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## No End in Sight: Obama-Clinton Race Continues as He Leads in Delegates, But She Wins Texas and Ohio

By: Hazel Trice Edney  
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – It's still not over.

After months of predictions and high expectations that the Democratic

Primary contests between Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama would end after one of them wins the large delegate counts in Texas and Ohio, the race continues indefinitely.

That's because – after a surprise win by Clinton in

both Texas and Ohio Tuesday night – neither candidate has the delegate count of 2,025 to seize the Democratic nomination. After a win in Vermont – his only win in Tuesday primaries - Obama continues to lead with 1,451 del-

egates to her 1,355 at NNPA deadline early Wednesday.

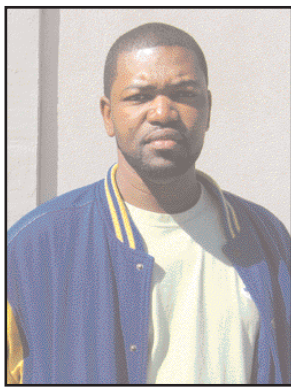
However, her wins, coming after polls and pundits saw her as trailing badly in Texas and narrowly winning in

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## Local Voters Motivated to Participate in the Process

By Ruth Ferguson

Tuesday March 4th, voters across the state and the Metroplex voted in record numbers. Reports indicate the turnout for the caucus, where 25% of the delegates were awarded in Texas' hybrid primary and caucus system, exceeded expectations, overwhelming the elec-



*Dante, first time primary voter*

tion officials. As a result frustration ran high as the process dragged on through the evening. As of Wednesday morning, the final results of the statewide caucus are not available; currently CNN is reporting Senator Barack Obama is leading Senator Hillary Clinton 52% to 48% with 36% of the precincts reporting.

During visits to Collin

County precincts mid-day, Democratic election officials were excited at the higher than normal turnout.

Collin County Precinct 23 is located in the Douglas Community, a predominately African American neighborhood. Election Judge Mitchell Thomas shared, "We did not expect this many

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## Celebrate Family 2008 Concert to Feature Garland Native Reuben Griffin

Reuben Griffin, born in Garland, Texas and attending Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana is a member of Inspired a Gospel recording artist. They are slated to open the "Celebrate Family

2008" concert Saturday March 8th at 5:00 PM at the Garland Special Events Center located at 4999 Naaman Forest Boulevard.

Griffin, a 2004 graduate of Garland High School, a senior at Southern



*Reuben Griffin*

University looking forward to graduation on May 9th, is a Political Science major with a minor in Performing Arts.

Inspired is a talented group of young men out of Baton Rouge. The members

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## Classic Features All African-American Cast



*Naima Lett & Alonzo Waller*

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## A Growing Trend: Better Job, More Money - But No Health Insurance

By James Wright

When Bre Lucas decided to change employers to get more money and more leave time, she jumped at it. She thought it was a chance to improve her lifestyle and to be able to spend more time with her two young sons.

So when Lucas, a contract, non-union security guard with Abacus Security, went over to Leonard Security, she thought that the benefits package was comprehensive. When she put her name on the dotted line two months ago, she was set to work at Northern Virginia

Hospital's mental health facility in Falls Church and do what was necessary to be a good employee.

However, she discovered earlier this year that something was missing.

"When I realized that I had no health insurance, I was very upset," she said. "The people at Leonard Security told us that we would be getting a better benefits package than what we had at Abacus and, of course, I went with the money. But I didn't realize that I was losing my health insurance. If I knew I was losing my health insurance, I might

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## Jacquinette Murphy

Jacquinette Murphy is the owner of Presence Communications, a multi-faceted public relations, journalism and marketing firm that offers professional and results-oriented services to its clients minus the high costs of its competition. Headquartered in the DFW area, her company currently targets emerging business owners, non-profit and professional associations and has



executed marketing campaigns for organizations such as The National Black MBA Association Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter and the Omicron Mu Omega Foundation of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated just to name a few. Murphy and Presence Communications are dedicated to effectively integrating the small to mid-size business owner, professional associations, and the non-profit groups into the mainstream business to busi-

ness (B2B) and business to consumer (B2C) arenas.

Murphy brings over 10 years of public relations and photography experience to the business along with 8 years of marketing and event coordination experience. Dually, Murphy utilizes her strong communication and writing skills in career as a contributing writer for the national publication, Charisma Magazine and The North Dallas Gazette. Dedicated to enriching the next generation, Murphy also

takes time to enrich the next generation by working as a librarian at an elementary school in Lancaster Independent School District.

Murphy holds a degree in Journalism and Public Relations from The University of Texas at Austin and also a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix. Her faith in God and his promises coupled with experience, commitment to professionalism and excellent serv-

ice is what fuels her drive to be the preferred public relations conglomerate for growing small businesses other non-traditional business markets.

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## Gail Perry-Mason

Gail Perry-Mason is Keynote During Annual Black History Month Celebrations

Perry-Mason, who is the First Vice President of Investments -- Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. and author of Girl, Make Your Money Grow: A Sister's Guide to Protecting Your Future and Enriching Your Life



is known for sharing a message of economic empowerment. she founded and directs a Youth Investment club through NAIC along with a money camp for teens called Money Matters. The money camp has taught more than 1,000 young people in the Detroit Metro area financial life skills.

Perry-Mason exemplifies the essence of invest-

ing in urban communities and promotes the idea that opportunity does not happen without community partnership and unity.

Perry-Mason also serves on the Board of Directors for Spaulding for Children, Starr Commonwealth and DSA-Detroit Public Schools, Board of Advisors for women. She has received numerous community service

awards including the Professional Woman of the Year by the National Council of Negro Women (2005); New Detroit

Bridging the Gap awards for her investment in youth (2004); and the Tavis Smiley Youth Investment Award (2004).

