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Report Compares McCain, Obama Tax Plans

By Van Wilson

Special to the NNPA from the Capital Outlook

The non-profit Tax Policy Center has released an analysis of the tax plans proposed by U.S. presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain.

The analysis seems to bolster Obama's assertions that, at least when it comes to taxes, John McCain is offering essentially four more years of President George Bush' tax policies. "The two candidates' tax plans would have sharply different distribu-

tional effects," the report says. "Senator McCain's tax cuts would primarily benefit those with very high incomes, almost all of whom would receive large tax cuts that would, on average, raise their after-tax incomes by more

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Comptroller Introduces Texas Tuition Promise Fund

From staff reports

Texas families trying to save enough money for their children's college education no longer have to worry about how high tuition will rise. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs says Texas' all new pre-paid college tuition plan,

the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, lets families lock in tuition and required fees at current prices of public colleges in Texas and offers many flexible options to prepay those expenses before a child is ready for college.

"The Texas Tuition Promise Fund gives fami-

lies an exciting, flexible way to save for college that makes sense for their financial situation and higher education goals," Combs said. "You can prepay for a four-year degree, or you can prepay in small bites — for just a few classes or semesters. And, best of all, you don't have

to worry about future tuition increases, because you lock in current prices."

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund offers three levels of pricing to prepay undergraduate tuition at schools ranging from public community colleges to

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L to R: Eloyd Avery, Roy Levy, Angela Dugay, Danielle Dugay, Sister Tarpley, Blaec Dugay, Cleo Spann Tarpley, Jarrell Tarpley and Miss Darby Dugay in front.

Surviving the Storm in Houston and Dallas

By Ruth Ferguson

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TV newscasts were filled with scenes showing the damage from Hurricane Ike. Then, almost as quickly as the

storm blew across Texas media attention waned and moved on to the US Presidential election and the financial storm on Wall Street.

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R&B singer Keyshia Cole to appear on TV One on One

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COMMENTARY

Symbols and Solutions: Palin and Women

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

What happens when you smear lipstick on the snout of a pig? The lipstick-wearing pig will still have a snout. Pigs and lipsticks have been mentioned far too often in this 2008 presidential election, so much so that one might think there were either an earmark for lipstick in question, or one for pigs.

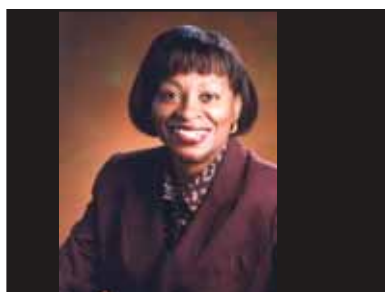
There are other adages that can be used to say you can dress it up, without changing it's character. From the Bible — you can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear. From my grandma -- you can't make chicken salad out of chicken spit. Pigs and lipstick are a diversion from the real issues -- war, a sagging economy, rising oil prices, a frayed education system, global warming, and a health

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Eva Poole

Eva Poole, Director of Libraries for the City of Denton, will be among 30 librarians honored as ALA-APA Angels at the American Library Association's annual conference in June. The American Library Association-Allied Professional Association is celebrating five years of service by honoring some of the many people and organizations that have helped it grow and flourish in its mission of providing certification and supporting better salaries.

Ms. Poole has participated

in the development of ALA-APA since 1998. She served as chair of the Certified Public Library Administrator Program Certification Review Committee in 2005 and 2006. Ms. Poole also participated in the Joint Task Force of the Public Library Association (PLA), Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA), and the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) to develop the nine comprehensive competencies that

define the skill sets necessary for a post-MLS management-focused curriculum.

"She never ceases to amaze me with her grasp of all issues, local, state and national relating to libraries and how enthusiastic she is about her profession. More than this, I am absolutely in awe of the many civic organizations she has put her stamp on here in Denton. She is a well respected and extremely capable leader in our community," said library board member, Pat Langa, upon hearing about the award.

Ms. Poole holds a Master's in Library

Science from Texas Woman's University. Prior to her work at Denton Public Library, she held the position of library director at San Jacinto College, South Campus, in Houston. In recent years, she has devoted much of her professional energy leading state efforts to update standards for public libraries.

"As a public and academic librarian for more than 25 years, and as a parent involved in school libraries, I understand the challenges librarians experience striving to communicate their worth to their constituents," commented Ms. Poole. "We must represent



sition libraries as the symbol for quality of life in a community."

ALA-APA angels were instrumental in the creation and development of ALA-APA. They represent

thousands of library employees who gave their time, energy, ideas and contributions to shape the work that ALA-APA is doing through the Certified Public Library Administrator Program and in advocating for fair pay.

ALA-APA: the Organization for the Advancement of Library Employees is a service organization to the American Library Association and the library community. It has two missions: providing certification in specializations of librarianship and advocacy for salary improvement efforts.

Johnnie B. Sanders

Preacher, Teacher, Counselor, Educator and Author are just a few of the words to describe the life changing ministry of Elder Johnnie B. Sanders. For over three decades Johnnie Sanders has honed and shaped a lifetime of strong character, integrity, and morality into a ministry that is poised to change the lives of the body of Christ, as well as the unsaved.

Johnnie Sanders sharp-

ened and refined his many gifts through various educational vehicles. He completed his ministerial training at The Potters House in Dallas, TX. From there Johnnie studied psychology, sociology, and counseling before receiving his Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree in Management Information Systems from Dallas Baptist University. Johnnie Sanders contin-

ues to study and has also received credentials from the American Association of Christian Counselors since 2004.

Since the launch of this life-changing book, Johnnie Sanders travels around the country to minister, inspire and uplift people to change. Amongst his traveling schedule, he has performed in the stage play, "Dance for Him" in Las Vegas. He has been the guest speaker to singles and men ministries with the notion to develop



higher standards and to strive for excellence. Johnnie Sanders is an up and coming teacher in the Potter's Institute in

Dallas TX. He has recently been ordained as an Elder at his home church, the Potter's House, under the pastoral leadership of Bishop T. D. Jakes.

Elder Sanders is joyfully married to his equally gifted and anointed wife, Marcene Sanders.

Johnnie Sanders has devoted his life to seeing the transforming power of Jesus operate in the lives of people crossing every cultural, social, and economic divide. From his work with the

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) to In Home Bible Fellowship to various community outreaches, Johnnie Sanders focus has always been centered towards service.

On October 11, 2008, he shall speak at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship's - Will the Real Men Stand Up? Singles Conference - Radical Abandonment and on October 16th - 18th 2008, at the West Nat'l Christian Conference, he is a Special Guest.

Lesley D. Nurse

Author Lesley D. Nurse has released her first self-published book, "19 Reasons Why He Really Left You Honey! (and how it may not be too late to get him back)." What makes Lesley D. Nurse's relationship advice unique? Lesley has created a melodramatic relationship book that's loosely based on her own life. Straight-talking and diplomatic—her book does not disappoint. It's entertaining and provides an inspirational change for the independent woman.

Honey is the main character in this easy and addictive read. Each chapter consists of a short story, with one issue being discussed

and then advice is given at the end. Some of the issues at hand are making—excuses, arguing, egotism, defensiveness, and poor communication... just to mention a few.

"I had no idea how strongly my issues were affecting me from progressing in all areas of my life. Then I realized how many other women were also suffering in silence. It made me rethink my life, goals and attitude. That's when I decided to do a life makeover and write about it," says Lesley D. Nurse.

