSVP no later than February 11th to 469-424-0120 x703 or email rgiddings@ccblackchamber.org or 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

A Song for You... The Civil Rights Journey of a Negro Woman: Lena Calhoun Horne's life story. 8:00 PM, admission \$15 The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters. Call 214-943-2442 for more information.

February 29

Girl Friends Tea Party Come join us for High Tea at Stephanie Ward Gallery Local author will read excerpts from their books while ladies sample sandwiches, tea and pastries. Get your girl friends and spend the afternoon catching up. 12noon-2 PM Cost \$15 920 18th St. Plano For tickets or additional information call 469 229-0024 or go to www.stephaniewardgallery.com

March 1

The North Dallas Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity 17th Annual Talent Hunt Competition Plaza Theatre 521 West State Garland 75040 FREE Admission Competition is open in music (vocal and instrumental), classical, gospel, jazz and contemporary, interpretive movement to music (ballet, modern dance and tap, and speech (poetry, orations, and monologues. Competitors must complete entry form no later than Wednesday, February 20, 2008. For forms and more information, contact Wayne Powe 214-906-9079 or waynepowe@cs.com

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The God of Second Chances

By Sister Tarpley

Recently, I was invited, along with Rev. Wayne L. Stafford, Sr., M.Div.;

Rev. Dwight Harris, Assistant Pastor at FBCA, was the Director of the 12-week course. You could

leadership, fellowship, and who is and how to become a leader. I also learned that you can disrespect some

far away from God when drugs started to control my life. You have shown me that God has a plan for my life and that he wants me to prosper, and not to come to jail and ruin my life with the bad things that I was doing."

Seeing and hearing those students made it clear, that God is a God of Second Chances.

God gave Rev. Wayne L. Stafford, M.Div., Sr., the Senior Pastor of FBCA and Executive Director of Transition Course for Male Adolescents (TRACMA). It has been stated, "FBCA is the fastest growing membership church in the

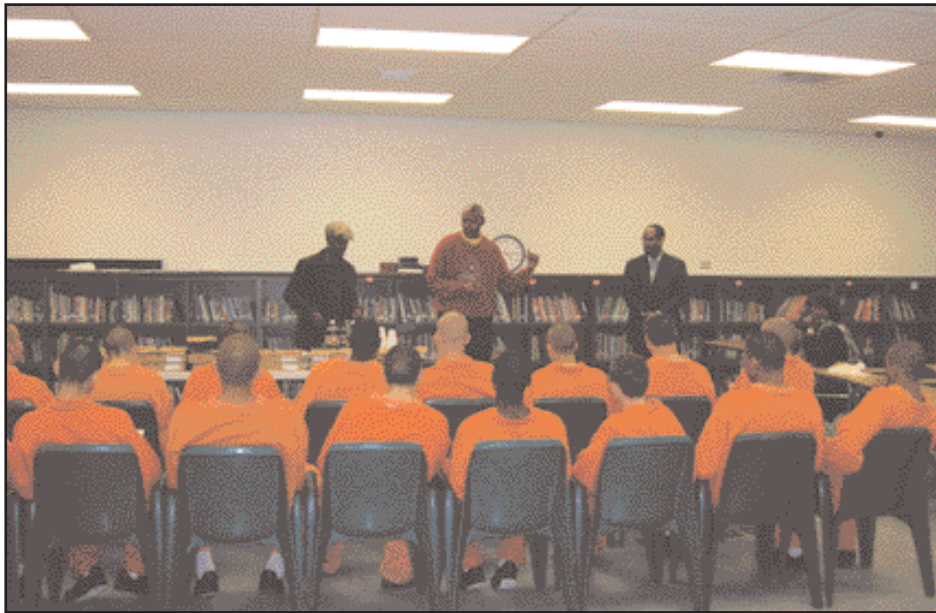
are valued-oriented, career directed, competent in communication, capable of problem solving, also skillful in creative and critical thinking. It is designed to assist male students in having a more positive outlook on life, no matter what their circumstances have been. In fact their motto is: "Yesterday is a thing of the past. I will not let my past define or control my tomorrow."

