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President-Elect
Obama's
Acceptance
Speech see Page 9

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

After a fierce fight of two years to change the course of history, U. S. Senator Barack Obama has been elected the first African-American president of the United States.

His win culminates an American history that expands from Black slavery to Jim Crow to a modern day civil rights movement still marked by institutional racism.

"America is in the process and has taken the first step of turning from darkness unto light, turning from war unto piece, and turning from exploitation of the

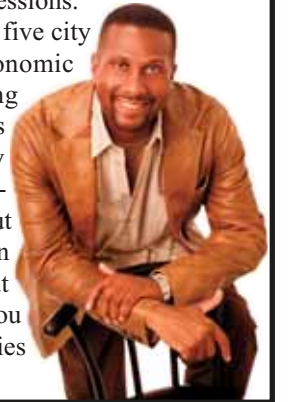
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LOCAL EVENT

Economic Tour Features Tavis Smiley

Popular Media Personality and Author Tavis Smiley returns to Dallas this weekend at the Sheraton Dallas (Downtown), located at 400 N. Olive Street with his latest venture the Nationwide On Your Side tour. Doors will open at 9:00 AM with Tavis slated to speak 10 AM-11 AM, followed by complimentary lunch and from 11AM-1 PM Empowerment Sessions.

Dallas is the last stop on the five city tour, which focus on economic empowerment and providing family security. The sessions feature a keynote speech by Tavis Smiley, three informational seminars with breakout sessions for group participation and other information about protecting what matters to you most, employment opportunities and more.



Wilson Walks A Mile in
Homeless Woman's Shoes

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BLACKONOMICS

"Such a Time as This"

By James Clingman
NNPA Columnist

No, this is not about Barack Obama. There will be plenty of time to write about his ascension to the highest office in the land after November 4, 2008.

This is about the economy and how it will affect us individually and collectively. Since the tidal wave of Wall Street bailouts and bank failures began, we have seen our personal eco-

nomie situations decline.

We have seen what little clout we even thought we had with banks slip further into the abyss of higher interest rates and ATM fees, outlandish credit card fees and assessments, tighter lending policies, and rip-off charges for insufficient fund checks that multiply on a daily basis. What shall we do?

I have said it many times before, via this column and in my

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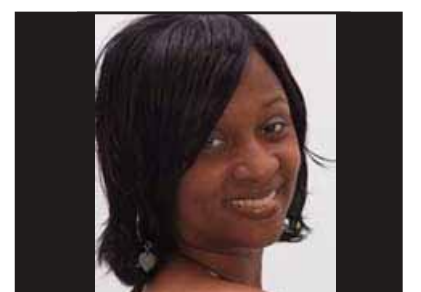
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Anthony J. Sadberry

Officials of the Texas Lottery were notified of the death of Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Anthony J. Sadberry.

The Commissioners and staff of the Texas Lottery Commission offer their condolences to Mr. Sadberry's family.

"Anthony Sadberry was dedicated to his profession and service to the state of Texas," said Jim Cox, Chairman of the Texas Lottery Commission. "His

contribution to the organization and the image of the Texas Lottery is both noteworthy and greatly appreciated."

Mr. Sadberry had 10 years of service with the Commission beginning as a commissioner appointed by Governor Ann Richards in November 1993 and serving in that capacity until March 2001. He was commission chair from October 1994 to August 1995. He then became Acting Executive Director

in January 2006 and was named executive director in June 2006. Mr. Sadberry held that position until his death.

In a recent interview, Mr. Sadberry spoke of his belief that while conducting his duties as executive director he should maintain an open mind and an open door, remembering his position was to serve the state and not his personal interests.

Anthony attended public school in his native Bureson County, until his family moved to Houston during his senior year.

After graduating from NorthShoreHigh School in 1968, he continued his education by attending NavarroJunior College until his graduation with honors with an Associate's degree in Science. He then attended the University of Texas in Austin graduating with honors in 1972 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. He received his Juris Doctor degree from GeorgetownUniversityLawCenter in Washington, D.C. in 1975.

Honors he achieved during his educational and



occupational careers include: President of the Student Body of Navarro Junior College, National Officer of Phi Theta Kappa

International Honor Society, Vice President of the Student Body of the University of Texas, Director of the State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course, elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates and received the Georgetown Paul R. Dean Outstanding Alumni Award. He served on the Texas Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure, the State Bar of Texas Pattern Jury Charges Committee and the State Bar of Texas Rules Committee.

Clarice Tinsley

Recently the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas held their 4th Annual Real Girls Real Women Awards Luncheon, sponsored by Frito-Lay, at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. Two exceptional women, Anne Motsenbocker of JPMorgan Chase and Clarice Tinsley of KDFW Fox 4, and two amazing Girl Scouts, Whitney Walker of Heritage Christian Academy and Chanelle Angeny of Richardson High School, were honored at the event. Proceeds raised by the 4th

Annual Real Girls Real Women Awards Luncheon went to support leadership development programs for girls in our community.

