Celebrate Kwanzaa With The African American Museum of Iowa*
Join us for a feast reminiscent of Africa’s harvest celebrations and for entertainment that highlights Iowa’s diversity and African American heritage! Celebrate with the Museum on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for the Kwanzaa celebration are $5 for members and $10 for non-members. Children ages 5 and under are free. Tickets are available for purchase in the Museum’s Gift Shop or by contacting Erin Thomas at 319-862-2101 x22 or education@blackiowa.org.

Free HIV testing at Polk County Health Department
On Saturday, December 1, 2007, in conjunction with World AIDS Day, Polk County Health Department will provide free Rapid HIV testing, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at its clinic at 1907 Carpenter Avenue in Des Moines. Spanish interpreters will be available.

“World AIDS Day is about raising awareness. Anyone who thinks they are at-risk should get tested. The Rapid HIV test will give them their results in 30 minutes,” said Terri Henkels, Polk County Health Department Director.

Between January 1st and October 30th of this year, Polk County Health Department tested 1,562 individuals for HIV. Twelve people tested positive. As of June 30, 2007, 411 people who had been diagnosed with HIV or AIDS were living in Polk County.

“We usually provide the OraSure test for free to Polk County residents. It can take 10 days for the results. We usually charge $25 for the Rapid HIV test. On Saturday, the Rapid HIV test will be free,” said Ms. Henkels.

World AIDS Day, observed December 1st each year, is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. The concept of a World AIDS Day originated at the 1988 World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programs for AIDS prevention.

Ms. Henkels added, “The first cases of influenza this year have been identified. It is not too late to get a flu shot. We will be providing flu shots on Saturday as well.”

A $15 donation is suggested for flu shots. No one will be turned away because of inability to pay. Medicare Part B, Medicare Railroad and Humana will pay for the cost in full. Bring your Medicare card.

2007 International Human Rights Day Observance
The State of Iowa is pleased to announce its 2007 observance of International Human Rights Day. On Monday, December 10, 2007, the Iowa Department of Human Rights will host a short program at the State Historical Building Auditorium, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, IA.

The Governor’s Legal Council and Policy Director, James Larew, will give the Culver/Judge perspective on Human Rights. And Syeta Glanton, Policy Liaison with the Governor’s Office will read the Governor’s Proclamation.

Other highlights of our program include presentations from Justice Brent Appel who will address how the Supreme Court protects Human Rights. Ralph Rosenberg, Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Department, will inform us on the number of local Human Rights Agencies in Iowa, how we can partner to host local hearings, steps we can take to file complaints, and emerging issues to consider for the 2008 Legislative Session. Cara Heiden of the Iowa Business Council Deputy Committee will discuss the business case for diversity and inclusion to meet Iowa’s workforce needs. To conclude the morning Director Reed of the Iowa Department of Human Rights and the Division Administrators will provide an overview of the Department of Human Rights and accomplishments during the past year. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

We cordially invite you to join us in the celebration of International Human Rights Day 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Education television show announced
We are excited to announce a new local access television program “I Am Listening” hosted by Des Moines School Board Member Jon Narcisse. The show will air at 10:00 p.m. every Thursday and 8:00 a.m. every Saturday on Mediacom Channel 15. For more information call 515-770-1218 or goto: jonnarcisse.com.
Power beyond measure

The NAACP local branch in Des Moines used that tag line for the Freedom Fund Banquet. We need to examine this a little deeper. Having catchy phrases just doesn’t cut it, we have high unemployment, racism—institutional and cowardly acts of the same are on the rise. We have more disenfranchisement than ever before and the catchy phrases will not heal the pain and burying the “N-word” is not the answer.

The NAACP has to step up and show it’s relevance to the people it claims to serve. Is the NAACP relevant? I believe it is but it has seemingly gone dormant except for the annual banquet. The visibility—or lack thereof, gives rise to the leadership being out of touch with the needs and concerns of the people. Young people think that the NAACP has no place for them at the decision making table. Frankly there hasn’t been room or a voice at the table for large numbers of folks who are hurting, and need support for their struggles.

We get countless calls here at the Bystander about very personal and heartfelt happenings in our community things that cause great pain and hardship to family and individual. The messages come from, mothers, fathers, young men and women who feel they have been wronged by this system or that system. They feel they have no voice and no support, and when pressed with the question “have you called the local NAACP?” we usually hear “They don’t do anything.”

