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Sorrell installed as Paul Quinn's 34th President

From staff reports

As attorney and businessman Michael J. Sorrell was installed as the 34th president of Dallas' Paul Quinn College, hundreds of alumni, students, faculty, staff, family members and supporters were

in attendance to share in this era of "change."

Elected officials, including Mayor Tom Leppert and Sen. Royce West (D-Dallas) were among the many speakers who extolled the virtues of

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Garland School Goes Green while Raising Funds

From staff reports

Mount Hebron Christian will host its annual garage sale and recycling fundraiser, Saturday November 14, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to the school's first effort at protecting the environ-

ment while teaching students the importance of recycling.

"Children are never too young to learn how to protect the earth," said Carolyn Primm, Director of the Garland academy.

School officials will take a two-pronged approach to this recycling

and fundraising effort. First, students and their families will bring gently used household items to school for the daylong garage sale. All of the proceeds from the garage sale will go toward purchasing computers for the 23 classrooms.

As part two of the recycling

effort, the school is asking the public to donate computers, laptop servers, keyboards, speakers and all other computer components. Cameras, camcorders, fax machines, typewriters, inject cartridges, printers, scanners,

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Dallas CEO elected as McDonald's national leader



From staff reports

A division of the McDonald's® Corporation, the National Black McDonald's Operators Association (NBMOA) elected Roland Parrish vice-chairman of the 36 year old national

organization during their biennial symposium. Parrish is president, CEO and owner of Parrish McDonald's Restaurants, Ltd.

Consisting of 19 McDonald's franchises in North Texas with millions in annual revenue, Parrish

has been operating McDonald's restaurants for 19 years acquiring his first franchise in 1989. Parrish currently sits on the board of the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Greater North Texas and recently

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BLACKONOMICS

Something Else to Celebrate

By James CLingman
NNPA

four months of the tax season – and beyond.

It's the time of the year when we start thinking about our taxes and the time of the year that I usually dedicate this column to the largest Black tax preparation firm in the country.

Now in 2008, with 156 offices across the United States and growing, Compro- Tax, Inc. should be high on your list of businesses to support during the initial

So, as I give you something else to cheer about, go to www.comprotax.com and see if there is a Compro-Tax office; if not, you may want to start one or two, and in the meantime make every effort to support Black tax preparation companies.

Now for the great news! In light of the fact that Black folks constantly discuss the obli-

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Susan Rice

Susan Rice, a former assistant secretary of state for African Affairs, focuses on U.S. foreign policy, weak and failing states, the implications of global poverty and transnational security threats. Rice, a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution is currently on leave as she has served as a senior foreign affairs advisor to President-elect Barack Obama during the presidential campaign.

Rice grew up in Washington, D.C., in the Shepherd Park neighbor-

hood. Her father is Emmett J. Rice a Cornell University economics professor and former governor of the Federal Reserve System. Her mother is education policy scholar Lois Dickson Fitt. Growing up, her father told her to "never use race as an excuse or advantage", and as a young girl she "dreamed of becoming the first U.S. Senator from the District of Columbia." She also held "lingering fears" that her accomplishments would be diminished by people who attributed them to affirma-

tive action.

Rice attended Stanford University, where she received a Truman Scholarship, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1986. Awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, she attended New College, Oxford, where she earned an M.Phil. in 1988 and D.Phil. in 1990. The Chatham House-British International Studies Association honored her dissertation as the UK's most distinguished in international relations.

Rice served in the Clinton administration in various capacities: At the National Security Council

from 1993 to 1997, as Director for International Organizations and Peacekeeping from 1993 to 1995 and as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs from 1995 to 1997. In 1997, she became Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs from 1997, serving in that capacity until Clinton left office on January 20, 2001.

As Assistant Secretary of State Rice was considered "young, brilliant, and ambitious," and she worked to "integrate Africa in the global economy while at the same time aiming to increase U.S. nation-



al security."

Susan Rice serves on the boards of several organizations, including the National Democratic Institute, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, board of direc-

tors of the Atlantic Council, advisory board of Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University, the board of directors of Bureau of National Affairs, board of directors of Partnership for Public Service, the Beauvoir School, and past member of the Internews Network's board of directors.

Rice married ABC News producer Ian O. Cameron in 1992; they had met as undergraduates at Stanford. Now they reside in Washington with their two children.

Source: Wikipedia

Sen. Steven Horsford

Steven Horsford was elected to the Nevada State Senate in November 2004 where he represents Senatorial District Four. Following the elections this month resulting in a change in power of the Nevada State Senate, Sen. Horsford is now the first African American majority leader in Nevada history.

Senator has served on the committees of Judiciary, Human Resources and Education, and Legislative

Operations, Elections and Ethics. Additionally, Senator Horsford has been appointed to the Commission on the Administration of Justice, the Interim Committee on Healthcare and is Chair of the Legislative Commission's subcommittee on child welfare and foster placement. In June of 2008 Senator Horsford was named Democratic Leader to the Nevada State Senate Caucus.

Outside of his legisla-

tive service, Senator Horsford holds the position of Chief Executive Officer and President of the Board of Trustees for Nevada Partners, one of Nevada's largest employment training and career preparation organizations. Nevada Partners Inc. (NPI) is a non-profit organization that assists individuals to become more competitive in the job market by providing free industry-specific as well as overall job preparedness training.