On GoodReads.com Nurse shared, "'19 Reasons Why He Really Left You Honey!' is from one person



who has done everything wrong to now practicing and living a fulfilled life, doing things right. That does not mean problems do not occur. One thing maturity, spirituality and consequences have taught me, is

that it's not how I react, but how I respond. In my mind, I never thought that I had the choice to think differently. If I felt sad, then sad things would happen. If I felt threatened, then I would create havoc. Once I knew I had the choice to change, it was now about learning how to sustain it. Just like a roller coaster ride, "19 Reasons Why He Really Left You Honey!" is sure to take you on a journey of unexpected twists and turns, that will be sure to keep you wanting more. "19 Reasons Why He Really Left You Honey!" is Exciting, Empowering and the Relationship Bible for the Independent Woman, and their men to enjoy. It's edgy, and an easy addictive read, with advice based on

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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

9/11: Rattling the Foundations Of A Nation

By James W. Breedlove
Special to North
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On the seventh anniversary of Sept. 11 the nation paused to hold its familiar rituals of grief and ceremonial moments of silence to commemorate and remember the nearly 3,000 that were killed. The attack was one of the most observed catastrophes in history.

in New York, a hushed silence fell over the crowd gathered in a park just east of the trade center site at 8:46, 9:03, 9:59 and 10:29 a.m. - the times when two hijacked jets slammed into the World Trade Center and the twin towers fell.

Other ceremonies were held in Shanksville, Pa. at the site where one of the hijacked airliners crashed and at the Pentagon, where 15,000 people turned out for the dedication of the first permanent memorial built in remembrance of 9/11.

September 11, 2001 was a day of many incredible and shocking stories: stories of survivors and stories of heroes. But there was one story that people didn't and still don't want to face. The story of the victims who jumped to their deaths is probably the most sensitive and disturbing aspect of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

At first, it seemed like debris falling from the top of the World Trade Center's north tower, just a few minutes after American Airlines Flight 11 hit.

One observer who was looking out of a window on the 72nd floor of the south tower said it took three or four sightings before he realized that these were people.

Photographs of people

falling to their deaths shocked the nation. Most newspapers, magazines and TV stations ran only one or two photos then abruptly stopped. The videotaped and photographic images were expunged as if they had never existed.

Yet, the images of the jumpers still resonate. Many who survived or witnessed the attack say the sight of victims jumping is their most haunting memory of that day. USA TODAY estimated that at least 200 people jumped to their deaths that morning, far more than were revealed during the short time the media showed images. Most of the jumpers were from the north tower, which was hit first and collapsed last.

The jumping started shortly after the first jet hit at 8:46 a.m. People jumped continuously during the 102 minutes before the north tower crumbled. They emerged one or two at a time from a blanket of smoke and fire that obscured the mass death.

For those who jumped, the fall lasted approximately 10 seconds. They struck the ground at just under 150 miles per hour — not fast enough to cause unconsciousness while falling, but fast enough to ensure instant death on impact. They jumped alone, in pairs holding hands, and in groups.

Rescue workers say those jumping appeared to make a conscious choice to die by falling rather than from smoke, heat or fire. The blurred images provided the starkest most harrowing evidence of the desperate conditions inside. One firefighter surmised, "How bad is it up there that the better option is to jump?"

The soul wrenching rattling thuds that the bodies made on impact was captured on a video taken by French cameraman Jules Naudet, whose footage was broadcast on CBS on March 11, 2002. Blood covered the glass walls and revolving doors that led to the plaza. The windows were dripping red and bits of bodies were outside. Escaping survivors had to walk past this horrific scene as they fled to safety.

America launched its misguided Iraq war for World Imperialism in March 2003.

On this strangely subdued seventh anniversary, with none of the dramatics that characterized the original 9/11, we are now no closer to defeating — or even finding — bin Laden than we were on that fateful day. Michael Scheuer attempts to explain this in the opening paragraph of his book, *Imperial Hubris*:

"U.S., British, and other coalition forces are trying to govern apparently ungovernable postwar states in Afghanistan and Iraq, while simultaneously fighting growing Islamist insurgencies each — a state of affairs our leaders call victory. In conducting these activities, and the conventional military campaigns preceding them, U.S. forces and policies are completing the radicalization of the Islamic world, something Osama bin Laden has been trying to do with substantial but incomplete success since the early 1990s. As a result, I think it fair to conclude that the United States of America remains bin Laden's only indispensable ally."

Without bin Laden, the Neocons in their quest for an American Imperium would have nothing.

Without the Neocons, bin Laden would be a marginal figure, with no following and little hope of attracting any. The two forces coexist in a dynamic symbiosis, each reinforcing and feeding the other — allies in all but the formal sense.

The sheer fragility of the vaunted American Imperium is what is now apparent to the world. And it must be especially painful to the U.S government whose inability to defend the country while claiming the mantle of the world's only superpower is exposed for all to see.

There is a dire need for political sanitation. The political garbage piles up in the public square, visible to all and stinking to high heaven, but no garbage truck arrives to take it away. The law-breaking is exposed, but the legislative body does not respond. The damning facts are documented, and protests are made, but little is reformed.

The problem is not the attempted censorship, but the deafening noise of the official megaphone and its echoes infesting our senses with a profusion of unchallenged lies and half-lies.

All over the world, autocratic-minded rulers have learned that it does not matter politically if 15% or even 25% of the public is well informed as long as the majority remains complacent.

Perhaps the propagandized public needs to be rattled into action by the shock and horror of the surreal jumpers tumbling silently to their deaths while witnesses on the ground scream.

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

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.

Mbeki, Chavez Shake on Oil Deal

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Venezuela and South Africa signed a pact this week to strengthen cooperation between their oil and gas industries. Oil-rich Venezuela is expected to supply crude to the South African oil firm Petro SA at preferential rates.

The deal is particularly important for South Africa, which has been plagued by energy short-

ages.

Both Presidents Mbeki and Chavez termed the deal an example of southern nations cooperating in a new strategic alliance.

"It will be a wonderful day, the day when the first Venezuelan tanker will stop by to leave oil for South Africa," Chavez said. He also encouraged Petro South Africa to explore oil resources in Venezuela.



Liberia Hosts Forum on 'Decent Work'

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A "decent work agenda" is the goal of a high-level forum in sub-Saharan Africa on better pay and working conditions for Africa's workers.

The forum is taking place in Liberia's capital Monrovia.

Sponsors of the event

include the International Labor Organization and the NYC-based group "Realizing Rights". Speakers include corporate leaders from Coca-Cola, Newmont Mining, Cadbury Schweppes, along with the World Bank, and Unicef, among others.

Mary Robinson, former Irish president and UN

high commissioner for human rights was the first to address the forum. She is also the founder of the NY-based rights group.

After 14 years of civil war which shattered the country's infrastructure and economy, the Liberian government estimates 85 percent of formal workers are unemployed or underem-

ployed and 76 percent of the country's 3.3 million people live on less than US \$1 a day.

Meanwhile, a new U.S. study puts the price of an electricity-generating facility at more than \$300 million. President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf has called the project crucial to the economic recovery program of Liberia.

Somali Traders Fear Purge in Western Cape

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In a new outbreak of xenophobia, some 200 Somali traders in South Africa's Western Cape reportedly received letters from a local business group telling them to close their shops by Sept. 21 or face physical violence.

The letters, from a chapter of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Nafcoc), seen by local media, were sent by a group from Khayelitsha, operating as the Zankhanyo Retailers Association.

Nafcoc insisted the letter "has nothing to do with Nafcoc nationally. It's a local campaign and we are not part of anybody evicting people from the townships."

But, Nafcoc's Western Cape secretary, Mandise



Njoli said: "We're all members of Nafcoc and we are dying here, my sister. Our children are hungry. These people work for two cents and when we complain about the unfair advantage, then we're called xenophobic."

Sydwell Citwa, chairperson of Zankhanyo Retailers, who signed the letter, echoed Njoli's sentiments.

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"These people come into the country with nothing and the next minute they have stocked shops and fridges. We've done our research and we know that the Muslim Judicial Council is helping them because they're Muslim."