## Steven Harris



Steven Harris better known as Bro. Steve to the entertainment world is a multi award winning producer/director and announcer celebrating over 27 years in the broadcast industry. This multi-media tycoon, brings education, faith, and a touch of class in everything he does. A man with a vision fighting against all odds most of his life, not accepting no for an answer...Bro. Steve is unstoppable, by keeping Christ first.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he created Steven Harris Recording at the age of 14 years old, as a result of his savvy skills, Steve later created Bro. Steve Productions,

where at the age of 16 he hired his parents to work with him. Steve attended Kent State University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree where he studied broadcast law, television production and he created his own minor...religious broadcasting. As of November 2007, Steve will receive his doctorate degree in mass communications and religious broadcasting and also be inducted in the Broadcaster's Hall of Fame.

Today, Bro. Steve serves as a faith base/Gospel consultant to the entertainment industry in Hollywood and around the world. In addition, Bro. Steve Enterprises which is based out of Beverly Hills, Ca houses 5 separate companies, which include Bro. Steve TV, Bro. Steve Radio, Bro. Steve DVD, Bro. Steve Productions, and Bro. Steve.com, which in total to date has produced over 1,372 radio, TV, video and media special. As an additional marketing tool, his internet database to date has sent out over 1 million

emails marketing CD's, books, movies, and more to the world.

This producer, announcer, entrepreneur, and motivator strongly believes that ...it is not what you have, it is what you do with what you have that makes the difference.

God has given Steve the anointed "Gift of Gab"

along with the ability to effectively touch people's lives through the power of the media. In addition to his warm, kind, and colorful personality, Steve loves people and takes what he does seriously. Watch out America and the world, Bro. Steve is on a mission for God.

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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

## America's Deal Or No Deal Decision On Obama

America will lean forward in unison on March 4, 2008 to witness the historic Democratic presidential primary contest between Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama. The expectation is that the knock-out that did not occur on Super Tuesday, February 5, or at the Potomac Primary on February 21 will occur.

The voting booths in Texas and Ohio will receive top billing as this contentious two-horse contest for the Democratic nomination plays out with Rhode Island and Vermont as important supporting cast members.

Texas has 193 delegates up for grabs; Ohio 141; Rhode Island 21; and Vermont 18.

Obama has mounted what many believe is the most elaborate and expensive primary campaign in any state in history in an attempt to parlay his primary winning streak to 15 straight victories. His radio and television ads are everywhere, his ground troops and online operations are bringing together unbelievable crowds in towns and hamlets way off the normal campaign trail. His formal rallies are set in rock star settings that showcase the overwhelming enthusiasm of the new and veteran voters that are fueling his candidacy's momentum. The huge crowds validate the idea that Obama is on a roll, and usually generate enthusiastic coverage in the local

media.

As the campaigning winds down what was once considered fertile feeding ground for Hillary Clinton is trending toward Obama. In the last few weeks Obama has gained 5 to 10 percentage points in the polls, taking him from slight underdog to narrow favorite. Recent polls show Obama leading Clinton 45 percent to 43 percent in Texas and tied with her at 45 percent in Ohio.

Currently Obama is ahead in the critical delegate count with 1184 pledged delegates to Clinton's 1031. The majority of the 795 super delegates that had been aligned with Clinton are beginning to reassess their position and are staying neutral or are switching to the Obama camp to be consistent with the popular vote in their respective states.

The stakes are extremely high. If Barack Obama wins both Texas and Ohio the race for the nomination will effectively be over.

At that point Clinton, if she has any concern for the democrats winning the White House, will be honor bound to step aside and use her resources to rally supporters behind a candidate who most assuredly will be stepping into a hornet's nest of hostility from the republicans.

According to the Obama camp, unless Clinton winds by a landslide in Ohio, Texas, Rhode Island, and Vermont it will be difficult or impossible for her to catch up in

the delegate count. They point out that such a win scenario seems unlikely since the latest polls show that the race in Texas and Ohio is a virtual dead-heat with even some signs that Obama is cutting into Clinton's core vote of white blue collar voters and Hispanics.

In another scenario Senator Clinton may win just one of the key states on March 4. Then she may decide to hang on rather than step aside, hoping that Obama might blunder and stumble or have some hidden skeleton discovered in his private closet. The resultant stalemate would require intervention by party officials.

Should Hillary win both Texas and Ohio, the Democrats will be banging their collective heads against the nearest wall and making appointments with Dr. Phil. The super delegates currently sprinting toward the Obama camp would suddenly look back and wonder what derailed his express train. Clinton would surely declare herself for the second time, the Comeback Kid and use her prestigious name to persuade the party faithful that Obama is unelectable and should not be supported.

However, voters are currently feeling a strong personal identification with Obama and his message of change. Voters are not only moved by the senator but are also moved by being part of a community within the larger community. Obama is running a

movement campaign, sweeping new voters in while Clinton is running a traditional campaign that invokes a perception of the same old style politics.

The new voters and the old disillusioned voters are hungry for a sense of being included instead of being dictated to. That is what voters find comforting while riding the Obama express.

This is the start of a new day, a new wave, and a new time. This is the time for change. The voters have heard the same old promises and are sickened at the thought. They don't know if Obama can deliver. But the masses are indicating by their acclaim that they at least want to give him a try. That's why they jumped on his bandwagon. That's why they accept and believe his message.

The voters feel the Obama philosophy of inclusion is evolving into a powerful movement for change. As it expands to become a critical mass it will be able to shake up whoever is in the White House and Congress to change national policy on matters of war and social justice.

The subtle difference in the candidates will not mean anything unless the power of the people asserts itself in ways that the occupant of the White House will find it politically dangerous to ignore.

America!! Deal or No Deal on Obama?

*James W. Breedlove*  
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: [www.truth-clinic.com](http://www.truth-clinic.com)

## Kenya Peace Talks Stall Over Power Sharing

(NNPA) – Former UN chief Kofi Annan has confirmed the breakdown of talks to end the post-election violence that is pitting ethnic and other factions of Kenyans against each

other. Mr Annan said that negotiations had become acrimonious and that the situation had become "very dangerous".

According to Kenya's Standard newspaper, a

meeting of Eminent Persons, government and opposition members, came to a halt when a minister for Pres. Mwai Kibaki vigorously opposed a power sharing

proposal.

His comments set off a volley of epithets, leaving Annan and former Tanzania President Benjamin Mkapa under attack, with questions

about their integrity.