Real Woman Honoree Clarice Tinsley, a lifetime Girl Scout, is a veteran journalist who fell in love with news in the 5th grade and cultivated her passion into a prosperous career in television. Clarice has been a broadcast journalist for 33 years and on November 13th she will celebrate her 30th year as an Anchor/Reporter on Fox 4 News. Her leader-

ship, honesty, and fairness are just a few of the amazing values she displays to viewers across northeast Texas. The stories she has covered have earned her an Emmy, a DuPont-Columbia Citation, the Texas Headliner Award, three Katie Awards from the Dallas Press Club and a Texas Associated Press award. Clarice has also won an illustrious George Foster Peabody award for her story "A Call for Help" about the Dallas EMS system. As a result of Clarice's stellar reporting and her courage to uncover flaws in the 9-1-1 sys-



tem, Dallas' EMS reviewed staffing and changed their medical emergencies procedures. She is passionate about news and it shows in her character on and off camera. Clarice devotes count-

less hours to serving families and communities across Texas when she is not on-air. She volunteers her time and talents with many organizations such as Susan G. Komen for the Cure – where she serves as the 2008 Honorary Race Chair for Dallas County – and Super Bowl XLV – where she serves on the Board of Directors. Clarice will chair the Super Bowl XLV Communication Action Team and will create innovative events and activities to give Texans and visitors memorable ways to experience the first Super Bowl

in north Texas. She has recorded books on tape at Reading & Radio Resource for more than 75,000 children across Texas who are visually impaired. Clarice's adventurous side led her to fly with the U.S. Navy's elite Blue Angels where she successfully pulled 6.3 g's. Clarice enjoys painting and spending time with her loving husband, Stephen Giles. Her dynamic presence, professionalism and determination have established her as consummate professional and a role model to women of all ages.

Dominique Friend

Dominique Friend is frustrated by the lack of national awareness of Sickle Cell Disease, and she intends to do something about it. Ms. Friend, who is waging her own fight against the disease, first formed a support group last year for people living in and near her community of York, PA who have Sickle Cell Disease. Now she has authored a book, Sickle about her personal experience with the disease.

"Sickle Cell Disease has become an invisible disease. It affects almost 1 in every 500 African Americans, and also affects many people of Central American, Cuban, South

American, and Mediterranean regional ancestry, but many people are surprised when they discover that this illness is still common," says Ms. Friend.

Sickle Cell Disease is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders in which the red blood cells become hard, sticky and curved. These cells die early, causing a constant shortage of red blood cells. When they travel through small blood vessels, they can get stuck and lessen blood flow. The result is often severe pain and development of other serious health problems, some of which can be deadly.

Ms. Friend is currently undertaking a 38-city tour



to promote her memoir and to highlight the designation of September as Sickle Cell Awareness Month. She says, "There are many of us who suffer from Sickle Cell, and we can help others who are in need of an encouraging word. That's what my book is all about - I want to share my life

experiences to help others to know that you can make it!" She will also focus on spreading the word about Sickle Cell Disease to those who don't understand the illness and on warning other Sickle Cell Disease patients about the danger of iron overload in treatment of the disease.

"This disease does take a lot out of me at times, but my book, Sickle, and my engagements to spread the word about Sickle Cell Disease are a labor of love," Ms. Friend reveals. "I want people across the country to know that the battle against this disease goes on."

To view a video on Sickle Cell Disease, please visit www.youtube.com/sickle1e1000

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

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



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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Barack Obama: The Man of Destiny

By James W. Breedlove
NNPA

Barack Obama's presidential quest has eerie parallels to Irving Wallace's 1964 novel, *The Man*, that portrays an America led by a black president.

In a country marred by segregation and Jim Crow legislation such a unique event was only imaginable, even in fiction, by killing off the president and the speaker of the house in an improbable accident coupled with a vice-president too incapacitated to take the office.

The book reveals how a nation, which professes equality and liberty as its cornerstones, lies exposed to the hollowness of its professed beliefs and values. Wallace provides a glimpse into the inner struggles of a black president when the presidential succession devolves to an obscure senator named Douglas Dillman, the Senate president pro tempore. Dillman had been given the ceremonial post of president pro tempore in deference to racial tokenism and appeasement to the party's liberal wing.

President Dillman confronts the burdens created by his office, his race, and his private life while attempting to uphold his oath in the face of international crises, domestic dissension, violence, scandal, and overt hostility.

Over sixty percent of the country does not approve of Dillman holding the office. In addition Dillman's racial insecurity bedevils him so much that he states, "I am a black man not yet qualified for human being, let alone for President." To calm people's worries, he agrees to play the role of a figurehead under the scheming tutelage of the Secretary of State whose ambition is to be the

power behind the throne.

But little by little, as circumstances unfold, he asserts himself to the growing frustration and bewilderment of his scurrilous advisors. They finally pounce on him after he fires the backstabbing secretary of state leading to the cliffhanger climax as the United States Senate meets for the first time in one hundred years to impeach the President. Dillman is dramatically acquitted by one vote.

Fiction is one thing but not many Americans believed that a black could become President in real life.

But now with the meteoric rise of Illinois Sen. Barack Obama an Afro-American will finally sit in the Oval Office as the nation's first black president.

But will Dillman's dilemma resonate now that Obama is poised to take the oath of office on January 20, 2009? Obama is ideally suited to dispel Dillman's dilemma. A post-Jim Crow, post-black power activist, he doesn't bear the scars or insecurities of previous generations. His principled avoidance of identity politics has been a cornerstone of his appeal. Still, many Americans would agree with the congressman in *The Man*, who objects to Dillman taking office because, "I like the color [the White House] is right now." Obama's task is to convince those American's that he's not bringing a paintbrush to Washington but a shovel to dig out the corrupt residue left by a malignant government.

Back in February 2007, when Obama announced his candidacy, it seemed almost like a joke or at best some wild fantasy. Surely, this man could not be serious.



President-elect Barack Obama waves after giving his acceptance speech at Grant Park in Chicago Tuesday night, Nov. 4, 2008. (AP Photo/Morry Gash)

Why waste time going up against the vaunted Clinton political machine? Even most blacks were ambivalent about Obama at the outset.