"We are the ones who fought for freedom and democracy and now these Somalis are here eating our democracy," Citwa said.

Xenophobic attacks displaced about 20,000 foreign nationals in the Western Cape. About 1,400 remain in camps in Cape Town resisting reintegration because they say they fear for their lives.

Somali traders moved back into Khayelitsha after anti-foreigner upheavals in May, when the Western Cape govern-

ment promised it was safe for them to go back.



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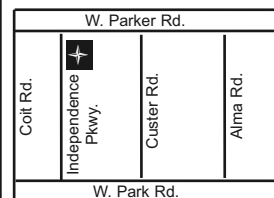
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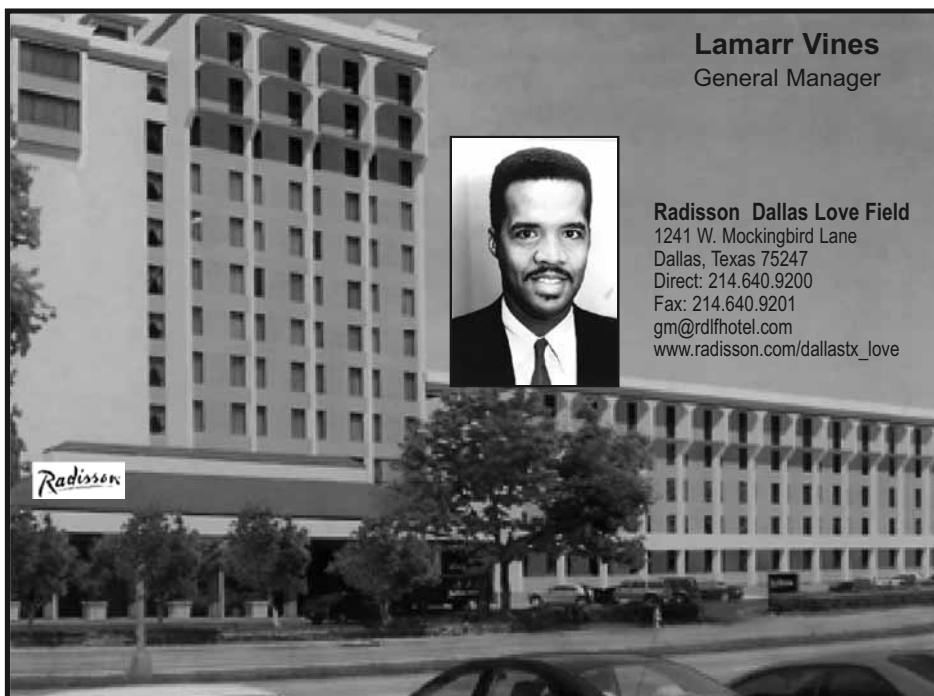
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Voters Given Opportunity To Protect And Defend The Vote

From staff reports

With margins of victory razor-thin in past presidential, congressional, state, and local elections, Advancement Project, a national civil rights group, wants voters to know they have the ability to tip the balance in favor of electing officials who care about and address their concerns. To make sure every vote counts in this upcoming election season, Advancement Project launched today a new online voter engagement campaign Just Vote '08. Via various social network-

ing site—BlackPlanet, Facebook, MiGente, and My Space, and Change.org — and www.justvote08.org voters can:

1. Check the voter registration deadlines and registration efforts in their area;
2. Get voter protection alerts sent via text message to their cell phones;
3. Verify that they made it on to the voting rolls after they have registered, if not they will be able to contact Advancement Project for assistance;
4. Recognize the new face of voter suppression

and report to Advancement Project election practices and bureaucratic hurdles that determine who votes and how votes are counted—such as the location of election district boundaries, long lines at urban polling places, and English-only ballots;

5. Can be on the frontline of our democracy by becoming a poll worker;
6. Verify their polling place location;
7. Can find out what their rights are and what they need to bring when they go to the polls on Election Day; and

8. Ask voting law experts—“Dr. Vote” any questions they may have and receive real time answers.

“Attaining a truly inclusive democracy requires multiple strategies and, as such, Advancement Project believes utilizing social networking sites and new media tools is an interesting and educational approach to helping voters understand what's at stake during on election day,” said Sabrina E. Williams, communications director, Advancement Project. “We are asking voters to

join us ‘in the trenches’ in the fight to protect their voting rights.”

Advancement Project's new online campaign complements its Voter Protection Program, which strives to ensure the administration of elections does not intentionally or accidentally deprive eligible Americans of the ability to vote and the right to have that vote accurately counted. The program was established in the wake of the blatant and widespread irregularities of the 2000 election. It focuses on increasing democratic par-

ticipation in low-income and minority communities by investigating obstacles to voter participation and providing mechanisms for removing those obstacles, generating reform efforts that seek to expand opportunities for democratic participation, building support for a more transformational solution for re-enfranchising formerly incarcerated people, and facilitating alliances among multi-racial groups.

For more info visit www.justvote08.org.

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four-year state universities. The money may also be used at out-of-state or private universities, with students and their families making up for the difference in cost.

Texas Tuition Promise Fund prices will change as state colleges and universities adopt new tuition rates. Families have several payment options, including lump sum or installments with an annual interest. For the current enrollment period running from now until Feb. 28, 2009, parents of a newborn can pay as little as \$15.16 in a monthly installment plan until high school graduation to prepay a year of tuition at a community college. Parents of a 7-year-old who want to prepay the average cost of one year's tuition at a four-year Texas public university could spread the payments over 10 years for \$81.53 a month. (A more detailed explanation of Texas Tuition Promise Fund pricing is attached.)

Prepaid tuition accounts must be paid in full and open for at least three years before tuition benefits can be paid, a feature that encourages parents to begin saving early. Once enrolled with an account in the plan, a payment as low as \$15 could be made at

any time.

“Starting early makes saving for college more affordable, and it also has another very important benefit,” Combs said. “Studies show that regardless of a family's income level, the children of parents who start saving early are more likely to have higher academic achievement throughout their school years. It increases the children's expectations of going to college and achieving their dreams.”

Today, the well-paying, high value jobs boosting the economic engine of Texas require more than a high school diploma. Texas' top 25 occupations adding the most jobs requiring an associate/postsecondary education offer an average salary of nearly \$42,000 per year. As Texas grows, nurses and other health-related professionals will be in demand. There will also be a great need for pre-school teachers, mechanics, computer support specialists, legal assistants, real estate agents and more.

“It is critical for the state to offer encouragement to help put higher education within reach for all families,” Combs said. “The Texas Tuition

Promise Fund can allow any Texas family from any economic background to achieve the education and skills necessary for the work force of Texas' future economy.”

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund may only be used to pay college undergraduate tuition and required fees. The program does not cover room and board, books and other college expenses.

“The good news is, Texas offers two college savings plans, the Texas College Savings Plan and

the LoneStar 529 Plan, to help families save for expenses not covered by the Texas Tuition Promise Fund,” Combs said. “These plans let college savers invest in a variety of funds geared toward families' different financial situations and savings timelines.”

To help families sort out the many options to pay for college, Combs today debuted a new Web site: Every Chance, Every Texan. The Web site is a portal to everything parents need to know about paying for college, including the Texas Tuition Promise

Fund, Texas' state-sponsored college savings plans and other sources of funding such as scholarships and student loans. The site is a one-stop resource for Texas college and technical school admissions requirements and financial aid contacts. It also includes tools to help families calculate college costs and determine whether they are saving enough money to meet their goals. A section

on tomorrow's careers shows the careers that will be in demand in the future and the education requirements for various fields.

“Being ready for college when your children are takes time and careful planning,” Combs said. “Every Chance, Every Texan offers clear, easy-to-understand information to help families stop feeling overwhelmed and get moving toward their goals.”