After a day in which nothing moved in the talks, Annan said: "I believe that the Panel of Eminent African Personalities working with the Kenya

National Dialogue and Reconciliation have done its work. I'm now asking the party leaders, Hon. Raila Odinga and President Mwai Kibaki to do theirs".

## Traditional Healers Warned Against Unproven AIDS 'Cures'

(NNPA) – Traditional healers in Malawi have been warned against counseling their AIDS patients to discard treatment for prayer.

With a population of

about 13 million, Malawi ranks among the countries hardest hit by the pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa.

Proposed legislation will be presented next month.

Traditional healers may face fines if the law is passed.

South Africa, however, is taking another approach. Health Minister Manto

Tshabalala-Msimang has vowed to continue engaging traditional healers, saying they were important partners in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

She said, "Some people might be resisting tradition-

al healers but I believe we are on the right track."

## Black-Only Media Briefing Slammed by Whites

(NNPA) – White journalists are fuming after finding themselves excluded from an all-Black meeting of the Forum of Black Journalists last week.

ANC president Jacob Zuma, an invited guest, said he saw nothing wrong with White journalists being denied entry to the event.

"All of us as South Africans in the 13 years of democracy come from different backgrounds ...

there are experiences that people would have that they may want to share," he said.

Chairperson of the forum's steering committee, Abbey Makoe, said the FBJ was an association "who ... in the South African context would be defined as of African descent, coloureds and Indians".

Makoe said the body's "modus operandi" was to "redress inherent past imbalances which affect

journalists as they attempt to work in the public domain".

Black journalists who rejected the all-Black designation said they were heckled as 'coconuts' – 'black on the outside and white on the inside,' noted Chris Bathembu in the Citizen Newspaper.

Complaints over the racial exclusion were made to the The South African Human Rights Commission which has

agreed to hold a hearing next month on the matter. Earlier, the South African National Editors' Forum (Sanef) said while it strongly deplored the decision to exclude journalists who were not members of the organisation, it respected the FBJ's right to organise and associate as it saw fit, "provided this does not undermine the open society and democratic values of our Constitution and country".

## Dallas County Receives Over \$12 Million Federal Grants for HIV Emergency Relief Projects

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson announced that Dallas County Health and Human Services has been awarded a \$12,722,134 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to help assist patients with HIV/AIDS in the Dallas area. The grant will make available comprehensive

programs and accessible clinical care needed by HIV/AIDS patients. The funds will also ensure resources to develop and operate effective, appropriate and cost efficient programs to provide health care and support services for individuals and families dealing with HIV disease in Dallas.

This grant will help bring

the most appropriate care to HIV and AIDS patients in our community," said Congresswoman Johnson. "I am pleased that Dallas County Health and Human Services, which has been serving the area's needy populations, was able to secure this valuable funding."

Recently, in coordination with National Black

HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, Congresswoman Johnson teamed up with members of the Congressional Black Caucus to take HIV tests on Capitol Hill. Congresswoman Johnson hoped to encourage testing and to promote awareness of the free and confidential HIV testing services available in the Dallas region.

## Activists Win Less Restrictive AIDS Relief Funds

(NNPA) – Groups including the California-based Artists for a New South Africa turned out in force against a proposal by President Bush that would limit access to care for African women with HIV/AIDS. Their efforts were successful and a competing bill was passed Feb. 27.

Competing proposals have been before Congress to reau-

thorize the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, known as PEP-FAR 2, for a second term.

Under the version of PEP-FAR 2 proposed by President Bush, only \$30 billion would have been spent over five years, "a level which would hinder HIV prevention efforts and slow treatment of new patients. Only 100,000 new patients per year could be started on HIV

drugs, when millions are dying," critics said.

The Democrat bill, developed by the late Rep. Tom Lantos, put greater focus on health care and other empowerment programs for women.

The first PEPFAR's "Abstinence and Be Faithful" programs were found to undercut other HIV-prevention programs such as preventing

mother-to-child HIV transmission.

Pepfar has done much good, but it has accomplished only a fraction of its potential, notes the Artists group. Further, notes Dr. Kihumuro Apuuli, the director general of the Uganda AIDS Commission, Pepfar restrictions on condom distribution lead to the near doubling of new HIV infections.

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The Public Hearing for adoption of the final Plan will be held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 5:15 p.m.

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## The Heart Truth "With Every Heartbeat Is Life"



*Audience at Links, Incorporated*



*Shari K. Lamb, President Plano North Metroplex Chapter, The Links, Incorporated*



*Vanessa Duplessis, MD, OB-GYN, Staff, Medical Center Plano*

North Texas Truth. Plano North Cluster Chapters of The Links, Incorporated recently hosted the first in a series of workshops designed to help local women learn The Heart Truth. Metroplex Chapter, Shari K. Lamb, President presented the first of five workshops on February 28, 2008 at Medical Center of Plano. Vanessa Woolridge-Duplessis, MD, served as the facilitator and lead the session entitled Knowledge is Power: Know Your Risk For Heart Disease.



## The Denton Black Chamber of Commerce 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet

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Inspiring Positive Change Initiative, Inc ("IPC"). IPCI is a Texas based non-profit organization committed to the development of youth within the African American community. The organization seeks to make a positive impact in the lives of African American students by challenging them to pursue their dreams through scholarship, leadership development and financial education.

Remember that each college application you complete, every dollar you save, and all preparation for your future, is an investment into you! Senior year of high school should be filled with memories, enjoyment and preparation for entering into a new world. In May

of this year, the 2008 FAALEI Scholar will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship upon receipt of enrollment verification from a collegiate level institution.

IPCI has a vision that comprises a future network of FAALEI Scholars positioned throughout the world, equipped with the resources and passion for improving the economic health of black America and society at large.

The application must be postmarked or faxed by April 30, 2008 for consideration. To obtain a copy of the scholarship and to learn more about the Inspiring Positive Change Initiative, please visit our website at [www.ipcinitiative.org](http://www.ipcinitiative.org).

## 2008 Bond Election Proposal Adopted by School Board

On March 4, the Plano Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to present a \$490 million bond package to voters on a May 10, 2008, election ballot. The following proposal was recommended to trustees by the 2008 Plano ISD Facilities & Technology Task Force.