Old black skepticism prevented an immediate embrace of the Obama candidacy. White liberals did. They had found a black politician they felt comfortable with, and wanted him to be a combination of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, motherhood and apple pie. Many whites seemed relieved as they championed a new post-racial America that seemed ready to excise 400 years of overt color consciousness.

Obama is not just the preferred choice of liberal Americans. He is also the choice of the rest of the world - and of young progressives in particular. He commands this support, not only because he is not George Bush but because he personifies so much of what the world still admires about America. The world longed, perhaps unrealistically but nevertheless earnestly, for a new America; the one that Obama eloquently portrayed.

Expectations will be high, hard to manage, and the honeymoon may not last. Yet Barack Obama finds himself in an enviable position. He has the political

mandate to rewrite the play book for American governance. Mr. Obama's political instincts seized on the failures of the Republican era and created a bold new progressive coalition that will focus on revitalizing the America that disintegrated under the failed Bush policies.

When the 2008 campaign began, Mr. Obama was the candidate offering hope and change. Over the past twenty months he has become much more. He has been tested in debates, in campaigning skills, and on policy issues. When challenged he has responded with tempered coolness and clarity of judgment and language, while developing a detailed program of commitments on the people's issues - health-care, economic restoration, the federal budget, energy independence, and Iraq.

As Barack Obama takes possession of the Oval Office next January it will not be because of a string of unlikely Dillman like disasters but through the superior leadership, during a grueling campaign, of a candidate who has transformed American politics as no one has in decades.

This is Barack Obama's destiny.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: jaydubub@swbell.net

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The North Dallas Gazette has recently conducted research on Wells Fargo Bank and their lending practices within the minority community. If you would like to offer any special comment regarding your interactions with Wells Fargo Bank - pro or con - please contact our Publisher, Mr. Thurman Jones at publisher@northdallasgazette.com. Please include "Wells Fargo" in the subject line of your email. You may also send any comments to P.O. Box 940226, Plano, Texas 75094-0226.

More Defections Seen Among Senior Member of the ANC

NNPA

More senior members of the Africa National Congress (ANC) are quitting the party over differences with its direction.

Last week, senior ANC member Phillip Dexter and former ANC Women's caucus parliamentary chairperson Sindiswa Patricia Kiki Rwexana said they were leaving with sadness but complained that the party had undergone pro-

found changes since about 2004.

"Today the ANC is very cold...It depends on which side you are supporting," said Rwexana. "The ANC we used to know is no more. The ANC that taught democracy in South Africa is no more...that taught respect to each, respect to the elderly, is no more."

"Dishonesty has really become the order of the day," Dexter charged. "Most alarming has been the lies by current ANC

leaders to justify the election or removal of people to and from political office."

The two senior leaders have reportedly signed on to the Shikota movement, a new party convened by former defence minister Mosiuoa Lekota and former Gauteng premier Mbhazima Shilowa.

The party's policies will cast a net beyond the rhetoric of revolution to address the needs of modern-day voters, organizers said.



Delegates sing and dance at the Sandton Convention Center in Johannesburg Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008. A breakaway faction of the ruling African National Congress announced Saturday that it will form a new political party which will be launched Dec. 16 ahead of elections to be held next year. (AP Photo/Denis Farrell)

'Natural' Supplement Hype Doesn't Always Translate to Safety

From staff reports

Some of today's best-selling dietary supplements and over-the-counter medicines are proudly advertised as free of artificial chemicals, dyes, fillers, or anything else that came from a test tube. The essence of the pitch: If Mother Nature made it, it must be good for you.

That sales strategy is understandable. From Jamie Lee Curtis touting the live bacteria in Activia yogurt all the way back to Euell "Wild Hickory Nuts" Gibbons praising the gravely goodness of Grape Nuts, advertisers have banked on our instinctive trust of all things earthy and organic.

Is that trust fully warranted? Many health experts are skeptical.

As with most ad claims, there's often a germ of truth behind the hype. Many natural remedies and foods have been used for thousands of years. And the most popular natural supplements, such as fish oil for cholesterol regulation and ginseng for energy, generally are safe when used correctly.

However, correct use is only possible when we know how much of an active ingredient we're ingesting per dose.

Because testing and regulation of "natural" medicines and supplements are still less stringent than that of their conventional equivalents, concentrations can vary widely from one brand to another.

An even greater potential drawback of natural supplements and medicines is that their risk of adverse drug and food interactions is similar to that of non-organic products.

Here are a few popular natural supplements and medicines, along with warnings issued by the American Academy of Family Physicians, Consumer Reports and the Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics:

Chamomile, often found in herbal teas, tinctures and pills, is promoted for countless uses including insomnia, infant colic, menstrual cramps and the common cold. Chamomile contains an anti-coagulant substance called coumarin, which can increase the risk of bleeding when combined with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory painkillers such as ibuprofen (marketed as Advil or Motrin), aspirin and naproxen sodium (sold as Aleve). Other herbs containing coumarin include

fenugreek, horse chestnut and red clover.

Kava, a popular anti-anxiety remedy, potentially can cause liver damage when taken with acetaminophen, a pain reliever widely marketed as Tylenol. Other herbs that should not be taken with acetaminophen include echinacea and black cohosh. Kava, like chamomile and valerian, also should be avoided by people who are taking narcotic pain relievers such as Vicodin and Fentanyl. The combination can result in serious nervous system depression or even death.

Yohimbe, a popular herbal energizer, and comfrey, a cellular growth stimulant, both can cause kidney damage when taken with acetaminophen.

St. John's Wort, a natural antidepressant, should not be combined with other antidepressants because it may alter their effects. It also may interfere with the action of some HIV medications as well as cardiovascular drugs such as warfarin and digoxin.