FBCA's goal in the 12-week sessions are to direct and assist the total growth and development of the participants, helping them make the transition from adolescent to respon-

- Drinking and Driving,
- Drug Legacy
- Date Rape
- Young Warriors
- Appreciating Differences
- What Do You Want In Life?

During the classes they discuss on The Whole is Greater Than the Sum of its Parts, Setting Goals and Defining Community, What about College, and Entrepreneurship.

After working with youth groups in Georgia, moving to Texas, and becoming Senior Pastor of FBCA, God impressed on Pastor Stafford, that now is the time to put into practice the vision that he was



(L to R): Pastor W.L. Stafford, Sr., Executive Director; Rev. Dwight J. Harris, Director; and Deacon Clarence Augustine encouraging the students.

and Deacon Clarence Augustine from Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen (FBCA) to a graduation at the John R. Roach Juvenile Detention Center in McKinney. What a graduation it was! It was wonderful seeing the male youths taking advantage of getting a "second chance." In the class were 20 students, eight 17- years old, five 16-years old, five 15-years old, one 14-year old, and one 13-year old.

easily tell that he was Godly proud to issue Certificates of Completion to eleven students at the graduation luncheon. Pastor Stafford, Rev. Harris, and Deacon Augustine served a variety of pizzas, fried chicken and sodas for the entire class and all of the guests at the luncheon.

Two 16-year old students in the graduation class read a summary of their thoughts regarding

people without knowing it. You do this by simply not making eye contact and slouching down. I have also had a lot of fun in this class."

The second student said, "Dear Rev. Harris, thank you for coming out every Wednesday to teach us about leadership, communication, and everyday life skills that will make our lives a lot better. I have learned a lot since you started to come see



(Back Row, L to R): Deacon Clarence Augustine, FBCA; Danny Meek, Raymond Theodore, Glenn Strain, Nate Dickinson and Kelvin Williams (Detention Center Employees; Rev. Dwight J. Harris, Ass't Pastor of FBCA; and Albert Cervantez, MA, Ass't Superintendent, Detention Center employee. (Front Row, L to R): Ms. Sheila Shaw, LBSW, MSW, Juvenile Probation Officer, Detention Center employee and a FBCA Member; Rev. Wayne L. Stafford, Sr., M.Div., Senior Pastor, FBCA; and Ms. Danielle Aldridge, Detention Center employee

Dallas Metroplex area," a vision to assist young men in becoming constructive individuals and with the help of Sis. Sheila Shaw, a member of FBCA and a Juvenile Probation Officer was instrumental in starting the 12-week course to help young men. The program, called "Inspired Young Men" and one of the greatest ideas that have come from this vision is a class that is a TRACMA.

The TRACMA program is designed for young male adolescents, ages 14-19 to assist them in becoming productive citizens that

sible young men as they prepare for life in a rapidly changing society.

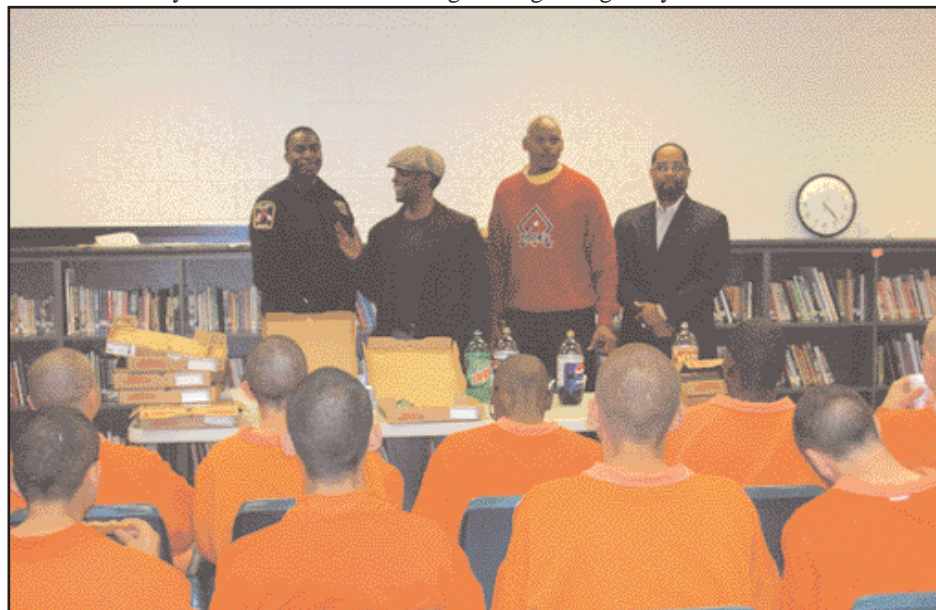
Subjects in the course include:

- Leadership Theories and Concepts
- What Kind of Leader Am I
- Self-Esteem
- Defining Conflict 1 & 2
- Communication 1 & 2
- Problem Solving and Teamwork
- What It Means to be a Man.

The program also features roundtable discussions with professional males regarding:

given. TRACMA recognizes the fundamental right of each individual to develop intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically, vocationally and spiritually within the framework of the individual's potential and capabilities.

Pastor Stafford said that creating a program geared toward assisting young adolescent females in their transition from adolescence to young-womanhood is not too far behind! He is waiting on God's perfect timing.



(L to R): Kelvin Williams, Detention Center Employee; Executive Director, W.L. Stafford, Sr., Pastor; Director, Rev. Dwight J. Harris, Instructor; and Deacon Clarence Augustine, getting ready to serve the students and guests.

Eleven students graduated from this class with the others continuing on to complete the course.

how the class helped them. One student read, "Rev. Harris, since you've been here, I've learned about

me. One major change that you made in my life was getting me back to reading my Bible. I drifted pretty

St. Paul United Methodist Church Continues Its 2008 Tuesday Nite Jazz Series

DALLAS, TX – St. Paul United Methodist Church, “The Soul of the Arts District,” continues its 2008 Tuesday Nite Jazz series. On February 12th, the emerging talent of Townview High School Band Jazz Ensemble - The Big “D” Band will be featured. Singer and songwriter, Quentin Moore, will perform on March 11th. Tuesday Nite Jazz is on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and is FREE to the public.

Townview High School Band Jazz Ensemble is an award winning jazz ensemble, and was one of the bands spotlighted at the 2008 AT&T Cotton Bowl Music Festival December 30, 2007 - January 1, 2008. Among the many invitations the Big “D”



Band receives, one of the most exciting is its selection to represent Dallas and the USA at the 2008 Summer Olympics Music Festival in Beijing, China later in the year. The band is currently raising funds to secure that trip. This Tuesday Nite Jazz concert will further the fund-raising efforts to make a dream come true for some really talented young people. These gifted high school students bring excellence and excitement to their performances.

A University of North Texas student, Quentin Moore is a singer, songwriter,

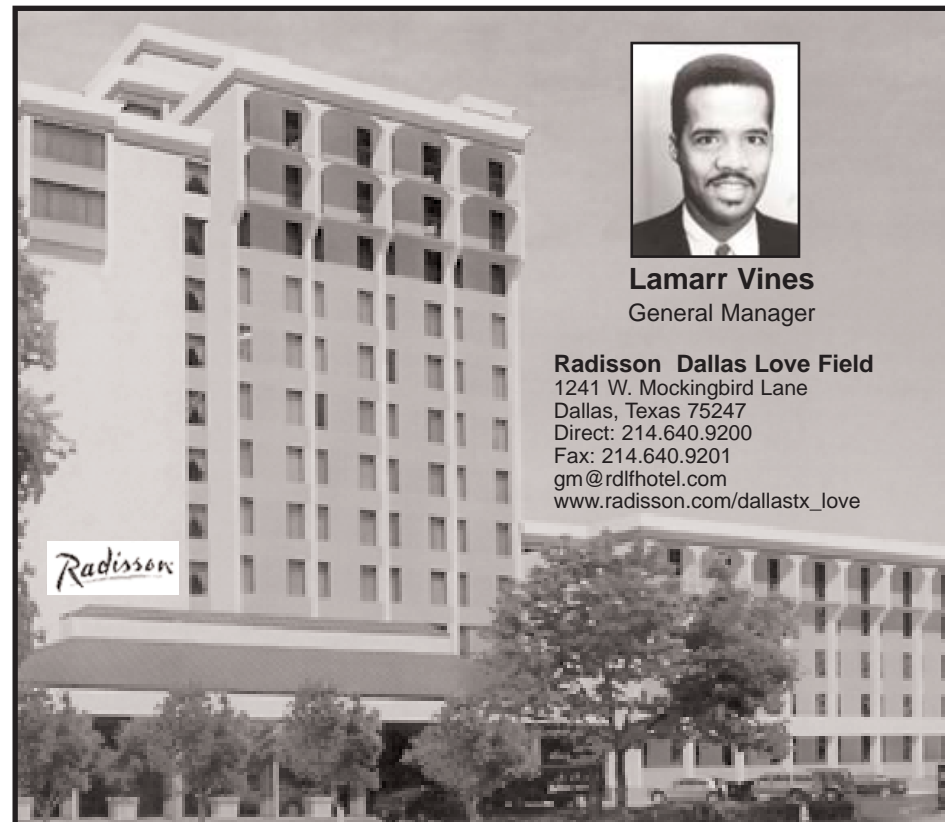
arranger, multi-instrumentalist, and producer. He will perform his original compositions as well as familiar favorites. The leader of his own group “Quentin Moore and Solbol”, he is involved with other groups such as “Led”, “The Love Company Band”, and “Chill Factor”. This multi-faceted musician also serves as a utility musician at Antioch Christian Fellowship in Corinth, TX.