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Denton - \$282 million (2007)

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# 12th Annual Black Women's Film Festival Schedule

*We Speak Your Names*

**Saturday March 8th  
1PM – 2:30 PM**

Black Cinematheque Dallas is hosting the 12th Annual Black Women's Film Festival on Saturday March 8th beginning at 1PM. All films are screened at the recently renovated South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 S. Fitzhugh Street. The line-up includes three short films:

**HAPPY TO BE NAPPY** by bell hooks 20 minutes narrated by Mary J. Blige

Did you know that nobody else in the world is just like you? So what if you look, move, or speak differently from others? The joy of it is that we all do! So what if your hair isn't straight! Be happy to be nappy! No matter who or what we are - big, little, black, white, a boy or a girl - we're all special and unique.

**Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa**  
By Andrea Pinkney 18 min.

Narrated by Scat Cat Monroe, a feline in a zoot suit, the film spins Ms. Fitzgerald's life, from her childhood in Yonkers performing on street corners, to her discovery at a 1934 talent contest at the legendary Apollo Theatre to her move into the "ping-pong rhythms" of bebop. Whether swinging at the Savoy "to a house packed tighter than the A train" or breaking the racial barrier at many clubs ("Ella's popularity showed them that a true star has no color it just shines"), the singer's career is expertly framed and celebrated.

**Animated Stories of Struggle and Change: History Through the Eyes of African American Young People.**

Produced by Kids on the Hill: Art for Social Change. 40 min. 2006

1. "William and Ellen Craft" is the story of the extraordinary escape of two enslaved Africans from Macon, Georgia. Through disguise, perseverance and great luck they made their way north to freedom.

2. "The Nonviolent Fight: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycotts" is the story of how an African American community who decided to stop riding public buses for an entire year ignited change in segregation laws. This story describes Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King's first act of leader-

ship in the civil rights movement.

3. "The Children of Birmingham" is the story of how young people inspired courage, persistence and enthusiasm for protesting whites-only public places. Through the actions of hundreds of young people, some as young as six, they were able to change the laws of segregation.

4. "Gettin' the Vote" chronicles the protests of those who struggled for the right for African Americans to vote. In America, 100 years after the end of slavery, the battle is courageous, powerful and not yet done.

Youth ages 5-12 attend for free. For more information and tickets contact Marilyn Clark @214-426-1683 or Sondra Roney at 214-939-2787.

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met casually at Southern University as students in the Department of the Performing Arts, originally singing as a classical ensemble formally known as "Three Tenors and A Bass". Yet, after a few months, all members, recognizing the talent, musicality, and cohesiveness of the group, decided to branch out into the Gospel Music realm.

The group changed its name to Inspired as a symbol of its pur-

pose. The group desires to be an inspiration to others using the gifts God has given them. They also are inspired by one another and those that surround them. Musically they are inspired by Gospel greats such as The Clark Sisters, Donald Lawrence, Richard Smallwood, Kurt Carr, and Myron Bulter. Most importantly they are inspired by God to do his work and minister through song.

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Starring



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Regina Washington



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Naïma Imani Lett

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## Community Calendar

### Ongoing

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**African American Republican Club of Collin County:** Collin County's newest Republican Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at Collin County Republican Party Headquarters beginning at 7 p.m. The purpose of this club is for men and women to discuss issues important to African American Republicans. For more info, please call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or email him at [fred@tes.com](mailto:fred@tes.com).  
**DFW Financially Empowered Women** is 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/378](http://www.meetup.com/378).

**Reggae Saturdays** Every Saturday at the Daiquiri Dump, located at 2612 Commerce St. Dallas, Texas 75226, is Reggae Night. The fun starts at 9:00 p.m. Admission is free before 11, with RSVP. You can RSVP at [www.minglemonday.com](http://www.minglemonday.com). For more information, call 214-629-0077.

**Teen First Fridays** is an exciting new event designed to transition youth into a higher level of engagement with worship through music, movement, spoken word and spiritual food. Teen First Fridays will be held in collaboration with St. Philip's School and Community Center, Project Still I Rise Inc. and the Dallas Leadership Foundation. Teen First Fridays will be held at St. Philip's Community Center located at 1600 Pennsylvania, Dallas, Texas 75215 from 5:45pm - 8:45pm every first Friday of the month. Each Friday will include motivational speakers, food, live entertainment, youth and spoken word performances. For more information regarding this event please contact Tiffany Kirby, Community Center Director, St. Philip's School and Community Center at 214-421-5221 or Kevin Mondy, President, Project Still I Rise at 1-877-380-6413.

**ARTHELLO BECK GALLERY** with a 3-year retrospective of the innovative photography & video program SIGHTS & SOUNDS. This program is sponsored by PRESERVATION Link, Inc, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing visual literacy to South Dallas students. Hundreds of DISD children have learned the art of photography through this program. The exhibit represents a small portion of the work created in the last 3 years. The event will be ongoing through December 31st from 12 noon - 8pm Tuesdays - Fridays, and 10am to 4 pm on Saturdays at the South Dallas

Cultural Center 3400 S Fitzhugh Avenue. Admission to this event is FREE. For more information, please contact Vicki Meek at 214-670-0315, or by email at [victoria.meek@dallascityhall.com](mailto:victoria.meek@dallascityhall.com).

**Digital Photography Classes** for beginners and intermediates will resume at the South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. Call for dates. Registration starts Nov. 1.

Classes will last from 11am-12:30 pm. Admission for the six-week class is \$60, including materials. For further information, please contact Vicki Meek at 214-670-0315, or by email at [victoria.meek@dallascityhall.com](mailto:victoria.meek@dallascityhall.com).

**Drawing Classes** Learn to draw or sharpen your drawing skills with a drawing class at the South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 S Fitzhugh Ave. Beginner and intermediate drawing classes resume with professional artist, Emmanuel Gillespie. Registration starts Nov. 1. Classes will last from 10:00 am - 11:30am. Admission is between \$15 and \$45, which includes materials. For more information, please contact Vicki Meek at 214-670-0315, or by email at [victoria.meek@dallascityhall.com](mailto:victoria.meek@dallascityhall.com).