In addition to his role at Nevada Partners, Senator



Horsford oversees the Culinary Training Academy (CTA). The CTA is a highly successful joint management and labor partnership between participating gaming companies and the Culinary

and Bartenders Unions and prepares more than 3,500 students annually for positions in the hospitality industry. In this capacity, he has successfully managed a capital campaign of \$10 million and was instrumental in the planning, design, and construction of the project – a 35,000 square foot state-of-the-art restaurant, hospitality and kitchen training and community banquet facilities which is housed on the campus of Nevada Partners.

Born and raised in Las Vegas, Senator Horsford

has established deep roots as a prominent member of the business and government community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Las Vegas/Clark County Urban League Community Action Agency and is Chair of the NAACP Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) Committee of Las Vegas.

Senator Horsford is married to Dr. Sonya Horsford and they have three children, Benjamin, Bryson and Ella.

Rep. Terrance Carroll

Democratic Rep. Terrance Carroll was chosen last week to be the new speaker of the Colorado House, the first black named to the position.

The Denver lawmaker was nominated by majority Democrats and will be formally elected by the full House in January, when the next session convenes. Ratification is usually unanimous.

It would be the first time the state has black leaders in both houses after Senate President Peter Groff renominated to that position on Thursday.

"It just shows how, with the selection of Sen. Groff and president-elect Barack

Obama, that there are no limits to what we can do. It really shows we made significant progress, but there is still much work to be done," Carroll said.

As an attorney Carroll represents clients in regulatory, civil and employment litigation matters. He also represents clients before various state and federal administrative and regulatory agencies. In addition to practicing law, Terrance is the Colorado State Representative for House District 7. He is the Assistant Majority Leader for the Colorado House of Representatives and serves as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.



Rep. Carroll graduated with honors from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He received a Master of Divinity degree from the Iliff School of Theology in

Denver, Colorado. He is also a graduate of the Summer Leadership Institute at Harvard University Divinity School's Center for the Study of Values in Public Life and John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is currently pursuing a law degree at the University Of Denver College Of Law where he is Chancellor's Scholar.

Rep. Carroll was a panelist and served on the planning committee on the Attorney General's 2000 statewide conference of workplace violence. Rev. Carroll serves on the board of directors of Brainwise, the Colorado League of Charter Schools, and Students for Justice.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Obama's Economic Migraine Can Be A Golden Opportunity

By James W. Breedlove
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President-Elect Barack Obama promised to have America's rapidly deteriorating economic crisis high on his Presidential agenda during his first press conference since winning the election on November 4.

Appearing in Chicago with a star-studded cast of advisers, Mr. Obama said, "I am confident a new president can have an enormous impact." Weighing his words carefully he added that he would chart a measured course during his transition period because, "It is important to get it right...and make sure we are not so rushed that we make mistakes."

In approximately 11 weeks, Obama will inherit a daunting situation unseen since the great depression of the 1930's that includes not just the economic crisis but the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, international hot spots, and a demoralized nation.

Noting the lessons of history Obama obviously recognizes that the most successful transformative presidencies were patient during the period between the election and the inauguration. Hope and faith had to be restored and divisive walls had to be broken down before a divided constituency could move forward as one nation.

Taking inspiration from Lincoln's transition of 1860 and Roosevelt's of 1932 Obama's initial message to the people, while giving deference to the current President, is his commitment to take immediate action come January 20.

"Our climb will be steep," Obama said. "We may not get there in one year or even in one term." Yet he remained upbeat, calm and

assured as did Roosevelt, who took the reins of a nation in the depths of the Depression. FDR used his optimism to lift up the downtrodden and refresh the American spirit. So did Obama.

Roosevelt's first act as president was to deal with the country's failing banking system. By the beginning of 1933 the American people were starting to lose faith in the banking system and a significant number were withdrawing their money causing a run on the banks.

The day after taking office as president, Roosevelt ordered a national holiday for all banks to stop the currency hemorrhage. He then called Congress into special session and urged Congress to pass a series of important bills that became the foundation of the New Deal.

The government created job programs, emergency funds for those in desperate need, relief programs for the unemployed, and the old age pensions program. These included the Works Projects Administration (WPA), the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the Public Works Administration (PWA), the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, the Federal Securities Act, and the Social Security Act.

The government, during the current transition period, continues to focus on the immediate crises using bailouts, with little attention to the underlying reasons for the continuing economic decay — stagnate incomes, an explosion of debt, and an outdated laissez-faire approach to government oversight.

Taking a step back, it's important to consider this action in the context of previous similar actions. A



good way to visualize the problems associated with a finger-in-the-dike strategy is to look back to the first big bailouts of modern times. Before A.I.G., before Fannie and Freddie, before Bear Stearns, there was Lockheed in 1971 and Chrysler in 1979.

While both the Lockheed and the Chrysler bailouts resulted in saving the companies the actions did nothing to shore up the respective industries and prevent subsequent declines.

America is now faced with a growing cycle of bestowing special economic favors on companies deemed "too big to fail". The financial industry, the housing industry, and now the auto industry are lining up for their fair share of government largesse. AIG got a financial bailout, so why shouldn't we? The question asked? As the economy continues to spiral downward the line of corporations demanding breaks on financial obligations they can't afford grows and shows no signs of abating.

Thus the economic crisis facing the Obama administration presents both a challenge and an opportunity for the new President. It is a challenge in the form of the greatest financial problem confronting the nation and the world in the last 75 years. It must be fixed.

The crisis also presents an opportunity for Obama to step away from convention-

al government political based band-aid solutions and provide innovative solutions derived from bi-partisan smart government.

Almost ninety percent of Americans see government as corrupt and predatory and do not trust it. Laws such as the tax code are not thought of in terms of redistributing the wealth as former candidate McCain postulated but rather as a means of institutionalizing the greed and corruption via loopholes and special breaks.