That statement is in direct contradiction to having “power beyond measure.”

To have power means there is some sign of that power in action all of the time not just when a news or publicity worthy event is taking place. It definitely is not to fight for cable channels on behalf of Mediacom.

The “beyond measure” part is interesting as well. How do you know you have any power if you can’t even measure it in tangible out comes of significant importance. We need our NAACP to produce a plan of action that we the people can get in front of and take charge to produce significant gains that will give a resounding report of the power we as a people posses.

With excess resources in its coffers its time for the leadership of the NAACP local branch to invest in the growth of that so called power, or move out of the way and let new leadership with fresh idea’s come to the front.

I do feel strongly that the local NAACP has an important role to play in the uplifting of down trodden people but the organization has to play that role “all-in” with no apologies. Then we will gain measurable power that can be used.

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What’s Going On?

Oprah To The Rescue
By Robert V. Morris

Although Sen. Barrack Obama is leading demo-
cratc presidential rivals Hillary Clinton and John
Edwards in the latest polls, the BIG lady is coming
to his aid in Iowa this week.

Television icon Oprah Winfrey is coming to
Iowa to campaign for Obama and I think it is a
great move on her part to boost his chances against
Hillary and the other democratic hopefuls. I am
sorry, I just cant visualize Hillary as President in
the dangerous world of today and Hispanic Bill
Richardson is probably the best qualified demo-
crat to be President from the foreign relations
standpoint.

The Republican candidates are all pathetic and
their efforts could have only been saved by a
slighted man Gen. Colin Powell. Destroyed by the
lie of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, Gen.
Powell, as a moderate or “centrist” was the best
hope the Republicans had to keep the White
House. I recruited Gen Powell to our advisory
board at the Fort Des Moines Memorial Park in
1998 and have great respect for him.

After draft dodgers and cowards Bill Clinton,
George Bush and Dick Cheney, America would
worship a strong military man and Vietnam War
vetern who knows the destruction and loss of war
at a time when our troops are defending people
who won’t help themselves unless we pay for it.

Police restore calm to Paris’ troubled suburbs after nights of rioting

VILLIERS-LE-BEL, France (AP) - Vast de-
ployments of riot police restored calm to the
troubled suburbs of northern Paris, with only
scattered cases of arson reported Thursday after
nights of rioting.

A few cars and garbage cans were set on fire
overnight in the Val d’Oise region north of Paris,
but police made only handfuls of arrests and there
were no attacks on officers, a spokeswoman for
the local government said.

“It really is getting calmer and calmer,” she
said. She refused to be identified by name, in line
with her department’s policy. “We are returning
little by little to normal.”

The government deployed riot officers to the
worst-hit town, Villiers-le-Bel, again on Wednes-
day night after President Nicolas Sarkozy prom-
ised tough punishment for rioters who fired at
police with shotguns earlier in the week. He said
they would be prosecuted for attempted murder.

Sending someone else’s s son
to die for people who don’t
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Royal Family who doesn’t
deserve our support is dis-
graceful.

As a descendant of an
Army family and in full
support of our troops, our
military has much to do for years to come and
deserve all our support in the face of the “covert”
army military haters operating in our society.

Mistake no mistake, our enemies abroad and at
home would just as well kill a black American
soldier as a white one. As catastrophic as our
conditions are in this country right now, America
is still the greatest country in the world. I laugh at
some of my foreign born professional friends who
hate America for its colonial past but yet owe
their efforts could have only been saved by a
crew of two teenage boys in a motorbike crash with a
train and killed. The driver was arrested. The report of
the accident was released after a special prosecutor
was appointed by the French government.

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State Representative Deborah Berry endorses Barack Obama

The Obama Campaign today announced that State Representative Deb Berry of Waterloo has thrown her support behind Senator Obama’s candidacy for president. Citing his track record of building consensus to solve tough challenges, Berry has committed to joining Obama’s campaign to change politics in Washington, D.C.

“Barack Obama is the best candidate to bring our country together, inspire hope and unity, and work across the aisle to get things done,” Representative Berry said. “Barack Obama is the agent for change that we need in this country, and I have confidence and trust in him to fulfill the duty of President of the United States. America is ready for real leadership, not more of the same Washington, D.C. conventional thinking, and that’s why I’m proud to support Barack Obama’s campaign to unite our divided nation and tackle the tough challenges we face.”