**In The Beginning** is a new exhibit opening at the Women's Museum on Friday February 22nd. The exhibit features over twenty new pieces of art exclusively by Jewish American Artists. The exhibit will run from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Please visit [www.thewomensmuseum.org](http://www.thewomensmuseum.org) for more information. Paul Quinn's Tuesdays in February, will consist of a black history month lecture series. Speakers include: Senior Pastor and University President Rev. Dr. Floyd Flake, Dallas Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., R&B Artist Angie Stone, ESPN

Magazine Columnist Chris Broussard and WFAA Channel 8 Reporter Darla Miles. The series takes place every Tuesday (Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26) at Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road. The event is free and open to all. For more information, call 214-302-3577.

### March 7

**AIDS Arms, Inc. and Coalition of Life** are hosting an event in commemoration of National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on Friday, March 7, 2008. The event is free to the community and will be held at the Hitt Auditorium, located at the Methodist Dallas Medical Center on the corner of Colorado Blvd and Bishop Avenue. The health information fair begins at 6:00 pm with light refreshments being served and the program beginning at 6:45 p.m. Free confidential HIV testing will be available at the event. Free parking is available and the location is on a direct bus line. This event is open to the community of clients, service providers and committed stakeholders in the fight against AIDS. For more details contact AIDS Arms, Inc. 214-521-5191.

### March 8

**The 2008 Downtown Sundown**, presented by the Historic Downtown Plano Association will kick off today from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. This event will be located at 15th Street (between Avenue K and J Place). Activities during Downtown Sundown include: Live Music, Art Walk, Vendor Marketplace, extended merchant shopping hours and additional special activities. Downtown restaurants will also be open for dinner and late night drinks. For further information please contact Ms. Kimberly Simmons at 972-941-7307.

### March 8

**The Fort Worth Business**

**Assistance Center** is presenting a free seminar, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, detailing the pros and cons of franchising. Learn methods of franchising that could potentially build your entrepreneurial dreams. Explore the methods that are expanding Texas businesses today. Pre-registration is required for this event, so register now by calling 817-871-6025, or by visiting [www.fwbac.com](http://www.fwbac.com).

### March 8

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** Come enjoy breakfast with a blessing, and not to mention, fellowship. All men are invited to come and be blessed at the New Light Church, 9314 Elam Road - Dallas Texas 75217. Special Guest Speaker Pastor G. Robinson will be presiding over the breakfast celebration. And yes, every breakfast is a celebration. Come feed on the Word. For more information, please call the New Light Church at 214-391-3430, or visit [www.newlightchurch-dallas.com](http://www.newlightchurch-dallas.com) on the web.

### March 8

**TBAAL Black Academy: Children's Chorus and Youth String Orchestra Concert** at The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission to this event is \$10. For more information please call 214-943-2442.

### March 8

**The Sigma Youth Symposium**, presented by The Zeta Delta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc, is working hard this year to promote the special, "It's in the Bag" presentation designed to teach our youth persistence not resistance. Speakers will address prevalent topics of serious concern, which negatively affect the community, such as truancy, gang violence, intimidation, discriminations, drug sales/use, vandalism, homi-

cides and more. The Sigma Youth Symposium will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Mountain View College, located at 4849 West Illinois Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75211. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please call Leslie Chatman at 972-821-8112.

### March 9

**National Kidney Foundation of North Texas Patient Education Seminar** presented to you by the NKF of North Texas. This informative event seeks to bring patients suffering with chronic kidney disease or currently on dialysis, together with their families and friends to give useful tips on living an abundant life. The seminar is located at Doubletree Campbell Centre 8250 North Central Expressway (I75 & Caruth Haven) at the National Kidney Foundation of North Texas from 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.00, for more information please call 214-351-2393, or email [fmartinez@nkft.org](mailto:fmartinez@nkft.org).

### March 11

**The City of Plano Multicultural Outreach Roundtable** will be held at the Plano Municipal Center, Training Room A, at 1520 Avenue K, in Plano Texas. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and admission is free. For more information on this event please call 972-941-7747.

### March 11

**Poetry Night at Pleasant Grove** Share your poetry with other aspiring poets. All ages are welcome to participate in this free and open to the public event, located at the Pleasant Grove Branch Library, 1125 South Buckner Boulevard. Poetry Night begins at 7:00 p.m. For more information please call 214-670-0965.

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# Classic Features All African-American Cast

## *Production is a first in the area.*

Teatro delle Muse will present the foremost of classic American plays, *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams. What makes this production unique, almost unprecedented, is that the traditionally conceived all-white cast, will be African American.

Casting this play with all African Americans is somewhat akin to casting Tom Sawyer as African American. An interesting comparison since the Williams play is also dated with racial epithets not uncommon in the parlance of the day. "People just don't think of these characters as African American," says Bill Ray, director.

"But none-the-less these characters are universal. They have needs, expectations, disappointments and escapes. We all need to escape. As a race we have our differences,



Regina Washington & Vince McGill

against a backdrop of similarities."

Mr. Ray says that casting a classic Williams' play with all African Americans, though unique, is not a first. "Jubilee Theatre in Fort Worth did it about 7 years ago. No one locally has done it since and certainly no one in the Dallas/Collin County

"Later this year, Broadway is coming out with another Williams' play, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* with an all African American Cast."

Mr. Ray recalls, "I've wanted to do this play for 20 years. But it wasn't until recently that I thought about casting it with all African Americans. I mean you have typical plays for African Americans and this just isn't one of them. Most African American actors see a casting call for *Glass Menagerie* would think, well that's not for me. First of all, there are references to African Americans as 'darkies' and use of the n-word."

Even though the play was not originally written for African Americans, and takes place almost 70 years ago, there is a striking parallel to national events dominating the news of today. Mr. Ray remembers a particular scene in rehearsal. The character of Tom, played by Vince McGill, recited a line about a friend Jim, played by Alonzo Waller,

where Tom says "You'd think by the age of 30 he'd be in the White House." Mr. Ray says that he was struck by the fact that an African American man was speaking the line about another African American man being in the White House. "Before this election year, I never thought I'd see an African American this close to the White House. That brief scene was so pertinent to what's going on. As I saw it unfolding, I thought about Barack Obama."