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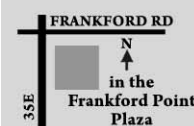
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Plano ISD Challenges Proposed Changes to Uniform GPA Guidelines

From staff reports

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto has authorized members of his administrative team to present a list of concerns regarding changes to the "Uniform GPA (Grade Point Average) Guidelines" that have been proposed by an ad-hoc committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

Plano ISD Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Susan Modisette and Director of Counseling and Guidance Paul Weaver wrote to the ad-hoc committee this week, stating the following



Doug Otto

concerns with provisions set forth in the Texas Register affecting Texas Education Code §51.807:

(2)(5) A four-point scale

used in computing the uniform grade point average with the exception of AP, IB, and Dual Credit Courses.

Current structure provides students the opportunity to earn higher grade points for completion of more challenging courses, such as Pre-AP, Honors, and International Honors. The removal of this provision will likely result in students choosing to not participate in the most appropriately challenging learning environment. These honors courses are the necessary bridges that connect our students with the opportunities found in AP, IB, and Dual Credit.

(5) Equal weighting of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and academic Dual Credit courses.

Both AP and IB courses have national and international standards respectively, and AP courses follow a national curriculum. Additionally all students in these programs must pass national exams to receive credit. Conversely, the rigor of course content in Dual Credit courses may vary greatly as there are no national standards, curriculum, or required exams.

This provision may encourage students to not enroll and take advantage of our AP and IB programs.

(Introduction) Application of these provisions beginning with first-time freshman for admission in the 2009 fall semester.

Students have made course selections based on the standards set forth by their local school districts; academic planning for students often begins in the spring semester of their eighth grade year. Setting a new, uniform standard at

the end of a student's high school career disadvantages the student who thoughtfully selected courses based on information that would now be invalidated.

Parents can send their comments to:

Natalie Coffey, Senior Program Director
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
P.O. Box 12788
Austin, TX 78711
natalie.coffey@thecb.state.tx.us

Congresswoman Johnson announces Paul Quinn College grant

From staff reports

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson today announced that the United States Department of Education has made a two-year, \$500,000 grant to Paul Quinn College. The grant is part of the Education Department's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Program, which provides financial assistance to HBCUs. HBCUs can use the grants to strengthen their academic

resources, financial management, endowments and physical plants.

"In its long history, Paul Quinn College has demonstrated its commitment to producing well-rounded leaders," Congresswoman Johnson said. "It is a vibrant school that has adapted to the needs of today's workforce, with innovative programs and a dedicated faculty and administration. I congratulate Paul Quinn on receiving this grant."



Eddie Bernice Johnson

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Essay contest winners to receive scholarship

From staff reports

The Don't Believe the Hype Foundation has announced its inaugural Asante Award Scholarship Essay Contest for high school seniors and college students. Each year students will enter their 1000-word essays on an outstanding journalist who will be honored for journalistic excellence.

Veteran journalist, Norma Adams Wade, of the Dallas Morning News has been selected as this

year's recipient of the Asante Award and subject of the essay contest. Asante is the Swahili word meaning "thanks" or "thank you."

The Asante Award recognizes a journalist who has had a significant impact on the communications industry, their community and the world.

Ms. Wade was chosen because of her outstanding contributions to journalism and the community.

"Too often we fail to recognize how important a

person is until that person is no longer with us," said Cheryl Smith, founder of the Don't Believe the Hype Foundation. "Norma Adams Wade has made significant contributions to the field of journalism and the community at large and she deserves our thanks."

"Giving people their flowers while they are alive is one of the mantras of The Don't Believe the Hype Foundation. Instead of waiting for a person to die to talk about how won-

derful they were and to show appreciation for the work they produced, annually we are recognizing someone while they are

here to accept our thanks." Applications can be downloaded from www.cherylsmithonline.com. The deadline to enter

is October 3, 2008 and winners will be announced at a special reception in December.

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those who live in the storm damaged communities do not snap back in place as quickly. An estimated two million people evacuated Houston and the coastal area. Many of the gulf coast residents returned to Dallas for a second time within a month, following the weaker Hurricane Gustav.

Angela Dugay along with family and friends were among those who made the trek. With here spread out in three vehicles were Angela, her parents, two children, sister and uncle.

Dugay was born in Port Arthur, but lived in Dallas for nearly five years in the early 1990s, in addition to a number of vacations in the city. Growing up her family never was forced to leave home, now unfortunately it is becoming almost commonplace. Her family now has a plan of action when storms are forecasted.

"We stay together," according to Dugay. They monitor the storm path and by the time it appears it will head their way, hotel reservations are already made. Several co-workers and friends went to Mississippi and Louisiana and with the storm going eastward, they had a more

challenging experience than Dallas.

When asked if climate changes are contributing to the increased frequency of tropical storms and hurricanes, Dugay feels it is indeed a factor. "I have always believed how we deal with the environment affects the climate. A lot of land that would have provided a shield has now been cleared off," so the trees no longer provide a buffer to break up the wind. She also noted that with the oil refineries in the area, "The air level is not good and that affects our ozone level."

Many did not evacuate and financial concerns were likely a key reason. Although Gustav was forecasted to impact the area, it did not. As a result those who evacuated did not receive any reimbursements for their expenses. With Governor Rick Perry and President George W. Bush declaring parts of the state a disaster area, FEMA has assured residents assistance will be coming this time. Their hotel rooms will be billed to FEMA and each household will receive up to \$1,500 to cover other expenses. If they have registered the money will be sent via direct deposit.

Once the storm passed, Dugay did communicate with her friends and neighbors in the area and learned her home was fine, at least externally. Her family is enjoying the opportunity to visit with long time friends while they await word on when power will be restored. The official word is two to three weeks; unofficial reports say it could be next week.

Dugay, a probation officer, admits that dealing with the evacuation and storm aftermath is stressful. To the point that she is willing to consider relocating, however she knows that her older relatives will never leave their hometown.

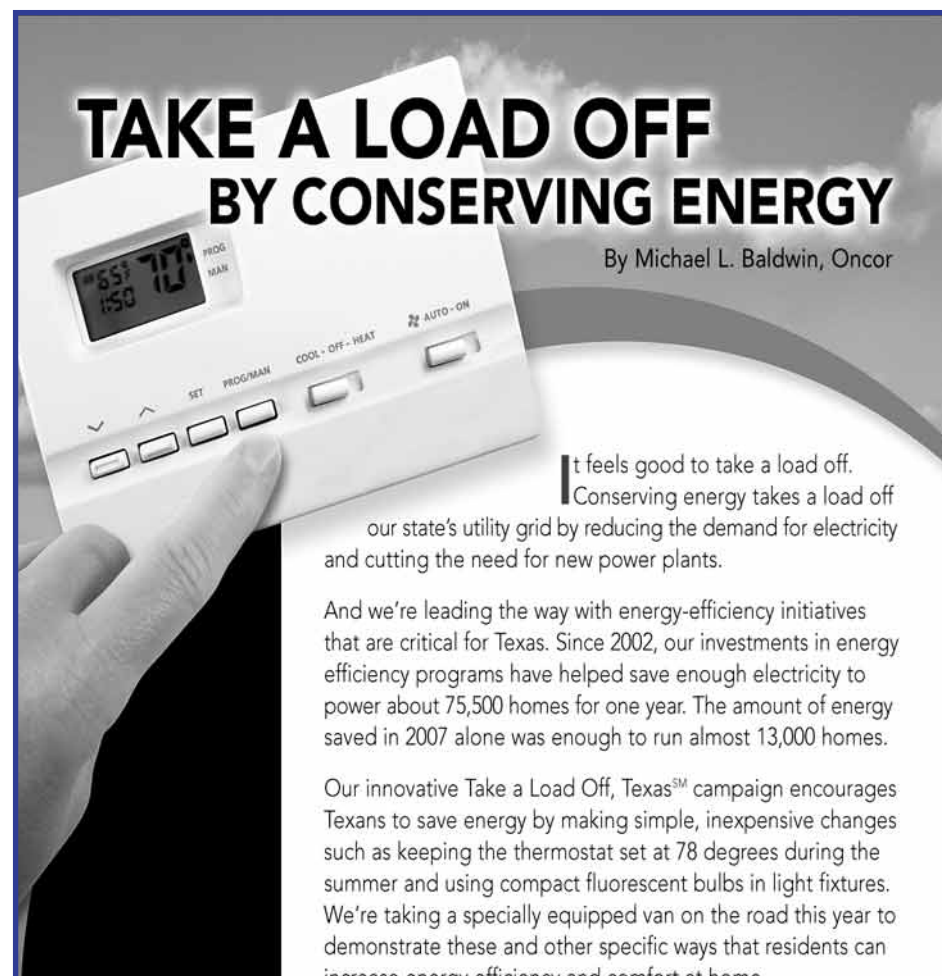
"I am still without lights," ChaRhonda Thompson, shared by phone from Houston. Thompson, was born in Dallas, but grew up in Garland before relocating to Houston several years ago. A single mother with two sons, she was among the estimated 140,000 that remained in the area to weather the storm. She decided to remain in the area, but not at her home, she was with a friend who lived about thirty minutes away but on higher ground.