The economic turmoil of the 1930's presented a similar situation that demanded a new era of governance in America. That need was fulfilled through the skill and determined ambition of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt who devised the New Deal.

President-elect Barack Obama has the requisite ambition for greatness and the intellect to recognize that the devastating economic crisis he inherits provides him with a golden opportunity to achieve greatness.

Most important, as he demonstrated by orchestrating the most brilliant presidential campaign in American history, he has the skills to thoughtfully and deliberately make this opportunity a golden trophy for the American people.

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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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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.

Fighting Escalates in Congo, As Peacekeepers Flee

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Tutsi insurgents loyal to renegade General Laurent Nkunda launched a major offensive on Sunday, advancing to within 12 miles of Goma, destroying two UN armored vehicles and forcing thousands of civilians to flee south towards Goma town.

Some 17,000 U.N. peacekeepers have begun packing their bags to leave, angering local people who

blame them for failing to prevent the rebel advance. Riots were reported at the UN base in Goma on Monday. Crowds shattered windows, damaged cars and one person was killed.

Nkunda claims he is defending Tutsis from Rwandan Hutu renegades who fled into the Congo after their military defeat in neighboring Rwanda in 1994. In that year, some half a million Rwandan Tutsis were slaughtered by

Hutu militia in what has become known as the Rwandan Genocide.

Rwanda's now dominant Tutsi rulers fear these renegades could threaten genocide again.

A cease-fire between the government and Nkunda signed in January failed to hold and new fighting is underway with Nkunda declaring he will "liberate" all of Congo, a country the size of Western Europe with vast reserves of dia-

monds, gold and other resources. Congo's vast mineral wealth helped fuel back-to-back wars from 1997-2003.

According to the U.N., more than 200,000 people have been forced from their homes in the last two months, joining 1.2 million displaced in previous conflicts in the east. Outbreaks of cholera and diarrhea have killed dozens in camps, compounding the misery.



National Diabetes Month Book Suggestions From Black Expressions

From staff reports

According to the American Diabetes Association, 23.6 million Americans suffer from diabetes. The African American community is one of the groups hardest hit by this disease, with over 3.7 million diagnosed. With November

being National Diabetes Month, Black Expressions(R) Book Club has put together a few books that raise awareness about diabetes and offer information about prevention, nutrition and diet tips.

DR. NEAL BERNARD'S PROGRAM FOR REVERS-

ING DIABETES (Dr. Neal Bernard, Rodale Press) offers a holistic approach to treating diabetes. Bernard provides an overview of diabetes and an approach that treats it without prescriptions. Bernard explores why some foods lead to steady weight loss by lowering blood sugar and chole-

sterol. He also includes a 7-day meal plan with recipes, tips to tracking your progress and advice on exercise, supplements, and vitamins.

Most people know to get a second opinion, but what happens when both your first and second opinions leave vital information out? This book is

packed with information for both the newly diagnosed and current sufferers of diabetes.

Sometimes the tipping point of a person's recovery rests with their diet. However, no one wants the limitations of their diet to make the rest of the family unhappy. THE NEW FAMILY COOKBOOK

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Plano's District 2 Neighborhood Roundtable Slated for Nov. 20

From staff reports

The Mayor and City Council of Plano invite Council District 2 residents to join them for a Neighborhood Roundtable discussion on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Tom

Muehlenbeck Recreation

Center, 5801 W. Parker Road.

Roundtables are part of an ongoing outreach program to present information and answer questions regarding city services and programs. It is a working meeting where citizens help the City explore solutions to district concerns.

Though the meeting is focused on District 2, all Plano residents are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served.

The District 2 area is bound by the City's limit on the north, the City's limit on the south and the City's limit on the west.

The eastern boundary is at Coit Road (from northern City's limit to Parker Road) and at Ohio Drive (from Parker Road to the southern City's limit). A map with all the districts is available at www.plano.gov under Departments and Community Outreach.

Roundtables are held quarterly and rotated through Plano's four districts to provide an opportunity for citizens and Councilmembers to meet in the convenience of their home neighborhood. For more information call (972) 941-7747.



Pat Evans

Gatekeeper Program Equips City Employees to Help Seniors

From staff reports

City of Plano employees are learning how to detect the telltale signs of a senior in need as part of the new Gatekeeper Program. The program has been developed in coordination with the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County (GWCCC), Adult Protective Services and the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging to identify older residents in need of social services to easily connect them to local providers.

Training of employees began in late September with the Property Standards department and key employees of other depart-

ments participating. Property Standards will be the first department to pilot the program. Property Standards Department Director Cynthia O'Banner said, "Many times when an older person begins to need help, their yard and house maintenance begins to show signs of neglect. When our team speaks with an elderly home owner about a code violation, these assessment tools will allow us to be aware of and watch for potential signs of a greater personal need."

Employees are taught to look for indicators of unmet needs for social services, in addition to potential elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. The confidential referrals are made by the

Gatekeepers to the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County (GWCCC) for follow-up by a master's level social worker or to Adult Protective Services for follow-up by an investigator.

GWCCC Elizabeth Kent said, "This partnership puts the City of Plano's front line of customer contact in a position to serve seniors at a deeper level. These assessment tools are great for an initial screening. The Wellness Center can then conduct a detailed assessment to determine what resources may be available to address the seniors' needs. The Wellness Center may also collaborate with our private and public community partners to address

unmet needs."