Ginseng, a root extract with worldwide popularity as a natural pick-me-up, is effective for many people yet also carries risks for negative interactions such as headache and tremors when combined with anti-

depressants of the monoamine oxidase inhibitor class.

Glucosamine, a supplement often used to promote joint health, is safe for most people but often contains sodium, which can reduce the effective-

ness of low-sodium diets.

These are by no means the only herbal remedies that pose potential health risks. Never take any "natural" supplement or medicine without asking your physician about effectiveness and potential risks.

Doctors can warn you of cases in which a natural substance may pose equal or greater risks than commercial drugs. (For example, ma huang herb contains ephedrine, the same tightly regulated stimulant found in Sudafed.)

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HOSPITAL BOND

Voters overwhelmingly approved replacing Parkland Hospital

Associated Press

Voters on Tuesday were in favor of the \$747 million hospital bond issue that will help build a more modern facility with more beds to replace the 54-year-old Parkland. That will cover about 60 percent of the

cost of a new \$1.3 billion public hospital to be built across from the current hospital.

When the hospital is completed in 2014, it will add \$52.50 in annual property taxes for owners of a home valued at \$150,000. That's a 13.7 percent

increase in the Dallas County Hospital District's tax rate.

About \$500 million of the cost will come from private donations and revenues the hospital has on hand.

Dr. Ron Anderson, Parkland's president and

chief executive officer, told The Dallas Morning News for its Wednesday online editions that the vote was "decisive and precedent-setting." He noted that in recent years, other U.S. cities have downsized their charity hospitals.

Democrats Thrive in DallasCounty - Work Ahead in CollinCounty

By Ruth Ferguson
North Dallas Gazette

The Democrats were not successful in the state-wide elections such as the presidential race with Sen. John McCain carrying the state over President-Elect Barack Obama,



Lupe Valdez

also re-elected, John Cruzot, Sen. Royce West, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, Rep. Rafael Anchia and John Wiley Price. Look for a change on your Dallas County



John Ames

tax statement next year as long-time Tax Assessor David Childs was defeated

by John Ames.

While the Democratic Party may harbor hope the state could turn blue in coming years, Collin County seems like a long shot. In the few races with democrats on the ballot they lost decisively, often with the republican candidate gaining 65% of the vote.

SENATE RACE

John Cornyn Safely Wins Re-election



John Cornyn



Rick Noriega

Associated Press

Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a heavy favorite and by far the bigger spender in his race, defeated Democratic long-shot candidate Rick Noriega to secure a second term

Tuesday night.

Cornyn had 54 percent of the vote to Noriega's 44 percent with nearly half of precincts reporting. Libertarian Yvonne Schick was a distant third.

With his victory, Cornyn heads back to a

Senate ruled by the opposing party. Democrats expanded their control of the Senate by capturing GOP-held seats in North Carolina, New Hampshire and elsewhere.

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Swinging Clubs for Dollars

NBMBAA-DFW hosts Inaugural Scholarship Golf Tournament

By Jacquinette Murphy
North Dallas Gazette

The Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of the National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA) hosted its Inaugural Scholarship Golf Tournament in October at the Golf Course at Castle Hills in Lewisville, Texas. It was an afternoon of fun activities and contests that allowed participants to network with other professionals while raising funds to support the local scholarship programs and the Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) high school mentoring programs delivered by the NBMBAA.

The events consisted of a 4-person scramble, putting and longest drive contests. After the shotgun start, the nine teams were off to the greens for a few hours of cool competition on the 18-hole course. The event sponsors included Nationwide and Sterling Bank which also provided teams for the event. The co-chairs for the event were Michael Bowen of Centerpointe and Cedric Hunter. Other participating teams included Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), FedEx, Flenory & Associates and of course, the National Black MBA Association.

After about four and one-half hours of play, the teams returned to the clubhouse to see how the numbers added up. James Spicer of the Centerpointe team won the Longest Drive contest and Andre Tucker of the Flenory & Associates team won the Putting contest. The FedEx team won the team award for the 4-person scramble.

Overall, the participants were excited about the event and the venue. Some even pledged to be a part of next year's event. "It was a very enjoyable event and I would do it again. The people were really nice," said David Westbrooks of the

Nationwide team. Bruce Carter, the team's captain, expressed his sentiments, "It is beneficial for me, being new to the area." Carter contended that he was able to expand his business network at least by a couple of new contacts. Marcellus Flenory concurred, "It was productive and everything was done decently. It was an immaculate venue."

Bowen stated "It was a great opportunity to play on a course that I had never played before and to meet with professional that I had never met. It was first rate. From the facility to the event, it was great and something that I will be looking forward to doing



next year."

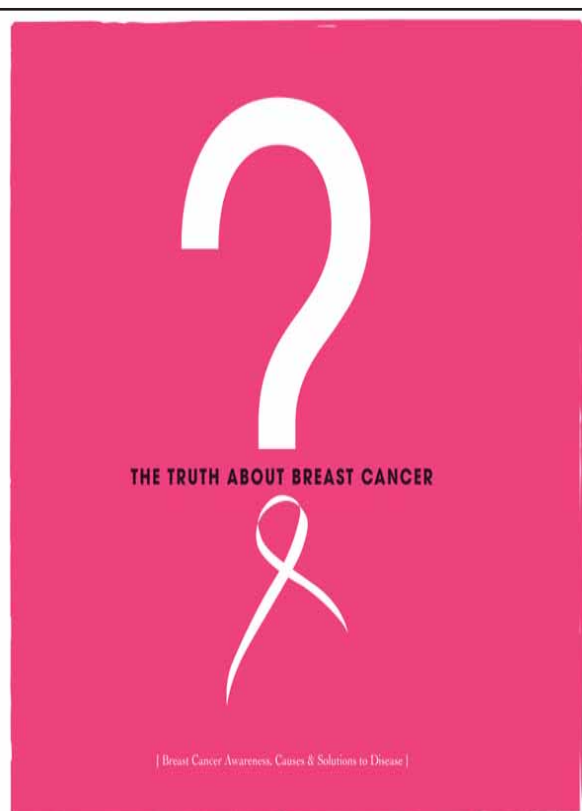
Next up on the National Black MBA Associates event list is a stellar affair, the Business Community Awards Gala hosted in conjunction with the DFW Chapter of the National

Association of Black Accountants on Saturday,

November 15 at the Omni Hotel at Park West from 6pm - 9pm.