St. Paul is the oldest African-American United Methodist Church in Dallas and is located at 1816 Routh St., Dallas, TX

75201, in the Arts District between Ross Avenue and Woodall

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The Wachovia Foundation is proud to present the Dallas Black Dance Theatre's (DBDT) 2008 Cultural Awareness Series to be held February 13-16, at the Majestic Theatre in downtown Dallas. The series consists of two evening performances for the general public and three morning matinee programs for 5,000 DFW area school children grades K-12. Public performances will be 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and \$30.

Feel the zeal of this dramatic dance series featuring a tribute performance of Verses, celebrating the life of Raymond Nasher. This original work, commissioned by The President's Committee on the Arts, is inspired by the themes and architecture of the Nasher Sculpture Center. Don't miss repertory favorites like Talley Beatty's stirring spiritual classic, Mourner's Bench, and the urban, jazzy pulse of Christopher Huggins' Girl Power. ORDER NOW!

Tickets are on sale now at The Majestic Theatre Box Office, any Ticketmaster location, or online at www.ticketmaster.com or call DBDT at (214) 871-2390 for group discounts.

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24th Annual Quest For Success Awards Luncheon

Yet another opportunity to reward local success stories and hard working citizens has arisen. On Friday, February 15, 2008 the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce will host the 24th Annual Quest for Success Awards Luncheon & Program starting with a reception at 11:00 a.m. The program will follow immediately at 12:00 noon. The Luncheon honors African-American entrepreneurs in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for outstanding business achievements and service to the community. During the program, the 2008 Quest For Success Honorees will be recognized and a Special Video Presentation will be viewed. Admission is \$60 per individual, \$600 for a Small Business Table, or



\$1,000 for a Corporate Table. This special event will be held at the Dallas Convention Center's Ballroom C (650 South Griffin Street). For more information and sponsorship info, call (214) 421-5200 or log onto www.dbcc.org.

Anyone may participate in the nomination process,

however, the Quest nominees must meet the following criteria: (1) Nominee should be in business for more than three years; and, (2) Nominee should be actively involved in some type of community organization.

The annual Quest program is comprised of various workshops, with topics

ranging from banking to proprietorship, are conducted by prominent business experts. The program culminates with a luncheon, and the Quest for Success recipients are featured in a special video presentation highlighting their "secrets of success".