Representative Berry has represented Waterloo in the State Legislature since 2002. Born and raised in Waterloo, IA, she serves on the Appropriations, Commerce, Government Oversight, and Public Safety Committees. Representative Berry’s record of public service includes time on the Waterloo City Council and tireless work as an advocate and mentor for at-risk youth.

“Representative Berry has been a tireless leader in her community, and she will play a vital role in our campaign’s outreach efforts in Waterloo and across Iowa,” Senator Obama said. “Representative Berry’s commitment and dedication are evident through her record of public service, and I’m proud to have her join our grassroots movement for change.”

As Aretha Franklin releases new duets CD

NEW YORK (AP) - Aretha Franklin recounts working with greats like Frank Sinatra, Luther Vandross and Whitney Houston on her latest CD with such nonchalance, you might think she was discussing the weather.

“It’s not for lack of interest - the Queen of Soul calls “Jewels of the Crown: All-Star Duets With The Queen,” a “brilliant” album, and stresses: “I don’t say that a lot about a lot of things.”

It’s just that unlike her raw performances, the legend rarely betrays much emotion in interviews, speaking in a matter-of-fact manner even when discussing some of her extraordinary collaborations.

Still, she can get animated, and when she does, it’s a surprising subject that draws her ire: Hollywood. Though Franklin had bit parts in the “Blues Brothers” movies and is trying to put together a biopic on her own life, she wishes that she had had a larger presence in that medium.

“Unfortunately, I have not gotten the offers from Hollywood that I would have liked to have produced the record. It has a couple of new tracks on it, including a duet with John Legend and another with Fantasia. But mostly it’s previously heard collaborations with some of pop’s greatest voices. Franklin already believes she knows the answer.

Her being part series, and a play is also in the works. “Unfortunately, I have not gotten the offers from Hollywood that I would have liked to have gotten.” Franklin, 65, said during a recent phone interview with The Associated Press. “I don’t understand why it’s so hard for longtime artists in the music industry who have numerous awards and citations and things like that to even get a pittance of an offer from Hollywood. It just doesn’t happen. What is the problem?”

Franklin already believes she knows the answer: a color barrier. And she believes many of her peers have fallen victim to the same problem.

“I look at other artists who came along at the same time I did, certainly other celebrated women like Dionne (Warwick) and Natalie (Cole) and Roberta Flack ... people like that, they weren’t offered anything either. It’s just so unfair.”

Franklin doesn’t believe it’s getting any better for black entertainers either, despite recent Oscar wins by the likes of Halle Berry and Jennifer Hudson.

“It’s a little disappointing to see in 2007 that that kind of thing is still happens, and you’ve got a huge set of double standards there,” she says. “Halle Berry is only one person - please!”

Franklin says opportunities in Hollywood for blacks tend to come only when they create opportunities for themselves. To that end, she’s working with producers to create a film about her own life, in which she’d like to see Berry, Hudson, or even Fantasia (who is featured on the new duets CD) portray her. Plans for a feature film fell through, but Franklin is in talks with a network to do a two-part series, and a play is also in the works.

But, of course, her primary focus remains music. Though she has been working on an album of new material for own label, Aretha Records, she decided to release “Jewels of the Crown” at the urging of record mogul Clive Davis, who produced the record. It has a couple of new tracks on it, including a duet with John Legend and another with Fantasia.

But mostly it’s previously heard collaborations with some of pop’s greatest voices. Luther Vandross is one of the luminaries, featured on the track “Doctor’s Orders.” For Franklin, hearing the duet with Vandross, who died two years ago, “brought back very very pleasant, fun, and of course sad memories.”

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WASHINGTON (AP) - For now, the Demo-
cratic presidential campaign has become a four-
letter word.

Iowa.

The campaign’s first voting state has become
so vital that all the Democrats are focused on it.
It’s where front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton
too has main in each of the state’s 1,784 précincts.
The campaign is building a “buddy-
system” to match experienced caucus participants
with the novices, and is offering transportation
and child care.

The Obama campaign has a similar strategy
with young voters, connecting them with veteran
caucus goers. The “Barack Stars” are high school
seniors supporting the Illinois senator - they can
vote in caucuses if they’ll turn 18 by the time of the
general election Nov. 4 - and he has strong support
among college students.

Edwards is concentrating on a strategy that
served him well four years ago when he finished
a close second in Iowa - bringing out the reliable
caucus goers, particularly in rural areas. He’s the
only Democratic candidate to have visited all 99
Iowa counties, and the 2004 vice presidential
candidate has gotten some key labor support here.