"During the storm - I

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TAKE A LOAD OFF BY CONSERVING ENERGY

By Michael L. Baldwin, Oncor



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Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm (Doors will open at 6:30 pm) Collin County Republican Party Headquarters 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney Call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or fred@tes.com for more information.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting is 2nd Thursday monthly, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. McKinney Housing Authority 1200 N Tennessee St McKinney 75069 The general public is welcome. For additional information call 469-424-0120.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce: Monthly Lunch & Learn every 3rd Thursday \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For more information call 469-952-0809 or www.meetup.com/378.

Marriage Prep Class 1st Saturdays monthly 423 West Wheatland Road Suite 101, Duncanville 75116 \$10 fee for materials. For more info call Karen Duval at 972-709-1180.

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st and 3rd Thursday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023 Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

SHARE! PISD International Exchange Student Program is in the

process of finding new host families to share their hearts and home with an exchange student for the 2008/2009 School Year. For more information on or how to become a host family, call 1-800-941-3738, or www.sharesouthwest.org.

Watermarks Invitational Exhibit runs through April 12th 9 am - 8 pm Mondays through Thursdays, 9 am - 5 pm Fridays, and 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturdays. FREE Collin College 800 E. Spring Creek Parkway. For more info call 972-881-5873, or visit www.ccccd.edu.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) hosts monthly lunch and learn workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. For more information www.nbwen.org or info@nbwen.org.

Wit Women Conference Call join this weekly conference call if you need encouragement, prayer, or inspiration. Dial in Tuesdays 7 pm - 7:15pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week).

September 18-20

Loving Kindness Ministries 2008 Women's Conference "Hold On ... To Your Faith" at the Prava Suites 13402 Noel Road, Dallas TX 75204. Come and embrace God's glory. Registration Is \$50 for Adults and \$15 for youth before August 18. Call 469-254-8436.

Tears of Joy Ministries, Inc. will host its first women's conference September 18-20, 2008 at Embassy Suites Hotel in Irving, Texas. Theme is

"Come Aside and Rest for a Time of Refreshing, Renewal and Restoration." Contact Pastor Vanessa Smith at (609) 556-5656 or (214) 407-7946.

September 19 & 20

Harkey Production Auditions for Upcoming Gospel Musical Play Singers, rappers, and actors are all welcome to come to Greater Saint John Revelation Church 3633 Atlanta Street, Dallas, TX 75215 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Call 214-607-7802 or email harkeyproduction@yahoo.com.

September 20

My Second Chance Fundraiser will honor women who make a difference in the lives of girls and women. The "Living the Dream" banquet will be held at Christ for the Nations 3516 Conway St., Dallas, TX from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$300 per table. Call 214-448-3106 or email royceadams@mysecondchanceinc.org.

September 20

Young Professionals Leadership Development Conference from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the University of Texas at Dallas School of Management 800 W. Campbell Road, Dallas, TX 75080. A variety of workshops to groom young professionals to achieve higher levels of leadership, professionally and socially will be available. Visit www.ulgdyp.org

4th Annual Youth Fishing Derby, 8AM - Noon at Shawnee park, 3380 Sherwood Dr. Youth ages 5-16 years are invited.

September 26

SOLUTIONS - Youth Violence is Real! Now is the time for Real 'SOLUTIONS' 10:30AM at Booker T. Washington High School, 2501 Flora

St, Dallas, Tx 75201. No Admission fee but donations appreciated and pre-registration required. 972-218-1921.

September 27

NOCC and Pureology 5K Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer Join hundreds In the Dallas-Fort Worth metro community at this fundraising event at the Baylor Regional Medical Center 1650 W. College Street, Grapevine, TX. Call 212-973-5351 or email jfigueiredo@pureology-usa.com.

September 30 - Oct. 19

Oprah Winfrey Presents The Color Purple at Fair Park featuring stars of the Broadway production, Jeannette Bayardelle, Felicia P. Fields and Angela Robinson, along with American Idol alum Latoya London. Tickets are \$25-\$77 at the Box Office or any Ticketmaster. Call 214-631-ARTS.s

October 2-3

National Association of Black Social Workers Southwest Regional Conference at the Holiday Inn Select, 3300 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas. The conference theme is: "Reclaiming Minority Youth: Are We Listening? Visit NAB-SWDALLAS.COM or Audrey Brown, 214-670-6739 or Abtbinc@aol.com, or Treva McDaniel, 214-915-4610, tmcdaniel@ulgdncctx.com.

October 3

Prairie View A&M University Alumni 13th Annual Scholarshp Gala at the Westin City Center Hotel 650 N. Pearl St, Dallas, TX. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner program will proceed at 7:30 p.m. Call 972-979-9000. Ticket deadline Is September 25, 2008.

Allen Chamber Golf Classic at Chase Oaks Golf Club 7201 Chase Oaks.

October 5

V Events Presents Non-Profit Organization of the 3rd Quarter, AIDS Arms Inc. join AIDS Arms and LifeWalk and LifeBark from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. for entertainment, food, games, and more. The walk will be held at Lee Park In Dallas, Texas. Registration begins at noon. Visit www.life-walk.org.

October 23-35

Girls Night: The Musical a tell-It-like-It-Is look at five friends as they re-live their past at the Eisemann Center.

October 25

Frisco Arts Gala Supporting all the fine arts In Frisco Funding grants and scholarships at the Westin Stonebriar Resort. <http://atomicdnc.bm23.com/public/>

October 25

Annual Artists Against AIDS The 14th Annual Silent Art Auction benefiting the Tarrant County AIDS Interfaith Network (TCAIN) will take place from 7 p.m.- 10 p.m. at the Fort Worth Community Arts Centre. Ed Blackburn and Jennifer Stufflebeam are this year's featured artists. Tickets are \$50. Call 817-923-2800.

October 25

WorldFest from noon to 10 p.m. at Addison Circle Park 4970 Addison Circle Dr., Addison, TX 75001. Festival guests will be immersed In the cultures of Asia, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Americas as they visit each of the five pavilions. Admission Is \$5 for anyone 4 and older. Volunteers are needed. Call 1-800-addison or visit www.addisontexas.net.

October 27

Charity Golf Tourney at the Cowboy's Golf Club In Grapevine, Texas. The money raised will provide scholarships for Latino Students In the DFW area. Registration deadline is

September 19,2008. Call 202-296-5400.

November 1

The Boys and Girls Club of Collin County Chrysalis Ball featuring Fan the Flame with LeAnn Rimes at the Embassy Suites Hotel In Frisco, TX.