This is a classy evening affair that will recognize the community contributions and achievements of corporations, business professionals, entrepreneurs and community leaders over the last year. Last year's winners included Irv Ashford, Jr., VP of Public Affairs at Comerica Bank; Tarsha Polk, owner of The Marketing Lady; Keith Howell, head coach of Goals-2-Score; Bank of

America-Community Development Initiatives; and Karen Dando, president and owner of Design Horse Construction. For information on this event and to obtain your ticket, please visit bcag2008.ddfwmbas.org. Contact the National Black MBA Association at 214-853-9477 or at info@dfwmbas.org. Help NBMBAA make the education of the DFW students more affordable through your contribution, sponsorship and attendance.



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The seminar will be held at Arlington Sheraton Hotel, 1500 Convention Center Drive, cost of \$99 per person includes lunch, seminars, prizes and materials. The keynote speaker is Craig Watkins, Criminal District Attorney for Dallas County. Seminar tracks include: Entrepreneurship, Professional and Personal Development, and Wealth Buildings.

November 8
Hill Harper, author of best seller, Letters to a Young Brother and Letters to a Young Sister; actor CSI: NY will speak at Paul Quinn College, Zale Library, 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd., Dallas, TX on Saturday, November 8, 2008, 12:30PM-2:00PM.

"When It Happens", a play about abuse, will be performed at The Plaza Theatre in Garland. Tickets will be \$10.00 presale and \$15.00 at the door; contact Lynda J. at 469-396-6881.

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November 8th
"Business Basics for Entrepreneurs" This class combines financial management and other key business concepts, such as Marketing, Forecasting, Cash Flow, Pricing, and Business Planning. The class will be held on November 1st and 8th from 1pm to 6:30 pm at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church 11881 Schroeder Road, TX 75243. The cost is \$40.00, register at www.planfund.org or call 214-942-6698.

November 9
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November 11
Left Behind: the Story of the New Orleans Public Schools, will be screened and discussed by a panel of New Orleans and Dallas educators and students at the South Dallas Cultural Center at 6pm. [214-500-4608]

Veterans Memorial and Memorial Park Dedication in Plano 9:30 a.m. Memorial Park is located at 2101 Bay Hill Drive, near the intersection of Spring Creek Parkway and Custer Road.

November 11-16
The Second City on Tour at The Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street. Performances will be at 8 p.m. nightly, with matinee performances at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 15, and Sunday, November 16, www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 214-631-ARTS (2787).

November 13
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Murphy Enterprise Center Leadership Lunch. The University of North Texas College of Administration Leadership Luncheon will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway,

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November 14-15
Collin Dance Ensemble Annual Dance Fusion 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15, at the John Anthony Theatre, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. Tickets \$8 general admission & \$5 for students and senior citizens, call 972.881.5107 or www.ccccd.edu/dance.

November 15 - January 11
The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture will open the first annual Deck the Halls at Old Red exhibit, located in the West End of downtown Dallas at 100 South Houston Street. General admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$5 for children ages three to sixteen. Admission to Deck the Halls without general admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children, visit www.oldred.org.

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Empowering Women to Succeed, Ladies Night Out, Hilton Garden Inn, 785 SH, 121 Lewisville TX 75067 6pm-9pm \$10.00 per person www.Empower2Succeed.org

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America Elects Barack Obama



Excerpts from President-Elect Obama's Acceptance Speech

Hello, Chicago. If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer.

It's the answer told by lines that stretched around schools and churches in numbers this nation has never seen, by people who waited three hours and four hours, many for the first time in their lives, because they believed that this time must be different, that their voices could be that difference.

It's the answer spoken by young and old, rich and poor, Democrat and Republican, black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, gay, straight, disabled and not disabled. Americans who sent a message to the world that we have never been just a collection of individuals or a collection of red states and blue states. We are, and always will be, the United States of America.

It's the answer that led those who've been told for so long by so many to be cynical and fearful and doubtful about what we can achieve to put their hands on the arc of history and bend it once more toward the hope of a better day.

It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this date in this election at this defining moment change has come to America.

It was built by working men and women who dug into what little savings they had to give \$5 and \$10 and \$20 to the cause. It grew strength from the young people who rejected the myth of their generation's apathy ... who left their homes and their families for jobs that offered little pay and less sleep; from the not-so-young people who braved the bitter cold and scorching heat to knock on the doors of perfect strangers; from the millions of Americans who volunteered, and organized, and proved that more than two centuries later, a government of the people, by the people and for the people has not perished from this Earth. This is your victory.

The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even in one term. But, America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there. I promise you, we as a people will get there.

There will be setbacks and false starts. There are many who won't agree with every decision or policy I make as president. And we know the government can't solve every problem. But I will always be honest with

you about the challenges we face. I will listen to you, especially when we disagree. And, above all, I will ask you to join in the work of remaking this nation, the only way it's been done in America for 221 years block by block, brick by brick, calloused hand by calloused hand.