Individuals and area businesses and corporations have an opportunity to support the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce through this prestigious event via attendance and/or patronage in the Quest for Success Awards Souvenir Program Booklet. Since participation generally ranges from 1600 to 2000, the Quest for Success Luncheon serves as a prime networking tool for DBCC members and attendants. Even though

the main goal of the Quest for Success Awards Luncheon is to honor those 12 outstanding African American entrepreneurs, it is also designed to be

advantageous and rewarding for everyone. NorthDallasGazette.com

For more information or tickets, call (214) 421-5200

Buying Power Among African Americans to Reach \$1.1 Trillion by 2012

NEW YORK -- The attitudes and behavior of African-American consumers can differ significantly from consumers in other groups, therefore segmentation in marketing strategies can be critical to increase organizational growth and revenue. Why would you want to specifically target this population group? A new report from Packaged Facts, The African-American Market in the U.S. forecasts that the buying power of 39 million African Americans will hit \$1.1 trillion by 2012. What is notable is that in the U.S. there are 2.4 million affluent African-American households with household incomes of \$75,000 or more. They account for 17% of all African-American households but 45% of total African-American buying power. This buying power offers opportunities to marketers of a wide range of products and services.

vData shows that compa-

nies offering luxury items and financial services are at a particular advantage, because affluent African Americans are even more likely than other affluent cohorts to spend money on luxury items such as cruise-ship vacations, new cars, designer clothes, as well as investing in life insurance.

"The African-American cohort continues to be a significant consumer segment that in some ways exercises more economic clout than the ever popular Hispanic one," comments Tatjana Meerman, Publisher of Packaged Facts. "African Americans' purchasing behaviors can differ in many ways, ranging from what is bought at the grocery store to clothing style and magazine preferences. Marketers should pay attention to these differences to execute marketing campaigns that target the many segments of this important demographic cohort."

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Over the years we have seen so many Tree Shakers pass away, in many cases leaving their families with virtually nothing, mainly because they spent so much of their time fighting for us. I was saddened and disheartened by a recent e-mail disclosing the death of a "Queen Mother" in New York City. Elder Adunni Oshupa Tabasi, beloved and esteemed by Black folks, died on January 7, 2008, and her home-going is scheduled to take place on February 9, 2008.

The sad part is the scramble to raise funds for "embalming and ... to rent the Dempsey Center." Despite the fact, as the news release states, "Elder Adunni worked for over fifty years in the community, as she would always say for 'Free.'" Surely this Sister was a Tree Shaker. Surely along her fifty year road of working for Black folks for "free" she stopped and helped many.

Surely she deserves a great deal more than a solicitation campaign for donated funds to embalm her body and then to "rent" a hall to celebrate her life, and then to have her body shipped to Ghana for burial. Is this how we show our appreciation for Tree Shakers?

Of course, the ones who really benefit from the work done by Tree Shakers, the "upper economic people," as opposed to the "lower economic people" that Bill Cosby

referenced when he took Black people to the woodshed, are culpable as well.

Each time I raise the issue of economic discrimination and disparity against Black people in my hometown, some elitist Black person gets a contract, without ever having opened his or her mouth on behalf of Black people. Thus, the upper economic people always benefit, while the lower economic people remain trapped in the belly of a society that would only use them as cute rhetoric.

Despite the upper economic people having the funds to take care of some of the Tree Shakers, thus assuring their contracts and opportunities keep coming, most of them refuse to put their money where their mouths are.

During the Hillary/Obama Debate in Los Angeles, a person named Kim sent a question in for Barack Obama. She asked him about the negative effects of illegal immigration on "African Americans."

She specifically asked Obama to address the question and she was very specific about whom she was concerned: African Americans. Immediately Barack Obama started answering the question in relationship to whites, Hispanics, Asians, minorities, and then African Americans.

He emphasized the other groups and de-emphasized Black people. A slowly pitched softball was lobbed at him and he chose not to swing on behalf of Black people.

Obama was presented with an opportunity to say something about Black people only, but he felt compelled to include everyone else in his answer, rather than deal specifically with the issue

as it relates to Black people, as Kim requested.

I don't know why we are afraid of anything in country, after what our people went through to help us reach the heights we have achieved. I do know that we should take better care of the Tree Shakers and their families by creating both local and national funds that can be accessed immediately when needed for causes such as the one involving the "Queen Mother" in New York.

We can take the Cosby tact of blaming the lower economic people for not holding up their end of the bargain, but we must also acknowledge the responsibility of the upper economic people as well.

It is irresponsible, it is shameful, it is insulting and it is embarrassing to all Black people, no matter what level you are on, to mistreat one another the way we do.