November 8

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

November 8

Turning Point Rape Crisis Center Fundraiser Champagne wishes and Caviar dreams at the Westin Stonebriar Resort, Frisco, TX. Visit <http://atomicdnc.bm23.com/public/?q=ulink&fn=Link&ssid=240&id=ktqfsep-gyu39xyel6qt6y6s7at6wn&id2=ik53y43g9aj8vil9ogvjtyc016iv0>.

November 14

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, Dallas, 75207. Call 214-761-7500

November 15

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December 2008

Teen Graffiti's Parent/Teen Holiday Banquet Gala includes a social dance program "Forging Stronger Friendships Between the Generations". Tickets are \$20 per couple in advance, and \$25 per couple at the door. Call Teen Graffiti at 972-4969457.

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RISD's Change Maker

Lorine Burrell leads Richardson ISD's Christa McAuliffe Learning Center

By **Jacquinetta D. Murphy**
North Dallas Gazette

School is in session at the Christa McAuliffe Learning Center (CMLC) located at 900 S. Greenville Avenue in Richardson, Texas. This campus has the unique task of providing an educational alternative to students from first through twelfth grades that arrive on its campus throughout the year. CMLC is said to be "The place where the change begins" in the Richardson Independent School District, and with Lorine Burrell, an RISD change-maker, at its helm this year, the next 8 months are sure to see some students being pointed back in the right direction.

Burrell is the former principal of Lake Highlands Junior High School and has a strong track record of success and innovation throughout her 30 years in the educational arena. Her decision to oversee this campus may have puzzled some, but to her the mission is clear.

"Students come here from another campus and may be having [difficulty], she began. "I can be the person that will make a positive difference and help to turn lives around by providing guidance in a way that they may not have otherwise received it," Burrell said.

Being a catalyst of change is not new to this principal, she has already been noted for implement-

ing programs that created a new way of learning through the use of technology.

"It was called AVID, which stands for Advancement via Individual Determination," she began. "This was a class elective for students that needed an extra push, to encourage and help them with organizational skills. We picked kids that were the first person in the family [to graduate high school or go to college]."

The program caters to students who have the capability, but may be falling a little below their potential, to move beyond the average and to even take honors courses such as pre-AP classes.

Burrell is also credited with using technology to improve the school's math and science programs. Through this success, she became a national speaker for Texas Instruments and soon began sharing the curriculum and implementations of this program with other educational professionals in organizations such as the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) and National Associations of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

At CMLC, Burrell aims to create a positive expectation of excellence and change this year. Her personal goals are closely aligned with the schools mission to "create an instructional environment that encourages appropriate behavior, that fosters



positive socialization and motivates academic achievement."

To more closely facilitate this goal of successful re-direction, the CMLC divides the students into small learning communities divided by grade and sometimes even subject matter.

"We focus on academics, discipline, and social skills. We offer one-on-one counseling and individualized instruction," said Burrell.

Her heralded banner for change is deeply rooted in her reason to begin a career in teaching in the early 1970s. "We were a sharecropper family in Wilcox, Alabama. There was not a lot of careers to go into. It was either health care, education or the clerical field," she shared.

"I had a lot of people mentoring me. My mother for one, who had not received a high school



diploma was a sharecropper. She did not have a high school education but taught us to be better than she was. For this to happen, I had to be diligent to make the grades," Burrell explained.

Reflecting on her experience, she knows that she was empowered to succeed by a community of people who cared. She was in the sixth grade when she knew



to actually pursue her dream. A local pastor and a teacher ensured that she was accepted to a college preparatory program at Wilberforce University, located outside of Dayton, Ohio. Burrell continued on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Kent State University in 1974. A few years later, she attended Governors State University in Illinois to obtain a Master of Science degree in Reading in 1978. "My goal was to be an administrator. I wanted to impact change on a larger scale than a classroom. I said if I can be a principal then I can[make that type of change]."

Care transformed into motivation and determination for Burrell and she wants to pay it forward for the next generation. Children may not know what they want to do, but she knows first hand what can happen if they just feel that some cares.

"I want to let the children know that I care, that they are valued and are my future. I am investing in them to make sure that my future looks brighter. We are preparing them now to be productive citizens. Then, we will not pay for it when they are adults."

As an educator for about 33 years and now an experienced leader in education in RISD, the change promised at CMLC is likely to be delivered on an a grand scale by Burrell and her staff of about 35 educators.

what she wanted to do in life. "I liked what I saw in a science teacher. You look for people to emulate and I had a teacher to ensure that I was challenged and was learning. I felt like she cared. I knew that I wanted to give back as someone had given to me."

When she graduated from high school, her finances were short. and she needed a helping hand

Keyisha Cole is Cathy's Hughes guest on TV *One on One*

From staff reports

R&B sensation and reality TV star Keyshia Cole is Cathy Hughes' guest in an all-new TV One on One interview Sunday, Sept. 21 from 10-11 PM. The 26-year-old singer, songwriter and record producer talks with Ms. Hughes about her childhood, her future aspirations, her faith and what inspires her music in the revealing interview, which repeats at 1 AM ET.

Raised in Oakland and adopted by her foster mother because of her mother's drug addiction, Keyshia met prominent rappers like M.C. Hammer, Snoop Dogg and Tupac at a young age and credits the late rap star as one of her early influencers, saying that Tupac told her at 13 that she was "going to be huge." She also credits Mary J. Blige as one of her greatest

inspirations and says, "...if I could walk in her footsteps just a quarter of the mile that she has already walked, it would be a blessing fulfilled."

Ms. Cole talks to Ms. Hughes about her upcoming CD, saying it's going to be very different than her previous two albums "cause I'm not talkin' about being so...hearbroken." She tells Hughes, "...it's time to lighten up and have a good time for this album."

Ms. Hughes and Ms. Cole talk about her huge BET hit reality series, *The Way It Is*, the way her whole family is involved, how unusual it is to show African American families in therapy, and how important getting her family back in order is to Ms. Cole. She tells Ms. Hughes that she would like for the upcoming season to be the last one. When asked why, Ms.



Cathy Hughes talks with recording and reality TV star Keyshia Cole on TV One on One Sunday, Sept. 21 at 10 PM ET, repeating at 1 AM (photo by: Jay Silverman for TV One)

Cole says "Well, I've shown the beginning. I've shown the way that we're tryin' to change, and now this is what we've become."

When asked if there's a side of Keyshia Cole that we have yet to see, the singer tells Ms. Hughes

that in the next five years she definitely wants to become a mother and a wife. She also talks about her love of animals and her lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian, one she still hopes to fulfill later in life, and perhaps open a

veterinary hospital.

Ms. Cole talks about her relationship with God, saying, "...He's a part of my life, and He's the only thing that has kept me strong. And when there's nothing else, when there's no one else, when -- you know,

when everything's gone, and has been gone, I've called on him, and I always will."

She is joined at the end of the interview by Ron Fair, the chairman of Geffen Records, who has been instrumental in Ms. Cole's successful career.

"What makes Keyshia great is the same kind of thing that great stars like Sylvester Stallone and Madonna have," Fair says. "...she knows who she's supposed to be to her audience. No one knows her more than her."

"I think, in the future, I don't want to speak for Keyshia, but, we talk about movies, fashion, continuing the musical pursuits, her wanting to bring other artists along and develop other talent.

"I don't know about the veterinary business," he adds.

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New Beginning Center Hosts upcoming Business Summit

From staff reports

Every year, domestic violence contributes an estimated \$8 billion in productivity losses to companies and businesses around the country. The effects of stalking, physical assault, rape, and homicide are directly related to employee absenteeism, diminished job performance, and lower job morale. To cal-

culate the annual cost due to domestic violence for your company visit the New Beginning Center website at www.newbeginningcenter.org. The half-day Family Violence Prevention Summit will increase awareness of the effects of domestic violence as well as educate employers and management professionals on the most effective preventa-

tive measures.