Even before the program was fully initiated a representative of the Plano Police Department in the

initial training group made the first senior referral. Since then a law enforcement agency in Tarrant County has contacted the

Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County for advice on how they can develop their own program of this type.

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and textbooks.

These items will be sold to a salvage company and proceeds will go to the school's coffer. The fundraising effort will directly helps the environment by redirecting cast-off or damaged consumer products. Unused items don't have to end up in the landfill. More than 75% of all computers ever sold sit unused. Over 4 million tons of e-waste are dumped in US landfills each year. Most toxic metal contamination (mercury, lead, cadmium, etc.) in our landfills springs from improperly handled e-waste.

This recycling event, sponsored by the school's

PTF, is one in a series of fund raisers, parents are hosting this school year to get badly needed funds. Mount Hebron Christian Academy is a 14 year-old learning facility for students 18 months through forth grade. The school's mission is to provide a quality educational program for students who will be required to function in a fast-paced world.

"These computers are critical to the growth and education of our students," said Pat Guess, president of the PTF. "In order to compete, students and their teachers must have access to technology, and we are hoping that the public will help us with the endeavor."

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McDonald's Invites Nominations to new McDonald's All American Achievers

From staff reports

The new McDonald's All American Achievers™ program encourages Dallas/Fort Worth area 7th and 8th grade students to stay in the books and be active in their communities. Teachers are invited to submit student essays celebrating academic achievement and community leadership to the McDonald's All American Achievers program from now through December 8.

Teachers of 7th and 8th grade students in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex will receive the All American Achievers packet in October. The packet includes a mini-magazine written by education experts and especially written for 7th and 8th graders. The magazine includes program entry materials and will enable

teachers to guide their students in writing an expository essay, celebrating their achievements by answering three questions about their academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities and leadership in their communities. The deadline for entries is December 8, 2008. Additionally, schools not receiving program information directly, can obtain entry forms and information at www.365Black.com.

"Because we have such a longstanding commitment to education, this is an excellent opportunity for McDonald's to continue to celebrate the academic achievements of our young people. Our hope is that one of our own local students will be recognized nationally as a McDonald's All American Achiever," said Billie Hawkins,

McDonald's Owner/Operator in Irving.

In addition to the All American Achievers program, McDonald's also participates in other education programs in the North Texas including the Ronald McDonald House Charities® National Scholarship Program.

A panel of judges, including educators, will select the Grand Prize winners from the highest scoring essays submitted. Essays will be judged by scores submitted by teachers and who will judge essays and assign points for demonstrating McDonald's All American Achiever characteristics, such as abiding by school rules and having perfect attendance as of the date of entry.

The McDonald's All American Achievers winners, one 7th- and one 8th-grade student, will be noti-

fied on or about January 30, 2009. Each Grand Prize winner will receive a \$500 gift card and a new laptop computer. Ninety-eight finalists also will receive a prize. Teachers who submit the Grand Prize winning essays will each receive a \$500 gift card to purchase supplies for their classroom. The Grand Prize winners' schools each will receive a \$2,000 check.

For more information, entry forms and official rules www.365Black.com.

Ronald Reagan College Leaders Scholarship

This program seeks to recognize outstanding young people who are promoting American values on college campuses.

The scholarships are designed to alleviate the financial burdens associated with higher education, permitting the winners to devote more time both to pursuing their academic goals and advancing their leadership initiatives.

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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).

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

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November 14 Murphy Enterprise Center Leadership Lunch. The University of North Texas College of Administration Leadership

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

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

November 15 Garland MLK Parade Kick-off Meeting of Youth Ministry Directors and Community Group Leaders for the 2009 MLK, Jr. Parade/March and Youth Extravaganza, 9:00-10:00a.m., Sims Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 317 Parker Drive, Garland, Texas 75040.

North Texas Kids Family Expo 10am-5pm Door prizes, games, Radio Disney, Ronald McDonald, book signings, face painting, arts & crafts and 90 vendors with great ideas and information for your family! Admission is FREE For more information call 972-516-9070 or visit www.northtexaskids.com

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

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

The City of Garland Electronic Recycling Collection Event scheduled on Texas Recycles Day, Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Parking Lot of South Garland High School located at 600 Colonel Drive, Garland, TX 75043. For more information, contact Susan Webb at the Environmental Waste Department at 972-205-3419.

3rd Annual Business Community Awards Gala hosted by the National Association of Black Accountants and the National Black MBA Association at the Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West, 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75234. The event begins at 6PM with cocktail reception, Gala at 8PM. Event and Ticket Information: bcag2008.dfwmbs.org

Hal Runkel, Bestselling Author of 'ScreamFree Parenting; The Revolutionary Approach to Raising Your Kids by Keeping your Cool' will be presenting 'Screamfree Teaching' - understanding group dynamics in the classroom. Teachers will learn how to move beyond traditional 'child-centered' teaching to gain fresh insight and clinical perspective on how to revolutionize their classrooms. 9:30 am Skillman Church of Christ in Dallas: http://www.screamfree.com/media_events/calendar.php?op=viewevent&event_id=397

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college you don't want to miss out on genius ways that they can pay their way through college or life. The event will be held at the Studio Movie Grill, 5405 Beltline Rd, Dallas, TX 75248, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

November 18 Frisco Chamber Ambassador Lunch at the McKinney Fellowship Church, visit www.friscochamber.com for more information

Technology, Engineering, Security Clearance Career Fair Admission is FREE 11am-3pm Contact TJF at 800.695.1939 or www.targetedjobfairs.com.