Indeed Williams' play is timeless. This semi-autobiographical account of Tennessee Williams' early days in 1930s St. Louis is a heart-breaking yet often funny "memory play" told from the perspective of Tom Wingfield (Vince McGill\*). *THE GLASS MENAGERIE* is the story of a family desperate to break free of the burdens of their past and their present. Tom's mother, Amanda (Regina Washington) has been abandoned by her husband, and now lives only

for her children; his unmarried sister, Laura (Naima Lett), is a fragile and painfully shy creature who retreats into a world of glass animals; and Tom himself is torn between his poetic inclinations and the responsibility of supporting his mother and sister. Each escapes into their own personal "glass menagerie" as a means of eluding the pain of their own and each other's existence.

Not only is the play written with characters that are traditionally played by white actors, but certain character elements seem almost to

mission to sing at Constitution Hall. In fact, Mr. Ray says that ironically there was a time when "we couldn't even play ourselves. African Americans couldn't play African Americans. What you had were white actors in black face."

Teatro delle Muse Artistic Director Sarah VC Henderson, "We are so fortunate to have such a talented cast to bring *THE GLASS MENAGERIE* to life. Bill has a truly passionate take on this classic of the American theatre and we are overjoyed to bring his vision to our audiences. With an

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Cast of *Glass Menagerie* Naima Lett, Vince McGill, Alonzo Waller & Regina Washington

and there's no escaping that. But the universal message of the play celebrates those differences

area." Yet Teatro delle Muse, may be on the leading edge of a trend by producing Mr. Ray's vision.

require it. As matriarch of the Wingfields, Amanda is often portrayed as an old-school, genteel southern belle. The play tells us she is a member of the DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR caused a furor in 1939, which is coincidentally the year that the play takes place when they refused to grant African American contralto Marian Anderson per-

extraordinary African American cast Bill has given this award-winning piece of literature new life without changing the central theme. I believe this production will be the pride and joy of Teatro delle Muse."

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not have left Abacus."

Lucas, 30, is an example of millions of Americans who are working at jobs without health insurance. More than 42 million Americans are believed to be without health insurance, many holding full-time jobs.

Jill Jones, a Leonard Security branch manager, confirmed Lucas' account.

"That is true, we do not offer health insurance as a company, but we do offer it as a supplement with AFLAC," Jones said. "This was made very clear to the people from Abacus who came to us. When she left Abacus, she left her health insurance behind."

As the cost of health care escalates, many small businesses are either making employees pay more or they are cutting it out altogether. It is common for new employees of a company, especially if they are contract employees such as Lucas, to be left out in terms of health insurance.

Henry Aaron, a health care expert at the Brookings Institute, said that Lucas's situation is becoming more common.

"Fully a third of employees, mostly in small companies, do not have insurance," Aaron said. "Alas, the fraction of employed workers with coverage is falling."

Lucas said that when she talked to the president of Leonard Security, Scott Leonard, he told her that he made a business decision.

"He told me that he needed to get the contract with the hospital and one of the things he negotiated away was employee's health insurance," Lucas said. "He said that taking away health insurance lowered the cost and therefore he was able to get the hospital as a client. He also said that health insurance cuts into his profit and he did not want to do that anymore."

Jones said that Lucas should be happy with the package.

"I don't see what the problem is," Jones said. "She is getting more money and those days off. She did not have that at Abacus. Bre was not forced to come with us. She could have stayed with Abacus."

Costs have become the predominant factor in health insurance coverage, Aaron said.

"Some employees decline coverage because they are myopic and don't appreciate its importance," he said. "Many take coverage for themselves, but not for dependents, usually for reasons of costs, but sometimes less

defensible motives. Contract employees usually do not get benefits of any kind; that is one reason why companies hire people on contract rather than regular employees."

Lucas's children are covered by the Prince George's County health system, she said.

"My kids are fine, but what about me?" she said.

Jones said that Lucas could still qualify for a COBRA, which is a bridge health insurance plan for people who leave companies that offered it, but they have to pay higher premiums. Lucas said that she looked into that and said it costs too much.

"Aetna said that I would have to pay \$430 a month and they would have to get their money on

the first of the month or coverage would be stopped," she said. "That is too much. I used to pay \$116 a month at Abacus for me and my kids. Why can't I have something like that?"

Cheryl Camillo, the executive director of the Office of Eligibility Services at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, said that a case like Lucas has options, but they are limited.

"We can offer uninsured employees and their families Medicaid but right now they would have to make below \$250 a month," Camillo said. "The good news is that as of July 1, people with higher incomes, making \$1,467 a month, will be eligible for the complete

Medicaid benefit package."

Camillo said that people in Lucas's situation should look into the state's PAC (Primary Adult Care) program.

"This is a limited package but it is only for adults and, as of March 1, one can qualify if they make below \$1,470 per month and have assets below \$6,000," she said.

Coverage for Lucas is at a point where it is becoming critical. During the Feb. 12 ice storm, she slipped and fell down on five stairs.

While her leg was not broken, it was scraped. She took the situation in stride, saying, "I guess until I find some type of solution to not having health care, I will just have to heal myself."

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Ohio, have effectively thrown the race right back into contest mode with millions still waiting to vote in 10 states and two U. S. territories that have not yet held primaries.

Clinton, who also won Rhode Island, was exuberant before a cheering crowd in Downtown Columbus, Ohio.

"For every one here in Ohio and across America who's ever been counted out but refused to be knocked out. And for everyone who has stumbled, but stood right back up, but for everyone but never gives up, this one is for you. You know what they say. As Ohio goes, so goes the nation. Well, this nation's coming back and so is this campaign, she said, "We're going on, we're going strong and we're going all the way!"

Obama's resolve was just as strong: "And we know this – no matter what happens tonight, we have nearly the same delegate lead as we did this morn-

ing. And we are on our way to winning this nomination," he told a crowd in San Antonio, Texas.

With that, both candidates will continue to roll. Primary lineups are as follows: March 8, Wyoming; March 11: Mississippi; April 22: Pennsylvania; May 3: Guam; May 6: Indiana and North Carolina; May 13: West Virginia; May 20: Kentucky and Oregon; June 3: Montana and South Dakota; June 7: Puerto Rico.