Trailing the front-runners in polling and
fundraising, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson
and Sens. Joe Biden and Chris Dodd are all
campaigning and raising money.

Richardson has sent mail to Iowa voters touting
his support of gun rights, while Biden has
secured more endorsements from Iowa elected
officials than any Democratic except Clinton.
Dodd has temporarily moved his family to
Iowa to demonstrate his commitment to the state, enroll-
ing his daughter in kindergarten at a Des Moines
public school.

The campaigns are awaiting a coveted
endorsement expected in early December
that of the 60,000-member Culinary Union,
which represents most employees on the
Las Vegas strip.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Jan. 26 (45
pledged delegates)

Clinton holds a wide lead in most polls,
and the campaign is working to reinforce
her position in South Carolina amid an
expected strong challenge from Obama. He
is running to become the first black presi-
dent, and blacks make up about 50 percent
of Democratic primary voters in the state.

Campaign officials note two major ad-
vantages for Clinton in the state: her hus-
band, former President Bill Clinton, and
her strength among older voters and women,
no matter what skin color. Former Presi-
dent Clinton remains popular among blacks
and has campaigned extensively for his
wife here.

Obama has been advertising on three
dozen black radio stations across the state
- the most recent spot features him talking
about growing up without his father.

Edwards, who was born in South Caro-
Una, and won the state’s primary in 2004.
Bu s he’s been polling a distant third this
time. This week he became the first Democratic
presidential candidate to advertise on South Caro-
lina television, touting his roots.

FLORIDA - Jan. 29 (185 delegates, stripped
for violating party rules)

Florida falls under the candidates’ pledge not
to campaign in states that violate national party
rules in scheduling their nominating contests.
Florida plans to hold a primary a week earlier than
either.

The candidates have not been holding cam-
paign events in Florida, but still have been aggres-
sively raising money there.

MEGA TUESDAY - Feb. 5 (As many as 25
states and at least 1,370 delegates)

With 370 pledged delegates, California re-
mains the biggest prize. Clinton maintains a wide
lead in California polls, and has launched
“Hillicans,” an extensive volunteer outreach ef-
fort. Obama is holding “Camp Obama” training
for volunteer organizers in California and in other
Feb. 5 states such as Georgia, Missouri, Alabama
and Illinois, his home state.

Clinton is expected to cruise in her home state
of New York and neighboring New Jersey.

Michigan - Jan. 15 (128 pledged delegates,
likely to be stripped by the national party)

The parties wanted a state-run primary on Jan.
15, and the Michigan Supreme Court gave the go-
ahead this week. It could be irrelevant to the
candidates, however. They’ve signed a pledge to
skip the state if it goes ahead and holds the contest
that early - against the early-primary rules of the
national party.

NEVADA - Jan. 19 (25 pledged delegates)

Clinton is far-and-away the leader in Nevada
with double the support of Obama in a
recent poll.

The Clinton and Obama campaigns have been
working with experienced Iowa caucus organizers, de-
veloping a précinct-by-precinct system similar to
Iowa’s. Edwards moved staff from Nevada to Iowa
over the summer, but recently added organizers
back to his Nevada operation.

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50 Cent shows off 48,000-sq-foot mansion on MTV’s ‘Cribs’

NEW YORK (AP) - When 50 Cent bought Mike Tyson’s 48,000-square-foot mansion three years ago, the rapper felt like he’d stepped into a time warp.

“It kind of had a ‘Miami Vice’ feel. It was like turquoise blue on the floor and purple,” the 31-year-old rapper told The Associated Press in a recent interview. “It was crazy looking when I got there.”

Now, 50’s stamp is imprinted all over the massive 19-bedroom property in Farmington, Conn. The mansion now includes a nightclub with a swing dangling from the ceiling for some of his wilder parties.

The space is one reason why 50 purchased the property. He envisioned it as a compound where he and his G-Unit camp could record. Some rappers in his camp, like Tony Yayo, have their own rooms, and 50 says many of his hits have been recorded in his basement studio.

But those touches may not remain. 50 is selling the property for $18.5 million. He’s showing off the property on a special edition of MTV’s “Cribs” so fans can take a peek before he moves out.