The work that needs to be done will never be done if those who are willing to do it are not supported by those who are unwilling but who also reap the benefits of that work. This goes for the conscious and the unconscious. Shame on us!



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American's history; in spite of what we have been taught. But wishing it is not going to get the information in our text-

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Picture of The Week: Sis. Gloria Elam, a long-time & faithful member of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park & Pastor Anthony Foster

April 1950, is a captivating and inspiration story in itself.

Dr. Woodson said, "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history." Dr. Woodson was a distinguished Black author, editor, publisher, and historian who put his money, life, blood, sweat and tears in establishing Black History Week believed that Blacks should know their past in order to participate intelligently in the affairs in our country. In the 1960s the "Week" was established as Black History MONTH.) Dr. Woodson strongly believed that Black history—which others (even some Black Americans) have tried so diligently to

erase—is a firm foundation for young Black Americans to build on in order to become productive citizens of our society.

Prior to "Negro History WEEK:" that was founded in 1926; Dr. Woodson and several of his friends established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. The following year, the Journal of Negro History appeared (one of the oldest learned journals in the United States.) In 1937 Dr. Woodson published the first issue of the Negro History Bulletin.

In 1912 Dr. Woodson, received his Ph.D in history from Harvard University. He developed an important philosophy of history. History, he insisted, was not the mere gathering of fact. The object of historical study is to arrive at a reasonable interpretation of the facts. History is more than political and military records of peoples and nations. It must include some description of the social conditions of the period being studied.

Dr. Woodson often said that he hoped the time would come when Negro History Week would be unnecessary; when all Americans would willingly recognize the contributions of Black Americans as a legitimate and integral part of the history of this country. His concept has given a profound sense of dignity to all Black Americans; and we must not forget it! Nor should we stop Black History Month.

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instantly that this is what she wanted to do. Graduating from high school she attended the University of Central Arkansas and majored in Accounting and received her Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. She now has over 27 years of accounting experience, she is energized by numbers; and she uses her experience to eliminate stress for churches, businesses and individuals in handling their financial records and preparing their taxes.

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of the United States or for the first time, the nomination will go to a Black man.

Either way, civil rights leaders and political enthusiasts from their early 20s to 95 and perhaps beyond, defined the still deadlocked race between Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton as the result of a zeitgeist - the intellectual and cultural climate of an era.

"There are these change moments called the zeitgeist, a

movement moment. It's not always defined in the traditional issue sense. It's defined when people want change," says Melanie Campbell, president and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation. "It's just a level of enthusiasm that makes my job easier. My job is to increase Black voter participation. I am not having a hard time doing that right now."

The result of the returns Tuesday night showed enthu-

siasm - not only by Blacks - but by Whites across the nation as Obama enthusiasts caused him to win in states with almost no African-Americans, such as Idaho with a Black population of 0.7 percent and Utah with 1 percent.

"Basically, what they say about him not winning the White vote, they can put that to bed," says Dr. Ron Walters, University of Maryland political Scientist.

Perhaps even more shock-

ing to some was Obama's win in Georgia and Alabama, hotbeds for historic racial strife, thought to be still just below the surface.

In the battle for delegates, Clinton won eight states, including the coveted larger states such as California and New York, which she represents. She gained 823 delegates by winning Arizona, California, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Massachusetts, New York,

and Tennessee.

Obama won 13 states for 732 delegates. They were Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Kansas, North Dakota, Alaska, Connecticut, Georgia, his home state of Illinois, Minnesota and Utah.

New Mexico was too close to call by NNPA deadline early Wednesday. A total of 2,025 delegates are needed to win the Democratic nomination.

So, there are 23 more state primaries to go that could throw the election in either direction. The next major primaries are Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Plus, at the Democratic National Convention Aug. 25-28 in Denver, there will be so-called Super Delegates, public and Democratic Party officials, who - if the race is still too close to call - could render the deciding votes.

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Sunday	9:45AM Sunday School
Monday	7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries
Tuesday	7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir
Wednesday	7PM Mid-Week Service
Thursday	7PM Mass Choir

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9:30 am

Wednesday Night Service
8:00 pm

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