



***** MEDIA ALERT *****

**TODAY'S IOWA BROWN AND BLACK PRESIDENTIAL FORUM
WILL CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED DESPITE
WEATHER CONCERNS**

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Iowa Department of Transportation
<http://www.dot.state.ia.us/> or call dial 511
Frequent updates available at www.bbpresforum.org
Please plan accordingly for travel delays.**

WHAT: **The Iowa Brown & Black Presidential Forum**, the nation's only presidential forum in which all candidates have an opportunity to answer essential concerns of African-Americans and Latinos.

HDNet is the exclusive broadcast partner of the Iowa Brown & Black Presidential Forum.

WHO: **All Democratic presidential candidates will participate**

Senator Joseph Biden
Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton
Senator Christopher J. Dodd
Senator John Edwards

Former Senator Mike Gravel
Congressman Dennis Kucinich
Senator Barack Obama
Governor Bill Richardson

Forum moderators:

Michele Norris, host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," and
Ray Suarez, senior correspondent for PBS's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer."

Additional VIPs:

Dan Rather, Global Correspondent, HDNet's "Dan Rather Reports"

Iowa State Rep Wayne Ford (D-Des Moines), co-chair and founder, Iowa Brown & Black Presidential Forum

Mary Campos, co-chair and founder, Iowa Brown & Black Presidential Forum

WHEN: **Saturday, December 1, 2007**

Press Check-In: 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

VIP Interviews: TBD

Forum begins: 7:00 p.m. CT

HDNet's live coverage begins: 6:30 p.m. CT

HDNet's post-Forum coverage begins: 9:00 p.m. CT

WHERE: North High School
501 Holcomb Avenue
Des Moines, IA

MORE: Attendees are asked to limit personal items such as large bags or backpacks in order to speed the security check-in process.

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ALL PRESS MUST RSVP IN ORDER TO BE CREDENTIALLED

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ABOUT THE IOWA BROWN & BLACK PRESIDENTIAL FORUM:

The Iowa Brown & Black Presidential Forum is an element of Urban Dreams' non-partisan Project V.O.T.E. (Voting Opportunities Through Education). Urban Dreams is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. It is the nation's only presidential forum in which all candidates have the opportunity to answer essential concerns of African-Americans and Latinos. The non-partisan event began with U.S. Presidential candidate debates in 1984 and has figured prominently in the Iowa caucuses. It is recognized as the oldest, continuous minority forum for presidential candidates in America and one of the longest-running presidential debates in the nation. For further information, visit www.bbpresforum.org.

ABOUT HDNET:

HDNet (www.hd.net) provides viewers with the best in original comedy, drama, news, sports and music programming.

HDNet is your exclusive, high definition home for popular, critically acclaimed original programming, including television's only HD news feature programs "HDNet World Report", "Dan Rather Reports" featuring legendary journalist Dan Rather and "NASA on HDNet" (presenting live shuttle launches through 2010). HDNet presents championship sports coverage featuring the National Hockey League, Major League Soccer, NASCAR Grand National Division, NASCAR NEXTEL Cup re-broadcasts, boxing and Mixed Martial Arts; groundbreaking music programming with the HDNet Concert Series featuring leading artists and bands including U2, Coldplay, Gwen Stefani and more; entertaining and irreverent lifestyle programming including "Deadline!", "Art Mann Presents", and "Get Out!" HDNet is also the exclusive high definition home to the critically acclaimed and award winning programs such as the Emmy Award winning "Arrested Development", "The Black Donnellys", "Blade: The Series", "Star Trek: Enterprise", "Smallville", "Joan of Arcadia", "Boomtown" and "Andy Richter Controls the Universe".

HDNet Movies also features a wide selection of major studio theatrical releases – all uncut, unedited, and appearing in their original aspect ratio so that HDNet Movies viewers get the best possible home theater experience.

Only HDNet Movies exclusive "Sneak Previews" bring feature films to viewers before they premiere in theaters! Some of the HDNet Movies "Sneak Previews" have included the Academy Award nominated "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room", Toronto Film Festival nominee "The War Within", and "Bubble", the first of six movies by acclaimed director Steven Soderbergh and produced exclusively for HDNet Films "Cashback", written and produced by Sean Ellis, and, most recently, "Broken English", from Zoe Cassavetes, starring Gena Rowlands, Parker Posey, Drea de Matteo and Griffin Dunne. Upcoming Sneak Previews include the critically acclaimed "Redacted" directed by Brian De Palma, "Quid Pro Quo", starring Nick Stahl and Vera Farmiga, "Hunter", the story of the life and death of infamous gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson from director Alex Gibney and producer Graydon Carter, and "Flawless", starring Michael Caine and Demi Moore.

Launched in 2001 by Mark Cuban and General Manager Philip Garvin, the HDNet networks are available on AT&T, Bright House Networks, Charter Communications, DIRECTV, DISH Network, Insight, Mediacom, Time Warner Cable, Verizon and more than 40 NCTC cable affiliate companies. For more information visit www.hd.net.

The HDNet networks are currently available in over 60 million homes and have approximately 7 million subscribers on both cable and satellite.

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