New Beginning Center, Garland Chamber of Commerce, Richland College of the Dallas County Community College District, Texas Health Resources, Garland Independent School District, City of Garland and KARLEE will be teaming up to host this half-day training on October, 1 2008 at the

Special Events Center at 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd in Garland. For the cost of \$10 per person, attendees will receive the training necessary to recognize signs of domestic violence and to implement a family violence prevention program in their own workplace. The Family Violence Business Call to Action has been approved by Human Resources

Certification Institute as general continuing education credits for all attending Human Resources professionals. This program has been approved for 3.25 (General) recertification credit hours toward PHR, SPHR and GPHR recertification through the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI). For more information about certification or recertification,

please visit the HRCI homepage at www.hrci.org.

Each company can send up to five representatives. Check-in and refreshments will begin at 8:00 AM. Registration is available online at www.newbeginningcenter.org, www.garlandchamber.com, or by calling (972) 272-7551 ext.0.

Black Enterprise Ranks Liberty Tax Franchise A Top Pick

From staff reports

Black Enterprise magazine has named Liberty Tax Service (www.liberty-tax.com) as one of the most affordable and best franchise opportunities for minorities for a fifth time since 2001. "B.E.'s Most

Affordable Franchises: 25 Hot Franchises You Should Buy Now!" names Liberty Tax a top choice for a business services franchise, according to the September 2008 issue. Black Enterprise researches franchise opportunities annually to compile a

superlative list for its readers of the best franchises for African Americans, and to measure the pulse of the franchise industry. The results this year are based on "recession-resistant industries and low start-up costs."

"Taxes are a certainty of

life in good and sluggish economic times and our industry provides a growing market of taxpayers," said John Hewitt, CEO and Founder of Liberty Tax Service. "We are honored by this accolade as we keep striving to keep the American dream of busi-

ness ownership an affordable reality."

Liberty Tax Service is a member of the International Franchise Association's MinorityFran initiative (www.fra-n

chise.org/minorityfran). The Liberty Tax franchise opportunity was listed on the National Minority Franchise Initiative's "50 Top Franchises for Minorities in 2007."

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wanted to sleep through it, but the wind was a bear," naturally Thompson's sons slept through most of the storm. However, they were sequestered in a closet for safety. "The lights went out about 1:30 a.m. [Saturday] about thirty minutes later the rain began and was constant until 8:00 a.m., when it became intermittent. Even so, Thompson said the storms were strong enough that it was not safe enough to venture outside to check on the damage.

When asked, if faced with the same decision would she make the same decision, Thompson was undecided, "I still have to weigh my options." Until Thursday forecasters predicted the storm would hit Corpus Christi instead, by the time the announcement was made, "at that point it was too late for me to get on the road and not be stuck in the traffic," she was concerned with potentially being on the road when the storm hit.

"You do not know how hard it is be on the road," she shared. The uncertainty of will you find gas before running out, how much will it cost are factors Thompson faced when returning to Dallas in 2005 seeking refugee from Hurricane Rita. "Then coming back you have the uncertainty all over again." When Thompson evacuated for Rita



L to R, standing: Esther Dugay, Sister Tarpley, Angela Dugay, Rose Fielding, Karen Kaye Watson, David Fielding and Danielle Dugay. A Grandfather with his granddaughters, Sitting L to R: Blaec, Darby, and Herman Dugay

it took her 24 hours to get from Houston to Dallas, as she ran into stacked up traffic when attempting to use backroads.

Although Thompson's home did not sustain any damage, it was a challenge coming home on Sunday. With sections of I-45 being underwater, and service roads being partial flooded; her thirty minute drive became three hours.

Initially, it was OK being at home, grateful that her family was safe and her home was spared. "The neighbors pitched in Monday and helped each other clean up debris from their yards," Thompson said, but as time stretched on without electricity it

became more of a challenge. A curfew is in place, and the children get restless without TV and games.

Esther Dugay admits that dealing with the evacuation is a challenge, "It is disheartening to have to pack up and come to Dallas – or go anywhere." Yet through it all like ChaRhonda Thompson, her daughter Angela Dugay, Ms. Dugay is grateful to weather the storm.

"I thank God that I still have my health, I am still blessed, my house had no major damage. The only thing I had was a split tree. So, I thank God that my family is safe, my kids and my grandkids. With that mind, I cannot complain, I really cannot."

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than twice the average for all households. Many fewer households at the bottom of the income distribution would get tax cuts and those tax cuts would be small as a share of after-tax income."

McCain's proposal, like the current policy of George W. Bush, assumes that allowing businesses and upper income individuals to keep more of their income will encourage them to invest and expand their business, thereby creating more jobs. Policies which are modern versions of former president Ronald Reagan's "Trickle Down Theory."

The problem with this theory is if worker income does not keep pace with prices, consumers cut back spending, which slows the economy. The most recent

example being the recent spike in fuel prices, which caused consumers to spend less on all but essential goods and services.

As for Obama's plan, the report says, "In marked contrast, Sen. Obama offers much larger tax breaks to low- and middle-income taxpayers and would increase taxes on high-income taxpayers. The largest tax cuts, as a share of income, would go to those at the bottom of the income distribution, while taxpayers with the highest income would see their taxes rise significantly."

The report also looked at the possible effects of each plan on the economy.

McCain's plan would limit the rate that top money earners pay to 35 percent while Obama's

plans would tax them at 39.6 percent. McCain's plan would tax corporations at a maximum rate of 25 percent compared to Obama's rate of 35 percent.

The report said that while each plan could benefit the economy in some areas, the potential benefits could be offset in others.

"McCain's reduced individual and corporate rates could improve economic efficiency and increase domestic investment, but the larger future deficits would reduce and might completely negate any positive effect. In contrast, Sen. Obama's proposed new tax credits could encourage desirable behavior, particularly if the childless [Earned Income Tax Credit] and payroll tax rebate encourage additional labor supply among

childless low-income individuals. However, he would also direct new subsidies at an already favored group—seniors—and an already favored activity—homeownership—which could probably be better directed elsewhere."

The report said the tax plans that were analyzed were found on the candidates' web sites and that these plans were sometimes at odds with what campaign advisors were saying publicly.

"In several important ways, the candidates' speeches and web sites differ from the plans as we've outlined them, and, in several cases, descriptions of proposals provided by campaign advisors strike us as implausible."

The report also says that neither plan would, in itself be sufficient to decrease the country's current deficit.

"Sen. Obama's plan as described by his economic advisers would increase the debt by about \$3.5 trillion by 2018; Sen. McCain's plan would increase it by \$5 trillion. And the health proposals and campaign promises not in the official descriptions could increase the costs still further."

As for their parts, the campaigns have said that the analysis fails to take into account their proposals for spending cuts in the federal budget. But the report said that without complete information, some of which is actually changing during the campaigns, it is hard to give a definitive analysis of the effects of the plans. In some cases, assumptions had to be made.

"One challenge facing anyone who wants to estimate the effects of candidates' tax plans is that no one—not even inside the

campaigns—knows exactly what the proposals are. Stump speeches and campaign white papers rarely contain enough technical detail to analyze proposals fully. In addition, the candidates' plans are often works in progress that change during the campaign," the report says.

"Because it is important for the public to understand as much as possible how a candidate's tax proposals would affect them, their neighbors, and the broader economy, we have filled in the blanks with assumptions about key missing details. Some of the details have been validated by campaigns, but some have not. We will update our analysis when we learn about revisions, modifications, or corrections."

The full report can be downloaded from <http://www.taxpolicycenter.org>.

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care system that doesn't cover everyone.