Of all the states that have not had primaries, Pennsylvania has the largest share of delegates, 158.

Debates continue over the handling of super delegates, Democratic Party leaders, who could break a tie or settle a dispute if the race between Obama and Clinton are too close to call by the Aug. 25-28 Democratic Convention.

The only thing certain coming out of Tuesday is the fact that Sen. John

McCain, who finally got enough delegates to win the Republican nomination, will be running against Obama or Clinton on Nov. 4, 2008. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee finally dropped out Tuesday night, endorsing his fellow Republican.

"Americans are not interested in an election where they are just talked to and not listened to," McCain took a swipe at the verbosity of the Democratic candidates, "An election that offers platitudes instead of principles and insults instead of ideas."

Obama's 10-state winning streak was broken Tuesday night by several factors, including several attacks from the Clinton campaign that put him on the defensive on election eve.

While his core constituency of African-Americans – 19 percent – was said to have come out in droves to vote for Obama in Texas, the 34

percent Latino population is said to have been equally as riled for Clinton.

David Bositis, a senior analyst at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, agrees with Obama that no matter what happens, he is still ahead. Also, he says, Obama is favored in a number of the remaining states.

"A number of states that are left are advantageous for him. Mississippi, North Carolina, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota. She's got Pennsylvania, but Pennsylvania will end up being another Ohio," he said. "They'll essentially split the delegates 50-50."

Bositis contends that although Clinton has remained in the race, with Obama's strong delegate lead, numerically, "I don't see any way that she's going to make it up."

In morning after interviews, Clinton insisted she will remain in the race because she believes because she has won what has been considered the

largest or most important states, including Texas, Ohio, New York and California, there is a momentum for her. She also points out that no U. S. president has won the Democratic nomination without winning Ohio.

"She may hold on, but the pressure on her to back out is going to become greater and greater and greater," Bositis says. "I think the pressure is going

to be on her to get out."

University of Maryland Political Scientist Ron Walters agrees that Clinton has a new momentum, but it means little for the numbers.

"It's given her a new campaign, renewed confidence," says Walters. "But I'm pretty sure that it doesn't change the outcomes unless the world turns upside down and he just doesn't win anymore."

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people." Normally, approximately 50 voters cast a ballot during the twelve hour period, this year that number was reached by 1:30PM. Thomas explained the turnout by saying, "For some reason they were fired up. Attendance is normally not this steady."

Dante, a first time voter in a Texas Primary, cast his ballot at Barron Early Childhood School located at 3300 Avenue P at 2:30PM. Dante indicated he became involved because the election was more interesting. He felt it was time for a change in how things are run in Washington. "No matter which candidate wins on the democratic side, there will be change," he commented.

Ms. Kevan Rangel served as the Election Judge for Democratic Primary at this location representing precincts 50, 51, 158. Rangel has served as an election judge for several years and when comparing the turnout as of 2:30 PM Tuesday afternoon, she described it as 3 - 4 times the usual turnout. "A lot of people are interested in this elec-

tion. We are planning for a large turnout. So far 200 voters have cast their ballot," Rangel reported.

Across the room, the team for the Republicans was enthusiastic, despite not having as many voters cast a ballot to that point. This was Justin Nichols' fourth year to serve as an election judge on behalf of the Republicans.

Nichols also is the Teen Court Coordinator in Collin County and this year three high school seniors took a day off from classes to volunteer as Election Clerks. Nichols joked that although two were raging Democrats, that is OK. He feels it is important for youth to not only observe but participate in the entire process. He is hopeful that by introducing them to the political process, involvement will become a life long habit. His students agreed.

Anna, a high school senior, already has plans to volunteer for a candidate during the fall election. For the primary she was excited to see that Texas mattered in the process.

Nichols likes the winner

take all approach of the Republican primary but Emily, a senior, hoping to attend Brown University in the fall prefers the proportional system Democrats uses. She feels that without the proportional system, "voters who do not agree with the majority get pushed out," this way their voice is heard.

At 6:00 PM a steady stream of voters were arriving at Brandenburg Middle School in Garland, site of the Democratic Primary and Caucus for precincts 2134, 2135, 2136, with the majority to the caucus attendees from 2136. Mr. Wesley Johnson, the Election Judge, and staff worked to ensure that all of the voters in line by 7:00 PM had the opportunity to cast their vote. The line of voters ran the length of two halls, with early voters waiting in the cafeteria.

Wanda Shorter, a first time voter in the primary, discussed why she is supporting Senator Obama. "We need a change, Barack brings hope. I don't see that in Hillary, I see the same old - same old. We need hope,

in the impoverished areas there is just no hope."

Shorter's husband is still registered to vote in Mississippi and plans to return to the state in to vote in the upcoming primary. She was disappointed her son, a first time voter, experienced difficulties at a different polling location. He was offered the opportunity to cast a provisional ballot because officials indicated he was not registered. However, Shorter personally assisted him in registering earlier this year and checked the Internet Tuesday to help him locate his correct polling place. "I will be checking online again, and if I find his name listed, I will file a complaint," Shorter offered.

At 7:15 PM Johnson explained to the standing room only cafeteria how the process for the evening would unfold as the clerks verified eligibility of everyone present. He cautioned everyone to be patient and friendly. However by 8:40 PM, frustrations ran high and patience ran out as the night wore on.

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## 2008 Toyota Yaris

By Jim Bochum

The Toyota Yaris brings a high level of refinement, sophistication, and a fun-to-drive experience to the entry subcompact segment. The most affordable passenger car in the Toyota model lineup, Yaris is available in four-door Sedan and three-door Liftback models.

For 2008, the Yaris adds the sport-themed Liftback S model and features color-keyed front and rear under-

and door glass helps to enhance aerodynamics and reduce wind noise. In the rear, the tail lamps frame a wide trunk opening. The trunk lid extends down to the bumper molding to provide a substantial appearance as well as easy trunk access.

The Yaris Sedan rides on a longer version of the platform, with a 100.4-inch wheelbase versus 96.9 inches for the Liftback. The Yaris Sedan has an overall length

transmission and offer an available four-speed automatic transmission. The automatic features uphill/downhill shift logic to reduce gear "hunting" to help ensure smooth performance when driving in hills.