“I like the look of an Architectural Digest,” 50 said of his designing style. “There’s a lot of good living going on, and it ain’t based on the actual money that’s being spent, it’s the choices that people make. You don’t have to buy a $50 million home to build a lifestyle that’s equivalent.”

Of course, that’s coming from a man with a house so big there are times he has guests - and doesn’t even know it.

“I’ll let them stay on the other side of the house and not actually see them for a day or so, because the house is broken up in three sections - the east side, the west side and then the center of the home.”

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“But 50, who owns several homes, said he’s grown weary of the two-hour plus commute from Farmington to New York City. Plus, he’s looking to downsize.”

“Right from the studio I will go into the nightclub area ... in order to play it and see what it would sound like in a nightclub,” he said.

But 50, who owns several homes, said he’s grown weary of the two-hour plus commute from Farmington to New York City. Plus, he’s looking to downsize.

“It might be a lot smaller,” he said of his future house. “The basics - maybe four or five bedrooms.”

But don’t expect another 50 edition of “Cribs” for a while. When asked whether he’d let the cameras into his next place, he said with a laugh: “Probably when I was deciding to move!”

Every Tuesday in West Des Moines at the Eddie Davis Community Center they serve dinner to the community for anyone who wants to stop in for a meal. On November 13th they served 50 people and had a 17th birthday party for Cheare Hill the granddaughter of Mr. John and Mrs. Barbara Long. Each week a different Church will serve the meal. The meal was served by Covenant Presbyterian Church.
completing a four-hour volunteer shift or attending local caucus training before the event.

Can Oprah help Obama?

NEW YORK (AP) - Call it the “O Factor.” Oprah Winfrey picks a “favorite book” or a “favorite thing,” and poof, it’s a best seller. And now Winfrey’s “favorite senator,” Barack Obama, hopes the O Factor will work for him, too, as the talk-show host and media icon prepares to campaign for the presidential candidate in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

But can Winfrey’s influence, vast as it is, extend to the political realm? That depends on whether celebrity endorsements, so courted and coveted in modern politics, really mean much at all in the end.

But then again, how many celebrities have the reach and the power of Oprah Winfrey?

“Oprah’s in a category of her own,” says Todd Boyd, professor at the University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts. “She’s not a movie star. She’s not a rock star. She’s a brand. She’s one of the few people in the world who can be identified only by one name.”

And yet, with all that, you can’t necessarily extrapolate to politics, says Boyd. “You could argue that she didn’t get to be popular by being political. Politics has never been a big part of her persona. This is not a slam dunk.”

Courting celebrities generally is a mixed bag, say political consultants who’ve been involved in the process. First, there’s the negative perception of Hollywood in some parts of the country as a place full of wealthy liberals out of touch with real concerns. That’s why George Clooney, for example, has kept his support for Obama out of the public realm for now.

“As far as openly campaigning, he thinks it hurts the candidate,” says Clooney’s spokesman Stan Rosenfield. “You lose the heartland.”

Then there’s the fact that a campaign needs to be cautious. Because, as former political speechwriter Marty Kaplan puts it, “celebrities are always one racy joke or DUI away from an embarrassment.” (In other words, you probably don’t want Paris Hilton campaigning for you. You also might not want actress Whoopi Goldberg, who used a racy sexual pun at a 2004 rally for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.)

“You do have to be careful,” says Stephanie Cutter, who served as Kerry’s communications director in the 2004 campaign. “Celebrities don’t always provide a benefit. If you do an event with them, you own what they’ve produced.”

On the other hand, she says, the right celebrities can build crowds to reach new voters, and provide validation for the candidate. She cites the role played by Bruce Springsteen in the days leading up to the general election, including an event that brought out more than 80,000 people in Wisconsin, a critical swing state.

Did it help fuel Kerry’s narrow victory in the state? “Exit polls don’t track that sort of thing,” Cutter says, “but we do know that tens of thousands of people came out to see John Kerry and Bruce Springsteen in the weeks before the election, and voter contact of that magnitude before an election is priceless.”

In Winfrey’s case, Cutter says, “Iowa caucus-goers, especially women, will likely come in droves to see Oprah. She appeals to a broad demographic. To the extent that she helps bring out new or undecided voters, she’s helping Obama make a direct and personal appeal to them for her vote.” (An ABC News/Washington Post poll released last week found Obama, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and John Edwards locked in a tight race in Iowa, which holds its caucuses Jan. 3.)