Still, lipstick is a metaphor for the powerful gender undercurrent in this election. Hillary Clinton energized women, but she didn't win the Democratic nomination, and Barack Obama didn't pick her as his running mate. Some of her supporters got over it, but some were angry and disappointed.

Then, John McCain grabbed momentum and the spotlight by choosing Sarah Palin as his running mate. The woman fascinates—she describes herself as a pit bull with lipstick. Because she is so new to the scene, we've had a crash course on her life, her marriage to her high school sweetheart, also known as First Dude in Alaska. We've learned about her five children, including her disabled infant son and her pregnant teenage daughter.

We've learned about her commuting habits and the

fact that it costs the citizens of Alaska about \$60 a night for her to stay home (that's on top of her salary). Biographical curiosity is only part of the Palin fascination.

Neither party has yet to "do the right thing" by women, either in terms of elected public office and in terms of the public policy that supports working women.

Still stuck in "the mommy wars" between women who work and those who stay at home, millions who either joyfully or painfully juggle household and work. 1992 was the so-called year of the woman, when Patty Murray (D-Wa.) ran for the Senate describing herself as a "mom in tennis shoes". With no woman on the Senate Judiciary Committee when Anita Hill was treated so poorly, and Clarence Thomas was confirmed to the Supreme Court, women's anger translated into political

success. An unprecedented five women were elected to the United States Senate, including Murray, Carol Mosley Braun (D-Ill), Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), and two Democrats from California, Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.

Fast-forward 15 years. There are now sixteen women in the United States Senate, which represents slow progress. Many of the issues that outraged women in 1992 are unresolved in 2008. Working women still have challenges juggling household and work. Many who can afford to opt out, choosing to stay home and raise their children.

Most wonder that public policy cannot do more to address the concerns of both a vital segment of the population and an important part of the productive labor force. At the top, women bang their heads against the glass ceiling that Hillary Clinton spoke of so eloquently.

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U.S. Demand for Rehabilitation Professionals Grows

Occupational, Physical therapists expect 20-plus percent employment increases through 2016

From staff reports

People reach significant milestones through the help and dedication of rehabilitation professionals, according to the National Rehabilitation Awareness Foundation, which is holding the 2008 National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration on Sept. 21-27, 2008. Organizations, including Allsup, which represents people nationwide for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, are spreading the word

about the significant contributions made by rehab professionals.

Rehab workers' value to healthcare is illustrated in national job projections for the next decade. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, several rehabilitation fields are experiencing increasing demand through 2016, including:

Physical therapists, with a 27 percent increase and 220,000 jobs.

Occupational therapists, with a 23 percent increase and 122,000 jobs.

Respiratory therapists, with a 19 percent increase and 145,000 jobs.

Professionals working in rehabilitation, including therapists, nurses and physicians, help people with disabilities achieve significant accomplishments in recovery and daily living. The examples are numerous, such as respiratory therapists who help individuals to reach independence from ventilators, and occupational therapists who help stroke patients regain mobility. Estimates

show that for every \$1 spent on rehab care, \$11 in long-term disability costs is saved, according to the National Rehabilitation Awareness Foundation (NRAF).

More than 6,000 rehabilitation providers and health and human services organizations across the country are helping recognize "the powers of rehabilitation," according to Jim Brogna, NRAF executive director. This year's theme is, "Rehab: The Power to Change Lives."

Network Your Way into the Hidden Job Market

From staff reports

Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions (<http://passnclex.drexel.edu/>) has helped thousands of nursing students review for the NCLEX RX exam. Now we are going to help students after they've reviewed for the NCLEX RX exam. In this article, nursing students will learn how to tap-into the hidden job market.

You never know where your next job will come from, so be on the lookout for it even when you already have a good job.

The key to make this premise work is to recognize that people you meet in both your personal life and professional life may help you get a job someday. The trick is to keep track of these people and know how and when to tap into

them. This is the essence of networking, and Nursing Matters has some suggestions to help you harness it.

To get you in the right mindset, consider the story about the young woman who sat next to a stranger on a train. After chatting

for an hour, she not only made a good impression, she secured a job interview for a non-advertised position. This is an example of networking into the "hidden" job market and it's a key way people find jobs.



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"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice." "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:31 & 32 (KJV).

Unforgiveness Hurts

For a few years, I have been reminded of a statement that a young lady said, "We didn't realize how much that unforgiveness impacted our own lives." She was making the statement after realizing how much she had missed in her life because she had been hurt and had not forgiven an individual.

We should become keenly aware that in our world and society, people need people. God created us with a need for fellowship and companionship. The Bible says, "And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Genesis 2:18. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our like-

ness: and let them have dominion . . ." "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." Genesis 1: 26 & 27.

No man is an island and can stand alone. Who among us have not made a terrible mistake? Who among us haven't wished that we could take back something that was spoken in anger to anyone, especially to a loved one or a friend? Who among us haven't done something that we would be ashamed to confess to others? Who among us haven't had to cry out to God for His help?

I have read and heard many stories of individuals finally forgiving after long periods of time; they talk

about how much they have hurt and missed in their life because they waited so long to forgive. Life doesn't stop when you don't forgive someone. Perhaps that person asked for your forgiveness and you refused. When God saw that they were remorseful, He allowed them to move on with their life while you stayed in a state of self-pity, you couldn't see the forest for the trees.

Most people hate road constructions where they encounter them; it's an inconvenience and it takes us longer to get where we are going. Everything is in a mess, you are caught off guard when things are placed in unusual places and the natural flow of traffic takes you off the main



Mrs. Cheqwa Davis, at her father's (Harold Demus') birthday party with her uncle, James Demus

road on bumpy surfaces. But what joy when the work is complete, how beautiful the scenery when the work is done. But, we must remember that until we pass from this life to the next, we are all under construction in our walk with God.

Sometimes God takes us through our own life reconstruction project, as well as family and friends. There are times that we may do or say something

that is not God-like; yet God still loves and forgives us. There are times that someone in your life will say or do something that they need forgiveness from you. Just as we want God to have patience and forgive us, we need to have patience and forgive others. At times this is not an easy task; and you need God's love and help to forgive, but if you ask Him, he can give you the love and strength to forgive.

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"The Church with a Vision"

Community Leaders Remember NAACP's Goldie Locke

From staff reports

The Garland NAACP issued a statement over the weekend, "We are profoundly saddened to inform you that Ms. Goldie Locke, our beloved founding President, current 2nd Vice-President of the NAACP Garland Branch and legendary local civil rights leader passed away late Saturday, September 13, 2008. Final arrangements for memorial and tributes are pending. Please keep Goldie's immediate family and the NAACP Garland Branch in your prayers!"

Throughout the week members have shared statements regarding how much Ms. Locke meant to them personally and the Garland community:

"Garland has lost a legendary trailblazer, a person on the mission on for all children through education. Her contributions were numerous," said Linda Griffin, Garland School Board Trustee, Place 3.

"Goldie was a Warrior for our children's education. She is my friend, my mentor and she is my Sister. The world seemed a little dimmer when Annie

told me that Goldie had passed. Goldie will shine down from where she stands with our Heavenly Father and as she always did she will fill my heart once again with faith for our future. I was so lucky to have been able to be with her last Sunday and


share prayer. I got to kiss her cheek, squeeze her hand and whisper to her we will continue the fight for the children.

My life has been blessed to have known Goldie; I thank God for the time he gave her to all of us," said Terri Dunn

Ms. Locke's service will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 214 South Garland Avenue, Garland, Texas 75040. Wake is 5:30P.M., Friday, September 19, followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:00A.M., Saturday, September 20.

In lieu of flowers, Goldie's family and the NAACP Garland Branch would appreciate your donation to the: Goldie Locke Scholarship Fund, C/o NAACP Garland Branch #625, 603 Main Street, Ste. 101, Garland, Texas.

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