Yaris fuel efficiency is

among the best in the subcompact segment, with EPA fuel economy ratings of 29 MPG city /36 MPG highway for manual transmission models and 35/29 for the automatic. Yaris is EPA-certified as an Ultra-Low Emission vehicle.



bumper spoilers, amber illuminated tachometer, sport seat fabric, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, rear window defroster, rear window wiper, AM/FM/CD player with MP3/WMA capability, universal mini-jack port and "S" badging. The Liftback S model's standard 15-inch steel wheels can be upgraded with optional aluminum-alloy wheels.

Yaris combines contemporary exterior styling and an upscale interior with truly impressive fuel efficiency and overall low cost of ownership.

The Liftback is available in six colors and Sedan is offered in nine colors. Only two colors, Polar White and Black Sand Pearl, are shared by both body styles for an array of 13 color choices over the two models.

The Yaris Sedan is not only dimensionally different from the Liftback, but features its own styling. In front, the grille is framed by sharp character lines integrated into the aerodynamic hood and windshield. Like the Liftback, the Sedan features a "T" face grille that emphasizes the Toyota identity. Eliminating outer moldings from the windshield

of 169.3 inches compared to 150.6 inches for the Liftback, and the Sedan is 2.5 inches lower than the Liftback, as well. A low 0.29 coefficient of drag ensures aerodynamic efficiency for both models.

The Yaris is built around a highly rigid yet lightweight structure incorporating strategic use of high-tensile steel. The body structure incorporates damping materials in strategic locations throughout to reduce noise, vibration and harshness, helping to make Yaris quiet and comfortable for long trips.

The Yaris's 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine is equipped with variable valve timing with intelligence and produces 106 horsepower at 6,000 RPM and 103 lb.-ft. of torque at 4,200 RPM. Both models come with a standard five-speed manual

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*March 14 - 16, 2008*

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**Sister Tarpley**

*From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder/Pastor:* Sanctification is like riding a bicycle: You either keep moving or you fall down! **2 Peter 3:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:23.**

God still speaks to those who take time to listen. **Hebrews 1:2; 1 Samuel 3:9.** To get together is the beginning, to stay together is progress, but to work together is success! **Psalm 133.** The Holy Spirit who worked in the early church is still at work in the world today! **Acts 2:41-43; Mark 16:20.** To know God's Will is man's greatest treasure; to do His Will is life's greatest privilege. **Mark 3:35; 1 John 2:15-17.** With God's strength behind you, you are more than sufficient for the task ahead of you. **Isaiah 40:31.** By silent prayer we not only worship God, we witness to men. **Psalm 95:6.** There is nothing so wonderful in the world next to the love of God as a good mother. **Proverbs 31:10; John 19:25.**

Speaking without thinking is like shooting without aiming. **John 14:17.** True courage is like a kite, a contrary wind raises it higher. **Joshua 1:9.** Admitting your sin is never a substitute for

## Scriptures For March 2008

quitting your sin. **Proverbs 28:13.** What you do is an infallible commentary on what you are. **Proverbs 22:6;**

**Ephesians 6:1; James 4:17.** God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him! **1 John 5:14-15.** Suffering is like a magnet, it



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is sent to draw a soul closer to God. **Romans 8:16-18.** Pray as if everything depends of God; then move as if everything depends on you! **Luke 11:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Psalm 55:1.**

Turn care into prayer—prayer and God will turn your midnight into music. **1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 55:22.** Too many people conduct their lives on the 'cafeteria plan' – 'self-service only!' **Philippians 2:3-4.** Patience means awaiting God's help without doubting God's love! **Psalm 37:7.** Rejoicing each day in the Lord enables His love to shine through us! **Colossians 2:15-17.** A good marriage means falling in love many times with the same person. **Ephesians 5:23-33.** Prices at the store may rise and fall but the price

of sin remains the same! **Romans 3:23 & 6:23.** Learn to be patient in the little things and you will have sufficient strength for the big things! **Galatians 5:22; James 1:3; Luke 21:19.**

Worry is interest in trouble that may never come! **Matthew 6:34.** Our day will be brighter if we start with a song! **Psalm 145:2; Acts 16:25.** Prayer is profitable whenever it is practiced! **James 5:16; Acts 6:6.** A word of encouragement can change a person's life. **1 Samuel 30:6.** Go to church to continue with God, not to criticize. **Psalm 42:4.** Who loves me, follows me. **John 10:4-5.** God has not promised to keep us from trials, but to be with us in them! **John 14:23; Matthew 28:10.**

A sure cure for our life is the 'praise cure' **Psalm 145:21 & 150:6.** A meal without God is like food without flavour! **Ecclesiastes 6:7; Proverbs 3:7.**

To gain spiritual strength, make it a point each day to remember God's mercies; stand before Him in prayer and say them out loud to God. If you practice recalling God's mercies, you will be stronger in faith and more confident of His love for you. His mercies can be found in Psalm 103. Read them often. Don't just settle for knowing them, remember them everyday, and then they will come alive in you.

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Agency will celebrate twenty-five years of serving the community with a casino night

New Beginning Center is inviting the community to its Silver Anniversary Gala on April 19th to help commemorate all of the families that have been able to utilize the agency's services over the past 25 years. New Beginning Center was founded in 1983 by the Garland Service League. Currently, New Beginning



NEW BEGINNING CENTER

Center offers a variety of services including counseling for adults and children, legal advocacy, emergency shelter, community education, and volunteer services.

This year the Silver Anniversary Gala will be held at The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center in Downtown Garland located at 300 N. Fifth St. Doors will open at 6:30pm

on Saturday, April 19th, 2008. Individual tickets will be \$65 this year or a table of eight for \$500. Proceeds benefit victims of domestic violence. Admission price includes tasty hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and "\$500" worth of casino chips, cocktails, and raffle entry for spectacular prizes.

This year, the event will be

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Brotherhood 7:00 pm  
Missions 7:00 pm  
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Tuesday	7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir
Wednesday	7PM Mid-Week Service
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