A poll conducted in September, not long after Winfrey held a fundraiser for Obama, by the Pew Research Center found that 69 percent of respondents, or nearly seven in 10 Americans, would not be influenced by Winfrey’s endorsement of a political candidate. On the other hand, 60 percent believed her support would help Obama, and only 3 percent said it would hurt him.

There’s no question that Winfrey’s status is unique. She’s above Hollywood, straddling the worlds of entertainment, media and philanthropy. “The Oprah Winfrey Show” reaches close to 9 million Americans each day and is syndicated to 135 foreign countries. Then there’s “O,” her magazine, and her Web site. Winfrey’s philanthropy has been well-publicized, especially her funding of a school for girls in South Africa.

In Iowa, Winfrey’s show wins its time slot overwhelmingly in the state’s four largest media markets - Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Davenport and Sioux City. KCCI, the Des Moines station, has the 12th highest viewership in the country for the show.

With all that, Winfrey’s influence with women voters - and other voters - is surely of concern to the other Democratic candidates, who might have equal-time concerns.

But legally, the show would be on solid ground even if it featured Obama every day (he’s only been on twice). The equal-time provision of the Federal Communications Act provides exemptions to news interview shows, and the FCC has ruled that interview segments on talk shows get the same exemption. As it is, Winfrey says she will not use her platform, only her personal voice, to advocate for Obama.

The Clinton campaign, in an e-mail to The Associated Press, said of Winfrey: “We’re fans and we think it’s great she is participating in the process. Everyone has wonderful supporters, and we’re proud of ours” - such as Steven Spielberg, Magic Johnson and Barbra Streisand, who threw her support behind Clinton on Tuesday.

And of course, Clinton has her husband, Bill, hitting the trail - arguably as much of a media rock star as Oprah,” says Kaplan, now a professor at USC’s Annenberg School of Communications. “This is the game,” Kaplan says. “And on the Republican side you have Mike Huckabee saying, ‘I’ll see your Oprah and raise you Chuck Norris.’” (Other notable endorsements include Robert Duvall for Rudy Giuliani and, for Edwards, Bonnie Raitt and Jackson Browne.)

Democratic consultant Chris Lehane, a former Bill Clinton aide, says that if any celebrity has the potential to make a difference, it’s Winfrey. But he sees most celebrity endorsements as having a “cotton candy effect” - they taste great, then evaporate into thin air.

“If these endorsements really meant something, we’d be wrapping up a second Gore term right now, or a first Kerry term,” said Lehane, referring to all the celebs who supported Democrats in the last two general elections.

Whether or not Winfrey ends up helping Obama, Boyd, the USC professor, suggests that she has little to lose with her loyal fan base.

If Obama were to get elected, he adds, Winfrey has a lot to gain. “Oprah is very powerful,” Boyd says. “Like most powerful people, she wants to demonstrate her power. She wants to be a kingmaker. If she can get a president elected, that’s a big line on an already long resume.”
Cornerstone Family Church
3114 SW 61st Street
Des Moines, IA 50321
Phone: 515-243-2852

Busines Office
Monday – Friday, 8:30-4:40
Church Office 515-243-2852 ext 75

Our Purpose
Helping ALL people find and live their lives for Christ, bridging ethnic, cultural and denominational lines.

Sundays
Worship at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Youth Elevate 9:30 a.m.
Real Life – Ministry for Singles 18-29
Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Transportation to Sunday worship services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays
Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
SpiritLife 7:00 p.m.
One Youth 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays
Worship at 5:00 p.m.
Merge – Ministry for Singles over 30
2nd Saturday of each month 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Radio Ministry
Fri. 11:30 a.m. & Sun. 7:30 a.m. on Praise 940 AM

Website:
www.cornerstonefamilychurch.org

Ambassadors of Praise
CFC’s own Ambassadors of Praise will sing at Valley West Mall, December 2nd at 3:00 p.m. Join them as they sing joyful Christmas praise unto the Lord!

2008 Mission Trip
Our 2008 mission team will go to Bolivia, South America from April 1-10, 2008. If you are interested in being part of this team, sign up at the Information Center and plan to attend a brief informational meeting on December 5th.