What began 21 months ago in the depths of winter cannot end on this autumn night. This victory alone is not the change we seek. It is only the chance for us to make that change. And that cannot happen if we go back to the way things were. It can't happen without you, without a new spirit of service, a new spirit of sacrifice.

So let us summon a new spirit of patriotism, of responsibility, where each of us resolves to pitch in and work harder and look after not only ourselves but each other.

Let us remember that, if this financial crisis taught us anything, it's that we cannot have a thriving Wall Street while Main Street suffers. In this country, we rise or fall as one nation, as one people. Let's resist the temptation to fall back on the same partisanship and pettiness and immaturity that has poisoned our politics for so long.

As Lincoln said to a nation far more divided than ours, we are not enemies but friends. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection.

And to those Americans whose support I have yet to earn, I may not have won your vote tonight, but I hear your voices. I need your help. And I will be your president, too.

And to all those watching tonight from beyond our shores, from parliaments and palaces, to those who are huddled around radios in the forgotten corners of the world, our stories are singular, but our destiny is shared, and a new dawn of American leadership is at hand.

To those who would tear the world down: We will defeat you. To those who seek peace and security: We support you. And to all those who have wondered if America's beacon still burns as bright: Tonight we proved once more that the true strength of our nation comes not from the might of our arms or the scale of our wealth, but from the enduring power of our ideals: democracy, liberty, opportunity and unyielding hope.

For that's the true genius of America: that America can change. Our union can be perfected. What we've already achieved gives us hope for what we can and must achieve tomorrow.

This election had many firsts and many stories that will be told for generations. But one that's on my mind tonight's about a woman who cast her ballot in Atlanta. She's a lot like the millions of others who stood in line to make their

voice heard in this election except for one thing: Ann Nixon Cooper is 106 years old.

She was born just a generation past slavery; a time when there were no cars on the road or planes in the sky; when someone like her couldn't vote for two reasons — because she was a woman and because of the color of her skin.

And tonight, I think about all that she's seen throughout her century in America — the heartache and the hope; the struggle and the progress; the times we were told that we can't, and the people who pressed on with that American creed: Yes we can.

At a time when women's voices were silenced and their hopes dismissed, she lived to see them stand up and speak out and reach for the ballot. Yes we can.

When there was despair in the dust bowl and depression across the land, she saw a nation conquer fear itself with a New Deal, new jobs, a new sense of common purpose. Yes we can.

When the bombs fell on our harbor and tyranny threatened the world, she was there to witness a generation rise to greatness and a democracy was saved. Yes we can.

She was there for the buses in Montgomery, the hoses in Birmingham, a bridge in Selma, and a preacher from Atlanta who told a people that We Shall Overcome. Yes we can.

A man touched down on the moon, a wall came down in Berlin, a world was connected by our own science and imagination. And this year, in this election, she touched her finger to a screen, and cast her vote, because after 106 years in America, through the best of times and the darkest of hours, she knows how America can change. Yes we can.

America, we have come so far. We have seen so much. But there is so much more to do. So tonight, let us ask ourselves — if our children should live to see the next century; if my daughters should be so lucky to live as long as Ann Nixon Cooper, what change will they see? What progress will we have made?

This is our chance to answer that call. This is our moment. This is our time, to put our people back to work and open doors of opportunity for our kids; to restore prosperity and promote the cause of peace; to reclaim the American dream and reaffirm that fundamental truth, that, out of many, we are one; that while we breathe, we hope. And where we are met with cynicism and doubts and those who tell us that we can't, we will respond with that timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people: Yes, we can.

Thank you. God bless you. And may God bless the United States of America.

Chandra Wilson Walks A Mile In A Homeless Woman's Shoes

From staff reports

When Chandra Wilson of "Grey's Anatomy" counts her blessings, a familiar old saying sometimes pops into her head: "There but for the grace of God go I."

It's a thought, Wilson says, that keeps her humble, makes her grateful, prevents her from judging others who are less fortunate.

"I think we all know, especially in today's economy," she says, "we're about two paychecks or one disaster or one illness away from financial ruin."

Wilson poignantly illustrates how fragile one's life can be in "Accidental Friendship," a Hallmark Channel movie premiering at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.

She plays Yvonne, a homeless woman who gets a helping hand and a chance to start anew from a compassionate police offi-

cer (played by Kathleen Munroe).

It's a film, based on a true story, that Wilson believes could have a profound effect on viewers. For some, she says, it might awaken a spirit of volunteerism; others might be inspired to take stock of their own lives.

But Wilson's greatest hope is that the film prompts viewers to re-examine their preconceived ideas and misconceptions about the homeless. "We could be much more empathic as a society," she says. "The first thing we need to remember is, 'Look, this could happen to any of us.'"

It's "too easy" a diagnosis, Wilson insists, to blame the plight of the homeless solely on laziness, addiction or mental illness. "Many of these folks still have jobs," she says. "They just can't keep everything above water."

Wilson met one such family while preparing for her role. "The father still had a job, but they couldn't afford the rent any more," she says. "They needed to let that house go while he got a couple of paychecks under his belt. Then they could move into an apartment. Some of these things are really planned out."

It's hardly the ideal financial recovery plan, to be sure. But it's unfair to that family, Wilson says, for anyone to cast judgment.

Wilson didn't get the opportunity before filming to meet or to spend time with the woman whose journey back from life on the street is dramatized. But she did get to meet Tami Baumann, the Los Angeles police officer who reached out to Yvonne. "Tami spent some time on the set with us and that was really cool," Wilson says.