November 20 UNT Dallas Campus hosts 'Admissions Night' Applicants who attend the event and submit a complete application package will receive a waiver of the admission fee which is normally \$40 for undergraduate students, \$50 for graduate students and \$75 for international students. For more information, contact the school's recruitment and outreach office at 972-780-3642 or dallasrecruitment@unt.edu.

Allen Chamber Business Wrap Up at 313 S. Jupiter Rd. Allen 7500, 5 - 8 p.m., visit www.allenchamber.com for more information

Neighborhood Roundtable for Plano Council District 2 residents from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center, 5801 W. Parker Road.

Norma J. Carter, author of "Without Warning," will speak on "Coping With the Holidays" at the November 20 bereavement luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association. Noon to 1 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation on 3966 McKinney Avenue in Dallas (214) 689-2633

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November 25th NAACP Garland Branch Monthly Meeting (Executive Committee - 6:30p.m.) and (General Membership - 7:30p.m.). This meeting will include the election of officers for the period 2009-2011.

December 4th Garland Christmas on the Square visit www.christmasonthesquare.com or call 972-205-2749.

December 5th "Music Under the Dome" featuring Karen Sheppard on November 7, 2008 and Groove University on December 5, 2008 hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. & African American Museum (AAM). Each event is from 8 PM to 11 PM and is held at the AAM. Admission is \$10.00. Reservations & Information 214-565-9026 ext 315 www.aamdallas.org and www.DallasAlphas.com

December 2 Newsmakers Breakfast will discuss healthcare at the Marriott Legacy Town Center, 7:30 to 9 a.m. Visit www.fwbusinesspress.com for more information.

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Retiree to Franchisee

By Tessa Howington
North Dallas Gazette

Dave Wilson opened CertaPro Painters of Plano on July 21, 2008. He says that he has been in business since July 18, but that's just the day he retired.

When most people retire, they spend some time relaxing, work on unfinished projects, travel, or just enjoy the time they can spend with their family and friends. But not Dave Wilson; when he retired on Friday, he went right back to work on Monday.

But this time, he went back to work not as an employee, but as boss.

"I wanted to give something to my son" he says about why he decided to go into business for himself. That, and taking note of Hillary Clinton's run for the white house, he adds "She's my age; if she could do that, then I could open a

business."

"We were originally looking at a home cleaning business," he says. "We were looking at many franchises opportunities, and we choose this one." He and his son, David Jr., both have a background in computers. Dave is actually an electrical engineer, and his son is a software engineer, and laughs as he says that they are just "computer guys now attempting to be painters."

CertaPro Painters of Plano paints interior and exterior areas of the home or small businesses and services all of Plano, parts of Richardson, Murphy, and Parker. They are very customer oriented and feel that customer care and experience comes first. They are also bonded and insured and use only the best Sherman Williams paints. An average project takes 2-4 days and can happen about a week after your estimate.

Dave and his son decided to open a CertaPro Painters franchise, instead of going into business for themselves alone, because of the support. Truth be told, "We had no idea how to open a business" David says. CertaPro provides office support, a call center, marketing materials, and has a mentoring program so there's always someone to call when they need to ask questions. Dave hopes to one day be a mentor for a new franchise owner.

Just because CertaPro Painters have a great support system for their franchise owners doesn't mean that opening the business and maintaining it is extremely easy. Like every small business, Dave still has some difficulties being his own boss. "Some Monday's I wake up and ask myself, 'Where are we going to get customers this week?' But I get up, and go to work, and things fall into place." And that, "Instead of worrying about

yourself, you have to worry about your crew because they depend on you to find work for them" so they can make money and be responsible too.

Also, there's a huge transition in mind set that he and his son have to go through to be successful business owners instead of just employees. Dave has been with several start-up companies, but never has been fully responsible for all aspects of the business. He has learned that when dealing with start-up companies you have to be the person that is willing to do whatever needs to be done; sometimes run things by the "seat of your pants" – just like starting your own business. He has also learned that "working with customers [professional clients], is very different than working with residents." Going into a very personal part of a customer's life, like their

home, can be challenging.

"Overwhelming" is how Dave describes their first paint job. He'll admit, that at the time, everyone knew and had a theory of how the process was going to work, but they didn't know exactly how much work and what to expect. It made Dave stop and ask "What did I get myself into?"

But once they got past that first job, things started to fall together and are continually getting easier. He says having a "phenomenal crew" with an amazing work ethic really helps and keeps the business going.

Despite the difficulties, Dave and his son David, Jr., are appreciating the benefits of being their own boss and owning their own business. Dave says that "Seeing a satisfied customer is a great." And seeing all 5's on an evaluation is the "most gratifying" feeling.

Eventually, Dave would like to eventually really retire and let his son, and hopefully his grandson, take over the business fully. They would also like to be able to give back to the community, but haven't thought about it much, and "would like to do it in the future."

Overall he says that opening a business has been a good experience. He wants others to know that if they are thinking about it to be sure and put "customer care first. If you take good care of your customers, you'll get referrals and life will be good."

For more information, or to contact them for a free estimate, they can be reached directly by phone at 214-450-8278, or through their main number at 972-208-8533. You can also find them on the web at plano.certapro.com/ or email at dwilson@certapro.com.

Akin Babatunde Gives Lively Performance in Obituary



by Rick Elina

Irish author Brendan Behan once said, "There is no such thing as bad publicity except your own obituary." Akin Babatunde quickly dismisses this

notion with his outstanding performance in *Obituary*, a play that brings to life, the subject of death. Presented by The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, *Obituary* is a one-man show about African American funerals and the cultural divide that separates them from all the other ceremonies that acknowledge mortality.