Christmas Program
A Christmas Rhyme. Invite your family and friends early to attend CFC’s Christmas program, Sunday only, December 16th at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Church Listings & Weekly Schedules

Burns United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Curtis DeVance, JD, MDiv, Pastor
811 Crocker Street
Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: Church 515-244-5883

Church Schedule:
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Corinthian Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Lee Zachary Maxey, Pastor
814 School Street
Des Moines, IA 50309-1207
Phone: 515-244-4073

Church Business Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Transportation to Sunday School and Morning Worship Service
Verna Smith: 515-243-8470
“We are members of the body of Christ. Loving and living, giving and growing, teaching and learning, remaining faithful while on earth and looking forward to our Savior’s second coming”

Church Schedule:
Sundays - Worship at 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sundays - Christian Education at 9:15 a.m.
Mondays - Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays - Family Night Ministry for all ages
Wednesdays - Prayer Meeting at 6:15pm
Wednesdays - Bible Study at 7:00pm
Wednesdays - Mid-Day Prayer Meeting at 12:00 p.m. and Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m.

King of Kings Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Irvin Lewis, Sr., Pastor
3105 E. University & McCormick Street
Des Moines, IA 50316
Phone: 515-262-1785
Pastor: Rev. Irvin Lewis, Sr.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Church Listings & Weekly Schedules
...how are they to hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

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Corinthian Baptist Church
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Phone: 515-244-4073
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lee Zachary Maxey
Sunday Morning Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Church School: 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday - Prayer Meeting at 6:15pm
Websites: www.corinthianbaptistdm.org

New Friendship Church of God In Christ
Address: 1317 Forest Avenue • DSM, IA 50314
Phone: 515-243-7097
Pastor: Rev. R.L. Daye
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday: Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday: Pastoral Teaching at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study Led By Pastor: 7:00 p.m.

King of Kings Missionary Baptist Church
Address: 619 S.E. 15th Street • DSM, IA
Phone: 515-282-3425
Pastor: Rev. Irvin Lewis, Sr.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayer and Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Maple Street Missionary Baptist Church
Address: 1552 E. Maple Street • DSM, IA 50316
Phone: 515-262-1931
Pastor: Rev. Keith A. Ratifl, Sr.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church
Address: 1338-9th Street • DSM, IA 50314
Phone: 515-280-9163
Pastor: Rev. Bobby Young
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Philadelphia SDA Church
Address: 1639 Garfield Avenue • DSM, IA 50316
Phone: 515-262-7467
Pastor: Rev. Marlon T. Perkins, Sr.
Sabbath (Saturday) Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sabbath (Saturday) Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting Service: 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Radio Ministry: 9:00 a.m., Praise 940 AM
Email Address: sda philadelphia@msn.com

St. Paul A.M.E. Church
Address: 1201 Day Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50314
Ministry Days & Times
Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School
Children’s Church
Nursery Available
Sundays 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship
Children’s Church
Nursery Available
Mondays 6:00 p.m.
Praise Dance rehearsal
Tuesdays
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Computer Classes for seniors
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Aerobics & Tae-Bo
7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Good Samaritan Youth Outreach
Nursery Available
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. Women’s Ministry
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays
6:00 p.m. Aerobics
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Praise Team
9:00 p.m. Unity Choir Rehearsal
Saturday
Mission Ministry - 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at 8:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. Traditional Service
For information please call 515-288-4419.

Union Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Henry Isaiah Thomas, Pastor
E. University & McCormick Street
Des Moines, IA 50316
Phone: 515-262-1785
Transportation to Sunday School and Morning Worship Service
Bro. Willie: 515-244-4853 or Bro. Larry Welch: 771-4441
Mission Statement: Our mission is to win the lost, build the believer and equip the worker so as to make disciples who can make disciples who can make disciples.

Church Schedule:
Sundays - Worship at 8:00 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.
Sundays - Christian Education at 9:30 a.m.
Tues. & Wed. - Reading Program at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays - Mid-Day Prayer Meeting at 12:00 p.m. and Prayer Meeting & Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Youth Service 1st & 3rd Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul A.M.E. Church
Address: 1201 Day Street • DSM, IA
Phone: 515-288-4419
Pastor: Rev. Frederick K. Gaddy
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Service: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Radio Ministry: 9:30 a.m., Praise 940 AM
Email Address: stpaulaam@ao.com

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Address: E.Univ. & McCormick • DSM, IA 50316
Phone: 262-1785
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Henry I. Thomas
Sunday Morning Worship: 8:00 a.m., 10:40 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayer and Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

...how shall they preach, except they be sent? Romans 10:15
Our children have lots of “role models” these days.
But too many of them are sending the wrong message.
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