In many ways,



"Accidental Friendship" is as much Baumann's story as it is Yvonne's. Everyone on the set -- particularly Munroe, who joined her real-life counterpart on a police ride-along one evening -- was inspired by Baumann. "She's a really passionate individual," Wilson says. "Her heart is

out there."

It's worth noting, though, that the actress didn't need to look far for insight before walking a mile in Yvonne's shoes. As is noted in the film, about 3.5 million people are likely to experience homelessness in a given year. It's a problem that so permeates

our society that virtually everyone knows someone whose home is the street.

In Wilson's case, it was a family member she knew while she was growing up in Houston. "Some people are homeless by choice because of stubbornness

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poor by the powerful to equal opportunity and economic justice," said civil rights icon the Rev. Joseph Lowery in an interview. "It's a great moment for America."

In awe, America has paused to celebrate this victory.

"If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, if you're still wondering if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, if you still question the power of our Democracy, tonight is your answer," Obama began his victory speech before a screaming Chicago crowd of more than 250,000. "It's the answer told by lines that stretched around schools and churches and other places like I've never seen, people who waited three hours, four hours, many for the first time in their lives because they believed that this time...That their voices could be that difference."

He recalled his campaign strategy, which involved connecting people from all walks of life from both traditionally Democratic and Republican states.

"It was spoken by young and old, rich and poor, Democrat and Republican, Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, Native-American, gay, straight, disabled and not disabled, Americans who sent a message to the world that we have never been just a collection of individuals or a collection of red states and blue states, we are and always will be the United States of America," he said as Blacks and Whites celebrated the win together.

In an exclusive election eve message to Black leaders, Obama credited Black voters for his pending win, saying, "You have done this."

The Black Press is partially responsible for that victory.

"The Black vote has taken the high road," said

Ray Boone, editor/publisher of the Richmond Free Press in Richmond, Va., the former Capital of the Confederacy, which elected a Democratic president for the first time in more than 40 years.

"This marks a definitive departure from our shameful past. This only gives hope and pride to the fact that Virginia contributed to the advancement of the country and gives hope to the entire world," Boone said.

Obama graciously congratulated Republican Sen. John McCain for his hard fight in a tone that caused the audience to cheer.

In contrast, McCain had to shush an audience who booed when he congratulated Obama in his concession speech. Still McCain graciously congratulated Obama and even paid homage to the Black community for its victory.

"He managed to do so much by inspiring the hopes of some millions of Americans who once wrongly believed they had little at stake or little influence in the election of an American president," McCain said. "It is something I deeply admire and commend him for achieving. This is an historic election. I recognize the special significance it has for African-Americans and for the special pride that must be theirs tonight."

Civil rights leaders reveled in the victory. Tears streamed the face of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, a civil rights icon, watching Obama speak in Chicago.

"This victory is the fruit of the struggle of many people who've gone by," said National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial. "People can now quit asking when will the day come when a Black man can be elected president of the United States."

The Obama win comes after a hard-fought race over the past two years as he struggled to prove him-

self; even in the Black community, which initially did not believe he could win due to White racism.

The son of a Kenyan man and a White woman from Kansas, Obama initially received a slow reception from Black voters.

The swell of voters among youth was largely due to the excitement of a new role model, the possibility of making history and also because of the issues, said Melanie Campbell, president and CEO of the National Coalition for Black Civic Participation.

"We tend to vote our emotions, not blind emotions, but we have to feel that this is really meaningful. The issues of the day, such as Katrina and what happened on the Gulf Coast had an impact in 2006. We were upset and angry, but we also understood politically that we had to weigh in on the process,"

Campbell says.

The aspect of race or agenda is more than just about the skin, but it's about the experience of disparities, prejudices and discrimination, Campbell says. "It's kind of the pain and the promise. It's the pain of what we're going through and the promise that somehow this vote can help impact that. I feel that we're in that pain vs. promise moment."

In some Black districts, the electorate expanded as much as 188 percent such as Virginia's Tidewater District during Democratic Primaries, Campbell illustrates.

The JointCenter determined last year that the top issues for African-Americans were the war, health care and the economy, including jobs. Youth also talked about lowering tuition rates, increasing Pell grants and the prospects of higher paying jobs when they graduate.

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Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce

Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2008

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speeches, so I guess one more time won't hurt. If ever there was a need for a Collective Banking Group (CBG) Chapter in your city, it is right now.

The leverage that comes with collective and cooperative work cannot be overstated, and what better time to have leverage with the banks than in these dire economic circumstances.

We will surely see more of the same as the pain of the recession, and maybe even a depression, moves up the ladder toward the affluent. We will see more usury interest rates, more restrictions on lending, especially for homes and businesses, and more back-room deals being cut between greedy corporate bigwigs and corrupt politicians. With all of that going on, Black people need all the leverage, influence, and power we can get, because you know we are always the ones who get the worst

from hard times.

The CBG is not a panacea that will cure all of our ills, but it certainly will change the way banks do business with us, and it will change how we view and deal with banks. I have seen it with my own eyes in the Maryland/DC area, as well as in other cities where CBG Chapters exist.

It only makes sense to be in a position to "deal" with banks on a serious level and obtain maximum reciprocity for the dollars they hold for us, especially among our Black churches. Billions of dollars every year going from our pews to their vaults, and in many cases all we do is complain about how we are mistreated by the banks.

It makes no sense at all to keep up the constant refrain of misery and woe, whining about what someone does to us, and waiting for them to change without any incentive to do so. And

for those of you who are waiting for Barack Obama to solve this problem, I have a newsflash for you. It ain't gonna happen.