The tightly written, satirical script, authored by Mr. Babatunde, gives the audience an irreverent look at the most reverent spectacle

of the human experience. The show appropriately begins at the end, as Mr. Babatunde's character Avon Von Schmidt sits reading the obituary section of the newspaper. Through him, the audience is able to fast-forward to the ultimate ending. We are able to look beyond the final chapter directly into the very epilogue of one's life. The summation of a life lived, framed between the allegorical bookends of "sunrise" and "sunset." Director

Ed Smith allows the character to deftly change before our very eyes, as if to remind us that life is a series of transformations, until that final transformation unto dust.

Mr. Smith expertly showcases the immense artistry of both writer and actor. Mr. Babatunde the actor speaks, sings and even dances in a poetic symphony that mirrors the precisely coordinated obsequy rituals that Mr. Babatunde the writer so adroitly describes.

This energetic show was a definite crowd-pleaser regardless of race, age or background. Mr. Babatunde possesses that rare form of talent composed of equal parts hilarity and solemnity, and he is able to effortlessly dispense both. It would be nearly impossible to not feel the range of emotions that unfold onstage. Mr. Babatunde's fervor infected the audience who responded in kind with spontaneous shouts of affirmation. What better praise can

be bestowed on a life's work?

Regrettably, *Obituary* ended a two-night run on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the Clarence Muse Café Theatre located at the Dallas Convention Center. Look for this show to return in the near future. It is well worth seeing.

Rick A. Elina is a playwright based in Plano, Texas and is the Theatre Critic for the North Dallas Gazette.

Collin Dance Ensemble Hosts Dance Fusion

From staff reports

The Collin Dance Ensemble and the Chaddick Dance Theater in Austin will be the featured performers at the annual Dance Fusion.

Shows are scheduled for 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14,

and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15, at the John Anthony Theatre, located at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

Tickets are available at the door and cost \$8 general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

The Collin Dance Ensemble is nationally acclaimed having performed at the American College Dance Festival and receiving the Gala Award six times. The Collin College dance curriculum ranges from modern, ballet, tap, jazz and improvisation.

The college has played host to a number of renowned dance companies such as Pilobolus II, The Houston Metropolitan Dance Company, Elledanceworks Dance Company, Janice Garrett and Dancers, Battleworks Dance Company and oth-

ers.

Founded in 1985 by dancer, teacher and choreographer Cheryl Chaddick, the Chaddick Dance Theater relocated from San Francisco to Austin and performs around the country.

According to the San Francisco Bay Guardian,

"Cheryl Chaddick is a dancemaker of elegance and emotional subtlety, whose formal abilities support the emotional impact of her work. Company Chaddick is lively and sensuous...the work thrives on kinetic energy strictly controlled by logic."

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PR Strategy Coach offers Affordable Media Strategy for Nonprofits

From staff reports

The Hope Center in Fort Worth was on the verge of being evicted over a decade old property tax issue when it called public relations consultant Ramona Logan for assistance. Because of the short notice and prior commitments Ms. Logan could not provide on-site service, but coached them

through the process of writing a press release and holding a press conference instead. Five media outlets ended up telling the Hope Center story. Two months later The Hope Center is still in its building. "Her coaching was excellent and very valuable for helping us get the word out about our problem to the community," said Joan Reyes, president

of the Hope Center.

Ms. Logan, who heads the Image Advantage public relations consulting firm, is now offering the same coaching service to other nonprofit organizations. The PR Strategy Coach concept enables nonprofits to produce professional public relations strategy at a fraction of the cost. "During these tough economic times, non-



Ramona Logan

profits are competing for fewer dollars while having to help more people in need," Ms. Logan said. "This is an excellent

resource for nonprofits that don't have trained staff to develop media strategy, write press releases or manage media requests."

To take part in the services of the PR Strategy Coach, nonprofits must take the press release writing class "Write it Right!" so they will understand the elements and format needed to provide information to the press. "Participants will walk away from this workshop with a press release that they can send to the media," Ms. Logan

said. "They need to come to the workshop with a laptop ready to work on a project. When they leave the workshop I will continue to coach them through whatever issues they may have to follow through on that media campaign."

For more information on the coaching program and workshop information, log onto www.prstrategy-coach.com. For more information on Ramona Logan and Image Advantage visit www.ramonalogan.com.

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completed a four year term as West Division President of the NBMOA.

Listed on Black Enterprise magazine's BE 100, as one of the Top 100 Black Owned businesses in the United States every year for the past four years, Parrish contends that understanding both customer and business dynamics are keys to his success.

"I'm extremely honored to be able to serve my community and business in this manner," remarks Parrish. "I look forward to continuing the legacy of hard work, humility and dedication I've set for myself and career."

True to his leadership and dedication to his craft, Parrish recently received the Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Award from his alma mater, Purdue University's Krannert School of Management. This award recognizes those alumni who've displayed expertise and growth aligned with the entrepreneurial spirit.

Formally founded in 1972 in the midst of the civil rights era, the NBMOA with support from McDonald's has been a pillar in the community. The National Black McDonald's Operators Association serves to work together for the improvement of their local com-

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Mr. Sorrell and encouraged citizens to join in supporting the oldest historically black college west of the Mississippi.

"He has brought passion and love," said Mr. Leppert. "He brings a fresh perspective and renewed commitment. He has revamped admissions policy, overhauled a number of department and developed partnerships. He sees the possibilities and I am proud of what he has accomplished thus far."

Sen. West, who presented a proclamation to the

president, urged financial support of the Paul Quinn and pointed out that state support has increased to \$650,000 annually.

"Surely right in the city of Dallas we can match what they give and do better," said Mr. West, whose message was echoed from several other speakers as they pledged their support.

A group of Mr. Sorrell's Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity brothers presented a \$3,000 donation while also pledging more.

"I understand the challenges of historically black

colleges and universities and I challenge everyone to match our support," said Hugh Allen, who is on the board of trustees for St. Augustine College in North Carolina. "This is a jewel. We can't afford to lose another historically college because of a lack of support."

In a strong message, Mr. Sorrell spoke of several moments in his life that brought him to this point. Throughout the program several references were made to the election of Sen. Barack Obama as the 44th president, earlier this week. Change and hope seemed to be the theme of the day.

"This is such a special day," he began. "I am honored and humbled. I'm proud to accept my place."

At the ceremony, held today on campus in the Paul Allen Chapel, Mr. Sorrell praised a rich heritage and stressed the importance of insuring Paul Quinn's future and encouraged support of the oldest historically black college west of the Mississippi.

Calling himself an activist, instead of a "traditional academician," he said he learned about the importance and beauty of historically black colleges, from his mother and grandmother, both graduates of

HBCUs.

"I learned to love this college long before I came here," he said, as he discussed the need for black colleges and the demise of Bishop College. "As I assume the presidency, I know what I am facing."

And while the school has a laundry list of needs, Paul Quinn's 34th president says that does not mean the school will accept anything.

"This year's freshman class has the highest GPA in the history of the school," he said. "We can and we must do better. We will not beg for your sympathy. While we do need

students we need the right student. This is a different place and we need you to become invested in our students' lives."

Dignitaries on hand to celebrate with Mr. Sorrell included: Dallas City Councilmembers Terrell and Vonciel Jones Hill, KKDA's Willis Johnson, WFAA-TV's Darla Miles, best friend Bruce McDonald of Wachovia Bank, UNCF area director Diane Stephenson, Pastors Frederick D. Haynes III and Sheron Patterson and Bishop Gregory Ingram, who serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

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gations of Black businesses to "give back," considering the fact that Black folks across this country conduct more meetings than most, in facilities owned by others; and in light of the dearth of Black owned venues in which to hold our conventions and conferences, allow me to announce: The founders and owners of Compro-Tax, Inc. will present its 8th Annual Cultural and Economic Seminar on December 6, 2008, only this time it will be held in the brand new Compro Event Center.

That's right! This business has built a convention center – its own convention center. The Compro Event Center is the result of the determination and hard work of Compro-Tax Founder, Jackie Mayfield and his partners. Located in Beaumont, Texas not far from Houston, the Compro Event Center will officially open its doors for business with a fantastic Cultural and Economic Seminar featuring two of this nation's finest educators, lecturers, and authors: Dr. Na'im Akbar and Brother Chike Akua. You need to be there.

I have attended and spoken at this event along with

Dr. Rosie Milligan, Ken Bridges, Bob Law, Dr. Ed Robinson, George Subira, and others; if you are looking for a first-class educational event, conducted and attended by conscious brothers and sisters who love themselves and who will love you, then come to Beaumont, Texas on December 6, 2008.

Think back to the late 1980's and early 1990's when Tony Brown and others were admonishing Black people to postpone some of our events and use the millions of dollars we would save to build hotels and convention meeting places. What if our large organizations had accepted that challenge? By now we would probably own meeting venues in major cities all across this land.

I remember Jackie Mayfield saying to me back in 2005, I think it was, when I last attended his event. As we stood in the lobby of the host hotel, he said, "Jim, the next time you come down to our event it will be held in our own convention center." He proudly showed me the architectural renderings of the convention complex and assured me, with confidence, that his prediction would surely come to

fruition.

Brothers and sisters, Compro-Tax has just given us yet another reason to seek it out for patronage.

Throughout its existence this 25 year-old Black business has certainly put its money where its mouth is by helping others start their own businesses, by generously donating to worthy causes and organizations, and now by giving us another lesson in economic empowerment.

Building a convention complex, complete with storefront retail spaces, parking, and all the amenities, brings to mind another conscious entrepreneur, Joe Dudley, who also owns a meeting complex along with other corporate facilities in Kernersville, North Carolina.

Like Mayfield, Dudley has demonstrated his willingness to help others via his hair care products business. By the way, Mr. Dudley will be at this year's event too.

As we celebrate the election of Barack Obama, let's also celebrate the accomplishments of Compro-Tax, a dedicated, committed, and socially conscious company that operates on the principles of integrity and reciprocity.



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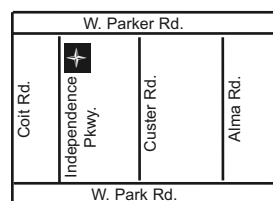
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U.S. Department of Labor sponsors free webcast series on federal and Texas health benefit laws in November

From staff reports

A free, two-hour webcast to help employers and pension professionals providers comply with federal and Texas state health laws will be hosted by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) and the Texas Department of Insurance on Nov. 6 from 10 a.m.

to noon (CST). Additional webcasts are scheduled for Nov. 13 and 20 on new health laws and guidance.

This first webcast in the series will deal with fiduciary education for sponsors of health plans. The session will cover tips to avoid common problems, disclosures required by law and health claims procedures. Participants also

can find an online toolkit of related guidance, publications and useful information at EBSA's Web site below. The seminars are part of EBSA's health education campaign to help workers and employers, especially small businesses, understand their rights and obligations under various health benefit

laws.