At such a time as this, when the economy is in a tailspin; at such a time as this, when the "big boys" are wringing their hands and pondering a flying leap from the 44th floor; at such a time as this, when economic fear grips those whose greatest fear, prior to now, was a double bogey; and at such a time as this, when there is so much economic uncertainty yet the ever-present certainty that Black people will continue at the bottom of the economic spectrum; at such a time as this, we must act!

The tools we need are at our fingertips; all we need to do is use them. Our collective economic resources cannot be denied, but we cannot continue to allow those resources, the

lifeblood of our households, our neighborhoods, and our churches, to leave and never return. At such a time as this, we have the opportunity to establish and solidify our presence, our resolve, and our unity around a sound economic principle - and the Maat principle of Reciprocity.

The Biblical passage upon which this article is based comes from the Book of Esther, a young lady who had to make a tough decision regarding the future of her people. After seeing what happened to Queen Vashti when she defied the king, and after hearing the words of her cousin, Mordecai,

"Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther realized that even at the risk of losing her own life, she must act. Why? Because it was the right thing to do and the right time to do it.

We are also faced with a decision, maybe not a physical life and death decision, but certainly an economic decision that will impact our daily lives. What will we do in our moment of "such a time as this?" Will we step forward as Esther did, as David did, as Joshua and Caleb did? Or will we cower in a dark corner of anonymity, afraid to speak out and afraid to

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From staff reports

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The seminar will provide an introduction to the new Microsoft Office 2007 interface, functionality, and feature set.

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Dist/Div: Fort Worth

Contract 6177-22-001 for EPOXY ANTI-ICING OVERLAY SYSTEM in TARRANT County will be opened on December 04, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$584,954.60.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 28185

State Office

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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

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November 15, 1 pm

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CCC is a non-profit 501(3)c organization that has awarded scholarships and financial assistance to students in area. Help support this tradition. Information, contributions and to volunteer, call 972-242-0933.

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Sister Tarpley

For two weeks, I have been in discussions where most of the talk was about low self-esteem in individuals. (Not thinking highly of self; does not have a favorable opinion of self; do not respect or regard self-worth.)

I am reminded that many prophets (Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel to name a few) that was lacking in confidence and not sure of what they were capable of doing, **through faith in God**, conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection while others were tortured, refusing to accept release,

God: The Cure for Low Self-Esteem

in order to obtain a better resurrection.

There were some that suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, and tormented, of whom the world was not worthy. Some wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. (Reference reading, **Hebrews 11:1-40**.)

Yet all of these, through they were commended for their faith in God, did not receive what was promised at that time because God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from Christians today, be made perfect.

Today, Jesus is our perfect example: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us

run with patient the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." **Hebrews 12:1 & 2.**

As Christians, we need to remind others (as I was once told) that God doesn't make junk! We need to pray that God will fill them with faith and trust in Him. That He gives all of us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony. That we bear with one another's weakness and grow from each other's strengths. We also need to pray that all Christians, no matter our path to enlightenment, come to realize that we are one in Christ. We may walk our own path, but as Christians, we are not alone.

Not only did our Father in Heaven assure us through His Word that we are worth something (all

of Heaven rejoice over the life of one Christian; and God sent His only son to pay the price of our sins, forever) moreover, my earthly father, Mr. Lloyd David Demus, one day said to me, "You are somebody and be proud of what God made you." I believe that my children will pass this on to my grandchildren.

Christian Wisdom: Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me." **—Revelation 3:20.** "The income of God's Word is the outcome of a changed life." **—Ed Cole.** "When a man is wrapped up in himself he makes a pretty small package." **—John Ruskin.** "Men try to fix problems with duct tape. God did it with nails." **—Anonymous.** "One should never initiate ANYTHING that cannot be saturated with prayer." **—Anonymous.**



Mrs. Hallie Carter Conwright has made history, she has lived to see 18 U.S. Presidents (Theodore Roosevelt through President-Elect, Senator Barack Obama, the 1st Black Man.) At her 100th birthday party she said, "If Christians would pray and let God lead the elections that America would be okay because God's got the whole world in His hands."

Sorority says "support community businesses"

From staff reports

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is hosting its annual Community Market

Festival Saturday, November 15, 2008, at the Creative Arts Building (1327 Admiral Nitiz Circle, inside Dallas Fair Park). The event, which draws hundreds of shoppers and

vendors each year, is designed to promote economic development and to help local businesses market their products and services directly to the community. The Community

Market Festival will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and is open to the public.

Dallas Alumnae Chapter president Ella Goode

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"The Church with a Vision"

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and pride and not being able to work with anybody else," she says. "They make a choice to be out on the street. They just refuse to function in society. It's kind of a way of rebellion and there's even an element of pride about that. And I have an uncle who made that choice many years ago."

As for Yvonne, she had become so complacent in her dire situation that it took someone as persistent and persuasive as Baumann to prod her into making a change. What was heartbreaking about Yvonne's struggles, Wilson says, is the way she would "dig her heels in" and convince herself that she

was satisfied, "even though she wasn't really seeing the reality of her life."

If "Accidental Friendship" motivates even one viewer to reach out to help someone in need, Wilson says, all of the uncomfortable hours that she spent on the set, covered with dirt and grime, can be considered time well spent. But Wilson is also convinced that every viewer can be inspired by Yvonne's comeback. After all, she says, aren't we all guilty of self-destructive complacency from time to time?

"A lot of us are kind of paralyzed and not getting on with life — and I'm not just talking about those of us who have lost everything," Wilson says. "If you truly want your life to get better, you have to get out of the complaining stage and stop that 'if only' way of thinking. It's about what you choose to do with your life. You have the power to make choices that make your life better."

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