Online registration is first-come, first-served, by visiting www.dol.gov/ebsa and clicking the appropriate link under Compliance Assistance Workshops, Seminars and Webcasts." For more information contact Dennis Fish at 202-693-8451.

New Member Expo in January

From staff reports

SAVE THE DATE NOW! Don't miss Plano Chamber of Commerce's 63rd Annual New Member EXPO coming to the Plano Centre Jan. 23, 2009.

Plan to spend the day browsing booths, networking and attending educational sessions brought to you by the new class of 2008 Plano Chamber of Commerce members. The Plano Centre is located at 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. The kick-off will begin with Business Interchange at 7:30 a.m., a group of 100+ businesses that meet on a weekly basis to network and market their businesses. Then, at 9 a.m. the EXPO trade show will officially begin.

For more information on this event, or to reserve your booth, call Gina Reno at (972) 424-7547.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Fort Worth

Contract 2374-05-064 for GR, DR, BASE AND PAVEMENT in TARRANT County will be opened on December 04, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 28264

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Dist/Div Office(s)

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

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Monday-Friday

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In November

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Bishop Miller Johnson, Jr.
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Dr. Billy L. Bell, Sr. Pastor
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November 21 - 23, 2008

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Rev. John Wilson, III, Pastor
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404 N. Allen Drive
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Sister Tarpley

And He said unto me, *"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."* Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 **Corinthians 12:9.**

God calls people when they think that they are not ready. But God will never call anyone into service when they think they are ready. This is intentional on God's part. And you can be sure that when God calls an individual, they will have similar responses as Saul did when he was called to be the first king; "Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest tribe of Israel? . . ." 1 **Samuel 9:21.** Or Gideon when he was called to take down the idols in his nation; he asked God, "Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? . . ." **Judges 6:15.** Or even Moses, when he

Be Yea Also Ready

was called to deliver his people from Egypt; he said, "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" **Exodus 3:11.**

When God calls, people will, as a rule, be in the most unlikely circumstances to receive that call. Possibly they will be in the midst of a crisis, or lack resources, or maybe they will not have the skills they think they need. This is the way of God.

God does this because He wants them to know that their call is based on His ability alone, not theirs. When they think it is based on them, this is a false humility; it is unbelief and disobedience on their part. Let God accomplish great things through you.

The Tongue Can Be Your Worst Enemy! The Word of God demonstrates; and it has been said by many preachers and scholars that your words, your dreams, and your thoughts have

power to create conditions in your life. What you speak about, you can bring about.

If you keep saying you don't like your job or the people that you work with, you might lose your job and remain unemployed for a long time. If you keep saying you don't like your body, your body can become sick. If you keep complaining about the car that God has blessed you with, your car could be stolen or just stop operating.

If you keep saying you are broke, guess what? You'll always be broke. If you keep saying you can't trust a man or trust a woman, you'll always find someone in your life that will hurt and betray you.

If you keep saying you can't find someone to love you or believe in you, your very thought will attract more experiences to confirm your beliefs. If you keep talking about a divorce or break up in a relationship, then you might end up with it.

Turn your thoughts and

conversations around to be **more positive and power-packed with faith, hope, love and action.** Don't be afraid to believe that you can have what you want and deserve.

My pastor, Elder Philip White, Love Chapel C.O.G.I.C., has said time and time again to watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settle for.

Words of Wisdom: "In search for me, I discovered truth. In the search for love, I discovered God. And in God, I have found everything." —**Author Unknown.**

"Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see, and what I do in anything, to do it as for thee." —**George Herbert.**



Sister Tarpley poses with newly installed President of Paul Quinn College Dr. Michael Sorrell. Sorrell was installed as the Historically Black College's 34th president on Tuesday, November 11, 2008



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Contact Info

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32 NFL Moms Team Up to Tackle Hunger Across America

From staff reports

Chunky soup, now in its 11th year sponsoring the NFL, is committed to Tackling Hunger in America, donating more than 35 million cans of soup to food banks over the past 11 years, with the help of some of the NFL's finest players. This year, for the first time, the mother's of the Professional Football Players Mothers' Association (PFPMA) will be leading the charge to help Tackle Hunger, as they host donation events

in their local communities for the "NFL Moms Tackling Hunger with Chunky Soup Program."

Karen Barber, mother of Marion Barber, running back, Dallas Cowboys; Mary Gurode, mother of Andre Gurode, center, Dallas Cowboys; and Sharon Stoutmire, mother of Omar Stoutmire, 2008 retiree from Washington Redskins, are leading the charge to help tackle hunger in the Dallas area by hosting a donation event at the renowned Yvonne A. Ewell

Townview Center, 1201 East Eighth Street, Dallas, Texas 75203. Current and former NFL players have been invited to participate in the event.

For more information call Peggy R. Jones at (214) 384-6032.

Job Corps Center GOES GREEN!

From staff reports

The North Texas Job Corps Center in McKinney, Texas, was presented a proclamation from City of McKinney Assistant Manager, Rick Chaffin, declaring Monday, November 10, 2008, as North Texas Job Corps Recycling Day.

The event kicks off North Texas Job Corps "GOING GREEN" initiative. Elizabeth Combs with IESI addressed students with the need for recycling for our future generations.

District One City Council member Gilda Garza was there as well to address the support of the City of McKinney and encouragement for green initiatives.

Students in the Career Success Standards Grand Committee organized the effort with support of the students and staff at North Texas Job Corps.

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